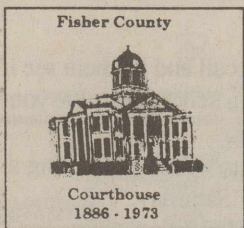


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Rotan Advance

Hospital Gets Level IV Trauma Designation

"The community told us, through a survey we conducted that they wanted high quality emergency health care", announced Ella Ray Helms, Fisher County Hospital Administrator.

Her remarks came at the beginning of the festivities last week officially naming the Fisher County Hospital District as having been designated a Level IV Trauma Center by the Texas Department of Health.

The Fisher County medical institution was the first hospital in the Big Country Emergency Care System to attain the coveted designation.

"We owe the success for attaining this designation to the community, EMS personnel, doctors, board members and local trauma personnel", stated Ella Raye Helms, Administrator. She went on to praise LaVona Brown, RN, Director of Nursing and Trauma Coordinator for the Fisher County Hospital.

Present for the ceremony at the Fisher County Hospital last week were: Ray Mason, Chairman of the Emergency Healthcare Advisory Committee and Assistant Vice President of Methodist Hospital in Lubbock; Kathy Perkins, Andy Cargyle and Mike Polk, representing the Texas Department of Health; Cherie Six, RN, CEN, Chairman of the Abilene Regional Trauma Advisory Committee and approximately fifty Fisher County individuals.

Kathy Perkins, in making the presentation of the certificate to Ella Raye Helms indicated the four levels

of trauma care beginning with Level One, designed for big urban centers down to Level Four which was awarded the Fisher County Hospital. "The Level Four designation means you have the facility, personnel, equipment and physicians, all trained in emergency care and that you have the ability to transport injured patients in the event the need arises," commented Perkins.

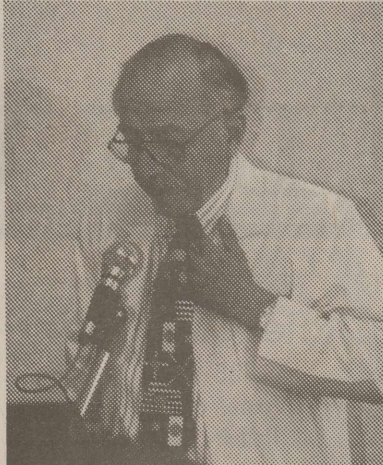
The process to get the designation began in November of 1994 with the notification of the intention to award coming in December 1995. "This hospital jumped in and asked 'How can we do it?'. You people should be proud. This facility had a total of twelve identified strengths on our evaluation form, another area that the local community can take pride in", concluded Perkins.

Both Dr. C.M. Callan and Dr. Richard Perry congratulate those responsible for attaining the designation.

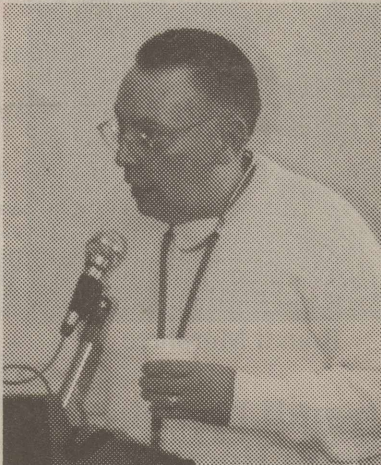
In closing, Kathy Perkins said, "I know how hard everyone worked to get this Level 4 designation and no one can appreciate the hard work by all personnel."



LOOKING AT AREA COVERED: (L to R) Joe Burk, Fredda Buckner, Beverly Rister, Larry Landes, Beverly Landes, Mac Weathersbee and Vick Burk view map showing hospitals that have attained Trauma Center designations.



Dr. C.M. Callan



Dr. Richard Perry



FISHER COUNTY PINK LADIES: (l to r) Betty Carter, Addie Markham, Nell Hughes, Pat Kelley, Christine Rackley and Mary Singley served refreshments during the presentation ceremony.

Editor's Column

By Kimball G. Pease

Wes Hays - Rotan School Superintendent Wes Hays was honored for outstanding employee safety by the North Texas Educational Insurance Association at its annual meeting conducted in Austin, Texas recently. The association consists of 121 participating school districts located throughout northern and central Texas.

Mary Rike - Haskell Chamber of Commerce has invited Fisher County food and merchandise vendors to participate in Haskell's Wild Horse Prairie Days on May 31 and June 1 & 2. Wild Horse Prairie Days will consist of three days of ranch rodeo events with more than \$3,500 in jackpot money. Other events include a chuck wagon cook-off on the creek, dances Friday and Saturday nights, WTBRA barrel racing, open calf roping, team roping, cowboy poetry and entertainment and a cowboy church service. Call Mary Rike at 817/864-2665 for more information.

Steve Nowlin - President of the Fisher County Hospital Board encouraged all Fisher County residents to vote in the hospital board director's election on Saturday, May 4th. "It is important to the stable future of our hospital district to elect three candidates who will represent the views and positions of the majority of residents of the district. I personally hope the residents get out and vote sometime this Saturday."

Jim Gruben - Dressed as Captain Hook had students in awe last Thursday morning as he handed out invitations to the Rotan Junior High 8th grade banquet.

Frank Conard - Although Frank Conard was out of town last Thursday, we understand that the trial involving Dale Wayne Eaton, Donnie Eaton and Hank Day has been moved from May 13th to July 8th. The discovery section of the pre-trial activities took place a few weeks ago. That is the time when the prosecuting attorneys must show their 'hand' and let defense attorneys know what information they will be using at the trial. It is customary to give defense attorneys one time extension or postponement for them to digest and counter the prosecutions information.

Wanda Murphree - Informed us that the National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 2nd. Those interested in meeting together for prayer will meet at the First Baptist Church in Rotan at 7:00 a.m.; First Methodist Church in Rotan at Noon and the Rotan Church of Christ at 7:30 p.m. Thursday night.

Mike & JoAnn Terry - Have purchased the Friendship Company in Roby from Kim Johnson and Tammy Kiser and have some fantastic plans for the future. They are in the process of remodeling now - you'll hear more about what they are doing later.

Rodney Tankersley - Was seen picking up trash and weeding and generally cleaning up the new center median across from City Auto. Thanks. It may be that everyone along Sammy Baugh Avenue need to follow Tankersley's lead.

Frank Cockrell - Was pleased with the crowd present for the naming of the Fisher County Hospital as a Level IV Trauma Center, the first hospital in the area to get the designation. There were approximately 60 people present for the ceremony last week.

Dwayne Lee - Lots of construction going on at Lee's Shamrock Station in Rotan. Workers are finishing installing three 4,000 gallon above ground gasoline storage tanks. "Just trying to bring everything up to modern specifications", said Dwayne.

Randy Bibb - Abilene CPA, mentioned that he hoped that Rotan folks passed the new \$3.50 a line residential calling proposal so Rotan people could call Abilene, Sweetwater, Snyder, Anson and Stamford unlimited times for a total cost of \$3.50 a month.

Charles Thornton - Fisher County Auditor said he anticipates that the Commissioners will have the first look at the 1996 oil valuation estimates from Pritchard and Abbott around May 6th, according to information he had received from Betty Mize.

Ella Raye Helms - Recently reported to the board of directors that the hospital showed a March 1996 gain from operations of \$60,468. After the tax revenue and respiratory therapy income is factored in, the gain jumps to \$103,158. The ClearFork RHC showed a loss for March of \$3,286 and the Roby RHC showed a loss of \$2,170 for the same period.

Betty Rivers - The next batch of elected candidates, locally, who will be up for elected office will be - Billy Henderson, Commissioner Prec. 2; Gene Terry, Commissioner Prec. 4; Betty Rivers, County Clerk; Betty Hargrove, District Clerk; Marshal Bennett, Fisher County Judge; Marty Williamson, County Treasurer; Albert Hataway, J.P. #1 and Marie Crowley, J.P. #3. The primary will be in March of 1998 with winners taking office on January 1, 1999 for four-year terms.

Peggy Bilbo - Encouraging Rotan telephone customers to vote beginning on May 6th. Ballots will be in telephone bills. Remember the total cost of being able to call Sweetwater, Snyder, Anson, Stamford and Abilene is \$3.50 for residential customers and \$7.00 per line for business customers. All five blocks on the ballot need to be checked.

Konnett Mays Going To State In Austin In Three Track Events

Konnett Mays won first place in the triple jump, 100 meter dash, and 200 meter dash at the Region II Track and Field Meet this past weekend. This perfect performance qualifies Konnett to compete in the state meet to be held on May 10, 11 at Memorial Stadium on the campus of The University of Texas in Austin. She will compete in the triple jump on Friday and will run the 100 meter and 200 meter on Saturday.

Going into the State meet, Konnett's triple jump leads the class A ranks. Her 100 meter and 200 meter times are rated in the top three. This week she will take a break from

competition to rehab a groin strain, but plans to compete at full strength in Austin.

