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Fisher County Appraisal District Budget For 1994 Amounts To $183,560.00 Full Breakdown .....Appears On Page 8

Fisher County Commissioners Buy Insurance, Get Audit And Shift Funds

Fisher County Commissioners voted to purchase worker's compensation insurance on all Fisher County Volunteer firemen; did not take any action on an oil lease that was to be presented by Rudy Hamric, Fisher County Attorney; shifted $500 in funds to the child welfare board and accepted the 1992 audit report from Joe Greer, CPA.

Commissioners listened to a report by Judge Marshal Bennett concerning worker's compensation. He informed commissioners that volunteer firemen were covered at fires they attend inside the city limits. "We have been asked to look into the possibility of covering them when they fight fires outside the city limits. Bennett indicated that he received a price of $1,900 a year to cover 15 firemen. "I think that is pretty cheap if you get one fireman hurt. I make the recommendation that you put them under a policy," stated Bennett. Commissioners took Bennett's recommendation and voted unanimously to cover them.

Rudy Hamric, Fisher County Attorney was to appear at the Special Meeting, to discuss an oil lease. Judge Bennett indicated that Hamric found the lease more complicated than originally expected and postponed the presentation until a later time.

Bennett indicated that he had a late request for $500 in additional funds for child welfare. Pat Neeper indicated that the funds could be taken from unused 'child care' funds in the budget. Commissioners approved of the late transfer.

Joe Greer presented the audit report for the period January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992. A total of $1,937,164.00 in assets were listed with a like amount in liabilities.

Greer indicated that "there wasn't anything negative in the report." Greer indicated that Fisher County finished the year with an excess of $161,784.00. "A lot of that wasn't budgeted for. It was interest income and fees not budgeted for," stated Greer.

The entire presentation by Greer, who indicated that he intended just to hit the high spots, took approximately 15 minutes.

Commissioners basically only had one question concerning the audit. They wanted a breakdown of what the $53,197 in 'other expenses' were in the non-departmental budget. Greer promised to get the information to Judge Bennett and commissioners could contact Bennett for an explanation.

In connection with the audit report by Greer to commissioners. Pat Neeper, Fisher County Auditor, indicated that Fisher County just had an audit of the senior citizen center books and criminal justice books. Neeper said that auditors told her that Fisher County had the best set of books that had seen and commended us.

Betty Mize, Fisher County Chief Appraiser, appeared before commissioners requesting an additional $500 in funds in next year's budget to cover the phone bill charges for a modem line to the Secretary of State's office in Austin. The line is primarily used to transfer information concerning voter registration records.

Judge Bennett discussed a personnel matter with commissioners at the end of the special meeting. No action was taken on the matter. It is anticipated that the matter could be brought up at the October meeting.

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SEPTEMBER
FISHER COUNTY Home To
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Wayne McSpadden
Teresa Harrison
Helen Noles
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Rotan City Votes To Hike Taxes By 3%, Budget Ok'd

Rotan City Council members met for about three hours last Tuesday night. They approved an $804,061.00 budget for the 12-month period October 1, 1994 to September 30, 1995 and will increase taxes by 3% to $110,000 to partially fund the budget.

Councilman Larry Markham made a rather passionate plea for other council members to give consideration to going along with an 8% increase in taxes. The additional $9,000 that would be raised, Markham reasoned, could easily be justified in the attorney fees over the League of Latin American Citizen's (LULAC) suit.

Markham even went so far as to make a motion to "consider adopting a tax rate above the 3% rate", but the motion died for a lack of a second. Neither Greg Rains, Lonnie Starnes or Scotty Daniel would second the motion. Councilman Hank Day was not present for the meeting.

Following the failure of Markham's motion, a motion was made to set the tax rate at 3% (.639500 per $100 valuation) and that motion passed with Councilmen Rains, Starnes and Daniel voting for. Councilman Markham did not vote.

Last year's tax base for the City of Rotan was $17,021,381.00 with a rate of .6310 per $100 valuation. That rate yielded $107,404.00 in tax dollars. This year's effective tax rate (the rate which will generate the same $107,404.00 in spendable taxes is .620800. This year's tax base is $17,298,838 with a adopted rate of .639500 which will yield approximately $113,000 in taxes.

Those present for the meeting last Tuesday night were Mayor Jerry Marshall, Councilmen Greg Rains, Lonnie Starnes, Scotty Daniel and Larry Markham. In addition there were some 6 visitors present for the meeting.

The early part of the three hour meeting was spent conducting a final hearing on the sewer community center block grant and making a decision concerning the making of applications for future grants.

Mayor Marshall explained that a total of $250,000 had been received for sewer line improvements from the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

The decision was made, after much discussion, not to make applications for future grants over the next two years. It was determined that due to the financial condition of the City of Rotan it would be difficult to come up with the $35,000 to $40,000 in local funds or in-kind services required if the grant were secured.

Harold Sanders fielded numerous questions on the budget presented last Tuesday night.

The budget called for income from all sources of $840,350.00 with projected expenditures of $804,061.65 leaving an excess of budgeted revenues over expenditures of $36,288.35.

There was another items on the agenda of discussing the lease of the Rotan golf course to Rodney Tankersley and associates. That item was not discussed but is expected to be discussed at the meeting of the council on Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Rotan School Passes Lower Tax Rate For '94

The members of the Rotan School Board voted to adopt a lower tax rate of $1.27 this year, down from last year's $1.42.

The adopted rate this year should bring in $716,390.00 aginst $804,650 last year at the $1.42 rate.

The total tax base for 1993 was $54,775,159.00 and for 1994 it was $58,594,582.00, according to Superintendent Wes Hays.

Rotan will be operating with a deficit budget of $757,921.00 primarily due to the construction of the new science lab, technology center, special education facilities.

Rotan ISD will take in about $88,000 less in spendable taxes this year than it did last year.

Jerilyn Marshall Gets Two Master's At Texas Tech

Jerilyn Marshall, daughter of Dr. Jerry and Mary Ann Marshall of Rotan, received a Double Masters of Education Degree in Reading Specialization and Educational Diagnostics from Texas Tech University last month.

She is presently employed by the Snyder Independent School District as a Reading Specialist teaching developmentally delayed students at Snyder Junior High.

She graduated from Texas Tech in December 1988 with a Bachelors of Science in education.

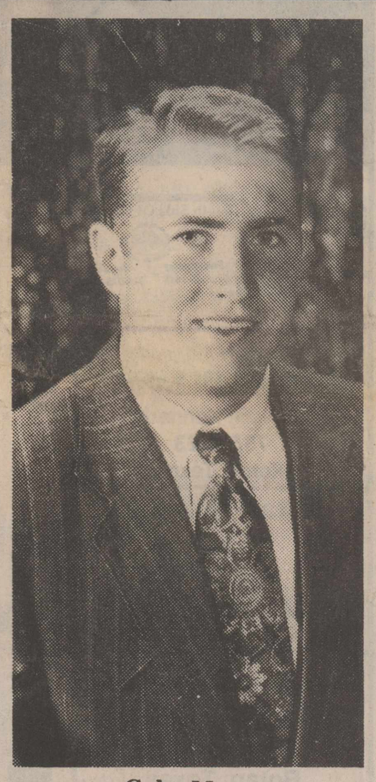
Before accepting her current position, she worked at South Plains College in Levelland and O'Donnell ISD.

Fisher County RainGaugeReport

Rain gauge report information taken from the Horace Carter Farm, 2 miles North of Rotan

	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	5Yr. Avg.
January	0.70	0.95	1.80	1.90	1.70	1.40
February	0.55	1.80	4.45	0.10	2.00	1.80
March	0.15	1.20	0.95	0.10	2.55	1.00
April	1.50	0.75	0.60	0.15	5.85	1.75
May	4.05	1.65	3.20	3.35	0.95	2.64
June	0.03	2.45	4.60	9.20	1.70	3.60
July	0.57	1.30	1.80	2.65	3.40	1.94
August	0.75	5.50	2.25	5.45	2.85	3.36
Year Tot.	8.30	15.60	19.65	22.90	21.00	17.50

Total rainfall for the past eight months has been 8.30 inches



Coby Moore

Coby Moore Is New State 4-H Secretary Elect

Coby Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moore of Roby, has been elected Secretary of the State 4-H Council. Coby also serves as president of District 7 4-H Council. He has been in Fisher County 4-H for 10 years and carried projects in beef, sheep, vet science, recreation, livestock judging, citizenship, and leadership. He has held numerous offices in the local 4-H club and is on the 4-H Ambassador Team.

Coby recently attended a state leadership retreat in Trinidad with representatives from state FFA, FHA as well as 4-H. His first official duty as state officer will be to attend the State Fair of Texas Honors Awards Dinner on October 1.

Blood Drive

Every year, your heart pumps 2,625,000 pints of blood.

Surely, you can spare a few, says the American Red Cross.

The Fisher County Bloodmobile will be at the Senior Citizen's Center on Monday, September 12th 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. for anyone desiring to give blood.

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Duke, Threatt Get HSU Degrees

William L. Duke, of Rotan, TX, and Diana Kay Bullock Threatt, also of Rotan, TX, were two of 35 Hardin-Simmons University students who completed requirements for their degree in August.

Cross Roads Baptist Revival Begins Sunday

The members of the Cross Roads Baptist Church will hold their annual revival beginning on Sunday, September 11th and continuing through Wednesday, September 14th, according to John Lowrie, Pastor.

The Evangelist will be Steve Lowrie, pastor of the Connell Baptist Church in Fort Worth and brother to John Lowrie.

In addition to Steve and John, David - a third brother, is pastor of a Baptist church in Mabank. The three pastors, plus another Brother James, are the sons of D.L. Lowrie, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Lubbock.

The music will be led by Robert and Reba Bailey of Snyder.

Services begin at 7:00 p.m., Monday through Wednesday nights.

On Monday night, September 12th, the church will hold a special Children's Night beginning at 6:00 p.m. On Wednesday night the church will have a Youth Night beginning at 6:00 p.m.

A meal will be provided for the children at Children's Night and youth at Youth Night.

Fisher County Meetings Of Interest

Rotan School Board
7:30 p.m., Monday, September 12th
Cafeteria

Roby School Board
7:30 p.m., Monday
September 12th
Home. Economics Room

Fisher County Commissioners Court
9:00 a.m., Monday
September 12th
Commissioners Room

Fisher County Appraisal Board Of Directors
7:00 p.m., Tuesday,
September 13th
Court Room

Fisher County Hospital Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Monday
September 19th
Hospital Dining Room

Rotan City Council
7:00 p.m., Tuesday
September 20th
Rotan City Hall

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

Kim's Korner
By Kim Pease

CONGRATULATIONS: To the 51 youth who received awards at the 4-H Awards banquet. Also to Richard Spencer and Beth Dannheim and all the adult leaders and junior leaders who are the cement that holds the 4-H together. Congratulations and thanks for the job you do.

