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Rotan School Students, Teachers Will Be Recognized As Outstanding

Texas State Board of Education has notified Mr. Mickey Early, Rotan High School principal, five outstanding programs/groups/teachers will be recognized at Tarleton State University on April 26 at 10:30 a.m. in the Stephenville Student Development Center Ballroom.

David Nowlin and Mrs. Debi Mercer will represent the Academic Challenge Team that advanced to the quarter finals.

Amy Blackwelder will represent the students of Rotan High School UIL Academic Team honored for two-thirds of the RHS students entered in two or more events.

Mrs. Evelyn Nowlin will be honored for having 100% Mastery on the TAAS Writing for Grade 10 in Spring of 1994.

Mr. Dee Threatt, UIL Science/Math coordinator, will be recognized for UIL Science/Math student involvement through the years.

Brian Carreon will represent the RHS students pursuing the advanced high school program with a GPA of 7.0 or better. Rotan High School is being honored for the Academic Excellence Award which is presented to students with a GPA of 7.0 or higher at the advanced high school program.

Mr. Wes Hays, superintendent, and Mr. Mickey Early, principal will accompany the group.

Nominees will be recognized at the ceremony with a pin and statement of accomplishments. Each school will be recognized with certificates and the Texas Board of Education will provide each school representative with a packet of pins to give to honor other nominees since only ten participants per school were permitted to attend the ceremony.

Joey Lozano, director of public information and communication for the Texas State Board of Education's Celebrations of Educational Excellence, expressed congratulations on Rotan's success in all five areas for this Celebration of Educational Excellence recognition.

New R.J.H.S. Cheerleaders Are Named

New cheerleaders for the 1995-96 school year were selected in tryouts held on Wednesday, March 29th. Leading cheers this fall for RJHS will be Sahala Hardin, Alicia Ortega, Erika Maberry, Cassandra Griffith, Melissa Griffith, and Brandie Herrley.

Rotan Church Of Nazarene Getting New Minister

Brother Huston Myers, who is currently finishing his work at the Nazarene Bible College, will be the new minister at the Rotan Church of the Nazarene.

His first Sunday in the pulpit will be Sunday June 11th.

Temporary duties of pastor are being fulfilled by Dave Cunnington. The church is located at the intersection of Lee and McKinley Streets.

Myers is 36 years old and is not married.

Rotan Little League Begins Monday, April 17

This Saturday there will be a work day at the Little League Field. Everyone that can help needs to be there at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your lawn mowers. Everything needs to be done this Saturday because Little League starts Monday, April 17th.

The Roby High Library Selected For WTU Award

The Library of Roby High School has been chosen for West Texas Utilities Company's Classroom Cash annual award.

Sponsored by WTU, the award recognizes the outstanding achievements of a grade level or department. The Roby High School Library will receive $100 to be used in purchasing books, supplies or other needed materials for the Library.

Roby C.I.S.D. is to be commended for the quality of work and commitment to quality education. The instructors exemplify and embody the true spirit of a dedicated educator.

WTU's area manager, Ricky Miller, said the company is proud to sponsor the education honor.

"Whenever educators work together to accomplish outstanding achievements such as this, it sets a high standard for others to reach. They should be recognized and commended for their hard work and dedication."

Rotan Kindergarten Registers

Pre-Registration of Rotan Elementary Kindergarten students for the 1995-96 school year will be held on Friday afternoon, April 21, 1995 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. If you have or know of a child that will be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 1995, please, come to register him/her in Kindergarten. You will need to bring with you the child's birth certificate, social security number, and immunization record. Registration will take place on the west end inside the Rotan Elementary Building near the Kindergarten classrooms.

Graves Hired As New Roby Coach, Woods Gets Promotion

Perry Graves, Athletic Director and Head Football Coach for the past three-year at Motley County (Matador) High School was hired by the Roby School Board last Monday night.

Graves will be moving to Roby to take on the task of offensive and defensive line coach; assistant girls basketball coach and head Power lifting Coach. He will also head the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Roby.

Athletic Director Mike Christian stated, "We are very pleased to have someone of Coach Graves' ability. He comes to Roby very highly recommended and I'm sure will be a positive addition to our coaching staff."

Graves is a graduate of Angelo State University. He and his wife Kay are both originally from McCamey. They have three children - Chad, who will be a freshman at Howard College in Big Spring; Shella, a freshman at Roby and Zane who is in the second grade.

"Coach Graves has 15-years coaching experience, 6-years as athletic director and head football coach. He is the regional director of the Power lifting Association and has been a head track coach," commented Christian.

With the hiring of Graves, Christian also announced the promotion of Brian Woods to the position of Head Boys Basketball Coach. Woods was elevated when Coach Ruben Osuna announced his intention to resign as teacher/coach at the end of the 1994-95 school year. Coach Osuna's future plans are uncertain.

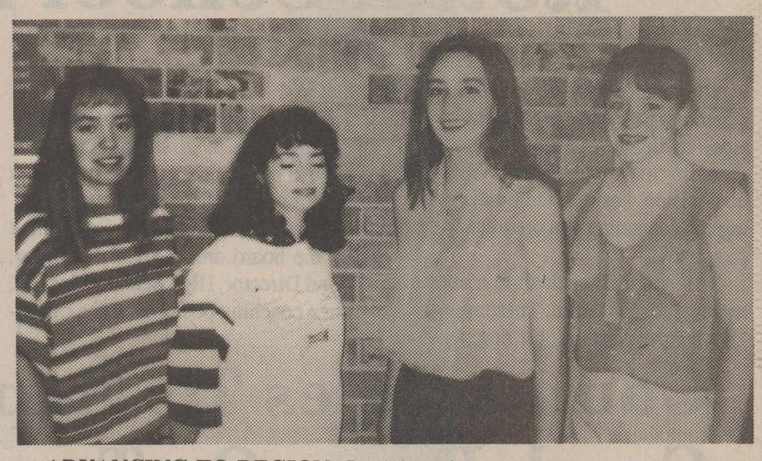
Woods has been at Roby for two years. He is 25-years old and the new head coaching position will be his first. "He has shown me leadership, a positive attitude and he is very motivated," stated Christian. He also indicated that Woods is good at handling student/athletes and is sure he will do an excellent job as Head Boys Basketball Coach.

Cross Roads To Hold Easter Sunrise Service

The members of the Cross Roads Baptist Church will hold their annual Sunrise Easter Service at 7:00 a.m., Sunday, April 16th.

The service will be held at the James Ratliff Ranch at Rough Creek. Everyone is invited to attend.

Stick Horse Rodeo, Going On To Regional And Cheerleaders



ADVANCING TO REGIONAL: Advancing to Region competition in UIL events from Roby are (l to r): Crissy Hamm, Feature Writing, alternate, Makala Herron, Regional Qualifier, Literary Criticism, 1st Place Individual and 1st Place Team, One-Act Play, Ready Writing, Amanda Moore, Regional Qualifier Literary Criticism, 5th Place Individual and 1st Place Team, Ready Writing, One-Act Play, Jaycee Carey, Regional Qualifier, Literary Criticism, 6th place Individual and 1st Place Team, One-Act Play.



ROBY HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS FOR 1995-96 SEASON: (l to r): Amanda Moore, Amber Kelley, Kelley McWilliams, Carissa Kiser, Chasity Valenzuela and Misty Taylor.



STICK HORSE RODEO: Members of the Head Start Early Childhood Program took part in a Stick Horse Rodeo last Friday. Each child helped make their stick horses and all were ready to try them out to see how fast they could go.



ROBY JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS FOR 1995-96 SEASON: (l to r): Ericka Maberry, Brandie Herrley, Sahala Hardin, Cassandra Griffith, Melissa Griffith and Alicia Ortega.

Rotan City Council Candidates Answer Questions On Street Paving, Longer Hours At Pool, And Seal Coating Assessment

City of Rotan:

1. Name, address, spouse's name, names of children and ages, and how long have you resided in Rotan City limits?

Greg Rains- 111 N. Cleveland, Rotan, Tx, 79546; Patricia Rains; Brandon Rains, 19, Jennifer Rains, 17; have lived in Rotan for 9 1/2 years.

John Morgan- My name is John Morgan. I reside at 301 N. Harrison, Rotan. My wife's name is Nelda Morgan. We have two children, Heather and Randy; Heather being 10 and Randy 8 years old. We have lived in the city limits for around 11 years.

Jack Cadenhead- Wife Pat, two sons, Jackie and Michael. We live at 1106 E. McArthur and have lived in Rotan for thirty one years.

Scotty Daniel- 201 E. 8th. Spouse- Erma; son- Capt. Dale S. Daniel, USMC, 28 yrs., Doug Liesel M. Lerher- Teacher- 26 years. Resided in Rotan, 3 years.

Adolfo Medrano- 311 E. 8th St. (spouse) Enedina Edna Medrano; children, Adrian Medrano age 21 and Yolanda Medrano, age 18. We have lived at 311 E. 8th St. since Nov. 1992. Before we were legal residence at 302 W. Burnside St. in Rotan. After graduation in 1972, I went into the military to complete a 20 year career. Shortly after our retirement we returned to Rotan, whereby for the past 20 months I have been a former employee working for the Texas Dept. of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice system at the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder. I am currently employed by the Rotan National Gypsum Co. in Rotan.

Ella Raye Helms- Husband, Delbert Joe Helms; moved to city limits in July of 1994.

Mario Quintanilla- 301 E. McArthur, Rotan; spouse, Margie; children, Maria 15, Mario Jr. 10, and Matthew 7. I've lived in Fisher County for the past 11 years.

Larry D. Markham- 510 N. Tyler, Rotan; wife, Jan; children, Chris 19, Daniel 14, resident of Rotan for 6 1/2 years.

2. What do you feel is the most pressing need that the City of Rotan needs to concentrate on in the next four years, ie. street paving, police department, landfill, trash collection, vehicles, etc.

Greg Rains- Operating in the black.

John Morgan- I feel we need to look at all the problems that the City is having. Concentrating first on police protection, then second streets, etc.

Jack Cadenhead- I think all of these issues are important, but I would also like to have more youth activities.

Scotty Daniel- Most pressing need for Rotan is to get its financial house in order - get out of debt!