Roby Methodist Revival Begins On Sunday Night

The members of the First United Methodist Church of Roby will hold a revival beginning on Sunday, May 5th and concluding Wednesday, May 8th, according to Rev. Steve Patterson, Pastor.

Rev. Kenneth Metzger, Abilene District Superintendent, will be the evangelist.

The services begin at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, May 5th. On Monday morning there will be a Men's breakfast at 7:00 a.m. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Metzger will speak at both meetings on Monday.

Tuesday at Noon the ladies will hold a luncheon with Rev. Metzger speaking.

On Wednesday, designated as Youth Night, the service begins at 7:00 p.m.

"I want to take this opportunity to encourage everyone in Fisher County to be present for this revival. We are expecting great things and want not only our church members and friends in Roby to attend but anyone in Fisher County to be with us during this special time," said Steve Patterson.

Local Churches Open For Day Of Prayer Act.

In conjunction with the National Day of Prayer, three local churches will be opening their doors for those interested in praying.

Anyone interested can meet at the First Baptist Church of Rotan at 7:00 a.m., Thursday, May 2nd. The First United Methodist Church will be open at Noon on Thursday for those desiring to pray as part of the National Day of Prayer and the Church of Christ at Rotan will be open at 7:30 p.m., Thursday night, according to Wanda Murphree, coordinator.

Rotan Days To Be Subject Of Meet This Week

Rotan Chamber of Commerce President Irma Carreon indicated that there will be a meeting, probably this week, for Rotan Chamber directors who will be making decisions and assignments concerning the annual Rotan Days activities.

Rotan Days is set for Saturday, July 20th.

Seven On F.C. Hospital Board Director Ballot

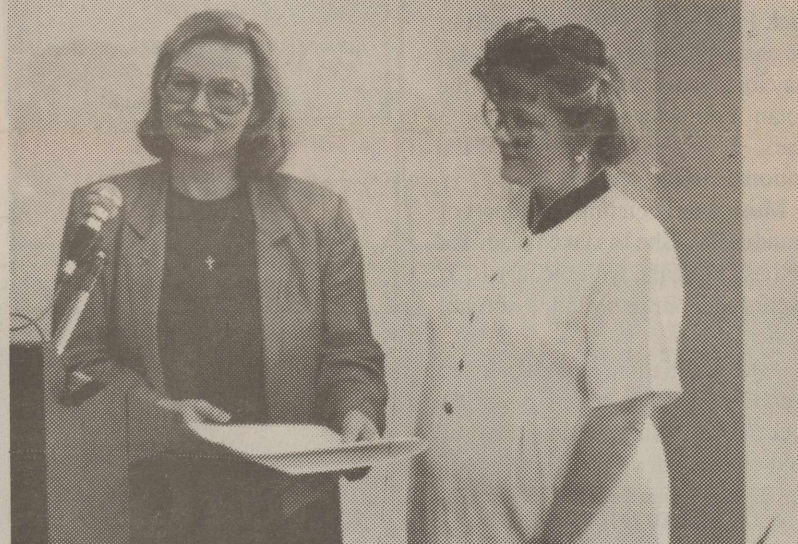
Fisher County voters will be electing three members to the Fisher County Hospital Board on Saturday, May 4th.

Board President Steve Nowlin and Board Vice President Kim Pease are not seeking re-election. Board Secretary Rodney Tankersley has filed for another term.

Three from a field of seven will join board members Freddie Rasberry and CleDon Coffman to comprise the new board.

Those who are running,, in the order their names will appear on the ballot, are: Rodney Tankersley, Vesta Orr, Moses Gonzalez, Robert Posey, Lino Yanez, Jr., Frank Miranda and Susie G. Cogburn.

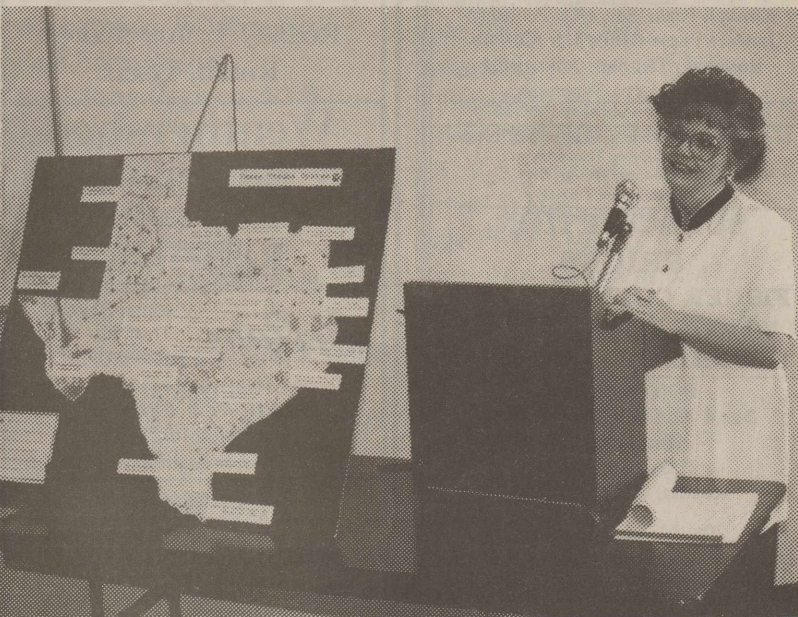
Voters can vote for up to three of the seven candidates.



PRESENTS CERTIFICATE: Kathy Perkins, left, Texas Department of Health, presents Level IV Trauma Center certificate to Fisher County Hospital Administrator Ella Raye Helms, right.



HELICOPTER: From Abilene was at the hospital for the ceremony.



ADMINISTRATOR SPEAKS: Fisher County Hospital Administrator Ella Raye Helms gave those present for the ceremony a run-down on the area hospitals who have been awarded the Level IV designation.



AMBULANCES: Visitors were encouraged to tour the ambulances, emergency room and helicopter after the award ceremony.

Vote On Saturday For Hospital Directors

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Safe Sitter Program Scheduled At Fisher County Hospital

Safe Sitter classes for girls and boys aged 11 to 15 will begin May 18, 1996 at Fisher County Hospital in the Dining Room. Registration for the 2 day program, sponsored by Fisher County Hospital, is open until May 10. The class times will be:



Brandi Murphree

Brandi Murphree Piano Recital Is Sunday, May 5th

Bethel Studio of Music presents Brandi Nicole Murphree in her Senior Piano Recital at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, 1996 at the First Baptist Church, Rotan, Texas. There will be a reception following in the fellowship hall.

Brandi is the daughter of Randy and Sheila Murphree, granddaughter of Nell Ballew and Carroll and Wanda Murphree all of Rotan. She is the great-granddaughter of Effie Murphree, also of Rotan.

Brandi is a Senior at Rotan High School. During her high school career she has been a varsity cheerleader for 4 years, played varsity basketball for 4 years and ran varsity track for 4 years. She was a part of the cast and/or crew for the One-Act Play for 2 years, and a member of the Rotan Yellowhammer Band for 3 years. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Music has been important part of Brandi's life. She has taken piano for the past 11 years, with the last 10 1/2 years under the instruction of Lynn Bethel.

After graduation, Brandi plans to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. She will major in the field of nursing.

Saturday, May 18 beginning at 8:00 a.m. The class will end around 3:00 p.m. The class will resume on Saturday, May 25 at 8:00 a.m. and ending with the ceremony at 3:00 p.m.

The Safe Sitter program is a medically accurate instructional series that teaches youngsters how to handle emergencies when caring for younger children. To register your son or daughter or your child's baby-sitter, call 915-735-2256. The cost is \$10.00 for the class which includes: a tote bag, band-aid dispenser, important numbers note pad, latex gloves, a pen light and student manual. T-shirts

will be available for an additional cost, S-XL \$6.00 and XXL for \$7.00.

At the end of the class on Saturday, there will be a ceremony for all the graduating participants.

The goal of Safe Sitter is to reduce the number of accidental and preventable deaths among children being cared for by baby-sitters. Thousands of young adolescents across the country have been trained by Safe Sitter to handle life threatening emergencies.

All medical information is taught by a certified professional. During the course, students get hands-on practice in basic lifesaving tech-

niques, such as rescue breathing the hemliech maneuver so they are prepared to act in a crisis.

Safe Sitter participants also receive helpful tips to make them more confident care givers. They learn safety and security precautions, such as what to do if a stranger comes to the door and when, how and what to tell the dispatcher when calling 9-1-1. They receive information on child development and age-appropriate activities. And they learn about the business aspects of baby-sitting.

To successfully complete the Safe Sitter program, the youngsters have

to pass a practical and written test to show that they have mastered the key concepts and have the skills necessary to handle an emergency.

If there is anyone who would like to take the class but does not have the

funds, please call and let them see if they can get a scholarship for your child.

The students will need to bring a sack lunch for Saturday.

For more information, please contact Robyn Anderle at Fisher County Hospital, 735-2256.

Mike Meek Is New Coach At Garden City, Tx.