CHRISTMAS 1994: It is on a Sunday this year and for you folks with extra money - there are only about 79 more shopping days left.

GOVERNMENT SERVANT: Think I'll leave that "Government Is The Servant Of The People....Not The Master Of Them" block that has been running at the bottom of page 2 - in the paper a few more weeks. It makes me feel good every time I read it - because it says I am entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees.

WHAT IS SKIP DOING?: Skip Meno has drawn fire from some of the folks around the state who object to what they perceive as manipulation with figures on low performing schools. About 100 more public schools would have been ranked low performing if the state had used last year's rating system, according to figures released last week by the Texas Education Agency. The apparent reason is a law requiring more grades to be tested on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills. This year's figure was based on scores from tests in grades 3 - 8 and 10. Last year's figure was based just on grades 4,8 and 10. TEA announced earlier that the number of schools ranked low-performing had dropped from 336 last year to 55. Rotan and Roby schools were not among the low performing group either year. Skip Meno is going to draw a lot of fire from a lot of folks before he gets Texas education back on the right track. He's got a tough job and I still have confidence he's leading education in the right direction.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Buffy Shipp, Rotan High School Senior, who was recently named "Miss Abilene Area Teen". She'll be in Houston November 25 - 27 competing for the state title. Congratulations and good luck.

REMINDER: Rodney Denton, Director of Public Works for the City of Rotan, indicated that he's almost finished with the fire hydrant replacement program for the City of Rotan. He plans on shutting off the water at 9:00 p.m., Thursday, September 8th but feels that the following Tuesday and Thursday could complete the replacement project. Thursday, September 15th could be the last shut-off. Denton indicated that if it goes on past that he'll let you folks know.

LIFE IS TOO SHORT: Five things that it does not pay to do.

1. It does not pay to "have a good time" at the expense of an uneasy conscience the next morning.
2. It does not pay to "lose your temper" at the expense of risking losing a friend.
3. It does not pay to "gripe and complain" too much - at the expense of making others think you do it all the time.
4. It does not pay to "talk the talk but not walk the walk" to the extent that you are viewed as being one person on Sunday morning and another the other 6 1/2 days a week.
5. It does not pay to "waste a mad" and get all excited at the expense of your health. Remember - None of us are going to escape this life alive.

IT IS A FACT: The University of Houston defeated Tulsa 100-6 in

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Yellowhammers Open With A 'Barn-Burner' Over Ralls

by Matt Ryan

Well fans, the sun was shining, God was in Heaven and all was well. You know the English have quaint ways to describe these situations, for instance, the word close means to them sticky, hot, uncomfortable, but in Texas lingo, close means exactly that- close. Friday night was a perfect example of close as the Yellowhammers defeated the Ralls Jackrabbits 28-27 at H. Govan Field in as thrilling a game as one could ever expect to see for an opener. Come to think of it I guess close does mean all of the above.

Ralls won the toss and chose to receive. Jay Carrion #66 kicked off and thrilled the crowd with a kick that went untouched and downed by Rotan on the Ralls 5 yard line. On Ralls 1st attempt to move the ball from their 5, a jarring tackle by Chris Gaspar #55 stopped them cold. Two plays later Ralls was forced to kick, the ball winding up on the Jackrabbits 45 yard line where Rotan took over. However Rotan could not advance the ball and gave it back to Ralls on the Ralls 30. On the Jackrabbits 2nd play from scrimmage Ralls kindly gave the ball back to the Yellowhammers on an errant pitch out recovered by Kris Rogers on the Ralls 15 yard line. Temple Daniel split the uprights for a 15 yard field goal to give the Yellowhammers a 3-0 lead with 7.21 left in the 1st quarter. Rotan kicked off and Ralls took over on their 29 yard line on a great tackle by Lance Hudnall #30. Ralls failed to move the ball and fumbled on their 38 yard line, where Chris Gaspar recovered it for the Yellowhammers. Two plays later Huitt #21 got the ball down to the Jackrabbits 17 yard line for a 1st and 10, however an illegal procedure penalty put the ball back on Ralls 21 yard line. On 1st down from the 21, Curtis Huitt took the ball down to the Jackrabbits 5. Three plays later, Temple Daniel passed to Jay Ben Alls #87 in the end zone for a Rotan touchdown. P.A.T. missed and Rotan led 9-0. Rotan kicked off and the Jackrabbits took over on their 30. After three plays and nine yards, on 4th and 1 Oscar Martinez #35 of Ralls showed the fans why they're called Jackrabbits by running around the right side of the Rotan line and went 61 yards for a Ralls touchdown with 1:41 left in 1st quarter. Rotan 9- Ralls 7 as P.A.T. was good. After Ralls kicked off, Rotan failed to move the ball and was forced to kick it away, however an errant snap forced Jay Carrion #66 to run with the ball and the Jackrabbit defense stopped him on the Rotan 27 where Ralls took over. On the last play of the 1st quarter, Ralls lost 3 yards by a great tackle by Trey Brown. As the 2nd quarter started, Ralls tried the left side of the line for minimal gains then on 3rd down still on the Rotan 27, Ralls got it as far as the Rotan 20 where they gave the ball to Rotan after failing to get a 1st down. A great defensive effort by the Rotan front line stopped them dead. Rotan failed to move the ball due to holding penalties and was forced to kick from their 17 yard line. An errant snap forced Jay Carrion to rush his kick and it was partially blocked and Ralls took over on the Hammers 23 yard line. Ralls moved to the 12 yard line where, on 1st down, they pushed it across for a Jackrabbit touchdown with 5:43 left in the second quarter. The P.A.T. was blocked by Chris Gaspar. Rotan-9, Ralls- 13.

Rotan after the kick off found themselves on their 35 yard line and after 2 plays found themselves on their 47 yard line and a first down. Then Temple Daniel on a quarterback option put the motion lotion in the gear box and ran around the Rabbits right side for 53 yards and a Rotan touchdown with 4:26 on the clock in the 2nd quarter. P.A.T. failed and Rotan once again was in the lead 15-13. Rotan kicked off and Ralls took the ball on their 37 and where only stopped from running it back for a T.D. by a great saving tackle by the Rotan kicker Jay Carrion, on the Yellowhammers 41 yard line. Ralls tried the center of the Yellowhammers line for short yardage then on 3rd and 9 the Rabbits quarterback Bobby Casias completed a pass to the Hammers 15 yard line and another great tackle from #9 Trey Brown kept the ball out of the end zone. However Ralls got it down to the Rotan 1 yard line and pushed it across with 1:19 left in the 2nd quarter.

Ralls quarterback then connected for a 2 point conversion with a pass into the right corner of the Hammer end zone. Again the lead changed with Ralls leading 21-15, and that's how the 1st half came to end. The first half was as exciting as one could ask for; could the 2nd half be better? Well we would see.

Outstanding plays by Curtis Huitt who also ran the ball very hard on offense, Joey Powell #44, Chris Gaspar #55 and #87 Jay Ben Alls were great. Touchdown saving tackles by Trey Brown and Jay Carrion only heightened the excitement of the game. The Rotan offense and defense deserve a great big hand for the job they did.

The 2nd half started with Rotan receiving but on the runback were called for holding and took over on the 28 yard line. Daniel gave the ball to Huitt who ran to the Hammers 42 yard line. On 1st down on the 42 Daniel passed to #33 Zack Burnes who took it to the Ralls 33, a 9 yard gain by Huitt #21 found Rotan on the Rabbits 24, Huitt again took the ball down to the Jackrabbits 8 yard line. Two plays later found Rotan still on the 8, then the Hammers were penalized 5 yards for illegal motion. Daniel then passed to Jay Ben Alls who went out of bounds on the Ralls 1 yard line. Huitt then took it in for a Hammers T.D. with 8:26 left in the 3rd quarter. P.A.T. failed and we were all tied up 21-21.

Rotan kicked off and Ralls took over on their 40. After a series of plays and a delay of game penalty Ralls was forced to kick from their 49 yard line, however the kick rolled on to the receivers foot where it was recovered by the Rabbits at the Rotan 25 yard line. Rotan held for 3 downs but, on 4th down Ralls' Bobby Casias pressed to the Hammers' 10 yard line. Great defensive play led by #21 Huitt #29 Joey Sepeda, $55 Chris Gaspar found the Rabbits on the Hammers 2 yard line, where on 4th &2 they punched it across for a T.D. with 1:43 of 3rd quarter remaining. The 2 point conversion failed and Ralls led 27-21. After Ralls kicked off Rotan found themselves on their 35 yard line.

A series of plays to Huitt #21 and a pass to David Nowlin #19 found Rotan on the Ralls 44 at the close of the 3rd quarter. On 4th and 2 still on the Ralls 44 Daniels passed to #33 Zack Burnes on the Ralls 15 yard line. After 3 failures and a mask penalty Rotan faced 4-20 from the Rabbits 25 yard line, and here the play of the game occurred. #1 Temple Daniels went back to pass where he was promptly chased out of the packet, and running for his life toward the right side line through across the grain off balance into the waiting arms of #44 Joey Powell all alone in the Rabbits end zone for a T.D. with 10:05 on the clock in the 4th quarter. Now came the big moment. Could we convert.

The crowd was quiet as Rotan lined up for the try. The snap from #51 Anthony Smith was letter perfect, #10 David Nowlin the holder put it down perfect and #66 Jay Carrion booted it up-up-and away- right through the uprights for a P.A.T. The crowd went wild as the score became 28-27 with 10:05 left in the final quarter. After that it was all over but the shouting. Ralls got down to the Rotan 15 yard line as time was running out but never got to see the Hammer end zone due to a great defensive effort by the Hammer line. Rotan took over on their 15 yard line and ran the clock out. So the Yellowhammers start their season with a great win. Talk about a thriller, the game had it all. Ralls Jackrabbits played a great game and they certainly will be heard of this season. Both teams came to play and both did. Coach Jim Marsh told this reporter, "That the team showed great resiliency and came back all night long from adversity. Real proud of the team effort and the play of "Stomper" Daniel." I can't add anything to that. You had to see it. Come on out fans, and let's support our Yellowhammers!

Stats as available are:

#21- Curtis Huitt- 101 yards and 1 T.D.

