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County Stock Show Nets Kids $54,000

The 1991 Fisher County Jr. Livestock Show completed another successful run last weekend.

52 market hogs, 64 lambs, 5 pens of chickens and rabbits, 15 heifers and 25 steers entered the show.

91 lots in the premium sale grossed over $54,000 for local youngsters.

Two first time winners took honors in the hog show. Guy Kelley 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Kelley of Rotan was the Grand Champion Market Hog winner. The middleweight class winner was bred by TNT Hogs of Breckenridge. Timothy Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Joe Moore of Roby showed his light-heavy Duroc to Reserve Champion Honors. The pig was bred by Teagues Durocs of Roby.

The Champion Hog was purchased by First National Bank of Rotan for $500. The Reserve sold for $475 to Scott Fuel of Sweetwater.

The Grand Champion Hog Was Purchased By The First National Bank Of Rotan For $500. The Reserve Sold To For $475 To Scott Fuel Of Sweetwater.

The Grand Champion Pen of Fryer Rabbits was owned by Shelly Baker of Rotan. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Baker. The Rabbits sold for $125 to Gray Fuel of Rotan.

The Champion Pen of Broilers was exhibited by Israel Espinoza of Sylvester. Israel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benito Espinoza. His chickens sold for $100 to Nubbins Convenience Store of Roby.

Audra Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lewis of Roby owned the Reserve Pen of Broilers. Audra's broilers also sold for $100 to Nubbins.

In a tough Market Lamb Show, Jamie Grisham, Ty West and Justin Smith came out the big winners. The lambs all sold for $550 to the Village Market of Sweetwater and West Texas Utilities.

Jamie Grisham was the Finewool winners. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Grisham of Rotan. The lamb was bred by Joe Beck of Hermleigh. Ty West won the Finewool Cross division. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary West of Roby. In the large Mediumwool division, Justin Smith won top honors. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith of Roby. Both the Finewool Cross and Medium wool were bred by Olen Dennis of Roby.

Katrina Rains, 10 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Rains of Rotan won both Grand Champion and Reserve Honors in the heifer division. The heifers were both Shorthorns and the Champion was bred by her father-Mac.

The Smith Bros. of McCaulley dominated the Steer Show. Both Champion steers came out of the heavy weight class weighing 1200 & 1205 pounds respectively. Tim Bob was the Grand Champion winner and Cody won Reserve. The Exotic Cross steers were bred by Jeffrey Cattle Co. of McCaulley. The brothers parents are Bobby Smith of McCaulley and Priscilla South of Hamlin.

The steers sold for $1800 and $1750 to the Sale Pool and Thriftway Grocery of Rotan.

Showmanship awards were presented to Bradley Atkinson - Jr. Swine, Traci Hull, - Senior swine, Stephanie Hunsaker - Jr. Sheep, Stephanie Long - Sr. Sheep, Katrina Rains - Jr. Cattle and Tim Bob Smith - Sr. Cattle.

Trophies were donated by TCI AG Agency of Roby, Ribbons by Federal Land Bank and Senior Showmanship Buckles by Boss and Hoss Western Shop of Sweetwater.

Volume buyers at the Sale were Terry Gin of Roby - $5750, AAA Flying Service of Sylvester - $2650, FNB of Rotan - $1700, Longworth Gin - $1660 and Scott Fuel and Nubbins Convenience Stores of Roby and Sweetwater - $1390.

Thanks to everyone that had a part in the show and sale.

Reserve Finewool Lamb - Julie Grisham - Rotan - $360 Lance Hall Sweetwater Attorney

Reserve Mediumwool Lamb - Stephanie Long - Rotan - $320, Rotan Seed & Delinting

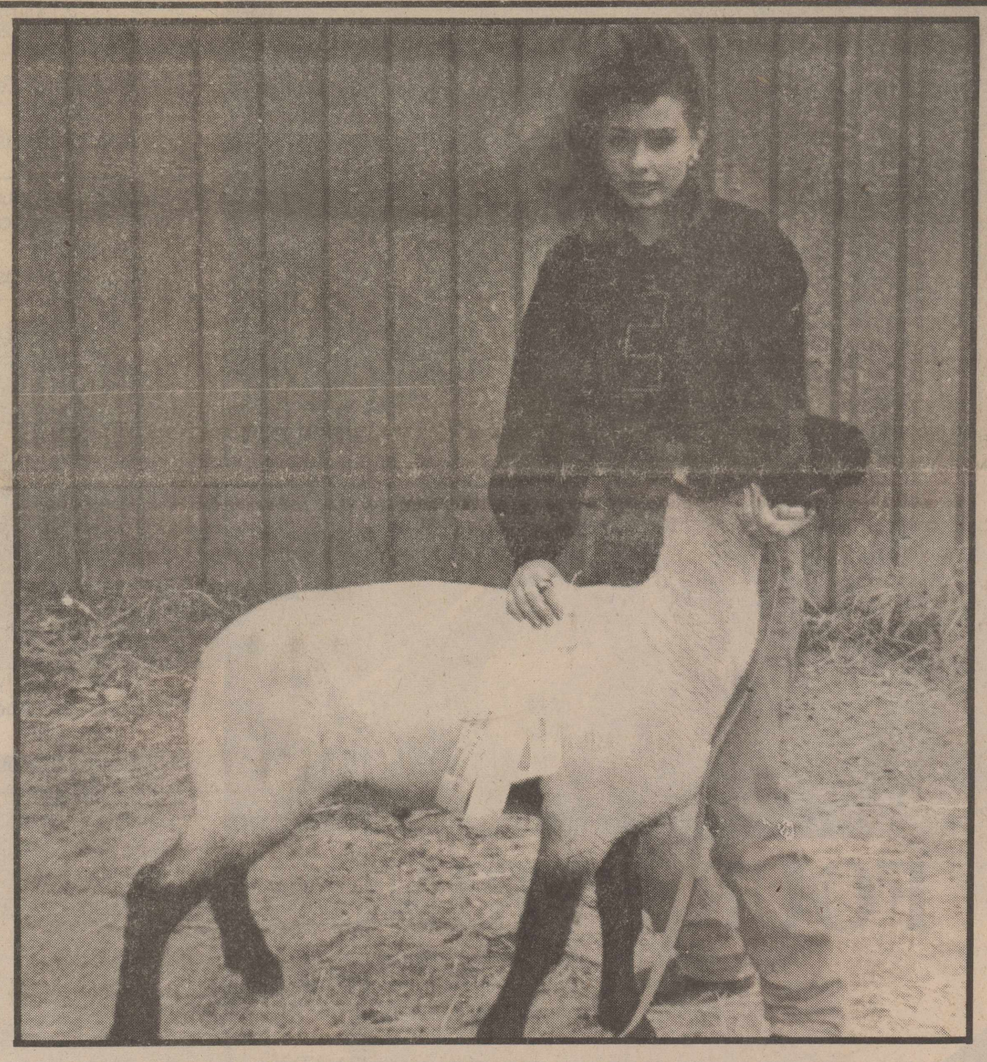
Reserve Finewool Cross Lamb - Julie Grisham - not sold in sale.

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WINNER POSES WITH FIRST PLACE LAMB: Stephanie Long poses with her first place lamb that won her the Senior Showmanship Trophy at last weekends 1991 Fisher County Junior Livestock Show.

Steel Magnolia Tryouts Sunday

The next scheduled production by Theatre on the Brazos will be "Steel Magnolias" set for April 1991.

Auditions will be held on January 6th, Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Rotan Community Center.

There are 6 female parts available and will be directed by Greg Rains.

Theatre Meeting

Theatre on the Brazos will hold their monthly business meeting on January 3rd, Thursday, 7 p.m. at the Rotan Community Center.

Meeting will involve election of officers for the upcoming year, discuss the next fund raising project, committee assignments for the April play production, and plans for the Lance Theatre renovation project.

Five County Cotton Gins 83% Finished For Season

The five Fisher County cotton gins are 83% completed ginning the 1990 cotton crop, according to figures released on December 31st.

The Rotan Gin is 74% completed. They reported 18,395 bales ginned of a projected total of 25,000 bales.

The Terry Gin, Inc., in Roby is 97% finished. They have ginned a total of 8,500 bales of a projected 8,750 for the 1990 season.

The Farmers Union Gin at Roby has ginned 4,124 bales of a projected total of 4,500 bales. They are 92% finished with the crop.

Hobbs Gin has ginned 3,537 bales of a projected total of 4,000 bales and is 88% finished.

The Longworth Gin surpassed the projected 3,500 bales by finishing the season with 3,562 bales. They have closed for the season.

Kim's Korner
By Kim Pease

HAPPY NEW YEAR: As you read this it will probably be January 3rd or 4th, as I type this it is New Year's eve. I vow to try and do a better job of running this weekly paper in 1991. I haven't been pleased with the last two issues. This paper is poor and so was the one before it. Well, the holidays are over now we can get back to the real world and begin taking care of business again.

NEWS: Randy Bibb, husband of Julie Posey and son-in-law of Carol Posey, has opened his own office for the pracice of certified public accounting in Abilene. Randy is a fine man and hopefully will do well in business for himself. He has an ad in this issue wanting some Fisher County customers. He has 9 years experience and can be reached at 695-7870.

NEW APPOINTMENT: We understand that Mike Morrow, son of Peggy Diamond of Gainesville, Texas (formerly Peggy Morrow Diamond of Rotan) has been named the new Scurry County Ag. Agent. Our congratulations to him. Mike was at Georgetown as assistant county agent before the promotion to Snyder. Now we need to get Peggy back in Fisher County near her sons and grandchildren and parents.

PLAY TRYOUT: Greg Rains will be directing "Steel Magnolias" for Theatre on the Brazos on April 12, 13 & 14. He has scheduled tryouts for Sunday afternoon January 6th between 2-4. The crew always has fun. Give it some thought, Theatre on the Brazos needs fresh new faces. Six gals will be selected for the parts.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: January 3-9. To 3 - Tanner Park, Jack Jones and Cindy Fryar; 4 - Dale Cox, Vida Frazier; 5 - Dan Bavousett, J.C. Cave, Jessica Harrison and D.J. Rister; 6 - Jenice Greenway, Evonne Teague, Janeyl Beck and Joe Joplin; 7 - Sue Cleveland, Jack Cadenhead, Barbara Gray; 8 - Nona Bilbo, Mary Blanton, Henry Starnes, Sabrina Ross and 9 - Jane Sparks, James Springer and Lucille Gable.

AS A RULE OF THUMB: When you can see your breath on a cold day it is below 45 degrees F. As a rule of thumb.

FINALLY: Ol. Whistle Britches indicated that he had a wonderful Christmas and New Year holiday. He spent the time throwing away old catalogues, visiting friends, eating too much turkey and ham, going to the movies and playing games with the kids and even found time to clean out his closet. Better days are coming.