Mike Meek, son of Charlie and Norma Meek of Sylvester, has accepted the position of Head Girls Basketball and Track Coach at Garden City I.S.D.

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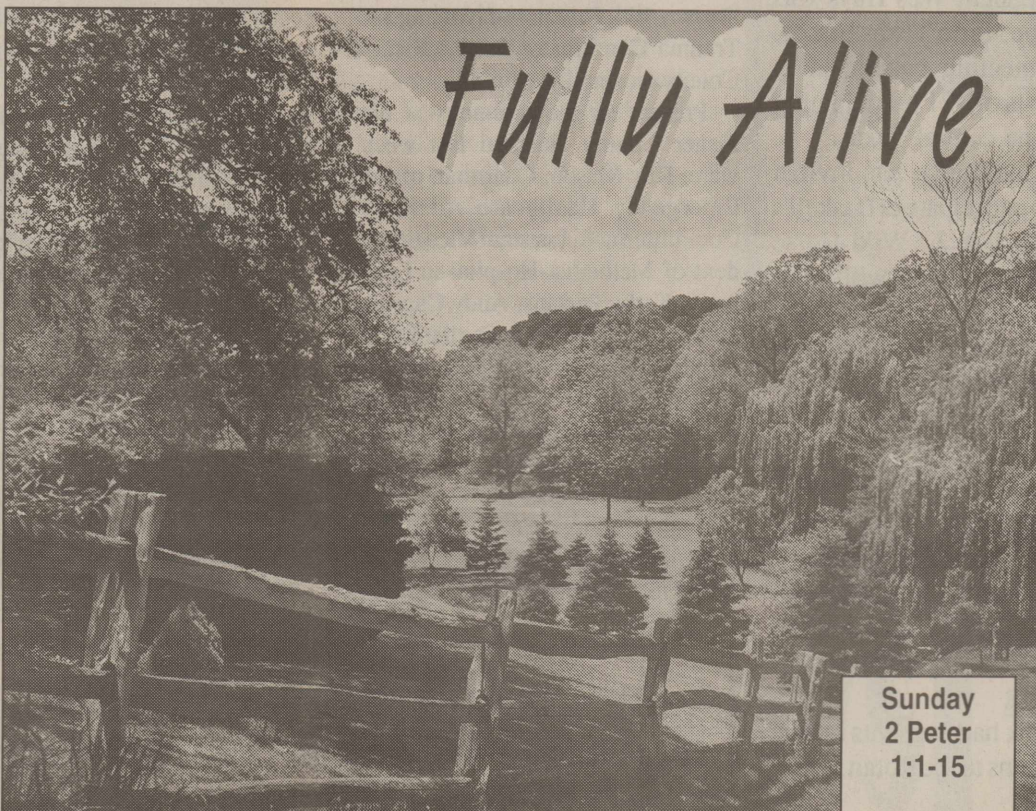
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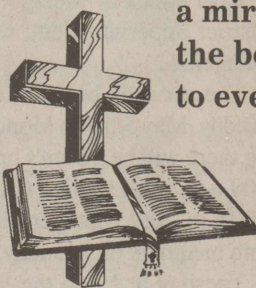


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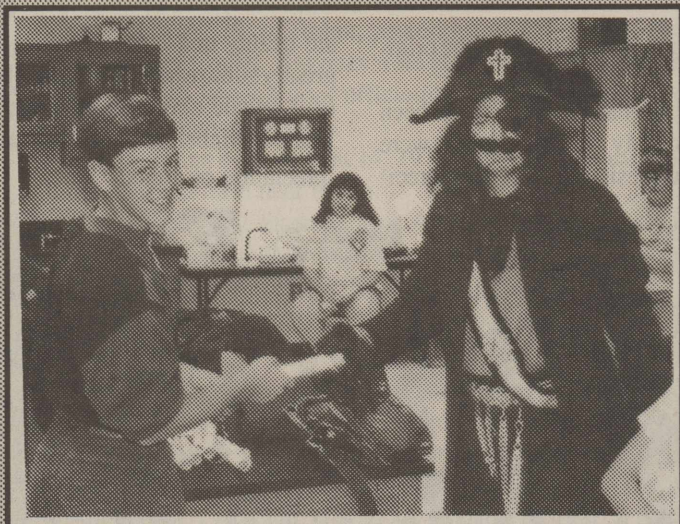
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deadline is noon Tuesday.

Capt. Hook Visits.....



MAKING THE ROUNDS: Captain Hook, Jim Gruben, visited the Eight Grade Class last week at Rotan, delivering invitations to the annual 8th grade banquet. Above, he presents the invitation to Jacob Price, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Price.

Six New To Rotan National Jr. Honor Society

The Rotan National Junior Honor Society inducted six seventh grade students into the organization on Friday, April 26, 1996. Inductees were: Ashley Garza, Haley Helms, Rode Morrow, Cory Rains, Misty Starr, and Jodi York.

Ruthie Riddel, NJHS president, presided and welcomed inductees, parents, school board members, faculty, and students. Byron Kennedy led the pledge to the flag. Jacob Price, vice president of NJHS, discussed scholarship and lit the yellow candle. Lacy Callan, secretary of NJHS, lit the red candle and discussed service. The purple candle was lit by Scott Price, treasurer of

NJHS, and Scott discussed leadership. Dayme Mullins, reporter for NJHS, discussed character and lit the green candle. Crystal Early, historian, discussed citizenship and lit the blue candle. After the tapping-in ceremony, Ruthie Riddel led the NJHS pledge for the new inductees. As each new member stepped forward and lit their candles, parents and relatives were invited to stand. After all candles were lit, Ruthie Riddel recited the poem "Hold High the Torch."

NJHS advisors, Joy Stinson and Lisa Cade, presented the NJHS certificates and membership cards. Mickey Early, principal, spoke to the group and extended congratulations for being members of such an outstanding organization.

A luncheon was held in the library for the NJHS members, their parents, junior high faculty, and other guests. The parents of current members prepared a delicious buffet for the occasion.

To be eligible for consideration for membership, a student must have an average of 87 and must prepare a written application showing individual qualifications of scholarship,

service, leadership, character, and citizenship. The junior high faculty committee then votes individually on each candidate.



ROTAN NATIONAL JR. HONOR SOCIETY: L to r: Jodi York, Rode Morrow, Cory Rains, Haley Helms, Ashley Garza and Misty Storm.

Awards Banquet Set May 14th

The Athletic Club and Band Boosters met Thursday, April 18th to plan the Awards Banquet. It was decided the Awards Banquet will be Tuesday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the

Roby Cafeteria. All athletic band students, honor students in high school and high school teachers will be guests. All parents and supporters may buy a ticket for \$6.

Error In Name On Roby Honor Roll Last Week

The Roby School made an error on one of the kids name on the honor roll. It should have read: 3rd grade, A-B honor roll- J.W. Chick.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of April 23 - 29, 1996 were as follows:

ADMITTED:

Juanita Sosa- Rotan; Anita Macias- Roby; Antonia Barrera- Rotan; Guy Cheyne- Jayton; Polly Martinez- Rotan; Eva McKimmey- Rotan; C.L. Evers- Roby.

DISMISSED:

Ollie Ogden- Sweetwater; Ernestine Derrick- Stamford; Juanita Sosa- Rotan; Antonia Barrera- Rotan; Guy Cheyne- Jayton.

Commissioners Accepting Bids

Fisher County Commissioners Court is accepting bids for sale of 1971 model Chevrolet 2 ton truck. For information contact Billy Henderson, Commissioner Precinct 2. Truck is located at Precinct 3 barn in Rotan. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. May 17, 1996, in special session of Commissioners Court. Fisher County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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Spaghetti Feed Sunday By 8th Grade Class

The Class of 2000 at Rotan invites the community to share the Eighth Grade Banquet by asking anyone interested to be present for a Spaghetti Luncheon on Sunday, May 5th.

Serving time will be from 11:30 a.m., until 1:30 p.m. at the Rotan School Cafeteria.

Cost of meals are \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children - under 12. Menu will be spaghetti, salad, garlic tast, dessert and tea.

ANNOUNCEMENT
Debra Matthis is now taking appointments at Rheta's Beauty Shop on Saturdays and Mondays. Call 735-2459

Rotan Man Is Arrested For Marijuana

A Rotan man was stopped for a traffic violation on Tuesday night at approximately 9:00 p.m. and it wound up costing him \$442 in fines and court costs and 6-days in jail.

Travis Lee, age 21 of Rotan, was stopped by Fisher County Sheriff's Department Patrolman Dwayne McKay for a traffic violation.

After smelling a strong odor, that McKay suspected to be marijuana, he searched Lee's vehicle and found marijuana.

Lee was arrested for possession of marijuana, a class B misdemeanor (less than 4 ounces), by McKay.

Lee paid a \$250 fine and \$192 in court costs in addition to spending 6 days in the Fisher County Jail.