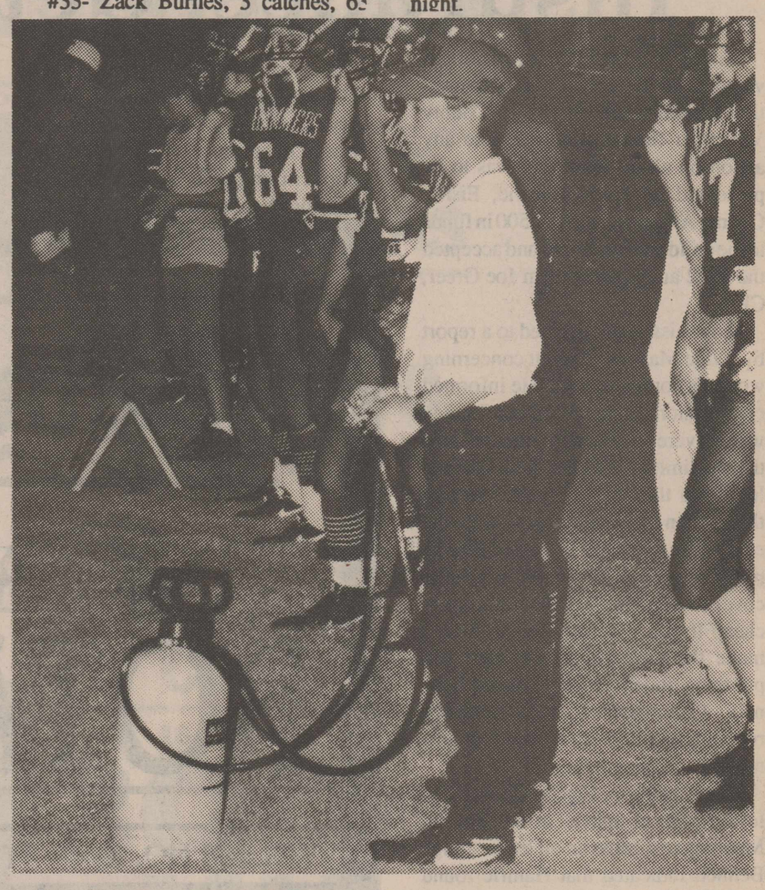
#1- Temple Daniel- 1 TD rushing 2 T.D.'s passing; 15 yard field goal

#44- Joey Powell- 2 catches for 28 yards 1 TD.

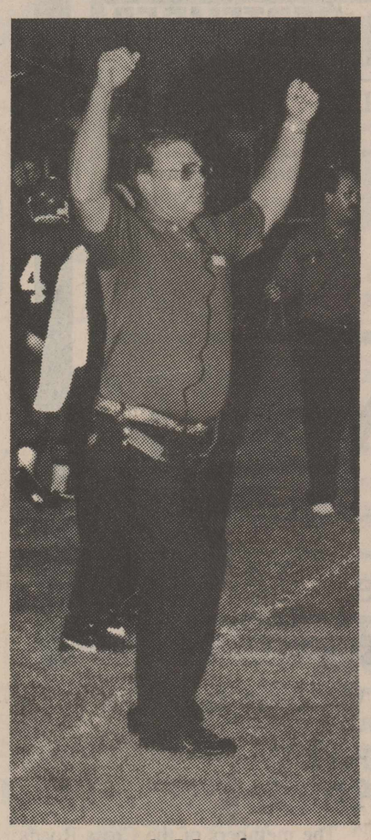
#87- Jay Ben Alls- 3 catches; 23 yards; 1 TD

#33- Zack Burnes, 3 catches, 63 yards. Zack was the leading receiver.

#19- David Nowlin- 1 catch for 15 yards. Daniels finished with 170 yards of total offense completing 10 of 21 passes and rushing 14 times for 32 yards. Injury to Jay Carrion- we hope is minor. He came off the field in the 4th quarter under his own power. Coach Marsh has eleven starters returning and the experience sure showed up Friday night.



Russell Price - Rotan Manager



Coach Marsh

Kim's Korner

1968 in what had been termed a modern day whopper of a lopsided game.

BOTH AT HOME: Rotan plays Coahoma at home this Friday night at 8:00 p.m. and Roby hosts Cross Plains the same night. Fisher County folks should get their fill of local pigskin action this weekend.

ANYONE KNOW?: Why Wellington's football team is known as the Skyrockets?

ERROR CORRECTED: I made a error last week in reporting the name of the "Mystery Man". It was not Ralph Ammons but Johnnie Ammons. I knew better, just had Ralph on the mind I guess. Sorry for the error.

UNDERSTOOD: If I did not misunderstand the folks with the Texas Transportation Department who were here a few weeks ago, Rotan is due to have a new topping on the Snyder Avenue street next Spring or Summer.

THANKS: To Earl Martin for the bumber stickers and menu from the Lone Star Cafe. His son is the manager of the LSC in Round Rock. To others - Thanks for the brownies and the candy; Thanks for the calls and Thanks for the cantaloupes and watermelons. Thanks.

SURE HITS HOME: Earl Martin was telling a story of communicating by phone with a man named English in Aspermont who drills water wells. In the conversation, Martin was trying to let the man know that he was going to pay him for the well, but was in Austin doing all the work by phone. English supposedly said not to worry. "If I do you a good job you're going to tell a few friends, if I do you a lousy job you're going to tell the whole town." Martin said English did a great job.

FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridger Ranch at Rough Creek is convinced that real men live in the country. Cities, according to Britches, are nice and neat and have a lot of rules to go by. They are entertaining and make men talkative, but the real men of this great state, live in the country.

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What You Seek Is What You Get!

"I feel like I'm on a merry-go-round!" Surely we have heard that sentiment of exasperated frustration. Every day seems like the next. We see one set of problems after another until we're dizzy and not merry at all.

In contrast, a child sees the situation differently. As he whirls round and around, he sees something unique with every revolution, giddy and giggling with merriment!

What makes the difference? Are we resigned to the fact that each day will be the same? Have we ceased to expect life to be an excitingly beautiful experience?

Begin this week with a positive attitude. Expect beauty at every turn. As you worship this Sabbath, remember God's promise in Matthew 6:33..."but seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

Start the merry-go-round! As a child of God, you'll love the ride!



Sunday Psalm 103 | Monday 2 Corinthians 2:5-11 | Tuesday Philemon | Wednesday Psalm 130
Thursday Luke 2:39-52 | Friday Proverbs 1:1-19 | Saturday Proverbs 1:20-30

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

State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Tougher criminal laws adopted last year by the Texas Legislature went into effect Sept. 1, requiring murderers, rapists and child molesters to serve half their prison sentences or 30 years before becoming eligible for parole.

Sponsor of the legislation was state Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee. He told the *Houston Chronicle* that under previous law, Texas prison inmates often "came out worse than they went in."

Some nonviolent, first-time felons will get probation instead of prison under the revised laws that call for supervised probation up to five years and six months in new state lock-ups.

Nonviolent offenders on probation may be required to undergo drug and alcohol treatment, counseling sessions, community service and educational and vocational training.

"Over the last 50 years," Whitmire said, "our prisons had become a revolving door...but under the new plan, we don't want to commingle young offenders with hardcore rapists, murderers and child molesters."

Violent offenders, who often served a month for each year of a sentence under the state's old, "revolving door" de facto policy, will be doing more hard time with 22,000 more state prison beds scheduled to be ready for use by the end of next year.

Richards Cleared in Phone Flap

Gov. Ann Richards and her staff have been cleared of wrongdoing in the 1993 destruction of telephone records in her office.

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle issued an Aug. 26 statement saying that there was no evidence of criminal intent on the part of Richards or her staff.

Karen Hughes, spokeswoman for the campaign of GOP gubernatorial challenger George W. Bush, reacted to Earle's statement, charging that records were improperly shredded in Richards' office and that senior staffers told different stories why the shredding occurred in an effort to cover it up.

Richards' chief of staff, John Fainter, said he approved the destruction of the phone records because the governor's office was drowning in paper, and that he misunderstood rules requiring that phone bills be retained for three years.

Judges Asked to Redraw Lines

A group of Republicans has presented a three-judge federal court panel in Houston a plan to reshape half of the state's congressional districts before the Nov. 8 statewide election.

The state, however, has asked the panel to keep the current boundaries — drawn by the Legislature in 1991 — intact for the election.

The judges ruled on Aug. 17 that of the state's 30 congressional districts, one in Dallas and two in Houston are racially gerrymandered and must be redrawn to comply with the U.S. Constitution. Redrawing those districts will affect dozens of contiguous districts.

Lawyers for the GOP plaintiffs say the proposed new districts are more compact and would help minorities gain seats, but Texas Attorney General Dan Morales argued that if new lines are to be drawn, they should be drawn in the next session of the Legislature.

Happy Hours Left Intact

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission last week rejected a proposal to ban happy hours but promised to consider new restrictions on such promotions as nickel-beer nights.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving has been urging the commission to eliminate happy hours, contending they encourage heavy drinking over a short period of time.

But bar owners and the Texas Restaurant Association argued that such regulations would limit competition and amount to price-fixing.

TABC chairman Ray Orr of DeSoto, said he and his colleagues are convinced that a happy hour ban is warranted, but they will look at some new restrictions in October.

Gibson to Leave Chamber Post

Bruce Gibson, former Democratic state representative from Godley, will leave his post as president of the Texas Chamber of Commerce to become vice president for government affairs at Houston Industries Inc., whose holdings include Houston Lighting & Power Co.

There are reports that Gibson may not be replaced at the chamber, which is continuing merger talks with the Texas Association of Business.

Other Highlights

■ State Rep. Ben Campbell, R-Carrollton, has until Sept. 6 to appeal his April federal court conviction for bank fraud, affecting whether he can be replaced on the Nov. 8 general election ballot. On Aug. 26, Campbell was sentenced to 51 months in prison and five years probation upon release. U.S. District Judge Paul Brown also ordered the senator to pay $540,229 in restitution and to report to prison in 30 days.

■ New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman warned both Republican and Democratic candidates about attacking women as soft on crime. "Women care about crime as much as anybody else," said the first-term governor while campaigning last week for George W. Bush, the GOP nominee for governor, and Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: "When a person is x-rayed at the emergency room, why is it necessary to send the x-rays to the pathologist in Abilene for him to re-read and confirm. In most cases this is un-necessary in my opinion. It is just an added cost to the patient. The local doctor reading the x-rays is probably diagnosing correctly in a very high percent of the instances. In those few cases where the local physician is unsure of the x-ray, can't he call for the pathologist to read - thus cutting down on the expenses to the patient?"

