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STOCK SHOW WINNER: Carissa Kiser, daughter of Mark and Genia Kiser won First Place with her heifer Queenie at the San Angelo Stock Show.

## Fisher County Hospital Administrator Pete Hohon Reduces Hours To Adjust Budget

Fisher County Hospital Administrator Pete Hohon, in his unenviable position of attempting to get the hospital budget in line with revenue, has had to decrease hours of personnel. He recently revised the budget from the original \$2.1 million, down to \$1.8 million and in doing so has had to "cut hours of some personnel," he said.

In attempting to get revenue in line with expenses, some personnel have had hours reduced from

full-time units (40 hours) down to 30 to 35 hours a week, said Hohon. Hours of personnel have been adjusted so the hospital district will realize a saving of approximately \$314,000 for the 1989 budget year.

The revised \$1.8 million budget

was built around an average daily census of 6 patients per day. Since January 1st, the hospital, according to Hohon, "has averaged 7.5 patients per day," but that is deceiving. Hohon indicated that the first quarter average patient per day figure should have

been up around 9 to compensate for the law figure that will come in the June, July, August and September months. "Traditionally, the patient average dips to 3 or 4 during the summer months," said Hohon.

## Health Fair '89 Scheduled For Apr. 16 At Rotan Community Center

Health Fair '89 is scheduled for Thursday, April 6 from 11-5 p.m. at the Rotan Community Center. The event will feature food, fitness, and health exhibits, a youth poster contest, and two guest speakers.

Kathryn Farrier, Fisher County

Hospital Dietitian, will speak at 1 p.m. on Weight Management and Beth Dannheim, County Extension Agent-Home Economics will speak at 12 noon in Lowering Your Cholesterol.

The Fisher County Hospital will offer free health screening in cholesterol, pulmonary functions, blood pressure, and weight.

Health Fair '89 is sponsored by the Extension Home Economics Committee, the Fisher County Hospital and the Fisher County Rural Health Task Force. The event is free and is open to any person interested in their health and well-being.

## Circle C Grocery New Business Opens In Rotan

This week marks the opening of a new grocery store in Rotan. Circle C Grocery, formerly Teague's Grocery, owned and operated by Paul Carrillo and family is officially open for business.

The store is open 7 days a week from 6:00 a.m., until 10:00 p.m. Carrillo said "entertain the kids with one of the many Nintendo games or grab a quick meal with your choice of fresh sliced lunch meats from Circle C".

The new grocery store has a newly remodeled interior and will be offering fast, friendly service.

New items are arriving daily, stop by and visit and let the friendly people at Circle C assist you, said Carrillo.

## Horace Curlee Purchases Roby Insurance Agency

Roby Insurance Agency has been recently purchased by Horace Curlee, former Roby resident and graduate of Roby High School. The agency was purchased from Sue Bradford, former owner from Sweetwater.

Curlee worked at the Stinnett bank for 6 years then moved to Gruver for 10 years. In 1982 Curlee moved back to Stinnett as President of the First National Bank. He retired in 1985.

Soon after his retirement he went to work for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation FDIC.

While living in Roby, Curlee owned and operated the Curlee Insurance Agency. He returned to Roby in November of 1988 and became employed by Roby Insurance before purchasing the business.

Curlee stated the agency will keep the same employees, Debbie Griffith and Gayle Palmer and no major changes in the agency will be made.

## Theatre On The Brazos To Present "Night Of January 16th"

The members of the Theatre on the Brazos will present the play "Night of January 16th." The play will be performed Friday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m. The performances will be held at the Fisher County Courthouse in the

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NEW TWIRLER: Carye Gruben, Rotan senior student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gruben, has been selected to serve as a twirler for Texas Tech University. The announcement of her selection was made after tryouts last Saturday in Lubbock. She will also be involved as an instructor and counselor at the Texas Tech Band Camp this summer.

## Roby Church Of Christ Holding Lectureship With Dr. Ian Fair Of Abilene Christian University

The Roby Church of Christ is holding a lectureship concerning the cross of Christ beginning on Monday, April 10th and continuing through Wednesday, April 12th, according to Eric Cupp, Minister.

Dr. Ian Fair of Abilene Christian University will be speaking on the topic of the cross. Services

begin at 7:30 p.m., each night. "Dr. Fair will give meaningful insights as to what impact the cross can have on lives," said Cupp.

"Everyone is invited to attend on Monday and Tuesday, and remain afterwards for ice cream and sandwiches," said Cupp.

"In John 17: 20, 21, Jesus prayed that all those who believe

in his name might all be one. Isn't it time that we begin to give that prayer more attention and strive to close the gaps? We sincerely hope and pray that you will be our honored guest next week at 7:30, Monday through Wednesday, stated Eric Cupp, minister of Church of Christ.

## Rotan One-Act Play Advances To Area Competition

Rotan High School sponsored the District 10A UIL one-act play competition last Friday night. Four plays competed for District to advance to Area competition.

The first play presented was "Meet Me In St. Louis", by Hermleigh High School. "Scenes From Bus Stop", performed by Roscoe High School was the second play of the evening. Ira High School performed the third play entitled, "Scenes From And They Dance Real Slow In Jackson." Rotan High School performed "The Girl In The Mirror", under the direction of Floyd Garcia. Advancing to Area competition are Rotan High School and Ira High School. Hermleigh High School was chosen as the alternate.

The Best Actor and Best Actress were chosen from all four plays. Best Actor Award went to Justin Spradlin of Ira and Best Actress was awarded to Carye Gruben of Rotan.

Persons receiving the award of All-Star Cast were as follows: Crystal Church and Bobby Brown of Hermleigh; Tracee Westbrook

and Edward Santiago of Roscoe; Kerri Carter and Kristi Carter of Ira; and Lucy Stinson and Shanna Bennett of Rotan.

Two persons from each play were awarded Honorable Mention All-Star Cast; those being Rebecca Ramey and B. J. Claydon of Hermleigh; Tracee Mauldin and John David Willman of Roscoe; Lloyd Bennett and Susan Johnson of Ira; and Candi Carrion

and Aaron Porter of Rotan.

Area competition for the UIL one-act plays will be on Saturday, April 8th at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Competition will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the following order of performance. Baird, Eula, May, Rotan, Santa Anna and Ira. Two plays will advance to regional competition at McMurry College on April 22nd.



ONE-ACT PLAY: Rotan High School's one-act play competed in the District 10A competition last Friday, and will be advancing to the area competition Saturday, April 8 at Hardin Simmons University. Pictured above are the winners of several awards. Left to right are Carye Gruben - best actress, Shanna Bennett - all-star cast, Aaron Porter - honorable mention all-star cast, Lucy Stinson - all-star cast and Candi Carreon - honorable mention all-star cast.

## Brad Zebrack And Joanne Kelleher, Cross-Country Bikers Visit Rotan

A cancer survivor, Brad Zebrack and his girl friend Joanne Kelleher, pedaled through Fisher

County last week as part of a one-year 13,000 mile bike tour of the United States on behalf of five

million cancer survivors nationwide.

Zebrack began the tour in Oakland, California on behalf of *Bike America*. Fisher County residents desiring to contribute to the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, to assist the two bikers, can make checks payable to NCCS, 323 Eighth Street SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102.

Below is a letter written by Brad Zebrack after his bout with Hodgkin's Disease.

What is survivorship? To me, survivorship is choice. A choice to live. And it is an active choice. During my illness it was the choice to play an active role in my own healing. It was a choice to figure out what I was capable of doing each day.

At the beginning of my chemotherapy treatment, I feared for the quality of my life. Up to that point in time, I had always been an active, outdoor enthusiast. I love camping, backpacking and bicycle touring, and I feared that Hodgkin's had put an end to all that.

But I came to learn and understand that my time spent undergoing treatment was to be a healing period, and I began to displace my fears of inadequacy with ideas of my capabilities. I'd ask myself: "What am I capable of doing today? Right now?"

The days right after

chemotherapy would be dreadful. And dreadfully long, yet I chose to determine what I was capable of achieving. I found that I could lean over in my bed and flip on the AM radio. I could turn the dial. Never in my life did I think I'd become a *Radio Personality* and yet I found amusement and companionship in turning the radio dial back and forth throughout the day.

By the second day after chemo, I had the strength to get out of bed, walk to the refrigerator for something to eat, and then return to bed. Rather than scold myself for feeling so sick and only being able to walk 50 steps to the kitchen and back, I chose to congratulate myself for being able to do that much.

By the third day after treatment, I could be up and about a little bit more. Obviously I wasn't ready to take a bike ride across town, but day by day, step by step, I came back.

I chose to accept my year of incapacitation as a healing period. I gave my body the rest and power it needed to heal itself, with the help of chemotherapy.

Now I have come full circle. It has been a little over one year since the end of my chemotherapy, and I have recently returned to my job as assistant director for an environmental education program, the job I had prior to my diagnosis.

This past summer, for the one-year anniversary of my chemotherapy, I back-packed the high country of Yosemite to the top of Half Dome and Cloud's Rest Peak.

And last September I participated in the Devil Mountain Bicycle Club-sponsored Century Ride, in which I rode by bicycle 100 miles in one day.

I had a dream that kept me going throughout my treatment. If I could afford to take one year of my life to heal myself of cancer, I could afford to take one year of my life to travel around the United States on my bicycle. And thus was born: *Bike America*.

In June, 1988, my girlfriend Joanne and I embarked on a one-year, 13,000-mile bicycle journey around the perimeter of the United States and attempt to raise \$50,000 for the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship.

The National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, a non-profit organization, embraces and advocates in its message and objectives the theme of survivorship: A choice to live a vibrant and productive life with or after cancer.

Please join me in supporting the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship by pledging your support to *Bike America*.

Your donations are tax deductible and should be made payable

to NCCS— *Bike America '88*. Mail it to NCCS, 323 Eighth Street, SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102. Your donation of at least \$20 will entitle you to membership in NCCS and a subscription to their seasonal newsletter.

