

Fisher County Commissioners Warn Not To Do Outside Burning, Set '94 Holidays

The members of the Fisher County Commissioners Court met last Monday morning and approved the list of 1994 holidays, reviewed a plan for custodial maintenance at the Fisher County Pink Building and passed a declaration that Fisher County residents be warned not to have any outside fires until further notice.

Commissioners met with Maggie Briggs concerning the monthly report of the Fisher County Senior Citizen's Center.

Commissioners discussed a benefit bar-b-que being staged by The Amigos for Charles Dannheim and JoAnn Terry.

Commissioners accepted the Fisher County Treasurer's report found in this week's paper.

Commissioners appointed Gordon Scott Daniel, Barbara Brzezinski and Charlie Johnson to the salary grievance

committee for Fisher County.

In other action, the commissioners reviewed a proposal from the Fisher County 4-H that the County 4-H clubs be permitted to do the maintenance at the Pink Building for a fee of \$100 a month. Judge Bennett is checking into the legality of the proposal and if nothing is found to be illegal, the county will probably contract with the 4-H to provide the service. The service is not being provided by Kathy Spencer. Fisher County Auditor Pat Neeper made the comment that, "Fisher County was not supposed to support 4-H," and was not supposed to be paying them.

Judge Bennett informed the commissioners of requests from the Rotan and Roby Fire Departments that indicated that they needed support and assistance in encouraging residents to refrain from all outside burning until further

notice. The request came because of the extremely dry conditions in Fisher County.

Commissioners acknowledged a gift of \$1,000 toward the purchase of rural fire fighting equipment from the First National Bank of Rotan and a gift of \$500 to the Fisher County Senior Citizen's operation from the bank.

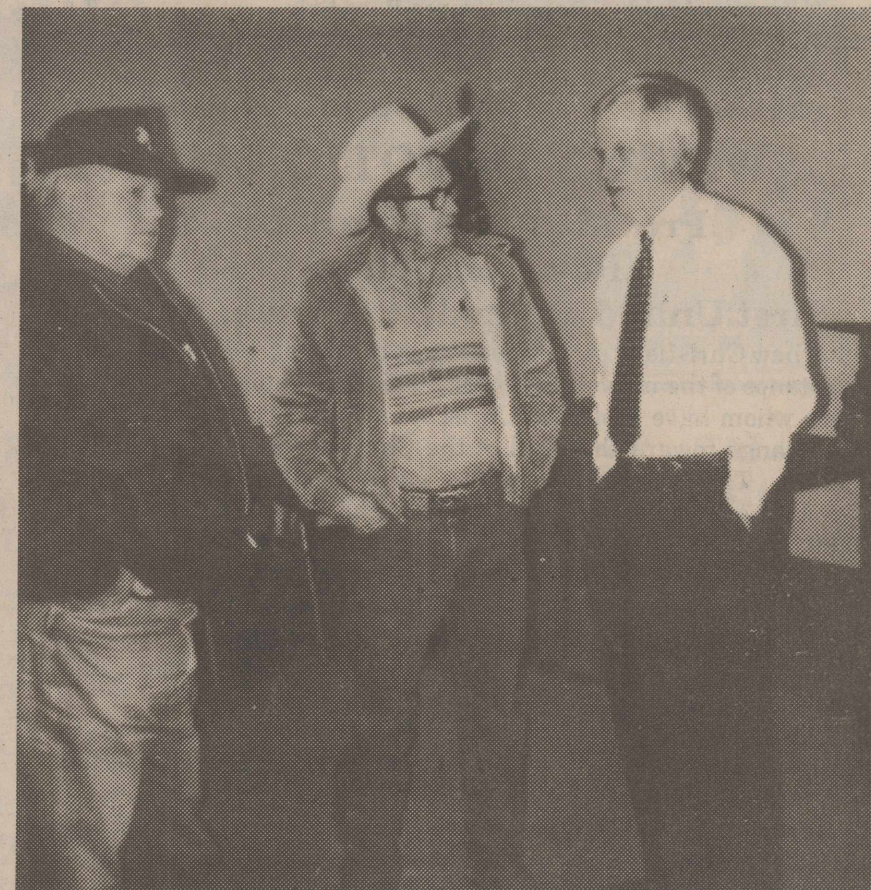
The holiday schedule of Good Friday

- April 1; Memorial Day - May 30th; Independence Day - July 4th; Labor Day - September 5th; Veteran's Day - November 11th; Thanksgiving Day - November 24th & 25th; Christmas - December 23 & 26 and New Years - January 2, 1995.

Raygene Shipp and Willard Martin appeared before commissioners to discuss repair on a road.

Fisher County 1994 Holidays

Good Friday, April 1
Memorial Day - May 30
Independence Day - July 4
Labor Day - September 5
Veteran's Day - November 11
Thanksgiving - November 24 & 25
Christmas - December 23 & 26
New Years - January 2



CONGRESSMAN STENHOLM SPEAKS: United States Congressman Charles Stenholm addressed a group of approximately 30 last Friday afternoon at the Rotan Lions Club discussing a wide range of topics that ranged from the health care plan to sheep and goats in Fisher County. Stenholm spent nearly two hours addressing the group and answering questions. He addressed the health care proposal, environmental issues (clean water and air and landfill regulations), discussed the farm program, talked about the agricultural program changes for 1994 and briefed those present on the work his office had done in leading the way for Fisher County ranchers to export sheep and goats from a Longworth holding facility to Saudi Arabia. All in all, Stenholm seemed to satisfy the group with relevant answers. In the above photo, Stenholm, right, visits with Jack Cadenhead, of Rotan with the Soil Conservation Service, left, and with Robert Goodgame of Hamlin, center, after his address.

Roby Lions Ranked 8th In State, Coach Osuna Tickled With Guys

Roby Coach Ruben Osuna honestly doesn't know how good his bunch of Roby Lions are - on the hoop court. They are undefeated this season, ranked 8th in the State in Class A and will begin what some describe as the toughest Class A district in Texas a week from Friday when they open up against Bronte.

"We can be pretty good at times," said Osuna. In his third year as Basketball Coach at Roby, Osuna and winning are synonymous.

Last year he coached this year's starting five to a 25-7 season before being eliminated in the regional tournament.

This year, the same five guys - Brian Osuna, Jason Osuna, Randy Gregg, Ralph Amador and Chad Dannheim are running and gunning along with another crew Osuna calls his second bunch - Jason Gruben, Mike Counts, Robert Onofre, Shea Feagan and Niels Kramwinkle.

Roby has been playing Eastland, a 3A team that could compete with Wylie; Coleman, Class 2A Winters and Class 2A Hamlin in preparation for the tough district schedule coming up the second half of the season.

"We beat Winters twice, beat Hamlin twice, beat Eastland, Coleman and played a good game against Merkel in a pre-season scrimmage. I don't know what these guys are capable of doing. Anything can happen on the hardwood. I do know that these kids, and I'm talking about the entire Roby team, are the best bunch from the team chemistry standpoint, that I have ever coached," stated Osuna.

"The players have a lot of confidence. We gained a lot of confidence when we played Hamlin a few weeks ago and ran into foul trouble. The second bunch played the entire final quarter and played a tremendous game," said Osuna.

Roby was down by 9 to Coleman and came back and won they are a scrappy bunch of players.

"We begin playing for the 'real marbles' in about a week when we open district play. Our next goal is to get to the playoffs, then after that who knows," smiled Osuna.

Roby, win or lose, is going into district play in good solid shape and has the potential to go far in the playoffs.

Rotan Board Will Review Contract Of Superintendent

The members of the Rotan School Board will meet at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, January 13th for the purpose of selecting a financial committee, considering the purchase/renovation of additional buses and acting on extending the contract of Superintendent Nolan Kinsey.

The board will meet in the cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. with the following items on the agenda.

- * Consider budget amendments.
- * Act on selecting a financial committee to make recommendations on how to invest excess funds for the district.
- * Give consideration to purchasing additional buses for the fleet or renovating additional buses.
- * Possibly enter into executive session to discuss the extension of Superintendent Nolan Kinsey's contract.

The meeting is open to the public and a section of the agenda is dedicated to 'open forum' whereby residents of the district can address the board on any subject they desire.

Lone Star Gas Names New Rotan Rep.

Lone Star Gas has named Mike Schweikhard to the position of Area Manager for Rotan and 42 other cities and towns in the West Texas area effective immediately. In this position, he will be responsible for most of Lone Star's contacts with leaders at all levels in each city and town under his responsibility. This includes government officials, school districts, hospitals, local business leaders, and civic charitable organizations.

Mike has been with Lone Star Gas since 1969 and most recently served as the manager of the Abilene Region.

He is a graduate of Abilene Christian University with a BS degree in marketing.

He and his wife Carol have two children, Sara, 17 and Scott, 13.

Schweikhard replaces Jerry Collins who has been assigned to another position with the company.

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County Sheriff's Department Officers Have Part In Identifying Skeletal Body

Law enforcement officers in Fisher and Taylor counties have identified the skeletal remains discovered in Fisher County last weekend as the body of an Abilene man who disappeared in August 1991, according to Fisher County Sheriff Gene Pack.

Pack indicated that the remains have been identified, pending confirmation from forensic authorities in Dallas, as those of Clinton Dale McKee of Abilene.

McKee was known to carry large amounts of cash. He had a hobby of buying antique cars and restoring them to near original condition.

Pack indicated that the body was discovered by a Tarrant County Judge who was bird hunting on property owned by Alton Fields of Fritch, Texas. Fields is the former Superintendent of Schools at Rotan. The property is in southeast Fisher County on County Road 162.

Jones County officers were initially notified of the body. Later it was determined that the body was about three-quarters of a mile inside Fisher County.

Pack received the initial call at approximately 10:30 p.m., Saturday night, January 8th. Sheriff's department representatives from several surrounding counties and the Texas Rangers were involved, according to Pack.

Fisher County Sheriff's Department officers combed the area Sunday and Monday. It was mid afternoon on Monday, January 10th when notification was received that the remains were possibly those of the Taylor County man.