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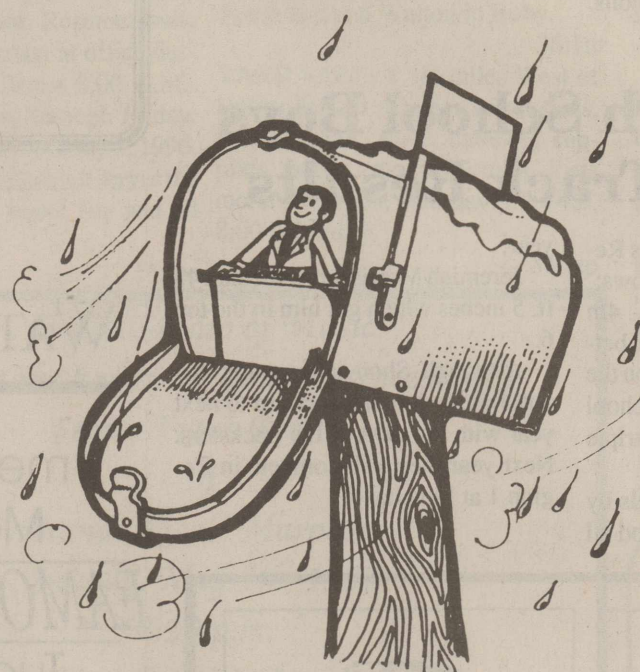
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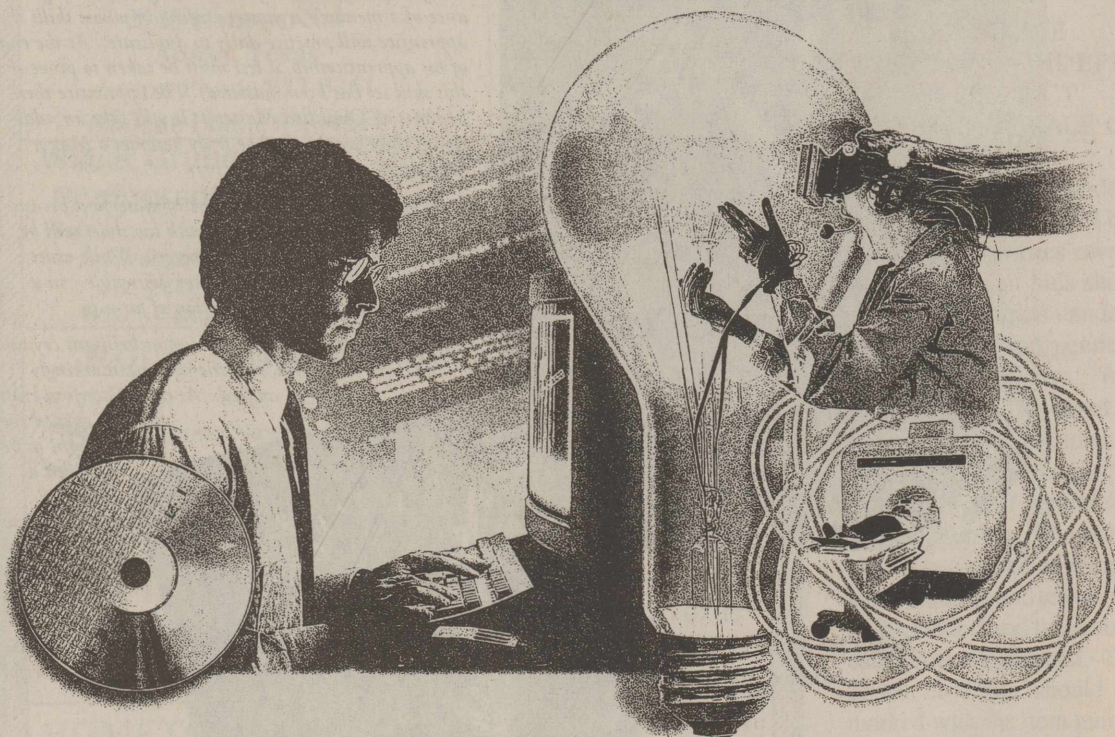
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Mabel Warren Has Zest For Life, And A Love For Quilts & Quilting

by Ruby Wild.....

This week I obtained a fascination for quilts. I had developed an aversion to them in the past. In earlier years, our winters were much colder and longer. Houses were not heated as they are today, and fires had to be extinguished at night. It was necessary to pile on cover to keep warm. One could scarcely turn over, under heavy layers of quilts which were much thicker than those you see today.

Mrs. Martin Warren (Mabel) has the most gorgeous quilts that I have ever seen. Rather than used as cover to keep warm, used as a bedspread they will enhance the attractiveness of a bedroom. She has made some for dining tables.

Before I get into a description of her quilts (words are inadequate to do justice to their beauty - "seeing is believing" is certainly true), I want to give a brief summary of some of the events of her life. Many in Fisher

County have known her for years, and realize that this affable lady has a zest for life and a gracious smile that radiates as much charm as the quilts she produces.

Born Mabel Perry in February 1915 at Escota, she has lived in Fisher County most of her life. She met Martin Warren in Brownfield, and they were married 1934 in Lovington, New Mexico. Martin died in 1985. She has five children, seventeen grandchildren and thirty-three great grandchildren. Her children graduated from Roby High School (with the exception of a twin daughter, who married in her senior year and received her diploma from another school). Her twin daughters played basketball for the Roby Lady Lions. Mrs. Huey was coach at the time.

Martin Warren's uncle, Louis Bryant and Mr. Smart (Jewell Malouf's father) operated a business in a tent while Rotan was still building. The Warren family came to

Fisher County in 1907. Martin was born in 1911. Mr. Warren had purchased farm land and built a home for his family. After the death of his father and mother, Martin and Mabel occupied the family home until Martin's youngest brother, P.R. (who had served in World War II) married and came home. Mabel said that the house had been named the "weaning" house. When another son married, the present occupants moved out and the newly-weds moved in. The Warren family continue to have an annual family reunion in Weatherford. Each year Mabel takes two quilts (one for children to draw a name, and one for adults). The name drawn from the container is the winner in each group.

Mabel has always enjoyed quilting; in fact, she said that Martin told everyone that "she had rather quilt than eat." Before Sardis Baptist Church disbanded and joined with Cross Roads Baptist, the ladies of Sardis would draw names to see which of them would set up the quilt and the rest would come to quilt. Mabel has made or quilted (some furnish the pieced top and lining) for ladies in Alabama, Arizona, Dumas, and eight for Opal Miller in Alaska. She has made presents of quilts for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

When I arrived, Mabel had already spread ten large outstanding quilts on a bed for me to view. The first, Desert Mirage (a beautiful array of large colored flowers which gave an appliqued affect), Lone Star (the first one of these she had ever made in 1979). She has made fifty-seven of that pattern since. It was very appealing - a bright star gleaming in an expanse of blue, delicately quilted in - a miniature outline of the state of Texas, blue bonnets and other emblems native to our State. Cotton bolls (very eye-catching with large fluffy bolls of white cotton in green burs, as if they were ready for easy picking), Tennessee Waltz (very many pretty colors), Double wed-

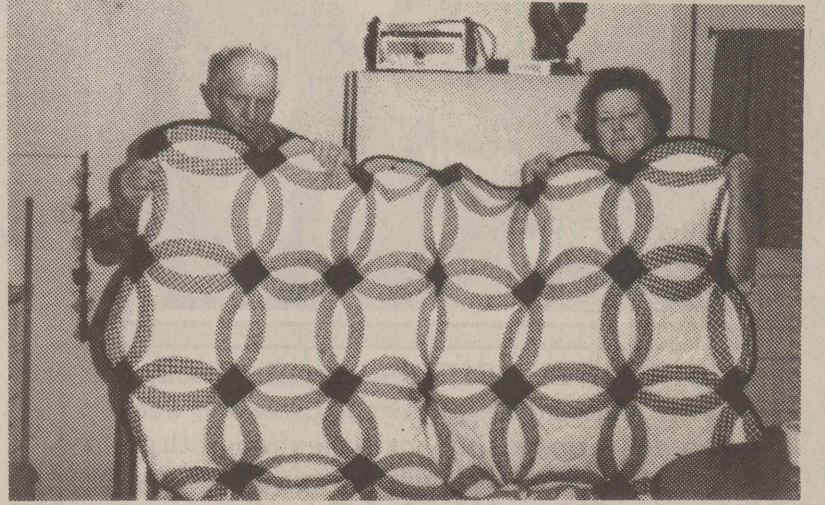
ding ring (a pattern familiar to most of us), Texas Star (a much larger star than Lone Star, covering a large portion of the quilt). Thirteen stars (representing the thirteen original colonies of the United States), Colonial Doll (dressed in many different colored dresses and bonnets - some even had embroidered necklaces and rings), Zebra (a large zebra with colorful accompaniments), a double wedding ring (given by an aunt to Mabel as a high school graduation gift - sixty-two years ago), and Scripture quilt (I found it to be the most unusual and interesting of all). It depicts characters and scenes of Bible stories, twelve from the New Testament with artistically defined embroidered pictures on white blocks. I cannot begin to imagine the time and patience which was required. Mabel showed me a twin size Dinosaur quilt (made for a grandson who seems to know everything there is to know about dinosaurs) and three crib size quilts (two of various animals and chickens, one of a bear).