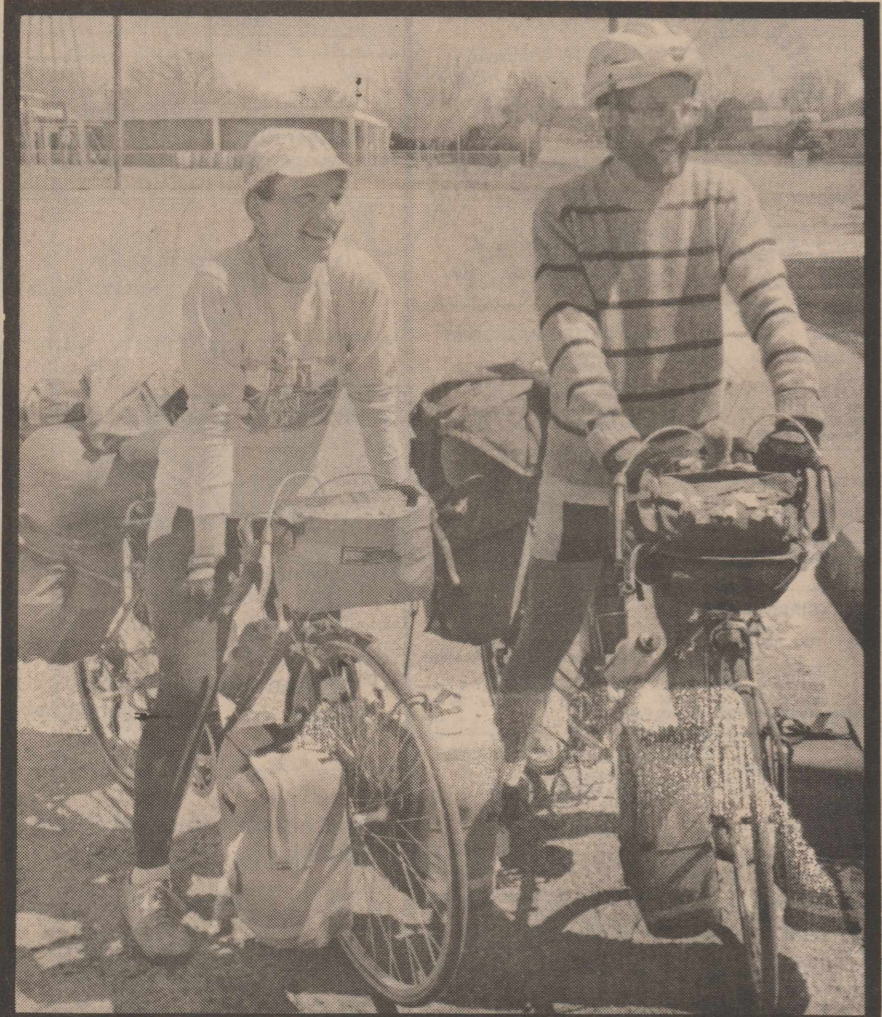
## Rotan Lion's Club To Sponsor 5K Run At Annual May Fair

The Rotan Lion's Club will sponsor a 5K Run on the morning of the 1989 May Fair on May 20th according to Rotan Mayor Jerry Marshall.

The run will begin near the First United Methodist Church in Rotan and will be open to anyone of any age. T-shirts will be given to the first 100 5K run entrants and medals will be awarded to the first three finishers in the 6-age groups. Age groups for men and women begin with an under 15 group; 15-24; 24-34; 35-44; 45-54 and 55 and over.

An entry fee of \$8.00 per runner for those registering before May 7th will be charged and a fee of \$10.00 per runner will be charged for those entering after May 7th.

Entry fee checks should be made payable to The Rotan Lions Club. Additional information can be secured by contacting Dr. Jerry Marshall or Rotan Chamber of Commerce Secretary Myla Black.



Bikers Joanne Kelleher & Brad Zebrack



# State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, which normally fares very well, is not having a good legislative session.

Every other week or so, it seems, some negative aspect involving the agency surfaces for lawmakers and reporters to see, and park officials must scramble to control damage.

Last week, its chairman, Chuck Nash of San Marcos, said he wants lawmakers to change game stocking guidelines. This happened only a couple of weeks after questions arose whether he and other officials, Speaker Gib Lewis included, received favorable treatment at taxpayers' expense.

At about the same time, another agency official said he is innocent of alleged unlawful hunting in New Mexico. He was the net gunner on a helicopter chasing antelope when the aircraft allegedly crossed the state line.

At a time when budget writers are serious enough to scrap funds for the Texas Racing Commission, the parks agency doesn't need any more bad press about unbridled behavior.

### Lewis Sues Fencecutter

Meanwhile, Speaker Lewis, who has drawn fire for stocking his ranches with game at taxpayers' expense, is embattled in lawsuits with a neighbor over his game-proof fence.

The neighbor said Lewis built the fence on his land and it cuts him off from a small creek. The speaker filed suit to stop the neighbor from cutting the fence, allowing valuable exotic game to escape.

### State Bingo Commission

House Ways and Means members debated a controversial bill creating a state bingo commission sought by Comptroller Bob Bullock.

Bullock said his agency can audit bingo parlors, but cannot investigate or enforce gambling laws.

Proponents say the large bingo corporations are forcing out non-profit operators. Opponents contend it would lead to uninformed cops in the church hall.

### Legislative Action

The House approved legislation backed by the governor and teacher groups allowing teachers to retire early and improve pension benefits.

Teachers whose age and experience total 85 could retire without loss of benefits.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Jack Rains, a Republican, told the Elections Committee the state could save \$4 million per statewide election by combining Democrat and Republican polling places like other states. Democrats testified against Rains' plan.

House budget writers added \$197 million to the human services agency but rejected another \$177 million for welfare benefits.

They also tagged \$22.5 million for AIDS services, \$30 million less than the Senate approved the day before, and Corpus Christi Rep. Eddie Cavazos complained, "It seems like every time we turn around, we're throwing more money at AIDS."

House appropriations chairman Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, predicted Gov. Bill Clements will break his pledge and not veto a new tax on cigarettes.

The Senate passed a bill to reorganize the Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority, and another to raise the cap to 30 percent on some cash loans from finance companies.

### Other Highlights

• Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who broke his ankle skiing over the

Easter holidays, was ribbed by senators who called him "Gov. Hobble."  
"I really know how it feels to be a lame duck," he quipped back.

• Hobby's press secretary, Glenn Smith, was confronted by Attorney General Jim Mattox in Capitol halls and warned that Smith and anyone else who sides with Treasurer Ann Richards against Mattox in the '90 governor's race will incur Mattox' wrath over the long term.

• Prison overcrowding remains a problem. Gov. Clements invoked the Prisons Management Act, giving 30 days early release for inmates with earned good time.

• The governor also said he will meet publicly with the Public Utility Commission if he decides to seek clarification over its lowering of rates for GTE. GTE wants a rehearing.

• Meanwhile, a private firm's recommendation that PUC members be allowed to privately discuss cases drew fire from state Sen. Chet Edwards as "absolutely traveling down the wrong road." The firm also recommended the number of commissioners be increased from three to six.

• State Rep. Patricia Hill, R-Dallas, said she will formally announce in June her candidacy for attorney general.

• The Texas Supreme Court gave District Judge Jack Hampton two weeks to answer Dallas lawyers petitioning his removal for his remarks on why he gave a lighter sentence to a man convicted of murdering homosexuals.

• The Veterans Land Board is expected to raise interest rates slightly following a bond sale in mid-April. Current rate is 8-3/4 percent.

# Roby Public Library Now Open Monday Thru Friday

The Roby Library Station is open every Monday through Friday from two until five p.m. It shares a building with the Fisher

County Craft Coop. It is located on Highway 180 across from the City Hall.

The Roby Library Station has over 350 books on the shelf at this time and are putting books on the shelf every day. Many people are helping the library by donating books. This is greatly ap-

preciated. The books unable to be used on the shelf are sold at the Fisher County Food Pantry-Clothes Closet on Fridays' from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The money goes into the library fund and is used for postage, supplies and new books to put on the shelves.

## Kieth Mullins Hired As Head Coach At Hale Center High

Rotan High School graduate Kieth Mullins, son of former Rotan Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Frankie Don Mullins, was recently hired as the Head football coach at Hale Center High School.

Kieth Mullins is a graduate of West Texas State University and has been coaching at Hale Center for the past 4 years. He and his wife, Shelly, a native of Vernon, Texas, have one son Jeremy, age 4.

## Carreon And Helm Place In Hamlin Track Meet

The Roby High School boys track team competed at the Hamlin Track meet last Saturday. The boys are coached by Steve Long.

Placings for the Lions were Jerry Carreon, third in pole vault and Jay Linn Helm placing sixth in the discus.

The Lions will travel to Aspermont on April 7, Friday to participate in the Hornet Relays.

## Roby Lady Lions Participate In Hamlin Meet, Aspermont Next

The Roby Lady Lions participated in the Hamlin track meet on April 1. Placing for the Lions was Myra Hohon, second in the discus with a throw of 106 feet 11 inches and fifth in the shot put with a throw of 28 feet 9 1/2 in-

ches. Carol Kirby placed fifth in the triple jump with a 33 feet 2 1/2 inch jump.

The Lady Lions will be competing in the Hornet Relays at Aspermont Friday, April 7.

## Fisher County Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital are:  
Juanita Gaona - Roby; Tom Soliz - Rotan; Roy Masters

-Rotan; Mavice Yantis - Rotan; J.C. Cave - Rotan; Darthulia Hale - Rotan; Anita Macias - Rotan; Lois Counts - Rotan.

## Theatre On The Brazos To Hold Monthly Meeting On April 13th

The members of the Theatre on the Brazos will meet for their monthly meeting, Thursday, April 13 instead of April 6th. The

meeting will be held at the Community Center at Rotan at 7 p.m. The change is due to the performance by the members this week.

# From Fisher County's Past

## From The Newspapers

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Rotan's newest business officially opened in the building formerly housing Dee's Boot Shop. Marie Phillips, local artist opened Marie's Art Studio on the west end of Snyder Avenue in Rotan. The new studio was opened Monday thru Saturday. Marie Phillips taught lessons to beginners and advanced artists.

Four Rotan merchants went together to stage a gigantic two hour "Night Owl Sale." The four stores drastically reduced prices for the 2 hour sale and offered \$100.00 in door prizes to be given free to lucky "Night Owl Sale" shoppers. Stores who participated included: Darden's Department Store, White's Auto, Hind's Department Store and Western Auto.

The Rotan Industrial Development Foundation held its first annual meeting for the entire membership on April 4, 1974, at the Rotan Restaurant. Joe Dale Burk served as President. The following names were submitted to general members for consideration as directors of the organization: Pat Wester, Bill Day, Joe Dale Burk, Stanley Nowlin, H. Thompson, Glen Holt, Lester Sencil, Loys Landes, Norman Arnett, Wayne Harris, James Springer and Allan Houston.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Fisher County Farmers were issued an invitation to attend a meeting on the cotton module builder by representatives of the Bush Hog/Huskey Company, according to Jim Nowlin, manager of Nowlin Farm Supply.

Rotan Library board officials estimated that the new library would be opened to the public sometime in the middle of April. The operating hours for the library were 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday thru Saturday, according to Nan Arnett, librarian.

Airman Herman B. Foster, son of Elbert K. Foster of Rotan, was selected for technical training at Sheppard AFB, Texas, in the Air Force aircraft maintenance field.

Rehab CB'ers, a volunteer group of citizen's and radio operators, announced plans for a two-day Rehab CB'ers Jamboree with all proceeds benefiting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

### FIVE YEARS AGO

Conrad Hamric, Texas State President of Children of the American Revolution, was honored at the Texas Society 85th Annual State Conference of the Texas Society, Daughters of the American Revolution at the Marriot Hotel in San Antonio. Conrad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy V. Hamric of Rotan.

For the third consecutive year, Roby High School won First Place at

the District Academic and Literary meet. Roby students won the first place trophy in the 1984 UIL District Competition held at Forsan High School.

The Rotan High School National Honor Society installed new members into its organization. New members included: Tony Gruben, Meg Field, Desirre Gray, Lyle Hale, Dawn Pack, Tish Fowler, Anette Overby, Sonia Carrillo, Jackie Ragan, Charles Mooney and Cathy Conner. These members were installed into the organization by old members: Rene Silvas, Steve Witt, Dixie Smith, Maury Gruben, Teresa Cantu, Robin Harris, Dilana Long, Dana Eaton, Debbie Soliz, Barbara Daniel and Greg Gruben.