Pack indicated that a set of keys found at the site, and the man's large bone structure and western attire all pointed toward McKee.

Father, Son Both Discover Human Skulls While Hunting In The Area

"Quail hunting in Fisher County is about as near perfect as I have found. The area of Fisher County we were hunting in last Saturday, is like a scene from Quail Unlimited - absolutely beautiful", said Judge Daryl Russell Coffey, who was hunting in Southeast Fisher County when he and his friend discovered the skeletal remains of a human late last Saturday night.

"We were hunting that area just inside the fence, about dark, when my partner Drew Tompkins hollered and said 'Hey, here's a human skull - fillings in the teeth and all.'"

The two were in a remote part of far east Fisher County about a mile from Jones County on the Alton Fields place on County Road 162.

Daryl Coffey, a Tarrant County Judge, in the County & Criminal Courts Division, was on a pre-hunt with his friend Drew Tompkins, owner of Tompkins Concrete Company in Fort Worth when the discovery was made.

Tompkins will be one of the chief guides in the Abilene Christian University Celebrity Quail Hunt set for this Friday and Saturday and headquartered at the Red Bluff Sporting Clays in south Fisher County.

Judge Coffey and Drew Tompkins were pre-hunting several fields in order to locate good areas for the celebrity hunters.

"We were working our way down a fence line, thinking the quail would be heading to the taller grass late in the day, when Drew made the discovery. We had to drive to the Noodle Steak House for a phone to call authorities," said Coffey.

The odds of running up on a human skull while hunting are very remote, but Drew Tompkins' father also discovered a skull while hunting in Nolan County a few months ago," commented Coffey.

"Dad was hunting a place near Trent on November 4th and discovered a human skull", said Tompkins.

Tompkins has been hunting in the Fisher County area for about 12 years.

Moving To Premont In South Texas

Tobey Clements Resigns Roby First Baptist Position

Tobey Clements, pastor of the Roby First Baptist Church, has resigned to accept a position at the First Baptist Church in Premont, (Jim Wells County), Texas.

Rev. Clements has been the Roby pastor for the past two years and seven months. He moved to Roby from Cherokee, Texas where he served for three years.

Premont, a community in South Texas, south of Alice and West of Kingsville, has a population of 3,000.

Clement's last Sunday in Roby will be January 23rd. His resignation is effective, January 24th.

The First Baptist Church at Premont has been without a minister for the past six months.



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All Positions Expire In 1995

Fisher County Ministerial Alliance WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Provided This Month By
Rev. Ron Kelley

First United Methodist Church, Roby

Many new Christians sometimes expect to be changed quickly upon acceptance of the indwelling Christ. This is not spiritually reality. Those whom have professed Christ many years sometimes forget that change toward the ideal of the Christlike life is an ongoing process. The poem below in the words of slave trader turned Christian evangelist John Newton from the Book of Olney Hymns (1799, Book III, 36) which is followed by a modern day adaptation tells of Newton's own experience in the change process.

I ask's the Lord that I might grow In Faith and love, and every grace;
Might more of His salvation know, And seek more earnestly His face.
Instead of this, He made me feel The hidden evils of my heart, And let the angry powers of hell Assault my soul in every part.
Lord, why is this? I trembling cried, Wilt Thou pursue Thy worm to death? "Tis in this way," the Lord replied, "I answer prayer for grace and faith.

These inward trials I employ From self and pride to set thee free; And break thy schemes of earthly joy That thou may'st seek thy all in Me." A 1994 Adaptation

I was in my car the other day and took some time to pray. I said, "Now God you really know that I'm the kind that would really like to grow." It's the faith, love and grace of your Holy Spirit I really need, so within your grasp I can stay. With that I'll really begin to know how you can love a prodigal like me so.

It so happened a few days later that I was forced to see the real inside of me.

Greed, revenge, intolerance and lack of patience were there. Not the things that say, "I love thee". All of a sudden all the forces of hell were forced on my soul to bear.

With uncool words I looked up and cried, "Are you trying to send me to an early grave?" "Not at all," the Fathers' Son and Spirit replied, "To look in the mirror can only be done by the brave.

The things you hide I pull out. In that way you and I can search to find what you can someday become and be about.

"Mega Skills" Workshop For Parents And Teachers

Parents of Chapter I and Migrant students are being invited to participate in a "Mega Skills" parent and teacher workshop on Thursday, January 20 at the Region 14 Education Service Center in Abilene from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided and the cost of lunch will be paid for by Roby School. A bus will leave at 7:45 a.m. from in front of the Roby High School that morning for anyone wishing to ride with teachers and faculty.

Topics to be discussed include the values, the abilities and the inner engines of learning that determine success in school and beyond. The goal of this special training session will be to provide techniques for parents as well as teachers for meeting the needs of the total child.

Parents should notify the Elementary Principal's office at 776-2224 by Friday, January 14 to confirm pre-registration.

Shana Kirkland And Carol Price On Dean's List At WTC

Western Texas College's Dean's List and Merit List for the fall 1993 term honors students Shana Kirkland of Rotan and Carol Ann Price of Rotan.

Carol Price- Merit List- Indicates the student earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 -- an 85 average--

while taking between 8 and 14 hours of college credit.

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Individuals Interested In Serving As A Page Or Intern In Washington, D.C. Need To Get Applications To Stenholm

Individuals interested in serving as a page or intern in Washington, D.C. have one week to get their applications into Congressman Charles Stenholm's office.

Completed applications must be submitted in person or postmarked by January 15, 1994, to be considered for either position.

Pages perform a variety of duties, including delivering packages to offices within the Capitol complex, and answering telephones in the Members' Cloakrooms. The pages answer directly to the Director of Page Services and they are paid a monthly salary, which covers basic living expenses.

Pages are housed in supervised dormitories and study junior level curriculum at the U.S. Capitol Page School.

Page positions are open to students in the 17th Congressional District who will be juniors in September 1994.

Pages must have a "B" average in four major courses, excluding electives.

Four interns are selected to work in the Congressman's office for one month intervals in June or July.

Interns are involved in the daily operation of the Congressman's office and will help research constituent inquiries.

College students from the 17th Congressional District or those attending college inside the district, teachers and administrators are eligible for the internship program.

The interns are paid a one-month stipend to cover basic living expenses.

Page and intern applications and information can be obtained by contacting Elaine Talley in the Abilene district office at 915-673-7221.

Applications are due by January 15, 1994. They will be forwarded to a Selection Committee who will notify finalists by February 22, 1994. Interviews for all positions will be held in Abilene on March 19, 1994, and selections will be made at that time.

Rotan High School Needs Items For One-Act Play

The Rotan High School One-Act Play Cast needs several items for its play which is set in the 50's.

If you have clothing or accessory items from this time period, they would love to borrow them or if you are tired of storing these items, they would love to have them.

In addition to clothing, they will need an old black telephone, wooden desks, wooden chairs, cot, and small bookcases.

If you have any items, contact the high school office or Connie Early.

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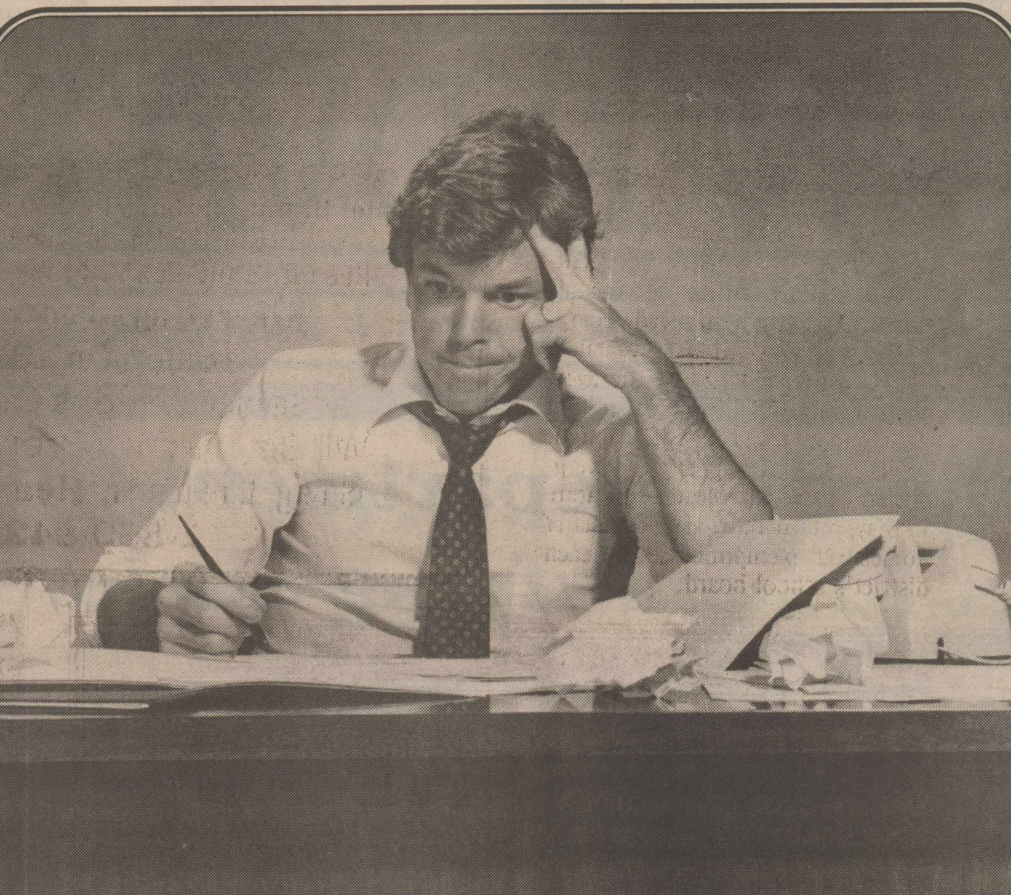
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ONE MORE APPOINTMENT

That's right. You know what's coming... "Are you caught in the same old grind?" Granted, the phrase is a bit trite, yet that "trapped sensation" affects so many of us each day that it is worthy of note.