Adolfo Medrano- I feel that the most important issues that Rotan will have to face within the next four years is the growing concern of our landfill, trash collection, police security and the increase of taxes. In addition to these important issues is the concern and expenditures of unnecessary city funds for the size of this community. Plus a continuing look at the current city employees list. City roads and highways is certainly a subject that cannot be ignored, especially when the tax payers have alot to say about it. When it comes to repairs or replace the streets, I feel we should all be of one opinion. First: Do we really need it and how does it benefit the City as a whole? Second: Does it pose a safety hazard? and third: How much will it cost to repair or replace the street in question? We should work together to be part of the solution and not part of the problem. Again we should be open minded and be ready to discuss the options.

Ella Raye Helms- I think the most pressing needs are to stabilize the city's finances and to develop a long range plan for improving water lines and street maintenance.

Mario Quintanilla- Street paving- There are some streets that need paving bad, other streets just need to be fixed, like covering the holes there are. Landfill- I think that the landfill should be open six days a week so the people that can't get off during the week early enough, can get to it during the weekend.

Larry D. Markham- All these are important issues facing the City, however, maintaining city services as economically as possible and operating within a realistic budget are the foundation on which to improve all needs with the least financial impact on citizens of Rotan.

3. Would you be in favor or opposed, and why, to

a. Changing the City of Rotan hours of operation to 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

b. Keeping the pool open 12 hours a day- 7 days a week during the season

c. Purchasing 3 new pickups and paying them out by the month for 5 years.

d. Eliminating the fire protection fee in favor of outright purchasing a new fire truck with tax revenues when the truck is needed.

e. Adding a $1.00 a month fee on the water bill for street seal coating.

f. Re-writing the junk vehicle ordinance so it can be enforced.

Greg Rains- a. opposed; b. opposed. c. opposed; d. opposed; e. opposed; f. favor.

John Morgan- a. opposed; b. favor with the exception of not opening on Sundays until 1:30-2:00 p.m.; c. opposed- the city's pickups are all running and seem to be in fairly good shape and they are all paid for. d. opposed. I feel the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department is in good standing with the trucks they have. e. Undecided- Not being familiar with the seal coating or what it's about. f. favor- Junk vehicles will only make our town seem ugly, as well as attract insects.

Jack Cadenhead- a. I don't see a reason for changing the hours at this time. b. We need the recreation, but I

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Rotan School Board Schedules Special Meeting

The members of the Rotan School Board interviewed a high school principal candidate last Monday night, but, according to Superintendent Wes Hays, no decision was reached on the offering of acceptance of a contract of employment.

The board did schedule a special meeting for 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 18th for the purpose of hiring personnel.

The applicant interviewed last Monday night was the first candidate interviewed by the board for the open high school principals position.

Some of the vacancies to be filled by the board are - Spanish teacher, Band Director, High School Principal, three coaching positions and a Librarian.

In other action last Monday night, the board reviewed the DBBA local policy as it relates to bus drivers concerning alcohol and drug testing. No action was taken by the board. They will continue the study of the policy in May.

The board met with Fisher County Chief Appraiser Betty Mize concerning the sale of district property and to discuss the personal automobile property tax. Mize discussed the possible sale of Rotan School District property with the board by the Fisher County Appraisal District.

She also reviewed the costs involved in keeping the tax on automobiles compared to dropping the automobile tax. She is to give the board a more concrete figure on the cost factors before the May meeting. The board is studying the options available concerning this tax.

The board voted to enter into an agreement with Huckabee and Associates to develop a Facilities Master Plan for the district. The cost is expected to be between $2,500 and $5,000.

Superintendent Wes Hays reported to the board concerning the financial report of the district; enrollment as of April 1; property values and the construction project.

According to Hays, there are a total of 500 enrolled in all campuses as of April 1, 1995. The breakdown is 184 in elementary school; 168 in junior high and 140 in high school. The total figure of 500 compares to 476 on August 17th when school started for the 1994-95 year.

Hays reviewed a letter from Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott concerning the prospect of appealing Category A in the state's ratio study. The letter was for information purposes only.

The report of a Study of Priorities of Facilities of March 29th was given the board. The top four facility needs were: (1.) Remodel or build a band hall; (2.) Remodel Junior High building; (3.) Remodel Elementary Building and (4.) Construction of new field house, with facilities for visiting teams, and access to baseball field.

The next nine facility needs in priority order were: all weather track and training facility; upgrade auditorium, to include new lights, seats, sound system and curtains; remodel or build Vocational Agriculture facility; replace wooden bleachers at football field with aluminum seating; restrooms at the baseball field; construction of new tennis courts; install new tile floors in gym dressing rooms and showers; pave high school parking lot and acoustical upgrade for new gymnasium.

Superintendent Hays informed the board that the Rotan High School had been selected a Celebrations of Educational Excellence Award. The award will be presented at Tarleton State University on April 26th.

In final action, Hays informed the board that the construction project on a new special education / science lab was approximately 75 to 80 percent completed.

New Roby High Cheerleaders

Roby High School conducted cheerleader tryouts on Wednesday, March 29th. New cheerleaders for the 1995-96 school year will be: Kelly McWilliams, Carissa Kiser, and Amanda Moore, Seniors; Amber Kelly and Misty Taylor, sophomores; and Chasity Valenzuela, freshman.

Counts Votes To Support Crack Down On Texas In-Mates

State Representative David Counts (D-Knox City) voted in support of two measures to crack down on Texas inmates. Both bills passed the House after debate on Wednesday.

House Bill 1343 addresses the problem of the multitude of lawsuits filed by Texas inmates. "We have had a lot of debate about frivolous lawsuit clogging our court system recently, only to learn that a lot of it is being filed by prisoners at the taxpayers' expense," said Counts. "During the last two years Texas inmates have filed over 1,700 lawsuits often with no basis or evidence of wrong doing." Counts noted examples of these unnecessary lawsuits such as an inmate who sued because he was not issued the right kind of shoes to play basketball, as well as, a prisoner who complained because prison officials would not return his confiscated fireworks. Counts said one of the most outrageous examples was an inmate who sued because the prison served chunky peanut butter, instead of smooth.

"The cost of hearing one of these cases is anywhere from $1,600 to $3,000," said Counts. "The real crime is that the taxpayer is picking up the tab for these frivolous lawsuits filed by inmates," stated Counts who noted inmates often claim indigent status to get out of paying the filing fees themselves.

House Bill 1343 allows courts to dismiss frivolous cases and crack down on inmates who claim indigent status to keep from paying for filing these suits, making prisoners pay for filing these cases out of their own funds. In addition the bill allows courts to forfeit good time for inmates who repeatedly file these lawsuits.

Counts also voted to pass another measure, House Bill 2727, which eliminates mandatory parole and gives judges more discretion in sentencing. "This proposal provides more truth in sentencing and ensures that criminals will serve the sentence they are given," said Counts.

"I am pleased by the passage of these two bills," stated Counts who added, "This legislation sends a message to criminals that you are going to serve hard time and nobody is going to make it easy for you."

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County Clerks And District Clerks Take Part In Seminar

About 500 county and district clerks and deputy clerks took part in the 23rd Annual County and District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar in College Station March 27-29.

Participating in the seminar from Fisher County was Bettie Hargrove, District Clerk of the 32nd District Court.

"The continuing education seminar provides valuable information and current procedures of the office to county and district clerks," said Bettie of Roby, Texas. "It is designed to update participants on duties and responsibilities of their offices, helping them become more capable and effective in serving the public."

"You Are An Elected Public County Official" was the theme for the 1995 educational program. Participants took part in general sessions and workshops on topics that included Working with a Jury, Working Effectively with the Legislature, Processing Juveniles, Budgeting and Purchasing, and Optical Disk Programming. Updates were given on Informal Probate, State Jail Felonies/ Penal Code and Proposed and Pending Legislation.

"Another added bonus of the seminar is that it provides the opportunity for new officials to network with those who have been in office a while," Bettie said. "Talking with others who hold the same office from different counties helps one learn how to handle similar situations and problems if and when they arise."

The seminar was sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the County and District Clerks' Association of Texas in cooperation with the Texas Association of Counties. Clerks who attended all of the sessions will receive 14 hours of credit and new clerks will receive 15 hours from Texas A&M University's Office of Continuing Education. State law requires county and district clerks to complete a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education relating to their duties of office every 24 months.

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Easter is upon us. Jesus is our focal point...Jesus' Crucifixion upon the Cross, His Resurrection and Ascension. Let us also remember His sensitive qualities that can enrich our earthly relationships. Thus, "The Legend of the Dogwood". The author is unknown, yet may we ponder its beauty...

It is said that at the time of the Crucifixion, the dogwood was the size of the oak. Because of its strength, it was chosen for the Cross. The tree was sorrowful. Despite His suffering, Jesus sensed its distress. With limitless pity, He said... "Because of your sorrow, you shall never again grow large enough to be a Cross. You will be slender and bent, your blossoms a Cross, with two long and two short petals, the outer edges of each a nail print, rusty brown and stained red; and in the center a crown of thorns...so all who see shall remember."

This Easter, as we worship, may we remember the selfless and unconditional love of our Savior, and take it into our heart.

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State Budget Proposal For 1996-97 Unanimously Approved By Texas Senate

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — An $80.2 billion state budget proposal for 1996-97 was unanimously approved by the Texas Senate last week.

Without raising taxes, the Senate version would increase funding for schools, prisons and health and human services, while giving the state's lowest-paid teachers a modest pay hike and reducing the number of state employees.

The proposal is $2.6 billion more than a state budget bill approved a week earlier by the Texas House.

The Senate budget outspends the House version in three major areas: $1 billion more for health and human services, $757 million more for education and $474 million more for prisons.

$92 Million Teacher Raise

The Senate's proposed pay raise for teachers would cost $92 million, an amount far below the across-the-board hike in pay and benefits teachers sought, which would have required the passage of an $800 million tax bill to fund.

Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said the budget, if combined with the state's 1994-95 budget, puts $3.4 billion in new money into Texas public schools.

"Now," he told the *Houston Chronicle*, "I hope, from the bottom of my heart, that some of that money is filtering down to teachers."

Of the $80.2 billion, $45.5 billion comes from state sales and business taxes and lottery proceeds. Of the $45.5 billion, 59 percent is going to public and higher education, Montford said.

Regarding anticipated funding cuts in federal welfare programs, Montford suggested that the state set aside $250 million. If as expected, the U.S. Congress changes welfare funding to a block-grant method, the Legislature likely would go into special session to consider ways to gain adequate funding, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said.