Members of the First United Methodist Church in Roby conducted a Spring Revival service which began on Sunday, April 8th thru Thursday night April 12th. Rev. Jesse Dea, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Follett served as evangelist.

The Roby one-act play cast competed at Bronte for Area UIL Awards. The play was awarded a first place standing. Melodie Way received the Best Actress award, Jennifer Wright and Greg Moesch were named to the All Star Cast. Sharron Haggard and Gerry Streety received Honorable Mention of All Star Cast.

### LAST YEAR

Doctor Jerry Marshall from the Fisher County Unit of the American Cancer Society has been appointed Chairperson to lead the American Cancer Society's educational and fund raising Cancer Crusade in Fisher County. The announcement was made by Karen Gruben, President of Fisher County Unit.

The Fisher County Hospital used 90 units of blood in 1987. One hundred units were collected from residents of the county and 275 units were shipped to the hospital as a

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reserve supply. Jimmy Wilhelm, postmaster in Knox City took charge at the Rotan Post Office on April 8, 1988. Wilhelm was the temporary replacement postmaster for Charles Thornton who became postmaster in Snyder.

Many contributions have been made during this past year to the Memorial Fund for Rotan Public Library, and the Board wished to thank all of those who made donations in memory of their loved ones. These gifts reflect the on going concern of the community for the library, and are greatly appreciated.

Willard Roddy of Rotan broke the school record set by Gary Don Harkey in the 110 meter high hurdles in a track meet held in San Angelo. Roddy had a time of 14.99 beating Harkey's time of 15.0 set in 1980.

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## FISHER COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Pastor's Column

By Rev. Terry Lowe  
First United Methodist Church, Rotan

"...and the door was shut." Matthew 25:10

There they were after the wedding a long time ago - five young ladies, all waiting for the bridegroom to come so they could go to the wedding feast. The bridegroom had delayed a long time and the young ladies grew sleepy. Without realizing it, all of the oil in their lamps had been depleted.

Finally the young ladies were awakened by shouts that the bridegroom was coming. They frantically tried to get enough oil from five other young ladies who had taken into account the possibility of the bridegroom's delay and who had enough oil. Sadly, however, there was not enough oil to share, so the five foolish ones had to leave to find oil for their lamps. When they returned to the place of the feast they were unable to get in because the door had been shut, and no one else could enter.

One day, at a time when we least expect it, God will finally shut the door. Christ will return and those who are not ready will not be able to enter His eternal wedding feast. Christ, the Bridegroom, will come again to earth some day to claim His bride, the saved of earth. Outside will be many who cry to be let in, but they will have rejected His offer of grace once too often. Outside will be many people who were highly religious and many who were not religious at all, but who thought that they could earn their salvation by religion, or good works, or they really didn't believe that a God of love could ever really keep anyone out of His Kingdom.

This is one feast which will last forever, and everyone is invited. Will you be there? Christ will save you if you will call upon Him in true repentance and faith.

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## Rotan JV Boys Place Second Overall At The Hamlin Pied Piper Relays

A first place finish in the Sprint Relay, a trio placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the 100 meter run, and a strong finish in the Mile Relay rocketed the Rotan Yellowhammer J.V. boys to an outstanding

day, placing second overall in their division with a total 135 points at the Pied Piper Relays.

The sprint relay consisting of David Daniels, Jerry Gauna, J.P. Martinez, and Aaron Porter,

began the afternoon's scoring with a strong first place finish time of 47.26.

Maurice Ray, a new member who has just recently joined the team, had an excellent day, bringing home 2 second places in the

long jump and the 200 meter. He placed 1st in the 100 meter with a time of 11.45.

David Daniels and Jerry Gauna ran neck and neck in the 100 meter dash to fill in 2nd and 3rd places, respectively. David's second place time was 11.57 and Jerry's third place time was 11.85. It was an awesome race!

When the 200 meters came around, Jerry Gauna fell back taking 5th with a time of 25.31 and he also participated in the long jump.

As the events jumped over to the 110 hurdles and the 300 int. hurdles, Herman Zavala took 3rd place in both races. In the 110 hurdles he ran a 18.9 and in the 300 int. hurdles a time of 44.97. Earlier that morning he won first place in the pole vault clearing 9 feet.

Trey Carrillo came in 2nd place in the open quarter with a time of 57.88. J. P. Martinez finished in 6th place with a time of 59.59.

In the 3200 m. Landon (Poose) Alls ran in for first having a time of 12.01. Michael Weidler came in 5th with a time of 13.19.

Later that afternoon, Alls ran a tight 1 mile race. Alls and Mendoza, from Haskell, came across the finish in what appeared a dead heat. However, Alls received a 2nd place time of 5.27. Weidler finished with a 4th place time of 5.45.

The Mile Relay, a strong race to finish, ran in for second place, with an overall time of 3.53. Running 1st leg was J. P. Martinez with a split of 57.00, 2nd leg

Aaron Porter (58.71), 3rd leg David Daniels, having the fastest time of 56.72, 4th leg Trey Carrillo ending the race with a 57.15.

Overall the boys had a pretty exciting day. Tough, but a job

well done and completed.

This week the Yellowhammers will be running at the Aspermont Double Mountain Relays on Friday, April 7. See you there!

Lori Martinez

### Jim Ratliff, Member Of Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks

The Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks have been in existence since 1971. Originally started as the Dallas Raiders by two Vietnam veterans, the team changed its name in 1982 under a publicity agreement with the Dallas

Mavericks. The Wheelchair Mavericks have an outstanding won-loss record and have been the perennial champion of both the Lone Star Conference and the North Texas Wheelchair Basketball Conference.

The Wheelchair Mavericks

have also gained national recognition and have been ranked in the top ten United States teams for the last four years. On an international level, the team has traveled to both Japan and Britain and has returned home undefeated.

Individual members of the team are from all walks of life, including college students, Vietnam veterans, computer analysts, hospital and laboratory technicians, a real estate broker and an attorney. The common denominator is a desire to emphasize their abilities and minimize their disabilities.

The Wheelchair Mavericks are sponsored by the Baylor Institute of Rehabilitation. The Mavericks hope this partnership will help to encourage physically disabled persons, including the recently injured, to realize their potential to achieve athletic excellence.

The 1988-89 Mavericks are: Joe Moss, Ed Bland, Chris Cooper, Michael Powers, Dwight Willis, Ron Williams, Mark Hamman, Jim Ratliff, Rodney Bellinger, assistant coach Randy Mims and Coach Brian Welack.

### Stenholm Endorses Federal Earned Income Tax Credit

Rep. Charles W. Stenholm (D-Stamford) has joined Rep. Tom Petri (R-Wis.) and a bipartisan group of 16 other Members of Congress as an original sponsor of a bill expanding the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Stenholm endorsed the measure, H.R. 1104, as "the better alternative" to requiring a universal hike in the minimum wage.

"H.R. 1104, the Family Living Wage Act, would target help to those folks who really need it," the Big Country's Congressman said at the bill's introduction, "meaning breadwinners of modest means with families to support." He criticized some other current proposals in Congress, such as a large minimum wage increase and federal labor mandates that "take a shotgun approach and damage the whole economy."

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has estimated that a leading proposal, to raise the minimum wage from the current \$3.35 an hour to \$4.65, actually would destroy 500,000 jobs.

Another concern arises from the practice of large labor unions negotiating contracts to maintain a hefty "differential" above the federally required minimum wage. Thus, an increase in the

minimum wage would send an inflationary ripple through the entire economy.

"I want to see families earn a livable income," Stenholm said, "and I'd rather find \$3 billion somewhere in the federal budget to help them than pass a minimum wage hike that raises prices and fuels inflation in our economy to the tune of \$21 billion. The inflationary consequences of a large minimum wage increase more than wipe out any benefit almost immediately." The numbers referred to have been widely discussed by economists as the comparative costs of the two alternative proposals.

In support of taking "a precise rifle shot" at the problems of the working poor, the Congressman cited government figures showing that only 4 percent of American workers earn the minimum wage.

"It comes down to a question of, who do we want to help? With a \$4.65 across-the-board minimum, we can give kids from wealthy families working part-time some more gas money. Or, we can use our current tax return system to take a full-time breadwinner with four small children from \$3.35 an hour to more than \$5.00. Our bill does more for those who want to work and need help, and does it much more economically."

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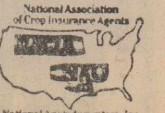
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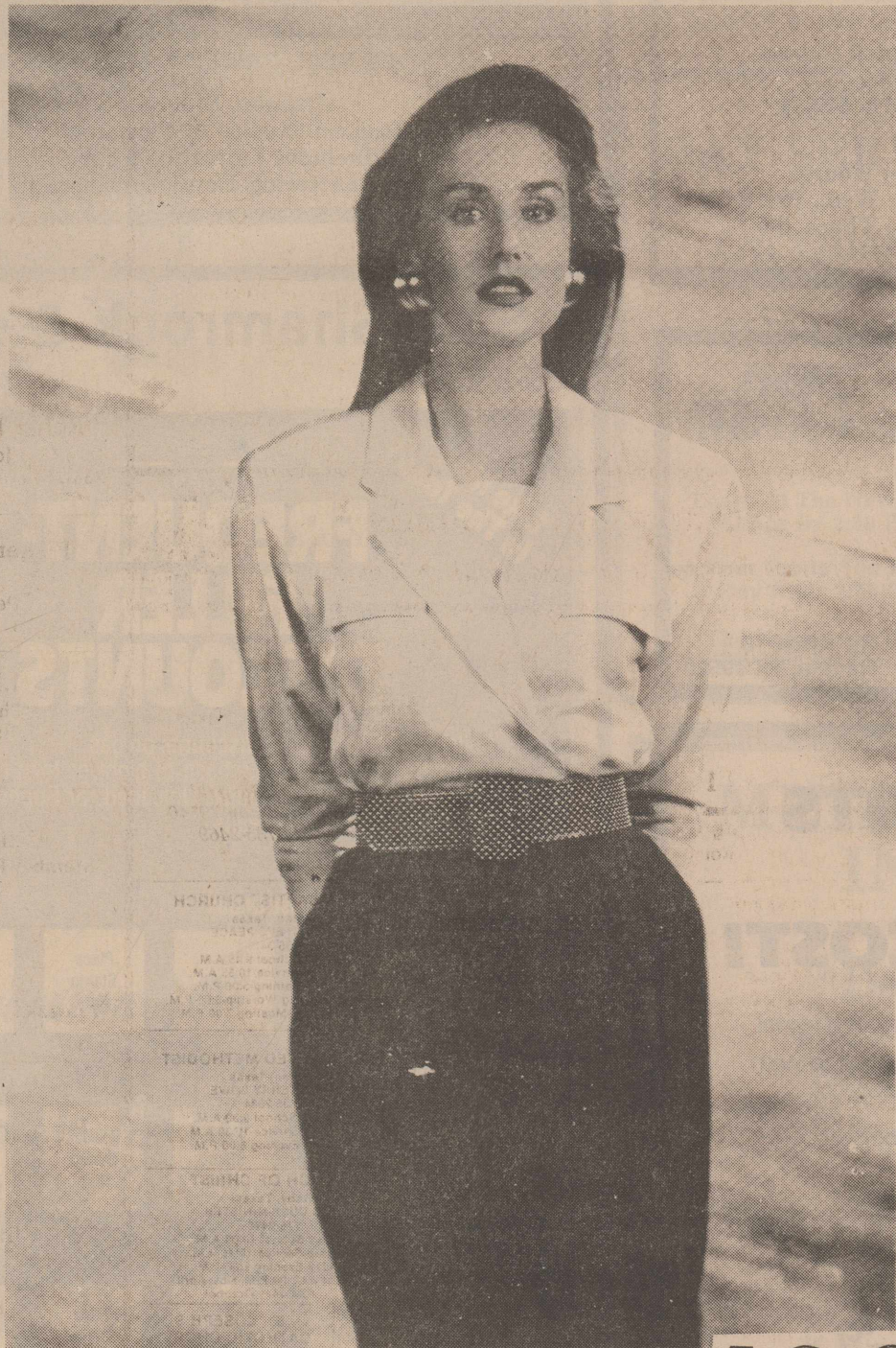
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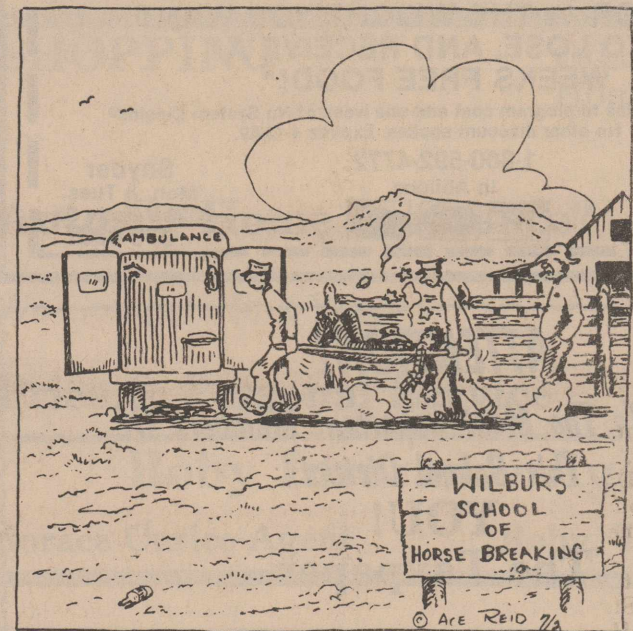
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**Congressman Stenholm Supports Rural Health Care**

