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Rotan Advance

Theatre On Brazos Play Harvey Opens

The Theatre on the Brazos play "Harvey" will be performed for the first time this weekend beginning on Friday at 7:00 p.m., according to David Hargrove - co-director with Connie Hargrove.

The Saturday performance will begin at 7 with the Sunday, April performance set for 2:00 p.m.

The save time schedules apply for the second weekend - April 26, 27 and 28.

Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for children 12 and under.

Reservations can be made by calling 735-2341.

Yellowhammer Baseball Team Wins 'Must' Game

The Rotan Yellowhammers won a 'must' game last week by defeating Haskell 9-2 and now have to wait to see if they will own a share of second place in the first half of district play.

If Rotan beat Anson last Tuesday, and Hamlin beat Stamford, Rotan will own a share of second place.

If not, Rotan has to get to the playoffs in 1996 by winning in the second half of play which begins on Friday.

Rotan plays Hamlin at home at 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 19th.

"In the win over Haskell last week, Mikeal Harrison pitched very well and defensively our guys did an outstanding job - they backed up the pitcher the best of anytime all year", commented Rotan Head Baseball Coach Ron Langthorn.

C.W. Robertson and Stoney Carrillo each were 3 for 4 while Jacob Price was 2 for 4 in the win.

Harrison is 7-2 for the year.

Other players getting hits were Lujan, Harrison, Flores and Davis.

Rotan School Board Crammed With Items

The members of the Rotan School Board covered three time consuming items last Monday night.

First, they listened to an appeal by Glen Copeland that the board give consideration to constructing an all-weather track field.

Second, they participated in a Level III hearing on the grievance filed by Coach Bob Richardson concerning his re-assignment from Head Baseball Coach.

Third, they reviewed plans for an estimated $700,000 project to remodel the junior high building and band hall.

Glen Copeland appeared before the board with rough drawings of a proposed all-weather track for Rotan. As an interested citizen of the district, Copeland had been asking questions about the reason that Rotan did not have an all weather track. He had been told that the area was unlevel, that there wasn't room for a metric track, that the area would stand water and that there would not be room for bleachers. Copeland systematically refuted all arguments he had been given for not having the track.

He indicated that he knew the school had the money and wanted to be placed on the agenda for next month to review the progress being made by the board to move toward an all-weather track.

Copeland said that an oil service company had volunteered to provide the cement for the base, that farmers had volunteered to level the ground and the pre-engineering work had been secured at no cost.

It is believed that the administration is to check into the cost of the all-weather surface and discuss the track proposal further in May.

The board spent nearly two hours in closed session hearing a grievance appeal from Bob Richardson over being re-assigned as the Rotan Head Baseball Coach. Board members after hearing all sides of the grievance voted 6-1 to affirm the Level II grievance decision by the administration. All board members voted in favor of affirming action with the exception of Marcus Gonzalez who voted against.

The third item was to review plans to remodel the junior high building and band hall. The junior high remodeling will consist of replacing all windows and doors, shorten the roof, re-do classrooms, put lockers in halls, replace plumbing at an estimated cost of $567,000.

The band hall remodeling will consist of building a uniform storage area and removing the hall at an estimated cost of $128,450.

In other action, the board adopted a resolution recognizing the Academic Competition Team of Cassidy Early, Bobby Kenner and Jimmy Don Tankersley for finishing first at the state meet and winning over $9,000 in scholarships.

The board postponed action on bids for district owned property

Board members adopted the Accelerated Reader Program at a cost of $11,039.00.

Rotan Application For Five Added Phone Exchanges OK'd

Rotan has been approved for all five exchanges in the application for the expanded local calling program. The exchanges are Abilene, Sweetwater, Snyder, Stamford, and Anson. Phone calls to these exchanges will be toll free under a new monthly fee of $3.50/month for residential numbers and $7.00/month for commercial or business numbers.

The next step to final approval from the Public Utilities Commission is for ballots to be sent to all Rotan exchange telephone customers on May 15th. Rotan must have 70% of the ballots returned in favor of the monthly fee for the expanded calling area.

Area towns such as Roby and Hamlin have applied and voted in favor of the service. The key to the town approvals was voter education, according to Hamlin and Roby town leaders. It is important for the public to understand that the monthly fee includes all exchanges and not a fee per each exchange. $3.50/month is the total monthly fee for all exchanges for residential customers. $7.00/month is the total monthly fee for all five exchanges for business and commercial accounts.

This program will benefit Rotan phone customers as most spend over the new monthly charge each month in calls to these five towns.

A sample ballot will be available for further instruction in the coming week. The Rotan Chamber of Commerce encourages all residents to become informed on this program. The application and approval process has been extensive to date and education concerning this program is the top priority at this time.

Editor's Column

By Kimball G. Pease

PERRY THOMSON: Commenting about his win of the Fisher County Commissioner's job from Jay Hendon, who was the dean of the commissioners, and who is finishing his 20th year in office, Thomson said "Jay and I have been good friends for a long time. We're going to be friends after this is all over. He congratulated me on election night, shook my hand. The people wanted a change. I'm very glad that I'm going to be the new commissioner."

EVELYN NOWLIN: Indicated that the Rotan team who won the Texas Small School Academic Contest will be meeting with Governor George Bush on April 29th to accept congratulations. The team is made up of Cassidy Early, Billy Kenner and Jimmy Don Tankersley. The trio received $1,600 in scholarship money for winning the first level of competition and an additional $9,163.50 for winning the state contest. In addition, should any of the three choose to go to Tarleton - they will get an additional $1,000. Wes Hays, Bob Spikes and Coaches Debi Mercer and Evelyn Nowlin are going to accompany the team to Austin. In addition friends and relatives going are Connie Early, Linda Kenner, Mr. Tankersley, Ken Kenner and Billy Kenner. Trio will tour office of Rep. David Counts and lunch at the Capital with Tom Haywood. Will meet Governor Bush at 3:00 p.m. and possibly tour remaining part of the day.

ELLA RAYE HELMS: Indicated earlier this week that the people who were building the new nursing home South of the Fisher County Hospital have abandoned the project. The nursing home may very well never become a reality.

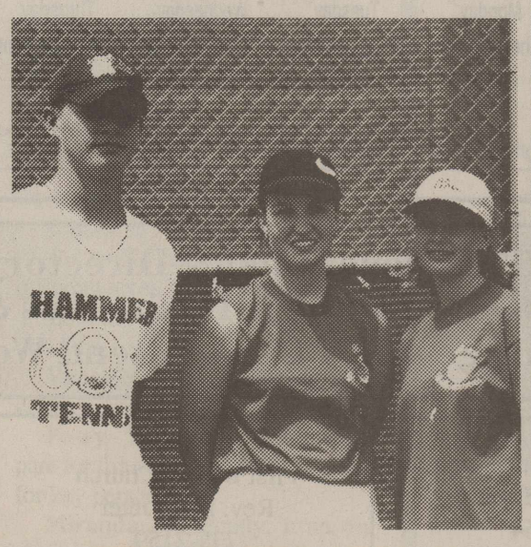
MAYOR JERRY MARSHALL: Said the City of Rotan has had its share of complaints over charging everyone who hauls trash out to the land fill. Several of the complainers are folks who pull 16 ft. trailers and are insulted that the City of Rotan would even think of charging anything.

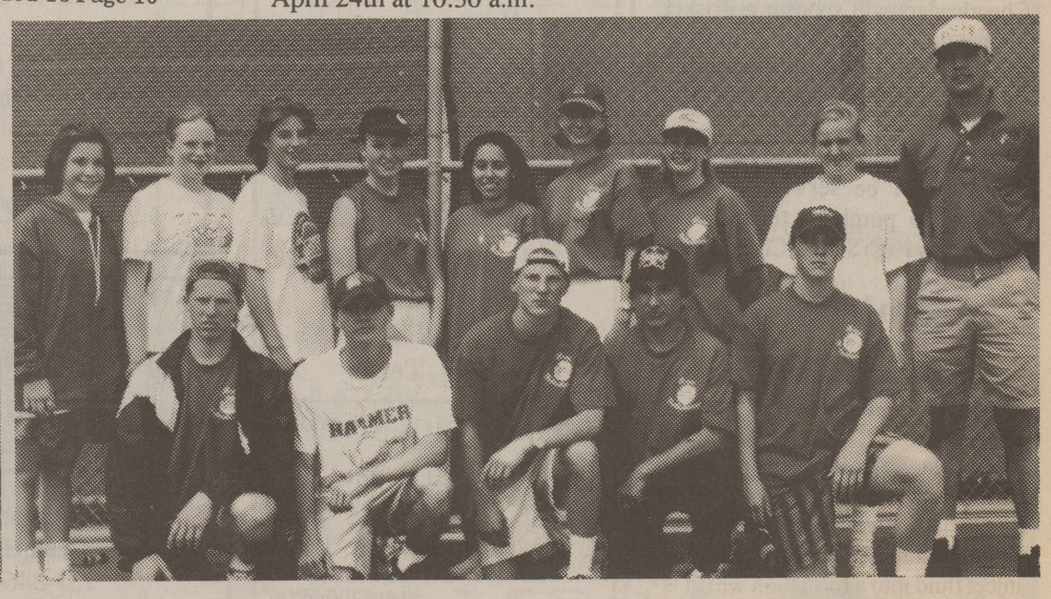
STEVE NOWLIN: Indicated that the presentation ceremony of the Fisher County Hospital being awarded a Level IV Trauma Designation by the Texas Department of Health will be on April 24th at 10:30 a.m.

Rotan Tennis Team Captures District Tourney, More Honors

The Rotan tennis team traveled to ACU on Wednesday, April 10. Along for the ride were twelve varsity players and six junior varsity players. By the end of the day, two JV girls had made it to the semi-finals and three varsity players had advanced to the Regional Tournament by virtue of winning the District 7-2A championship.

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TENNIS PLAYERS: (LEFT PHOTO) - District Champions and Regional qualifiers. (L to R) Clinton Williams - district champion, boys singles; Katie Kennedy and Jennifer Rains, district champions- girls doubles. (RIGHT PHOTO) (Back row) Holly Hunsaker, Shelley Burk, Sarah Greenlee, Katie Kennedy, Adrianna Velez, Laura Blackwelder, Jennifer Rains, Keri Robertson, Coach Jeff Teague. (Front row) Kris Rodgers, Clinton WIlliams, Zack Burnes, Stoney Carrillo and Bradey Murphree.

Next Step Up To Richardson

Coach Richardson Strikes Out At School Board Grievance Hearing

The Rotan School Board, by a vote of 6-1 last Monday night, affirmed the Level II grievance decision by Wes Hays involving former Rotan Yellowhammer Head Baseball Coach Bob Richardson. Voting in favor of affirming the decision was Vick Burk, Clay Helms, Norvelle Kennedy, Betty Strayhorn, Ralph Riddel and Sheila Murphree. Voting against affirming was Marcus B. Gonzalez.

Coach Richardson officially filed a grievance with Superintendent Wes Hays over the incident involving he being re-assigned by Athletic Director Harold Mayo.

Mayo removed Richardson from the position of Head Baseball Coach. Ron Langthorn was assigned as the new Head Coach.

Dissatisfied with the decision by Wes Hays, which upheld the action of the Athletic Director in re-assigning Richardson, at Level II of the grievance process, Richardson asked and was granted permission to present his grievance to the full school board last Tuesday night.

Present for the hearing was Richardson and his attorney Don Larson, representing the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, Austin, Texas. Also present was Kelli Karccewski, representing the Rotan School Board, of Austin. In addition to the board members, Athletic Director Harold Mayo was also present. The closed session began at 8:11 p.m. and lasted until 9:53 p.m.

After the board deliberated at the end of the session, it was announced by Burk that the board voted 6-1 to affirm the Level II grievance decision by School Superintendent Wes Hays.

Should Richardson desire to continue the grievance process it would have to be done at a higher level than the local school board. "He has exhausted all appeals at the local level," said Hays.

Asked what the next step would be, should Richardson decide to continue the grievance process, Hays said, "I really don't know."

Seven Of The Eight Candidates For Hospital Board Give Answers To Thirteen Questions

1. Name, address, marital status, occupation, spouse's name, children's names and ages, year you have lived in Fisher County.

Tankersley - Rodney Tankersely, 409 Richard, Rotan, Married, Owner City Auto Supply, 25 years, Laura, Andrea age 15, 42 years.

Orr - My name is Vesta L. Orr. My wife, Nelda, and I reside 1.5 miles south of Roby adjacent to Highway 70. I have been employed as General manager of Midwest Electric Cooperative since we moved here in 1988. Both of my daughters live in Fisher County also. Terry Orr teaches school in Roby and Shari Morris is employed at the First National Bank of Rotan.

Gonzalez - Moses Gonzalez, 305 E. McArthur, married, Director of Environmental Aides, Wife - Vera Gonzalez, one son Christopher, age 8.

Cogburn - Susie G. Cogburn, Widown, homemaker, Jacobi age 11, Stevie age 9. Born and raised in Fisher County.

Yanez - Lino Yanez, Jr., married, National Gypsum, wife is Elsa Yanez, children are Jessica Yanez Kennedy, age 21; Phillip I Yanez age 15 - lived here 41 years.

Posey - Robert Posey, 349 CR-308, Roby, Texas. Married Cathy Posey. Vice President / Loan Officer First National Bank of Rotan. Children Heather,6; Levi, 5; Autumn 2 1/2 and Caleb, 8 months. Born and raised in Fisher County. Moved away in 1985 and returned in 1993.

Miranda - Frank Miranda, 101 East Eighth, Married - Maintenance Supervisor Rotan ISD, Lydia Miranda, Andrea Miranda 14; Christopher 12; in county 36 years.

Gilbert - Mike Gilbert did not turn in any answers to any questions.

2. The Fisher County Hospital Board is elected by the poeple and charged with the responsibility of providing quality health care to the residents of Fisher County. Has the board done this in the past? If so how. If not what needs to be changed to see that this is done?

Tankersley - I feel that the hospital board has made great progress in the past years to provide quality health care.

Orr - The Board is to be commended for their vision and forethought in keeping the Fisher County Hospital in operation with the quality services and care afforded the people of Fisher County and surrounding areas. Also, their decision to affiliate with regional hospitals that provide specialized services and quality health care has aided the citizens of Fisher County.

Gonzalez - Yes, the Board has provided good quality health care. On the other hand, I believe in order for the Board to help Fisher County to receive quality health care now, they must get involved with the Administration area of the hospital.

Cogburn - Yes! The people of Fisher County do elect these individuals. In the past I've seen these individuals keep the same voters at arms length. As providing health care, yes they have done a good job, What needs changed? I will be at arms length for all voters.

Yanez - Yes, by bringing in competent employees, being responsive to the community needs, maintaining and improving the existing facility, good communication between board and administration.

Posey - From what I have observed the hospital has done a fine job of providing quality health care with the resources available to them.

Miranda - Yes, they have seen to it that the hospital is run very efficiently and economically.

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Roby Has Best Showing At UIL District

Makala Herron, Billy Floyd, Wendy Harwell, and Misty Taylor won gold medals in Literary Criticism, Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, and Headline Writing respectively at the District 14-A Academic UIL Meet held at Irion County High School on March 31. This was the best overall showing for RHS in recent years.