Bullock, who presides over the Senate, told the *Dallas Morning News*, that the approval of the budget opens the way for consideration of other bills that have been on hold at the committee level, such as parental notification of abortion.

Telecom Bill Moves Ahead

The House State Affairs Committee voted 15-0 last week to approve a telecommunications bill that would open the door for competition in local telephone service.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Curtis Seidlits, D-Sherman, is expected to go before the House later this month.

A provision in the bill seeks to expand the number of local calling service areas in which consumers could make unlimited local telephone calls rather than pay long-distance charges.

Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, took issue with a provision in the bill that would let local telephone companies keep "phantom tax" money collected from ratepayers and apply it to their infrastructure commitment. The committee voted 13-2 to table his amendment.

Prior to the committee hearing, AT&T chairman Bob Allen visited with Gov. George W. Bush about the bill. According to the *Austin American-Statesman*, Allen told Bush, "... this is a lop-sided bill, and if it's passed without any changes, it's going to keep AT&T out of the local market. That's not good for us and not good for Texas."

Senate OKs Health Bills

The Senate last week passed and sent to the House two bills aimed at increasing the number of doctors practicing in rural areas.

Twenty-five Texas counties have no primary care physicians, and 229 counties have been designated by the federal government as underserved.

The bills would create a program through which the state would match up to $25,000 a year a medically underserved area's grant to recruit a doctor. Up to $250,000 in matching grants could be awarded annually.

Bush Names 2 Appointees

Gov. George W. Bush has nominated Austin lawyer Roderick Bordelon his choice for Texas' public insurance counsel.

If confirmed by the Senate, Bordelon, 36, will become the state advocate for insurance consumers, replacing Mark Kincaid, an appointee of former Gov. Ann Richards.

Also, Bush nominated Dallas lawyer David M. Laney to the three-member Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees maintenance and construction of state roads and highways.

If confirmed by the Senate, he will replace Ruben Cardenas of McAllen.

Other Highlights

- Under a bill tentatively approved by the Senate, youths (under 18) riding bicycles on public roadways would be required to wear protective helmets. Since the bill does not include penalties, several senators questioned why the measure was needed.
- Gov. Bush has nominated State District Judge Jim R. Wright of Eastland as a justice on the 11th Court of Appeals. Wright, a graduate of Texas Tech law school and a judge since 1979, will replace Justice Bud Arnot, who was elected chief justice of the appeals court.

Commissioners Approve Purchase Of Computer, Close County Road

The members of the Fisher County Commissioners Court met last Monday morning. They approved the purchase of a computer for the office of Fisher County Attorney Robie Robinson; discussed the closing of a county road and made the decision to invite a member of the West Central Texas Interlocal Crime Task Force to be present at the May meeting to explain in more detail the workings of the organization.

Commissioners fielded a report from Maggie Briggs on the condition of the Fisher County Senior Citizens Center.

They listened to a report by Marty Williamson, Fisher County Treasurer, concerning finances and funds invested.

Williamson requested a verification of the true base salaries of county employees.

Charles Thornton, Fisher County Auditor, reported on changes made in the auditors reporting of information to the court.

The court discussed funds being held by officials and offices. It was agreed by the court to ask officials and offices to turn over funds collected no later than once each 7-days.

Betty Mize, Fisher County Chief Appraiser, appeared before the court. She discussed reminder notices; reappraisals; manpower and tax seizures.

Commissioners approved the purchase of a computer for Fisher County Attorney Robie Robinson. The cost is $2,026.40 and will be purchased from the Quill Corporation.

Mrs. Shirley Moore and Olene Whitworth appeared before the court concerning the possible closure of a road that has been is use and maintained by the county since 1917. Commissioners assured the couple that the road was not scheduled to be closed and directed any further inquiries to Attorney Robie Robinson.

Kerri Blair appeared before the board requesting $50.00 from each commissioner for t-shirt for the D.A.R.E. children.

In final action, the commissioners discussed the condition of the court house yard.

NEWS BRIEFS

F.C. R.V. Club

The Fisher County R.V. Club will meet April 20-21-22 at Hords Creek-Lakeside Park- Coleman.

Sr. Citizens Game Night

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will sponsor a "Game Night" and pot luck supper on Thursday, April 13th. All senior citizens and their guests are encouraged to come out and join in the fun. It will start at 6:30 p.m.

T.O.T.B. Monthly Meeting

Theatre on the Brazos will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Theatre.

Cottonwood Cleaning

The annual Cottonwood Flat Cemetery cleaning day will be Saturday, April 15th. Bring your hoes, rakes and lunch in hope of rain it will be re-scheduled.

Calvary Baptist Bake Sale

The Calvary Baptist Church youth will be having a bake sale on Friday, April 14 at Glen's Thriftway beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Roby Jr. High Boys At District Meet

Roby Jr. High boys competed in the District Meet at Robert Lee, finishing 5th place with a total of of 34 points. Those receiving points were:

Josh Griffith- 200 m- 4th; Micah Evans- High Jump- 2nd; Josh Griffith- Long jump- 6th; Micah Evans- Long jump- 4th; Sprint relay- Ermando Barrera, Micah Evans, Justin Foil, Josh Griffith- 4th; Mile relay- Ermando Barrera, Wes Pullig, Jason Amador, Justin Foil.

The boys had a good year. Everyone has improved from week to week. They should all be proud of themselves.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of April 4 - 10, 1995 were as follows:

ADMITTED:

Angie Bridges- Rotan; James Shelley- Rotan; Mitchell Whitefield- Rotan; Eugene Prevo- Rotan; Jane Sparks- Rotan; Helen Noles- Roby; Velma Reed- Sylvester; Bertha Scoggin- Rotan; James Counts- Rotan; Addie Maberry- McCaulley; Lunette Goforth- Roby.

DISMISSED:

Polly Martinez- Rotan; Eugene Prevo- Rotan; Jennie Floyd- Snyder; Waldo Gatewood- Roby; Mitch Whitefield- Rotan; Jane Sparks- Rotan; Angie Bridges- Rotan; Bertha Scoggin- Rotan; James Counts- Rotan.

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Roby Lions Compete In Water Valley Track Meet, Finishing 5th

The Roby Lions competed in the Water Valley Track Meet, finishing 5th with a team total of 34. The teams competing were Robert Lee, Sterling City, Water Valley, Miles, Irion County, Neuaces Canyon and Bronte.

Kevin Christian- discus- 120 ft.- 4th; shot put- 43 2 1/4 ft.- 6th; Mike Haigood- 800 m- 2:10- 3rd; 400 m dash- 56.5- 6th; Ronnie Andrews- 100 m- 11.58- 4th; 200 m.- 23.19; Juan Melena- 3200 m- 11:56- 5th.

"Our boys are still improving and will compete in the District meet this Thursday at Water Valley. This will be a tough district meet just like it is with every sport. We will have to compete with Robert Lee, Roscoe, Sterling City, Bronte, Miles, Irion County, Water Valley, Eden and Menard. The boys will compete hard just like they have all year and hopefully come out on top in some events," commented Coach Christian.

Roby Jr. High Girls In Meet At Robert Lee

Roby Jr. High girls participated in District track meet at Robert Lee. The results are as follows:

Leticia Leyva- 2400 m run- 11:14.36- 5th; Cassandra Griffith, Alicia Ortega, Amanda Johnson, Denise Caswell- 400 m relay- 59.6- 5th place; Chasity Valenzuela- 800 m dash- 2:53.67- 2nd; Ashley Douglass- 800 m dash- 2:54.84- 4th; Denise Caswell- 100 m dash- 14.95- 6th; Sahala Hardin, Cassandra Griffith, Denise Caswell, Kristi Bond- 800 m relay- 2:08.85- 4th; Kristi Bond- 400 m dash- 1:12- 6th; Cassandra Griffith- 200 m dash- 31.2- 6th; Chasity Valenzuela- 1600 m run- 6:27.59- 1st; Ashley Douglass, Cassie Terry, Sarah Boyd, Kristi Bond- 1600 m relay- 4:49.82.

Amigos Benefit BBQ Set For Roby Fire Dept.

There will be a benefit supper for the Roby Volunteer Fire Department at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, April 29th at the Roby Community Center.

The barbecue is being provided by "The Amigos".

There will be a jaws of life and fire extinguisher demonstration from 5:00 p.m., until 8:30 p.m.

The department is also conducting a raffle on a $1,000 savings bond. Tickets are being sold for $5.00 each. The raffle is at 8:00 p.m.



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Fisher County Round - Up

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We got a little more rain last week, 1/2 inch in all on Monday and Tuesday, and then it cleared off and was beautiful weather Thursday and Friday, but Saturday and Sunday were sandy and the wind really did blow. Then Sunday night or early Monday morning, we had a thunderstorm, with wind, and hail in some places, but out this way we didn't get even enough rain to settle the dust.

Congratulations to David Stevens whose play from San Angelo High won 1st place at Snyder in the One Act Play competition. They will now go on to Lubbock in two weeks. Those attending the One Act Plays from Rotan were Karen Helms, David's mother, Katherine Bruce, David's grandmother, Pauline Fleming and niece, Meg, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kennedy, Jackie Martin and daughter, and grandmother, Frances Weatherman.

Last Monday Kathie Daniel and I attended the Ladies' Night at the Roby Church of Christ. We had a delicious supper prepared by the Roby Church of Christ ladies, and then heard a wonderful program entitled "Bloom where you are planted" given by Coach Christian's mother, Betty Christian from Hico, Texas. There were so many out of town ladies there from Hamlin, Snyder, Rotan, Roscoe and all the surrounding areas, and I know they enjoyed the wonderful program as much as I did.

Happy birthday to Autumn Daniel whose birthday was Sunday, April 9th.

Sheila and Donnie Gruben went to Lamesa Thursday and visited with Donnie Carl Gruben who is working there.

Last weekend the James Ratliff's went to Saginaw to visit Jim and Traci Ratliff and their boys. They stayed Saturday and Sunday, returning home Monday. Sid Coggins from Denver, Colorado, came Thursday and stayed with the Ratliffs until Saturday. Kim Knipe and her two children from Snyder visited with the Ratliffs and Sid Thursday. Sid is Dianne's daddy's brother.

There will be a Sunrise Service held at the James Ratliffs at Rough Creek at 7 a.m. Easter Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome so make plans to attend.

Mickey Early brought our messages Sunday at Hobbs, and Connie and Cassidy came with him. We were sure glad to see them all.

Polly Martinez got to come home from the hospital one day last week. She is feeling a little better.