EXERCISE: The best exercise today is hunting for bargains.

KNOWLEDGE: Never get mad at anyone for knowing more than you do. It is not his fault.

MEN: A man who correctly guuesses a woman's age may be smart - but not very bright.

APPEARANCE: A real friend will tell you when you have spinach stuck in your teeth.

BIBLE: Carrying a bible will never take the place of reading it.

ENVY: One blessing in being poor, honest and hard working is that nobody envies you.

FORGIVENESS: Forgiveness is a funng thing. It warms the heart and cools the sting.

FINALLY, FINALLY: Liquor increases business for the hospitals, ambulance drivers, doctors, nurses, undertakers, police, wreckers, auto body repairmen and gravediggers. Have a safe 1991.

Fisher County Junior Livestock Show 1991 Showmanship Winners



SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS - SENIOR: The winners of the 1991 Showmanship Trophies (L to R) Traci Hull, Swine; Stephanie Long, Sheep and Tim Bob Smith, Cattle.



JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS: The winners of the junior showmanship trophies (L to R) Bradley Atkinson, Swine; Stephanie Hunsaker, Sheep and Katrina Rains, Cattle.

State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN – On the eve of the inauguration of new players in Texas government, are we witnessing a legitimate crusade for ethics reform or a power play for leadership of the Texas House?

Two of the three most powerful figures in state government — Gov.-elect Ann Richards and Lt. Gov.-elect Bob Bullock — have joined forces to seek an ethics commission with powers to probe and subpoena state officials.

The third power-master, House Speaker Gib Lewis, is at present the target of such a search-and-subpoena mission.

So far, the grand jury investigating Lewis has produced no indictments, but District Attorney Ronnie Earle recently won it a 90-day extension to continue investigating his relationship with a San Antonio law firm.

Thus, Lewis, seeking a history-making fifth term as Speaker on Jan. 8, will convene the new House under an ethics cloud.

Signs Say Fifth Term

All signs indicate Lewis will win a fifth term, but the extension has some key lawmakers angry because, privately at least, they believe the lack of indictments clearly reveals a witch-hunt on a fishing expedition.

State Rep. Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, who chairs the House panel that would likely oversee ethics legislation, said he opposes the commission plan because it might be used for political purposes.

Committee chairs James Hury, D-Galveston, and Bruce Gibson, D-Godley, both shot down rumors of their candidacies to succeed Lewis, and Gibson called on Earle to act on what he's got, or let the House get on with its business.

No Visible Opposition

No speaker candidate has surfaced to challenge Lewis for his fifth term; though some anti-Lewis members are always plotting, it's tough to take a head count when many heads are ducked down.

A conservative Democrat, Lewis won his first gavel in 1982 with help from predecessor Bill Clayton's coalition of rural conservative Democrats and minority-party Republicans.

Its unshakable strength forced many urban liberals to his side, but unlike Clayton, Lewis shrewdly filled key positions with legislators from all factions and balanced a consensus for eight years.

Membership Different

But now the House make-up is different, enough to cause a real change of leadership should Lewis trip, or be tripped by Earle and the forces behind him.

House Republicans fill nearly one-third of the seats, but urban liberals aligned with Valley Hispanics come even closer to having enough votes to elect one of their own.

The problem for them — or for a statewide official wishing to control the House with Lewis out of the way — is that he's too powerful to challenge with an up-or-down vote.

Lewis must be knocked out by some other means and scandal is always a standby tool.

Party Pressures

Rumors abound that the new Senate will be organized along party lines like the Congress, and many younger Democrats prefer the House do likewise.

The idea is, of course, that the majority party get all the choice committee assignments.

Lewis won't allow it; his philosophy rewards service and loyalty, regardless of party membership. That galls some purists.

Three New Congressmen

The three new congressional seats which Texas gets because of population growth will likely be drawn to accommodate minorities in Dallas, Houston and the Valley.

In Houston, state Rep. Roman Martinez said he wants the new seat there drawn for east side Hispanics, but Republicans say the growth is mainly on the west side where another conservative seat should be added.

In Dallas, U.S. Rep. Martin Frost said he supports minority expectations for drawing a black or Hispanic district there.

Frost said another Hispanic district could come out of Austin or San Antonio; others say growth in the Valley will dictate a new congressman from that area.

District Courts Upheld

A panel of federal judges has ruled that the creation of seven Texas district courts did not violate federal policies that protect the voting rights of minorities.

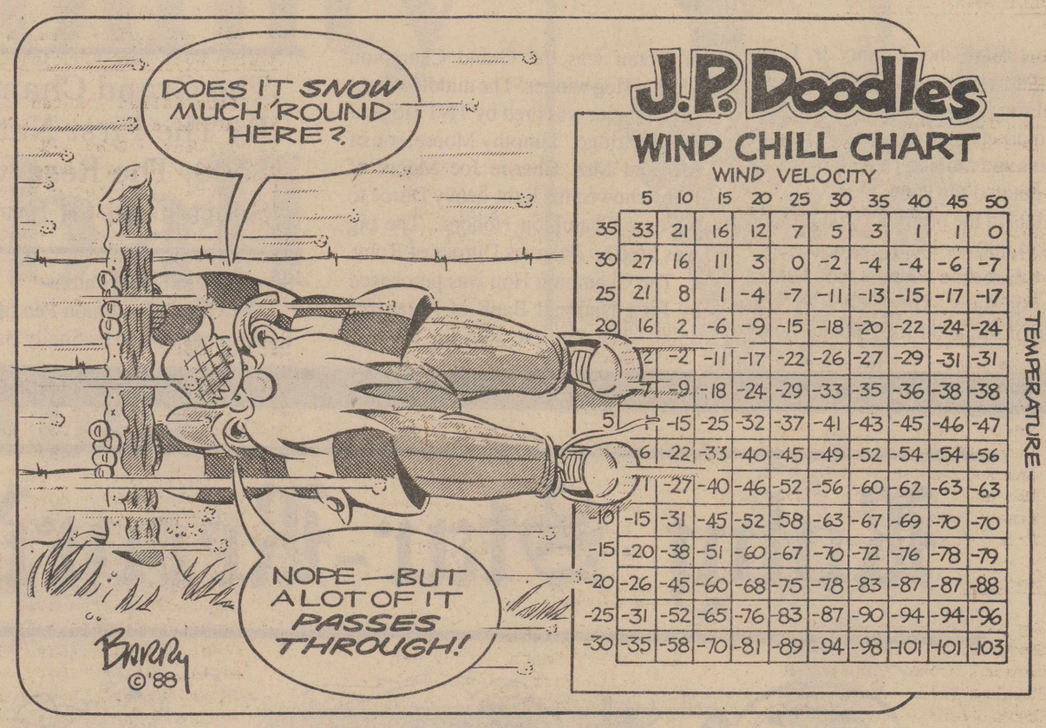
In a decision last week, the panel ruled against a Hispanic legal group that contends the state did not get proper approval from the U.S. Justice Department before forming district courts in Travis, Tarrant, Victoria, Lubbock and Dallas counties.

A lawyer representing the Mexican American Bar Association said his group will appeal the decision.

Unclaimed Refunds

The Internal Revenue Service is attempting to find 570 people whose income tax refund checks could not be delivered. The largest check is for more than $11,000, and the smallest is $1.

Those who expected a refund check and did not receive one, and who have moved or changed their names during the year may call the IRS at (800) 829-1040.



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Courses To Be Offered At Sweetwater

Courses in Criminal Justice, English, government and history will be offered at the Sweetwater extension center of Western Texas College in evening classes beginning Jan. 14.

Courses on the schedule are CJ 133 (Fundamentals of Criminal Law), CJ 231 (Police Systems and Practices), English 131 (Composition I), English 231 (American Literature), Government 231 (State and Local Government), and History 132 (U.S. History after 1865).

Registration for all courses will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Jan. 7 in the high school cafeteria. Information about the extension center can be obtained by contacting Frank McDonald, coordinator, at 235-4371, or the office of Mike Thornton, Director of Extension Services, at 915 573-8511, in Snyder

Registration for day and evening classes on the WTC's Snyder campus will be held Jan. 10-11 and classes will begin Jan. 14.

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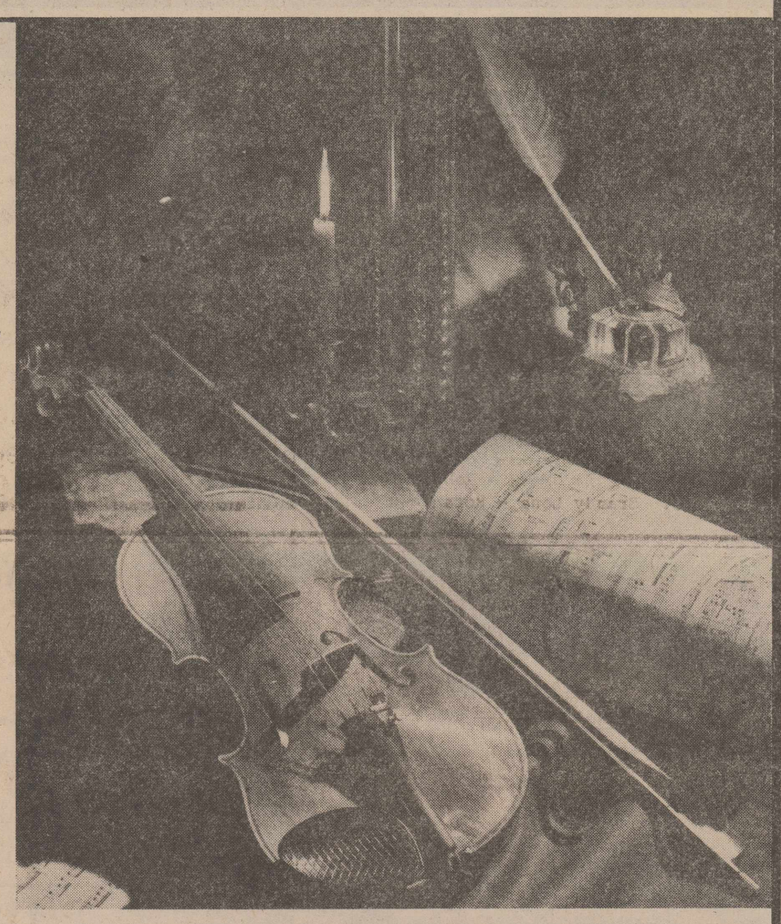
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• Psalm 131:1-3