In team competition the Literary Criticism team consisting of Makala Herron- 1st, Amanda Moore-2nd, and Jaycee Carey- 6th garnered the gold for their combined effort. This is the third consecutive year that a Roby High School Literary Criticism team has won the district championship.

Barbara Martin, who is the Roby High School UIL Coordinator, will accompany all of these first place finishers along with Wendy Harwell, who placed second in Editorial Writing, to the regional competition at Hardin-Simmons University on April 20. First and second place finishers there will advance to the state meet in Austin on May 2. English teacher Ron Smith is the UIL Coach for each of these events.

In addition, the following students earned points for RHS by placing in the top six competitors in their events: Sarah Boyd and Jeremy Stidham (4th and 6th Computer Applications); Latrice Moffett (4th- Number Sense); Kim Hudnall (4th- Poetry) and Chris Gloyd (5th- Extemporaneous Informative Speaking). The coach/sponsors of these events are: Michele Terry- Computer Applications; Beth Underwood- Number Sense; Kay Graves- Poetry and Extemporaneous Informative Speaking.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who helped to make my retirement party so nice; and also the ones who contributed to the money tree. You are wonderful!

Sincerely,
Nan Arnett

THANK YOU

I have enjoyed serving as your Commissioner for the past 20 years. I thank each of you who have supported me and for your friendship and loyalty.

Thank You,
Jay Hendon

Roby 8th Grade Boys Participate In District Meet

The Roby boys 8th grade district track results are as follows:

Shot put- Wesley Pullig- 4th
400 dash- Terrell Hess- 2nd
300 hurdles- Robert Pippin- 5th
200 dash- Wesley Pullig- 6th
1600 relay- 6th- Pullig, Hess, Pippen, Jason Amador.

Others competing were: Jose Barrera, Tim Haigood, Ike Crill, Vicente Ortiz.

Team Totals- 8th grade division:
1. Robert Lee- 180
2. Roscoe- 146
3. Sterling City- 76
4. Bronte- 71
5. Water Valley- 62
6. Roby- 17

Roby Captures Top Positions In UIL District Meet

Results of the Roby High School UIL District winners are as follows:

Literary Criticism Team- 1st in district-

Makala Herron- (Jr.) 1st; Jaycee Carey- (soph.) 6th; Amanda Moore- (Sr.) 2nd

Journalism Contestants-

Misty Taylor- (soph.) 1st- Headline Writing; Billy Floyd- (soph.) 1st- Editorial Writing; Wendy Harwell-(soph.) 1st- Feature Writing and 2nd in Editorial Writing

Chris Gloyd- (Jr.)- 5th- Informative Speaking

Latrice Moffett - (soph.)- 4th- Number Sense

Sarah Boyd- (Fr.)- 4th- Computer Applications

Kim Hudnall- (Jr.)- 4th- Poetry

Jeremy Stidham- (Sr.)- 6th- Computer Applications

Roby Cheerleaders Sponsoring Brisket Supper

The Roby High School Cheerleaders will sponsor a Brisket Supper on Tuesday, April 23rd from 6:00-8:00 P.M., in the school cafeteria. Tickets are $6.00 for adults and $3.00 for children 12 and under.

Brisket, baked potatoes, beans and dessert will be served. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets may contact any High School Cheerleader.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Cholla Petroleum, Inc. 5949 Sherry Lane, Ste 850 Dallas, TX 75225 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Swastika Formation Norsworthy Well Number 8. The proposed injection well is located 7 Miles Southly of Roby in the Newman, in Fisher County, Fluid will be injection into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3350' to 3758' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Fisher County DEVOTIONAL PAGE

"Are We There Yet?"



As children, time seemed to pass more slowly as we neared a new destination. "Are we there yet?" was the repetitious lament. Eyes straight ahead, we ignored all else except our journey's end. My, what we must have missed along the way.

As springtime approaches, we somehow revert to our child-self once again. The long cold days of February and the first windy weeks of March seem to pass laboriously. Will we ever see spring? Each morning we wonder, "Are we there yet?"

All things come into view in their own time. Ecc. 3:1 tells us, "For everything there is a season..." Meanwhile, look around you. Which is the true miracle...the sighting of the first robin or the hatching of an egg? Savor these few fantastic days as winter hatches into spring. Enjoy the journey.

This week, worship at your local church or synagogue. Savor each Sabbath as you journey closer to God. Are you there yet? You are well on your way.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Romans	1 Thessalonians	1 Thessalonians	2 Thessalonians	2 Thessalonians	2 Thessalonians	2 Thessalonians
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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 8th day of April, 1996 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of CITY OF ROTAN vs. KENNETH HARDIN; Cause # 4238 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 7th day of May, 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 I: Being all that certain Lot 10 in Block 275 of the Inside Addition to the City of Rotan, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 346, Page 171 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract II: Being all those certain Lots 11 and 12 in Block 275 of the Inside Addition to the City of Rotan, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 324, Page 32 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 8th day of April, 1996 as the property of KENNETH HARDIN, 906 North McKinley Ave., Rotan, Texas 79546, having been duly served with citation in the manner and for the length of time required by law, failed to file a written answer or appear, and wholly makes default; BARBARA HARDIN, 906 North McKinley Ave., Rotan, Texas 79546, having been duly served with citation in the manner and for the length of time required by law, failed to file a written answer or appear, and wholly makes default; BLUEBONNET SAVINGS BANK SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO COMMODORE SAVINGS (IN REM ONLY), by serving an officer thereof, 9100 North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas, having heretofore filed a written answer but failed to appear; to satisfy a judgment amounting to $5,362.20 with interest from the 18th day of March, 1993 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of CITY OF ROTAN, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 8TH DAY OF April, 1996
Gene Pack

SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
By Kerrie Blair Deputy
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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 8th day of April, 1996 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. JOE PERALES; Cause #4505 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 7th day of May, 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 1, 2, and 3, in Block 36 of the Original Town of Sylvester, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 674, Page 346 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 8th day of April, 1996 as the property of JOE PERALES, if living; to satisfy a judgment amounting to $1,133.19 with interest from the 19th day of January, 1996 at 10 percent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 8th day of April, 1996.
Gene Pack
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, Texas
By Kerrie Blair Deputy
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Rotan Elementary Honor Roll

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THIRD GRADE: Cody Etheredge, Ashley Howard, Sallie Riddel.

FOURTH GRADE: Jordan Cox, Shelia Garza, Zachary Greenlee, Lana Kirkland, Talitha Montez, Zach Reyes, Ralph Riddel.

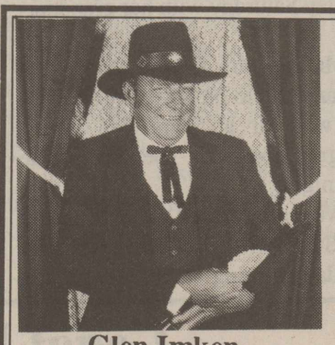
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FIRST GRADE: Brady Adams, Alli Copeland, Dusti Eaton, Jessica Garza, Kazual Moore, Pecos Nowlin, Jeremy Sauceda.

SECOND GRADE: Isaac Donaghey, T.J. Flores, Baleria Frausto, Daniel Gonzalez, Crystal Greenway, Morgan Morrow, Jessica Muskevitsch, Falisha Ortiz, Dianelle Ramirez, Rosanna Ramon, Brent Whitefield.

THIRD GRADE: Roxanne Amador, Shawna Hooser, Kera Martin, Gene Messick, La Tisha Reese, Tiffany Rivers, Bryan Sauceda.

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Senator Haywood Tries To Ease Burden

Senator Tom Haywood, R-District 30, announced today his intention to look for ways to bring much needed financial relief to struggling rural counties of Texas.

It was recently announced by the Texas A&M Extension Service that in Fiscal Year 1997, county governments will have to pay $8,000 per year per county extension agent, to supplement their agents' salaries. Haywood said, "This will be a major financial blow to many of the small rural counties across the state, who are already struggling financially."

Haywood continued, "Too many folks in Austin don't realize the importance of these agents in the rural areas of our state. They serve a vital role, one we cannot afford to do without. For many counties, with a shrinking tax base on top of so many other state mandates, funding an additional $8,000 (or $16,000 for two agents) is close to, if not completely impossible."

The dilemma some counties are facing, "Do they cut county funding to other services such as indigent health care and road construction, or do they suffer the loss of one or both of their agents?" Haywood questioned.

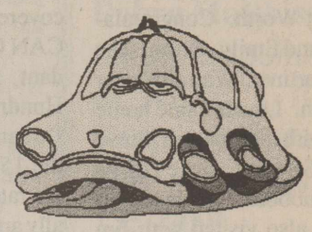
Haywood believes neither option is necessary. "I am certain there is some other alternative that would better meet the needs and abilities of our rural taxpayers. Perhaps a rider to the appropriations bill, which would fund extension agents in the smallest counties in our state, would be a viable solution, but we need to investigate all possibilities."

"I am already working with Texas A&M and local county government officials to investigate the alternatives available to address this difficult problem. These counties need a little help. I do not want to stand by and watch these folks lose their extension agents," Haywood concluded.

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Rotan Track Notes

By Coach Brian Wood

We had a great year of track with all the kids. We had over ninety athletes participate, both junior high and high school, in the track program this year. Participation is the key to building a successful program. The athletes worked really hand all year and it paid off.

Final District track trsults were:

7th grade girls - 3rd.
8th grade girls - 2nd
Varsity girls - 6th.
JV boys - District Champions
Varsity Boys - 3rd. place
7th grade boys 3rd.
8th grade boys 2nd.

A special thanks to all thosewho helped work the District Track Meet and to E.W. Cade for helping assemble the new hurdles.

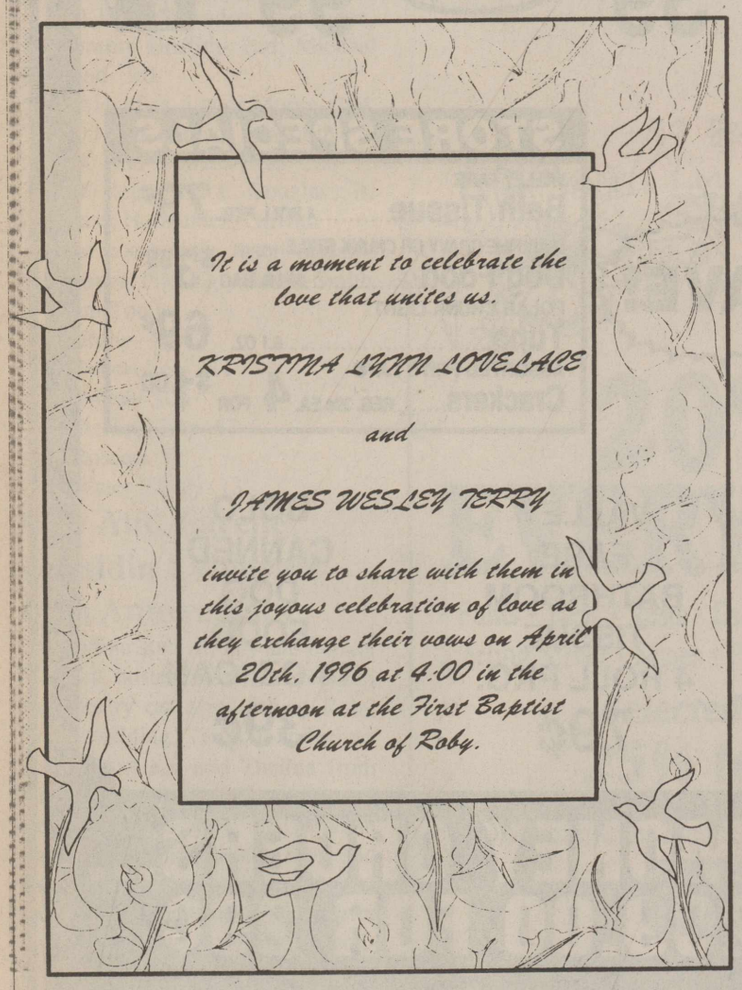
Congratulations to Jay Ben Alls who qualified in the long jump and triple jump; Shon Fudge who qualified in the 110 hurdles and Jeremiah Morris who qualified in the shot for the regional track meet. The meet will be held in Abilene on April 26 & 27 at Elmer Gray Stadium.

Annual Cottonwood Cemetery Cleaning

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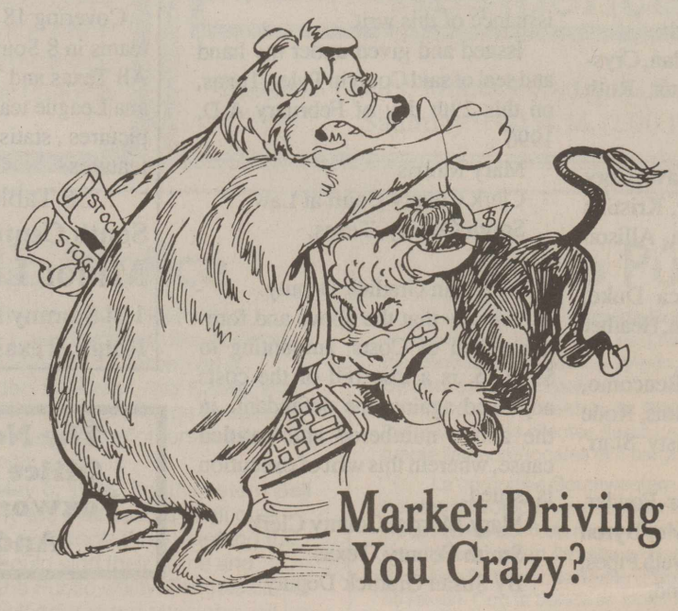
He stands at the plate
with his heart pounding fast.
The bases are loaded,
the die has been cast.
Mom and Dad cannot help him,
he stands all alone.
A hit at this moment
would send the team home.
The ball meets the plate,
he swings and he misses.
There's a groan from the crowd,
with some boos and some hisses.
A thoughtless voice cries,
"Strike out the bum."
Tears fill his eyes,
the game's no longer fun.
So open your heart and give him a break.
For it's moments like this a man you can make.
Please keep in mind
when you hear someone forget.
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Fisher County Round - Up

By Joy Walker - 735-2840

by Joy Walker.....

We have really been having some good weather, but the sand has blown for the last two days, and I think we need some good moisture right about now. I know that would surely help the pastures and the fields as everything is beginning to get dry again even after all the snow we got that Friday. A good two or three inches would be nice, and maybe later this week, we will be lucky and get some much needed moisture.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Alex Noles of Rotan who passed away Thursday at a local nursing home. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his family.

We were also sorry to hear of the death of Bernard Rogers who passed away Thursday. Services were held Friday in the Weathersbee Funeral Home chapel with burial in the Rotan Cemetery. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the Rogers family.

Oran Gann Jr., of Roby has been very sick and is in the Veterans hospital in Dallas. Please keep Oran and Alice in your prayers.

Mrs. Louise Martinez went to Fort Worth on Thursday. She stayed there with Rosemary and Darrell Gay. Saturday they all attended the wedding of Brian Warren and Emily Sharpe at the First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth. Congratulations to Brian and Emily. Brian is the son of Sara (Martinez) Warren Hester and Gil Warren. Louise came home on Sunday with Tachi and Steve Warren of Snyder and Tonya Patterson of Lubbock. While in Fort Worth Louise also visited with Jim and Sara Hester. Veronica Pellerin from Houston flew in Thursday night for the wedding. So they all had a wonderful time and Louise enjoyed her trip.