Mabel showed snapshots of numerous quilts which she has made and given to others or sold. In 1951 she donated one to the Rotan Public Library which was auctioned at a drawing. Aurora Nowlin was the winner. There was a picture of "Little Bo Peep" made for a granddaughter and a Puzzle Quilt made for a grandson. Of all the quilts and photographs which I observed, it would be almost humanly impossible to choose the most beautiful. The picture of the Washington Guest Quilt is the most impressionable, in that Mabel cut the pieces and reproduced the quilt from a sketch drawn by a lady who had visited the Mount Vernon home of Martha and George Washington. She was so attracted by a quilt in one of the guest bedrooms that she sketched it for readers of "Good Cheer", and anyone who desired to make the quilt using the sketch as a pattern. Mabel made the quilt and photographed it, the only difference was that she didn't

use the colors mentioned in the original.

Sewing of any sort has never been my forte. My quilting stitches were grossly undesirable, but I do appreciate

the beauty and I do recognize it. I greatly admire Mabel Warren's beautiful artistic ability in quilt making. Thanks, Mabel, for restoring my appreciation of quilts.



DOUBLE WEDDING RING: This black and white check Double Wedding Ring quilt was made for Julie Jones in 1983 and is displayed by Mabel and her late husband Martin Warren.



LONE STAR QUILT: This Lone Star quilt was shown in the Library show in 1991, quilted and made by Mabel and the winner of the quilt, pictured with Mabel, is Aurora Nowlin of Rotan.



ROBY LIONS QUILT: This quilt was made and quilted by Mabel depicting the fighting Roby Lions.

Rotan High School Boys Regional Track Results

The Rotan High School boys Regional Track results are as follows:

Jay Ben Alls- Long jump- 4th place with 22 ft. 5 inches that bettered his best jump by 8 inches on the year. Still 6 inches off the school record. He placed 7th in the triple jump with a jump of 41' 1 1/4".

Shon Fudge missed the finals by .01 of a second but ran very good all

year.

Jeremiah Morris threw the shot 42 ft. 5 inches which got him in the top 6.

Although Shon is a senior, the coaches are looking forward to next year with the next of the tracksters. Next year they will compete in Region 1 at Levelland.

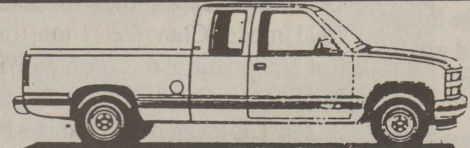
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The family of Alvis McArthur would like to express our sincere thanks for all the food, flowers, cards and calls given to us on the death of our mother. We will always remember your kindness and support.

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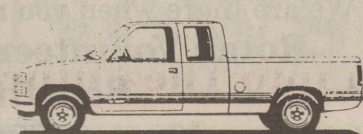
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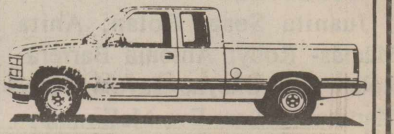


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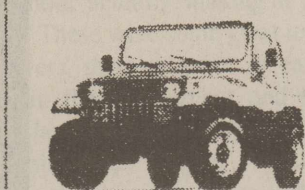
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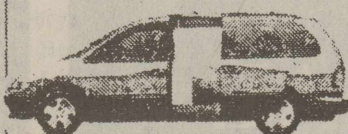
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Dorothy Schick, 79, of Rotan, passed away Saturday morning in the Rotan Nursing Center. Services were at 2:30 p.m., Monday at the Rotan Cemetery with James Carter officiating. Arrangements were made by Weathersbee Funeral Home. Miss Schick was born August 14, 1918 in Fisher County and had lived all her life on a farm near Rotan. Survivors include: 2 sisters- Carrie Allen, Roby, Iola Cady, El Paso. She was preceded in death by 3 sisters and 6 brothers.

Billy Ray Mahaffey

Billy Ray Mahaffey, 62, of Hodges, died Thursday at an Abilene hospital. Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Saturday at Christian Life Church, Anson, Texas. Reverend Rick Hargrave and Buddy Sipe will officiate. Burial followed at McCaulley Cemetery. Born at McCaulley, he attended schools at Longworth, Texas. On February 7, 1972 he married Irma Ritter at Waurika, Oklahoma. He came to Abilene in 1972 and moved to Hodges in 1980. A retired dirt contractor he was a member of Christian Life Church. Survivors include his wife of Hodges; two sons- Steve Mahaffey and Shannon Mahaffey both of Sweetwater; two daughters- Shelia Brock of Midland and Sharon Morrow of Poteet; four sisters- Jewell Taylor of Abilene, Othene Izard of Fresno, CA., Jimmie Oleta Lewis of Medera, CA., and Louise Davis of Fort Worth; three brothers, James Roy Mahaffey, Jr. of Lake Jackson, Fred Mahaffey of Piedmont, MO., and Jerald C. Mahaffey of Burleson; eight grandchildren; one great grandchild; several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

THANK YOU

As the Directors of the spring production of "Harvey", we would like to thank all the people involved with the production. The support of patrons from Rotan and Roby was greatly appreciated. We would like to thank members of Theatre on the Brazos who pitched in and worked so diligently during the time of production. A great big thank you to those responsible for the concession, lights, sound, set building, video, stage direction, and make-up, tickets, programs, advertising, and special thanks to all of the actors. Your work and dedication made the spring production of "Harvey" a success. You provided our communities a time of great entertainment and laughter. Job well done.

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GARAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday, 302 Burnside, Rotan, Medrano family.

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HAMLIN CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE: Saturday, May 11th, 8:00 A.M. till ? Maps available Saturday morning at Chamber of Commerce, 245 South Central.

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HAMLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TRADES DAY: Saturday, May 11, 8:00 A.M. til ? Inside booth space available for crafts and quality antiques and collectibles or set up free on sidewalk. Call 915-576-3501.

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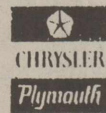


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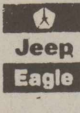
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LOST: Sheltie puppy, 9 weeks old, lost 4 miles South of Roby on Highway 70. Reward offered. Call 776-2611.

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LOST: Claytonville/Capitola area. Medium tan dog, old. Hill Vet Clinic rabies tag. Please call 235-4474, leave message.

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MAY 6-10, 1996

MONDAY: Charbroiled Steak,

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TUESDAY: Sandwiches, Chips,

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THURSDAY: Soft Tacos, Salad, Corn

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FRIDAY: Hamburgers/Cheese, Ham-

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ROBY SCHOOL MENU

May 6-10, 1996

MONDAY: Chicken Pattie, Gravy,

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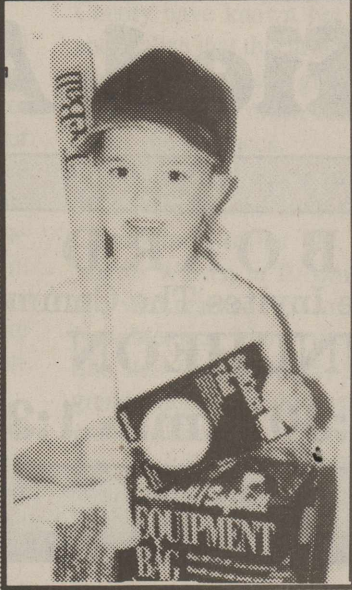
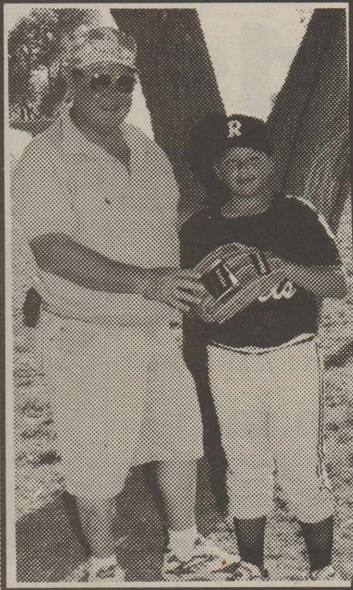
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WEDNESDAY: Corn Dog,

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Given Their Prizes....



GET PRIZES: Members of the Rotan Little League have been selling candles as a fund raiser project. The top seller was Jeremy Reyes, left, accepting the first prize of a baseball glove from League President Lonnie Starnes. Jeremy sold 11 boxes of candles. Second prize went to James Gilbert for selling 5 boxes of candles. Right, James Gilbert holds his second place prizes - a bat, ball and equipment bag.