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• Psalm 121:1-8





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Stock Show Results

COMPLETE SHOW RESULTS

Market Hogs
Lightweight

1. Jonathan Sima - Rotan FFA
2. Lecile Johnson - Roby FFA
3. Sonya Gaona - 4-H
4. Blake Stephens - 4-H
5. Robert Vahlenkamp - Roby FFA
6. Randy Gregg - Roby FFA
7. Brandon WEaver - Roby 4-H
8. Amy Beauchamp - Roby 4-H
9. Randy Gregg - Roby FFA
10. Jake Baker - Rotan 4-H
11. Matt Gaona - Roby 4-H
12. Jake Baker - Rotan 4-H
13. Ryan Posey - Rotan 4-H
14. Ryan Posey - Rotan 4-H
15. Shelly Baker - Rotan 4-H
16. Larry Whitley - Rotan FFA
17. Amanda Johnson - Roby 4-H
18. Michelle Beauchamp - Roby 4-H
19. Casey Johnson - Roby 4-H
20. Tracy Posey - Rotan 4-H

Middleweight

1. Guy Kelley - Rotan 4-H
2. Sonya Gaona - Roby 4-H
3. Jessica Moore - Roby 4-H
4. Phillip Hull - Rotan 4-H
5. Chris Boone - Rotan FFA
6. Eric Smith - Rotan 4-H
7. Ben Singletary - Roby FFA
8. Autumn Daniel - Roby 4-H
9. Matt Gaona - Roby 4-H
10. Casey Johnson - Roby 4-H
11. Traci Hull - Rotan 4-H
12. Lane Hicks - Rotan FFA
13. Jonathan Sims - Rotan FFA
14. Phillip Hull - Rotan 4-H
15. Robert Vahlenkamp - Roby FFA
16. Larry Whitley - Rotan FFA

Light Heavy

1. Timothy Moore - Roby 4-H
2. Brandon Weaver - Rotan 4-H
3. Carolyn Atkinson - Roby 4-H
4. Traci Posey - Rotan 4-H
5. Lindy Kelley - Rotan 4-H
6. Bradley Atkinson - Roby 4-H
7. Anthony Smith - Rotan 4-H
8. Kenny Heflin - Roby FFA
9. Victor Amezquita - Rotan FFA
10. Steven Warren - Rotan FFA
11. Clay Cade - Rotan 4-H

Heavy

1. David Garcia - Rotan 4-H
2. Monroe Moore - Roby 4-H
3. Guy Kelley - Rotan 4-H
4. Amanda Moore - Roby 4-H

Grand Champion Market Hog - Guy Kelley

Reserve Champion - Timothy Moore -

Fryer Rabbits

1st & Grand Champion

Shelly Baker - Rotan 4-H

Broilers

1. Israel Espinsoza Roby 4-H
2. Audra Lewis - Roby 4-H
3. R.J. Lewis - Roby 4-H
4. Danna Parr - Rotan 4-H
5. Ryan Parr - Rotan 4-H

Grand Champion - Israel Espinoza
Reserve - Audra Lewis

Market Lambs
Finewool
Light Weight

1. Julie Grisham - Rotan 4-H
2. Carmine Castor - Roby 4-H
3. Ty West - Roby 4-H
4. Chad Dannheim - Roby 4-H
5. Chad Dannheim - Roby 4-H
6. Mark Parker - Roby FFA

Heavy Weight

1. Jamie Grisham Rotan 4-H
2. Ashley Smith - Roby 4-H
3. Julie Parr - Rotan 4-H
4. Christie Willett - Rotan 4-H
5. Jaycee Carey - Roby 4-H
6. Jaycee Carey - Roby 4-H

Champion Finewool - Jamie Grisham
Reserve - Julie Grisham

Finewool Cross
Light Weight
1. Ty West - Roby 4-H
2. Stephanie Hunsaker - Rotan 4-H
3. Chad Dannheim - Roby 4-H
4. Jaycee Carey - Roby 4-H
5. Mark Parker - Roby FFA
6. Michael Stidham - Roby 4-H
7. Holly Hunsaker - Rotan 4-H
8. Sarah Greenlee - Rotan 4-H
9. Lane Greene - Rotan 4-H

Heavy Weight

1. Jamie Grisham - Rotan 4-H
2. Jennifer Kincaid - Roby 4-H
3. Chad Dannheim - Roby 4-H
4. Ty West - Roby 4-H
5. Julie Parr - Rotan 4-H
6. Shana Feagan - Roby 4-H
7. Justin Smith - Roby 4-H
8. Jason Gruben - Roby 4-H
9. Christie Willett - Rotan 4-H
10. Justin Smith - Roby 4-H

Champion Finewool Cross - Ty West
Reserve - Jamie Grisham

Medium Wool

1. Lacy Callan - Rotan 4-H
2. Shelia Green - Roby 4-H
3. Brandy Long - Rotan 4-H
4. Brandon Castor - Roby 4-H
5. Kasey Greene - Rotan 4-H
6. Melissa Burk - Rotan 4-H

Medium Wool Lamb Continued

7. Lacy Callan - Rotan 4-H
8. Michelle Herndon - Rotan 4-H
9. Ty West - Roby 4-H
10. Shelia Green - Roby 4-H
11. Patrick Buckner - Roby 4-H
12. Michelle Herndon - Rotan 4-H
13. Michelle Herndon - Rotan 4-H
14. Crystal Early - Rotan 4-H
15. Cassidy Early - Rotan 4-H
16. Lane Greene - Rotan 4-H

Heavy Weight

1. Justin Smith - Roby 4-H
2. Stephanie Long - Rotan 4-H
3. Chad Dannheim - Roby 4-H
4. Shelia Green - Roby 4-H
5. Patrick Buckner - Roby 4-H
6. Chad Dannheim - Roby 4-H
7. Holly Hunsaker - Rotan 4-H
8. Shea Feagan - Roby 4-H
9. Shelly Burk - Rotan 4-H
10. Stephanie Hunsaker - Rotan 4-H
11. Angela Buckner - Roby 4-H
12. Jennifer Kincaid - Roby 4-H
13. Jason Gruben - Roby 4-H
14. Adrian Castor - Roby 4-H
15. Jaycee Carey - Roby 4-H
16. Ashley Smith - Roby 4-H
17. Crystal Early - Rotan 4-H

Champion Medium Wool - Justin Smith
Reserve - Stephanie Long

Beef Heifers
Angus

Jr. Heifer Calves
1. Carissa Kiser - Roby 4-H
2. Chuck Dannheim - Roby 4-H

Jr. Yearling Heifers
1. Kyle McWilliams - Roby 4-H
2. Carissa Kiser - Roby 4-H
3. Kelly McWilliams - Roby 4-H

Hereford
1. Anita Floyd - Roby 4-H
2. Billy Floyd - Roby 4-H

Limousin

Jr. Calves

1. Brandon Castor - Roby 4-H
2. Johnny Smith - Roby 4-H
3. Adrian Castor - Roby 4-H

Jr. Yearling
1. Tim Bob Smith - Roby 4-H

Shorthorn
Jr. Heifers

1 & 2 - Katrina Rains - Rotan 4-H

Jr. Yearling

1 & 2 Katrina Rains - Rotan 4-H

Grand Champion Heifer - Katrina Rains- Jr. Calf
Reserve - Katrina Rains - Jr. Yearling

Market Steers
Light Weight

1. Kelly Dee McWillams - Roby 4-H
2. Christie Parr - Rotan 4-H
3. Matt Counts - Roby 4-H
4. Grant Kinsey - Rotan 4-H
5. Mike Counts - Roby 4-H
6. Carissa Kiser - Roby 4-H

Middle Weight

1. Kristi Bond - Roby 4-H
2. Tanya McClure - Roby 4-H
3. David Bond - Roby 4-H
4. Chad Dannheim- Roby 4-H
5. Grant Kinsey - Rotan 4-H
6. Ryan Posey - Rotan 4-H

Light Heavy

1. Kyle McWilliams - Roby 4-H
2. Coby Moore - Roby 4-H
3. Katrina Rains - Rotan 4-H
4. Katrina Rains - Rotan 4-H
5. Bryce Moore - Roby 4-H
6. Johnny Smith - Roby 4-H

Heavy Weight

1. Tim Bob Smith - Roby 4-H
2. Cody Smith - Roby 4-H
3. Cassie Terry - Roby 4-H
4. Carissa Kiser - Roby 4-H
5. Jeremy Terry - Roby 4-H
6. Christie Anderson - Roby 4-H
7. Chuck Dannheim - Roby 4-H

Grand Champion Steer - Tim Bob Smith

Reserve - Cody Smith

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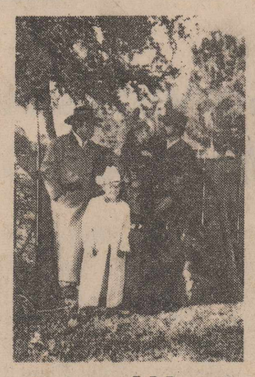
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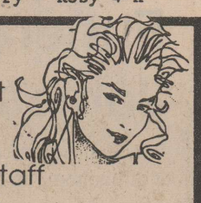




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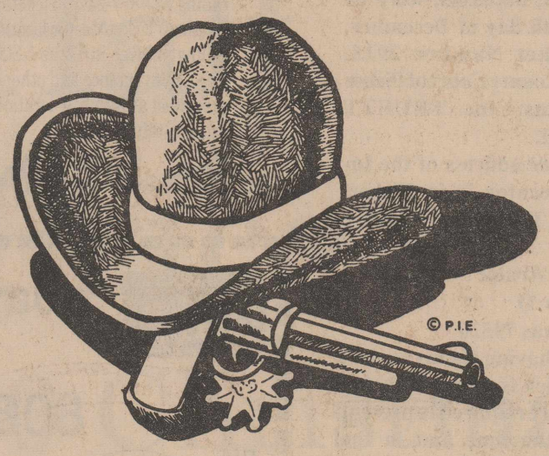