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm has announced his support for major new initiatives in rural health care legislation. Stenholm is a founding member and the only Texan on the Steering Committee of the House Rural Health Care Coalition, a bipartisan group of over 100 Members of Congress which introduced the legislation.

Included in the package of bills were measures that would reduce the urban/rural "differential" in Medicare funding for hospitals and physicians. One crucial element to the hospital reimbursement bill is the proposed establishment of a "critical access facilities program." Small

rural hospitals in isolated areas which are crucial to continued access to care would be designated to receive special subsidies from Medicare under this program.

An additional measure co-sponsored by Stenholm would establish a \$45 million block grant program to states for emergency services in rural areas. This money could be used by small communities to recruit and train emergency medical personnel and to purchase emergency equipment. "Especially with so many hospitals closing, meaning patients must travel greater distances for treatment, I felt it was imperative that we provide some money to upgrade, or in some cases begin from scratch, our emergency services," Stenholm explained.

hospital for intensive periods of continuing education in order to bring the most up-to-date procedures to their own practice setting.

Stenholm concluded, "We're far from being out of the woods in

solving our rural health care problems. Still, I can't help but be encouraged by the wide variety of solutions which the Coalition has proposed, as well as by the large numbers of Members who have become involved in the issue."

**WTC To Host Intercollegiate Rodeo, April 13-16**

Western Texas College will host its annual intercollegiate rodeo April 13-16 in the Scurry County coliseum and invites rodeo fans to attend.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. on April 13-15 and at 2 p.m. on April 16. Tickets will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.

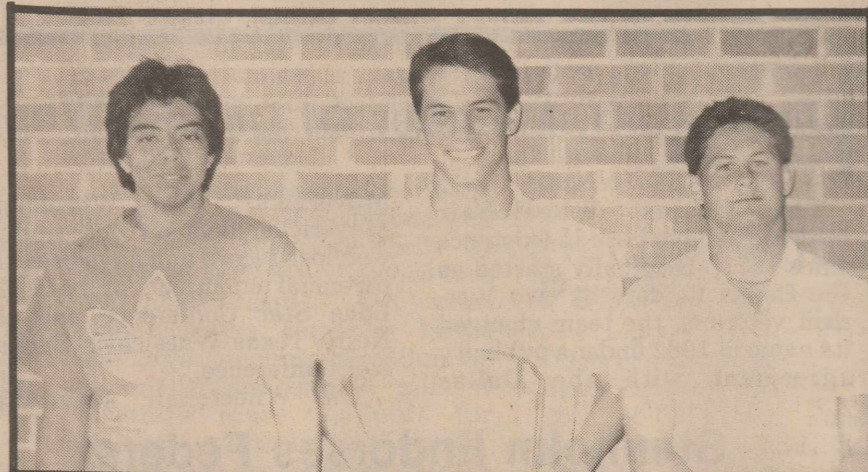
WTC competes in the Southwest Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA). Bob Doty is in his tenth year as coach of WTC's men's and women's rodeo teams. The 1986 WTC men's team owns the national NIRA championship. The men's team finished seventh in the nation in 1988. The men's teams have qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo for eight consecutive years and hope to qualify again this year.

Other colleges and universities competing in the Southwest Region of the NIRA include Sul Ross State University, Tarleton State University, Odessa College, Vernon Regional Junior College, Texas Tech University and Howard College in Big Spring.

To give rural areas another handle with which to attract physicians, the West Texas Democrat also is supporting legislation to restore the tax deduction for education loan interest for physicians, nurses and allied health professionals who agree to practice in medically underserved areas.

Stenholm argued, "While this alone won't be sufficient to find all of new professionals we need in rural areas, it's one of a number of other positives we can use when we're trying to recruit these professionals."

While Stenholm was involved in developing the entire legislative package, he was particularly active in reshaping a demonstration project program which encourages primary care physicians to take a portion of their residency training in a rural health-care facility. The new proposal will expand this program from four to ten demonstrations and allow a single medical school or teaching hospital to form liaisons with multiple rural hospitals. The residents will be encouraged to spend one or two years of training in the rural setting. Additionally, this proposal will encourage rural physicians in practice to return to the teaching



**ROTAN TENNIS:** The district tennis match was held on April 3, with Rotan on top. Pictured above (center) Blake Morrow and (right) Billy Wayne Speck took first place in the boy's double division while (left) Mike Garcia and Philip Matthes (not pictured) placed second in doubles.



**DISTRICT WINNERS:** The Rotan High School tennis team competed in the district tennis meet on Monday, April 3. Placing and advancing to regional competition are pictured above (l to r) Ester Guerra and Lynette McQueen - first place in girls doubles and Terri Johnson - second place in girls singles.

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# County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

Certain misconceptions about pond management can make the role of a pond owner more difficult.

Here are a number of "un-truths:" Domestic ducks will eliminate aquatic vegetation in farm ponds. Ducks will eat some plants, but they usually create more problems than they solve. Large numbers of ducks can ruin a pond for fishing with their droppings. These make the pond overly fertile, increasing algae problems and reducing water quality. Often dissolved oxygen is reduced in the pond and a fish die-off

occurs. Also, if the ducks eat all the shoreline vegetation, bank erosion will increase and the pond will become muddy.

Grass carp will remove all weed problems. First, it is illegal to stock grass carp in Texas ponds. In addition, they will eat only certain weeds and leave the others, especially algae. Grass carp are no cure-all for weed problems in a pond.

Turtles are often to blame for poor fishing. Although turtles will eat an occasional fish, they feed mostly on dead animals, vegetation and what ever else is too slow to escape. Therefore, turtles generally are good for a pond. They will not attack swimmers and they are good to eat.

Fish die whenever a pond freezes over in the winter. Generally, ice on Texas ponds lasts only a short time and presents no problems for the fish population. If ice remains on a pond for more than three weeks and there is more than 2 inches of snow on top of the ice, then a fish die-off may occur in fertile ponds.

The particle concentration fluorescence immunoassay test (PCFIA) was added to the list of official brucellosis tests earlier this year.

"The PCFIA test will be the screening test for program herds; adjacent, trace-back, quarantined and postquarantined herds."

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Inspectors will draw an additional specimen from all Card positive market cattle, including those from quarantined herds, to be PCFIA tested."

Private test specimens, for change of ownership, shows and interstate movement will be screened by the RST and will undergo PCFIA testing if discrepancies are disclosed.

The Fisher County Fair & Rodeo has been moved up one week this year. The date is August 17, 18, & 19. The reason for the change is to avoid a rodeo association finals in Abilene August 24-26.

## FFA Judging Contest To Be Held Texas Tech With More Than 1,500 Students Participating

More than 1,500 high school students from the Panhandle and West Texas will participate in the 61st annual FFA Judging Contest Saturday, April 15, at Texas Tech University.

The State Horse Judging Contest also will be held at Texas Tech this year on Saturday, April 22.

The regional contests will include: agriculture mechanics, cotton classing, crops, dairy cattle judging, dairy foods, entomology, horse judging, livestock judging, land judging, meats judging, poultry judging, range and pasture plant identification, and wool judging. Winners will

## Beef Industry Needs To Direct Attention To Various Consumer Groups, According To Amy Barr

If the beef industry is to make inroads with today's consumers, it must get a better profile of them and meet their needs and wants, said a consumer magazine official here Feb. 23.

Speaking at a seminar for beef retailers at Texas A&M University, Amy Barr of Good Housekeeping said that the beef industry needs to direct its attention to various consumer groups.

"For instance, more and more men do food shopping today.

And the number of teenagers who buy their own food today is increasing rapidly because of the growing number of single parent and two wage earner households," Barr said.

"Teenagers are the worst consumers," she said. "They are growing up faster, they do a lot of their own shopping and they have money to spend. But they have lousy diets."

On the other hand, Barr said that older Americans generally

are the most health-conscious and are the best consumers. They have more time to shop and they have money to spend, she said.

Barr also said that today's fast-paced lifestyles has created a bunch of "tired Americans." "After being in the workplace all day, people now want to go home, to be at home in the evenings. Rather than going out to eat in a restaurant, they opt for carry-out meals or eating something simple and convenient to prepare -- mostly microwave -- at home.

Barr said that the top stories in Good Housekeeping always have to do with diet and health. "Consumers are concerned about heart disease, cancer and stroke. These are all connected to what we eat and how we live," she said. "The beef industry must be responsive to these concerns. Prevention of health problems must be emphasized rather than treatment."

Barr said that when consumers shop for food products, they consider taste, convenience, health and price. "Diet food is getting a lot of play but it has to taste good. Beef, of course, tastes good but it is not perceived as a diet food. Also, it has a perceived health problem, it's not cheap and it often is not convenient to prepare," she said.

### Legal Notice

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 3rd day of April, 1989 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS ROBERT BUCK, JR., ET AL: Cause 4193 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd day of May, 1989 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 1: Being all that certain 80 acre tract of land out of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 18, League 317, El Paso County School Lands Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 278, Page 275 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

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Requested, to the Attorney General of the United States, Tenth and Constitution, Washington, D.C.; to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$4,188.72 with interest from the 9th day of February, 1989 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

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Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Bobbie Beauchamp, Drawer F, Roby, Texas 79543.