Rotan Yellowhammer Tennis Team In Region I-AA Championship Competition

The Yellowhammer tennis team was successful once again this past week at the Region I-AA Championships in Abilene. Competing in the tournament was the doubles team of Jennifer Rains and Katie Kennedy and boys singles Clinton Williams. Rains/Kennedy drew the number four seed for the tournament while Williams went in as the number three seed.

Williams got into the semifinals against the number two seed Kareem Abdullah. After Williams won the first set 6-3 he struggled through the second set allowing Abdullah to even up the match with a 6-2 count. After a ten minute break the two took the court again and Williams got back to work. He won the first game on serve and took a 2-1 lead and appeared to be on his way to a third set victory. After breaking serve and going up 3-1 it appeared inevitable that he would win and go on to the finals. However, after a break of Williams' serve in the next game Abdullah went on to win 4 of the next five games to claim a split set semi-final victory. Abdullah went on to win the regional championship allowing Williams who won his 3rd place match rather easily to play in a playback for 2nd place and a trip to Austin. After a long day of tennis Williams met Justin Smith of Jim Ned, the number one seed, for the last spot to go to state. Williams started off strong taking a 4-0 lead to begin the match. It appeared that he gave it all he had early and just ran out of gas as he lost the next 6 games in a row and the first set 6-4. In the second set it was much of the same as Williams took a quick 4-1 lead in the second set and appeared he would split sets when he was on serve and up 5-4. However, Smith came back to tie the set 6-6 and won the match in a tie break. Williams placed third with no complaints after a very successful season and many opportunities to grab a state bid.

"How can we complain, we gave it great run and just came up a little short. Clinton got as close as you can get without actually making it to Austin. These were some great tennis players, there was not an easy match in the tournament and he showed he was as good as anyone out here," said Coach Teague.

The girls were almost as successful. They too were eliminated from the tournament by a team that would later qualify for the state tournament. Late in the afternoon on Wednesday, the doubles team of Rains/Kennedy met with the doubles team of Holton/Brown from Spearman. It appeared that the team from Rotan was going to go down in a hurry as Spearman took a very quick 2-0 lead in the first set but Rotan refusing to give up scrapped their way back and were just edged out by a 6-4 margin. However, Rotan decided that was enough of that and took charge with an easy 6-3 victory of their own to split sets. After the break between sets it was nip and tuck through the first 5 games. Each holding serve but Spearman up 3-2. With Rotan serving, a long game ensued and Spearman came away with the biggest service break of the day to take a 4-2 lead and the serve. Rains/Kennedy were unable to return the favor of the break serve and found themselves down 5-2. With the wind blowing and their backs against the wall the Rotan girls fought

hard but came up just short in a final set defeat of 6-3.

"That's just the luck of the draw, or should I say bad luck. It just hurts to know that you were one of the best teams in the region and have to play a team like Spearman so early in the tournament and then watch them

dominate their way to state. But the girls played hard and they played well and I am very proud of them," said Coach Teague. Congratulations to all the Hammer tennis players and thanks to all the tennis supporters. It was a great season, see you next year.

Rotan Jr. High Tennis Team In District 7-2A Tournament In Stamford

In Stamford last week the Junior High tennis teams traveled to Stamford for the district 7-2A tournament. In the 7th grade girls division there were only three girls competing; Haley Helms, Sabra Hargrove and Sasha Martinez. Although they were eliminated early they all played extremely well.

The 8th grade division had a much larger representation from Rotan. There were two doubles teams; Lacy Callan/ Jessica Harrison and Nikki Rowland/Dayme Mullins. Along with the doubles were four singles consisting of Jennifer Fowler, Crystal Early, Teresa Solis and Tara Nowlin. All of the 8th graders competed very well and were able to accomplish a sweep of the competition.

It was an all Rotan finals with Fowler playing Early in the girls singles and Callan/Harrison playing Rowland/Mullins in doubles. After all was said and done, Early came away with the singles title while the team of Callan/Harrison was victorious in the doubles bracket, making it a one two finish for Rotan in all categories.

On Tuesday the Junior High boys took the court and were equally as successful as the girls. There were only two representatives from the 7th grade, the doubles team of Jason Powell/Steven Smallwood. Although small in numbers the 7th graders were big on heart as they came away with the doubles district championship.

The 8th grade boys took a team of five to Stamford. There were three singles and one doubles team. The singles players included Jeremy Prater, Dustin Hargrove and Byron Kennedy and a doubles team of Scott Price/Dustin McWhirter. At the end of the day, when the final rounds of the 8th grade bracket were being played, three of the four courts had an orange jersey on one side playing for a medal.

Recapping the Junior High tennis accomplishments:

- 8th grade girls singles- Crystal Early- District Champion
- Jennifer Fowler- District runner-up
- 8th grade girls doubles- Lacy Callan/Jessica Harrison- District Champions
- Dayme Mullins/Nikki Rowland- District runner-up
- 7th grade boys doubles- Jason Powell/Steven Smallwood- District Champions
- 8th grade boys singles-

The Newspaper Office Has The New Christian Tape "My Utmost For His Highest"

Patresa Bolton And Kathy Carriker Attend Annual Convention In El Paso

Patresa Bolton and Kathy Carriker, Roby school teachers were among 1,000 delegates attending the 117th annual convention of the 92,000-member Texas State Teachers Association in El Paso.

Victor Morales, Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate spoke to the group on Saturday to urge support for his candidacy among fellow teachers. When not running for the Sen-

Son Born To Kelly And Bennie Putman

Rhanda, Dee, and Justin happily welcomed home their new brother, Jordan Lee.

Jorden was born April 1st at 12:46 a.m. at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater. He was 6 lbs. 13 ozs. and 19 inches long.

His parents are Bennie and Kelly Putman of Roby.

Paternal grandparents are James and Cynthia Putnam of Roby. Maternal grandparents are Lonnie and Vivian Heffernan of Sweetwater.

ate, Morales teaches government in the Mesquite Independent School District.

The annual "Friend of Education" award was presented to the late Vivian Bowser, Houston educator and long-time association leader.

School bell awards were presented to 38 members of the Texas media in newspaper, radio and television for outstanding educational coverage during the past year.

Human and civil rights awards were presented to the Texas Freedom

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BID NOTICE

Fisher County Commissioners Court will accept bids for purchase of a new current model maintainer. Trade-in of model 12 F maintainer is to be considered in bid. For further information contact Charles Meek, Commissioner Precinct 1. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 17, 1996, in special session of Commissioners Court, Fisher County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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Agricultural News

County Agents News

by Richard Spencer.....
In an article from Livestock Weekly, Editor Steve Kelton reports that beef cattle prices are off 74 percent while meat prices are down only 7 percent. Also crude oil prices are up 4 to 5 dollars a barrel, but retail gas prices have jumped 30 cents a gallon. All this makes a lot of sense-doesn't it.

Mindy and Misty Mahaffey, Katrina and Cory Rains, Lance Moore, Lyndi Stuart, Shane Stuart and Toby Terry participated in the District 7 Livestock Judging Contest held in Mason recently. Katrina Rains was high individual in Senior Beef Cattle Judging and Cory was second in Junior Beef. The Junior Team of Cory, Lance and Misty was also 3rd high team in Beef Cattle.

Although 73 percent of the 2.1 million U.S. farms in 1992 were classified as "small",

they only accounted for 12 percent of total farm sales and only 32 percent of total farm acreage.

The recently-released 17th annual Family Farm Report to Congress, based on 1992 data from USDA's Farm Costs and Returns Survey, showed that the 25 percent of U.S. farms ranked as "commercial", with annual gross sales of \$50,000 or higher, produced 88 percent of the nation's total gross farm sales.

The report by Judith Z. Kalbacher and Victor J. Oliveira of USDA's Economic Research Service, looked at the major structural and financial characteristics of U.S. farms.

Total farm acreage in the contiguous U.S. (excluding Alaska and Hawaii) in 1992 amounted to 919 million, with an average farm size of 440 acres.

Total gross farm sales-a measure of what farms produced during the year- was about \$140 billion, or \$67,010 per farm. Gross farm

income-a measure of cash actually received-totaled \$128 billion for all U.S. farms.

Livestock sales accounted for 44 percent of total gross cash income, while crop sales made 43 percent. Other farm-related income totaled eight percent and government payments represented five percent.

The survey showed that 91 percent of the farms were individual operations, encompassing 76 percent of total acreage and 67 percent of gross farm sales.

Individual operations, in terms of acres operated and farm sales, were smaller than farms operated as partnerships or corporations.

The most common types of farms were beef, hog, and sheep (44 percent of all farms) and cash grain farms (19 percent). The two types also accounted for the largest chunk of total acres operated and farm sales.

Most U.S. farms were small in size, with

86 percent having fewer than 180 acres; of that number, 28 percent had fewer than 50 acres.

Most were also small in terms of gross farm sales, with 48 percent of all farms having sales of less than \$10,000 annually.

About 50 million acres of cropland-some 5 percent of total acres operated- were removed from production during 1992, with 58 percent of the idled cropland in the 10-year Conservation Reserve Program.