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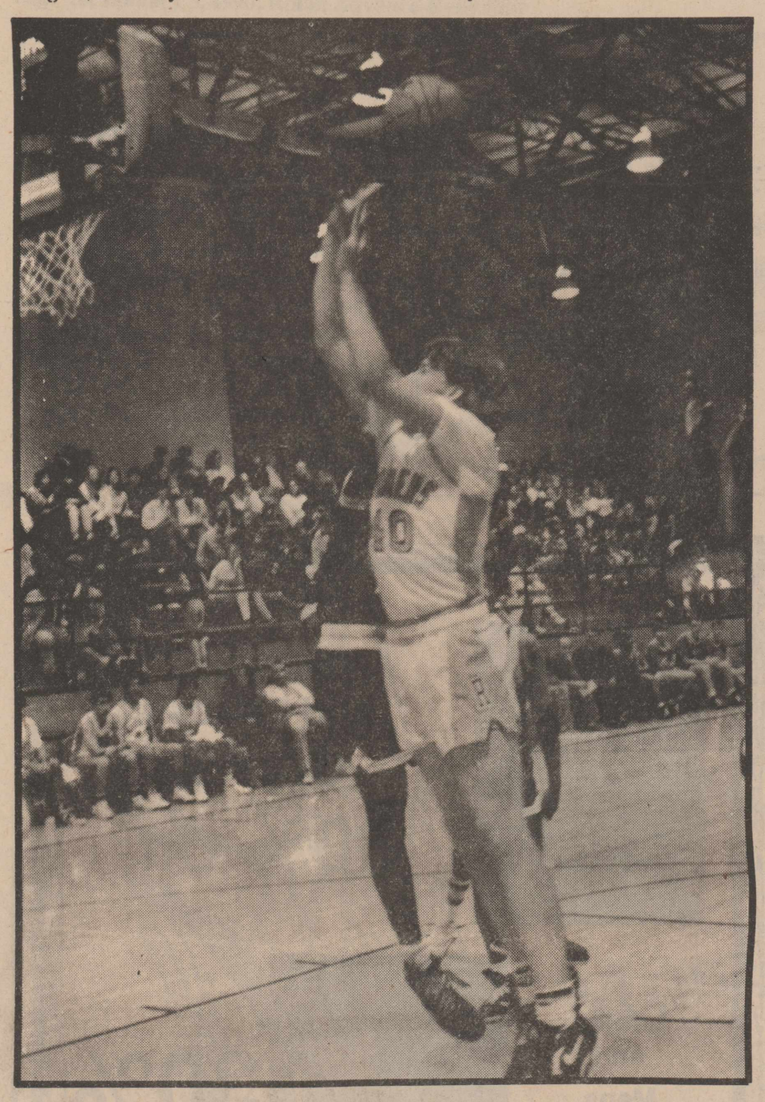
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UP AND AWAY: Chris Kennedy of the Rotan Yellowhammers goes for two during recent basketball action. The Hammers will participate in the Ira Tournament on January 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

Sunday morning was truly a winter wonderland, but when the sun came out, it was even prettier. We have really had some bad weather, so cold and the wind made it seem much colder. Christmas Day the weather was really nice though, and I hope that everyone's kin folks got to their destinations safely.

Our community was saddened by the death of Joe B. Martinez on Wednesday. The funeral was held Friday in Rotan at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with burial in the Rotan Cemetery. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife, Polly, his son Joe Bob Martinez of El Paso, his three daughters Margie Martinez of Snyder, Cecilia Martinez and Mary Grace Carrillo, both of Rotan, and to the remainder of his family which included six brothers and two sisters, and six grandchildren.

Sunday the 23rd we had quite a good crowd at church and Emily played the piano while Fran played the flute for our special music. They are the two daughters of Dan and Carla Bavousett.

I heard from Mrs. Skiles' daughter in Stamford and she said that her mother was very weak, and not able to see very well, but she is still busy witnessing.

Mrs. Clarence Anderson returned home from Clovis, New Mexico, Friday before Christmas and made it just fine. Said the roads were clear, and she had a good trip, although her daughter-in-law Becky, is still not feeling very good, and her jaw is giving her lots of trouble. Clarence and June then went to Clovis, for Christmas. They left here Christmas Eve, Monday, and returned home Thursday. The weather was okay and Becky is doing as well as can be expected, but of course isn't able to eat and has her jaws wired too, so is only able to drink through a straw. Both Steven and David enjoyed their Christmas and were pleased to have their grandparents visiting with them.

The Sam Etheredges had their Christmas on the 23rd at their home and had a real big crowd. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Wayne Etheredge, Randy, Vicky, Cody and Randi Marie Etheredge, David and Debra Etheredge, Dustin and Brandon from Levelland, Ann and Wendell Barrett, Charlotte Barrett from Rock Springs, Wyoming, Corby and Kelly Barrett, Lacy and Amanda from Quincy, Illinois and Tania Barrett from Lubbock. They all had Christmas dinner together and then opened their gifts and had a good time visiting. Monday, Bob and Jo Etheredge from Gorman and Pete and Hilda Etheredge from Roscoe visited the Sam Etheredges and they all ate lunch together. Sam and Roxie sure enjoyed all their company but have both had real bad colds and are staying close to home this bad weather. We hope that they will soon feel fine.

Levi Parks is still critical, but stable. There isn't too much change, but his burns are maybe just a little better. We hope that he will continue to improve, but know it is going to be a very slow process.

Vida Boyer ate dinner on Christmas Day with the Dale Caves and all their company. Vida said there was so many babies she couldn't keep up with them all. They really had a big crowd at Dale and Doshias and she enjoyed all the visiting. Glenn and Ginger Phillips from Post came and brought Christmas dinner to Mrs. Opal Phillips. Then she went home with them and they brought her home so she could attend Christmas at Maries (Mrs. C.J. Thorntons). There was a big, big crowd there including all the Porters and Phillips and all the grandkids. Opal really enjoyed all the visiting and seeing everyone.

Rosemary Gay, Sara Warren and Trina Warren all from Fort Worth and Brian Warren from Lubbock all came the Rudolph Martinezs for Christmas, and they stayed until Wednesday. The Martinezs had their dinner on the 24th and Tachi and Steve Warren and their family were also there. Rudy and Von Martinez and family from Angleton were also here for the holidays. A number of Rudolph's folks were also here for the funeral of Joe B.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ratliff and family from Abilene came the 22nd and stayed until the 23rd. Kim and Tracy Knipe and their family from Snyder came the 23rd and they all had dinner and Christmas together. The James Ratliffs got to see Jim Ratliff play Wheelchair basketball in a Tournament on National T.V. which was played in Houston. They watched it on a Sports Channel on their satellite. James isn't feeling too good, almost has the flu and we hope that he will soon be feeling better.

The J.W. Etheredges and families all went to Mrs. Lealon Wilburns for Christmas Day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilburn and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilburn and family from Anson, Mr. and Mrs. James

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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF FISHER COUNTY

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have closed our **Rotan Office.** We want to thank everyone here for all your support and business. We still have our **office in Sweetwater** and have obtained a toll free number for your convenience **(1-800-588-4172).**

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The family of Joe B. Martinez would like to express our most sincere thanks and gratitude for your loving support. Thank you for the food, flowers, memorials and the many other gifts.

Your friendship and many acts of kindness during this difficult time will always be remembered.

The Family Of
Joe B. Martinez

Services Held For Joe B. Martinez Of Rotan

Joe B. Martinez, 80 of Rotan, died Wednesday morning in the Fisher County Nursing Home. Rosary was at 7:30 p.m., Thursday in Weathersbee Chapel and Mass was at 2 P.M. Friday in St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Rev. Austin Kittridge officiating. Burial was in the Rotan Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Martinez was born June 21, 1910 in Kent County and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martinez. He had lived all his life in Kent and Fisher Counties where he farmed. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WW II and a member of the VFW. He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church. He married Polly Soliz May 30, 1951 in Roby.

Survivors include his wife: Polly Soliz Martinez, Rotan; 1 son: Joe Bob Martinez, El Paso; 3 daughters: Cecilia Martinez, Rotan, Margie Martinez, Snyder, Mary Grace Carrillo, Rotan; 6 brothers: Fred, Rotan, Robert, Abilene, Emilio, Abilene, Ben, Muenster, Alex, Kenne, New Hampshire, Rudolph, Rotan; 2 sisters: Mary Ozuna, Rotan, Sara Jara, Arlington; 6 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 1 sister and 2 brothers.

Funeral Services Held For James H. Aaron

James H. Aaron, Jr. died December 20th at his home in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Mr. Aaron was born September 21, 1920, in Rotan. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Aaron, Rotan. He graduated from the Rotan schools in 1938 and received his Bachelor and Master Degrees from Texas Tech. Mr. Aaron served in the Air Force during WW II. He retired from the Bureau of Land Management and had lived in Las Cruces for the past few years.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Aaron of Las Cruces; two sons, James H. Aaron III, Fluvanna, and Joel H. Aaron, Alamagorda, N.M.; three grandchildren, Alamagorda; two step-grandsons, Las Cruces; and a sister, Mrs. Marjorie Mitchell, Roby.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARY EDITH STRICKLAND, deceased, were issued on the 26th day of December, 1990, in Docket Number 2915, pending in the County Court of Fisher County, Texas, to: TRUETT STRICKLAND.

The residence address of the Independent Executor is in Fisher, Fisher County, Texas; his post office address is:

c/o Norman Arnett
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 28th day of December, 1990.

Truett Strickland
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News From Down South

By Bertha Warren

In traveling to Sweetwater on 419 be sure and notice Corky and Betty Steele's home. They have added a fire place, drive through garage, a long covered breeze way and bricked the outside. During the holidays, a six or eight inch Christmas tree with lights shown in the small window in the garage and small candles burned in the dog house on top of the house. All is a big change and everything looks so pretty. Their son Dwaylyn and family's Christmas gift to them was a three day stay in Cloudcroff, N.M.

Harvie and Cleo Davis went to Camp Wood to visit Russel, Kathy and Chris Gee. Then the Gees came here for Christmas Eve and Chris is staying for a few days.

Carrol and Lena Hodges' guests for the holidays were Jerry and Karen of Coahoma, Frank and Janice Healer of Sweetwater, Larry Healer and Brent and Lori Wilson of Austin.

Ollig Ogden's grandson Allen and a friend Dennis came on Wednesday and stayed until Friday taking Ollie back to Brownwood with them. All the Ogdens were over at Marti and Joyce Warren's home for Christmas dinner on December 22. Ollie spent the night with them then went to Tommy and Darlene Warren's Sunday. She returned home Monday and Tammy and Everett Wessel spent the night with her. She went home with Tommy and Darlene Wednesday.

Visiting Lorene Henderson were granddaughter Sherry Driver and family, of Dumas, Vernon and Joyce of Floydada, J.W., Edith and Tom of Houston, Harold and Mary Joyce of Jay, Ok., also Cleo and Harvie Davis.

Eircle and Marry Etta O'Donald went to Don and Nancy O'Donald's the 24th then all of them went on to Ronny and Vicky's for Christmas. Carry O'Donald of Kaufman visited with them also. Don and Mary Etta visited with Ernest and Estelle O'Donald at DeLeon. Paulene (O'Donald) Gann of Abilene had a stroke the 25th and is in Hendrick Hospital. Congratulations to all the 4-H'ers who took part in the Fisher County Livestock Show. Whether you brought home a ribbon or not you are still a winner.

Ben and Edna Benson had guests for the holidays. Lowell and son Brent Benson and Harold and Ferlene Benson of Plano were down for the weekend.

Maggie Wiley is still in the hospital following hip surgery December 11. If all goes well she will be able to go home January 4th. Our prayers are still with little Levi Parks. He seems to be improving some. We certainly hope so.