Dallas and Fort Worth really had storms Friday with lots of hail and so much rain.

We were sorry to learn of the death of James Ratliff's mother, Mrs. Maude Ratliff Smith of Jayton, who passed away Friday night. Graveside services were held Monday at Clairemont. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the Ratliff family.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge visited with Sam and Roxie Etheredge after church on Sunday. That evening Mrs. Lealon Wilburn visited with the J.W. Etheredges. Randi Marie spent the day Saturday with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. George Price went to San Angelo on Saturday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Givens and grandson, Zach. They came home that night.

We were pleased to have Clifton and Susan Griffith of Roby at church Sunday morning. Clifton brought a special message on the Gideons. We really enjoyed it.

I attended a wedding shower for Beth Underwood and Shawn Donham on Saturday which was given in the beautiful First Baptist Fellowship annex in Roby. There was a big crowd there and it was a lovely shower and the happy couple got so many beautiful gifts. Congratulations to Beth and Shawn who will be married June 1st in Roby.

Sunday I attended a baby shower for Jace Alec Matheny, baby son of Michael and Monica (Pullig) Methany. They are from Lubbock. It was held at the United Methodist Church in Roby. There was a big crowd there also, and Jace received so many lovely gifts. Not too much news this week, as some of my folks who give me news are out of town, so will catch them next time.

We were pleased to hear that Mrs. Mary Singley is now beginning to feel very much better, and we hope that she will continue to feel that way.

That's all for this time. See you next week.

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6TH GRADE: Rebecca Duke, Natassia Flores, Laci Martin, Heather Martinez, Seth Summers.

7TH GRADE: Robert Bencomo, Dee Gonzalez, Lauren Helms, Rode Morrow, Cory Rains, Misty Starr, Marcella Vina.

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Legal Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Any County of the State of Texas,
Greeting:

WHEREAS, at the October-November Term of the Honorable County Court at Law of Smith County, Texas, on the 15th day of November, 1993, in a certain cause styled ARATEX SERVICES, INC. Plaintiff vs. AMERICAN CASCADE ENERGY, INC. Defendant, and numbered 35,983, on the Civil Docket of said Court, Plaintiff, recovered a Judgment against AMERICAN CASCADE ENERGY Defendant, for Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Two and 15/100 Dollars, with interest thereon from the 15th day of November, 1993 at the rate of 10 % compounded annually and all cost of suit. (See attached Affidavit of Credit)

Now, THEREFORE, you are hereby commanded that of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the said American Cascade Energy, Inc., 14825 St. Mary's, Houston, Texas Defendant, you cause to be made the said sum of $12,769.94 as of 12/29/94 Dollars, the amount actually due and unpaid said judgment, with interest thereon from the 29th day of December A.D., 1994, at the rate of 10% compounded annually and the further sum of $379.35 Dollars, costs of suit together with your legal fees, and commissions for collecting the same; and you will promptly execute this writ according to the terms hereof.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, and have you this writ showing how you have executed the same, together with said moneys collected as herein directed, before the above Court at the Courthouse thereof in Tyler, Texas (1) with-in 90 days from the date of the issuance of this writ.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in Tyler, Texas, on this 29th day of February A.D. 1996.

Mary Morris
Clerk County Court at Law
Smith County, Texas.

By Susan Gradick Deputy.

I certify that the above and foregoing Bill of Costs, amounting to $379.35, is a true bill of the costs adjudged against the defendant...in the above numbered and entitled cause, wherein this writ of execution is issued.

Mary Morris, County Clerk
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By Susan Gradick Deputy

CAUSE NO. 35,983
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AFFIDAVIT OF CREDIT TOWARDS JUDGMENT
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SMITH

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared MICHAEL C. COKER, Affiant, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath stated:

My name is MICHAEL C. COKER, and I am the attorney of record for ARATEX SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff and Judgment Creditor.

On December 29, 1994, AMERICAN CASCADE ENERGY, INC. (now known as AMERICAN CASCADE TRANSITIONAL CORPORATION) made a payment of $2,600.00 towards the amount due on the Judgment in this matter. After application of the payment, the balance of $12,769.94, plus interest as provided for in the Judgment from December 29, 1994 remains due and owing.

DATED: March 20th, 1995
Michael C. Coker, Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME by MICHAEL C. COKER, Affiant, on this 20th day of March, 1995.

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During the period when the proposed rates are in effect, the proposed modifications will result in increases and decreases in the Company's revenues from residential and commercial customers in the City of Roby. A Statement of Intent has been filed with the City of Roby. If you desire to comment concerning this modification of rates, you may contact the City Secretary.

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Ask The Question.....

QUESTION: "How creditable is the statement I have read indicating that a dollar spent locally turns over 7 times in the local economy. That seems a little inflationary to me?

ANSWER: Question was first directed to the Texas Association of Businesses and Chambers of Commerce in Austin. They could not answer the question and refered us the the Texas Department of Commerce. Krista Sherwood of the TDC media relations/communications department said " I had to go to the Comptroller's office for an answer. According to Mickey Wright at 512/463-4000 Texas Comptroller's Office, that money, referred to as the multiplier, turns over 2.5 times in a large town and only 1.8 times in a small town, so you are very correct in your initial assumption that the seven times figure is very inflationary. *Kim Pease, Editor.*

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

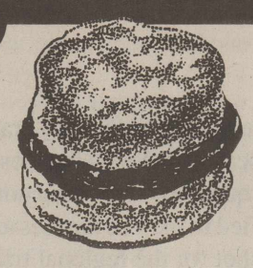
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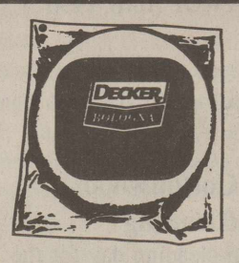
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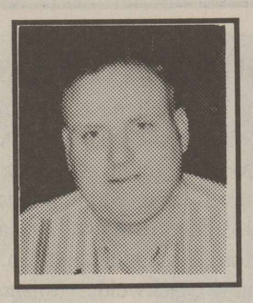
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The Pastor's Column



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

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings to closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Hebrews 12:1-2a.

How can we be part of that cloud of witnesses mentioned here and whose names are listed in Chapter 11. By remembering that others have run the race and won. The Christian life involves hard work. It requires us to give up whatever it is that endangers our relationship with God. Even though we may stumble, we are not alone, we are not the first to struggle with problems and we won't be the last.

God is with us and he has given us the power through the Holy Spirit to run the race patiently. Keep your eyes on Jesus and your final victory will be sweet. Praise God!

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APRIL 22-26, 1996

MONDAY: Ranch Style Beans/Meat, Vegetable Sticks, Salad, Cornbread, Cookies.
TUESDAY: Charbroiled Steak, Peas, Hot Rolls.
WEDNESDAY: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Fruit.
THURSDAY: Steak Fingers, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls.
FRIDAY: Hamburger/Cheese, Hamburger Salad, French Fries.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU
April 22-26, 1996

MONDAY: Steak Fingers, Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Hot Rolls, Milk.
TUESDAY: Stew, Cheese Roll, Salad, Peach Cobbler, Crackers, Milk.
WEDNESDAY: Burrito, French Fries, Salad, Peanut Butter Cookie, Bread, Milk.
THURSDAY: Tacos, Ranch Style Beans, Salad, Vanilla Pudding, Bread, Milk.
FRIDAY: Hamburger w/Cheese, French Fries, Burger Salad, Brownie, Milk.

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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 8th day of April, 1996 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. TROY F. GRUBEN; Cause #4518 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 7th day of May, 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 I: Being all those certain Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 40, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 35, and all of Block 34 of the Original Town of Royston, Texas, being 3.15 acres, more or less, out of the R. H. Hibbitt Survey, League No. 331, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 277, Page 426 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 8th day of April, 1996 as the property of TROY F. GRUBEN, Route 1, Box 44A, Sylvester, Texas 79560; to satisfy a judgment amounting to $857.29 with interest from the 19th day of January, 1996 at 10 percent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 8th day of April, 1996.

Gene Pack
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
By Kerrie Blair Deputy
33:3tc

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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 8th day of April, 1996 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. KYAN K. KIRBY; Cause # 4487 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 7th day of May, 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 .001736 Royalty Interest in the Claytonville Unit Tract No. 17, Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 780 out of Section 209, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 193, Page 517 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract III: Being all that certain .001736 Royalty Interest in the Claytonville Unit Tract No. 18, Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 790 out of Section 209, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 193, Page 517 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 8th day of April, 1996 as the property of KYAN K. KIRBY, P. O. Box 786, Colorado City, Texas 79512; to satisfy a judgment amounting to $129.23 with interest from the 19th day of January, 1996 at 10 percent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 8th day of April, 1996.

Gene Pack
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
By Kerrie Blair Deputy
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Rotan Will Vote On Expanded Toll Free Dialing By S/W Bell

If 70 percent of the residents of the Rotan telephone exchange vote "yes" to being in favor of Expanded Toll-Free Local Calling, Southwestern Bell will initiate the program whereby Rotan residential residential customers will be charged $3.50 and business $7.00 a month total to call Anson, Stamford, Snyder, Sweetwater and Abilene.

The vote is to take place on May 6th, when Southwestern Bell will mail ballots to all customers that will be returned to the Public Utility Commission.

Rotan Superintendent Wes Hays indicated that the savings to the school alone in one-year would be in the area of $,2500.

Any resident with questions can call 512/458-0256 or 512/458-0221 - the Texas Public Utility Commission Information Office. Locally, residents can contact Sherry Rodgers at 735-2241.

Rotan Hammers Place Third At District 7-2A Track Meet

The Rotan Yellowhammers Varsity Boiys placed third at the District 7-2A track meet scoring 87 points behind Stamford and hamlin.

The regional qualifiers were:

Jeremiah Morris in the shot put with a first place finihs of 46 feet 3 inches.

Jay Ben Alls, with two second place finishes, - in the long jump with a leap of 20 feet 6.5 inches and in the triple jump with a distance of 43 feet 11 inches.

Shon Fudge, second in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.55.

Other results of the meet:

Pole vault - Zack Burns, 3rd with a leap of 10 feet 6 inches.

Discus, Zach Morris, 5th - 117 feet 5 inches.

400 Meter Relay Team - 3rd with a time of 45.23. Team made up of L. Booth, C. Rogers, J. Sepeda, J. Carr.

100 Meter Dash - 4th place Joey Sepeda with time of 11.59.

300 Meter Hurdles - 4th place to Shon Fudge with a time of 43.88.

200 Meter Hrudles - 6th place to Chris Rogers with a time of 23.84.

1600 meter relay team finished 3rd with a time of 3:36.81. Team made up of J. Carr, J. Alls, P. Hull and S. Fudge.

Rotan Girls Finish Sixth At District Meet

The Rotan High School girls finished sixth in the District 7-2A track meet with a total of 14 points.

Haskell captured the district title with 149 points followed by Hawley, Stamford, Hamlin and Anson.

Laura Blackwelder finished 3rd in the long jump with a leap of 14 feet 3.25 inches.

Jennifer Rains was 6th in the triple jump with a leap of 31 feet 2.5 inches.

Andrea Miranda was 6th in the 200 meter dash with a time of 29.77;

The 400 meter relay team placed 6th with a time of 57.06. That team was made up of G. Lowe, A. Miranda, K. Robertson and S. Morrow.

The 800 meter relay team placed 5th with a time of 2.03.53. That team consisted of Jennifer Rains, Katy Cade, Brandy Murphree and Alura Blackwelder.

Team total were Haskell 149; Hawley 147; Stamford 121; Hamlin 83; Anson 75 and Rotan 14.

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Fisher County
Agricultural News

County Extension Agent
By Beth Dannheim

by Richard Spencer....

The freak Easter cold snap killed thousands of sheep and goats across West Central Texas. The sheep that died had just been sheared and left many orphan lambs. Spanish goats also died. This is very unusual because severe weather usually does not bother them.

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Cattle producers receive %5.70 return on each dollar invested in beef checkoff-funded programs, according to a study by University of Florida professor Dr. Ron Ward. The study measured the economic impact of checkoff-dollars on domestic consumer demand. Ward found that at the live-cat level, an additional $3.89 billion in revenue to producers has been generated since the checkoff expenditures began in the first quarter of 1987. The study indicated the revenue would not have existed without the checkoff.

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Acreage intentions this year for all U.S. cotton was set at 15.2 million, compared with 16.9 million acres last year. In 1994, only 13.7 million planted acres produced 19.66 million bales. Normal conditions for this year +s crop would produce an adequate 19 million bale crop. That would exceed the more optimistic usage of 18 million bales. Indications for the 1996 crop season point to a 10.5 to 11.0 million bale domestic use and exports around 6 million for a total usage of around 17 million bales. The resulting carryover would be a bearish 4 to 5 million bales. Future prices would likely fall to the low 70's and perhaps to the mid to high 60's under this scenario.

Higher U.S. prices during the last two seasons have greatly benefited from strong exports. China has been the key buyer. However, responding to favorable prices, foreign cotton supplies have increased sharply sine 1993. Also, sizable imports of cotton fiber are currently reported to be flowing into the U.S. The likelihood of a 3 million bale carryover from the 1995 crop took the edge away from a December +96 rally beyond 80 cents in March to encourage more cotton acreage. A serious weather threat in April or May, however, could still push December above the 80 cent level.

The biggest surprise in the March 29 plantings report was a sharp 900,000 acre reduction in Texas cotton acreage from the 6.4 million last year. Even though grain prices are attractive, moisture for planting grain in March was very poor. As a result, the States cotton acreage may be 200,000 to 300,000 acres more than intended in March.

Mississippi producers will cut cotton acreage 18 percent to 1.2 million because of favorable grain prices, good moisture and the financial risk in growing cotton. Georgia+s 1.38 million acres is the second largest following the 5.5 million in Texas. In summary, acreage from last year will be down 5.1 percent in the Southeast; 10.6 percent less in the Mid-South; 13.7 percent fewer in the Southwest; and 7.0 less in the West.

Depending upon weather conditions, relative crop prices, and the new farm program, acreage could be either side of 15.2 million by the June 28 acreage report.

While the federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 will give producers more freedom to plant and provide small fixed payments, it will subject crop farmers to severe market shocks. Price changes will respond quickly to supply changes. The result is roller coaster markets because supply changes faster than demand. Many producers lack the marketing skills and necessary added financing to effectively deal with these market risks. Thus, cotton producers face moving to larger production units and a group or pooling marketing infrastructure. Unfortunately, the less efficient and high cost operations will disappear. Higher average cotton prices than in the past will be the result. Many production costs must be recovered from market prices.

Textile mills will have to cope and compete internationally with higher cotton fiber costs. How large a U.S. cotton industry that survives depends on the foresight and management ability of mills to increase their efficiency and productivity. Mills will need to encourage U.S. growers to produce quality cotton that speeds up their productivity. The systematic reporting of producer prices for quality values paid by mills is a key to industry performance.

Producer marketing strategies remain to basically cover a reasonable part of your downside risks before mid-year. December futures around 80 cents per pound have much more downside risk than upside potential. Weather will be a major force in new crop prices until the acreage report is released on June 28.