Why not make one more appointment? "One more appointment?," you say. "I have too many now. That's my problem!"

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Philippians	Philippians	Philippians	Philippians	Colossians	Colossians	Colossians
3:1-11	3:12-4:1	4:2-9	4:10-23	1:15-23	1:23-2:5	2:6-19

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Rotan, Texas
Father Austin Kittredge
Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. Mass
Saturday Night Mass 7:30 p.m.

Little Zion Baptist Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. John L. Martin
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Foursquare Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Robert Kennedy
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.

Cross Roads Baptist Church
Rotan, Texas
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Night Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.

Church Of The Nazarene
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Shawn M. Fouts
Sunday Morning Worship
Services From 9:00-10:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church - Roby
Rev. Tobey Clements
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Adult Choir 5:20 p.m. - Worship 6:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Sunday 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Youth Power Hour Wed. 8:00 p.m.

Hobbs Baptist Church
Hobbs Community
Rev. Dee Threatt
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Sylvester, Texas
Rev. Jeff Sedberry
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Each Third Wednesday Night

McCauley Baptist Church
McCauley, Texas
Rev. A.J. Smith
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Wesley Holland
Sunday Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Church of Christ - Roby
Darrell Hart
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7:30 p.m.

First United Methodist - Roby
Rev. Ron Kelly
S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
We. Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Church of Christ-Rotan
Dan Morris
S.S. 9:45 - Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night 7:00 p.m.
Ladies Bible Class - Wed. 9:30 a.m.

**We Invite You To
Attend The Church
Of Your Choice
This Sunday**

First Baptist Church - Rotan
Rev. Joe Vernon
S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Johnny Guzman
S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Gene Haynes
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.

Mission Bautista Calvario
Roby, Texas
S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Eve. 5:30 - Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
McCauley, Texas
Rev. Jeff Sedberry
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
2nd Wednesday Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

Sylvester Baptist Church
Sylvester, Texas
Rev. Danny Martin
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.



State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Monday, Jan. 3 was the candidate filing deadline for the March 8 Democratic and Republican primaries.

Gov. Ann Richards and challenger George W. Bush should win their primaries with little opposition, and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison will face only minor challenges for the GOP nomination.

Democratic rivals vying for the right to challenge Hutchison are former Attorney General Jim Mattox, Dallas investor Richard Fisher and U.S. Rep. Mike Andrews of Houston.

Incumbent Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who has no opposition in the primary, will run against Dallas lawyer Tex Lezar, a Republican, in the general election. Louis Podesta of San Antonio and Randy Staudt of Leander have withdrawn, allowing Lezar to run unopposed in the primary.

Cameron County Judge Tony Garza has joined three state district judges in the GOP primary for state

attorney general. Incumbent Dan Morales is unopposed.

Sharp to Face Doggett

Republican Teresa Doggett of Austin withdrew her candidacy for state treasurer, and instead, in an 11th-hour filing, chose to run unopposed and face incumbent state Comptroller John Sharp in the general election.

Democratic incumbent State Treasurer Martha Whitehead faces Flint teacher Grady Yarborough in the primary. Austin bank chairman David Hartman and Houston high school student Mike Wolfe filed for the GOP primary.

Incumbent Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, a Democrat, and former Public Utility Commissioner Marta Greytok, a Republican, are running unopposed in the primaries.

Also running unopposed in their primaries for agriculture commissioner are incumbent Rick Perry, a Republican, and Sulphur Springs farmer-rancher Marvin Gregory, a Democrat.

In the Railroad Commission primaries, incumbent Jim Nugent faces state Rep. Jim Earley, D-Portland; and Democratic incumbent Mary Scott Nabers will be challenged by insurance regulator David Young of Austin. In the GOP primary, former Austin mayor Carole Keeton Rylander will run unopposed.

TSBA Survey: Taxes Are Up

A survey of 201 school districts released by the Texas Association of School Boards shows the amount of property taxes paid to those districts has risen almost 5 percent.

The increase primarily was attributed to lower homestead exemptions and not to higher tax rates. According to the survey, the average tax rate for the current school year is about the same as a year ago.

The state's new property taxing-system, approved by the Legislature in May, returned the state to a set of homestead exemptions set by each district's school board.

Voucher Program to Be Tested

Low income students in Houston and Dallas will be the first to benefit from an experimental program offering partial scholarships in the fall.

Applicants will be eligible to receive up to \$1,300 annually for tuition and fees at private schools.

"Children's Educational Opportunity Foundations" in Houston and San Antonio and civic clubs are raising seed money from the private sector for the pilot program.

Backers say the program should demonstrate the value of issuing publicly funded educational vouchers so all students could choose the school they wish to attend.

ATM Welfare Delay Urged

U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, Texas Comptroller John Sharp and officials of 18 other states say a three-year delay is needed to bring on-line an automated welfare payment system to replace the paper-based food stamp and welfare program.

Gonzalez, who is chairman of the House Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, has asked Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan to delay "Regulation E," which would make states liable for fraud should a welfare recipient's plastic teller card be mis-

used or stolen. The Federal Reserve had no immediate response to Gonzalez' request.

If granted, the delay would allow states to find less costly means of converting to an electronic system. Sharp said Texas would lose \$55 million a year if Regulation E goes into effect.

Bledsoe to Quit Post

Former Texas Air Control Board Chairman Kirk Watson will replace Travis County Democratic Party Chairman Gary Bledsoe, who said he would not seek another term.

Bledsoe, an assistant state attorney general who also is president of the Texas chapter of the NAACP, said his decision not to seek reelection to the office is not related to an ongoing investigation by the district attorney into allegations that he did NAACP work on state time.

Attorney General Dan Morales has placed Bledsoe on paid administrative leave until the investigation is complete.

Other Highlights

The General Land Office, the oldest state office building, will reopen in March looking like it did 137 years ago after undergoing a \$4 million face lift but serving a new function—as a center for visitors to the Capitol complex.

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Lady Lions Claim 65-42 Win Over Sterling City Squad

The Roby Lions traveled to Sterling City last Friday night and claimed a 65-42 win.

The Lions encountered a strong and determined Sterling City squad that led 16-12 after the first period. The Roby squad then applied the defensive pressure limiting the Eagles to just 8, 7, and 11 points in the last three quarters respectively, while scoring 20, 12, and 21 themselves. Chad Dannheim led the defensive charge with five steals. "Chad did an excellent job on defense, but a guy that is essential to our defensive

success, and a lot of times doesn't show up in the stats is Ralph Amador, he puts so much pressure on the other team's point guard, that he is capable of throwing a team out of offensive rhythm, he's a great assist to have," commented Coach Osuna. Brian Osuna led the Lions with 8 rebounds and 8 assist. Scoring on the night went: Brian Osuna-17; Jason Osuna-11; Chad Dannheim-10; Randy Gregg-8; Niels Kramwinkle-7; Ralph Amador-5; Robert Onofre-3; Shea Feagan-3; Jason Gruben-1.



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Grandparents are Gen. and Mrs. Bryce Poe, II of Alexandria, Virginia, and Elbert and Nelda Dickson of Sweetwater (formerly of Roby).

Great grandparents are Cleo Dickson and the late C.B. Dickson and the late Johnnie and Ola Mae McCright, all of Roby.

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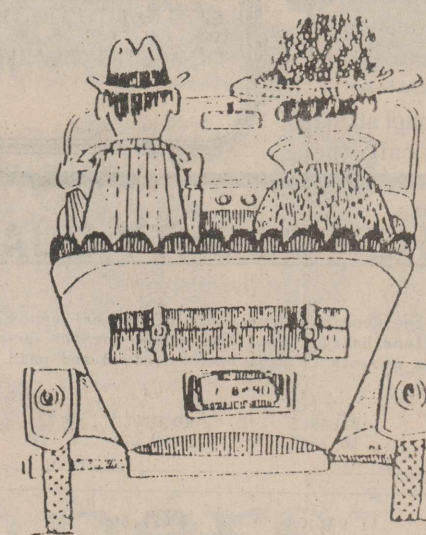
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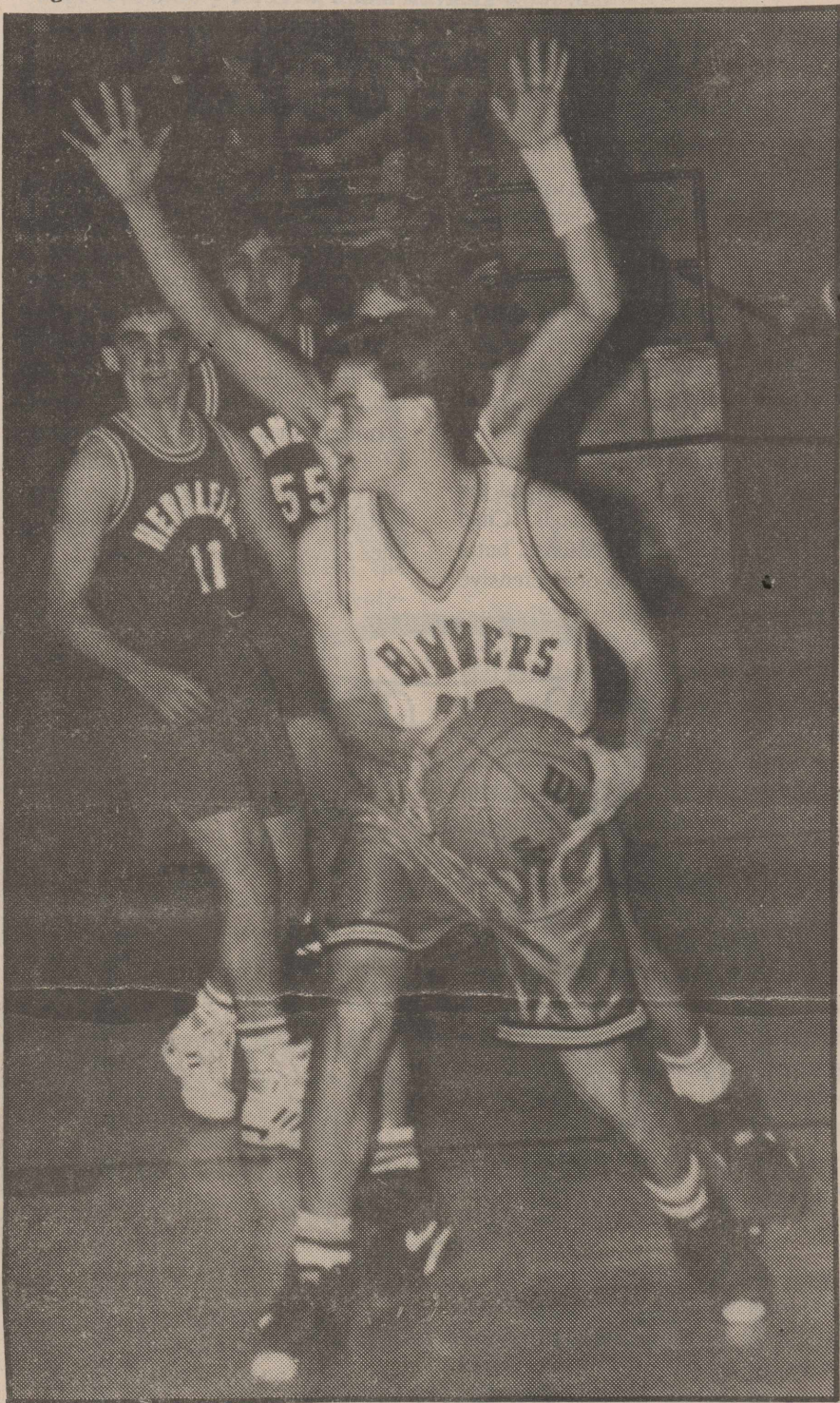