We are pleased to hear Jerry Hoodenpyle is also doing better. Waldo Gatewood got to go home from the hospital, and is feeling better.

Friday and Saturday Barbara Ann and Lee Swan from Decatur visited with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell.

Abner and Marybeth Aaron from Dallas visited Jesse Morrow in Rotan over the weekend. Other visitors were Jesse's daughter and her husband, Sandy and Joe Dominey from Midland and Joe Morrow from Rotan.

Mrs. O.B. (Frances) Cave from Granbury has had open heart surgery in Fort Worth this past week. She is still very sick and in ICU. Mrs. Roy (Helen) Noles has been in the Fisher County Hospital and we hope that she will soon be feeling better.

Carl Murff is back from Scott and White in Temple and is doing better.

There will be a Sunrise Service at Clarence and June Anderson's at 6:45 Easter Sunday morning. Hobbs will then have regular Easter services at 11 a.m. We would like to invite everyone to come to both the Sunrise service and church.

Mary Singley attended a reception and salad supper held for Dee and Diana Threatt Sunday night at the First Baptist Church in Rotan. Jerry Dycus is feeling some better, and we hope that he will continue to improve.

Charlie Davis, a former Rotan coach, passed away suddenly at Olney. The funeral was held Monday in Olney.

James Shelly from Rotan passed away Saturday at the Fisher County Hospital. Funeral was held Monday in Rotan. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife, Betty, his two sons, Byron of Amherst and Oran from Rotan, his sister Raye Kelley of Rotan and the remainder of the family.

Sammy Lee Sharp of Coupland and formerly of Rotan died Sunday at his home. Services were held Thursday in Rotan. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his family, which includes sister Zelma Mauldin of Sylvester.

Easter holidays begin Friday and we don't have to go to school Friday or the following Monday. Hope everyone has a wonderful Easter with lots of company for the holiday.

Nature Lovers And The Texas Bluebonnets

Each Texas springtime brings flowers to fields and roadsides and a question to the minds of nature lovers -- is it really illegal to pick bluebonnets?

The answer is no -- there is no law against picking our State Flower. However, there are laws against criminal trespass -- so make sure you're not on private property when you stop to take your annual kids-in-the bluebonnets photo.

There are laws against damaging or destroying rights-of-way and government property -- so pick a few flowers, but don't dig up clumps of them and don't drive your vehicle into the midst of them. Remember, Mother Nature and in many cases, your fellow Texans, scattered wildflower seeds along medians and roadways so that everyone could enjoy spring flowers.

For the safety of yourself and others, as well as to limit your ticketability:

There are laws against impeding traffic -- so be careful about slowing down to enjoy the view. Pick areas with light traffic conditions for stopping.

Signal before leaving or entering the roadway.

Park off the roadway (off of improved shoulders), parallel to the road in the direction of traffic, on the same side of the roadway that the flowers are on. Don't walk or run across lanes of traffic to get to the flowers.

Obey signs that prohibit parking on a particular stretch of roadway.

And remember that in addition to a ticket, snakes and fire ants could also put more blue in your day than you bargained for.

Roby At Water Valley Track Meet

The Roby varsity girls participated in the Water Valley track meet. Results are as follows:

*100 m dash- Konnett Mays- 1st-12.5; *200 m dash- Konnett Mays- 1st-26.22; triple jump- Konnett Mays- 1st-33'6 1/2"; long jump- Konnett Mays-4th- 15'4"; 800 m run- Lanette Teague-2:40.39- 5th.

* Set new Water Valley track records.

Counts Receives Minute Man Award

State Representative David Counts (D-Knox City) received the Minute Man Award during the Texas National Guard's Annual convention in Houston. The Minute Man Award is the highest honor bestowed the National Guard in recognition of recipients' service to the Guard.

The Adjunct General of Texas, Major General Sam Turk, presented the awards to Counts stating, "I am pleased to be able to award this outstanding award to such an outstanding citizen soldier." Turk cited Counts' 42 years of service to the military forces of Texas. Counts served 32 years of active service in the Guard having achieved the rank of Colonel and is a former recipient of the Major General K.L. Betty Award for heroism.

"I am very honored by this award," said Counts. "The Texas National Guard is an exemplary force which provides a real service to Texas and to the nation." Counts noted that the Texas National Guard helps to retain a strong military force despite defense cuts. Counts is currently the author of legislation that would provide a tuition exemption for Guard members in Texas. Counts stated, "House Bill 534 is an important step in helping maintain the level of education necessary for guard members to face the high tech challenges in the military today."

Counts stated that although the award was an unexpected honor, he will continue to actively work in support of the National Guard as a legislator and as a businessman in helping to build and maintain support for the nation's security, of which the Texas National Guard is a crucial part.

Shots Across Texas Immunization Clinic To Be Held April 25th

Consider this: in 1992, your child would have had a better chance of being immunized growing up in Uganda than growing up in Texas.

Immunization rates for Texas children younger than two were at a low of 30 to 40 percent, and more than half the nation's measles cases were reported in Texas.

In this age of modern medicine, Texas children have been dying from vaccine-preventable diseases. The reasons: in some places immunizations were hard to get; they were often expensive; and parents believed immunizations were no longer necessary in the United States or they weren't needed until their child was in school.

But fortunately, the picture is brighter today. The difference is that Shots Across Texas, a statewide public health campaign, is working to hurdle all obstacles by mobilizing forces to raise immunization awareness, make immunizations even more accessible and make affordable vaccines more available.

Shots Across Texas was created to help promote and enforce a new Texas law passed in 1993 mandating age-appropriate immunization. Yes, not only is immunization vital to your child's health, it is also the law.

Happily, Shots Across Texas is doing its job. During its first year, the campaign helped boost the immunization rate of children age 24 months and younger to 55 percent. In fact, at least 32,000 more little Texans got their first set of shots on time last year.

While this is a shot in the right direction, it's still a long way to the Shots Across Texas goal of 90 percent immunization rates by December 1996. And fortunately, many people still don't know how important it is to immunize their children.

For example, studies show that the current immunization pattern for many parents is to have their children immunized shortly after birth, then to become more lax in the months that follow, often waiting until their children reach school-age to get them immunized again.

But children between birth and age two are the most susceptible to many infectious diseases. In fact, children need four immunization visits before they are two years old to be protected from these diseases.

Now that immunizations have become more accessible and less expensive-- sometimes even free of charge-- the solution lies with us, the parents, teachers, doctors and other concerned people of Texas.

The Fisher County Shots Across Texas Immunization Clinic will be held Tuesday, April 25 from 3-6 p.m. at the Fisher County Hospital. Immunizations will be given free of charge to all children birth through 12 grade.

The event, sponsored by the local Shots Across Texas Coalition, is coordinated by the Fisher County Hospital Staff, the Texas Department of Health, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. For more information contact Beth Dannheim, County Extension Agent-HE.

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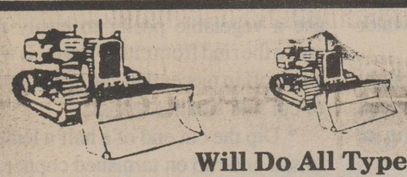
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Help Wanted

The Texas Department of Transportation has the following jobs open:

JOB TITLE: Summer Maintenance Technician.

SALARY: $5.75 - $7.05 per hour.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Must be at least 18 years of age, a student in high school or other educational institution or have been accepted for enrollment in an educational institution.

LOCATIONS: Abilene Maintenance Office, Albany Maintenance Office, Baird Maintenance Office, Big Spring Maintenance Office, Roby Maintenance Office, Abilene District Equipment Shop.

JOB VACANCY NUMBERS: (Numbers will correspond in order of locations listed above) 5 08 K503 013, 5 08 K503 014, 5 08 K503 015, 5 08 K503 016, 5 08 K503 021, 5 08 K503 023.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Under close supervision, performs routine and entry level maintenance work. Work requires contact with the public.

JOB TITLE: Summer Engineering Technician I/Summer Engineering Technician II.

SALARY SUMMER ENGINEERING TECH I: $5.75 - $6.66 per hour.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Must be at least 17 years of age, a student in high school or other educational institution or have been accepted for enrollment in an educational institution.

LOCATION: Hamlin Area Office.

JOB VACANCY NUMBER: 5 08 E001 025

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SALARY SUMMER ENGINEERING TECH II: $6.47 per hour.

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JOB DESCRIPTION ENGINEERING TECH II: Under close supervision, performs routine work related to roadway engineering activities such as construction, plant and maintenance contract inspection, drafting, laboratory work, landscaping, surveying or engineering data collection or publication.

Address: Applications may be mailed to P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150 or returned to any TxDOT office.

Applications must be received by the closing date and time noted on the job vacancy. A mailed application must be postmarked one day prior to the closing date.

RESUMES: Resumes will be accepted for whatever additional information they contain but not in place of a completed application.

CLOSING DATE ON ALL JOBS LISTED: April 25, 1995, at 5:00 p.m.

For additional information about the job qualification requirement and application instructions, please call (915) 676-6844.

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Must have a mathematical, physical or engineering science degree approved by the Texas Board of registration for Professional Engineers and must have passed the Fundamentals of Engineering exam.

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Must have a bachelor of science degree in engineering, not in the same discipline as the field of employment, which has been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (EAC/ABET).

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Must be declared eligible for registration by the Texas Board of Registration for Professional Engineers; and must have passed the Fundamentals of Engineering exam or have had this exam waived by the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers.

LOCATION: U.S. 84, Snyder, Texas.

JOB VACANCY NUMBER: 5 08 E270 026.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Under close supervision, performs entry level engineering work in a district.

JOB TITLE: Roadway Maintenance Technician II.

SALARY: $7.27.

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LOCATION: U.S. 180, Anson, Texas.

JOB VACANCY NUMBER: 5 08 K510 027.