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Fisher County Ag Column
By Richard Spencer

by Beth Dannheim
Edible Yucca Blossom

Did you know that the flowers and fleshy fruits of yuccas are edible. However, the leaves, roots, heart and trunk of the plants are not as they may contain toxic levels of a substance called saponin. The seeds should also be avoided.

In "A Practical Guide To Edible & Useful Plants" "You can eat the creamy-white flowers of yuccas raw or cooked." Use them in salads, or pickling or frying them, or sauteing them with tomatoes and onions.

Use only the white petals, as the green center of the flower tends to be bitter.

There are about a dozen varieties of native Texas yuccas that bear woody fruit; these would be inedible.

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Diabetes Checklist: Could I be Diabetic?

Diabetes is a chronic disorder affecting the body's ability to process sugar (carbohydrates). It is an autoimmune condition. The immune system turns against the body, destroying the cells in the pancreas that produce insulin, a hormone necessary for processing sugar. Your body uses insulin to turn the food you eat into energy and nourishment for your cells.

There are two types of diabetes, each with different forms of health care management. Type I (insulin-dependent) diabetes requires insulin to regulate the disease, while type II (non-insulin-dependent) is regulated through a healthy meal plan, exercise and, in some diabetics, oral medication.

Diabetes is a very serious disease-whether insulin is taken or not. Without warning, this disease can cause kidney failure, heart attack, a stroke or blindness.

Diabetics are more prone to eye disease, such as retinopathy, glaucoma and cataracts. Diabetic retinopathy is the most common form of diabetic eye disease. It is a leading cause of blindness among people age 20 to 74.

To prevent or detect a diabetic eye disease, the American Diabetes Association recommends an annual eye evaluation from the time of diagnosis in patients who are older than age 30, and after five years of being diagnosed with diabetes in patients age 12 to 30 years.

Research shows that diabetes can be managed through good health care. Keeping blood sugar levels close to normal decreases the likelihood of other serious health problems.

You can have no symptoms and still have high or low blood sugar. But if you suffer from several of the high/low blood sugar symptoms and are concerned about your symptoms, speak with your physician.

Warning signs of possible high or blood sugar:

* Increased urination
* Excessive thirst
* Weight loss or poor weight gain
* Blurred vision
* Fatigue
* Frequent infection
* Nausea and vomiting, abdominal cramping
* Rapid breathing
* Fruity odor to breath
* Loss of consciousness

If diagnosed with diabetes, you will need ongoing medical care. Your health care team will work with you in designing a diabetes management plan that best fits your lifestyle.

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Debbie and I wish to thank all the voters of Fisher County. The support and confidence you have shown in me is sincerely appreciated.

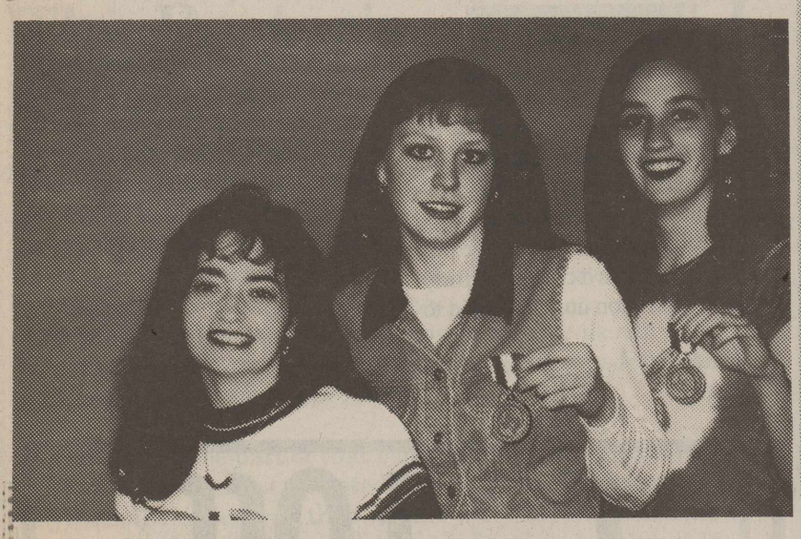
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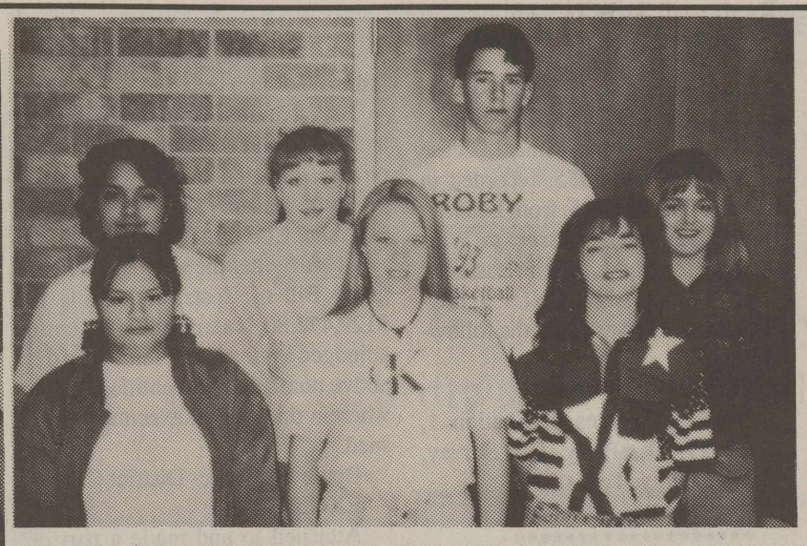
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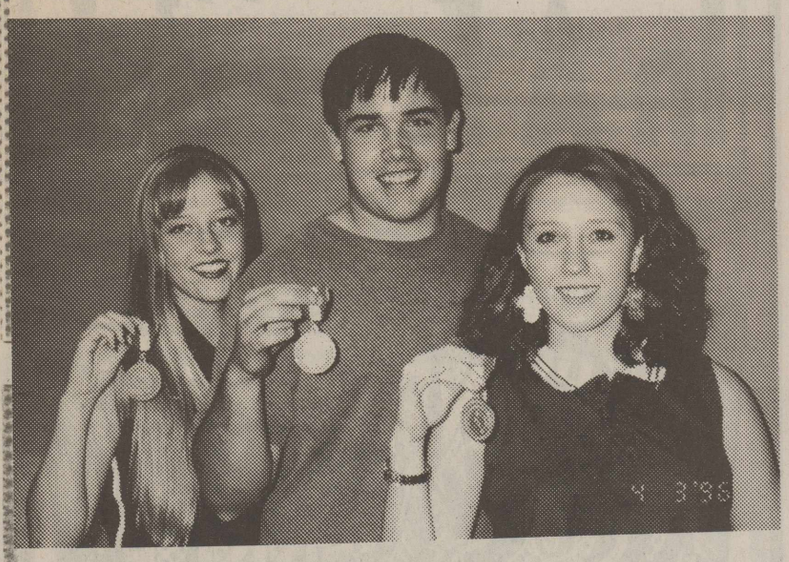
ROBY DISTRICT WINNERS: District winners in UIL - Literary Criticism Team - Finishing first in district. (L to R) Makala Herron, 1st place; Jaycee Carey, 6th place and Amanda Moore, 2nd place. The team was coached by Ron Smith.



ENGLISH CONTEST WINNERS: Roby studnets recently recognized (l to r - back row) Erika Ramirez, Jaycee Carey, Tye West and Latrice Moffett. Front row - Cathy Marquez, April Grannan, and Makala Herron.



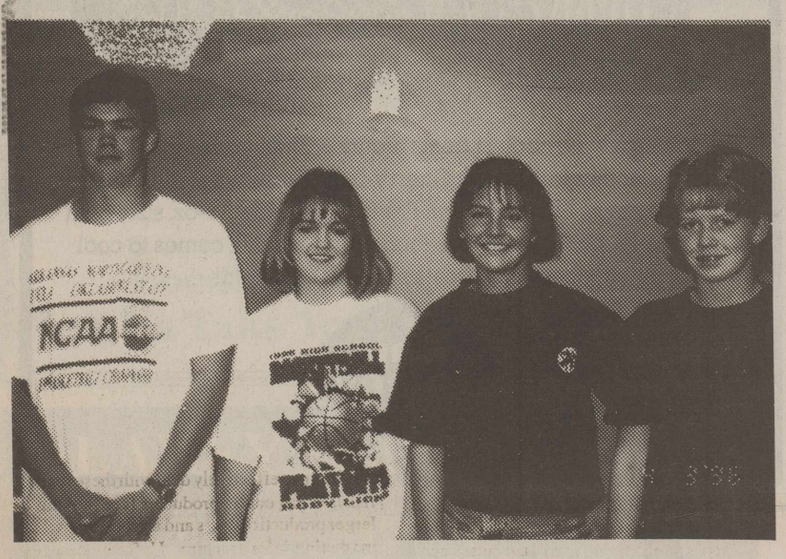
ENGLISH CONTEST WINNERS: Winners in the Big Country English Contest - where Roby won five of six first places - (l to r) Shella Graves, Misty Taylor, Wendy Harwell, Chasity Valenzuela and Amber Kelly. Not pictured - Sahala Hardin.



JOURNALISM CONTESTANTS: Winners in the district Journalism events at UIL competition - (L to R) Misty Taylor, first in headline writing; Billy Floyd, first in editorial writing and Wendy Harwell, first in feature writing and second in editirial writing. The team was coached by Ron Smith.



NAN ARNETTE HONORED: Nan Arnett was honored at a Retirement Party held in her honor for her dedicated service as the Rotan Public Librarian. She was presented with a plaque of appreciation for the years she served. Pictured l to r: Mary Rowland, Library Board President, Nan Arnett and Rotan Mayor, Jerry Marshall.



DISTRICT WINNERS FROM ROBY IN UIL: Winners in the UIL district contest - (Lto R) Chris Gloyd,m 5th in informative speaking; Latrice Moffett, 4th in number sense; Sarah Boyd, 4th in computer applications; Kim Hudnall, 4th in poetry and Jeremy Stidham, not pictured, 6th in computer applications. Coaches were Kay Graves, Beth Underwood and Michele Terry.

Rotan 7th And 8th Grade Boys Place At District Meet

The 8th grade boys placed 2nd while the 7th grade boys placed 3rd in the District 7-2A track meet.

7th grade results:

High jump- 6th- Rudy Flores

Triple jump- 1st- Jason Powell; 2nd- Craig Leach; 6th- D.J. Alvarado.

Long jump- 4th- Jason Powell

400 m relay- 3rd- Zack Yanez, Craig Leach, D.J. Alvarado, Rudy Flores.

800 m run- 4th- Roel Longoria; 6th- Bobby Bencoma.

110 hurdles- 1st- Jason Powell; 3rd- Stephen Smallwood

100 m dash- 2nd- Rudy Flores

400 m dash- 3rd- Zack Yanez; 5th- Craig Leach

300 hurdles- 3rd- Stephen Smallwood; 5th- D.J. Alvarado

200 m dash- 2nd- Jason Powell; 3rd- Roel Longoria

1600 m relay- 3rdd- Zack Yanez, Craig Leach, Jason Powell, Rudy Flores.

Team Totals: 1st- Anson- 141; 2nd- Stamford- 131; 3rd- Rotan- 107; 4th- Hamlin; 5th- Hawley; 6th- Haskell.

"Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon Set For April 20th

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has announced plans for the Rotan "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon to be held on April 20, 1996. Coordinator for this year's event is Jennifer James of Rotan who encourages all residents and businesses to support this community effort.

The event will be at the Rotan H.S. track field.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, founded in 1962 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, is the largest childhood cancer research center in America in terms of the number of patients treated and treatment success. Treatment is provided at no cost to the family and all findings are shared freely with doctors and hospitals all over the world. Thanks to St. Jude Hospital, children who have leukemia, Pediatric AIDS, sick-cell anemia, and other life-threatening diseases now have a better chance to live.

Ten-year-old Jason Ferguson of Richmond, VA represents all the patients who have received the benefits of St. Jude's research. Jason was diagnosed with melanoma skin cancer in February 1994. He underwent surgery and a series of chemotherapy treatments and is now cancer free. Jason feels well and loves to ride his bike. Thanks to everyone who supports events such as the "Wheels For Life", St. Jude Hospital will always be available for children like Jason.

Rotan Jr. High Girls Very Successful At District Meet

The Rotan Jr. High girls were very successful at the District Meet.

The 7th grade girls finished 3rd with 88 points and only 5 girls.

Triple jump- 2nd place- Haley Helms- 28' 2

3 1/2"; 3rd place- Ashley Garza- 26' 11 1/2"

Long jump- 2nd place- Ashley Garza- 13' 5"

1 1/2 mile run- 1st place- Sabra Hargrove- 11:20.14

800 m dash- 2nd place- Monica Reyes- 3:12.5

100 m hurdles- 1st place- Ashley Garza- 18.04; 2nd place- Heley Helms- 18.31

100 m dash- 4th place- Ashley Garza- 14.2

300 m hurdles- 1st place- Ashley Garza- 57.9

200 m dash- 2nd place- Haley Helms- 29.8; 5th place- Laticia Flores- 32.5

1600 m run- 3rd place- Sabra Hargrove- 7:26.78.

The 8th grade girls earn 132 points to finish 2nd by 18 points.

High jump- 2nd place- Crystal Early- 4'6"' 4th place- Jennifer Fowler- 4'2"

Triple jump- 3rd place- Jennifer Fowler- 29'2 1/2"

Long jump- 1st place- Crystal Early- 16'

1 1/2 mile run- 2nd place- Mindy Gaspar- 12:04.00; 3rd place- Andrea Romo- 12:05.00

400 relay- 6th place- Tara Nowlin, Dayme Mullins, Andrea Romo, Mindy Gaspar- 1:02.67

800 m dash- 4th place- Belia Rodriguez- 3:11.4; 6th place- Yanet Frausto- 4:20.05

100 hurdles- 1st place- Crystal Early- 17.2; 2nd place- Jennifer Fowler- 18.05; 5th place- Dayme Mullins- 19.2

800 relay- 3rd place- Jennifer Fowler, Nicki Rowland, Lacy Callan, Crystal Early- 2:03.9

400 m dash- 3rd place- Tara Nowlin- 1:16; 4th place- Belia Rodriguez- 1:22

300 hurdles- 1st place- Jennifer Fowler- 53.86; 5th place- Dayme Mullins- 1:04.09; 6th place- Nicki Rowland- 1:06.19

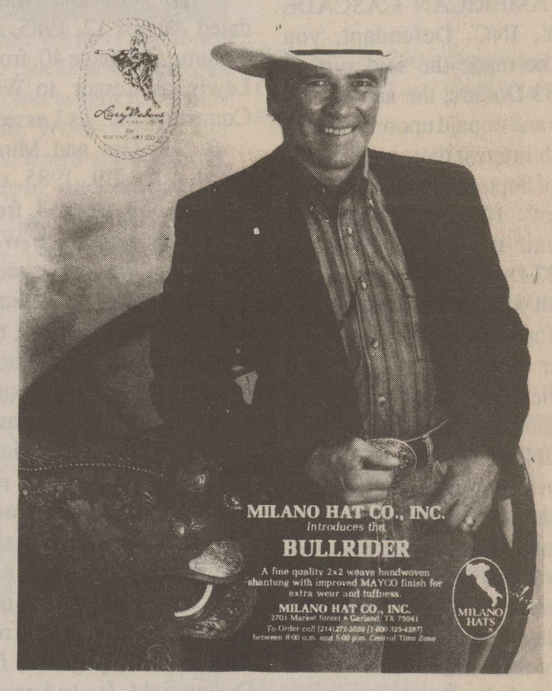
200 m dash- 1st place- Crystal Early- 27.19

1600 m run- 3rd place- Mindy Gaspar- 7:03.49; 4th place- Andrea Romo- 7:28.5

1600 m relay- 4th place- Tara Nowlin, Nicki Rowland, Belia Rodriguez, Lacy Callan- 5:28.06.