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LOOKING FOR AN ESCAPE ROUTE: Matt Mercer, son of Alva and Debbi Mercer of Rotan, is one of the senior members of the Rotan team. Mercer and fellow team mates travel to Winters on Friday then host Hawley at home of Friday night, January 18th.

Free Taxpayer Seminar To Be Held In Abilene Jan. 12

"At the Comptroller's Office, we understand that state tax issues can sometimes become very complex and confusing. Since taxpayers can't just pick up and come to Austin whenever they need assistance we'll hold a free taxpayer seminar in the Abilene area on Wednesday, January 12, 1994," State Comptroller John Sharp announced today.

The seminar will be held at 1290 S. Willis, Suite 211 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mary Sue Riskus from the Comptroller's Abilene field office will be available to meet and discuss any questions pertaining to state taxes.

"It's important that taxpayers have a full understanding of state taxes. This seminar has been designed just for that," Sharp said.

Mary Sue Riskus, one of our many agency experts, will be available to deliver quick accurate information to all tax questions and assist taxpayers in any way we can.

Those taxpayers who cannot attend the free seminar can call the

Comptroller's toll-free hotline at 1-800-252-5555 for additional assistance.

For more information about the Abilene seminar, call the Abilene field office at (915) 695-4323.

Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: "Who is in charge at the Roby School when the George Price, Superintendent, is out of the office?"

ANSWER: "David Mims, High School Principal, is responsible for actions that need immediate attention." *George Price, Superintendent, Roby C.I.S.D.*

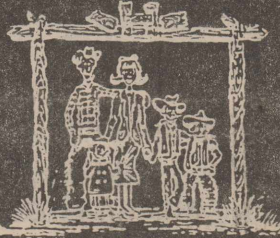
If you have a question you would like to have answered, submit the question in writing to - News Question, P.O. Drawer A, Rotan, Texas 79546. We will, if at all possible, attempt to secure a timely answer to your question. Please sign your News Question request, and include your phone number, we will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

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Fisher County Senior Citizens News

By Wanda Acker

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A special thanks to the truck driver who helped me escape the wreck, the family who drove me to the Kelly's home, and Peggy Kelly for taking me to Fisher County Hospital. I would also like to thank Mr. Scott, the nurses, and the EMS staff for their care and attention in preparing me for the flight to Lubbock.

I feel very fortunate to be alive and in the prayers of so many wonderful people. Again I would like to say thank you and I will remember you always. May God bless each of you now and always.

Danette Pope

FISHER COUNTY QUARTERLY REPORT

January 10, 1994, the Commissioners Court of Fisher County met in regular session, examined and compared the Quarterly Report of Ilene Hale, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending December 31, 1993, and found the same correct and respective amounts to have been received and paid out during the quarter.

FUND	BALANCE 10-1-93	RECEIVED LAST QTR	IN	TRANSFERS OUT	PAID OUT LAST QTR	BALANCE 12-31-93
AIRPORT	11 977.08	427.66	-	-	517.51	11 887.23
GENERAL	559 857.69	552 342.74	-	-	333 512.12	778 688.31
R&B OPER. PREC. #1	43 923.04	65 691.48	-	-	51 973.15	57 641.37
R&B OPER. PREC. #2	25 132.74	65 313.45	-	-	37 565.01	52 881.18
R&B OPER. PREC. #3	43 278.90	64 822.46	-	-	54 525.52	53 575.84
R&B OPER. PREC. #4	6 721.62	64 623.38	-	-	48 330.40	23 014.60
CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUND #40	-0-	5 170.76	-	-	6 996.18	-1 825.42
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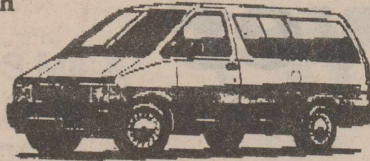
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Names of candidates for each office will be listed in the Political Calendar in the order that they are received at the newspaper office.

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GARAGE SALE: January 15th only, in Sylvester 1/2 mile North of blinking light. Lots of miscellaneous and other items, clothes, tools, bedding, odd items. 50:1tc

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TUESDAY: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Peach Halves, Corn Meal Twist, Chocolate Cake.
WEDNESDAY: Burritos/Chili & Cheese, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Peanut Butter Cookies.
THURSDAY: Salisbury Steak & Brown Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Hot Rolls, Banana Pudding.
FRIDAY: Hamburgers with Cheese, Hamburger Salad, Homemade French Fries, Almond Butter Cookies.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU January 17-21, 1994

MONDAY: Steak Fingers & Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Okra, Fruit, Hot Rolls, Milk.
TUESDAY: Hot Dog W/Chili, French Fries, Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Bun, Milk.
WEDNESDAY: Fish W/Tarter Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Fruit, Bread, Milk.
THURSDAY: Texas Casserole, French Fries, Salad, Apple Crunch, Bread, Milk.
FRIDAY: Pizza, Green Beans, Salad, Brownie, Bread, Milk.

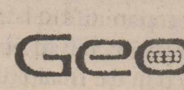
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Stop awarding Pell Grants to undeserving criminals

Six years ago, a police officer and his wife living in Colebrookdale, Pa. adopted a 15-year-old daughter. But with their late start, Dana and Amanda Dotterer weren't able to save adequately for college expenses. Under current law, since the Dotterers have a combined annual income of \$46,000, their daughter can't qualify for a federal education stipend known as a Pell Grant. So they borrow to pay tuition, and their daughter lives at home and commutes to the local Penn State campus to save on room and board expenses. The borrowing strains the Dotterer's family budget, but like millions of American parents, they are sacrificing in order to give their daughter the best possible start in life.

Patrolman Dotterer was outraged recently when he learned the criminals he puts behind bars can get the Pell Grant that his daughter can't. While the Dotterers and other parents struggle to pay for their children's college educations, some of their hard-earned tax dollars are being used to give free educations to convicts.

Last year, even after Congress boosted funding and reduced the maximum grant amount, more than 1 million income-eligible applicants were denied Pell Grants. This number doesn't include millions more who, like the Dotterer's daughter, weren't eligible because family income exceeded program limits by a few thousand dollars.

Pell Grants are intended to help students from families of modest means: 95 percent of Pell Grant recipients have family annual incomes of less than \$30,000, and 70 percent have yearly incomes less than \$15,000.

But Pell Grant funding for prisoners has exploded recently, from about \$1 million in 1980 to the estimated \$200 million last year. This \$200 million could have provided education assistance to more than 100,000 additional law-abiding students. Pell Grants are awarded on a needs basis, and because convicts have no income, they go directly to the front of the line.

A recent series of articles in the Pottstown (Pa.) Mercury depicted a huge array of Pell Grant abuses and outrages. Scores of trade and technical schools have sprung up with curricula aimed directly at prison inmates with Pell Grants. Some schools inflate tuitions so prisoners collect maximum Pell awards. Until belated reforms last year, some schools applied for and received Pell funds for prisoners' living expenses -- which were, of course, already being paid by correctional institutions.

The Pennsylvania newspaper series also described a number of particularly brutal murders of college students (while working at their summer jobs). Their killers -- "summa cum laude murderers" -- were subsequently convicted and earned college degrees, thanks to Pell Grants, while behind bars.

As a recent Texas newspaper editorial stated, "The bottom line is that the honest and the hard-working are being elbowed out of the way by the criminals. This blatant misuse of the grants needs to be stopped."

I agree, and that is why I offered a Senate anti-crime bill amendment to prohibit the U.S. Department of Education from awarding Pell Grants to anyone behind bars. I was pleased that my amendment was subsequently incorporated into the Senate version of the anti-crime legislation. Now it falls to a House-Senate conference committee to negotiate differences between the two chambers' bills. I am very hopeful the measure will be accepted by the House of Representatives and will be included in the final bill.

Putting an end to these practices is not a matter of turning our backs on those who want to pay their debts to society and rehabilitate themselves. The federal government spends some \$100 million now for this purpose, and states add to that. Instead, it's an issue of preserving opportunities for young people who have worked and studied to have an opportunity to go to college. It is also a matter of standing up for those who, like the Dotterers, make sacrifices so their children will have a better education than they were able to have.

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Fisher County Agricultural News

County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

Common perceptions of the "graying" of America's farmers have been confirmed by Census of Agriculture data. The Ag Census showed an increase in average age of farm operators from 50.5 to 52 years between 1982 and 1987, a decline in the number of farmers under age 25 from 62,336 to 35,851 and an increase in the number 65 or over from 400,000 to 447,000.