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ROTAN SCHOOL MENU
April 17 - April 21, 1995

MONDAY: Easter Holiday
TUESDAY: Pizza, Buttered Corn, Rosy Applesauce.
WEDNESDAY: Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Chilled Fruit, Hot Rolls.
THURSDAY: Corn Dogs/Mustard, Pork & Beans, Cheese Nachos, Fresh Fruit, Walk-to-School Cookies.
FRIDAY: Hamburger/Cheese, Hamburger Salad, French Fries, Chocolate Cake

ROBY SCHOOL MENU
April 17 - April 21, 1995

MONDAY: Easter Holiday
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WEDNESDAY: Fish w/Tarter Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Fruit, Bread, Milk.
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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of FISHER County on the 3rd day of April, 1995 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. JOE A. HARDIN; Cause #4730 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 2nd day of May, 1995 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said FISHER County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all those certain Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 in Block 130 of the Original Town of Rotan, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Deeds of record in Volume 83, Page 239 and Volume 122, Page 555 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 3rd day of April, 1995 as the property of JOE A. HARDIN, Route 3, Box MC 26, Merkel, Texas 79536; LOUIS BUTMAN (IN REM ONLY), having heretofore filed a Disclaimer of Interest in this cause, and incurs no personal liability; PAULINE BUTNAM (IN REM ONLY), having heretofore filed a Disclaimer of Interest in this cause, and incurs no personal liability; AIRMASTER EQUIPMENT OF ABILENE, INC. FORMERLY GODSEY EQUIPMENT, INC. (IN REM ONLY), having heretofore filed a Disclaimer of Interest in this cause, and incurs no personal liability; SEVERIANO BELIZ ALSO KNOWN AS SEBERIANO VELEZ, if living; to satisfy a judgment amounting to $481.76 with interest from the 3rd day of February, 1995 at 10 percent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 3rd day of April, 1995.

Gene Pack
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
By Patti J. Thompson Deputy
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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
Rotan Independent School District
Rotan, Texas
HOW TO VOTE UTILIZING CUMULATIVE VOTING

The Rotan Independent School District has agreed to undertake an education program for the citizens of Rotan designed to prepare voters to vote using cumulative voting.

All interested citizens of the Rotan Independent School District are encouraged to attend a public hearing to prepare all the voters of the Rotan Independent School District to vote in the election of May 6, 1995.

PLACE: Rotan School Cafeteria
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1995
and
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1995
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AVISO DE JUNTAS PUBLICA
Districto de Independiente Escuela de Rotan, Texas
COMO SEGUIR VOTAR PARA VOTACION ACUMULATIVA

La escuela de Rotan esta en acuerdo de emprender un programa de educacion como seguir votar para Votacion Acumulativa.

Todos ciudandanos interesados en la Ciudad de Rotan estan animados a asistir la Junta Pubica para ciudadanos de Rotan proposito a prepara todo los votantes de Rotan que votan en la eleccion de 6 Mayo 1995.

FECHA: Cafeteria de escuela de Rotan
HORA: 7:00 P.M.
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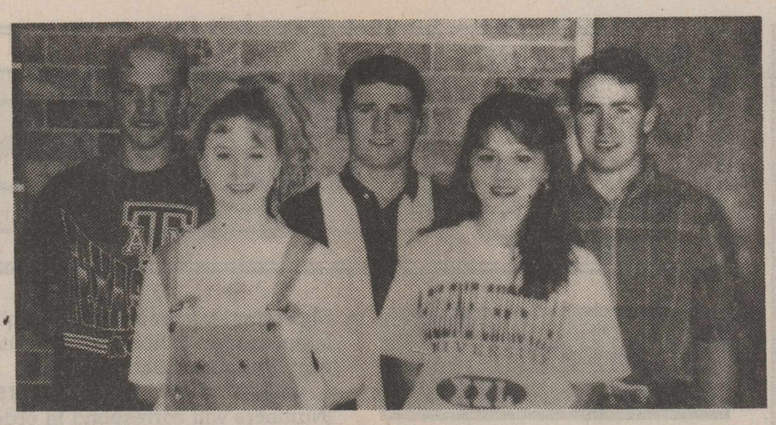
NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ROGER C. SMITH, DECEASED

Pursuant to Section 294 of the Texas Probate Code, Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Roger C. Smith, Deceased were issued to Barbara Smith Robinson and Beverly Smith Stoeltje Bauman as Independent Co-Executrices of said Estate in Cause No. 3081 of the County Court of Fisher County, Texas on the 3rd day of April, 1995. The mailing address for said Independent Co-Executrices and for the purpose of filing claims is 3601 Lynndale Place, Fort Worth, Texas, 76133.

All persons having claims against said Estate, which is currently being administered by the above named Executrices are required to present said claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law at the above named Texas address and which claim may be addressed:

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Fisher County

Agricultural News

County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

by Beth Danheim
County Agents Report

It doesn't really matter which came first-- the chicken or the egg-- the egg has long been important to man. Ancient people considered eggs as a sacred symbol, and they believed an egg represented the world and its elements: shell, (earth); whites, (water); yolk, (fire); and under the shell, (air). The breaking of eggs was a ceremony and a means of foretelling events. Man of early times hung eggs in Egyptian temples of worship. Artists glorified them in paintings and sculpture. Today eggs are still used for decorative purposes- as in Christmas and Easter ornaments and egg shell mosaics. However, the egg's most important use is for human food.

If you are planning an Easter Egg Hunt this week, remember that if you eat the eggs, they neeed to be refrigerated from the time you purchased them, to the time they are hard cooked, to the time of the hunt. The eggs need to be "hidden", "hunted", and gathered in short period of time. Perishable foods left at room temperature promote the growth of bacteria that causes foodborne illnesses, therefore either conduct the total activity in less than two hours or don't eat the eggs.

Basket of Hints:

*White veggies such as potatoes, cauliflower and turnips look brighter and more appetizing when you add a little lemon juice to the cooking water to help keep them white.

* When lemons are in good supply (and cheap!), buy more than you can use and squeeze the juice. Freeze in ice cube trays, and store in freezer bags for recipes later. You can freeze the zest too.

* One medium grapefruit yields 2/3 cup of juice and 3 to 4 tablespoons of grated peel. One medium orange yields 1/4 cup of juice and 4 teaspoons grated peel.

* When making citrus marmalades, use a vegetable peeler to easily remove the rind from citrus fruits. It will come off in pieces that can be chopped or cut into smaller strips.

* Dip the cut end of a half a lemon in salt and rub on tarnished copper to clean and brighten.

County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

by Richard Spencer
County Agents Report

A time to remember and a time forget! This is what most cattlemen will want to do; 1994 was not a good year for cattle prices. Lower 1994 prices were expected. What wasn't expected was how much of a price decline actually occurred. A late spring wall of over-finished fed cattle put a glut of beef supplies on the market that lasted the remainder of the year. Fed cattle marketings were at record heavy weights all year. The heavier slaughter cattle plus the cycle trend to larger numbers compounded the problem.

Not helping move the large supplies of beef through the market were record farm-to-retail beef price spreads, meaning retailers did not drop consumer retail beef prices proportionately to the declines in fed cattle prices and wholesale beef prices. Also not helping the situation were record supplies of pork and poultry.

As mentioned earlier, the price decline was not a surprise. Feeder cattle and calf prices had already peaked for this particular cattle cycle in 1991 and had dropped $6 per hundredweight (cwt.) or more (depending on the weight group) in 1992. The market then was telling us beef production was getting too large to maintain the more favorable price levels of 1991.

The [illegible] wet summer weather of 1993 reduced beef production with larger death losses and reduced market weights. Fed cattle prices soared to record leveled, pulling feeder cattle and calf prices back up to nearly 1991 levels. Misinterpreting the price increases, cattlemen began expanding their beef cattle herds even faster. More cattle, more beef yielded lower cattle and calf prices.

As with most cattle cycles, once herd expansion exceeds current demand conditions, fed cattle and feeder cattle and calf prices are first affected. Breeding cattle prices usually lag this initial decline by 6 to 12 months. Unfortunately, once cattle prices begin declining it is usually two to three years before the beef cattle industry can begin reducing beef production and achieve some price increases rather than price decreases.

Just follow this scenario. Seventy-two percent of each year's calf crop is born the first 6 months (January-June) of the year. Most of those calves are born in the February-April period. That means that most cows that will supply the 1995 calf crop are currently bred and starting to calve. Much of the cost of raising and breeding those cows has already been incurred, meaning economics dictates going ahead and calving them out. Those calves will be weaned in the fall of 1995. Most will go to some growing or backgrounding phase for 4 to 5 months, arriving at feedlots in February and March 1996. After 120 to 180 days on feed, the bulk will be ready for slaughter during July and August 1996. This is to say, today's bred cows will be affecting the market nearly two years from now.

To decrease the beef supplies, i.e., the annual calf crop, the beef cow herd will need to be reduced. That requires larger culling rates, which means more beef production from the additional cow slaughter. This can delay the recovery in cattle prices into the third year. So, expect relatively lower cattle and calf prices for the next 2 to 3 years.

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Entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service warn that and almost non-existent winter could lead to excessive pest populations around the home and gardens this spring. Extension Entomologist Dr. Phil Hamman says the serious lack of freezing temperatures this year allowed annoying residential insects to live longer, more productive lives. What concerns Hamman the most this spring is the overwintering of lawn and ornamental insects like chinch bugs, white grubs and scale insects -- pests whose populations are normally held in check by cold temperatures. The key to control is anticipation each pest's outbreak. Plus, follow the instruction of chemical and organic control agents to the letter. Contact: Dr. Phil Hamman (409) 845-7026.

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For the first time, traditionally shade-loving coleus plants venture out of the shadows this spring with two new varieties developed to tolerate the bright Texas sun.

According to Dr. Steve George of Dallas, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service horticulturist, more than 70 varieties were tested over three years to find two sun-tolerant ones. Marketed as Supersun coleus, their individual names indicate the colors available, "Plum Parfait" and "Burgundy Sun".

Bedding plants of this popular annual grown for its colorful foliage will be available in nurseries this spring, in early to mid-April in South Texas and late April in northern areas of Texas.

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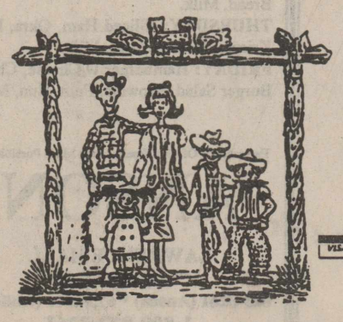
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Rotan City Council Questions

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don't know if there is enough business to justify changing the hours. c. I know new equipment is needed, but I don't know enough about the city budget or the financial situation to answer at this time. d. I am in favor of keeping the fire protection fee to be used toward the purchase of new fire fighting equipment. e. I am opposed to adding any more fees onto the water bill. I think that after the department for the water is paid we can use the extra money already being collected each month for other things such as street repairs. f. I am in favor of having a junk vehicle ordinance and enforcing it.