Applications for ballot my mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 28, 1989.

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advance to the state competition at Texas A&M University at College Station.

Contests will be supervised by Texas Tech College of Agricultural Sciences faculty. Winners will be announced at 3 p.m. April 15 in the Texas Tech University Center Ballroom.

Entries must be received in the agricultural education and mechanization department by Monday (April 3). Registration will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, April 14 in the Texas Tech Livestock Arena. A complimentary hamburger supper for the high school students and their agricultural science teachers will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will con-

tinue until 8 p.m., also in the Livestock Arena. The contest will begin at 7 a.m. and will conclude about 5 p.m. For more information, contact Marvin J. Cepica, associate dean, (806)742-2808.

**Meeting To Be Held For Persons Interested In Using Rotan Gyms**

Anyone interested in using the Old Gym, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays, or the New Gym on Thursdays, needs to attend a meeting in the Superintendent's office on Friday, April 7th, at 10:00 a.m.

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Friday, April 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 601 E. Forrest, Rotan. Kids clothes, furniture, dishes, miscellaneous. 9:11c

**NOTICE**  
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Fruit trees, shade trees, flowers and bedding plants. Martin's Feed and Garden, Rotan, Texas. 9:11c

**GARAGE SALE**  
502 N. Lakeview, Rotan. Starts at 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 7th. Electric range, dining table, baby girls clothes, used twin size mattress set. 9:11p

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John's Bait, 735-3186, 402 W. Beauregard. APRIL SPECIAL, Every purchase of \$2.00 or more registers you for a chance to win a new rod and reel combo., to be given away Sunday, April 30th at 3:00 p.m. 9:41c

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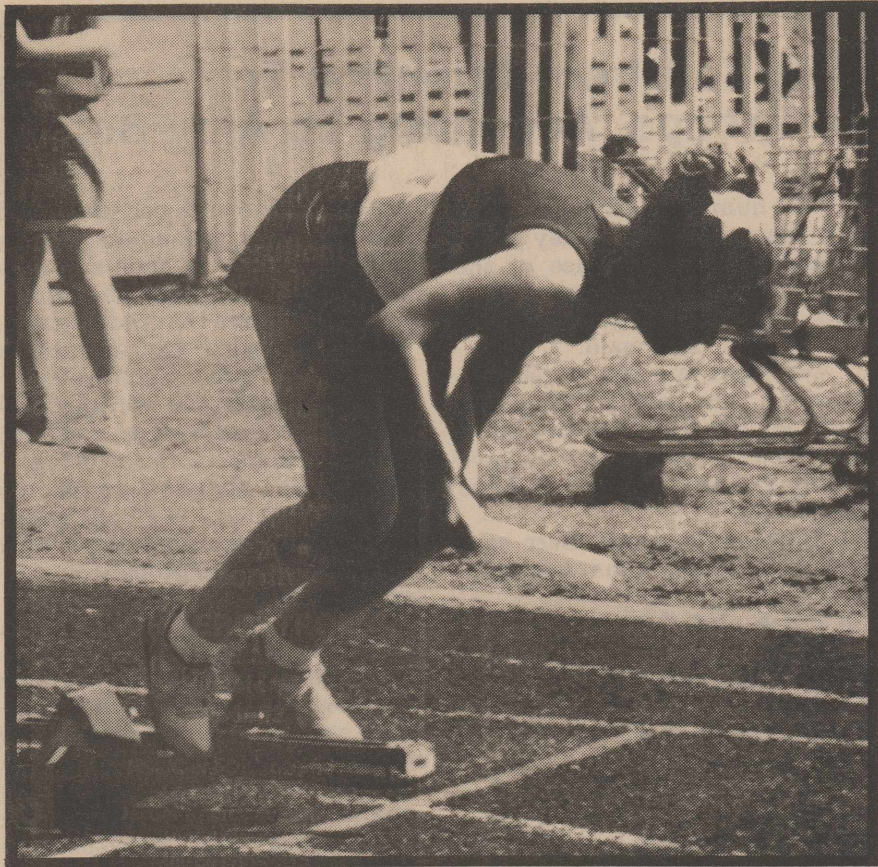
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READY-SET-GO: Lucy Stinson prepares to run the relay with her teammates in a recent meet. Lucy is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Reggie Stinson of Rotan.

## Joe Huitt Sets New San Angelo 100 Meter Record

Rotan High School's Joe Huitt set a new school record and a new San Angelo relay record in the 100 meter dash, at the San Angelo meet last weekend. Huitt's time of 10.47 broke the existing school record of 10.5 held by Roger Hooper and also established a new San Angelo relays record.

Huitt was a big asset to the team as they took second place with a team total of 68 points to first place Mason with 77 points. Huitt also took first place in the 200 meter with a time of 21.62 and placed second in the high jump with a jump of 5 feet 10 inches. The 400 meter relay team placed first with Huitt bringing up the last leg. Other members of the relay team included Kevin Smith, Willard Roddy and Brandon Alls. Alls replaced injured Billy Wayne Speck for the event.

Willard Roddy had a good day placing second in the long jump with a jump of 21 feet 2 inches, third in the high hurdles with a time of 15.1 and with a time of 39.7 in the intermediate hurdles placed third.

Kevin Smith participated in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.6 and ran the 200 with a time of 24.6. Brandon Alls tied Smith in the 100 and ran the 200 in 24.8. Lance Ragan with a throw of 39 feet 10 inches participated in the shot put and had a throw in the discus of 123 feet. Jorge Montoya ran the 800 meter run with a

## WTC Classes To Begin In Rotan Starting May 22

Summer classes at the Rotan extension center of Western Texas College will begin on May 31 and end on July 27.

Registration will be held from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. on May 22 in the Rotan High School library.

Students enrolling in English 131 will be required to take a placement test. They are asked to bring their ACT or SAT scores if they are available.

Information about courses at the Rotan extension center can be obtained by calling Pat Hamric, center coordinator, at 735-3041 or Mike Thornton at Western Texas College in Snyder, 573-8511.

## Rotan JV Places Third At Meet Held In Anson

The Rotan Junior High boys track team placed third in the Anson Meet on April 1, last Saturday. The boys are coached by Bruce Merrel.

Placings for Rotan are as follows: Rotan relay team- sixth in the 400 meter relay with a time of 56.28. Eric Smith- second in the 800 meter dash with a time of 2:27.19. Clay Cozart placed first in the 100 meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 18.85. With a time of 12.96, Tyrone Daniel placed third in the 100 meter dash, he also placed first in the 400 meter dash with a time of 61.23. With times of 49.66 and 56.06, Clay Cozart and Michael Montez placed 4th and 5th respectively, in the 300 meter low hurdles. Chris Markham and Joe Gonzalez placed 5th and 6th in the 200 meter dash with respective times of 31.52 and 33.25. Eric Smith took second place in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:49.48. In the pole vault competition, Eric Smith took first place with a vault of 8 feet 6 inches, and in the shot put, Jason Carrillo took third place with a throw of 37 feet and 3/4 inches.

Others participating were: Michael Martinez, Mark Marshall, Cristo Simmons, Brandon Rains, and Chris Boone in the 800 meter dash. In the 100 meter intermediate hurdles were Aaron Leatherwood and Matt Mercer.

Joe Gonzalez, Michael Montez and Fabian Ramirez participated in the 100 meter dash. Participating in the 400 meter dash were Michael Martinez, Aaron Leatherwood, Scott Nowlin, Cristo Simmons and Travis Deen. Stanley Castillo and Matt Mercer participated in the 300 meter low hurdles.

Participating in the 200 meter dash were Fabian Ramirez and Lee Yanez. Aaron Leatherwood, Mark Marshall, Travis Deen, Brandon Rains and Chris Boone competed in the 1600 meter run. The 7th and 8th grade 1600 meter relay teams also competed. Stanley Castillo competed in the shot put and Jason Carrillo participated in the discus.

## Hammer Happenings

By Donna Turnbow



**ONE-ACT PLAY:** Congratulations to the one-act play group, they will advance to area competition at Hardin-Simmons University to be held April 8. The best actress award for the contest was Carye Gruben. Also selected during the contest was an all-star cast, among those selected were Lucy Stinson and Shanna Bennett. **GOOD JOB!**

**TRACK:** This week the track meet will be at Aspermont. So far

the girls and boys track teams have done very well at all the track meets. They show that they are a school to be reckoned with.

**DID YOU TAKE YOUR ACT?** If you are a senior and plan to go to college, you need to register to take the ACT or the SAT. These tests are very important if you want to be accepted.

We'll see you next week with more Hammer Happenings!

## Rotan JV Girls Take Third Place At Anson

The Rotan Junior High girls track team, coached by Adrianna Cox, placed third in the Anson Track Meet held last Saturday. Rotan had a total of 67 team points.

The 800 meter relay team and the 1600 meter relay team, consisting of Linda Hernandez, Janet Martin, Jenni Burnes and Angela Peace both placed fourth. The sprint relay team of Janet Mar-

tin, Heather Randolph, Chrystal Garcia and Kelli Weaver placed fifth. In the 100 meter hurdles Kelli Weaver placed first. Jenni Burnes placed fourth in the 200 meter dash. Angela Peace placed first in the 400 meter dash. Linda Hernandez placed sixth in the 800 meter run (eighth grade) and Jackie Golden placed sixth in the 800 meter run (seventh grade). Heather Randolph and Elisha White placed second and fifth respectively in the 1600 meter

run. Angela Peace placed first in the long jump and fourth in the high jump. Jenni Burnes placed second in the Triple Jump while Shana Schooley placed sixth in the discus.

"The girls competed well on a very windy day. They had run against these same schools at a previous meet, scoring only 15 points, this week taking third place showed that they all worked very hard to improve and I am very proud of them," said Coach Cox.

## Rotan Girls Competed At Hamlin Last Weekend

The Rotan High School girls track team participated in the Hamlin Track meet last Saturday. "Spring Break took its toll on the girls track meet but are a little behind what we were before the holidays," said Head girls track coach Danny Diggs.

Placing for the Yellowhammers was Sherri Conner with first place in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.6. The 400 meter relay team placed second with a time of 52.26. Runners in the 400 meter relay included: Lucy Stinson, Julie Pease, Denise Powell and Sherri Conner. Lucy Stinson, Julie Pease, Denise Powell and Terri Johnson made up the 800 meter relay team with a time of 1:52.2 for second place. The 1600 meter relay team placed fifth with a time of 4:27. Julie Pease, Sherri Conner, Denise Powell and Terri Johnson made

up the 1600 meter relay team. Terri Johnson placed third and Vanessa Peek placed fifth in the 400 meter dash with respective times of 64 seconds and 66 seconds.

Other girls participating included: Shawna Speck and Jodie McClain in the Discus; Terri Johnson, Shawna Speck and Jodie McClain in the Shot Put; Terri Johnson, Terry Warren and Vanessa Peek in the High Jump; Vanessa Peek and Jennifer Martinez in the 3200 meter run; Terry Warren in the 800 meter dash, Ann Williams, Terry Warren and Priscilla Gonzalez in the 200 meter dash and Tracy Williams, Debra Martinez and Dorothy Roddy in the 1600 meter run.