ANSWER: - "The x-rays obtained on emergency room patients are sent to Abilene to have a formal interpretation by a board certified radiologist (not a pathologist). A radiologist is one who has had specialized training (usually four years of intensive training/instruction following medical school and internship) in the interpretation of imaging procedures such as x-rays, ultrasound exams, "Cat" scans, nuclear medicine scans and magnetic resonance imaging, As such, these physicians are also responsible, to a large degree, for the quality control of x-ray departments. Furthermore, proper accreditation of many hospitals require that all x-rays be read by a qualified radiologist. In some instances, such as an x-ray of a simple fracture, for example, the delayed formal interpretation by the radiologist may add little to that particular patient's care. Other cases however may be more complex. Knowing that all of the films, both simple and complex are interpreted by a radiologist helps to ensure a high standard of care. Such is the case in all large city hospitals, and in most of the smaller community hospitals that have that option available. *Answer provided by Radiology Associates of Abilene, Abilene, Texas.*

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Roby Lions Put Fear In Gigantic Santo Squad

by Jason Osuna

The Roby Lions began the regular season with a 20-12 loss to the Santo Wildcats.

The Lions got off to a slow start. On the first play of the game, Santo's Brent Procter ran for 70 of Santo's 291 yards in the game. Santo raised the score to 8-0, when Tanner Thornburg scampered into the endzone for two extra points.

The Wildcats kicked the ball off to Michael Brown, who received 15 yards on the return. On the first offensive play for the Lions, Mario Barrera handed the ball off to Bryce Moore for a gain of 4 yards. The following play, Barrera pitched the ball to Les Branham receiving another 4 yards for the Lions. Good blocking by the Lion offensive line allowed Bryce Moore to run up the middle of the field for 7 yards. Another hole in the defensive line was made, but for another running back, Kevin Christian, as he gained 6 yards on the carry. Consistent running enabled the Lions to make a total of 17 first downs during the game and totaling 174 yards rushing. The Lions gained 4 yards on the next two plays before a loss of 9 yards on an option play forced them to 4th and 15. Punting for the Lions was Branham, who sailed the ball 20 yards before Lion defender, Brian Dickson stopped the ball on the Santo 27 yard line.

The Lion defense stepped it up and forced the Wildcats to punt. Leading the defense on this series was Mario Barrera, Coby Moore, and Keith Hardin. With only a 7 yard punt, the Lions began another attack on the Wildcat 30 yard line. Michael Brown gained a tough 5 yards up the middle of the line. The following play, Barrera rolled out and threw an interception intended for Coby Moore in the endzone. The Lion defense held the Wildcats to 37 yards the rest of the first quarter. Coby Moore, Kevin Christian, Brian Dickson, and Jeremy Stidham led the defensive stand. At the end of the first quarter, the Lions trailed Santo 8-0.

On the opening play of the second quarter, Bryce Moore recovered a fumble which started a long Lion drive. Little by little, the Lions made a fierce charge towards the endzone. Leading the offensive assault was Michael Brown with 23 yards on 6 carries. Also contributing was Les Branham and Bryce Moore both with 4 carries for 16 yards and Mario Barrera with 2 carries for 3 yards. The Lions controlled possession of the ball for almost the entire second quarter. With 3:56 left in the half, Barrera lunged into the endzone for the Lion's first touchdown of the game. The two point conversion failed as Barrera's pass to Lonnie Green was deflected, cutting the Wildcat lead to 8-6.

Santo began their series on the 30 yard line after a 20 yard return by Tanner Thornburg. Memories of the first play of the game came back to haunt the Lions. Santo tailback, Brent Procter, received a pitch on a sweep and sprinted for his second 70 yard touchdown of the game. Santo's two point conversion attempt failed, increasing the Wildcat lead to 14 to 6. With less than four minutes left in the half, the Lion squad did not give up. Ronnie Andrews returned the kickoff 28 yards to the Roby 42 yard line. A 15 yard penalty against the Wildcats moved the Lions into Wildcat territory. The first play of the series, Barrera hooked up with Bryce Moore on a 6 yard pass. Les Branham gained 9 yards on the next two plays. Lonnie Green gained 8 yards on a short pass from Barrera. Michael Brown took the Lions closer to the endzone with 6 yards on 2 carries.

With :40 left in the half, Barrera completed another pass to Bryce Moore for a 14 yard touchdown. Another attempt for 2 points failed as Barrera's pass intended for Lonnie Green was deflected.

The Wildcats kicked off to begin the second half to Michael Brown, who returned the ball 17 yards before being brought down by a host of Wildcats. The Lions gained 5 yards on the first two plays before fumbling and being forced to punt the following play. Branham launched a 36 yard punt allowing Santo's Thornburg to only return the ball 5 yards. After three short plays and the pressure defense of the Lions, the Wildcats were forced to punt once again. The Lions ran 11 straight plays and gained 48 yards before having to punt back to the Wildcats. Key plays in this series were the 22 yards on 4 carries by Michael Brown and Mario Barrera connecting with Les Branham for 20 of the Lions' 48 passing yards. The Lion defense held the Wildcats to 24 yards rushing the rest of the third quarter with the Wildcats still leading 14-12.

The Lion defense forced the Wildcats to punt after stopping them short of a first down. The cousin duo of Branham and Brown combined for 26 yards on 5 plays. With 4th down and 9 yards to go, the Lions attempted a fake punt, but the Wildcats defense was not phased and stopped Barrera 6 yards short of a first down. Santo took the ball and tallied 23 yards in 4 plays. With 4th down and 1 yard to go, the Lion defense ceased the Wildcat pursuit of a first down. The Lion squad took over and tried an aerial assault. Gaining only 3 yards on 3 plays, the Lions went for a first down on 4th and 7. The attempt failed and Santo received the ball. The Wildcats gained 46 yards on 4 plays before reaching the endzone. A two point conversion attempt failed and the Wildcats led 20-12.

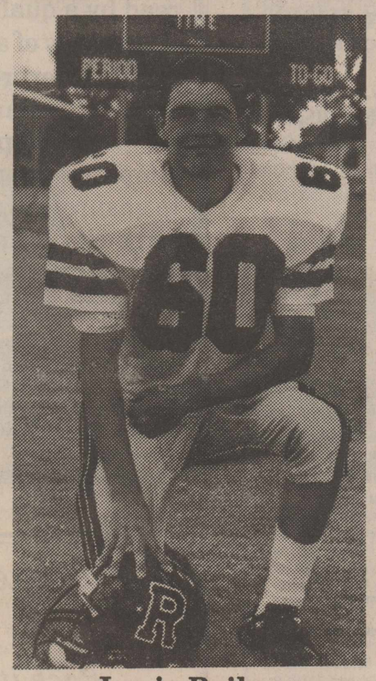
Mario Barrera returned the kickoff 20 yards up to the 46 yard line. A final chance for the Lions to score fell through, as each of the passes fell incomplete. The first game of the regular football season ended with the Santo Wildcats defeating the Roby Lions 20-12.

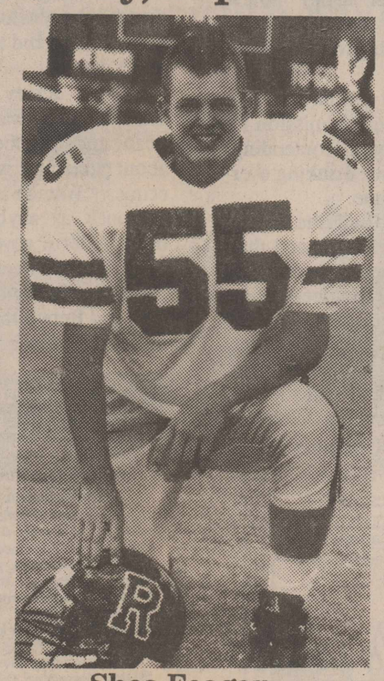
"I was overall pleased with the effort of our kids," Roby Head Coach Mike Christian commented. "We have a lot of young kids and for some it was their first varsity game to start in. I feel that we will get better every week if we continue to work harder and eliminate mistakes." Coach Christian also added, "I appreciate the hard work and effort put out by Coach Ruben Osuna, Coach Bryan Wood, and Coach Brandy Wood."

The Roby Lions will host the Cross Plains Buffaloes Friday, Sept. 9 at 8:00 p.m.

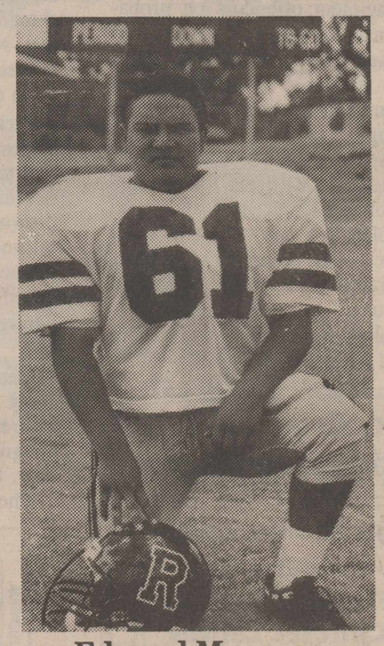
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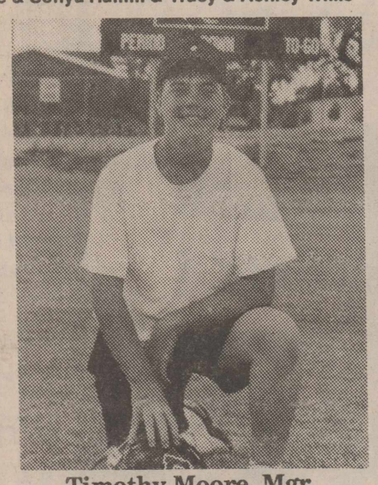
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TUESDAY: Beef-a-roni, Fried Okra, Vegetable Salad, Cornbread Muffins, Peach Halves.
WEDNESDAY: Soft Tacos, Grated Cheese, Shredded Lettuce, Chopped Tomatoes, Refried Beans, Pineapple Tibits.
THURSDAY: Fried Chicken & Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Jello with Fruit.
FRIDAY: Hamburgers, Burger Salad, French Fries, Fruit Cobbler.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU
September 12-16, 1994

MONDAY: Steak Fingers, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Hot Rolls, Milk.
TUESDAY: Hot Dog w/Chili, French Fries, Salad, Ice Box Pie, Bun Milk.
WEDNESDAY: Beef Casserole, Green Beans, Salad, Apple Crunch, Cornbread, Milk.
THURSDAY: Soft Tacos, Refried Beans, Salad, Fruit, Bread, Milk.
FRIDAY: Hamburger w/Cheese, Chips, Hamburger Salad, Bun, Milk.