Scotty Daniel- a. Keep present operating hours. b. If the pool would produce more income then extend operating hours. c. No. We simply can't afford them. d. Keep the fire protection fee and insure that it is saved for a new truck. e. Although many streets need surface coating they must wait until we are fiscally solvent. f. Yes. The many junk autos make Rotan look like a junk yard and are hiding and breeding places for vermin. Confiscated junk autos could be sold for scrap as added revenue for the city.

Adolfo Medrano- a. Yes, if the majority agree. b. No, for safety reasons. c. No, credit, I'm sure is not the problem, interest rates are. If the city cannot purchase 3 new pickups with cash then purchase one now the others later. Why, let us help the budget not hindered it. d. Yes. Let us reduce fees and taxes monthly, and let us deal with modern equipment, pay for it up front and be done with it. e. No. This will be taken care of with the new street re-furbishing plan. f. Yes. Abandoned vehicles, non-registered vehicles and wrecked vehicles have only one thing in common. "Junk". It looks very trashy. Let's re-write the junk vehicle ordinance plan and implement it.

Ella Raye Helms- a. No. Keep the current hours to better meet the needs of the public. b. No. I do not believe there is a need to have the pool open 12 hours a day. I suspect that any additional revenue which might be collected would not meet the added payroll and overtime costs associated with extended hours. c. No. This expense cannot be justified. d. No. Let's keep the fire protection fee so the fund can build. Hopefully the fund reserves could be combined with grant funds to purchase a new truck when needed. I do believe that monies from the fire protection fund should be separated from general funds. e. No. I would need more information on the costs and details of this project. f. Yes. The public would have to be educated concerning the ordinance, and it will have to be enforced fairly. The city council will have to fully support this effort before enforcement is initiated.

Mario Quintanilla- a. No. Why? I don't think there is any problem with the hours we have now. If there is one, why hasn't it been addressed to the council? b. No. Hours should be kept the same because too much sun and chlorine is harmful to our children's health. c. No. Council should look at the trucks they have now, and if new trucks are bought, they should be serviced correctly to last longer. d. No. I think City council should look into what shape the fire truck that we have now, and then decide whether they should purchase a new one or not. e. No. I think we're paying too much already. f. Maybe: I am not sure what the junk ordinance is at this time, but I feel it should be more enforce. In case of a fire some of those homes would be difficult to get to.

Larry D. Markham- a. Hours of operation for the city office staff should be set by the city secretary to allow for maximum efficiency. b. opposed- 12 hours of operation does not allow adequate time to prepare and treat the facility. I would favor 9-10 hours 6 days. c. I favor replacing equipment when maintenance and operation costs render the equipment unproductive. I would oppose purchasing 3 new pickups at this time as I don't feel they are needed. d. Opposed- While this fund is set aside for this season, other equipment and needed articles are purchased for the RVFD at various times. e. Opposed- The maintenance of existing streets and addition of much needed paving should be financed by State Grant revenues or local bond election when a majority of citizens deem it necessary. f. Favor- I will continue to do everything possible to eliminate junk cars, condemned properties and other eyesores within the community.

4. Are you of the opinion that our community needs a street re-furbishing program? If so, what kind and when should it be implemented and how do you propose it be funded.

Greg Rains- Yes. Don't know.

John Morgan- Some of the roads are in terrible shape. I don't know how we could fund this without further study. I'm at a blind spot.

Jack Cadenhead- I think our streets are in need of repairs. Maybe doing a little at a time as we can afford it. I don't want to have another fee added to the water bill or taxes raised. Maybe some type of grant could be found.

Scotty Daniel- Although many streets need surface coating they must wait until we are fiscally solvent.

Adolfo Medrano- Yes. Type: street repair and seal coating, when should it be implemented: when our streets are so damaged they pose a safety hazard, how should it be funded: the old fashion way, sacrifice. By whom? those who wish to see Rotan look like a modern City, let us not just talk about it, let us make the difference. Funding for any project of this size takes careful review of all the options.

Ella Raye Helms- The streets of Rotan do need attention. I would like to have more information about the costs involved and the feasibility of the project.

Mario Quintanilla- Yes- I think that the community would like some refurbishing, to keep our streets better. I don't think it should be implemented, bring it to the public and share their opinion and input, before deciding where the funding should come from.

Larry Markham- Rotan desperately needs a street refurbishing plan. I favor seal-coat and regular maintenance done systematically to protect existing pavement. I also feel there are other streets that should be paved. This is a major improvement that can only come about when citizens recognize the need and are willing to accept the responsibility of providing the funding.

5. How do you keep up with the local Rotan news. Are you a paid subscriber to the Abilene Reporter News, Rotan Advance-Roby Star Record, another paper, over the T.V., on the radio, other?

Greg Rains- Newspaper. Yes.

John Morgan- Yes. I read the Rotan Advance as well as the Abilene Reporter, I also try to listen to what others have to say, being respectful but not judgemental.

Jack Cadenhead- I keep up with local news by reading the Rotan Advance, Abilene Reporter News, T.V., Radio and discussing local issues with friends and neighbors.

Scotty Daniel- Subscribe to ARN and Rotan Advance.

Adolfo Medrano- My current events are maintained weekly. I purchase the Rotan Advance, Abilene Reporter New on Saturday, Sundays, and I also watch the daily news as time permits.

Ella Raye Helms- Just visiting with people is a good source of local news. The hospital subscribes to the local newspaper, and I do read local articles of interest. I don't enjoy negative news reporting, so I don't routinely watch nightly TV news. I like to get factual information, and then draw my own conclusions about subject matter.

Mario Quintanilla- I keep up with local news, by attending meetings and through our local paper. Yes, I am a paid subscriber to the Abilene Reporter News, I buy the Rotan Advance-Roby Star Record, Dallas paper and Lubbock paper. I also, when time allows, watch t.v. and listen to the radio.

Larry Markham- I read both the Abilene and Rotan papers and view Abilene T.V. news.

6. Do you have any one issue that you would like to see addressed and explored by the council that is a pet issue to you? What motivates you to want to serve on the Rotan City Council.?

Greg Rains- No. To continue to try getting the city operating in the black.

John Morgan- There are several things that I would call a pet issue. I feel the thing to do is look at all the problems with an equal amount of interest, what motivates me is that I would like to help make Rotan a place someone would like to move to rather than move away from!

Jack Cadenhead- I don't have any one pet issue other than I would like to see Rotan grow and prosper.

Scotty Daniel- The City of Rotan must become financially sound and live within its available resources. Since I have chosen Rotan to retire to, I want Rotan to be a good place to live: Attractive, safe, and progressive.

Adolfo Medrano- Yes. Who exactly priorities the cities maintenance workers? What motivates me to be on the City Council. I want to help our city be the best it can be. I want to be on a team that can make a difference for Rotan before the turn of the new century. Rotan needs new members with new ideas. Our community needs to go forward with the times, not backwards. I believe Rotan can be a community whereby the surrounding cities can once more look up and say Rotan, "that city is changing for the good," it should be said Rotan is the largest and most popular city in Fisher County. To accomplish this we must have a vision.

Ella Raye Helms- I want to see the folks in Fisher County working together for the good of all the people in the county. There are many positive aspects about living in Rotan, and in Fisher County. I would like to see problems addressed in a more constructive manner. The problems that the City is experiencing have developed over time, and may take time to correct. Let's build on our strengths, and work to improve our weaknesses. I look forward to working with people like Jerry Marshall, Harold Sanders, Rodney Denton, and other people who care about our town.

Mario Quintanilla- Yes. Our city debt. I want to help in future plans on how to keep our city out of so much debt.

Larry Markham- Maintaining our local landfill is paramount to me. I would like to see unfunded mandates declared unconstitutional. I feel like the state should recognize the significance of local landfills and provide financial assistance to cities who provide solid waste management and recycling programs.

I am motivated to serve on the city council by one thing. A lot of hard work on the part of those who have preceded me to provide services and facilities which make Rotan a great place to live. I want to do whatever necessary to continue existing services and improve wherever possible.

7. What makes you uniquely qualified to serve as a member of the Rotan City Council and why should voters cast their vote/votes for you over someone else?

Greg Rains- No comment.

John Morgan- I feel I have time for the Council, as well as having time for the voters, for everyone is created equal in God's eyes. Everyone is due their say.

Jack Cadenhead- While working for the Soil Conservation Service I could not run for any office, but now that I have retired, I have the time and would like to serve my community.

Scotty Daniel- I have extensive management and administrative experience gained from many positions of responsibility and trust in the Airline Industry and USAF.

Adolfo Medrano- I am not a special person by any means, but I do know where my heart is. Anyone with any traveling experience can certainly tell you the world has alot to offer a man or family. Me and my family have traveled quite a bit during our 20 years with the military, we visited many countries and visited many exotic cities. But yet we chose to come home and raise our children, we chose to be a part of the community, we would like only to share our knowledge and experience with the

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Notice Of Trustee Election

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

(AVISO DE ELECCION FIDEICOMISARIOS)

To the Registered Voters of Roby, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Roby, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 6, 1995, for voting in a general election, to elect (2) trustees for three year terms.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de mayo de 1995 para votar en la Eleccion para dos fideicomisario para un termino completo de (3) anos.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES

(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Office of County Clerk/Courthouse between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 17, 1995 and ending on May 2, 1995.

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Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 28, 1995

Issued this the 11th day of April, 1995.

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el abril 28, 1995.)

(Emitada este dia 11th de abril, 1995.)

Lance McWilliams
President of School Board
33:1tc

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Thank you to all the businesses and individuals in Fisher County for helping us with the Fire Convention. Without your donations, gifts and support, it would not have been the great success it was. Thank you!