In 1987 more than 21 percent of all farmers were 65 or over. By comparison, only 3 percent of the total U.S. labor force is 65 or over. Self-employed workers tend to retire later than others, but even compared with self-employed workers (9 percent of whom are at least 65), farming has a large proportion of older persons. The trend toward older farmers began in the 1950s. The rapid off-farm migration of the 1950s left a relatively small number of young farmers and a large older cohort who had begun farming before the off-farm exodus began. Hence, the average age of farmers in the Census of Agriculture rose steadily from 46.5 years in 1940 to 51.7 in 1974, slightly less than 1987's average 52. Between 1964 and 1974 there were about 14 farmers 65 and over for every 10 farm operators under 35, compared with a ratio of 16 to 10 in 1987.

Concerns about aging farmers were temporarily allayed by an unusual influx of young farmers in the 1970s, due to a combination of farm sector prosperity, maturing of the "baby boom" cohort, and greater preference for rural living. The average age dropped between 1974 and 1978 from 51.7 to 50.3 before rising from 50.5 to 52 between 1982 and 1987. With the onset of the farm financial crisis in the 1980s, potential new young

entrants were discouraged by bleak financial prospects and scarce farm credit.

The most noticeable trend over the past several decades has been a steady decline in the number of middle-aged farmers. The number of farm operators 35 to 64 years old fell from 3.2 million in 1954 to under 1.4 million in 1987.

The number of young and older farmers has been more steady. The result is that farmers are more evenly distributed across age groups than they were in 1954. Changes in all age groups during recent years have been small in comparison with changes during the 1950s and 1960s. More recent Current Population Survey (CPS) data show continued decline in the number of under-35 farmers and farm managers between 1987 and 1990, and a fairly constant number of farmers 65 and over.

Adjustments in farm numbers take place primarily through changes in entry, which responds to earnings prospects and entry costs in farming compared with other occupations. In earlier decades, off-farm migration was common for farm families. Today exit is driven primarily through normal attrition of older farmers. Entry is concentrated among young people, and is more responsive to economic conditions than in exit.

Young people contemplating a career choice have more flexibility in responding to economic conditions than older people. All people, no matter what their occupation, become less likely to change jobs as they grow older. This means that when farm prospects are gloomy, farming tends to become "grayer" as fewer young people enter. When young people are attracted to farming, the profession becomes

younger. Reduced entry of young farmers was responsible for the faster decline in number of farms between 1982 and 1987 versus 1978-82. Much attention was given to farm exits during the 1980s, but overall, exits seem to have been stable between 1978 - 82 and 1982-87.

The effects of financial stress likely fell disproportionately on younger farmers. Younger farmers are more highly leveraged than older farmers, and many who entered during the boom years of the late 1970s borrowed heavily to purchase land at high prices. When land values fell, younger farmers encountered the greatest financial problems servicing debts at the high interest rates prevailing at the time. This is reflected by a noticeable increase in exits for 35 to 44 year old farmers. Forced exits were a small proportion of total farm exits in the 1980s.

Based on the 1987 age distribution and exit rates during 1978-87, net exits by farmers 55 and older should continue at a steady rate of about 48,000 per year through the 1990s.

Net entry of farmers 35 to 54 years old should be small. It's unlikely that net entry of those under 35 years would exceed 15,000 per year. Consequently, farm numbers should continue to decline from the current 2 million to 1.75 million by the year 2002.

Although the overall income and financial situations of the U.S. farms have improved during the past several years, entry of young farmers will likely remain low due to the poorer long-run prospects for farm careers compared with other occupations.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a decline of 224,000 self-employed farmers between 1990 and 2005.

Young people are responding by choosing other occupations, as indicated by declining enrollment in agricultural courses of study.

Traditionally, farm entrants have been drawn from the pool of young people who were raised on farms. The shrinking of this pool, due to past declines in farm birth rates and off-farm migration, is another factor contributing to low farm entry. The pool of potential farm entrants may shrink by 20 to 30 percent between 1992 and 1997.

Although farm production will likely continue to grow at a modest pace, fewer farm operators will be needed to produce any given amount of food and fiber. The large number of farmers who are 65 or over can be adequately replaced with a smaller number of new young farmers, because older farmers generally have smaller farms and produce less than younger farmers.

Farmers 65 and over had an average farm size of 520 acres and sales of \$49,500 in 1987, compared with 800 acres and \$144,000 for farmers aged 35 to 54 (comparing only those who principal occupation was farming). Many older farmers probably operate small-scale farms because they are partially retired.

Older farmers may also be less productive due to lower education levels and lower adoption rates of new technologies. In 1990, 44.3 percent of farmers 65 years and older had not completed high school, compared with 12 percent of those 25 to 34 years old. Only 22 percent of 65 and older farmers had post-high school education, compared with 40 percent of young farmers.

County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

Each year, the Extension Home Economics Committee reviews the concerns of the people of the county and selects several areas for programming. For 1994, the committee selected Environmental Issues for major programming. Programs that have been planned thus far for civic organizations and classrooms include What's In Our Trash and What Can We Do?, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle Trash, Don't Bag It, and Household Chemicals. Exhibits have been planned for the County Fair and various public places on Recycling and Waste Management. The committee hopes to establish some type of collection center and possibly have an environmental fair.

Plans are also made to provide foods, nutrition, and health programs for the Senior Citizen Center and Fisher County Hospital special interest groups.

The Home Economics Committee serves as an advisory board in planning and conducting these educational programs. Members include: Rheta

Thomson (chairman), Louise Martinez, Ann Moore, Beverly Rister, Jesydean Tabb, Maggie Briggs, Ron Kelly, Linda Schroedter, Betty Ehlers, Helen Thomburg, and Sherry McKimmey. Ann Moore and Sherry McKimmey attended a state wide training, "Trash Camp"; and will provide leadership for this programming.

If your organizations would like any of these programs, on any other programs in the area of home economics give me a call at 776-2171.

WASTE REDUCTION - ENVIROSHOPPING

What does the term "waste reduction" mean to you? A recent survey (1990) revealed two common responses to this question. Sixty percent of those surveyed made the obvious response of "decreasing waste." In their second response, 54 percent said it meant "recycling". Based on these answers, the report concluded that this term has no specific meaning to the public.

"Reduction", as it applies to waste

management and in its broadest sense, is having less stuff to throw away. Reduction strategies tend to focus on the consumer. Choosing purchases wisely will reduce the amount a person has to throw away.

Waste reduction is an important part of the solution to our solid waste problems. Waste reduction means reducing the amount or toxicity of waste produced. If we never make the waste in the first place, we never have to worry about disposing of it.

People want specific ways to reduce waste before it enters their homes. This means that you will be teaching them new ways to choose products.

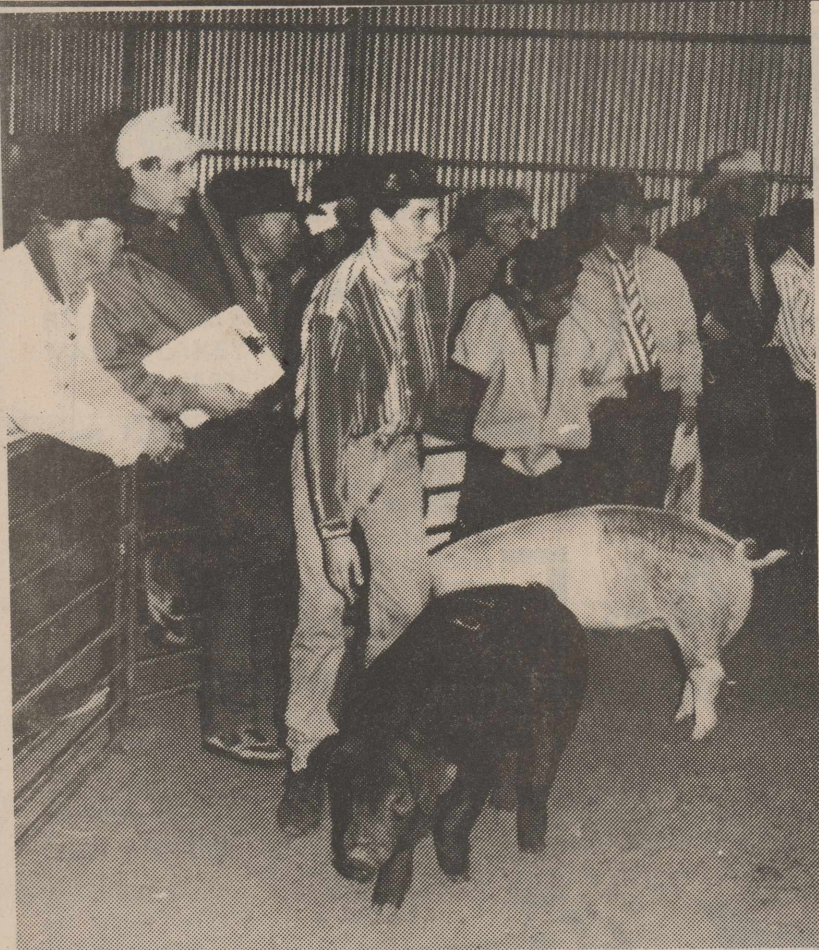
Reducing waste at the source is the most effective way to reduce household garbage. It's easier to manage garbage by preventing it from entering the home in the first place than to deal with it once it's there. Reducing waste this way is called waste reduction, or recycling. This is the first step in managing waste, therefore, the word

"pre" cycling. Besides reducing household waste, precycling can have an influence on energy and natural resource consumption. Precycling involves a three-step decision-making process about products and packaging. Decide first what you truly need and what is affordable. Then identify and compare the alternatives to buying new products. Finally, select the best product for the need and at the best price.