The girls will travel to Aspermont on April 8th. "This week will be better, as we work on getting back into shape," added Diggs.

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The advantages of using a living trust include the elimination of probate on the assets in the trust when you die. You specify in the trust document how your assets are to be managed, and if the trust is to end at your death, how the assets are to be distributed. Terms of the trust are private whereas probate proceedings are a matter of public record. Generally, a living trust is less easily contested than a will.

The disadvantage to a living trust include having to actually transfer the titles of your assets to the trust, with whatever resulting complication of your affairs this might entail. A living trust does not eliminate the need for a will because you cannot use the trust to name guardians for minor children, nor will the trust take care of distribution of any property not included in it.

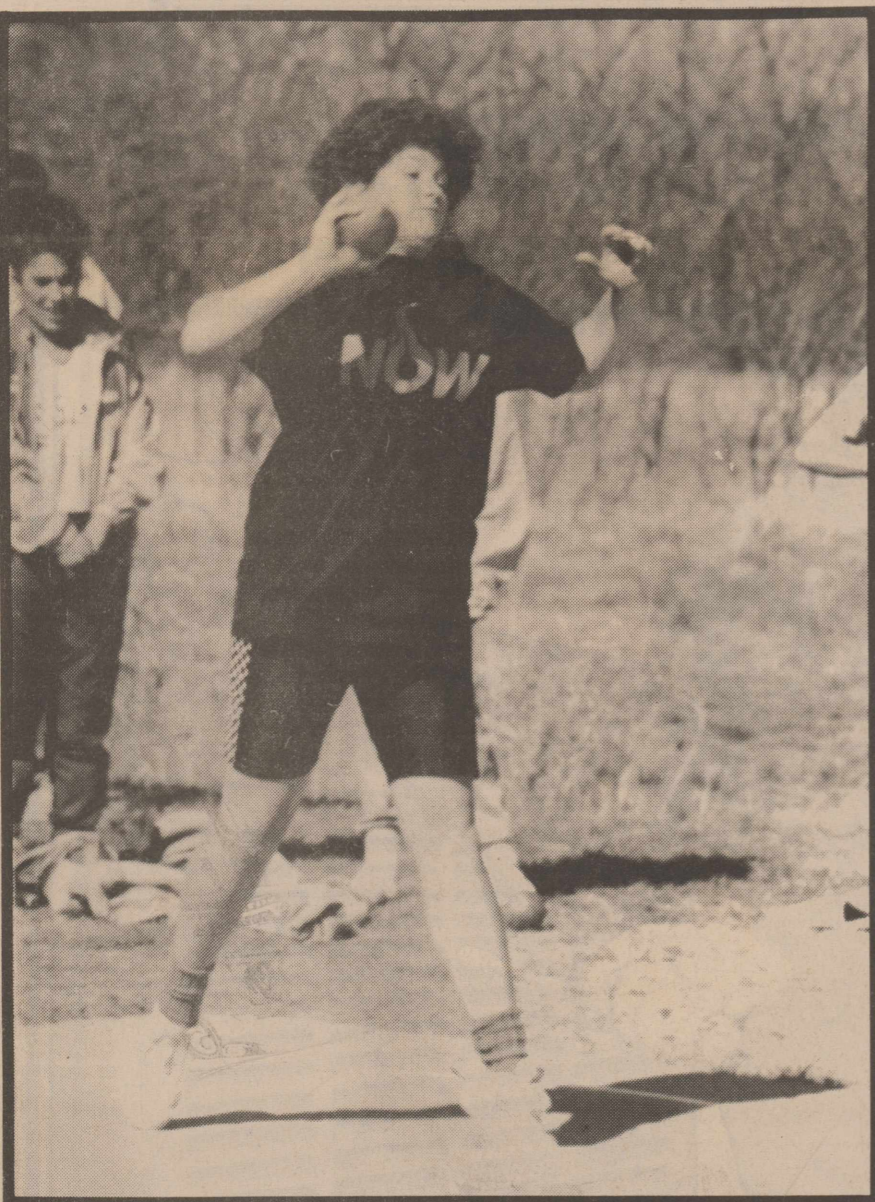
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SHOT PUT THROWER: Shawna Speck, of the Rotan Lady Hammers Track Team competes in the Shot Put throw at a recent track meet. Shawna is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Billy Speck of Rotan.

## 4-H Program Addresses Youth Problems

Texas legislators were briefed on how the 4-H program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is addressing youth problems and concerns during a breakfast program in Austin March 21 hosted by 4-H volunteer leaders from across the state.

The "bottom line" of the briefing was that investing in youth programs is critical today if Texas is to have a sound economic future.

Precinct four Commissioner Jimmy Wright of Fisher County was among the 66 4-H leaders attending the breakfast at the Radisson Hotel.

The breakfast program featured remarks by Bob Gill of Dallas, executive vice-president of the J.C. Penney Co.; Jim Morris of Austin, executive vice-president of the Texas Electric Cooperatives; and Rudy Ritz, a 4-H member from Meadow in Lubbock County.

Also attending were two former 4-H members who are now officials of The Texas A&M University System: Dr. Perry Adkisson, chancellor, and former state representative Bill Prenal, vice chancellor for state affairs.

Legislators were apprised of the role of 4-H, which focuses on helping youth from the third grade through age 19 develop into productive citizens and tomorrow's leaders.

The 4-H program uses a wide range of subject matter information to provide opportunities for youth to learn decision making, goal setting, risk taking, communications and public speaking skills, democratic practices, leadership and citizenship, said Jim Morris.

Morris added that 4-H focuses on developing life skills and a positive self-concept in youths and that these are effective methods for helping youth cope with the pressures of today's society.

Youths active in organizations such as 4-H are less likely to become involved in drug abuse, teen pregnancies and related problems, Bob Gill said.

As adults, these same youths are more involved in community activities, continued education and voting. In other words, they take their leadership and citizenship responsibilities much more seriously, and they become productive members of our society.

They become taxpayers and assets to society rather than liabilities.

During the breakfast program, Gill made the point that business and industry wants prospective employees to have certain basic skills before employment.

With the high school dropout rate among many of the state's youths as high as 40 percent, jobs may go begging in the future, Gill said. That's where programs such as 4-H can play a key role in providing youths with some of the basic skills needed for employment, he pointed out.

He added that youth programs such as 4-H provide preventative education which is much less costly than programs to rehabilitate individuals after they "have gone wrong." Every dollar spent on preventative education saves taxpayers \$4.75 on rehabilitation programs, Gill said.

He called attention to an astonishing finding by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health in a 1988 report. The cost of providing one child with a continuum of preventive services, beginning with prenatal and preventative health care and continuing with Head Start, Chapter I Compensatory Education, summer jobs for high school students, and four years of college paid at public expense is \$39,000. In contrast, the cost per year to keep one juvenile delinquent in a Texas training school is \$25,000. What better investment can the state make than in youth education?, Gill asked.

The 4-H program has had a positive influence on hundreds of thousands of youths for more than 80 years, and it will continue

to lay a solid foundation for those who avail themselves of its benefits. Our youths are the most precious resources we have; they are our future, Gill said. To assure a prosperous future for Texas, we must invest in our youth programs.

The 4-H volunteer leaders that attended the legislative breakfast represented some 26,000 volunteer leaders and more than 380,000 4-H members throughout Texas.

At Commissioner Wright's table was George Harrell representing Representative David Counts, David Crane representing Representative Bob Hunter, and Representative Robert Allen Junell of the 66th District from San Angelo. 4-H and its funding was discussed and Representatives were asked to be on top of the proposal toxic waste sight in Fisher County to keep the County in touch as well as Legislation that would curtail it.

## Center Extension Club Holds March Meeting

The Center Extension Homemakers met at the Courthouse Annex for their first March meeting.

Luella Waddell presided and was hostess.

During the recreation period, members made bluebonnet pins from beads. These will be sent as Texas souvenirs to the National Homemakers meeting to be held

in Kansas this summer.

The program was presented by Elizabeth Billingsley and Louise Mahaffey on "Looking Great While You Lose Weight." While losing weight, create the long line look in clothing and wear oversized blouses and soft layering with loose sleeves. A film was shown to illustrate alteration tips to use on clothing that is too large.

Present were: Britty Turnbow, Ora Bennett, Fay Anderson, Eilene Cave, Bernice Randolph, Luella Waddell, Elizabeth Billingsley, and Louise Mahaffey.

The second March meeting was also held at the Annex with Louise Mahaffey as hostess. Elizabeth Billingsley, vice-president, presided.

Those present worked on the education exhibit that the club will have at the County Health and Food Fair to be held in the Rotan Community Center on April 6.

Next meeting will be on April 11. The program will be "Calcium For The Prime of Life." All interested persons are invited to attend any of the club's meetings.

## Commissioners Vote To Buy Copy Machine

The members of the Fisher County Commissioners Court met last Friday in a special meeting and voted to purchase a new copy machine for the Fisher County Agent's office.

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## Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

Well we changed the time and now it's dark in the mornings; the mornings are so short and the afternoon and evenings are so long, and it stays light until almost bedtime. We have been having so much wind, and it has blown every day and nearly every night. We did get just a light sprinkle of rain with a little hail here last Monday, and it was very stormy, and some places got heavy rains. My road is freshly graded so am expecting a good rain as it usually rains after they work on it. It was very stormy looking on Tuesday and some places like Longview and Nacogdoches got heavy rains with flooding conditions. Wednesday was an almost perfect day but then a norther blew in early Thursday and it really blew all day that day. It was so cool on Friday morning, had to wear a coat outside, but the tulips are blooming, so are the Grape Hyacinths and have lots of buds on the Narcissus and Iris; Spring is here although I don't think the Mesquites are in bloom yet.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Cave have both had the flu and haven't been feeling at all well. In fact, J.C. went to the hospital Monday night, and they kept him Tuesday and Wednesday. Alice is feeling lots better now and we hope that J.C. will soon begin to feel very much better.

James Nettleton is home from the hospital in Lubbock, and I can't believe they let him come home so quickly but this is a different way of doing things, and he is really doing good. They came home on Saturday and he has to stay close to home and not do anything much. We know how hard it is going to be for him but as he gets stronger, we hope that he will soon be able to be out and about again.

Wayne and Becky Anderson and their two sons, Steven and David, from Clovis, New Mexico, have been here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson. They came Tuesday and went home on Friday; June and Clarence really enjoyed seeing them all again.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ratliff went to Snyder after Sunday school on Sunday and picked up their granddaughter, Taren Knipe, and she spent Sunday night and part of Monday with them, so they were very busy. Taren is two years old.

The Rudolph Martinez heard from their son, Jeffrey, who is now at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; he left Friday and drove there.

Mrs. Bea Hardin and Mrs. Mark Nowlin and baby went to Lubbock on Wednesday; they ate lunch with Morris Hardin while they were there. Polly Strickland and her daughter-in-law from Clairemont visited with Bea on Friday. Saturday Claude Lee from Snyder and Charles Lee from Tulia visited with Bea; they are her nephews. Morris Hardin from Lubbock and a friend came Sunday and spent the day with

Bea.