Members Of The Rotan Fire Department

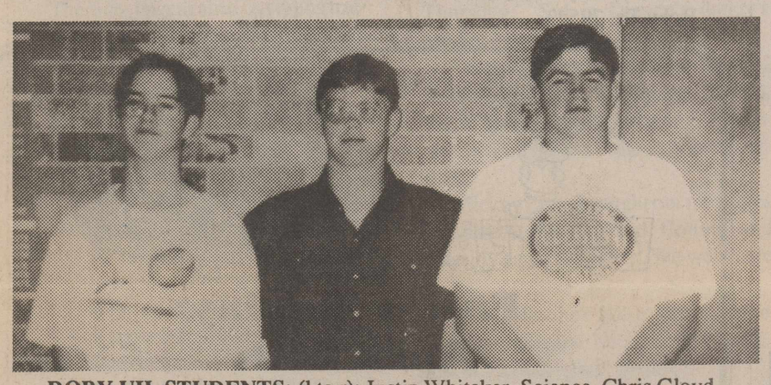
ROTAN GIN COMPANY
Annual Stockholders Meeting
Will Be Held
April 22, 1995
At 2:00 P.M.
At The
Gin Office



ROBY UIL PARTICIPANTS: (l to r) front row: Amy Beauchamp, One-Act Play, Spelling, Kim Hudnall, One-Act Play, Editorial Writing, Calculator, Latrice Moffett, Number Sense, 6th Place Calculator. (l to r) top row: Keith Hardin, Spelling, Casey Terry, Calculator, Jeremy Stidham, Spelling.



ROBY UIL PARTICIPANTS: (l to r): Karen Stearns, Science, Lanette Teague, Science and Brenda Flanagan, One-Act Play, Science.



ROBY UIL STUDENTS: (l to r): Justin Whitaker, Science, Chris Gloyd, Science, One-Act Play, Kevin Christian, Science, One-Act Play, Number Sense.

Notice Of City Election

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Roby, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 6, 1995, for voting in a City election, to elect Mayor and 2 City Councilmen.

Location of polling places: Roby Community Center; Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Roby City Hall, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning April 17, 1995 and ending on May 2, 1995.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to: Bobbie Beauchamp, P.O. Box F, Roby, Texas, 79543.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 28, 1995.

Cecil J. King, Mayor, City of Roby

AVISO DE ELECCION City

A los votantes registrados del Roby, Texas: Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de Mayo de 1995 para votar en la Eleccion para Mayor and 2 City Councilmen.

Direccion de las casillas electorales: Roby Community Center: La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Roby City Hall, entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el abril 17, 1995 y terminando el mayo 2, 1995.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Bobbie Beauchamp, P.O. Box F, Roby, Texas 79543.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el abril 28, 1995.

Cecil J. King, Firma del Oficial que Preside.

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Rotan Church of the Nazarene
Come Worship With Us Easter Sunday
Meet Our New Pastor
Bro. Huston Myers
9:00 A.M.

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Obituaries

James Shelley

James Shelley, 73, of Rotan, died Saturday night in the Fisher County Hospital. Services were at 2 p.m., Monday in the First Baptist Church with Revs. Don Simmons, Ruben Covington, and Joe Vernon officiating. Burial was in the Rotan Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Shelley was born Oct. 16, 1921 in McCaulley and was the son of the late John Byron and Margie Millsap Shelley. He attended school at McCaulley and then served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Betty Simmons in Rotan March 31, 1945. Mr. Shelley was a merchant and farmer. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a Baptist.

Survivors include: Wife- Betty Simmons Shelley, Rotan; 2 sons- Byron Shelley, Amherst, Oran Shelley, Rotan; 1 sister- Raye Kelley, Rotan; 7 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

Mrs. Dovie Schooley

Mrs. Dovie Schooley, 86, of Rotan, died Sunday night at Holiday Nursing Center in Hamlin. Funeral services were at 1 p.m., Tuesday, at First Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Vernon officiating. Graveside services were held at 4 p.m. at Lamesa Memorial Park at Lamesa with arrangements by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Schooley was born June 10, 1908 at Lamesa and lived there most of her life. She was the daughter of Walter and Ida McCarty. She married Bill Schooley in 1930 at Gail. He preceded her in death in January 1977.

Mrs. Schooley attended the Key Schools and was a member of the First Baptist Church. She moved to Rotan 10 years ago from Fort Worth.

She is preceded in death by four sisters.

She is survived by a son, Reece Schooley of Rotan; two granddaughters, Shelly Fuqua of Sweetwater and Shana Schooley of Rotan; and a great grandson, Albert Schooley of Rotan.

Charlie Davis

Charlie Davis, 60, inducted into the McMurry University Sports Hall of Honor in 1985, died Saturday in a local hospital. Services were at 2 p.m., Monday in Olney High School Auditorium with Scotte Clark officiating. Burial was in the Restland Cemetery, directed by Lunn Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis was born in Lueders and played football at Stamford High School where he earned all-state honors. At McMurry College, he was named to the Associated Press' annual Little All-American football team in 1957. After graduating from McMurry, he coached in Graham, Anson and Rotan before moving to Olney 22 years ago. He married Susy Langford in 1959 in Odessa and was a director of the Texas High School Coaches Association. He was a past president of the Olney Lions Club and was a coach and teacher in Olney. He was a member of the Association of Texas Professional Educators and Hamilton Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include: His wife of Olney; one daughter- Pam Peeks of Graham; one son- Jeff Davis of Dallas; three brothers- Paul Davis of Abilene, Ernie Davis of Slaton and Donald Davis of Piedmont, Okla.; one sister- Corene Tatum of Bullhead City, Ariz.; and four grandchildren.

John Porter (J.P.) Sexton

John Porter (J.P.) Sexton, 80, of Sweetwater, Texas died Thursday, April 6, 1995 at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital. Services were at Cate-Spencer and Trent Funeral Home on Saturday, April 8, 1995 at 2:00 p.m., with Larry Fluitt, officiating. Interment was at Garden of Memories.

Mr. Sexton was born on June 14, 1914 at Days, Mississippi. He was a self-employed carpenter. He also was employed by Sunbeam Grocery as a market manager for 23 years. He was a member of the 4th and Elm Church of Christ and a former member of Sweetwater Sportsman Club. On June 30, 1939, he married Valerie Coker at Abilene, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Rosa Hyde, and his brother, J.N. Walker. Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, in Abilene, Texas.

Survivors include: Wife- Valerie Coker Sexton of Sweetwater; son- Don W. Sexton of Sweetwater; daughter and son-in-law- Carol and Ron Boyd of Sweetwater; grandsons- Martin Boyd of Abilene, Texas and Tony Boyd of Sweetwater; 2 great granddaughters; sister-in-law- Melba Walker of Sweetwater; sister-in-law and brother-in-law- Guy and Susie Stroman of Sweetwater; 1 step-sister- Alma Blythe of Alvin, Texas; nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were: Glenn Bennett, Donald E. Wilson, Michael D. Hill, Pat Foy, Bob Pickett and Jimmy Apel.

Honorary pallbearers were: Jack Teague, Dr. Bud Alldredge, Sr., Luther Donham, Travis Fullwood, and Wayland Kirkpatrick.

Rotan R.C.E. Club Holds Meeting

The Rotan F.C.E. Club met April 6 with Pat Kelley at the Firemen's building. There were 10 members present and Beth Dannheim. Beatrice gave recreation. Beth brought the program on Enviroshopping for Clothing. The next meeting will be at Ardell Floyd, April 20. Pat served delicious refreshments to June Anderson, Ardell Floyd, Wanda Floyd, Beatrice Hargrove, Gay Nell Henry, Jenny Lane, Oma Long, Effie Murphree, Ozella Rivers, Pat Kelley, and Beth Dannheim. May 4 will be Mother's Day luncheon at the home of June Anderson.

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"This PLEDGER Thing"

Country roads, Country music, Country places
PLEDGER, you were there to set the paces
For country living at it's best
Thru the years you didn't rest.
Life-styles in those days were plain and simple;
Daily needs were common and ample.
We all answered to your wake-up calls
Especially on Sunday 'cause you said,
"come on y'all"!
So off to church we went to learn about God
But during the sermon someone
would be sure to nod
others would pray or say Amen!
And God be with you till we meet again.
We ponder these things from deep within our hearts
And smile to know that you PLEDGER,
were with us from the start,
So no matter wherever or whenever we may roam,
PLEDGER, you are ours "till the cows come home"!

Written and sealed with love,
Willa Dene
Glenna Gene
Ollene
Springtime 1995

Roby Board Accepts Resignation Of Basketball Coach Ruben Osuna

The Roby School voted to accept the resignation of Head Basketball Coach Ruben Osuna last Monday night. Osuna tended his resignation effective at the end of the 1994-95 school year. The board also extended a contract to Perry Graves of Motley County I.S.D. to be hired as coach and teacher. This action was taken after an executive session of approximately forty-five minutes.

Permission was also granted by the board to pursue purchasing or submit a bid for the Federal Land Bank building and property.

George Arbones met with the board concerning the McCaulley property. The board accepted a transfer of warranty deed of McCaulley property to the McCaulley Recreational Development Corporation. Mr. Arbones stated he would keep the board informed on the actions of the Development Corporation and would try to secure grants to benefit the property.

Janelle Williamson, Caroline Flores, Christine Ramon and Charlotte Dowell were added to the substitute lunchroom workers list.

Bill Fowler, Elementary Principal reported an enrollment of 222, stated the UIL Meet would take place at Sterling City on April 24th & 25th and field trips were being planned. Fowler also informed the board that TAAS tests would begin on May 8th.

Gary Daniel, High School Principal, stated the District Track Meet will be held at San Angelo on Thursday and that the school year is rapidly coming to an end.

Price informed the board that school would be dismissed Friday and Monday for the Easter Holidays.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NORMA YVONNE KLEPPER, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Norma Yvonne Klepper, DECEASED, were issued on March 20, 1995 in Cause No. 3078, pending in the County Court of Fisher County, Texas to: NORMA ANN WOODRUFF.

The residence of such Independent Executrix is as follows:

1308 San Marcos, Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas 76012.

All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 5th day of April, 1995.

GARY D. HARGER

Attorney of record for the Estate of Norma Yvonne Klepper, Deceased.

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Roby, Texas

Thank You

The family and relatives of Jane McMahan Warner express their deepest appreciation for the many prayers, the thoughtful acts of kindness, the food prepared by so many hands and the uncountable acts of love and compassion shared with us during the illness and passing of Jane McMahan Warner. May God Bless you all.

Linda McLaughlin & Family
Terry Warner & Family
Dorothy Crowell & Family
Floy Jim Hughs & Family



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City. We are natives here and we will die here. I only hope and pray the people of Rotan will give me a chance to share my ideas as well as my heritage.

Ella Raye Helms- Each candidate has a unique perspective and background to share. I think having councilmen with diverse backgrounds will make for a strong council. All I can promise is that I will try my best to work for the good of our town, and that I really care about the future of Rotan.

Mario Quintanilla- What makes me qualified? Is that I believe in myself and in my community, and am willing to go the extra mile to see about it.