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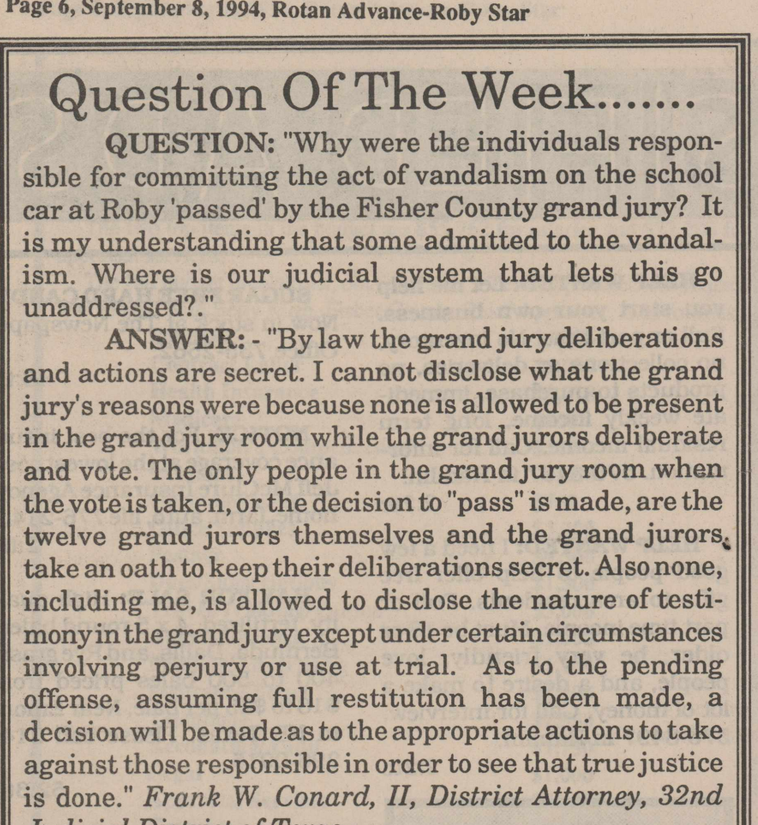
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Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: "Why were the individuals responsible for committing the act of vandalism on the school car at Roby 'passed' by the Fisher County grand jury? It is my understanding that some admitted to the vandalism. Where is our judicial system that lets this go unaddressed?."

ANSWER: - "By law the grand jury deliberations and actions are secret. I cannot disclose what the grand jury's reasons were because none is allowed to be present in the grand jury room while the grand jurors deliberate and vote. The only people in the grand jury room when the vote is taken, or the decision to "pass" is made, are the twelve grand jurors themselves and the grand jurors take an oath to keep their deliberations secret. Also none, including me, is allowed to disclose the nature of testimony in the grand jury except under certain circumstances involving perjury or use at trial. As to the pending offense, assuming full restitution has been made, a decision will be made as to the appropriate actions to take against those responsible in order to see that true justice is done." *Frank W. Conard, II, District Attorney, 32nd Judicial District of Texas.*

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



PLAYING FOR THE ROTAN YELLOWHAMMER BAND: Crissi Martin, 13-year old daughter of Mike and Sandi Martin of Rotan, was one of the Rotan band members making their debut last Friday night at the H. Govan Field.

Rotan Elementary Room Parent Meeting Attended By Twenty-Two

An organizational meeting was held on August 29 for the Rotan Elementary Room Parents Association. There were twenty-two present at the meeting, including Wes Hays, the new Rotan Superintendent of Schools. Officers elected for the new school year are Denese Hoffman president, Jaye Neice Clements vice-president, and Debbie Howard secretary/treasurer.

David Hargrove, Elementary School Principal, addressed the group on scheduled school activities. The annual Fall Festival Carnival was set for October 29 in the old gym. As a fund raising project, the group will sell chances on a quilt to be drawn for on the night of the carnival. Another meeting will be held September 20 to discuss plans for the carnival. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Fisher County Agricultural News

County Agent News

County Agent's Column
by Richard Spencer.....

A new sugar-based feed additive developed at the University of Montana shows promise for producing faster gains and healthier poultry and livestock with less feed and smaller quantities of antibiotics. Animal acceptance indicates that it tastes great as well.

Scientists who developed the caramel-like compound call it Techno-Taffy. Early tests have shown that it can help broiler chickens reach the 5-pound mark in six weeks instead of the usual seven, according to Montana researcher Geoff Richards. He says the compound also reduces digestive problems that are caused by bacteria.

In preliminary trials at Purdue University, Techno-Taffy has looked "very promising" with weanling pigs, according to Purdue animal scientist John Patterson. Researchers are planning to conduct additional experiments with chickens and veal calves.

Richards says a small amount of Techno-Taffy is sprayed on feed. The additive generally isn't digested until it reaches the large intestine, where beneficial bacteria break it down. Harmful bacteria that cause scours and other digestive problems can't metabolize the compound. They dwindle in number while good bugs thrive.

Techno-Taffy may not do much for older cattle and sheep. The bacteria in their rumens may break the additive down before it reaches the intestine. But in younger animals, at least, the compound is expected to be highly effective. If that proves to be true, look for a commercial version of Techno-Taffy to hit the market in one to three years.

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Scientists are continuing to come up with new ways to use crops as raw materials.

One product, under development in a project funded by the Nebraska Corn Board, is a non-toxic biodegradable antifreeze made from cornstarch. The starch would be processed to form levulinic acid. In addition to providing a base for antifreeze, this versatile chemical has several other potential industrial uses.

Closer to commercialization are stain removers made from several crop oils, including soybean oil. The stain removers work on greases, motor oil, ink, makeup, and even catsup. The new compounds work faster than current solvents. And, unlike most petroleum-based solvents, stain removers made from crop oils are nonflammable and biodegradable.

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U.S. stockmen aren't alone in suffering from increasing governmental efforts to regulate land use-- and they also aren't alone in rejecting those efforts.

Proposed regulations covering rangeland in Canada are a blatant intrusion on private property rights, says the British Columbia Cattlemen's Association.

We are aware that government is actively considering how much further it can go in applying the code to private land, said the association's review of the B.C. government's forest Practices Code.

Our answer to that is not one inch more. Government has gone much too far already.

The group says ranchers are already reeling from many government initiatives to displace individual management decisions with restrictive regulations. It urges the government to take a serious second look at the code.

When the code was first proposed, B.C. ranchers envisioned an all-encompassing code based on integrated resource management principles. Ranchers could have supported that kind of approach.

But cattlemen didn't anticipate a code that would take such a broad brush approach, involve so much red tape and have so many punitive implications to ranchers.

County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

County Agents Report
by Beth Dannheim
Are You At Nutritional Risk?

Many older folks are at risk for poor nutrition. There are many reasons but often it is because of disease, physical changes in themselves, taking numerous drugs, low income or changes in their living situation. Are you or someone you know one of the 85 percent or more older adults who are at risk?

Being malnourished can be serious, for it can put you into the hospital or nursing home, delay your getting better or even cause early death. Malnutrition can greatly increase medical expenses as well as lowering your enjoyment of life. But you can prevent malnutrition.

Below are ten questions that can help determine your nutritional risk. Read the statements below. Circle the number in the "Yes" column for only those statements that apply. Add together all the circled "Yes" answers. This is your Nutritional Risk Score.

Answer these questions to help determine your nutritional risk:

I have an illness or condition that made me change the kind and/or amount of food I eat- Yes- 2

I eat fewer than 2 meals per day. Yes- 3

I eat few fruits or vegetables, or milk products. Yes- 2

I have 3 or more drinks of beer, liquor or wine almost every day. Yes- 2

I have tooth or mouth problems that make it hard for me to eat. Yes- 2

I don't always have enough money to buy the food I need. Yes- 4

I eat alone most of the time. Yes- 1

I take 3 or more different prescribed or over-the-counter drugs a day. Yes- 1

Without wanting to, I have lost or gained 10 pounds in the last 6 months. Yes- 2

I am not always physically able to shop, cook and/or feed myself. Yes- 2

Total____

Total your nutritional score. If it's:

0-2: Good! Recheck your nutritional score in 6 months.

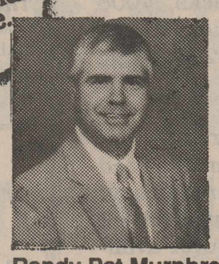
3-5: You are a moderate nutritional risk. See what can be done to improve your eating habits and life-style. Your senior citizens center, extension service or health department can help. Recheck your nutritional score in 3 months.

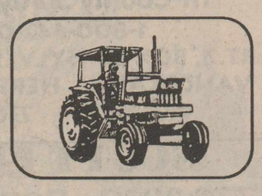
6 or more: You are at high nutrition risk. Bring this checklist the next time you see your doctor, dietitian or other qualified health or social service professional. Talk with them about any problems you may have. Ask for help to improve your nutritional health.

Nutritional Risk: What You Can Do.

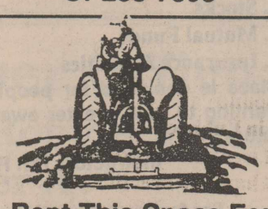
Can you eat more often and not skip meals? Can you apply for food stamps, or attend senior citizens meal sites?

Your health care provider (physician, or dietitian) may recommend specific feedings or formulas for you to buy. Follow that advice!

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ROTAN HOMECOMING 1994
THE LATEST.....

by Darlene Cleveland

Homecoming '94 is only four and a half weeks away and committees are busy planning and preparing for October 7th and 8th. Bobbie McKinney, Jessie Morrow, Pauline Fleming, Carol Greenway, Brenda Goodwin and Jackie Martin are about to finish the update of the mailing list. They have added over four hundred new names that have been lost over the years and have many, many corrections to the list. Their work has taken hours and hours and the final result is incredible! A great big thanks is also due to Kim and Janeece Pease and their staff for maintaining the master list from year to year and for making all the corrections and addtions that are going to have to be made this year. If you drive by and see the midnight oil burning at the Advance office, you'll know why.

Debbie, Harold and Amy Gruben have begun making the video for the banquet. If the viewers of this film enjoy it half as much as those of us have enjoyed seeing the wonderful pictures that have been turned in, it will be a smash hit. There is a gap with very few pictures from 1922 to 1942. Additional pictures and annuals may be turned in this week and still be in the video.

What we need now are people. People who will donate a brisket or a turkey, people who will bake cookies, make sandwiches or help decorate. If you can do any of this, please call and volunteer. Betty Strickland will need helpers to set up and take down tables and chairs for the dance at the hanger.