All the girls competed very well, especially for such a miserable day. Most everyone improved their times and all the coaches were very proud of their attitude and hard work.

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Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Any County of the State of Texas, Greetings:

WHEREAS, at the June Term of the Honorable District Court of Fisher County, Texas, on the 14th day of September, 1995, in a certain cause styled T.J. HARVEY, ET AL Plaintiff, vs. AMERICAN CASCADE ENERGY, INC. Defendant, and numbered #5339, on the Civil Docket of said Court, Plaintiff, recovered a Judgment against AMERICAN CASCADE ENERGY, INC. Defendant, for $24,547.33 DOLLARS, with interest thereon from the 14th day of September 1996 at the rate of 10% per cent per annum, and all cost of suit as of record is manifest.

Now, THEREFORE, you are hereby commanded that of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the said AMERICAN CASCADE ENERGY, INC. Defendant, you cause to be made the said sum of $24,547.33 Dollars, the amount actually due and unpaid upon said judgment, with interest thereon from the 14th day of September A.D., 1995, at the rate of 10% per centum per annum and the further sum of $24,547.33 Dollars, costs of suit together with your legal fees, and commissions for collecting the same, and the officer executing this writ shall execute the same according to law and the mandates hereof.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, and have you this writ showing how you have executed the same, together with said moneys collected as herein directed, before the above Court at the Courthouse thereof in Roby, Texas (1) with 90 days from the date of the issuance of this writ.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in Roby, Texas on this 9th day of April A.D. 1996.

Bettie Hargrove

Fisher County, Texas

I certify that the above and foregoing Bill of Costs, amounting to $24,547.33, is a true bill of the costs cause, wherein this writ of execution is issued.

Bettie Hargrove, District Clerk

EXHIBIT "B"

adjudged against the defendant....in the above numbered and entitled

FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS

SUBJECT LEASES

1. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated September 13, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 38, from Horace C. Coleman, Jr., at Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc. as Lessee.

2. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 9, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 58, from Jerry M. Pruitt, as Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc. as Lessee.

3. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated September 10, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 56, from Kitty Z. McCracken, as Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc. as Lessee.

4. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated October 8, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 50, from Gail F. Moulton, Jr., at Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc. as Lessee.

5. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 12, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 40, from Mona E. Lewis, as Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc., as Lessee.

6. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 9, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 54, from Charles A. Spears, Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc., as Lessee.

7. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 26, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 52, from John D. Montgomery, as Lessor, to Weis Energy Company,Inc., as Lessee.

8. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 5, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 48, from Florence Selberg Christman, as Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc., as Lessee.

9. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 9, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 42, from H. S. Drumwright, Jr., as Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc., as Lessee.

10. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated October 8, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 44, from Willis R. Moulton, and Carolyn M. Harris, Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc., as Lessee.

11. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 9, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 46, from Charles L. Cain, Trustee of Southwest Employees Incentive Plan of Grayson County State Bank, as Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc. as Lessee.

12. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 7, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 35, from Lena W. Hatcher, et al., as Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc., as Lessee.

INSOFAR AND ONLY INSOFAR as said leases cover the following lands

SUBJECT LAND

South 317 acres of Section 1, Block 19, T &P Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Any County of the State of Texas, Greetings:

WHEREAS, at the July Term of the Honorable District Court of Midland County, Texas, on the 7th day of November, 1988, in a certain cause styled COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK/MIDLAND Plaintiff, vs. PDS DEVELOPMENT, INC. Defendant, and numbered B-36,639, on the Civil Docket of said Court, Plaintiff, recovered a Judgment against PDS Development, INC. Defendant, for $129,472.80 plus $10,000 Attorney Fee, with interest thereon from the 7th day of November, 1988 at the rate of 18% per cent per annum, and all cost of suit as of record is manifest.

Now, THEREFORE, you are hereby commanded that of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the said PDS DEVELOPMENT, INC. Defendant, you cause to be made the said sum of $129,472.80 Dollars, the amount actually due and unpaid upon said judgment, with interest thereon from the 7th day of November A.D., 1988, at the rate of 18% per centum per annum and the further sum of $129,472.80 Dollars, costs of suit together with your legal fees, and commissions for collecting the same, and the officer executing this writ shall execute the same according to law and the mandates hereof.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, and have you this writ showing how you have executed the same, together with said moneys collected as herein directed, before the above Court at the Courthouse thereof in Roby, Texas, (1) with 90 days from the date of the issuance of this writ.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in Roby, Texas, on this 9th day of April A.D. 1996.

Bettie Hargrove

Fisher County, Texas

I certify that the above and foregoing Bill of Costs, amounting to $129,472.80, is a true bill of the costs adjudged against the defendant in the above numbered and entitled cause, wherein this writ of execution is issued.

Bettie Hargrove- District Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Deed of Trust, Mortgage, Security Agreement and Assignment executed by PDS Development, Inc., as Mortgagor, and Community National Bank, Midland, Texas, as Secured Party, covering oil and gas properties in Fisher County, Texas.

All PDS Development, Inc.'s undivided interest acquired from K&S Land Company, Inc. by the following Assignments, covering oil, gas and mineral interests in Fisher County, Texas, to-wit:

1. Assignment executed by K&S Land Company, Inc. conveying an undivided one-third (1/3rd) of its interest in those Oil, Gas and Mineral Leases, described in page two (2) of this Exhibit "A", insofar and only as they cover the forty (40) acre proration unit dedicated to Number 1 J. P. Maberry "58" well, James and Leggett Subdivision of the A. J. Long Pasture, League 323, Bastrop County School Lands, Fisher County, Texas, to PDS Development, Inc., dated June 1, 1983, recorded at Volume 504, Page 767, Deed Records, Fisher County, Texas.

2. Assignment executed by K&S Land Company, Inc. conveying an undivided one-third 1/3rd) of its interest in those Oil, Gas and Mineral Leases, described in page two (2) of this Exhibit "A", insofar and only as they cover the forty (40) acre proration unit dedicated to Number 2 J. P. Maberry "58" well, James and Leggett Subdivision of the A. J. Long Pasture, League 323, Bastrop County School Lands, Fisher County, Texas, to PDS Development, Inc., dated May 31, 1983, recorded at Volume 504, Page 773, Deed Records, Fisher County, Texas.

4. Assignment executed by K&S Land Company, Inc. conveying an undivided two-thirds (2/3rds) of its interest in that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated December 3, 1982, recorded at Volume 500, Page 735, Deed Records, Fisher County, Texas, insofar and only as it covers the forty (40) acre proration unit dedicated to the Turner #1 well, James and Leggett Subdivision of the A. J. Long Pasture, League 323, Bastrop County School Lands, Fisher County, Texas, to PDS Development , Inc., dated June 1, 1983, recorded at Volume 504, Page 783, Deed Records, Fisher County, Texas.

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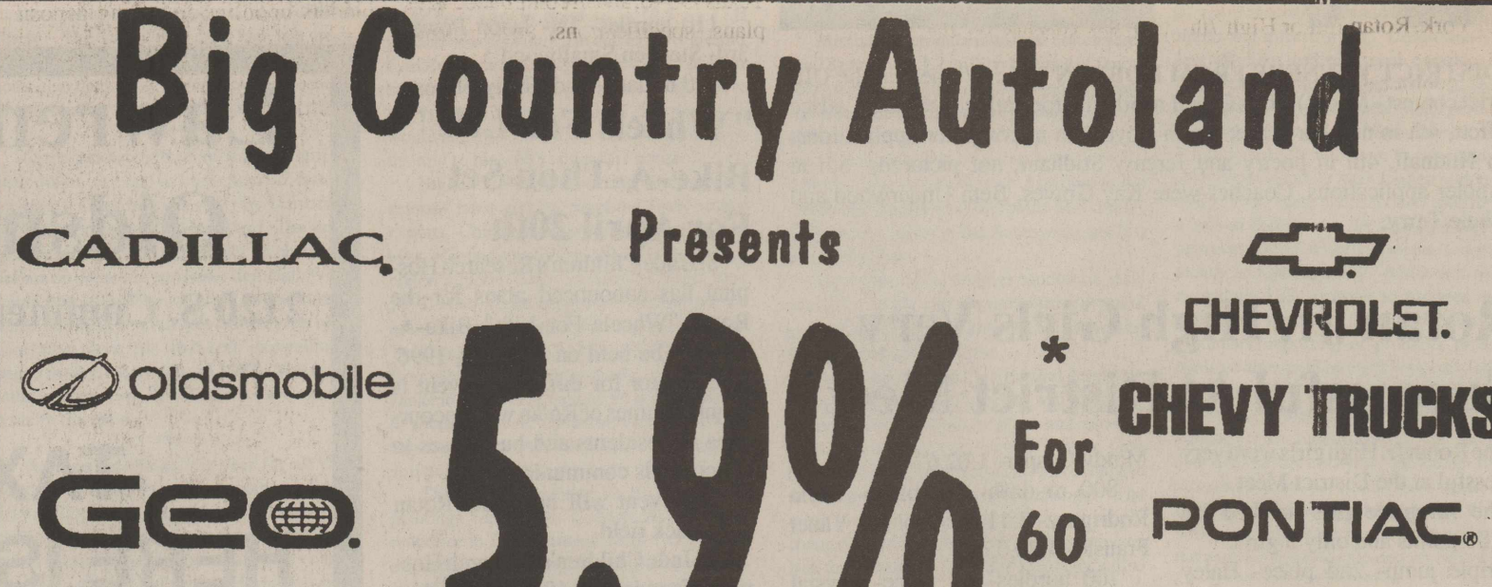
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OBITUARIES

Alex Noles

Mr. Alex Noles, 79, of Rotan died Thursday (April 11, 1996) at Rotan Healthcare Center. Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Saturday (April 13, 1996) at First Baptist Church with Rev. Dee Threatt. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery of Rotan under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Noles was born April 30, 1916 in the Sardis Community of Fisher County. His parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Noles were early day settlers to Rotan. Mr. Noles had lived in the county all of his life. He married Lois Baker, December 7, 1935 at Rotan. He was a farmer and rancher and was a member of First Baptist Church where he was a member of Adult IV Men's Sunday School Class. At Sardis Baptist Church he had served as leader of the Royal Ambassadors. He was also a member of the Fisher County Singers.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Noles of Rotan; a daughter, D. L. Goodwin, and her husband Arnie, of Rotan; a brother, George Noles of Marble Falls; three sisters, Vada Edwards of Corpus Christi, Gladys Riggs of Lubbock, and Vallie Frandolig of Rockport; 2 grandsons, James Goodwin and wife, Brenda, of Rotan and Todd Goodwin and wife Ellen of Santa Anna; five great grandchildren, Rusty and Kaleb Goodwin of Rotan and Stuart, Claire and Amy Goodwin of Santa Anna.

Bernard Rodgers

Bernard Rodgers, 84, of Rotan, died Thursday morning in the Rotan Nursing Center. Services were at 2 p.m., Friday in Weathersbee Chapel with Rev. Larry Holder officiating. Burial was in the Rotan Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home. Mr. Rodgers was born July 16, 1911 in Gorman, Texas and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rodgers. He married Lois Embry in 1942 in Oklahoma and moved to Texas that same year. Mr. Rodgers worked for National Gypsum Company for 36 years before retiring in 1978. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include: His wife- Lois (Embry) Rodgers, Rotan; 1 son- Randy Rodgers, Rotan; 1 daughter- Sandra Pugh, Marlow, Oklahoma; 1 brother- Erbie Rodgers, Rotan; 1 sister- Add Thompson, Oklahoma City, OK; 3 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Vadena Carol Rodgers, in 1960; and by 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

Pallbearers were: John Lawliss, Billy Tidwell, Jack Price, Rodney Tankersley, Nathan Kelley, Billy Henderson.

Mrs. Maude Ratliff Smith

Mrs. Maude Ratliff Smith, 90, lifelong resident of Kent County, died early Saturday morning (April 13, 1996) at Kent County Nursing Home in Jayton. Graveside funeral services were at 2 p.m., Monday, (April 15, 1996) at the Clairemont Cemetery with Rev. H. T. Stanaland, pastor of the Jayton Assembly of God, officiating. Arrangements were by Weathersbee Funeral Home of Rotan.

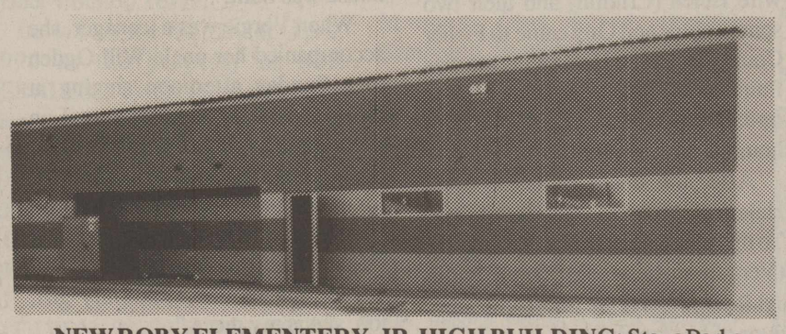
Mrs. Smith was born March 9, 1906 at Clairemont to early day settlers, Rube and Mattie Tatum. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church. She was the widow of Chester D. Ratliff and is also preceded in death by two sons, C.D. and Joe.

She is survived by two sons, Willis Ratliff of Snyder and James Ratliff of Rotan; three daughters, Georgia Storie of Lake Texoma, Myrtle Lois Bohanan of Stanton and Betty Fuchs of Houston; a sister, May Bean of Marble Falls and 13 grandchildren.

Roby Board Meets With Steve Parks Of CADCO, Construction For Building To Be Completed In July

The Roby School Board met in regular session on April 9th hearing from Steve Parks representing CADCO who is presently constructing the new Elementery Building. Parks stated that currently the building is 70% to 75% completed, is on schedule and the current target day for total completions is the first week in July, 1996, barring any complications.

Demolition of the old existing elementery building was discussed and bids will be taken in late May in order for the demolition to begin to take place in early June 1996. George Price, Superintendent, pointed out that it is projected that the land scaping and finishing up of the play grounds and play area will take at least two years to complete after the old building is removed.



NEW ROBY ELEMENTERY, JR. HIGH BUILDING: Steve Parks, from CADCO, the firm who is presently constructing the new building, stated to the board members that the new building is 70% to 75% complete and work is expected to be finished around the first week in July 1996.

Ronnie Autry, representing the Cox Agency met with the board on group health insurance for school personnel. After much discussion the board voted to go up to $75.00 per employee per month, raising the amount from the former $60.00 that was being paid.

The board also reviewed the cancellation of the school trustee election on May 4, 1996 due to no opposition. Steve Terry incumbent, unopposed for three year term, Robert Terry incumbent unopposed for three year term and Manuel Valdez unopposed for two year term.

In other business the board also approved the sale of a bus.