The average household income for all farm operators was \$42,911. Households operating commercial farms generally had higher average incomes (\$55,101) than those operating small farms (\$38,527).

For commercial farm households, farm income accounted for over half the average total income, while most small farm households were solely dependent on income from off-farm sources.

County Agents Report

nies already using the paper rings in their packaging. Look for others to follow suit.

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Hot Weather Tips

Here are a few tips for the upcoming hot

weather. If you are planning on a camping trip or picnics, a great way to keep your coolers cold longer is to use large sheets of ice. The larger sheets of ice last longer than cubes do. Make them by placing about two inches of water in a cake pan or lasagna pan or even a plastic pan approximately that size.

These sheets of ice are also useful at cook-outs. Place them at the bottom of a small plastic children's wading pool that is set on top of a table. Then place the salad bowls in the pool, stirring them occasionally. They stay chilled for the duration of the party.

County Entomology Report

This aids growers with management decisions concerning weevils, fleahoppers, bollworm, budworms, and other crop pests that could cause problems.

1996 SCOUTING PROGRAM

Acreage enrollment applications are in the Entomology Office for those producers interested in having fields in the scouting program. Please fill out the applications and return them before May 15. We have made arrangements with the Agricultural Department at Abilene Christian University to use some of their students to help in the scouting program this year.

MAILING LIST UPDATE

It is time to update our mailing list for the

upcoming season. If you are interested in subscribing to the "Bug Country IPM Reporter", a \$10 donation would be appreciated. Checks should be payable to the Fisher, Jones, Taylor Pest Management Association (FJT PMA).

BOLL WEEVIL TRAPPING STUDY

The freezing weather during February and March in Fisher and Jones Counties caused a "snag" in the overwintering emergence pattern. Daytime temperatures during the first four days in February averaged 25 degrees while overnight temperatures averaged 10 degrees. In March, Mother Nature was good to us again with consecutive overnight tem-

peratures of 22, 17 and 19 degrees on March 6, 7 and 8, respectively. Weekly weevil trapping data taken from the Walker farm near Stamford, Texas in Jones County indicates that populations of weevils caught in six baited traps on April 17, 1995 totaled 87 compared to 19 during the same time this year. In Fisher County, a weevil reduction was also noticed during the same time. Remember that those figures look good, but don't let your guard down. No one has a crystal ball. Let us be prepared and maybe we can make a decent crop this year.

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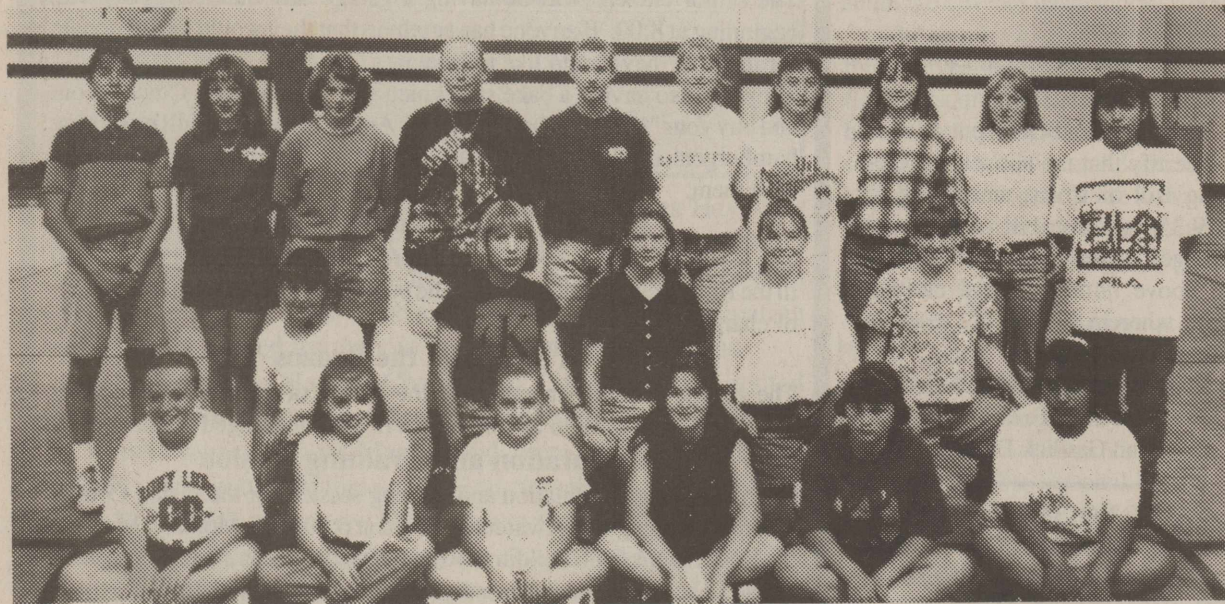
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Fisher County Round - Up

By Joy Walker - 735-2840

by Joy Walker.....

We have sure been having windy weather these past few days, although Friday was the best day we have had in a long time, no wind and the temperature was just about right. Saturday was sure hot, and I thought maybe it would build a cloud but no such luck, and now the wind is out of the north and it's really cool and probably all chances for rain have diminished. I think the forecasters said maybe this weekend, and I sure hope that they are right.

Rosemary Gay and Kenny Martinez from Fort Worth came Monday last for the funeral of Mary Martinez Ozuna. Sunday Louise Martinez ate lunch with Willie and Susie Barrera.

Gary Daniel's dad, Odell, from Odessa, spent the weekend with the Gary Daniel family.

Jim and Tracy Ratliff and the boys from Fort Worth came to visit with the James Ratliffs Friday, and Jarod, Teresa and Caghan Standlee from Lubbock also came that night. Taren, Blain and their parents, Kim and Tracy Knipe from Snyder all came out on Saturday and they all attended Caghan's 2nd birthday party. Happy birthday to her. Blain spent the night Saturday with his grandparents and all their company. Jim and Tracy returned home Sunday evening, while Jarod and Teresa went back Sunday at noon. They really had a good time

and enjoyed all being together.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Mitchell's granddaughter, Gena Parks from Ozona has been in the hospital in San Angelo. She wasn't feeling very good, and we hope that she will soon begin to feel very much better.

Mrs. Max (Lorene) Stuart has also been in the hospital in Lubbock, but she is now home and feeling very good.

George Lane from Rotan had surgery last Monday in Abilene. He was feeling good, but the last day or two he has been feeling pretty bad, and we hope to hear that he is doing much better.

Mr. and Mrs. George Price went to San Angelo on Sunday and they took Brent Terry with them. They all helped celebrate Zach Given's 8th birthday, so happy birthday to him. They visited with Kristi and Ben and Zach Givens after the party.

Alvis McArthur passed away Tuesday in Fisher County Hospital. Services were held Thursday in Rotan at the 1st Methodist Church with

burial in the Belvieu Cemetery. Our sincere sympathy goes out to all of Alvis' family.

Good luck to all the 4-H'ers who will be going to San Angelo on Saturday to participate in the 4-H district meet. Saturday night at the Roby Community Center there was a benefit supper for the Roby Volunteer Fire Department cooked by the Amigos. There was a big crowd in attendance.

Friday night a number of Roby folks attended the Theatre on the Brazos production of "Harvey". There was a big crowd there and Saturday night they had a sell out crowd. Anyone who missed the play, sure missed a treat.

Konnett Mays of Roby won the triple jump, 100 meter dash and 200 meter dash at the District track and field meet in Sterling City. She then went to Elmer Gray Stadium in Abilene Friday and Saturday for the Region 11-A track meet. There she won the triple jump, and won 1st place in both the 100 and 200 with

Sixty-Two Fisher County 4-H'ers To Participate In District 7 Roundup

62 Fisher County 4-H'ers will be participating in the West Central District 7 4-H Round Up in San Angelo, Saturday, May 4. Contestants include: Jr. Companion Animals, Ricia Gordon and Jessica Knox, Coach Dee Gordon; Jr. Consumer Life Skills, Tanner Garcia and Kim Garcia, Coach Susie Garcia; Jr. Family Life, Lance Moore, Ashley Smith, Sahala Hardin, and Karen Carriker, Coach Gloria Floyd; Jr. health, Shanel Patterson, and Chrissie Waldon, Coach Sabra Patterson; Jr. Promote 4-H, Aaron Greene, and Bobby Hoffman, Coach Cindy Greene; Jr. Musical Share The Fun, Zack Greenlee, Coach Cecilia Greenlee; Jr. Dance Share The Fun, Candis Boyd, Tara Carey, Stephanie Carriker, Danelle Evans, Crystal Templet, Teryn Terry, Gena Stevenson, and Misty Mahaffey, Coach, Mary Mahaffey and Kay Moore; Jr. Drama Share The Fun, Lyndi Stuart, Shane Stuart, Hunter Stuart, and Kandra Lakey, Coach LoVelle Stuart; Jr. Celebrate 4-H Share The Fun, Shalee and Stuart Posey, Coach Marsha Smith; Sr. Vocal Share The Fun, Kevin Christian, Terrell Hess, Makala Herron, Amber Kelly, April Grannon, Kim Hudnall, Kelly McWilliams, and Latrice Moffett, Coach Kathy Spencer. Sr. Drama Share The Fun, Kelly Heflin, Kyle McWilliams, Ty West, J.D. Hearn, Beau Hart, Billy Floyd, and Erika Ramirez, Coach Carol Ann Gruben and Kathy Spencer; Sr. Celebrate 4-H Share The Fun, Cassie Terry, Mindy Mahaffey, Misty Taylor, Mandy Taylor, Meggan Herron, Autumn Daniel, Lacy Callan, Ashley Douglass, and Chasity Valenzuela,

Coach Kathy Spencer. Sr. Family Life, Matt Counts, Shelley Burk, Sarah Greenlee, Ryan Branch, and Sarah Boyd, Coach Kathy Spencer. Senior Fashion Revue, Mindy Mahaffey, Kelly McWilliams, Katrina Rains, Christy Willett, and Kasey Greene. Senior Fashion Design, Christy Willett.