There will be a meeting to prepare the invitations on Thursday, September 15th, 7:00 p.m., at the Hargrove Crop Insurance office. Anyone who can fold or stamp is encouraged to attend this meeting. Final plans for all the homecoming activities will also be discussed.

Red Cross Bloodmobile To Be In F.C. On Sept. 12th

When was the last time that you donated blood....when the American Red Cross Bloodmobile comes to Fisher County on September 12th, they will be depending on the residents here to open their hearts and roll up their sleeves.

All summer long, the Red Cross has dealt with almost empty shelves of all blood types, and this could have affected any one of us at any given time. "The normal 3 day supply that the Red Cross blood services needs to maintain at all times, has not been there for some time," says Jenny Barmore, donor resource consultant. "If everyone that was able healthwise to donate, did so, and on a regular basis, (2-6 times a year), the shelves would be full, with enough blood to handle any emergency situation, but sadly, this is not the case," she said.

If you have not donated in some time because of the perceived aids threat, please talk with a Red Cross representative or a Red Cross volunteer. After a brief visit, your fears will vanish. If you have stayed away from the blood drive because of a fear of needles, or you faint at the sight of blood, please remember this: The voluntary donation of just one pint of blood can save up to three precious lives, lives that you yourself may be a part of. When one pint or unit is broken down into red blood cells, plasma, and platelets, think about this: A typical liver transplant can require 20 units of red cells, 20 units of plasma, and 10 units of platelets. A heart transplant will require 0-4 units of red cells, and with an aneurysm, that patient would need approximately 6 units of red cells, and 4 units of plasma. Automobile accidents, which are thought of as the most common need for blood, can require anywhere from 4 to 40 units of red cells. So one can easily see that the need for blood and donors is always there.

Along with this plea for donors, Barmore would like to issue a challenge for Fisher County. During the late 1980's, the Red Cross would come to the Rotan Senior Citizen's Center and collect close to 50 units or pints from its citizens. Now the amount collected is closer to 18 units" she said. "Fisher County is full of caring and giving people, and I would love to see this drive be one of, if not, our largest blood drive."

About an hour of your time is all it will take, to save 3 lives. So please, plan on dropping by the Senior Citizen's Center on Monday, September 12th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. To be a Red Cross blood donor, you must be at least 17 years of age and weigh no less than 110 pounds. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Copeland at 735-3472.

NEWS BRIEFS

Roby Booster Club Meeting

The Roby Lions Booster Club will have its first meeting on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

LULAC Meeting

LULAC will have their monthly meeting at the Rotan Community Center on Friday, September 9, 1994, starting at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Game Night

There will be a game night and pot luck meal on Thursday, September 8th, beginning at 6:30 until 9:00 p.m. All senior citizens are encouraged to come out and join in the fun.

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"Miracles still happen at Fisher County Hospital"

Mitch Whitefield

It was 6:45 a.m., on September 7, 1993. I had worked the night shift, and was headed home. Mom, also an LVN, was coming in to work the next shift. She told me about a strange dream she had during the night. "Mitch, I dreamed your babies were born at Fisher County Hospital. The first one came without any trouble. But I could see the second one, still inside Pat. It was sitting there, waving at us, and he wouldn't come out for anything." I comforted Mom, and went home.

When I got home to Pat, who was 7 1/2 months pregnant with our twins, she was hurting. She had experienced false labor the week before. Her OB/GYN specialist had told her it was too soon for the babies to come. We started timing the contractions, and they were five minutes apart.

We were really worried. We had lost a baby only a few months before, and we already knew that one of our twins would be breach this time. On top of that, the babies were coming early. We called Dr. Callan, and went to the emergency room. We expected to be transferred to Lubbock, but Pat was too advanced to move. One hour later, Dakota was born, he weighed 2 lbs. and 8 1/2 oz. We all breathed a sigh of relief.

Sure enough, though, Mom was right about the second baby. He wouldn't come out, and both the baby and Pat were beginning to get stressed. Dr. Callan and Lorrin Scott were preparing to proceed with an emergency C-Section. Just as they were about to begin, the Sheriff's Office escorted Dr. Jeremy Smola in from Sweetwater. Dr. Smola performed the C-Section, and brought Dallas into our lives. He weighed 5 pounds and 2 ounces.

The Aero Care helicopter arrived shortly, and took the babies to the neo-natal unit in Lubbock. There were some tense days; both babies were on respirators to help them breathe. The worst moment was when Dakota coded, and had to be revived. After a month, both babies eventually stabilized, and were brought home on breathing monitors.

Our babies are healthy now, and their prognosis is good. I'm thankful we have our babies. Everyone played a part in it. I'm really glad we have a hospital here when we needed it. Pat and I appreciated Dr. Callan, Lorrin, Dr. Smola, and everyone at the hospital, and want to thank them for everything they did for us. Miracles still happen at Fisher County Hospital.

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Fisher County Appraisal District Operations Budget $183,560.00

The Fisher County Appraisal District 1994 approved operations budget is $183.560.00.

The two top items in the budget are $55,762 for salaries and $72,200 for appraisal services.

The full budget breakdown, obtained after a Texas Open Records request was lodged with Betty Mize, Fisher County Chief Appraiser, is as follows:

Salaries	$55,762
Contract Labor	$5,000
Health Insurance	$8,218
Medicare	$200
Workman's Compensation	$580
Pensions	$6,850
Unemployment	$750
Office Supplies	$3,300
Postage	$4,500
Dues/Subscriptions	$1,300
Travel/Training/Tuition	$3,000
Auto Allowance	$1,200
Printing/Advertising	$1,100
Insurance/Bonds	$1,200
Telephone	$1,550
Accounting/Audit	$1,750
Legal	$1,000
Appraisal Services	$72,200
Computer programming	$3,000
Mechanical Repairs	$500
Appraisal Review Board Expense	$1,500
Leases/Agreements	$6,000
Furniture/Equipment	$3,100
TOTAL	$183,560.00

The total collections budget for the Fisher County Appraisal District for 1994 is $11,500.

Office Supplies/Expenses	$2,500
Postage/Freight	$2,500
Printing/Advertising	$1,000
Insurance/Bonds	$150
Accounting/Legal	$1,750
Legal	$1,000
Computer Programming	$2,600
TOTAL COLLECTIONS BUDGET	$11,500.00
GRAND TOTAL BOTH BUDGETS	$195,060.00

The $195,060.00 total budget will be paid for by the seven Fisher County taxing entities. The following is a breakdown of how much each entity will contribute toward the total Fisher County Appraisal District budget.

Fisher County	$66,320
Fisher County Hospital	$45,137
Rotan School	$39,129
Roby School	$36,204
Rotan City	$5,013
Roby City	$2,009
Rotan Water	$1,248
TOTAL	$195,060.00

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Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the appropriate campus office and complete the necessary forms. Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure which requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for this testing.

If your child is in elementary, call Mr. David Hargrove at 735-3182. If your child is in junior high, call Mr. Ted Posey at 735-3162. If your child is a high schooler, call Mr. Mickey Early at 735-3041.

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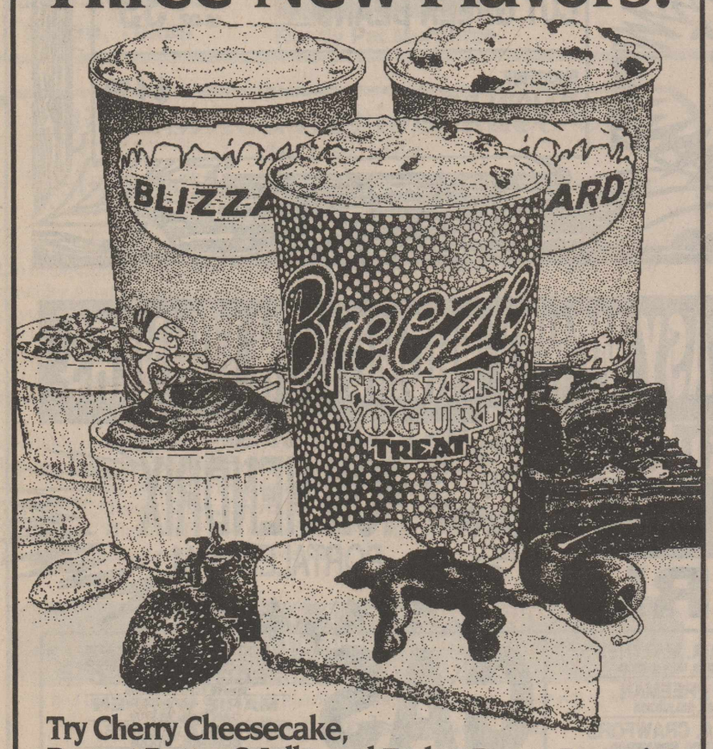
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COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 31st day of August, 1994 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. EDWARD MARTINEZ; Cause #4126 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 4th day of October, 1994 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 Northeast Quarter of Block 1 in the Original Town of Rotan, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Deeds of record in Volume 330, Page 108 and Volume 415, Page 405 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 31st day of August, 1994 as the property of EDWARD MARTINEZ, 312 East Eighth, Rotan, Texas 79546; MICKEY MARTINEZ, 312 E. Eighth, Rotan, Texas 79546; to satisfy a judgment amounting to $411.55 with interest from the 14th day of July, 1994 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 31st day of August, 1994
Gene Pack
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
BY Patti J. Thompson, DEPUTY
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COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 31st day of August, 1994 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. ARTHUR F. SWANSON; Cause #4394 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 4th day of October, 1994 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 1 in Block 12 of the Original Town of Sylvester, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 33, Page 673 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract II: Being all that certain Lot 1 in Block 56 of the Original Town of Sylvester, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Deeds of record in Volume 265, Page 73 and Volume 268, Page 56 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 31st day of August 1994 as the property of ARTHUR F. SWANSON, if living; GEORGE A. BURY, if living; to satisfy a judgment amounting to $245.94 with interest from the 14th day of July, 1994 at 10 per cent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

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HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of August 30 - September 5, 1994 were as follows:

ADMITTED:

Nannie Woodward- Roby; Louise Carrillo- Rotan; Effie Murphree- Rotan.

DISMISSED: Jonathan Boles- Rotan; Christopher Gilbert- Rotan; Nannie Woodward- Roby; Lenard Lankford- Roby; Effie Murphree- Rotan.