C.L. and Viola Evers had Christmas dinner with Bobby and Frances Morgan. The Morgans met Linda Clark and son B.J. at Stanton Saturday and B.J. came home with Frances and Bobby went back home with Linda. Carlos and Belinda Jones and 3 children are spending a few days with Erna Lee Jones. They visited with Frances a while Sunday. Carlos is working in Palestine at the TDC. They will be moving soon. Boomer was home from Lubbock. Mable Warren had all but one of her children for Christmas. M.D. could not make it. She had 24 for lunch Sunday.

Louie and Ester Hayes had all their children home for the holidays, even Willie and Tana and children from Omaha, NE were here.

Lowell and Helen Thornburg's guests were their children Marion and Gail Carter along with Linda and James of Hereford, Barbara Scrivner and Gwin and Eddie Thompson and son Tyler of Snyder, Eddie and Andi Thornburg of Pecos.

Charlie and Thelma Smith's guests for Sunday were Kennith of Sweetwater, Ron and Cindy Ronson and children Rachel and Crystel of DeLeon, Jeri Jay and Bill Hall of Buffalo Gap, Gary Don and Bobby Smith and daughter, Ted and Nell of Merkel and Penny from Lubbock. A friend of Charlie's brought him a 161/2 pound catfish. It was 31 inches long. Now that's what I call a friend!

J.L. and Stella Mash had 32 for Christmas dinner. They were Barbara and Johnny Justiss of Coahoma and family, Don and Ellaoise Grubbs and family of Wichita Falls, and their daughter all the way from Utah-Kay Ryan and family. Charles and Judy Doty and family of Snyder, Jerry and Kathy Mash of Abilene and Cindy and Sam Huffman of Colorado City.

Jewell Ratliff had several drop in all during the holidays. C.W. and Sue Dulin spent one night there as C.W. had just gotten out of the hospital. They are home now and he is doing fine. Bill Ratliff spent the weekend with her as did Richard and Janice Ratliff and children of Monahans. Wayne and I visited a while, Damon and Shelba Shipp and girls came by, also Melissa Dulin and her friend Mike of Abilene.

Visiting Alma Blythe were Peggy and Bobby Hall, Rusty and Yvonne Hall and children Windy and Duce, Steve, and Sonda Hall and children Dace and Asa, Mark and Beverly Pancano and sons Cody and Chase, also Norene Chism, Mr. and Mrs. Petty and two boys. Jimmy and Veral Bennett, along with Kelly, Ronda and Sheri Taylor and children Raven and Shaun. Leo and Liz didn't get to come because Liz wasn't feeling well. Some of them stayed on till Monday.

Gill and Dianna Warren and Jay came Saturday and stayed until Tuesday. Gill is feeling pretty good. Brian and Trina were here and Steve, Tachi and girls came for Christmas day. Also Kenny Cross and friend from Andrews.

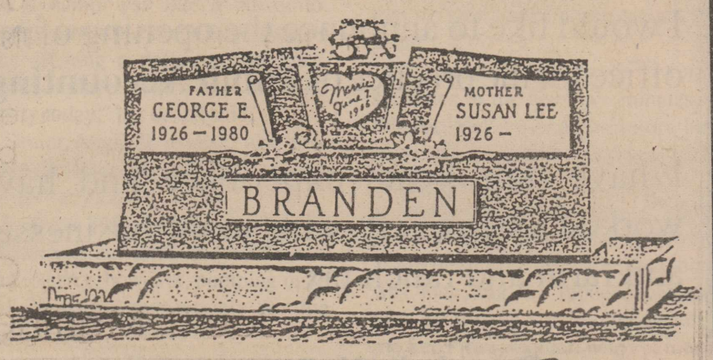
Our sympathy goes out to Polly and the remainder of Joe B. Martinez family.

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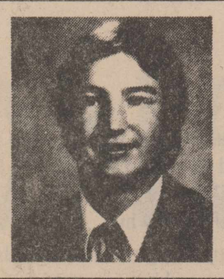
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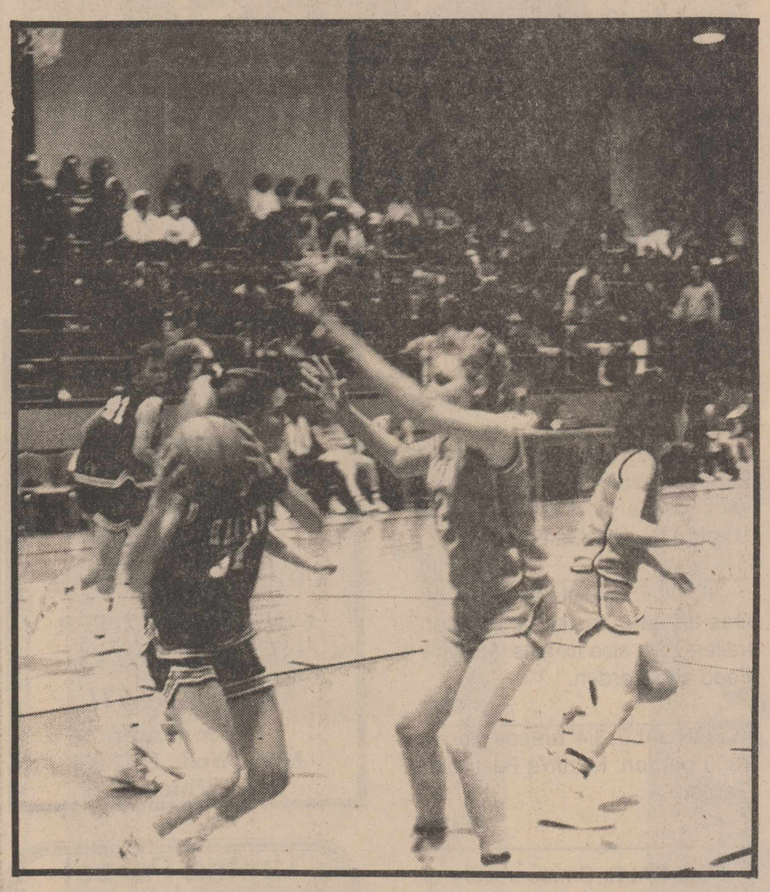
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* Before April 15 - Apply for social security numbers for any dependents two years or older who you'll be claiming on your 1990 tax return.
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TRIES TO HANG ON TO THE BALL: This player from Coleman tries to keep the ball from a host of Lady Hammers as she struggles to find a team member down court to pass the ball to. The Lady Hammers will participate in the Ira Tournament on January 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Students Will Be Offered Advanced Study On Crop Research At WTC

Ag students at Western Texas College will have more opportunities to study crop research as a new cooperative agreement between the college, Texas Tech University, the Soil Conservation Service and the Texas A&M Extension Service goes into effect, David Kattes, assistant professor of agriculture, said.

WTC owns a 320-acre farm south of Snyder where the research will be conducted. It will include studies of fertility, insecticides and herbicides, and a variety test on cotton and small grains and Sudan. Eleven varieties of wheat are being tested for their forage capabilities.

"The cooperating agencies will provide specialized knowledge and, at times, needed equipment," Kattes said.

"We are looking forward to working with the Scurry County extension agent as well as Richard Spencer, Fisher County extension agent, and other county agents right around us as we get into the crop research program."

A graduate of Texas A&M University, Kattes joined the WTC faculty at the start of the 1990 fall semester. He formerly served as research director for Von Roeder Seed Farms, Inc., in Snyder. At WTC, Kattes teaches agronomy, herbicide and pesticide use and entomology. Other instructors in the WTC ag department are Bob Doty and Jim Judah. Information about the WTC livestock and agriculture programs can be obtained by contacting any of the instructors.

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Sherrell from Sweetwater, Mike Wilburn and Justin from Abilene, and all the Etheredge families. They all had dinner together on Christmas Day and visited. David and Debra and boys went home Wednesday. They visited with Todd Etheredge and his family in Durango, Colorado, over the phone during the holidays.

I have been gone a lot, as went to Sweetwater Saturday evening before Christmas with Carol, Wilber and Evette. It was bitter cold but clear, and it was crowded regardless of the low degree in the weather. The roads were just fine with just a little snow. Mark and Melody arrived safely late Saturday and said the roads were worse in Lytton Springs than anywhere. We visited with Carol, Wilber and Evette that night. Sunday I went to Sunday School and then we went to Snyder and ate lunch. We visited with Carl, Wilber, Evette, Greg and Becky who had arrived by then, and then we ate supper that night with Sheila and Donnie and Donnie Carl. Monday we went to Rotan and everyone was in town. The weather was much better but still very cold, and that night we all met at Sheila and Donnies for the traditional supper and the tree. Carye was the last one to come home so we were all together for Christmas Eve. Mark and Melody left early Christmas morning as had to go to Fort Worth to be with Mark's sisters and his parents. I ate dinner that day with Carol and all, but Becky left early for Dumas, then Evette went back to Dallas, and Greg went to Midland later that evening.

The weather was nice Christmas Day so that made travelling much easier.

I went to Abilene on Friday with Carol and it was sure crowded. Everyone was busy exchanging gifts and taking advantage of the sales. Then Saturday it was so nice I went to Snyder but later that afternoon the norther blew in and by the time I got home it was foggy and cold with a little sleet falling. We cancelled church on Sunday as the roads were so bad, and it was so cold.

Well this is all the Christmas news. I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy 1991. Hope all your holidays were warm and happy. Don't forget all the boys that are taking part in Operation Desert Shield. I have seen so many yellow ribbons on cars, trees and houses, so let us remember them in our prayers.

WTC To Hold Registration Jan. 10th & 11th

Western Texas College will hold registration for the 1991 spring semester Jan. 10-11. Classes for day and evening students begin on Jan. 14.

Dormitories on the WTC campus will open at 10 a.m. on Jan. 10. Registration of sophomore students is scheduled from 1-4 p.m. Evening students will register from 6:30-8 p.m.

Freshman registration begins at 9 a.m. on Jan. 11 and continues until 11:30 a.m. Registration for all students will be held from 1-3 p.m.

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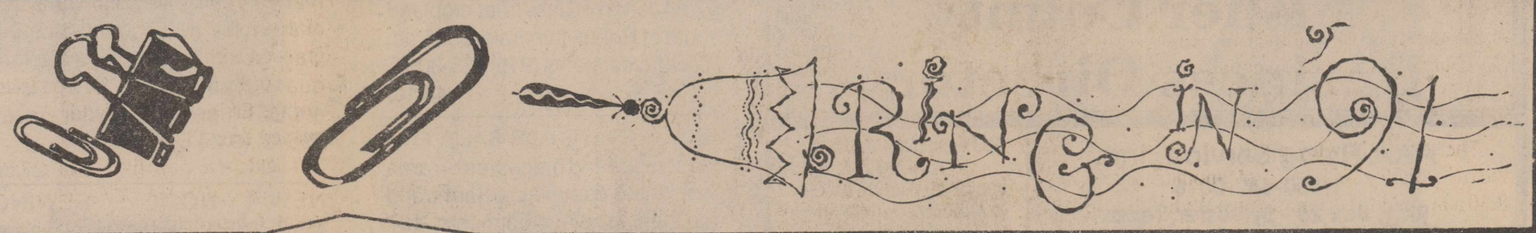
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Lady Lions Break Even At Eula Tourney

by Cliff Vlasin

Roby Lady Lions coach Gail Gregg feels that conditioning is one area where his team needs improvement. The Roby girls got plenty of attention in that area last weekend, playing four games in three days at the Eula Holiday Classic.