Elementery Principal, Bill Fowler reported enrollment being steady, TAAS testing and Early Childhood testing.

Gary Daniel, High School Principal, gave reports on UIL events, and stated that English students in Mr. Smith's class competed in the Big Country English Competition contest winning 5 out of 6 first places.

George Price, Superintendent, briefed the board on board training, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Rotan JV Boys Win District 7-2A Track Meet

The Rotan Yellowhammer junior varsity boys won the district 7-2A track meet by accumulating 150 points. Others scoring were Hamlin 100 - 2nd; Stamford 69 - 3rd; Anson 679 - 4th and Hawley 53 - 5th.

The full results and individual scoring is as follows.

High Jump - Jason Hargrove - 1st - 5feet 10 inches.

Shot Put - James Flores - 3rd - 37 feet 4.5 inches. C.W. Robertson - 4th with 34.9 inches.

Long Jump - Jason Hargrove - 1st with 17 feet 10.75 inches. Cory King , 3rd with 16. feet 5.75 inches.

Discus - C.W. Roberson - 2nd with 97 feet 5 inches.

Triple Jump - Stoney Carrillo - 2nd with 38 feet 2 inches.

400 Meter relay team, 2nd with 48.0 feet. J. Hargrove, C. King, J. Baker and G. Duke.

800 Meters - Robert Briggs, 5th in 2:31 and Mike Almanza 6th in 2:34.

100 meter dash - Jason Hargrove 2nd in 11.8 and Corey King, 5th in 11.92.

400 meter dash - Stoney Carrillo, 1st in 55.0 and Brandon Carreon, 6th in 59.4.

300 hurdles - Jason Hargrove, 1st in 46.6

200 meter dash - Guy Duke, 1st in 24.65; Stoney Carrillo 2nd in 25.24 and Mike Almanza 5th in 26.66.

1600 meter run - Robert Briggs, 5.59.9

1600 meter relay, 1st with a time of 3:49.53. Team made up of Corey King, Brandon Carreon, Guy Duke and Stoney Carillo.

Team totals: 1st - Rotan with 150 points; 2nd Hamlin 100 points; 3rd - Stamford 69 popints, 4th Asnon 69 points and 5th Hawley 53 points.

Legal Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

1. Sealed proposals will be received by Dr. Vick Burk, President, Board of Trustees, in care of Mr. Wes Hays, Superintendent of Schools, Rotan Independent School District, Rotan, Texas, and shall be received until 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, 1996 in the Cafeteria of the Rotan Independent School District, Rotan, Texas at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment and performing all work required for School Facility Additions and Renovations for Project "A"- Junior High School and Project "B"- Band Hall for Rotan Independent School District, 102 North McKinley Avenue, Rotan, Texas 79546, and in compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents as prepared by Huckabee & Associates, Inc., 204 River North Blvd., P.O. Drawer 611, Stephenville, Texas 76401.

2. A Lump sum proposal will be received for general construction, which includes plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical work.

3. A Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or acceptable Bidder's Bond payable to the Rotan Independent School District, Rotan, Texas in the amount of not less than 5% of the largest possible total for the bid submitted must accompany each bid.

4. The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the Rotan Independent School District, Rotan, Texas and to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond of approved form through an approved bonding company duly authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and currently listed in the Department of Treasury Federal Register, in the amount of not less than 100% of the contract price, conditioned upon the performance of the contract.

5. Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must comply with all Federal, State, and Local labor laws, including Article 5159a, Vernon's Annotated Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and comply with the prevailing wage rates bound in the Specifications.

6. The bidder acknowledges the right of the Owner to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid received. In addition, the bidder recognizes the right of the Owner to reject a bid if the bidder failed to furnish any required bid security or to submit the data required by the bidding documents, or if the bid is in anyway incomplete or irregular.

7. Plans and Specifications may be examined without charge in the Architect's office, and may be procured from the Architect by prime bidders upon the following deposit schedule:

COMPLETE SET OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS....$200.00 PER SET.

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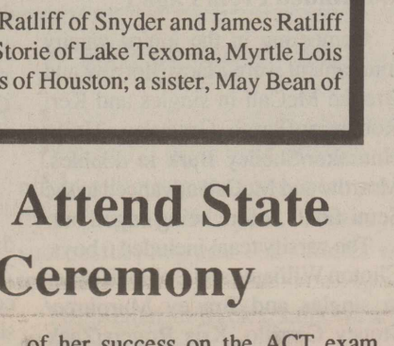
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Jodi York To Attend State Recognition Ceremony

Jodi York, Rotan Junior High 7th grader, has been invited to attend a State Recognition Ceremony because of her success on the ACT exam. Jodi was chosen as a Duke Scholar and asked to take the ACT in February due to her academic abilities. Being invited to the State ceremony is a great honor. It will be held at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth on May 29th. Jodi is the daughter of Brenda York.



Jodi York

Roby Jr. High Cubs Track Champs

The Roby Jr. High 7th grade Cubs won the District Track Championship. The results are as follows:

Discus- Efrain Espinoza- 4th

Long jump- Salvador Hernandez- 1st; Jeremy Griffith- 2nd

High jump- Lance Moore- 1st; Curt Douglass- 3rd.

Triple Jump- Salvador Hernandez- 1st; Lance Moore- 3rd.

Shot Put- Efrain Espinoza- 2nd; Jason L ands- 6th

400 Relay- 1st- Hernandez, Griffith, Curt Douglass, Brent Douglass

800 run- Michael Kirkland- 2nd; B.J. McKay- 6th

110 Hurdles- Lance Moore- 2nd; Brent Douglass- 5th

100 Dash- Salvador Hernandez- 1st; Lance Moore- 2nd.

400 Run- Salvador Hernandez- 1st; Jeremy Griffith- 2nd; Michael Kirkland- 3rd.

300 Hurdles- Lance Moore- 2nd.

1600 Run- Marcus Diaz- 6th

3200 Run- Marcus Diaz- 2nd

1600 Relay- 1st- C. Douglass; B. Douglass; Hernandez; Griffith

Also competing: Jason Stamm, Juan Leyva, Paul Egly, Justin Smith

Team Totals:

1.- Roby- 185
2. Robert Lee- 111
3. Bronte- 106
4. Sterling City- 57
5. Roscoe- 50
6. Water Valley- 13

Guy And Larene Mauldin Celebrate 65th Anniversary

The four sons of Guy and Larene Mauldin, hosted their 65th wedding anniversary on April 6th at Roby Annex building. The sons and wives are: Guy Alton and Thelma from Richmond, Texas; Kenneth and Beverly from Sonora, Tx.; Truman and Zelma from Sylvester; Terry and Judye from Roby. There were 8 of the 10 grandchildren and their spouses present and also 8 great grandchildren. The sons and their wives cooked and served the meal.

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Public Notice

The **Rotan** exchange has petitioned for Expanded Toll-Free Local Calling to the **Abilene, Anson, Snyder, Stamford** and **Sweetwater** exchanges. Expanded Toll-Free Local Calling will allow customers in the **Rotan** exchange to call and be called (no toll charges) by customers in the requested exchange(s).

On or before **May 6, 1996,** Southwestern Bell Telephone Company will mail ballots to all customers in the **Rotan** exchange. After marking the ballot, customers should sign their name and return the ballot to the Public Utility Commission of Texas. A stamped self addressed envelope will be provided with the ballot.

If approved, all subscribers in the **Rotan** exchange will be charged an additional monthly per line charge up to $3.50 for residence and $7.00 for business, for five or fewer exchanges (*not* $3.50 or $7.00 for each of the first five exchanges). In addition, a monthly fee of $1.50 for each exchange beyond five exchanges applies. This charge is in addition to your local exchange service rates, and will apply until Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's next general rate case, at which time all service rates are subject to change. *Note:* Exchanges that already have 5 or more added exchanges from previous ELC petition(s) will pay $1.50 per month for each new exchange approved.

Expanded Toll-Free Local Calling will be granted to each exchange with a "Yes" vote from 70% of the people who actually return their ballots. Exchanges that fail to receive a 70% "Yes" vote will not be added to the local calling scope. If all exchanges fail to meet the requirements of the ballot, service will not change and customers will not be billed an additional monthly fee.

The ballot will indicate which, if any, exchanges are in a different Local Access and Transport Area (LATA). These exchanges will require a federal waiver, which may or may not be granted.

The Public Utility Commission has assigned this matter **Project Number 15476.** Interested persons should direct any comments that they may have about the petition to the Public Utility Commission, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or they may call the Public Utility Commission Information Office at 512-458-0256 or 512-458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.

Aviso Público

La central telefónica de **Rotan** ha solicitado el servicio de Expansión de Llamadas Locales a las centrales de **Abilene, Anson, Snyder, Stamford** y **Sweetwater.** La Expansión de Llamadas Locales permitirá a los clientes de **Rotan** hacer y recibir llamadas de los clientes de las centrales pedidas como si fueran llamadas locales (sin cargos de larga distancia).

La compañía Southwestern Bell Telephone enviará boletas de votación a todos los clientes de la central de **Rotan** antes del **6 de mayo.** Depués de llenar la boleta, los clientes deben firmarla y regresarla a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas). Con la boleta se incluirá un sobre con estampilla y dirección de retorno.

Si la petición es aprobada, a todos los suscriptores de la central de **Rotan** se les hará un cargo mensual adicional de $3.50 por línea residencial y $7.00 por línea comercial, por cinco centrales o menos (*no* $3.50 ó $7.00 por cada una de las primeras cinco centrales). Se aplicará una cuota mensual adicional de $1.50 por cada central después de las primeras cinco. Este cargo es adicional a los cargos por su servicio telefónico básico, y será aplicado hasta el siguiente cambio general de tarifa de la compañía Southwestern Bell Telephone. En tal fecha, todas las tarifas de servicio están sujetas a cambio. *Nota:* Centrales que ya cuentan con 5 centrales o más, debido a peticiones anteriores pagarán $1.50 mensual por cada nueva central aprobada.

El Servicio de Expansión de Llamadas Locales será otorgado si el voto "Sí" de cada área es más del 70% de las personas que envíen su voto. Las centrales telefónicas que fallen el voto no serán agregadas a su área de llamadas locales. Si ninguna de las centrales cumple con los requisitos de la votación, el servicio no cambiará y los clientes no recibirán cobros mensuales adicionales.

La boleta indicará cuales centrales, si existen, están en un Acceso Local y Area de Transporte (LATA) diferente. Estos cambios requieren suspensión federal, la cual puede o no ser otorgada.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas ha asignado a este asunto el **número de proyecto 15476.** Las personas interesadas deben dirigir sus comentarios sobre la petición a: Public Utility Commission, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, o pueden llamar a la Oficina de Información de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos al 512-458-0256 ó 512-458-0221, teletipo para personas con impedimentos auditivos.

Tom Ramby, Indian Fighter, Was First Of Ramby's To Move West Due To Farm Land

by Ruby Wild.....

Much of our American Heritage has been preserved. Many traditions have passed down from generation to generation. A wealth of historical artifacts, relics and mementoes of past civilizations, cultures and eras have been amassed by collectors and preserved for our enjoyment.

Generally, we think of heritage existing and being passed from one generation to another in a family, such as wealth, jewelry, heirlooms, estates or land. In Vergie Ramby Weems' family it is land.

Vergie, now residing in the Rotan Nursing Center, has a treasured plaque hanging on a wall in her room. It is an award presented to her by Ag. Commissioner, Rick Perry, in 1994 honoring Vergie on the twentieth anniversary of Texas Land Heritage. An award given to a family's continuous ownership of the same land for one hundred years or more . It was the second such award given by the state. The Hassell family having previously been awarded in 1987. Accompanying Vergie to Austin to accept the award were several of her family. Three of them were a son, Virgil Weems, a daughter Lily (Mrs. Rex Rollins) of Azle and a grandson Don Weems of Crosbyton.

Vergie's ancestors, the Rambean Family migrated from France to Louisiana, and later came to Marquet, Texas. Moving farther west, they had their name changed to Ramby.

Tom Ramby, an Indian fighter, was the first member of the Ramby family to arrive in Fisher County. He returned to Marquet and told his brother C.E. (Charles Ed) about great farm land in Fisher County. C.E., his wife Helen (Crumm) and their two sons, Taylor and Guy came to Fisher County in 1888. Ramby Farms was founded in 1890. C. E. built a home on the site where Dr. Maurice Callan's home is now located.



Vergie Weems

After the death of C.E.'s wife Helen, he married Maggie Ogden. To this union were born one daughter (Vergie) and three sons (Tom, Charlie and Roland). Vergie is the only survivor of her family.

Vergie was born December 18, 1897. The first school which her brothers and she attended was White Flat near what is known now as the Dowell Community. Her father donated the land on which the schoolhouse was built.



Virgie As Baby

When Vergie was a teenager, she accompanied her uncle Will Ogden to a Sunday afternoon singing at Pleasant Valley. A young man, Lon Weems (a student in Draughn's Business College in Abilene) was present for the singing. Vergie said that Lon came up to her uncle and remarked, "You are with my girl." To which Uncle Will replied, "she's my girl, too, she is my niece."

Love at first sight marked the beginning of a brief courtship. Lon and Vergie were married August 20, 1916. A marriage of love and commitment which lasted seventy-two years until Lon's death at ninety-six years of age.

Lon and Vergie later purchased Ramby Farms from her father, combining it with land which they already owned. They renamed it Ramby-Weems Ranch, and built their home one mile north of Rotan. The house is occupied by a grandson Ruple and is partially visible from the north city limits. They reared their six children Clayton, Oma Lois, L. D., Virgil, Lily and Bernard in that home. All the children attended school in Rotan and the four boys played football for Rotan Yellowhammers. Lon and Vergie never missed a game, even after their children were out of school (as long as they were physically able to go. Vergie was Rotan's homecoming queen one year, and she still attends Homecoming when she has someone to take her.

Although, Vergie is dependent upon someone for transportation, at ninety-eight years of age, this remarkable, lovable lady is always ready to go to church services (she has been a member of the Church of Christ since she was fourteen years old) or any special occasion. Today, April 13, Virgil and Annie have escorted her to Abilene to witness the induction of Bernard into McMurry Sports Hall of Honor.

Lon and Vergie were away from Rotan, during a one year period of drought. Lon (a lover of horses) worked on a ranch in Arizona. Clayton, their oldest child, was one year old at the time.

Vergie vividly remembers the four wars which have transpired during her lifetime. Early in their marriage, Lon had enlisted in World War I, but because of an injury he was never called to service. Clayton, however, was overseas during World War II, and for a long period of time they did not hear from him. L.D. and Virgil both served in the Korean War. Vergie said that those were the times when her strong faith in God and prayer were all that sustained her. Her family has always been her "pride and joy."

Clayton (now deceased) married Helen Dooley. She still resides in Crosbyton, Oma Lois (deceased) married Doss Lee (deceased), L.D. and Bobbie (Rup) live in California. Virgil and Annie (Morrow) have their home in Rotan, but they are houseparents for girls at Harmony in Abilene, Lily and her husband, Rex Rollins reside in Azle (Lily just recently retired after twenty years with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company) and Bernard and Patsy (Kiker) live in Snyder where Bernard taught for many years in the schools, but is now working in transportation. Vergie has fourteen grandchildren, twenty-four great grandchildren and five great, great grandchildren. Vergie has a wonderful family, and with the land heritage she will bequeath a good name.