Midwest Electric Holds 56th Annual Membership Meeting In Snyder

September 1st was the date of Midwest Electric's 56th annual membership meeting held at the Scurry County Coliseum, in Snyder. With 1,700 in attendance, the group was served a barbe-que meal, was treated to entertainment provided by the Imitation Stats, and elected two directors to serve on the board. Re-elected to place #3 was James Beaver of Fluvanna, defeating Weldon Lloyd of Dermott. John Ward of the Polar community unseated incumbent director Melvin Clements for place #4. Internationally known Western and Christian artist Kenneth Wyatt was the master of ceremonies for the event. Board President James Beaver and General Manager Vesta Orr spoke to the membership about the condition of the cooperative, and the study of a proposed consolidation/merger with Dickens Electric Cooperative, our neighboring cooperative to the north, headquartered in Spur, Texas.



MIDWEST DIRECTORS: Left to right; seated: Carl Williams. James Beaver, Mickey Sterling. Standing, left to right: John Ward, Bobby Gruben, Mike Herron and Jerry Upshaw.

F.C. RV Club Holds Meeting

The Fisher County RV Club met at Fredericksburg for the August meeting. The Joe Swaffords and Tommy Walkers were Wagon Masters. Those attending were: J.T. and Louise Mahaffey, Melvin and Odessa Clements, Joe and Nelda Swafford, Tommy and Vonzell Walker, Dwight and Merle Lovett, Glenn and Violet Upshaw, Potsy and Arlene Neeper, Ruth and Maurice Callan, Roy and Mary Adams, Jim and Amaleeta McCright, Cullen and Alline Terry, Rosemary Orrell.

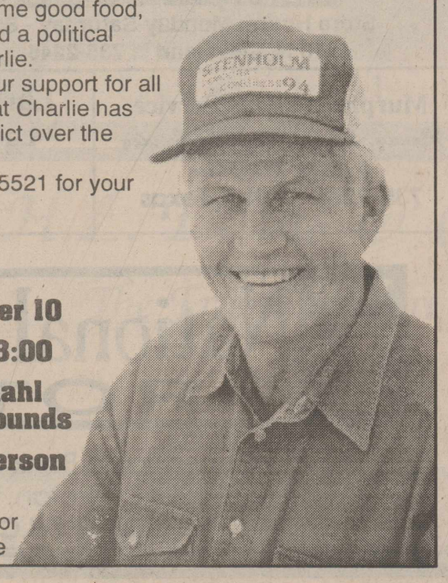
The next meeting will be September 29-30. October 1-2 at Bluff Trails Ranch, Ingram.

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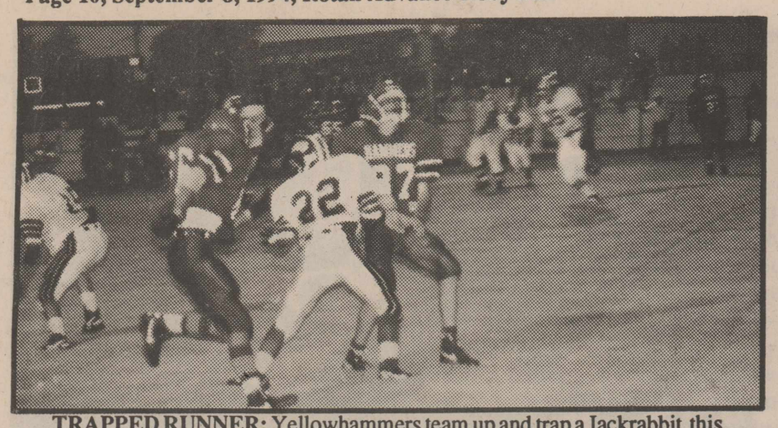
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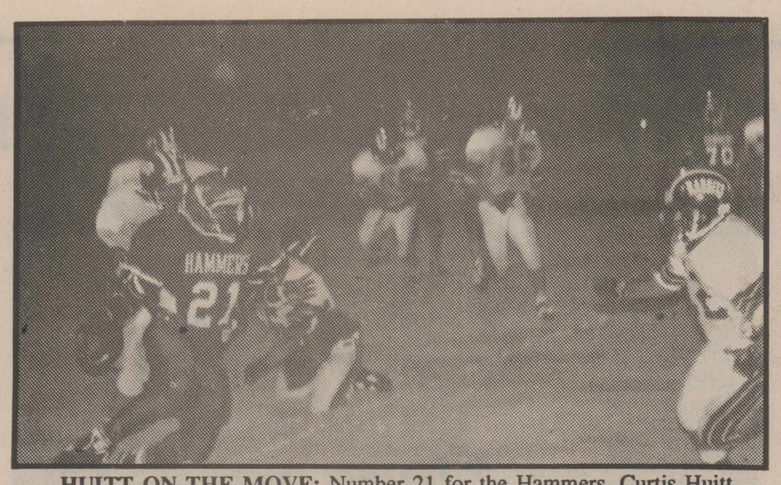
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TRAPPED RUNNER: Yellowhammers team up and trap a Jackrabbit this past Friday night preventing a touchdown. The Hammers played strong against the Ralls Jackrabbits defeating them and will face the Coahoma Bulldogs on Sept. 9th in a home game.



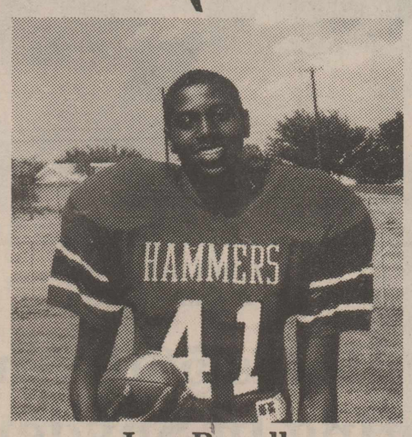
HUITT ON THE MOVE: Number 21 for the Hammers, Curtis Huitt carries the ball, pushing away oppossing team members from Ralls.



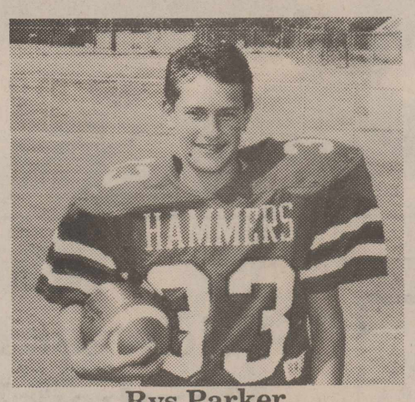
CAUGHT BALL: Surrounded by Ralls players this Hammer plans a way of escape before running with the ball.

Rotan Yellowhammers
Vs.
Coahoma Bulldogs

Friday, September 9th-8:00 p.m.-Here



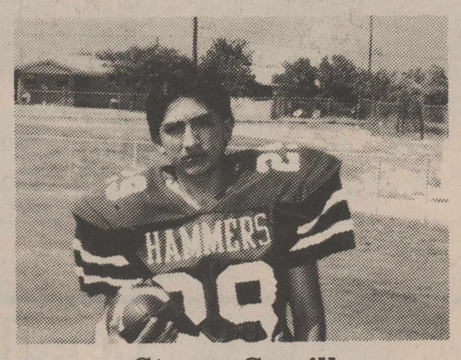
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Sept. 2	Ralls	8:00	H	28	27
Sept. 9	Coahoma	8:00	H		
Sept. 16	Jim Ned	8:00	H		
Sept. 23	Munday	8:00	T		
Sept. 30	Cisco	7:30	T		
Oct. 7	*Hawley (Homecoming)	7:30	H		
Oct. 14	*Anson	7:30	H		
Oct. 21	*Stamford	7:30	T		
Oct. 28	*Hamlin	7:30	H		
Nov. 4	*Haskell	7:30	T		



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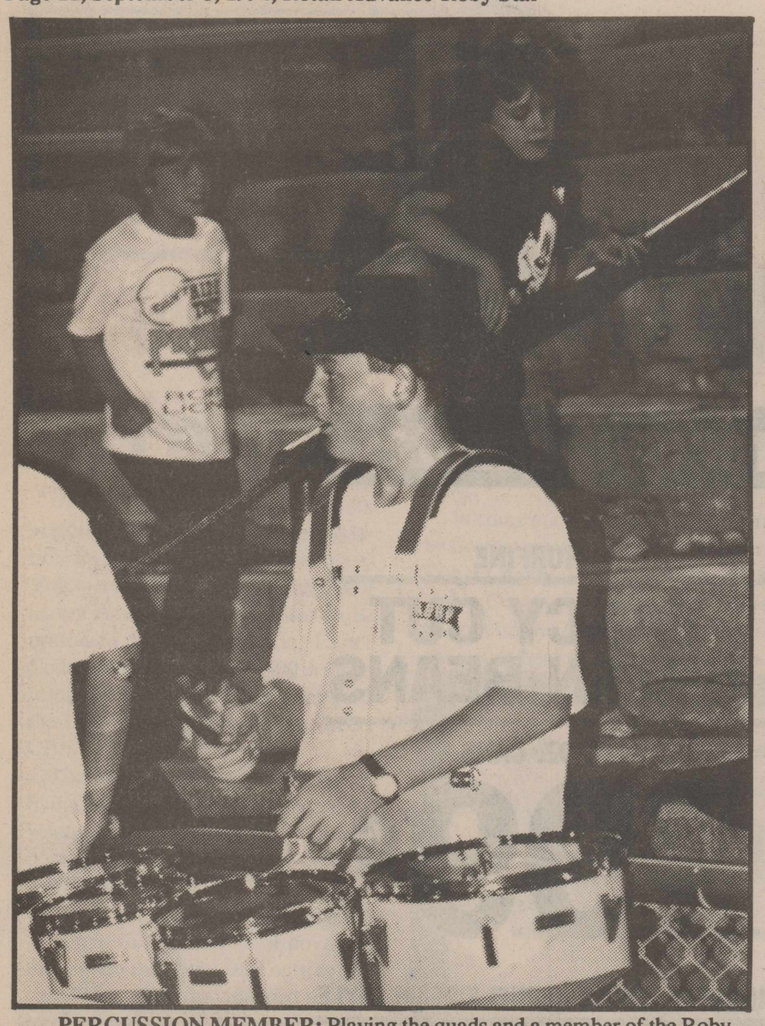
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PERCUSSION MEMBER: Playing the quads and a member of the Roby Lion Band is Kyle McWilliams.



TUBA PLAYER: David Bond, of the Roby Lion Band, performs at halftime during the Roby Lion game against Santo. The Lions will meet Cross Plains at Roby on September 9th.



WAITING IT OUT AND WISHING HE COULD PLAY: Patrick Buckner, injured Lion player watches and wishes he was on the field. Buckner was injured during a scrimmage game before the season started.

Hustling Around Hobbs

by Joy Walker.....