The Lady Lions broke even at the tournament with wins over Wylie JV and Bangs sandwiched by an opening loss to Hawley and a defeat at the hands of Roscoe in the consolation final.

Playing shorthanded throughout the tournament, the players that were present got very little, if any, rest. Gregg felt this had the greatest effect on his defense.

"In a tournament like this, when we're just coming off the holidays, not having any substitutions, we can't do much defensively because we can't change," he said. "We run out of gas -- we just have to drop back into zone defense and not put any pressure on them."

With players missing due to the Fisher County Stock Show being held the same weekend, Roby had only six players suited for the final three games, a fact which was not without its good points. The shorthandedness forced players not accustomed to pressure into important roles, giving them valuable experience.

Freshmen Monica Pullig and Carolyn Atkinson drew praise from their coach. "I was pleased with some of the play," he said. "Monica had been sick some before the holidays, and had an extra week where she didn't work out, but she did some good things for us."

In truth, the tiny Atkinson stole the hearts of the few Roby faithful on hand for the consolation final. The diminutive dynamo was like a mosquito, buzzing around the much larger Roscoe girls creating a defensive nuisance. "Carolyn played with a little better intensity today," her coach said.

Senior Angie Brzezinski also provided some aggressive play as a starter for the Lady Lions.

Lorissa Edmondson and Shana Feagan were still left with the offensive load to carry, however, pumping in 76 and 74 points respectively for the tournament.

Roby vs. Hawley

The Lady Lions opened the tournament with a difficult 8:30 a.m. matchup with Hawley Thursday, dropping a 70-44 decision to the Lady Bearcats. Feagan led the Roby scoring with 18 points, while Edmondson hit for 16.

Hawley steadily pulled away from the sluggish Lady Lions, working to a 12-7 first-quarter advantage, and increasing their lead to 35-25 by halftime.

Also scoring for Roby were Michelle Beauchamp (4), Belinda Williams (2), Tanya McClure (2), Angie Brzezinski (1), and Karen Barrera (1).

Roby vs. Wylie JV

The loss to Hawley put Roby into the consolation bracket and another 8:30 a.m. game, this time against Wylie junior varsity. The Lady Lions looked anything but tired in this one, however, streaking to a 21-6 first-quarter lead on their way to a 56-35 rout.

Edmondson and Feagan put in 23 and 22 points respectively, while Brzezinski hit for five, McClure added four, and Williams contributed a bucket.

Roby vs. Bangs

The win over Wylie sent the Lady Lions into the consolation semi-final Friday night against Bangs, a team most felt Roby should defeat easily.

Easy, it wasn't. It took some clutch free throws by Feagan and Edmondson for the Lady Lions to escape, clutching a 53-49 win.

"We tend to play on a level with the people we play," Gregg said. "We played Bangs at their lever, just getting the win, and with Roscoe, at times, we played at their level."

In an extremely slow-paced game, Roby seemed to finally be taking charge early in the second quarter, opening with five straight points to take an 18-9 lead. The feisty Bangs girls fought back, however, with a 12-2 run of their own to pull to a 23-20 lead over the beleaguered Lady Lions.

Roby then finished the first half with six straight points on a McClure jumper, and four in a row by Edmondson, who hit two free throws and a layup, giving the Lady Lions a slim 28-25 halftime lead.

The Lady Lions maintained a slim lead throughout much of the second half, but couldn't shake their pesky opponents.

With 1:31 left to play, the Lady Lions found themselves in a tie, 49-49, while playing without Edmondson, who was on the bench with five fouls.

Four pressure free throws by Feagan would cap the scoring, however, propelling Roby into the consolation final Saturday afternoon against Roscoe.

Edmondson ripped the nets for 24 points for Roby in the win, while Feagan put in 20. Pullig added four, and Williams contributed a bucket.

Roby vs. Roscoe

Still playing with only one substitute, the Lady Lions were simply outnumbered, falling to the talented Roscoe Plowgirls, 55-35. The Lady Lions played the Plowgirls tough through most of the game, but two periods of letup defensively gave Roscoe all it needed.

"We gave up about a 10-point run right at the end of the first quarter, and then in the second half we gave up 10 points right quick," Gregg said. "Those two periods, if you could hack off 20 points, it's a whole lot closer ball game."

Feagan paced Roby with 14 points while Edmondson had 13, and Brzezinski and Barrera added four each.

The Lady Lions will return to action Friday, facing Spur at the Roby gym.



STRAIGHT SHOOTER: Lorissa Edmondson of the Lady Lions puts up two in recent action against Rule. The Lady Lions just played four games in three days as they participated in the Eula Holiday Classic.

Lions Fall To Eula Hornets At Eula Holiday Classic Tourney

by Cliff Vlasin

In what had to be considered one of the best games of the Eula Holiday Classic, the Roby Lions came up just three points short, falling 76-73 to a powerful Era Hornet team in the consolation final Saturday.

The loss left Roby 2-2 for the tournament and 7-6 against a strong field of opponents in the month of December. Despite the loss, Coach Ron Francis was pleased with the effort. "(Era's) probably the best team we've played," Francis said.

"We had a chance to win the game -- we couldn't have asked for anything better unless we'd have won," Francis added. "They were ranked second in the state last year most of the year, and they've been ranked in the top ten this year."

The lead changed hands 22 times, six times in the final two minutes, in this battle of run-and-gun teams, both of which had scored 100 points Friday in consolation wins.

With 11 seconds remaining, the Lions were down by one with the Hornets at the free throw line. The free throw was long, but the rebound caromed high off the rim and into the hands of the free throw shooter, who put it back in to give the Hornets a three-point edge.

The Hornets then fouled Roby point guard Kenny Heflin to prevent the Lions from shooting a three-pointer. Heflin's first free toss fell short, Era rebounded and held on for the narrow win.

After the game, Heflin was praised by his coach for his lay during the tournament. "I thought he shined a lot this weekend just as a point guard," Francis said.

"He's come on and made a lot of plays, pushing the ball up the floor for us and dishing it off -- he had a lot of assists." Francis was quick to point out, however, that the greatest improvement by this year's team is the fact that so many players have contributed.

"We're a lot more balanced this year than we were last, and it's helped," he said.

Jonathan Petty led all Roby scorers with 25 points in the loss while Eddie Onofre pumped in 17 points, including four three-pointers. Onofre was also given high marks by Francis for his rebounding help while maintaining his scoring contribution.

Also scoring in double figures were Jamie Amador (11), and Jeremy Terry (10), while Heflin added eight and Brandon Justiss chipped in two.

Roby vs. Hawley

The Lions moved to the consolation bracket as a result of a 56-52 loss to Hawley Thursday morning in a game which showed the effects of a holiday layoff, according to Francis.

"We came out against Hawley and it looked like we'd been out for eight days," he said. "We should have beat them -- I felt like we had a better team than they did -- they just beat us that day."

A sluggish first half put the Lions into a hole they couldn't quite crawl out of despite a strong second half. Roby fell behind 14-10 in the first quarter, with the Bearcats padding their lead, outscoring the Lions 19-11 in the second quarter.

Down 33-21 at halftime, the Lions came scrapping back, cutting the margin to 45-38 at the end of three quarters, but they could cut only three more points off the Hawley lead, falling just short of victory.

Heflin paced the Lions with 18 points while Onofre hit for 12 and Petty tossed in 10. Terry added eight and Amador had four to round out the Lion offense.

Roby vs. Santo

The offense that had sputtered in the Hawley game exploded Friday morning, powering the Lions to a 107-40 drubbing of Santo.

Six Roby players posted double-figure efforts, led by Terry's 24 and Heflin's 22. Petty and Onofre hit for 15 each while Amador added 11 and Justiss chipped in 10. Also scoring for Roby were Nick Dickson (6) and Dale Alsup (4).

The Lions were simply too much for Santo, streaking to a 24-6 first-quarter lead, and extending it to 52-17 by halftime on their way to the easy win.

Roby vs. Roscoe

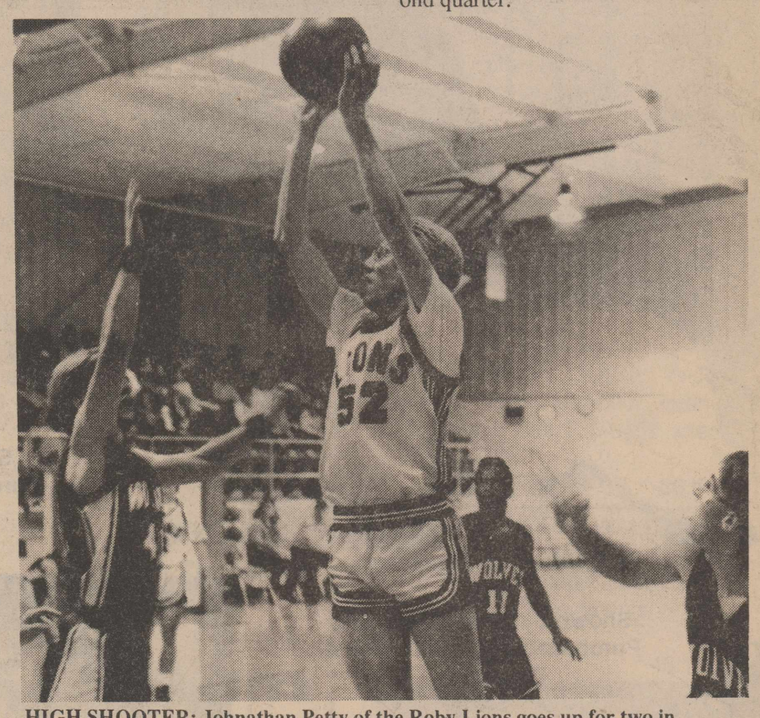
The Friday morning victory over Santo advanced Roby to a 7 p.m. matchup with Roscoe in the consolation semi-finals.

The two tired teams played close for a quarter, but a 10-point outburst, which began and ended with Petty layups inside, gave the Lions a 24-13 lead in the early stages of the second quarter. The game would never be close again.

Petty led Roby in the win with 19 points while Onofre chipped in 16. Terry, Heflin, and Alsup each contributed nine, Amador added eight, and Justiss put in two.

Now, as the December dust (or is that snow) has cleared, Francis is pleased with his team.