Packaging is a major contributor to municipal waste. It is the fourth largest industry in the United States and accounts for one-third of all solid waste. In 1960, there were 24 million tons of packaging in the waste stream. By 1980, this had risen to 42.1 million tons. If we cut down on the amount of packaging we buy we can reduce the amount of garbage we create. For example, we can buy products with the least packaging or buy fewer products. We also save the energy and resources needed to make products.

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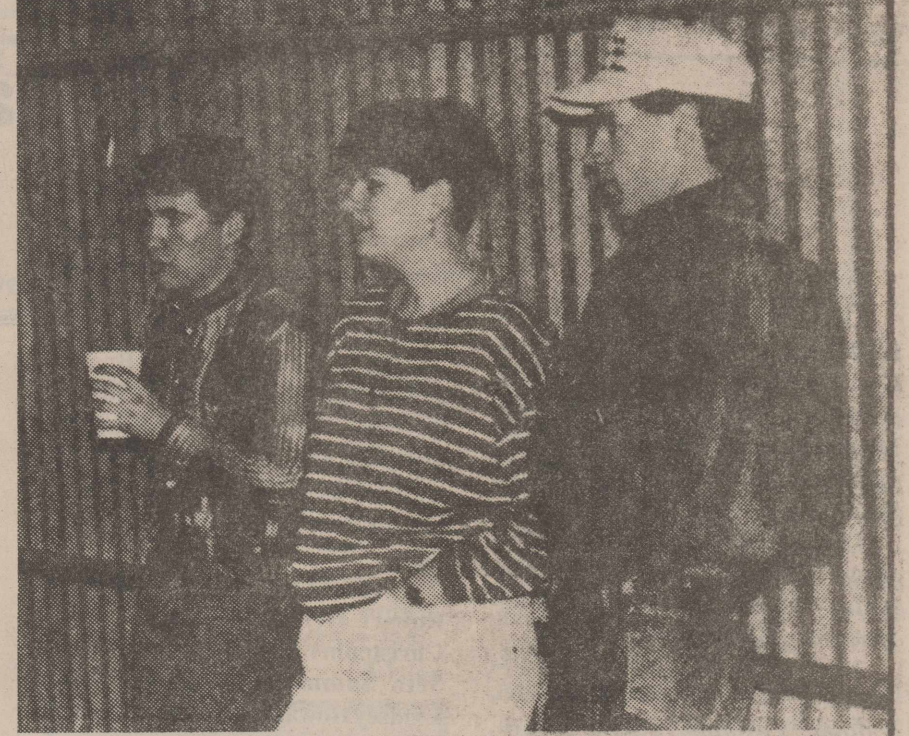
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STOCK SHOW WATCHERS: Left to right: Coby Moore, Shanna Feagan and Chuck Dannheim.



MY PANTS ARE POLKA DOTS TOO: Chelsey Callan, daughter of Larry and Cheryl Callan holds a Dalmation Puppy at the Stock Show.



GRIN FROM RICKEY: Kelly McWilliams, left receives a smile from Rickey Williams after her win at the Stock Show. Pictured in the middle is Tracy Posey.



RESTING ON FENCE: Carole Stuart, left and Katrina Rains rest on the fence at the Stock Show.

HEALTH NEWS

What Every Woman Should Know About Breast Cancer

Provided by Methodist Hospital

The American Cancer Society has named October Breast Health Awareness Month. One in nine American women will develop breast cancer.

Rebecca Butler, M.D., an obstetrician/gynecologist on Methodist Hospital's medical staff says, "Breast cancer cannot be prevented; but, like many other types of cancer, the disease is highly curable if diagnosed and treated before it can spread to surrounding tissue and lymph nodes."

While every woman should take the necessary steps to protect herself from breast cancer, particular caution is advised for women who:

- * Are over 50.
- * Have had cancer in one breast.
- * Have a family history of breast cancer (mother, sister, maternal grandmother, or aunt).
- * Had their first menstrual period before age 12.
- * Have never had children.
- * Had their first child after age 30.
- * Are overweight.
- * Have never breastfed.

There are three ways to protect yourself from breast cancer.

1. Monthly self-examination of both breasts.
2. Annual examination of the breasts by a physician.
3. Regular mammography.

Monthly self-examination and annual clinical examination by a physician should begin in late adolescence. Self-examinations should be done right after the menstrual period. Women who do not have periods should examine their breasts at the same time every month.

A mammogram is a low dose X-ray that can detect breast cancers when they are very small, long before they are noticeable to the touch. The American Cancer Society recommends that every woman have a baseline mammogram between the ages of 35 and 39; a mammogram every one to two years between 40 and 49; and annual mammograms after 50. More frequent mammography may be necessary with women who have symptoms or are considered high risk.

For more information about breast cancer, call 793-4199.

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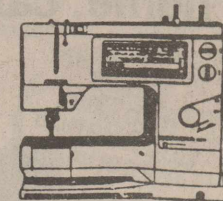
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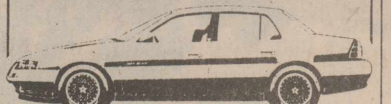
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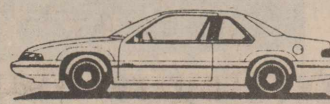
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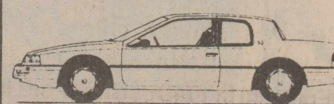
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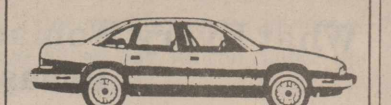
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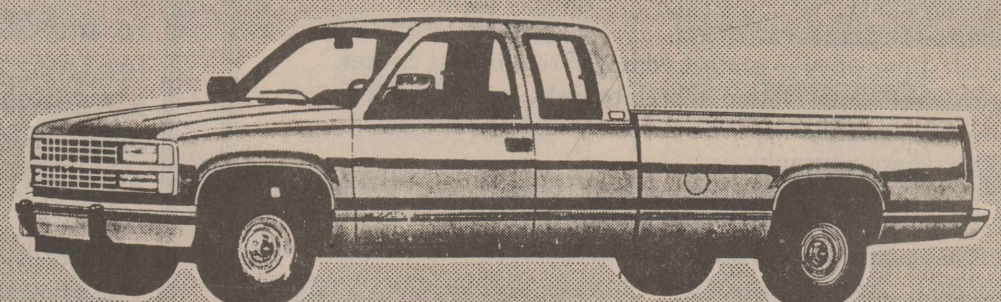
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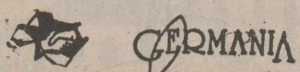


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Never clear the exit chute with your hands, even with the motor off. If the blades or other moving parts are under tension, they can still injure your fingers. Use a long broom handle instead.

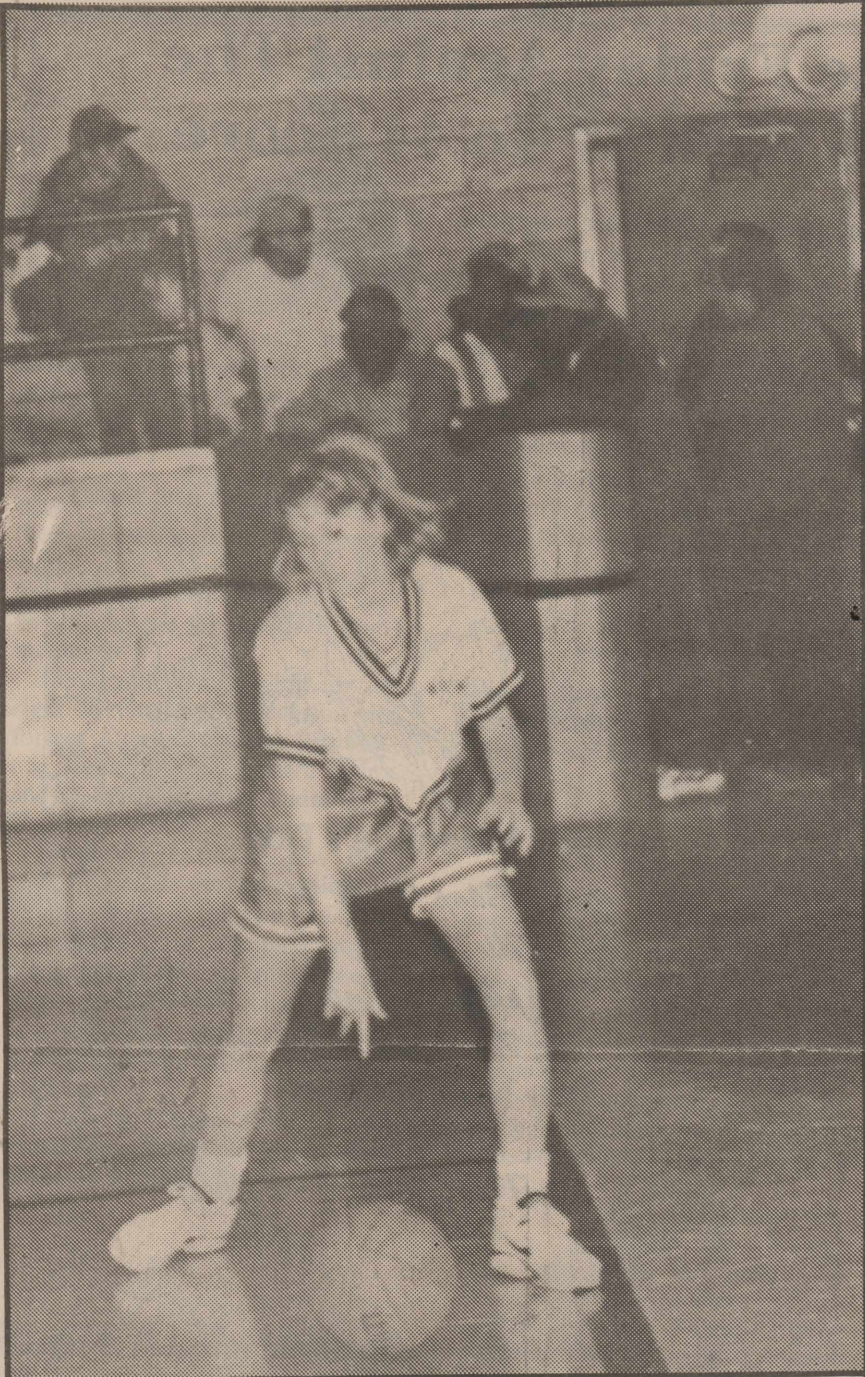
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PUMPS IN THE WINNING POINTS: Jennifer Rains, daughter of Greg and Patricia Rains, pumped in the winning two points in the first district basketball game of the season against Hamlin last week. Jennifer and the other members of the girls team had the unique experience of celebrating the first win over a district opponent in over two years. This Friday, the Rotan girls play on the road against Winters then host Hawley on Tuesday, January 18th.