Well we finally got that much needed rain, although some folks would like more. I measured 2 1/2 inches out here, and the grass has sure greened up since that good rain. Also the pastures look much better but the moisture was a little late for the cotton. Some folks are goig to be getting their land ready to plant wheat, etc., and I know everyone was pleased to know that it really can rain in West Texas. The forecasters say we might get some more rain Tuesday and on during the week, so let's hope so.

Dove season opened September 1st, so there are lots of hunters in the area. I heard them shooting when I was walking this morning, but actually I haven't seen that many dove this year, have seen lots of quail though.

We were pleased to have **Mickey Early** and his family at Hobbs church Sunday morning. **Mickey** brought our message Sunday morning, in the absence of our pastor, **Dee Threatt. Bro. Dee and Diana and little Tabitha** went to Lubbock for the long Labor Day weekend.

Louise Martinez attended the REA meeting Thursday night, and said there was a big crowd there and she got lots of visiting done.

Wayne Boydstun of Mesquite had major surgery last Tuesday at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. He is really doing well and got to go home on Sunday, but of course is taking things easy. **Delia Hardin** spent all day Tuesday with the **Frank Boydstuns** and **Frank's** sister and her husband, **Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sandel** from Peacock visited with the **Boydstuns** last Sunday.

Debra Etheredge and her family visited over the long weekend with the **J.W. Etheredges.** They are from Levelland; **David** is in Colorado hunting. **Randy and Vicky Etheredge** and family visited with all the **Etheredges** on Sunday.

Happy birthday to **Dale Cave** whose birthday is Friday, September 9th, and to **Alison Daniel** who will be 3 years old on Friday.

James and Dianne Ratliff held a big Labor Day barbecue supper Saturday night out at their place over in Rough Creek. There were over 100 folks present and so much good food and fellowship. All of the **Ratliff's** children were there, **Mr. and Mrs. Jarod (Teressa) Standlee** and baby Caghan from Lubbock, **Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ratliff** and boys from Fort Worth, and **Mrs. Tracy (Kim) Knipe** and family from Snyder. **Tracy** has to work that day so wasn't able to attend. Out of town guests were **Pam and Jim Brooks** from Marble Falls, **Rich and Marsha Dieker** from Illinois, **Edna and Don Smith** from Riverside, California and their two grandsons and **James'** cousin **Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ratliff** who are from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Eight of their guests were still there Sunday and will stay until Monday, so they will have a houseful of company.

I went to **Dianne and James** Saturday night with **Shelia and Donnie Gruben** and sure had a good time, and the weather was just about perfect.

Evette Gruben and Drew Burk from Dallas are here visiting for the weekend. They came to attend the wedding of **Todd Gruben and Darla Files** on Sunday at Paint Rock. Also here visiting with the **Wilber Grubens** were **Tess and Tatum Williams** from Crane. **Carye Gruben** from Dallas came in late Sunday night and she is going to stay for a few days. Also **Donnie Carl and Julie Gruben** were at **Shelia and Donnie's** Sunday night; they came for **Todd's** wedding also.

Well this is about all for this week. Hope you all had a very happy and safe Labor Day, tomorrow starts another week of school for almost everybody.

Identify The Mystery Man

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From the entries last week of people who correctly identified the mystery man as **Rev. Alvis Cooley - Jesse Morrow of Rotan** is the winner of the prize of $19.00 in merchandise at the Newspaper Office.

Official Entry Blank 7

My 'Mystery Man' Guess Is _____

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Your Phone Number _____

Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: "Who is responsible for mowing and maintaining Veteran's Park?"

ANSWER: - "Good question. This has been a cooperative effort since the recent remodeling to Veteran's Park. The Rotan Renovation Committee, headed by Susy Day; the City of Rotan, Jeff Groves and Rotan Community Service League folks and lots of other individuals have pitched in and done the work in the past. As all interested concerned organizations and individuals get together in the months to come and discuss the new downtown median maintenance responsibilities, this area of responsibility will probably also surface. It looks beautiful at present. A tribute to volunteers who work hard for Rotan behind the scenes. Thanks for your interest. *Jerry Marshall, Mayor, City of Rotan, Rotan, Texas.*

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

Legal Notice

STATE OF TEXAS

To CONNIE BRAFFORD and GEOFFREY ALLEN BEAUDRY, Respondents, "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of CLAUDE A. BRAFFORD and LANA SUE BRAFFORD, Petitioners, was filed in the Court of Fisher County, Texas, on the 11th day of August, 1994, against CONNIE BRAFFORD and GEOFFREY ALLEN BEAUDRY, Respondents, numbered 5268, and entitled In the Interest of JEFFERY BRANDON BEAUDRY. The suit requests the adoption of JEFFERY BRANDON BEAUDRY by Petitioners.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving of the parent-child relationship which will be binding on you.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Roby, Fisher County, Texas, this the 31st day of August, 1994.

Clerk of the District Court of Fisher County, Texas

By Bettie Hargrove

2:3tc

THANK YOU

We want to thank the EMT's, Dr. Maurice Callan, Dr. Perry and the nursing staff at the Fisher County Hospital for the wonderful care they gave our mother while she was in the hospital. We cannot express our appreciation enough for everything everyone did for mother and our family, Bro. Joe Vernon coming to the hospital daily, the food prepared, the prayers, the visits to the hospital.

We could not have made it at this very difficult time in our lives, had it not been for all of you at First Baptist Church and our family and friends in Rotan.

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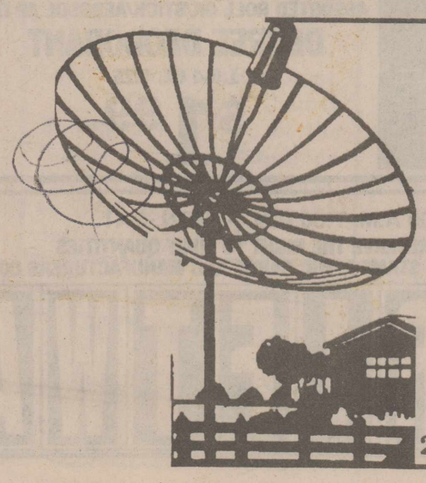
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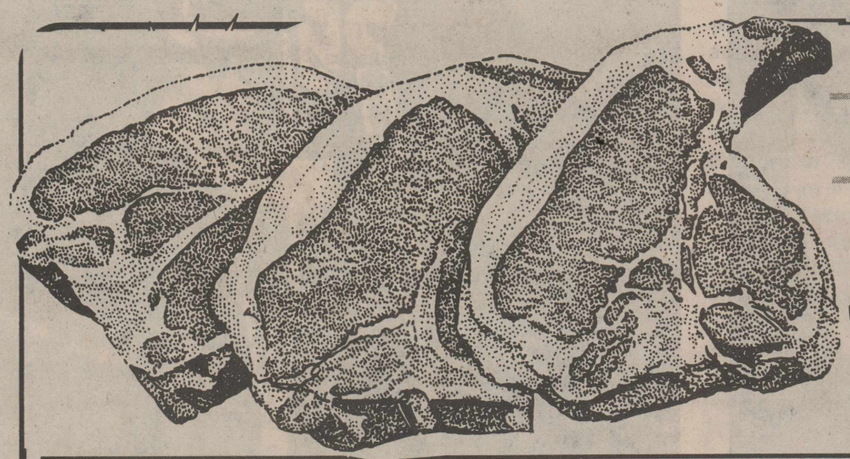
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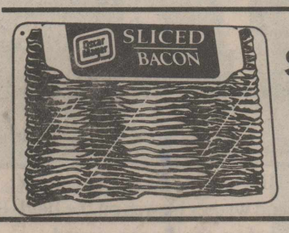


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GALLON JUG
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SHURFINE FROZEN
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12 OZ. CAN
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SHURFINE 2 PLY DECORATOR
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16 OZ. BOX
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$2.99 SIZE BAG
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DORITOS® CHIPS
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98-103 OZ. BOX
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ULTRA DOWNY
REFILL
40 OZ. CTN.
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ALL TYPES
DR PEPPER
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12 OZ. CANS
$1.39



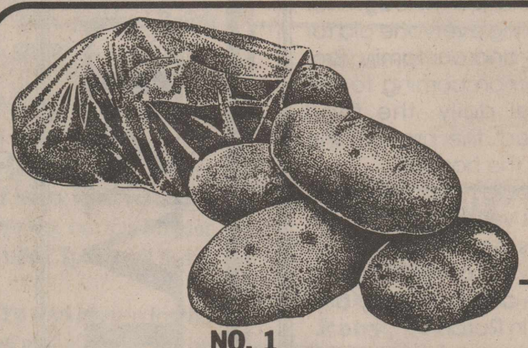
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15-15.25 OZ. CAN
69¢



ASSORTED
VLASIC PICKLES
32 OZ. JAR
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COMET LONG GRAIN
WONDER RICE
28 OZ. BAG
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REGULAR OR SUNRINSE
ULTRA DOWNY
40 OZ. BTL.
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RUSSET POTATOES
89¢ 10 LB. BAG



FLAME
SEEDLESS GRAPES
PER POUND
79¢

NEW CROP CALIFORNIA
GRANNY SMITH APPLES.....LB. 49¢

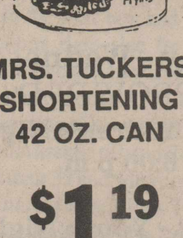
NEW CROP EAST TEXAS
SWEET POTATOES..... LB. 59¢

LARGE
BELL PEPPERS.....4 FOR $1.00

GARDEN FRESH
YELLOW ONIONS.....4 LBS. $1.00

SNO-WHITE
MUSHROOMS.....EACH 99¢

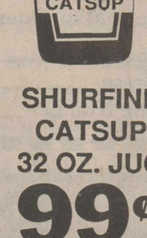
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COLE SLAW MIX.....EACH 79¢



MRS. TUCKERS SHORTENING
42 OZ. CAN
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4 PACK 5 OZ.
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SHURFINE CATSUP
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- SNICKERS
- 3-MUSKETEERS
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14-16 OZ. FUN SIZE
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BLUE BUNNY ASSTD.
SHERBET
1/2 GAL. SQ. CTN.
2 FOR $3

BLUE BUNNY DELUXE
FUDGE BARS
12 CT. PACK
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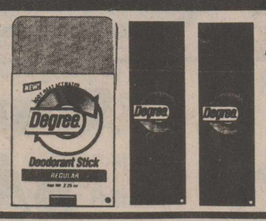


GREEN GIANT ASSTD.
VEGETABLES
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99¢

FISHER BOY
FISH STICKS
8 OZ. PKG.
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