"I'm really tickled," he said following the Era game. "With this game, we played four Class A teams in December, and there were like 13 games. The other nine were 2A or 3A teams. We went 7-6 and there was a chance of going 0-12, so I was real pleased," he added.



HIGH SHOOTER: Johnathan Petty of the Roby Lions goes up for two in recent basketbnll action against the Wolves. The Roby Lions will take on Spur on January 5th and Eula on January 8th.

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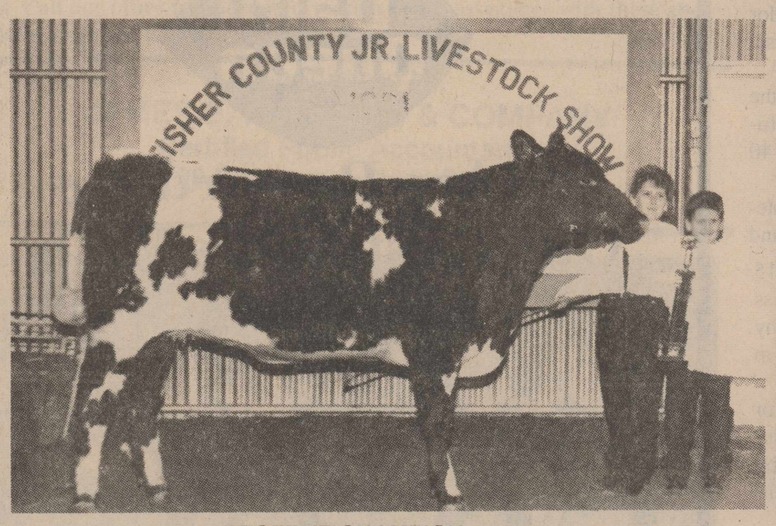
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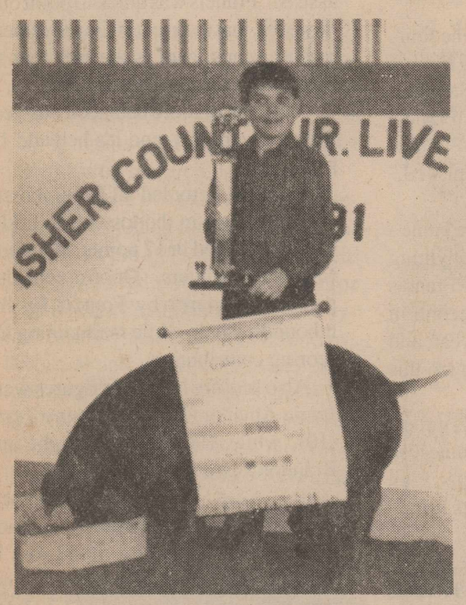
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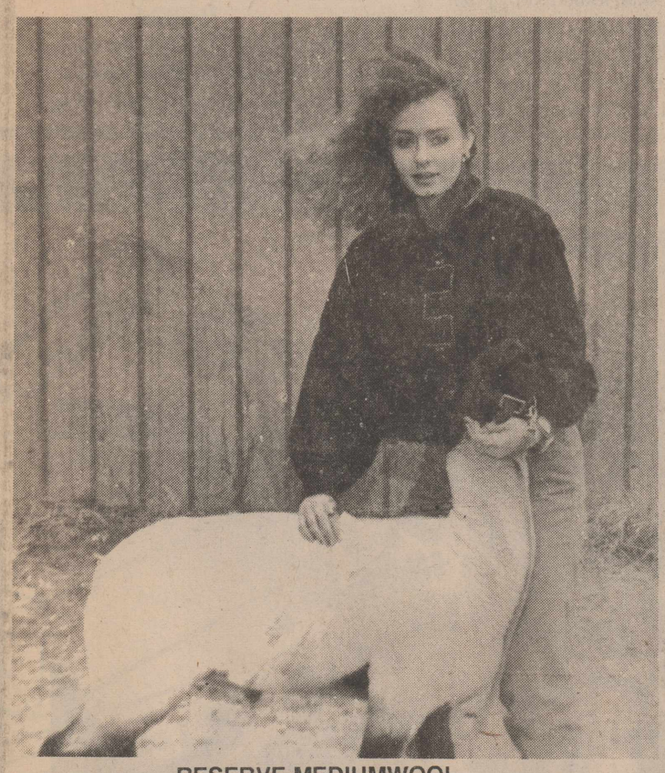
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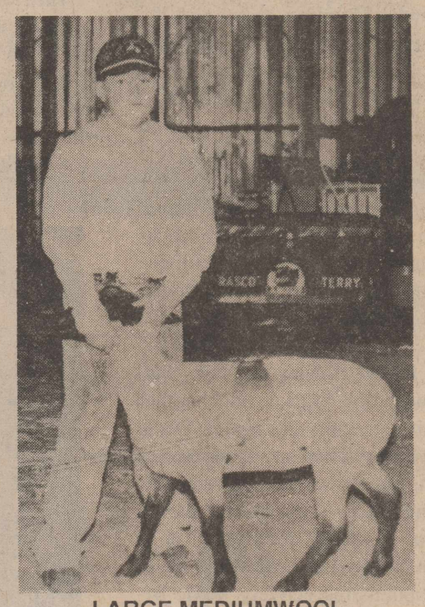
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Dr. Lawrence L. Trott, longtime Southern Baptist Minister in the Big Country area and resident of Abilene since 1954, died at his residence, 2433 North 3rd, #119. Services were at The First Baptist Church in Abilene 1 p.m., Wednesday under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory, and burial was at Elmwood Memorial Park. Officiating was Dr. Bill Bruster, Pastor.

Dr. Trott was born August18, 1903 in Eastland County, Texas, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Elgie Gardner Trott. He first came to Abilene to attend Simmons Academy. His Bachelor of Science Degree was earned from Hardin-Simmons University in 1958. In May of 1988, Hardin-Simmons University conferred upon Dr. Trott the honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree for his many years of outstanding service to Baptists in this area.

As pastor, Dr. Trott first served the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Eastland County. He also served as pastor of the Colorado Bend Baptist Church in Coke County, the Looney Baptist Church in Mitchell County, the Champion Baptist Church in Nolan County, and the Lamar Street Baptist Church in Sweetwater. Dr. Trott then pastored the First Baptist Church in Levelland, Rotan, Winters, and Denver City, Texas prior to returning to Abilene in 1954.

Retirement did not accompany Dr. Trott to Abilene, as he became Baptist District 17 Area Missionary where he served for ten years. (1954-1964). The next five years (1965-1970) he served as Double Mountain Area Missionary. After retiring in 1970, Dr. Trott was the Callahan Baptist Association Area Missionary for two years - 1973-1975.

During his retirement years, Dr. Trott has served eight churches as Interim Pastor and has been actively involved with special Senior Adult Activities in First Baptist Church, Abilene, and in the Abilene Baptist Association.

A member of First Baptist Church, Dr. Trott was a member of the LLL Club and has served as its President from 1976 to the present time. He served as Director of Senior Adult Activities of the Abilene Baptist Association from 1983 to 1988 and has been active in the Lueders Baptist Assembly since 1932. Completed in 1984, the dining hall at the Lueders Baptist Assembly is the Ruth and Lawrence Trott Memorial Dining Hall. Dr. Trott is a member of Hobah Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite at Waco.

Married to Ruth Martin in Pleasant Hill, Texas (Eastland County) on November 9, 1923, she preceded him in death October 31, 1978. Survivors include three daughters: Joyce Surek of Abilene, Virginia Starling of Hobbs, N.M., and Glenda Greebon of Hobbs; a son, Lawrence Lynn Trott of Lake Livingston. Other survivors include two brothers: Eldridge Trott of Redding, California, and Bennie Trott of Dallas; two sisters: Mrs. June Owens of Garland, Texas and Mrs. Doris Grimsley of Arvada, Colorado. There are 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

In November 1979, Dr. Trott married Mrs. Birdie Worthington of Abilene. She preceded him in death August 4, 1984. Survivors from this marriage include Doris Worthington McClure of Abilene, Sue Worthington Carter of Corriente, Brazil, T.H. Worthington of Austin and Gary Worthington of Abilene. There are also 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

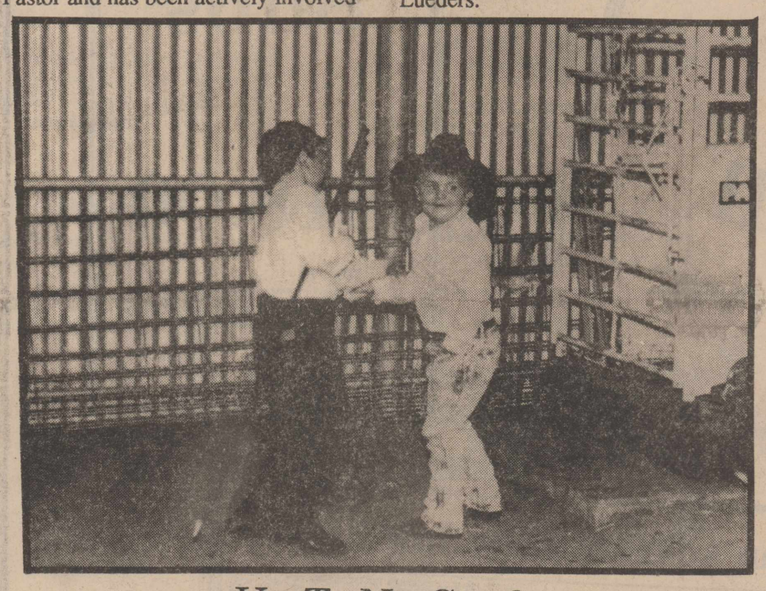
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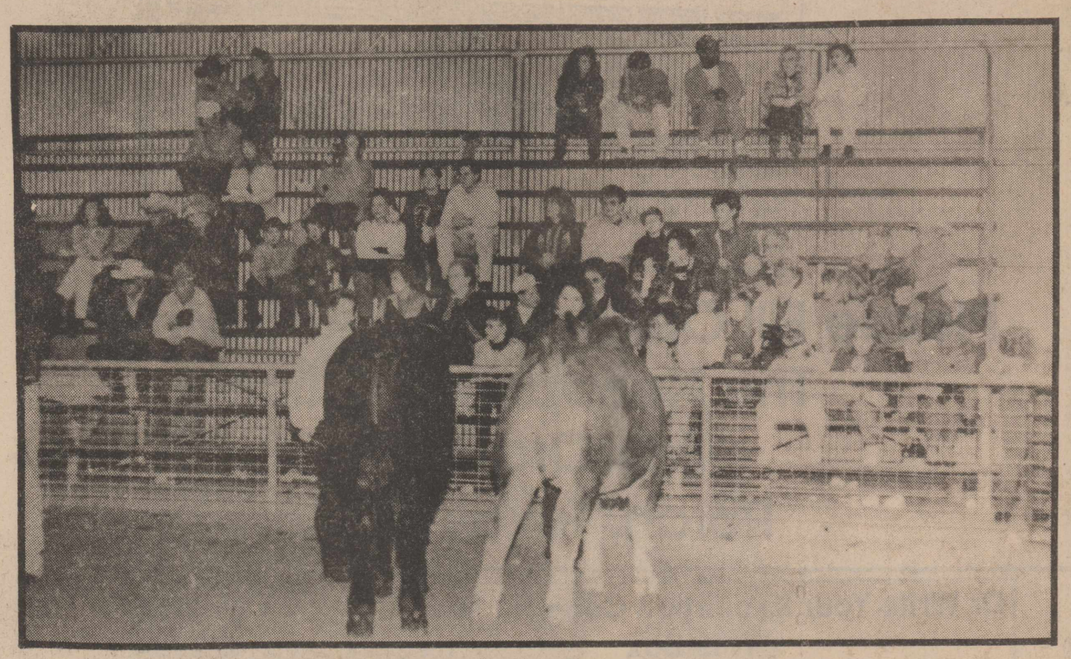
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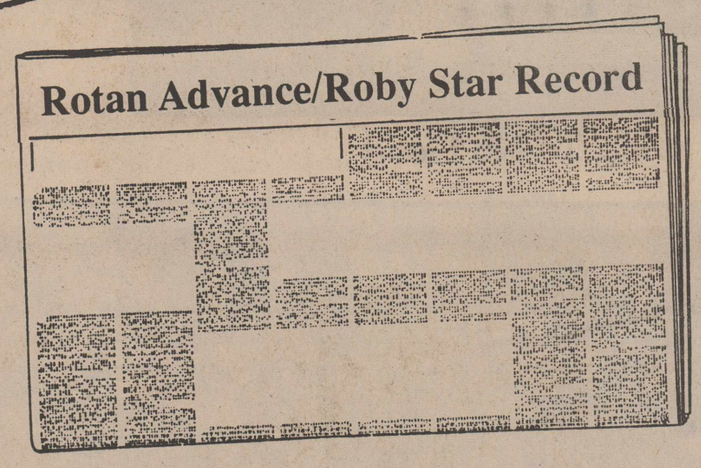
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Letter To The Editor