The very wealthy and very wise King Soloman of Israel declared "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold." (Proverbs 22:1 KJV.)

Bernard (Boxie) Weems was inducted into McMurry Hall of Honor in Abilene April 13, 1996.

Excerpt from Program: Bernard (Boxie) Weems came to McMurry from Rotan in 1950. He was named to all Texas Conference team in his junior and senior years. He won recognition for most unassisted tackles in a season as a junior and was runner-up for that award in his senior year. His 1953 team was co-champion of Texas Conference. He was listed as an honorable mention All American and served as team captain in his senior year.

Roby Elem. In Jump Rope For Heart

On Thursday, April 4, Roby Elementary participated in a Jump Rope for Heart event. All students in grades Kindergarten through the sixth grade jumped rope during their Physical Education class time.

Thirty-seven of these students choose to collect donations for the American Heart Association. These thirty-seven students collected $930. All money went directly to the Abilene office of the American Heart Association.

The students that collected money were:

Justin Dodson, Kody King, Erica Melena, Lainey Miller, Tyler Polk, Belen Sepeda, Kevin Fowler, Sarah Jeter, Timothy Miranda, Will Martin, Stetson Rasberry, Zane Graves, Megan Hawkins, Kasey King, Brittany Lakey, Dakota Rasberry, J.R. Valenzuela, Ashley Willis, Ricia Gordon, Jessica Knox, Adree Anne Lakey, Jance Morris, Chrissie Waldon, Tammy Williams, Candace Flach, Jeb Harwell, Ashley Hernandez, Lance Miller, Wesley Terry, Kira Diaz, Kristyn Evans, Jake Foil, Nikki Mays, Lyndi Stuart, Toby Terry, Stephanie Carriker, and Bryan Kenyon. Myra King coordinated the event. It was appreciated to everyone who donated money to such a worthy cause.

Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY

The Rotan Independent School District is taking sealed bids on the following properties owned by the District. Sealed bids should be received in the Superintendent's Office of the Rotan Independent School District by 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, 1996. The board of trustees shall take formal action at their next regular scheduled meeting. The property shall be bid separately as listed, by item number. The bid should be placed in a sealed envelope with the name, address and telephone number of the bidder, and the amount bid for each property as listed. The outside of the envelope should be clearly marked with the item number, block number, and lot number (s) and descriptions, as they appear below. The Rotan Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject all bids and to act in the best interest of the school district.

Item #1, Block 55, Lot 9, Rotan OT

Item #1, Block 55, Lot 10, Rotan OT

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Rotan 8th Gr. Boys Second At District

The Rotan 8th grade boys results were as follows:

400 m relay- 5th- Baldemar Frausto, Ryan Posey, Jacob Price, Garreth Pipes.

800 m - 4th- Keith Messick; 5th- Garreth Pipes.

110 Hurdles- 3rd- Dustin Hargrove; 4th- Ryan Posey.

100 dash- 2nd- Cedric Brown; 5th- Baldemar Frausto.

400 m dash- 3rd- Keith Messick; 6th- Raul Martinez.

300 Hurdles- 1st- Dustin Hargrove; 4th- Clay Cade.

200 m dash- 2nd- Cedric Brown; 4th- Baldemar Frausto.

1600 m run- 6th- Byron Kennedy; 1600 m relay- 4th- Keith Messick, Clay Cade, Dustin Hargrove, Cedric Brown.

High jump- Dustin Hargrove- 4th

Long jump- Cedric Brown- 2nd

Triple jump- Cedric Brown- 1st; Clay Cade- 6th.

Shot put- 1st- Baldemar Frausto; 4th- Sylvester Ramon; 6th- Javier Garcia.

Discus- 1st- Baldemar Frausto.

Team totals: Anson- 142; Rotan- 125; Stanford- 106; Haskell; Hamlin; Hawley.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital were:

ADMITTED:

Addie Beckhausen- Rotan; Jeronimo Gaona- Roby; Maude E. Smith- Rotan; Netty McDaniel- Rotan; Floyd Wood- Roby; David Brister- Rotan; David Riggs- McCaulley; Mary Singley- Rotan; Helen Noles- Roby; Alfred Gonzalez- Roby; Joe F. Driver- Roby; Aida Medrano- Rotan; Lane Hicks- Rotan; Dorothy L. Starnes- Rotan; Wesley Smith- Roby; Archie Rivers- Roby; Lesbon Lopez- Old Glory; Nona Bilbo- Rotan; Lillie Herron- Rotan.

DISMISSED:

Mary Ozuna- Rotan; Irma DeLeon- Snyder; Eloisa Espinoza- Roby; Addie Beckhausen- Rotan; Milton Teague- Rotan; Jeronimo Gaona- Roby; Mary Singley- Rotan; Helen Noles- Roby; Alfred Gonzalez- Roby; Maude E. Smith- Rotan; Mary Allen- Rotan; Scena Wood- Roby; Mozella Cooper- Rotan; Jo Driver- Roby; David Brister- Rotan; Marjorie Kisselbery- Brownwood; David Riggs- McCaulley; Loyd Crawford- Rotan; Dorothy Starnes- Rotan; Lane Hicks- Rotan; Nona Bilbo- Rotan; Floyd Wood- Roby.

Rotan FFA Competes In Contests

The Rotan FFA Chapter has been busy competing in several judging contests. The first was the invitational contest at Tarleton State University. This contest was held on March 28. There were six teams that competed. Rotan was one of 285 schools from across the state. The next contest was a bi-area contest held at Texas-Tech Univ., Sat., April 13. There were three teams from Rotan competing. Those team members were: Dairy- Jason Collins, J.P. Anderle, Henry Almanza and Kenneth Messick; Poultry- J.D. Elrod, Jeremy Alls, Saul Messick; Livestock- Kasey Greene, Katrina Rains and Christy Willett.

Pirates Begin Season With Win Over Rebs

The Little League Pirates started the 1996 season with the first win against the Rebels. The score was 6-4. The Rebels held the Pirates back in the first inning with no runs. Pirate short stop Cory Huggins made the first run of the season in the second inning. In the third inning, 3rd baseman Mark McCall and catcher Seth Summers each scored a run for the Pirates.

Left fielder Rock Sauceda and 2nd baseman Kayle Posey brought in two more runs for the Pirates in the fourth inning. The Pirates held the Rebels back in the first 3 innings, but the fourth inning the Rebnels came alive.

They scored four runs by Center fielder Martin Vina, Pitcher Jessie Foster, 2nd baseman Stuart Posey and Left fielder Ralph Riddle. The Pirates came back in the fifth inning with one final run by Pither Colter Williams.

NEWS BRIEFS

Senior Citizens

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will be having a dance on Friday, April 19th at the Fisher County Senior Citizens building with the "Texas High Band" playing from 7:30 until 10:30 p.m.

There will be a garage sale at the Senior Citizens building on Saturday, May 4th, 8:00 a.m. There will be a bake sale at 9:00 a.m. and a Hamburger Lunch at 11:00 a.m.- $3.50- this includes drink and dessert. The center would like donations for this sale, call 735-2359.

Also Home Health will be at the Center at 10:30 a.m. on the 19th to take blood pressure.

Roby Athletic Club and Band

The Roby Athletic Club and Band Boosters will have a joint meeting Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school. Everyone needs to attend. They will be making plans for the Awards Banquet.

Button Workshop Scheduled

The FCE Clubs of Fisher County (formerly Home Demonstration Clubs) will sponsor a recycling workshop and luncheon on Tuesday, April 23, at 11:30 in the Courthouse Annex. Each one attending is asked to bring a salad for lunch- tea and crackers will be furnished.

Beth Dannheim, County Extension Agent, will present a workshop on recycling buttons. Everyone is asked to bring a handful of old buttons to be used to make a lapel pin. Other ideas on recycling/reusing buttons will be given. Just for fun, a decorated hat contest will be held. Everyone is asked to wear/bring a decorated ladies hat. Prize will be given for creativity. This workshop is open to the public and is free of charge. Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service/Fisher County.

Roby Cemetery Annual Meeting

The annual Roby Cemetery work day and dinner will be Saturday, April 27, 1996, with workers to meet at the cemetery at 8 a.m., with hoes, rakes, shovels, weed eaters, and other equipment along with ant poison. The dinner will be served at the Community Center in Roby at noon, for all the workers and others attending.

The women of the community and surrounding communities are asked to bring a covered dish for the meal. Bread, tea, ice and plates, glasses, napkins and utensils will be furnished.

A business meeting will be held at one o'clock. Everyone is urged to come to this important meeting.

3-On-3- Shoot-Out

Roby Athletics will sponsor a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on May 4, 1996. There will be 2 divisions: Open Men and Open Women. It will be a double elimination tournament with the first 40 teams accepted. The cost will be $40 per team. Send your team in or call Coach Harold Scott at 915-776-2222 (work) or 915-735-3181 as soon as possible so you will know if your team is one of the 40. Winners will receive t-shirts (1st & 2nd) .

Tennis

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Competing in the junior varsity tournament were Stacy Morrow and Brooke McCall in singles and Keri Robertson/Sarah Greenlee, Holly Hunsaker/Shelley Burk in doubles. Morrow and McCall advanced to the Semi-finals before being edged out.

The varsity team included 6 boys, Clinton Williams and Bobby Kenner in singles and Bradey Murphree/ Stoney Carrillo, Kris Rogers/Zack Burnes in doubles. Along with the boys was a complete girls team of Jaime Dalzell and Amy Gruben in singles and Jennifer Rains/Katie Kennedy, Laura Blackwelder/ Adriana Velez in doubles.

Williams won the first championship of the day by first advancing easily into the championship with a straight set, love and love victory over Rosenquist of Stamford. In the finals Williams met up with another Stamford competitor, Wellington, their number one singles player. However, Wellington proved to be no match for a focused Williams as he was able to take the district title 6-1, 6-1.

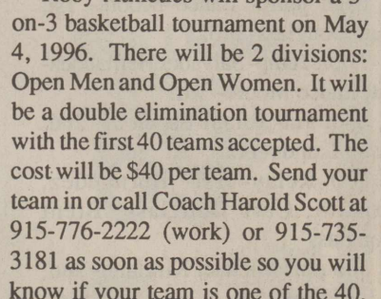
Following Williams' victory the dynamic duo of Rains/Kennedy took center court for the girls doubles championship. They reached the round of two by over matching a doubles team from Haskell in a 6-0, 6-0 straight set victory. They then went on to dominate in the finals with their power game. Rains/Kennedy easily took the district championship from Rodrigues/Helm 6-2, 6-1 by controlling the net and never looking back.

These three competitors will take the court again at ACU in the Regional tournament on the 24th of this month. On the line this time will be a trip to Austin and the State Tournament.

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Hospital Board Candidate Answer Questions

Gilbert - No answer.

3. Would you be in favor or opposed to the Fisher County Hospital District, a tax supported entity, owning and operating -

a. An ob./Gyn. clinic

b. A Nursing home

c. A regional school to train EMT's

Tankersley - No, if proven feasible.

Orr - Any specialized services that may be needed should be carefully considered and justify the economic impact upon the taxpayers. Services that would be self-supporting could be implemented on an as needed basis.

Gonzalez - a. Yes, to a OB/GYN Dr. to see patients on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, because I believe that there is a doctor already seeing patients on a bi-weekly schedule at the clinic. I say no to a OB/GYN clinic as of right now, because we don't know how many patients would come on a regular basis. b. No. I believe that Fisher County Hospital already has a long term care in the hospital and there is a nursing home in Rotan. c. Yes. An EMT school would be good for the community of Fisher County, only if the residents are interested. No the the tax supported entity. I feel that there could be other means of receiving the money for the purposes above.

Cogburn - An OB/GYN - a. yes, I think this has already been established. b. We have a nursing home, and one in the making. What has happened to it? c. It would be nice. How many of our Fisher County citizens would take it seriously.

Yanez - I would not be able to honestly answer this question. We would have to get a feasibility study to determine start up costs and projected first year expenses.

Posey - I am in favor of owning any of the clinics / entities, if the need is great enough, and they can enhance the profitability of the hospital district.

Miranda - a. yes; b. no c. no.

Gilbert - No answer

4, Do you have any special qualities that you feel uniquely qualify you for consideration as a Fisher County Hospital board members?

Tankersely - I have served on the board for the past 4 years. I have also served six years on the Rotan City Council..

Orr - I have served in managerial positions for more than 30 years. My management experience includes finance, construction and maintenance of plant, contract negotiations, adherence to government regulations, community development, marketing, establishment of policies and procedures, and for the past 25 years, I have been directly involved with governing boards elected by the people. In my currrent capacity as General Manager of Midwest Electric Cooperative, my responsibility is to the members who use the facilities.

Gonzalez - Yes. I am curently a Director at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital and have dealt with budgets, but that does not necessarily make me fully qualified to be on the Hospital Board, but I'm willing to do the job to the best of my abilities and help the community of Fisher County.

Cogburn - I have had 15 years in the medical field. I've seen more highly qualified individuals run and still not be elected on the Fisher County Hospital Board. I've learned one thing being a Fisher County resident, you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink. I think I'm more qualified than most.

Yanez - Yes, I feel that I can approach situations by being fair and just. I am a capable negotiator and arbatrator. I am a team player and have supervisory skills.

Posey - I have several years experience analyzing businesses of all sizes, which gives me insight as to the viability of each business.

Miranda - No, the only quality I have is that I am a very good listener and am willing to try to do the right thing.

Gilbert - No answer

5. Are you in favor of any of the following?

a. Establishing a policy that mandatory drug testing be done on all employees every 6 months.

Tankersley - I am not opposed to mandatory drug testing, but I do not think it is necessary to test all employees every 6 months.

Orr - Yes, to include directors also.

Gonzalez - Yes, only for a random drug test to be done for all employees.

Cogburn - Yes (randomly) this would secure for good employees.

Yanez - No

Posey - I am in favor of mandatory drug testing on all employees because when I turn my health care over to someone else, I expect them to care for me with their mental and physical facilties working at their optimum level.

Miranda - If elected, I would certainly be in favor of looking into some of these questions.

Gilbert - No answer.

b. Securing a physician who would deliver babies and do local surgery, even if it would mean an increase in taxes to all county residents.

Tankersley - No comment.

Orr - Only if after polling taxpayers indicates a majority approve.

Gonzalez - No, because securing physicians would mean a tax increase for the Fisher County residents.

Cogburn - This may be feasible in the future, but as to the economy of Fisher County at the moment it is not.

Yanez - No.

Posey - No answer provided

c. Permitting patients who smoke to smoke in their rooms.

Tankersely - No.

Orr - With doctor approval and only in designated areas with special ventilation.

Gonzalez - No, if the patient is in the hospital they are probably to sick to smoke any way, plus there are flammable items within the room such as oxygen.

Cogburn - If they're sick most patients won't smoke. It's necessary not to smoke, due to the fact that all rooms contain oxygen.

Yanez - No.

Posey - No answer provided.

d. Implementing a 32 hour work week for salaried employees.

Tankersley - No

Orr - I would need to study proposal before answering yes or no.

Gonzalez - No. I believe every employee should work a 40 hour week and what would be wrong for all employees to be salaried in such a small hospital.

Cogburn - Salaried employees are to take up the slack for hourly employees whose hours have been decreased. I'm sure in Fisher County this is already in practice.