I went to Crossroads Revival Thursday night and they sure had a big crowd. I have never heard such beautiful singing and Bro. Monday brought such a good message. I always like to hear Bill and Vicky Murphy sing. On Friday I attended the District 10-A one-act play competition which was held at Rotan. There were 4 plays - Hermleigh, Roscoe, Ira and Rotan. Congratulations to Rotan and Ira who won and will now advance to Area competition Saturday, April 8th at H.S.U. Also congratulations to Aaron Porter and Candi Carreon who were named to the Honorable Mention cast, and to Lucy Stinson and Shanna Bennett who were on the All Star Cast. And to granddaughter, Carye Gruben, who was named Best Actress. The plays were all so good, am sure the judge had a hard time deciding on the best two. Saturday I went to lunch with Carol and Wilber and then Carol and I went to Sweetwater and visited with Becky Baer and Evette. Also visited with Mrs. Fluitt at the Merle Norman store; so many pretty things and more beautiful jewelry.

Congratulations to granddaughter, Carye Gruben, again who was named twirler for Texas Tech on Saturday. She tried out Saturday morning at Tech, and is sure happy that she was chosen as one of the twirlers.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Tommy Harbin and Reva Jo while Tommy has been so sick and in the hospital in Lubbock. At last report, he seemed to be doing a little better, and we hope that he will continue to improve.

April has been named Child Abuse Awareness month, and nationwide awareness programs this month are designed to show how severe the problem is, what the general public can do to help and what communities can do to prevent the problem from occurring at all. If everyone saw what case workers with the Texas Department of Human Services see, child abuse awareness would be a muted issue. The general public, however, rarely sees the horror or the pain that case workers witness. The case

workers say they would like to be able to work themselves out of a job, they wish they could, for the kids sake.

Well this is about all for this week. See you next Thursday.

## News From Down South

By Bertha Warren

Hello from down south!

Watching Spring unfold brings to mind an artist's empty canvas. First comes the blue skies, little purple flowers and in a few weeks all the trees showing off their new leaves and the ground covered with new grass and wild flowers everywhere, the picture's complete and ready to be framed by the eyes of the beholder and hung in the gallery of the heart.

Lowell and Helen Thornburg spent Sunday in Snyder visiting their daughter Barbara Scavner and their granddaughter Gwin, Eddie and Tyler Thompson.

Ginger Jones of Fredrickburg, VA., is spending a couple of weeks with her daughter Shelie in El Paso. Calvin was unable to be with them.

Charlie and Thelma Smith's visitors Sunday were Ted and Nell Smith of Merkel and Kenneth Smith of Sweetwater. Mary Etta O'Donald and her mother Carrie McCain spent a couple of hours with the Smiths' Sunday afternoon.

Mary Etta went to Abilene Wednesday to visit Ben Ashlock who had a heart attack. He was in I.C.U. until Friday then was put in C.C.U. but returned to I.C.U. Saturday night. We hope

## Secret Pal Club Has Meeting

The Secret Pal club met at the Senior Citizen Building the 29th of March. Bingo was played at 10 o'clock and each member brought a covered dish and had lunch at 12 o'clock and gifts were exchanged.

Members present were: Lillie Herron, Anna Knox, Allene McNally, Opal Burch, Lenora Streetman, Oma Long, Helen Thornburg, Chris Rackley, Wanda Kiker, Fay Woolsey, Gaynell Henry.

## Home Economist's Report

by Beth Dannheim

If you are one of the many Americans contributing to the \$318 million spent annually on calcium supplements in an effort to build up stores of the mineral, there's something you should

know. The calcium in a number of these tablets never makes it to your bones; most of it goes straight through the digestive tract without being absorbed. Ironically, supplements that contain the greatest concentrations of calcium are among the ones the body cannot make use of.

These pills are composed of calcium carbonate, a compound that contains more calcium by weight than any other supplement on the market.

Acid in the stomach normally breaks up calcium carbonate into tiny pieces that can easily be dissolved and then absorbed into the bloodstream. But when manufacturers compress larger and larger amounts of calcium into smaller and smaller pills, it becomes more difficult for stomach acid to break them up. Tablets that are touted as "starch free" can also hamper the stomach's ability to perform its job. (starch is a disintegrating agent that helps calcium pills break apart. Minutes amounts are used in many formulations.)

A pharmacist may be of help to you in weeding out poor-quality supplements. If that is not possible, simple, do-it-yourself test. Drop a single calcium-carbonate tablet into six ounces of vinegar, which mimics the acid environment of the stomach, stirring occasionally.

After 30 minutes, a high-quality formulation should break up and be 75 percent dissolved. Lack of disintegration is a clear indication of a calcium carbonate product with a poor formulation.

Once you find a dissolvable calcium-carbonate supplement, you can enhance its absorption by following two simple guidelines. First, drink at least six to eight ounces of water or fluid with the tablet to help break it down. And second, take the tablet at mealtime, because the presence of

food in the stomach maximizes acid secretion and thereby helps dissolve it. Unfortunately, however, swallowing calcium supplements with meals may interfere with the absorption of iron.

Certainly, taking a calcium supplement is one approach. However, eating such foods as dairy products, salmon, and leafy green vegetables rather than swallowing a pill is preferable - especially because you get added nutrients with food.

## Horace Arrington Passes Away

Horace Arrington, 85, of Rotan, died Tuesday morning, March 28th, at his home. Funeral services were at 2 PM, Saturday, April 1st, at First Baptist Church in Rotan with the pastor, Rev. Steve Peace, officiating. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery with arrangements by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Arrington was born in Greer County, Oklahoma, February 22, 1904. He was the son of James Henry Arrington and his wife, Amanda Carolyn Ray. Mr. Arrington married Ora Wright, December 13, 1923 near Carlton, Texas. He retired in 1975 from the road department of Fisher County. He was a member of First Baptist Church and a deacon. He moved to Rotan in 1921 from Cisco.

He is survived by a son, Dalton Arrington of Kennesaw, Georgia; and a brother, Thurman Arrington of Garland; two grandsons, Kevin Lynn Arrington with the U.S. Army in Germany and Owen Patrick Arrington of Kennesaw, Georgia; and 3 great grandchildren.

Members of his Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church served as pallbearers.

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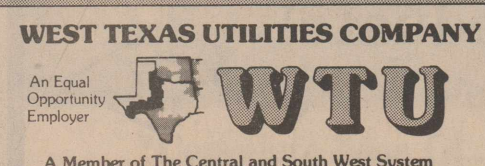
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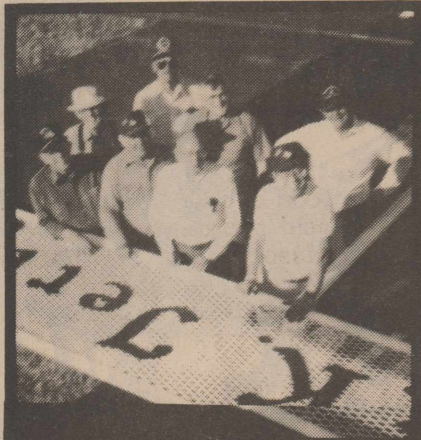
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**DEDICATION:** The following men were present at the Dedication of the L.K. Terry Baseball Park. Pictured are Milton Peeples, J.T. Palmer, Horace Curlee, Zanna Anderson, Cecil King, Marshall Billingsley, Parker Wetsel, Dr. David Morris. Not pictured Alvin Petty and Milton Ahlyer.

### Rody Lions Club Dedicates L.K. Terry Baseball Park

The Roby Lions Club has hit a grand slam in conjunction with the City of Roby. They have named the city baseball park the "L.K. Terry Baseball Park." Mr. Terry, recently deceased, was a community serving person for many years in many ways in Roby.

The Roby Lions Club, with the help of Midwest Electric equipment, are erecting a beautiful 28 foot square sign naming the park after Terry. The sign was constructed by Joe E. Hull in his torch art shop in Roby. It's cost of \$1,000.00 was shared equally by the City of Roby and the Roby Lions Club.

### McCaulley Honor Roll Fourth Six Weeks

**FIRST GRADE:** A: Adam Gomez, Robert Pippin; A-B: Jayla Hodges, Efrain Espinoza, Joanie Sherman  
**SECOND GRADE:** A: Kristi Bond; A-B: Jay T. Jeffrey, Rosalia Sanchez, Tony Flanagan, Nora Rivera  
**THIRD GRADE:** A: Amber Kelly, Matt Pond; A-B: Jason Weaver  
**FOURTH GRADE:** A-B: Abby Jeffrey

Eighty-one percent of the 7,763 Texas high school and college students who took the new Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) Test in March passed the examination, according to results released today by the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The state's top education officials said they were pleased with the results, but cautioned that the March 4 test-takers -- 79 per-

cent of whom are college students seeking admission to teacher education programs -- are not typical of those who will take the test in the future.

"This profile of students will change, and we will anticipate a need for the Legislature to provide a substantial amount of funding for remediation," said Higher Education Commissioner Kenneth H. Ashworth.

Starting in September 1989, this test requirement will apply to

approximately 130,000 freshmen students at the state's public colleges and universities. Students must pass the test to take upper-division courses beyond 60 semester credit hours, to complete associate degrees or to complete certificate programs which include nine or more semester hours of general education course work.

Results of the test, given to 1,628 high school students and 6,135 college students, show that nearly 87 percent passed the mathematics portion of the test, almost 89 percent passed the writing section and nearly 96 percent passed the reading part. The State Board of Education and the Coordinating Board set a passing standard of 70 percent of test items correct earlier this year.

Fifty-eight percent of blacks, 68.9 percent of Hispanics and 86.9 percent of whites passed the three-part examination.

Of the high school students tak-

ing the examination, 82 percent passed all three sections. Ninety-three percent passed the mathematics portion, 86.6 percent passed the writing part and 94.7 percent passed the reading section.

Among college students taking the TASP Test to gain admission to teacher education programs, 84.8 percent passed the math portion of the examination, 89.2 percent passed the writing section and 95.9 percent passed the reading part.

"I am pleased with results of the initial TASP Test administration and, at this time, I do not believe it will be necessary to revise the final passing standards," said Commissioner of Education W. N. Kirby.

"Students who took the test on March 4 are not representative of the group to whom this test will apply. They include a significant number of college students who are teacher education candidates taking the TASP Test as a substitute for the Pre-Professional Skills Test (P-PST)."

Many of the high school students taking the examination in March chose to do so instead of taking advantage of an available exemption. Students who take at least three semester credit hours of college-level higher education course work before September 1, 1989 will be exempted from the test requirement.

Commissioner Ashworth and Coordinating Board Chairman H.M. Daugherty, Jr. also noted that those taking the test were not a typical group of students.

"Nearly 72 percent of the state's college freshmen usually enroll in community colleges, while only 28 percent enroll in four-year universities," Ashworth said. "Of those taking the TASP

Test in March, however, about 81 percent are either currently enrolled in or plan to attend a four-year university. Only 6 percent indicated they plan to attend a community college."

Coordinating Board and Agency officials indicated that in addition to the atypical nature of the examination and test preparation were also factors in the higher than expected test performance. Unlike the P-PST, students did not have to complete the TASP Test in a predetermined amount of time. Instead, they could take up to five hours to complete the examination. Also, at least 2,500 students purchased copies of "The Official TASP Test Study Guide" to prepare for the test.