To The Editor:

A lot of good people are working hard these days, but I want to remind you of a group you rarely see outside of an emergency on stressful situations.

The employees at the Fisher County Hospital are among the best health care providers I have been around in a long time. They may not all be the best-trained or most-experienced in their fields or have the latest equipment, but they all care and do their best.

I have seen that many times, health care is dispensed in large cities, to "patient number 79721" with the result of "x-values on the lab report". That is, most of the time, the person delivering health care does not care if you live or die, especially if they have worked in the under-staffed, over-burdened areas for very long. In many situations, the Fisher County Hospital patron receives better health care than he would in a larger hospital because the FCH staff either knows the patient by name or at least one of their friends or family. No machine, procedure or training certification can approach the benefits of a truly caring staff.

I have been working part-time the last several weeks, relieving your two ambulance staffers who had been on duty over 60 days without time off. I see others who spend a good deal of time and effort at F.C.H. to ensure that all patients at all times receive whatever their conditions requires.

I noticed in the newspaper that no Christmas bonuses would be given to hospital employees, but have heard no discontent from any one in regards to this.

I see supplies being conserved and efforts made by staff to operate as efficiently as possible, very unlike larger hospitals.

As much as I would like to mention names and specific instances, space available would not allow all to be mentioned that deserve it.

Working at F.C.H. with its staff has been a real pleasure, they care, support them any way you can.

Yours Truly,
Randy Davis

Texas Tech Recognizes 1990-91 Valedictorians, Salutatorians

The Texas Tech University Ex-Students Association recently recognized 1990-91 valedictorian and salutatorian scholarship recipients during a fall semester reception.

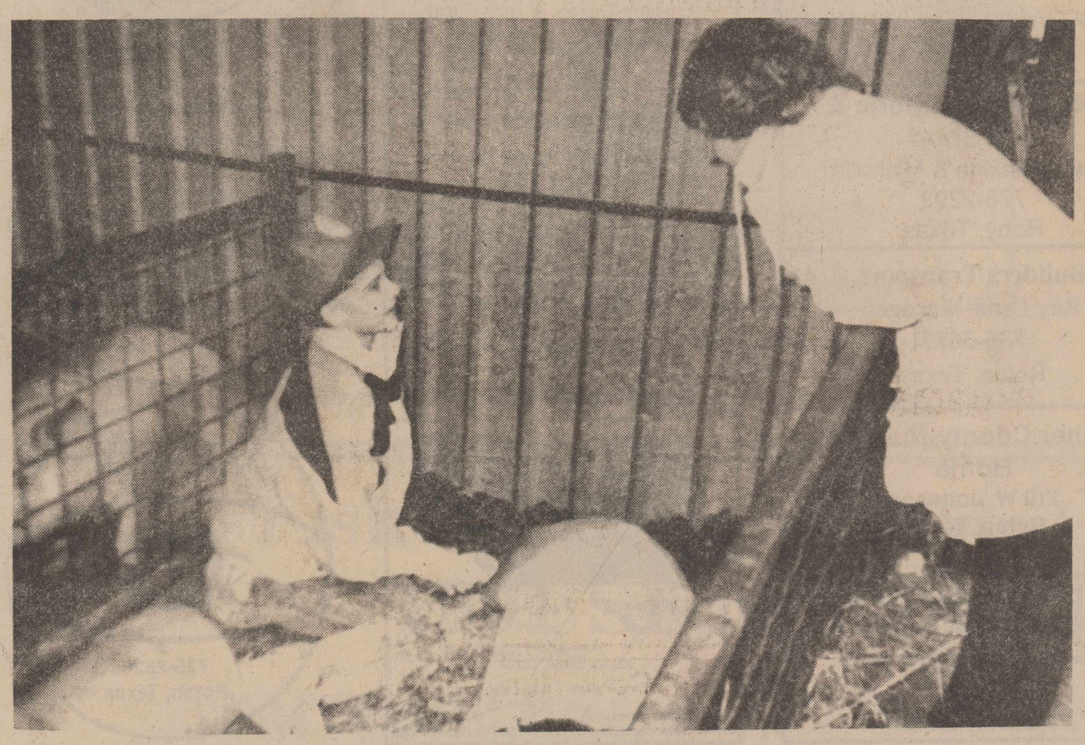
The campuswide reception honored more than 80 scholars and members of the Texas Tech chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a junior college honor society. Deans of the seven university colleges and administrators at the university attended the afternoon gathering.

The Ex-Students Association annually awards one-year academic scholarships to Texas Tech freshmen who have graduated from high school as valedictorians and salutatorians. The scholarships are open to graduates of high school in Texas and around the nation.

Among those honored were Jennifer Pullig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Pullig of Roby, Texas; and Gilbert Carreon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frutoso Carreon of Roby, Texas.



Gilbert Carreon & Jennifer Pullig



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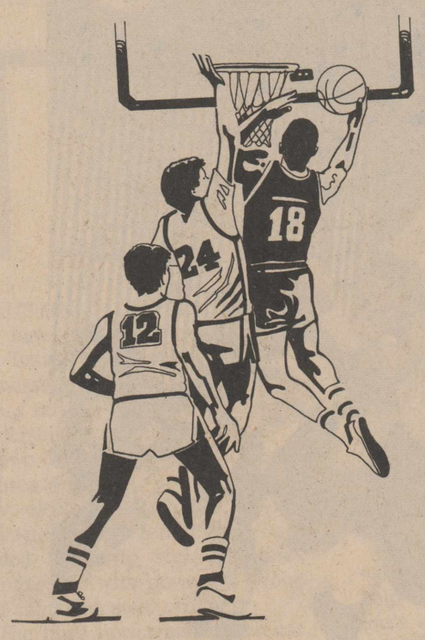
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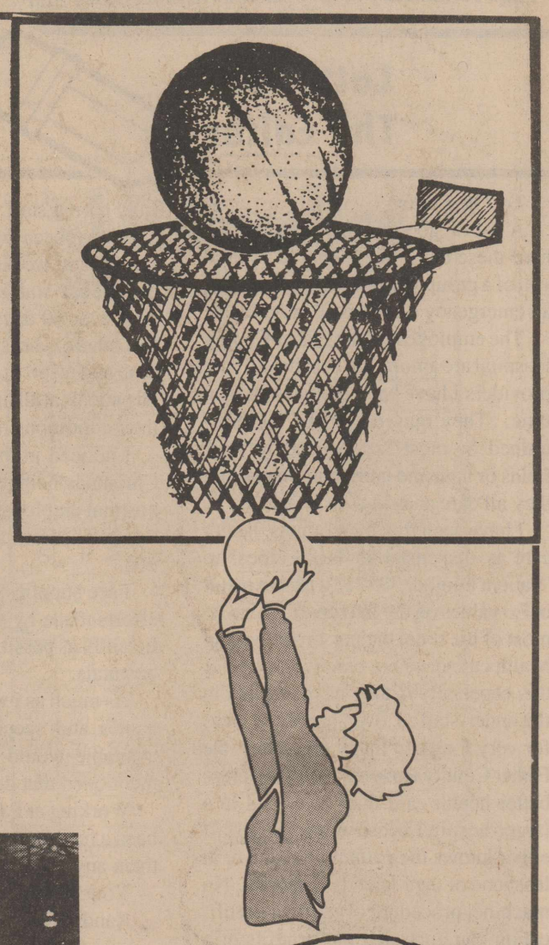
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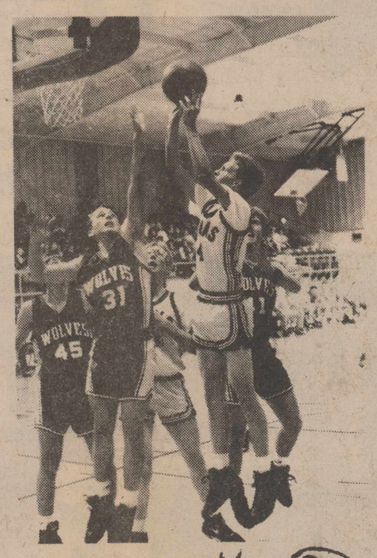


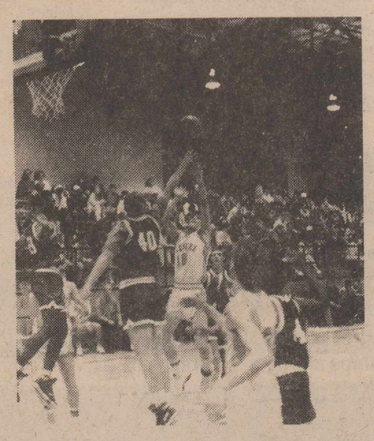
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