Yanez - No.

Posey - No answer provided.

e. Provide emergency ambulance services within Fisher County at no cost to county residents.

Tankersley - No.

Orr - Would need to know estimated cost.

Gonzalez - No comment, further information would be needed for me to make a comment on this question.

Cogburn - Who would be responsible for the services rendered at the time?

Yanez - No

Posey - No answer provided.

f. Making it mandatory for hospital board personnel to take 16-hours of continuing education each year to keep abreast of ever changing rules, regulations affecting hospitals in Texas.

Tankersley - I have no objection to this.

Orr - Yes

Gonzalez - Yes, but have the boards in the past been to continuing education classes.

Cogburn - Yes.

Yanez - Yes.

Posey - No answer provided

g. Advertising and publicly posting all openings for all hospital positions so all county residents would know of the openings and thus be able to make application.

Tankersley - I would have no objection to this.

Orr - Yes

Gonzalez - Yes, also to have the Board help the administration look at all qualified applications before making a decision.

Cogburn - Absolutely! Most definitely!

Yanez - Yes.

Posey - No answer provided.

6. Are you of the opinion that the Fisher County Hospital District board of directors should implement some plan, such as cumulative voting or single member districts, in order to satisfy L.U.L.A.C. and attempt to get a minority a seat on the board?

Tankersley - I feel that a person should be elected for a position on the type of job the voters feel this person can and will do, regardless of the person being a member of a minority or not.

Orr - No, the present method has worked satisfactorily for many years.

Gonzalez - Yes, to cumulative voting not to just satisfy L.U.L.A.C. but for all minorities to feel that they can help the Fisher County Community.

Cogburn - Absolutely! Look at all the people who have stepped up that otherwise would not have any interest in the election, if not for cumulative voting.

Yanez - No.

Posey - My understanding is that state law dictates what type of voting is allowed.

Miranda - I believe that the people should be able to choose a man or a woman who they feel are best qualified to serve on the board and would act in the best interest of all ciitizens.

Gilbert - No answer.

7. Currently, all open board meetings are tape recorded and all meetings closed to the public are not tape recorded. Shouldn't that be reversed?

Tankersely - I see nothing wrong with the way the meetings are being recorded. I would not be opposed to changing this if just cause could be shown.

Orr - Yes.

Gonzalez - I believe all board meetings closed or open should be recorded in case of any discrepancies.

Cogburn - The Fisher County residents need to be aware of situations that occur within the hospital board meetings. Do the people of Fisher County think this need to be reversed? If not, the Board will continue to do what has been done in the past.

Yanez - I think it should remain the way it is.

Posey - Out of respect for patients and personnel, and the confidentiality required in some matters, privacy is necessary.

Miranda - If elected, I certainly wouldn't be opposed to looking into a new change.

Gilbert - No answer.

8. Do you have any suggestions on any improvements that need to be made immediately or over the long pull in any specific areas of the hospital?

Tankersely - No.

Orr - Until I could become more familiar with the operations and structure of the hospital district, it would be difficult to make specific suggestions.

Gonzalez - No comment. I would need to evaluate the many areas within the hospital.

Cogburn - How can I answer this? I would have to look into the different areas within the hospital. I am not aware of any problem areas at this time.

Yanez - I think I would have to be on the board to answer this question.

Posey - We need to plan and prepare for future staffing requirements for key personnel.

Miranda - Currently, from my view point, I believe that the hospital has been run very effectively.

Gilbert - No answer.

9. Have you ever been hospitalized over-night at the Fisher County Hospital. If yes, were you asked to complete a form and evaluate your stay at the time of your discharge?

Tankersley - No.

Orr - Yes.

Gonzalez - No, I have never been hospitalized at Fisher County Hospital.

Yanez - No answer provided

Posey - I have not been hospitalized over-night, however three of my family have been; and yes we were asked to complete a form to evaluate the stay in the hospital.

Miranda - No

Gilbert - No answer.

A. Have you ever been treated at the Fisher County Hospital Emergency Room?

Tankersley - Yes
Orr - Yes
Gonzalez - Yes
Cogburn - Yes
Yanez - Yes
Posey - Yes
Miranda - Yes
Gilbert - No answer.

B. Have you ever been transported in a Fisher County Hospital District ambulance?

Tankersley - No
Orr - Yes.
Gonzalez - No.
Cogburn - Yes
Yanez - No
Posey - No
Miranda - No
Gilbert - No answer

C. Have you ever been treated at the ClearFork Health Center Clinic?

Tankersley - Yes
Orr - Yes
Gonzalez - Yes
Cogburn - Yes
Yanez - Yes
Posey - Yes
Miranda - Yes
Gilbert - No answer.

10. What single facet of the hospital operation seems to need attention on an urgent basis and what in your opinion should be done?

Tankersley - None that I am aware of.

Orr - Providing the best possible service at the most economical cost is a must in order to retain our facilities and maintain affordable health care.

Gonzalez - Again, I would need more information about the dealings within the hospital.

Cogburn - I would have to be elected on to the board before I could even evaluate these different areas.

Yanez - I think I would have to be on the board to answer this question.

Posey - I am not aware at this time of an urgent need.

Miranda - I think that overall the hospital is doing very well.

Gilbert - No answer.

11. Why do you want to subject yourself to the public scrutiny of being responsible for overseeing the operation of an institution with a $2 million plus dollar budget.

Tankersley - I feel that there is a big need for a hospital in Fisher County and a good board of directors makes this possible.

Orr - After suffering a heart attack in December of 1995, I have a vested interest in the hospital and its future. In today's society, we tend to take many things for granted. In other words, you never miss the water until the well runs dry.

Gonzalez - To possibly help bring the budget down and also maybe help decrease tax on Fisher County residents.

Cogburn - Subjecting myself to public scrutiny for overseeing an institution such as Fisher County Hospital would be a challenge for me, but one that I am capable of doing.

Yanez - I am a member of this community and have been all my life. In particular, I am concerned about the health care needs of the members of this community, the expectations for health care in our community. I believe strongly in fiscal responsibility. I have approached any task that I am involved with openly and honestly. I feel privileged to be allowed to run for this position and would not take that position lightly. I would like to use my talents to serve this community as a responsible citizen. This community has been good to me and I would like to serve this community as a hospital board member.

Posey - As a citizen of this county I feel a responsibility to make a positive contribution toward maintaining quality health care in our area.

Miranda - I understand that it is impossible to please everyone, but I will try to do the best job that I can possibly do.

Gilbert - No answer.

12 Eight people are running for three open positions, why should someone vote for you.

Tankersely - I feel that I have served to the best of my ability and ask the voters for their support.

Orr - I believe that my management experience and knowledge of the challenges facing rural America will enable me to make appropriate decisions to ensure continued quality health care for the people of Fisher County.

Gonzalez - The people of Fisher County should vote for me because of the experience that I have acquired in working closely with Environmental Service Aides and Administration. I am very straight forward with my beliefs on issues that concern not just myself but everyone in Fisher County.

Cogburn - People should vote for me because of my medical knowledge and because I have worked 15 years of my life with patients, doctors, nurses, and fellow technicians.

Yanez - As I stated in answer eleven, I can approach a task openly and honestly. I see situations from both sides. If you feel that you should vote for me because I am a minority, please do not vote for me. I know a lot of people in Fisher County and a lot of people know me. Thank you for your vote.

Posey - I respect and understand the impact the hospital has as a business, and needed service for this county; and am willing to serve for the overall good of the citizens.

Miranda - As you are aware, it is a free country and anyone can vote for anyone. I only hope that the poeple that vote for me do it because they feel I am competent enough to serve on the Fisher County Hospital Board.

Gilbert - No answer.

13. Feel free to make any statement to the voters of Fisher County on any hospital subject or area of your choosing (Please keep this response to under 200 words).

Tankersley - No response.

Orr - I will serve the people of the Fisher County Hospital District to the best of my ability with discernment and integrity. I challenge the voters to become more involved in community and county affairs to ensure that our privileges are protected and our future secure.

Gonzalez - Same answer as 12.

Cogburn - To the people of Fisher County, I hope I didn't offend anyone if I did I'm sure you will let me know. It's time for a change the days are passing on we seem to be at a stand still. We need to secure the Hospital for our old and aging and most of all for our future, the children of tomorrow. Let's take affirmative action now, for a brighter tomorrow.

Yanez - I stated in two that a lot of competent employees have been brought in, but are all employees competent? Do we have evaluation sheets that patients can fill out, who reviews this information? If I stay in this hospital as a patient, will I feel secure and in good hands. Thank you.

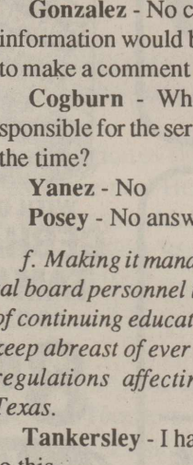
Posey - No response.

Miranda - If I am elected to the hospital board, I will certainly try to do the best that I can in the best interest of all the residents of Fisher County and in the best interest of the hospital.

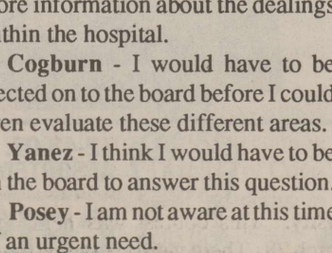
Gilbert - No answer.

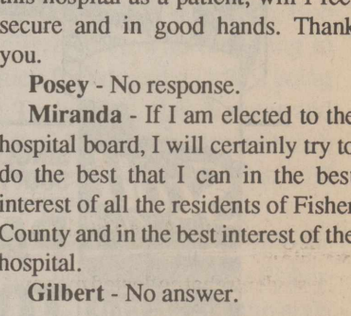
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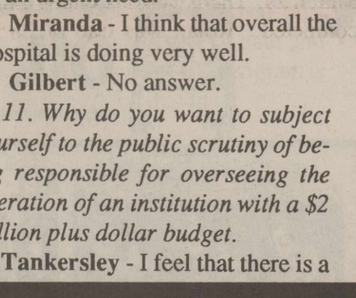
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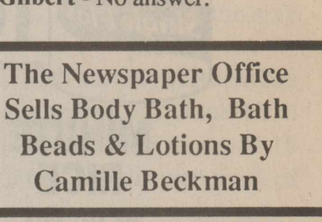


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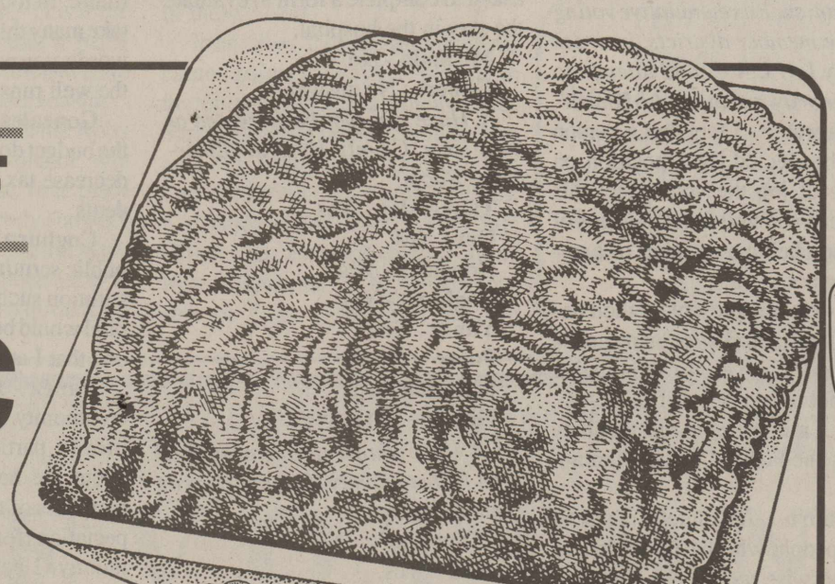


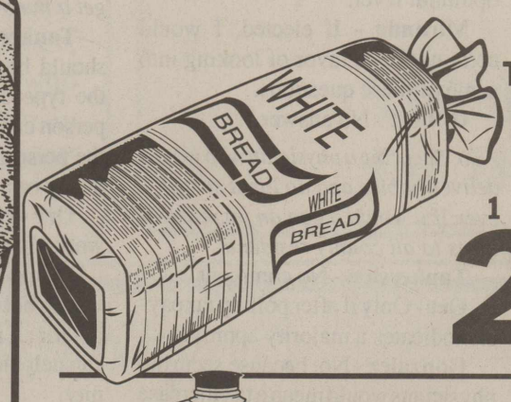


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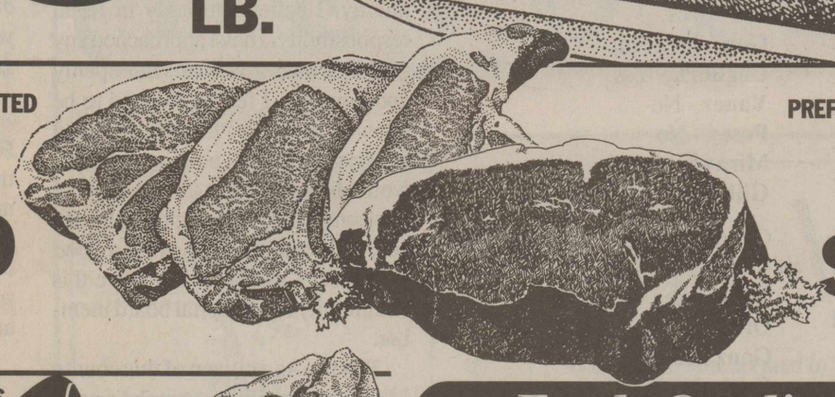


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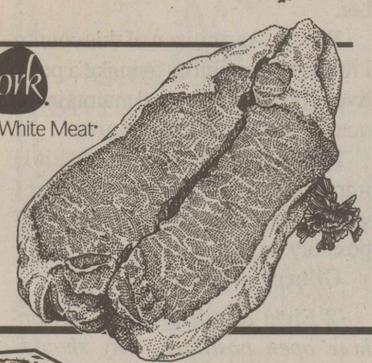
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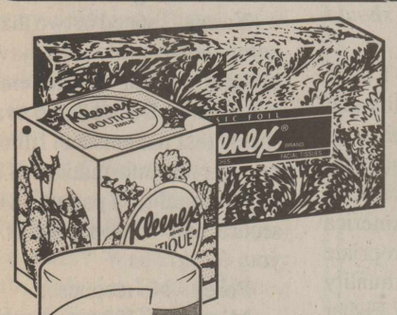
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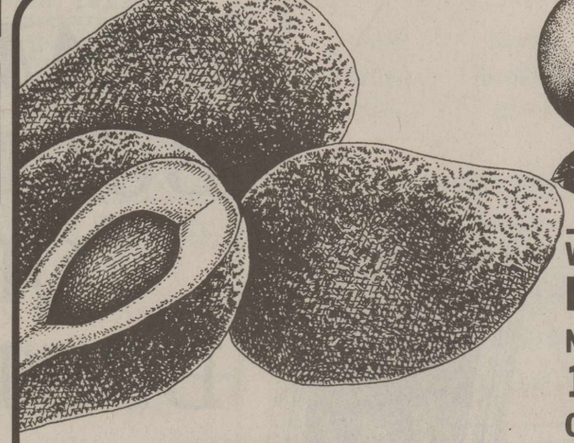
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