Larry Markham- Experience has made me more familiar with operations, budgets, etc. Even though I sometimes oppose the popular opinion on issues, I base my decisions on the benefit or impact on all citizens of the community. Making responsible decisions to better the community in which I live and serving those who elect me are my only qualifications, and I find them hardly unique.

8. What the top two areas, in your opinion, needing attention in the next year?

Greg Rains- City budget.

John Morgan- Getting the city out of debt, #1, getting the city out of debt, #2.

Jack Cadenhead- I would like to see the City finances in order and more youth activities.

Scotty Daniel- Most pressing need for Rotan is to get its financial house in order- get out of debt!

Adolfo Medrano- Landfill and trash collection for Rotan.

Ella Raye Helms- I think we need to work on the city's financial needs, and the over-all appearance of the city.

Mario Quintanilla- As I stated in question 2- Street paving I believe is one of my main concerns. 2nd of all I'd like to see all races work together as one.

Larry Markham- Improving relations with our only supplier of public water, researching means to lessen water costs, examining the possibility of an alternate water source and keeping our

Rotan City Council Questions

loc[illegible]ing with less inter-ve[illegible]nd Federal regulati[illegible] which should be agre[illegible]ed in the coming year.

9. [illegible]ten, in your opinion, should [illegible] audit by a qualified C.P.A. b[illegible]rformed and when was the last audit the City of Rotan had?

Greg Rains- Once a year.

John Morgan- I feel the city audit should be done by a qualified C.P.A. Whenever the council and the voters deem it necessary.

Jack Cadenhead- I do not know when the City was last audited. I think there should be an audit once a year and when a city secretary leaves the job.

Scotty Daniel- Every year.

Adolfo Medrano- The City should have an audit annually, and I am not sure when the last audit was done, but as a concerned candidate, I will make it a point to find out.

Ella Raye Helms- I believe the last audit was made over a year ago. I don't know what is required by the city by-laws, but I think an annual audit of some fashion is preferable.

Mario Quintanilla- Am not sure when the last audit was, but in my opinion I feel it should be done once every two years and let the public know how our money is spent.

Larry Markham- City audits should be conducted annually.

10. Do you favor or oppose closing the Rotan Landfill and going to an organization like B.F.I. for trash collection? Would you be open to studying keeping the landfill open or closing it?

Greg Rains- Oppose.

John Morgan- The Rotan Landfill has no future. It's a cost burden and it will eventually close.

Jack Cadenhead- I am opposed to closing the landfill but I would be open to a study.

Scotty Daniel- Let's keep our landfill if possible.

Adolfo Medrano- No. I am totally opposed of closing our landfill. However, I would be in favor of studying all the options and the cost of replacing our present methods.

Ella Raye Helms- I am in favor of keeping the landfill open as long as economically and legally feasible. Maintaining our own landfill may be increasingly more difficult as more governmental regulations are imposed on cities.

Mario Quintanilla- I oppose closing the Rotan landfill, why? Because I am sure if we go to an organization like B.F.I., our taxes will sure enough go up. I'd be willing to be open to study in keeping our landfill open.

Larry Markham- See answers 6 and 8. I oppose closing the landfill. Once lost you could never re-establish a landfill. Once totally dependent on a solid waste management company, every citizen is at their mercy. If Rotan closes the landfill, not only Rotan citizens, but all surrounding communities would experience excessive fees due to the lack of any alternative.

Kindergarten Day At Roby April 20th

If you have a child or know a child that will be 5 years old by September 1st, bring him/her to Kindergarten Day on Thursday, April 20th. Bring the child's birth certificate, social security number and shot record. We will meet at 12:30. Parents will fill out registration forms and leave your child until 3:30.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for: Raised Pavement Markers on highway(s) U.S. 180, etc. in Borden, Etc. County (ies).

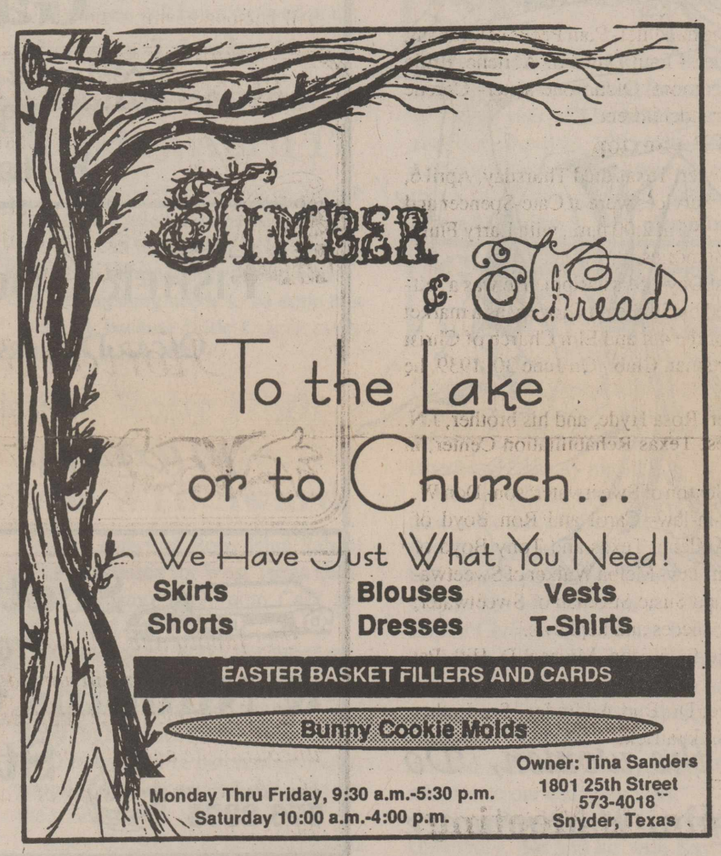
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4250 N. CLACK, Abilene, Texas
Until 11:00 A.M.; Wednesday, April 26, 1995

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Abilene, Texas
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FISHER COUNTY QUARTERLY REPORT

April 10, 1995, the Commissioners Court of Fisher County met in regular session, examined and compared the Quarterly Report of Marty Williamson, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending March 31, 1995, and found the same correct and respective amounts to have been received and paid out during the quarter.

FUND	BALANCE 1-01-95	RECEIVED LAST QTR.	PAID OUT LAST QTR.	BALANCE 3-31-95
AIRPORT	13,353.76	3,067.93	361.86	16,059.83
GENERAL FUND	543,815.70	703,273.38	392,057.24	855,031.84
R&B - PRECINCT #1	30,501.59	81,706.77	45,479.59	66,728.77
R&B - PRECINCT #2	17,111.66	81,442.69	74,282.92	24,271.43
R&B - PRECINCT #3	24,614.01	81,738.01	35,450.61	70,901.41
R&B - PRECINCT #4	15,090.89	81,606.78	48,441.64	48,256.03
CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUND	3,177.19	0.00	6,601.20	(3,424.01)
	647,664.80	1,032,835.56	602,675.06	1,077,825.30
On Deposit, Citizens State Bank				1,077,825.30

Charles R. Meek
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JAY R. HENDON, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT #3

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Gene Terry
GENE TERRY, COMMISIONER, PRECINCT #4

Marshal Bennett
MARSHAL BENNETT, COUNTY JUDGE

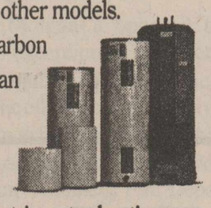
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Lucy Knox
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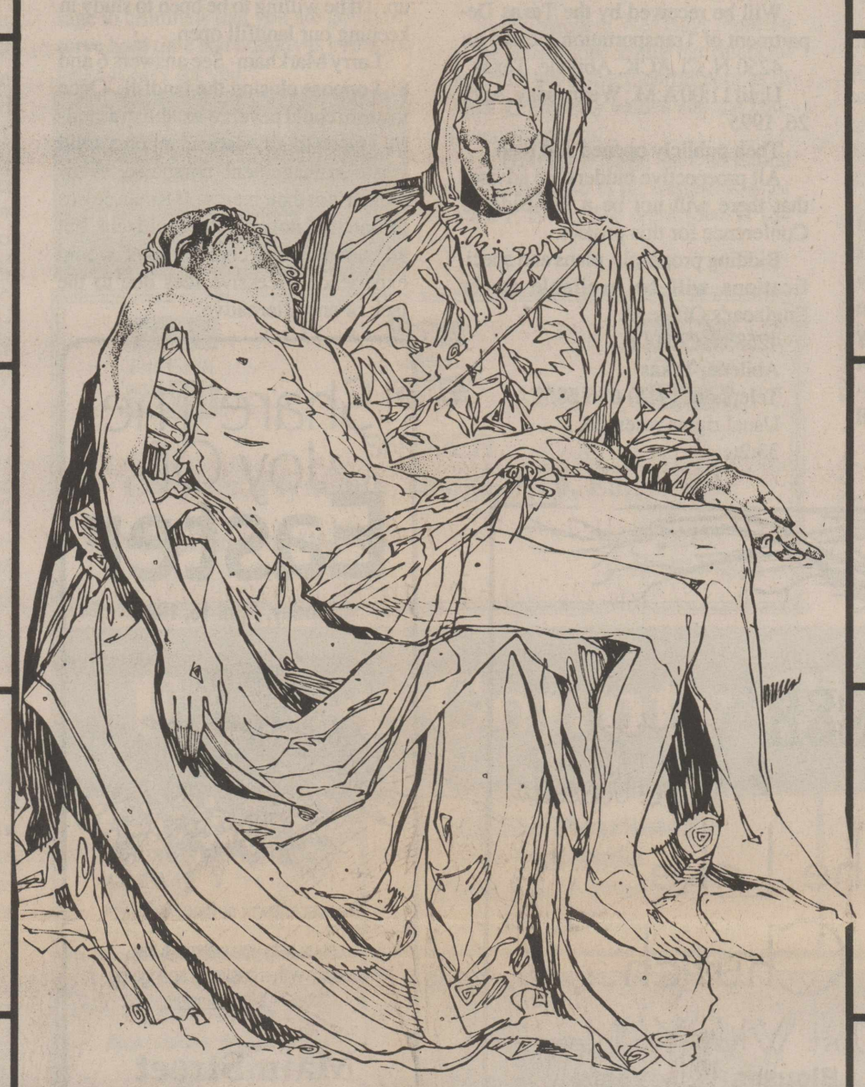


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"The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28: 5-6

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