Family Land Hertiage Program On January 21

Calling Texas farmers and ranchers a group of survivors, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry announced today that owners of 120 agricultural operations will be inducted into the Family Land Heritage Program during ceremonies that will celebrate the 20th anniversary honor roll.

Perry will present certificates to the 1993 honorees at a 2 p.m. ceremony Jan. 21 in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Auditorium at the University of Texas at Austin.

Sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Family Land Heritage Program recognizes families with farms or ranches in continuous agricultural production for at least 100 years.

"It is a great honor to be able to recognize our long-standing farm and ranch families," Perry said. "This program has been a testament to the endurance and tenacity of the Texas agricultural producer."

In recognition of the anniversary year, the department has invited all 2,749 previous honorees to the ceremony. "These are families that not only represent the history of agriculture but the history of Texas as well," Perry said.

The oldest operation in the Family Land Heritage Program is the Noriecititas

Ranch one-fourth mile southwest of Hebbronville in Jim Hogg County. Founded in 1740 by Simon de Hinojosa of Spain, the property is 36 years older than the American Declaration of Independence.

The oldest property being honored for 1993 is the El Toro Ranch in Duval County. Francisco and Juanita Garcia began operating the ranch in 1799, and today, the property is managed by the estate of Maria Concepcion Gonzales.

Brief histories of each agricultural operation are published in the Family Land Heritage Registry, which serves as a source of information for genealogists and historians across the state.

"Texas has been well rewarded by a firsthand glimpse into the history of our state's great agricultural industry and its traditions through the recollections and stories of our honorees," Perry said.

Among those qualifying from Fisher County is Ramby Farms-Vergie (Virginia) Ramby Weems, Rotan, Texas.

Abilene Selected As Site For "Capital For A Day"

Governor Ann Richards has selected Abilene as the site for her fourth "Capital for a Day" program on January 20, 1994. The program, designed to bring state government to the people of Texas, is the first one to be held in the western area of the state. The first three were held in Carthage, Paris and Clear Lake respectively.

"We are delighted that the first West Texas 'Capital for a Day' program will be held in Abilene," said Mayor Gary McCaleb. "It is an honor for us to host the governor and state agency heads and a unique opportunity for Abilene to play a small role in helping government reach the people in personal and meaningful way."

Virtually every major state agency

Acreage Reduction For Upland Cotton 11% For 1994

Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Espy, today announced that the acreage reduction percentage for 1994 crop upland cotton will be 11 percent. This is a 6.5 percentage point reduction from the preliminary level announced on November 1 and reflects tightened 1993 crop supplies resulting from a reduction in estimated U.S. and foreign cotton production in 1993. Espy said that the 11 percent acreage reduction for 1994 is projected by USDA to be the level which most closely conforms with applicable statutory requirements regarding the maintenance of a desirable end-of-year stock level.

The announced upland cotton acreage reduction percentage is lower than the preliminary level, so upland cotton producers in "early planting areas" will not be unfairly disadvantaged by the change. Producers in those areas will be required to comply with today's announced reduction in 1994 in order to be eligible for 1994 program benefits.

Cosmetology Class At WTC Begins March 1

The Western Texas College Cosmetology Department will begin a new class March 1 and prospective students are urged to pick up a Cosmetology Packet from the Student Services office located in the Learning Resource Center at WTC.

For the March class, interviews with prospective students will be Feb. 1. For the interview, an appointment should be made with instructor Judy Border.

Prospective students must take also a pre-entrance exam with the counseling office before admission.

Mrs. Border noted that it takes some six weeks to process and approve financial aid information and urged interested students to begin the application process as soon as possible.

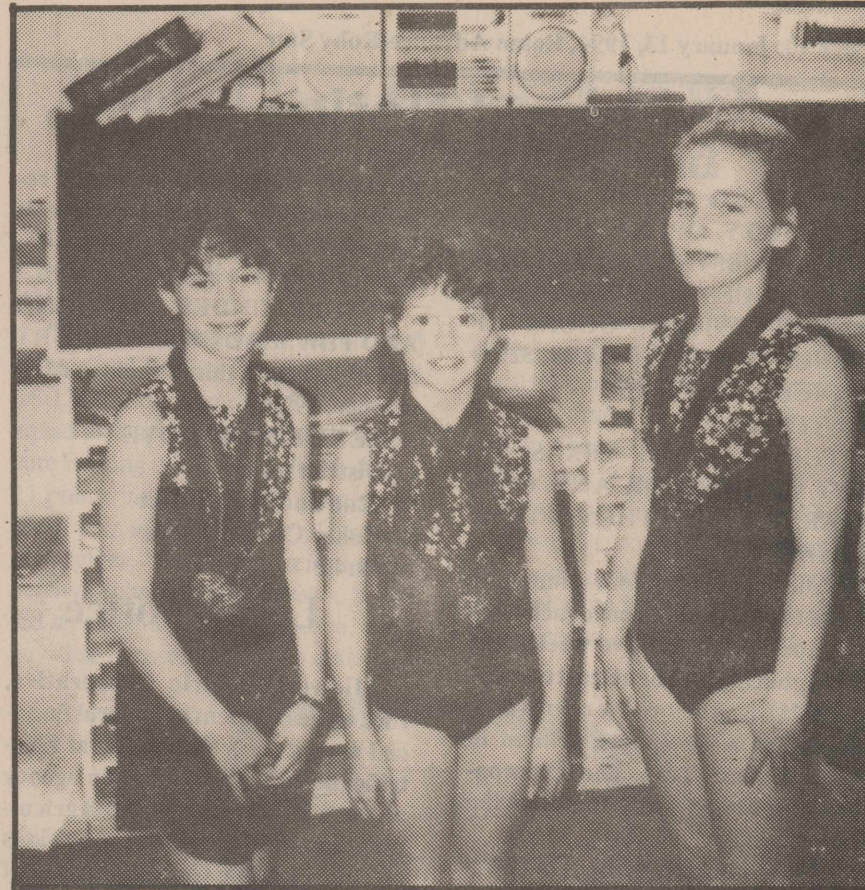
She may be reached at (915) 573-8511, ext. 263.

will set up shop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Abilene Civic Center to answer questions and address specific concerns of local citizens. "Our goal is to listen and to make ourselves available to the people of Texas," Richards said. "Local participation is critical to the success of the program. I encourage the citizens of the Abilene region to come to the Abilene Civic Center and personally tell those of us in government what's on their minds."

The day's events will culminate with a Town Hall meeting beginning at 7 p.m. in the Abilene Civic Center. Richards will make brief comments, then she and the agency heads will answer questions from the audience. Participants will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Expected participants are: Garry Mauro, Land Commissioner; Mary Scott Nabers, Railroad Commissioner; Skip Meno, Education Commissioner; Martha Whitehead, State Treasurer; John Hannah, Secretary of State; John Hall, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission; Cathy Bonner, Texas Department of Commerce; Robert Hunter, Commissioner of Insurance; Andrew Sansom, Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife; John Poulard, General Services Commission, which deals with state purchasing, building services, etc.; Richard Ladd, Texas Department of Health and Human Services; David Smith, Texas Department of Health; Burton Raiford, Commissioner of Human Services; Ronnie Krist, Texas Department of Public Safety; Bill Burnett, Texas Department of Transportation; Henry Flores, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Also expected are still-to-be named representative of the Attorney General's office, Comptroller's office and Public Utilities Commission.

Some officials also are expected to be available for tours or other activities in the community. Anyone interested in arranging such activities should make their requests in writing through the Abilene Chamber of Commerce. Charlie Dromgoole, chamber president, asked that the letters be sent to the Chamber at P.O. Box 2281, Abilene, 79604. The letters will be forwarded to the proper agency.



ACROSPIRITS: Members of the Acrospirits team competed at the Levelland Advanced meet on December 18th. Laci Day placed 4th in Tumbling, 6th in Trampoline and 5th in Double Mini. Terry Branch placed 3rd in Tumbling, 3rd in Trampoline, and 5th in Double Mini. Crystal Early placed 2nd in Tumbling, 2nd in Trampoline, and 4th in Double Mini. Pictured left to right are: Laci Day, Terry Branch and Crystal Early. The girls are coached by Sandy Hauff.

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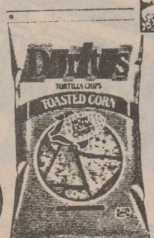
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Lady Lions Win Close One Friday Against The Sterling City Lady Eagles With 47 To 44 Score

The Lady Lions won a close one
Friday night against the Sterling City
Lady Eagles. The game was won on the
free throw line. The Lady Lions made
22 of their 26 free throw attempts to
give them a 85% free throw average.

The game started off with the Lady
Lions winning the tip. In the first
quarter Heidi Mims, Shawna McKee
and Monica Pullig scored. Heidi and
Shawna had 3 points, a bucket and a
free throw, while Monica had two
points. The quarter ended with Sterling
City 9 - Roby 8.

Fourteen points were scored by the
Lady Lions in the second quarter of
play. Shawna and Heidi again scored
in this time period. Shawna put in 3
buckets and two free throws to have a
total of 8 points. Heidi put in two
buckets. Sophomore Kelly McWilliams
also scored after she rebounded a shot
from Tanya McClure. At the end of the
half the Lady Lions led 29 to 28.

The third quarter was a little slow
for the Lady Lions, as they were able to
score only 7 points. Karen Stearns
made 5 of these points. Two buckets

and a free throw. The other two points
came from Shawna as she made both of
her free throws.