"These results also show that minority students can do well on this type of test," Daugherty said. "It was not an easy test. These students have set a high standard and our goal will be to maintain that standard."

"The March results do not diminish the anticipated need for remediation for those students who failed to pass the test," he said. Nearly 20 percent of all students taking the test failed, including 42 percent of black students and 31.1 percent of Hispanics.

The TASP Test was developed and implemented jointly by the Coordinating Board and the State Board of Education working jointly with National Evaluation Systems, Inc. Both boards have responsibility for reviewing the test to ensure that it adequately assesses the skills necessary to effectively perform college-level work.

Information from the March 4 administration of the TASP Test is attached.

### Texas Senate Report

by Senator Steve Carriker

Governor Clements' decision in 1979 to veto prison-building legislation is resulting in major headaches for county officials 10 years later.

Lawmakers daily now are receiving reports about the growing number of state prisoners counties are being forced to hold while the Texas Department of Corrections keeps its doors closed due to overcrowding.

To help alleviate jail crowding, the Legislature has put new prison building programs on a fast track and a number of excellent corrections facilities sites are being considered in the 30th District.

Of course, it will take more than just building new prisons to deal with the long-term aspects of this

dilemma.

More effort must be made to rid ourselves of the root causes of crime through better education, drop-out prevention, and drug and alcohol treatment.

But not every proposal before the Legislature is sound. One idea floating around the Capitol would "solve" the jail crowding problem by making it larger. That is, to have counties build more and bigger jails using local taxpayer money.

This is yet another excuse for the state to try to force local taxpayers to pick up the state's tab for expenses that rightfully belong to the state.

While the Legislature should provide counties with every opportunity to meet their local jail needs, it is in no way fair to property taxpayers to saddle them with additional burdens that are the state's responsibility in the first place.

### "Looking Great As You Lose Weight" Is McCaulley Topic

The McCaulley Home Extension Club met Tuesday, March 28th at the Baptist Church at McCaulley.

Eddie Brigham, president, called the meeting to order.

The club elected Jesydean Tabb to be presented to council as a Delegate to the Spring district meeting April 12th at Haskell.

Leslie Harwell gave tips for the program on "How to Look Great As You Lose Weight." Others present were: Alice Brigham, Bonnie Estes, Rose Mary Minshew, Addie Maberry and Jeb Harwell.

Alice Brigham received a pot plant of Marigolds as the door prize.

The club will participate in the Health Fair at the Rotan Community Center, Thursday, April 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They will have a booth on "How to Control Cholesterol in Your Diet."

### RV Club Will Hold Trip To Lake Possum Kingdom

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Lovett, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Upshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Loyce Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murff, Guy Kemp and guests Mrs. Helen Hodges and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Burrows all met at Terry's Cottonwood RV Park for pot luck, visiting and game playing.

The next meeting will be a trip on Friday, April 28th to Possum Kingdom. There will be 2 departure times - 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28th. New members always welcome.

### Pet Parade Will Be Part Of May Fair Activities On May 20th

Make plans now to bring your dogs, cats, rats and elephants!! The May Fair is the event and the date is May 20th in Rotan.

The Animal Parade will be a part of the entertainment this year in front of the street stage and award certificates will be given.

Watch this paper for more news or call Wanda Murphree at 735-2349 for details.

### Legal Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To Any Sheriff or Any Constable within the State of Texas, Greeting:

YOU ARE ORDERED to seize the following property located in Fisher County, Texas, more particularly described as follows:

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to all of the North TWO HUNDRED acres (N 200 ac.) of Section FOUR (4), Block THREE (3), H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas

and to sell the same as under execution in satisfaction of the judgment recovered by Plaintiff, JIMMY D. HALE, against Defendant, MARY KATHLEEN HALE, on November 18, 1988, in the 32nd Judicial District Court of Fisher County, Texas, which judgment was for the sum of SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$72,000.00), with interest thereon at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from November 18, 1988, until paid, together with actual costs of foreclosure and sale and for foreclosure of a vendor's lien on the above-described property.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED that if the above-described property cannot be found, or if the proceeds of such sale are insufficient to satisfy the judgment, to take the money or any unpaid balance out of the other property of the Defendant, MARY KATHLEEN HALE, as in the case of ordinary executions.

If there is a surplus remaining after the payment of the sums required for the satisfaction of the judgment, you are directed to pay it to the Defendant.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED to place the purchaser of the above-described property in possession within thirty (30) days of the sale.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED to make return of this writ within 60 days, showing how you executed it.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office, this 4th day of April, 1989.

Bettie Hargrove  
 District Clerk of Fisher County, Texas  
 9:31c

RETURN

1. MICKEY COUNTS, Sheriff of Fisher County, Texas, certify that I received the attached writ of execution issued out of the 32nd Judicial District Court of Fisher County, Texas, on the 3 day of April, 1989, at 4:00 o'clock p.m., and that I executed the same as follows:

I levied upon and seized the following real property of the Defendant, not exempt from execution by law, situated in Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to all of the North TWO HUNDRED acres (N 200 ac.) of Section FOUR (4), Block THREE (3), H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas.

I advertised the above-described real property of Defendant for sale by having the notice of sale published in English once a week for three consecutive weeks, to wit, on 4-5-89, 4-12-89, and 4-19-89, 1989, in the Rotan Advance-Star Record, true and correct copies of such advertisement being attached. I also mailed one copy of the notice of sale to Mr. Rickey J. Brantley, 1600 Oil & Gas Building, 309 West Seventh, Ft. Worth, Texas 76102, attorney for Defendant.

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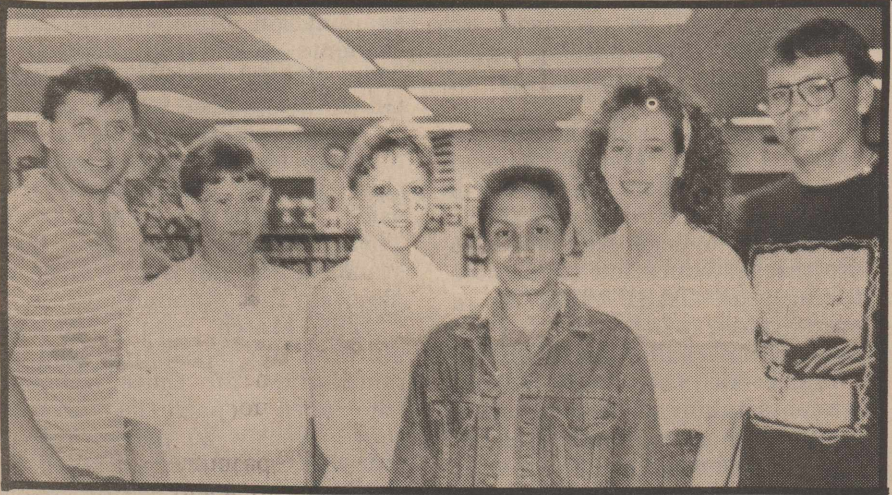
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**REGIONAL QUALIFIERS:** Pictured above are from left to right; Jenny Blaine qualifying in informative speaking; Karie Martin - informative speaking; Angie Brezenski - prose; and Teresa McClure - feature writing. They will be competing in regional competition on April 21 and 22 at McMurray College in Abilene.



**ROBY TENNIS:** Pictured above are the district tennis winners from Roby High School. Left to right are David Shipp tying with Brandon Justiss for third place in boy's singles, Shari Heflin - first place in girl's singles; Kashaun Morris - third in boy's doubles; Kathi Mize - third in girl's singles and Nick Dickson - third in boy's doubles.



**ROBY UIL:** The above Roby High School students will be advancing to regional competition in various literary events. Pictured from (l to r) Rachel Petty - feature writing; Bryan Mauldin - persuasive speaking; Myra Hohon - Lincoln/Douglas debate; Kathi Mize - headline writing; and Sheila Green - Lincoln/Douglas debate.

## Diggin' Up Bones

by Sandra Vlasin

Isn't Springtime wonderful! Sitting with the patio door open the other day, I heard a familiar sound that brought to mind this anonymous legend.

In the long ago when El Zenzontle, the mockingbird, sang all things were still and listened. The singer became conceited and began to brag of his greatness to his wife.

"All nature obeys me," he said. "When I sing, spring comes, flowers bloom, birds mate, and even man takes notice and dances for joy."

His wife told him that all these things were responsive only to the voice of God. So he invited her to a concert he was giving for the flowers so she might see how they swayed and danced at the sound of his voice.

"You sing 'Con el favor de Dios,' which means if God wills it," she answered.

Her devoutness, angered El Zenzontle. He said that he would sing whether God willed it or not. Perched high on the limb of a huisache the next morning he made ready for his concert. Before he could make a sound, a hawk swooped down and carried him away.

El Zenzontle thought of the wisdom of his wife and repented with all his heart. "Oh God," he cried, "it is You who causes the flowers to bloom and the birds to sing, not I."

He felt himself slipping and fell far, far down on to a plowed field where he lay bruised and battered.

A white dove found him and mended his wings with three of her feathers which he has worn ever after as a reminder of his foolish pride and conceit.

And to this day, the mockingbird never sings without first saying, "Con el favor de Dios."

## LION

TRACKS



by Suzanne Maxwell



Hey! Well, this past Monday the tennis team traveled to Sweetwater for District competition. Competing in singles were David Shipp, Shari Heflin, Brandon Justiss and Kathi Mize. In doubles it was Craig Maxwell -

Carter Edmondson, Nick Dickson - Kashawn Morris, Julie Parks - Melanie Ray, and Michelle Beauchamp - Suzanne Maxwell.

Shari Heflin brought home the gold in the singles for Roby. Great job Shari! Keep it up and good luck at Regionals!! Nick Dickson and Kashawn Morris took a bronze medal in doubles. That's just great, guys!!

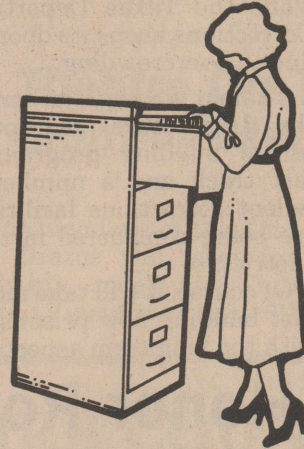
The track team will be traveling to Aspermont this Friday. Let's back'em up and cheer them on!! The District meet will be held at Roscoe, April 14-15. Also this Friday, the qualifiers for the Girls State Powerlifting Meet will be traveling to Wimberly to compete.

Well, that's all I have to say for now! Watch for more Lion Tracks coming your way soon!



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Donna said that an important factor in reducing cancer risk, "adopting sound dietary habits," will be the focus of the 1989 cancer crusade. The annual education and fund-raising campaign takes place during April, which is designated as Cancer Control Month.

According to Donna the purpose of this year's crusade is to in-

form as many people in Fisher County as possible, about cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, research and education programs. "In the past, we've stressed the various tests and procedures that detect cancer in its early stages," Donna said. "But this year, we're concentrating on how you can try to avoid cancer."

More than 25 trained volunteers will distribute a leaflet called "Eat Right!", to Fisher County residents. It contains recommendations that may reduce your chances of getting cancer, such as adding more high-fiber foods and foods high in vitamins A and C to your diet. The leaflet will be distributed by volunteers from house to house, April 10-15, 1989.

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