Seniors winning their competition will progress onto state Round Up in early June.

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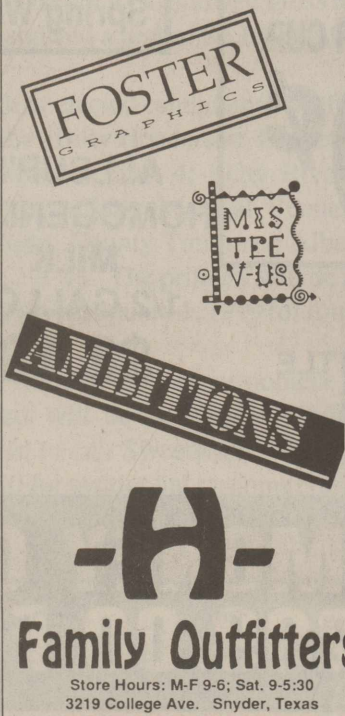
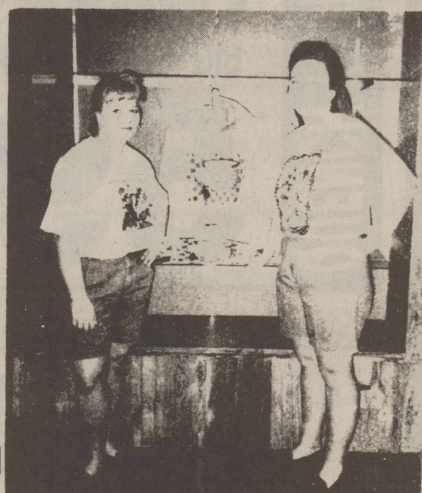
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The Pastor's Column

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



Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet. (Psalm 8:5-6RSV).

God gave human beings tremendous authority to be in charge of the whole earth. But with great authority comes great responsibility. If we own a pet, we have a legal authority to do what we want with it, but we also have the responsibility to make sure that we feed and care for it. God assures the worth of mankind, God, the all-powerful Creator, cares for his most valuable creation - people. How do you treat God's creation? Remember God holds each of us accountable, are you using your resources wisely?

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

TAX PLANNING

Written By:
James E. Rodgers, CPA

WHAT'S THE LATEST ON TAX LEGISLATION?

With politicians starting to focus their attention on the upcoming fall elections, there seems little likelihood that any major tax legislation will be passed this year. While optimists still hope for legislation that incorporates the provisions Democrats and Republicans already agree on, most analysts feel that the larger issues of balancing the budget and cutting taxes will be postponed until after the elections.

Congress did, however, wrap four provisions into The Contract With America Advancement Act, and that legislation was recently signed by President Clinton.

One provision in the new law raises the federal debt limit to \$5.5 trillion from the prior limit of \$4.9 trillion. It is expected that the new debt ceiling will carry the Treasury through the next 18 months to the end of the next fiscal year.

The second provision, the most significant in the Act, gives Presidents line-item veto authority for the first time in history. Effective January 1997, the executive branch of the government will have the power to strike individual provisions from spending bills. The measure also allows a President to veto tax breaks targeted to fewer than 100 taxpayers or 10 businesses. Congress retained the power to define what tax provisions qualify for the line-item veto.

A third provision increases the amount of income certain social security recipients can earn before they begin losing benefits. No change is made in the earnings ceiling for those age 62 to 64. They will continue to lose \$1 of benefits for every \$2 they earn above the \$8,280 ceiling for 1996. Individuals age 65 to 69 were scheduled to lose \$1 of benefits for every \$2 they earn above the \$8,280 ceiling for 1996. Individuals age 65 to 69 were scheduled to lose \$1 of benefit for every \$3 they earned above the \$11,520 ceiling for 1996. The new law raises the ceiling for 1996 to \$12,500. The earnings ceiling will gradually be increased every year up to a maximum of \$30,000 by the year 2002. Those 70 and older have no earnings limit.

A final provision gives small businesses more power in challenging federal agencies in court over the cost of federal regulations.

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Junior High Lady Lions In District Track Meet At W.V.

The Jr. High Lady Lions ran in the District track meet in Water Valley on Wednesday, April 10th.

These young ladies competed and the results are as follows:

7th grade- 2nd place (runner-up) lost to Roscoe 115-114.

Brittany Carey- 1st place in Shot Put and Discus

Jennifer Griffith- 4th place in 1600 run and 6th place in 800 run.

Megan Harwell- 1st place in High jump, 800 run, 400 run, and 1600 run. (4 events and 4 1st places).

Sandy Kiser- 1st in 100 Hurdles, 300 hurdles, 2nd in Long jump and 4th in Triple jump.

Misty Mahaffey- competed in Shot and Discus

Perla Sanchez- competed in shot put and discus.

Gena Stevenson- 5th in 200 dash 400 dash

Crystal Templet- competed in Triple jump, 100 and 200.

Teryn Terry- 5th in long jump and triple jump.

8th grade- placed 6th with 39

Daughter Born To Tedd And Jan Muery

Tedd and Jan Muery and their daughter Heidi of Kingsville are happy to announce the arrival of Hannah Lea on April 17, 1996. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 ozs. Her grandparents are John and Gay Muery of Rockport and Carol Posey of Rotan. Her great grandparents are Calel Wheeler of Temple and Dave and Wilmath Posey of Rotan.

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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, INC. 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

Rotan Gin Co. Elect Three New Directors

Rotan Gin Company held their 71st Annual Stockholders meeting last Saturday.

Lindy Patton, executive director of the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, updated the membership on the boll weevil eradication program for this area of Texas.

Brett Cypert, field representative for the National Cotton Council presented information about area meetings concerning the Farm Bill legislation.

All of the 1990 stock issue was retired and a portion of the 1991 stock issue. In addition to stock retirement, dividends on current crop year were paid.

Jack McCall, James Park and William Cleveland, Jr., were elected to 3 year terms on the Board of Directors.

Director William Cleveland, Sr. asked that his name be withdrawn from consideration after 20 years of service.

Other board members include President-Roger Blackwelder, V.P.-Mark Nowlin; Bobby Gruben, Glen Strickland.

B. Weaver Is On Grad List At Clarendon

Brandon Weaver of Rotan has met the requirements for graduation of Clarendon College's renowned Ranch and Feedlot Operations Program.

Twenty-seven individuals made up the RFO Class of 1996. Max Payne Sr. of American Breeders Service in Lubbock was the feature speaker.

Established in 1974, the CC Ranch and Feedlot Program allows students who are interested in ranch or feedlot-related careers to gain new knowledge and technical skills to meet the needs of coping with today's complex agricultural problems. An elite program, only 36 students are accepted yearly. RFO students must complete academic coursework, as well as, extensive field work conducted on ranches and feedyards. It is not unusual for an RFO graduate to have logged 8,000 miles across Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and other states by visiting top ranches, feedyards and agricultural centers.

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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 CORPO-

RATION) 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.

Peggy R. Rozell
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires 7/10/97 34:3tc

NEWS BRIEFS

Senior Citizens

The senior citizens will be having a garage sale Saturday, May 4th, beginning at 8:00. If anyone has anything that they would like to donate for the sale, they would like to have it.

They are also having a bake sale which will start at 9:00. Come on out and buy your "Mother's Day desserts". And at 11:00, they will be serving hamburgers, drink and home made dessert for \$3.50. Come out and eat with them.

4-H Share The Fun Skits

The 4-H Share The Fun skits will be presented Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 in the Roby School Auditorium. The public is encouraged to attend, free of charge.

Theatre on the Brazos

The regular monthly meeting for the month of May will be held on Thursday, May 2, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

Orientation and Training Session

There will be an orientation and training session for the Fisher County Youth Assistance and Awareness Board at 6:00 p.m., Monday, May 6 at the Rotan Lions Club building. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The county board recently distributed book markers and pencils to Fisher County students with the child abuse hotline 1-800-252-5400 printed on them.

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