The final quarter saw the Lady Li-
ons on the free throw line more than
anywhere else. There was a total of 18
points scored in the fourth quarter by
Roby. All but 3 of these points came
from free throws. Tanya McClure
ripped a 3 pointer in the last 4 minutes

of play. She also made four free throws.
Also making their free throws was
Shawna, Karen, and Monica. The best
free throw shooting came from Carolyn
Atkinson. Carolyn was 6 for 6 on the
line. Her six free throws in the final two
minutes of the game are what sealed the
victory for the Lady Lions. Roby won
47 to 44.

Roby plays Spur here Tuesday.

Roby School Honor Roll

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FOURTH GRADE: April Campa,
Tara Carey, Danelle Evans, Bryan
Kenyon, Klay McWilliams.

FIFTH GRADE: Jeremy Griffith,
Melissa Griffith, Kristy Kitchens,
Juan Leyva, Perla Sanches.

SIXTH GRADE: Karen Carriker.

"A/B"

THIRD GRADE: Kristyn Evans,
Jacob Foil, Nikki Mays, Gregory
Melton, Natasha Pippin, Cody Polk,
Jessica Salinas, Lyndi Stuart, Bryant
Terry, Toby Terry, Josh Williamson.

FOURTH GRADE: Kasey Crill,
Kristy Fournier, Irene Gonzales,
Nathan Ramon, Benita Vanderpool.

FIFTH GRADE: Brittany Carey,
Brent Douglass, Curt Douglass, Jen-
nifer Griffith, Sandy Kiser, Lance
Moore, Justin Smith, Teryn Terry,
Josh Waldon.

SIXTH GRADE: Arthur Cadena,
Ike Crill, Paul Egly, Adam Gomez,
Leigha Hansen, Alicia Ortega,
Wesley Pullig, Nikki Reed, Clinton
Smith, Julie Terry.

ROBY JR. HIGH
THIRD SIX WEEKS
HONOR ROLL

"All A"

SEVENTH GRADE: Kristi Bond,
Sarah Boyd, Denise Caswell, Autumn

Daniel, Amanda Johnson, Rosa
Sanches.

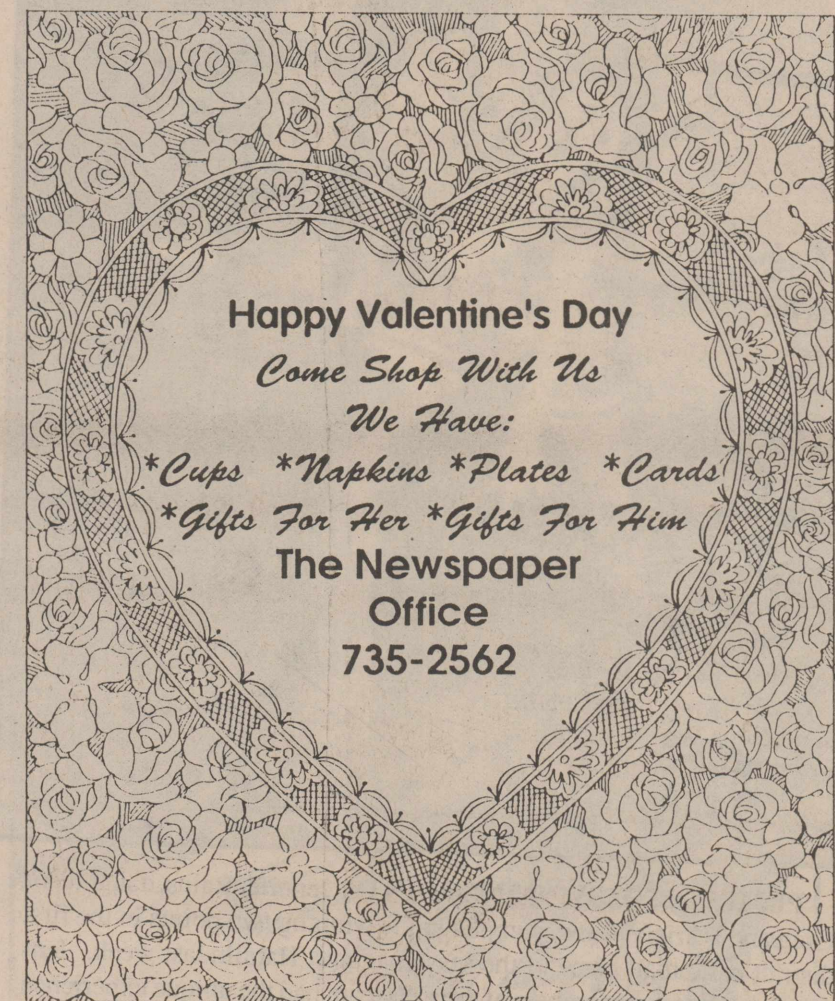
EIGHTH GRADE: Jaycee Carey,
Billy Floyd, Wendy Harwell, Latrice
Moffett.

"A/B"

SEVENTH GRADE: Wesley
Arnold, June Campa, Ashley
Douglass, Micah Evans, Richard
Gaona, Meggan Herron, Lance
McWilliams, Cassie Terry, Chasity
Valenzuela, Shelton Waldon.

EIGHTH GRADE: Candice
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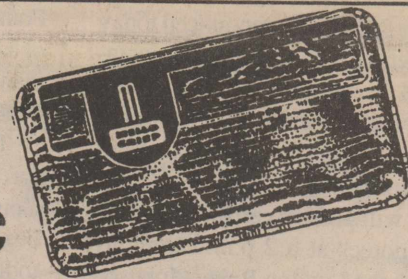
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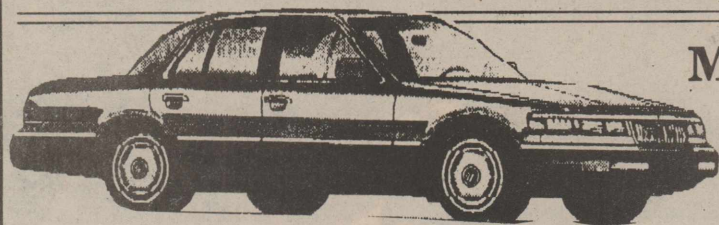
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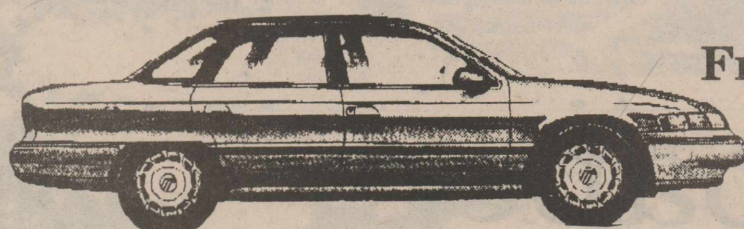
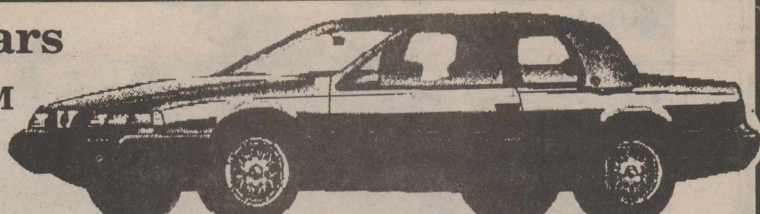
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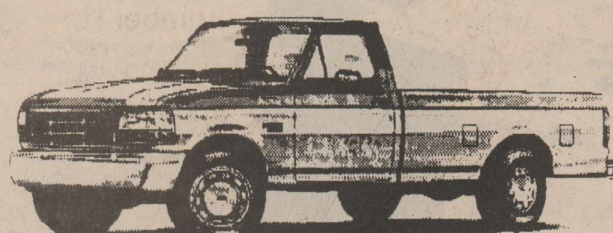
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by Joy Walker.....
Well Monday was the almost perfect day, with no wind and lots of sunshine, but probably a number of the farmers would disagree. Their idea of a perfect day would be where it rained all day and all night. We are really getting dry and need a good soaking rain. These windy days we have been having are like March, and the sand has been blowing especially where the stalks have been cut.

A very happy anniversary to Roxie

HOSPITAL NEWS

ADMITTED

Janet Kamer-Rotan; Louisa Carrillo-Rotan; Erma L. Harrison- Jayton; Bartlett Strayhorn-Rotan; Lena Feagan-Rotan; Tony Hernandez-Rotan; Charlie W. Smith- Roby; Dolores Amador-Rotan; Christopher Gilbert-Rotan; Lee Scott Smith- Rotan; John Sharp- Rotan; Betty Strickland- Rotan.

DISMISSED

Lunette Goforth- Roby; Floyd Wood- Roby; William E. Partin- Rotan; Janet Kamer-Rotan; Joann Ochoa-Rotan; Wendell Morrow- Rotan; Mike Herron- Sylvester; Lena Feagan- Rotan; Troy Gruben- Sylvester; Ernest Roberts- Rotan; Tony Hernandez- Rotan; Lee Scott Smith- Rotan; Bartlett Strayhorn- Rotan; Jane Sparks- Rotan; Christopher Gilbert- Rotan.

and Sam Etheredge who have been married 60 years on Monday, 10th. Sunday morning the Barretts, Wendell and Anne, Jackie and Lori Barrett and the J.W. Etheredges and Randy Etheredge and Cody, had a breakfast buffet at Sam and Roxie's to help Sam and Roxie celebrate.

On the 26th of December Sam and Roxie had a big crowd at their house to celebrate Christmas. Those there were: Anne and Wendell Barrett, Charlotte Barrett who was here from Wyoming, Jackie and Lori Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Corby Barrett and family from Missouri, and Tania Barrett from Lubbock. Also Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge, Mr. and Mrs. David Etheredge and family from Levelland, and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Etheredge and their family. So they really had a big get together and enjoyed all the visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Etheredge and their family all attended the Rehab Telethon on Saturday night and they really enjoyed it.

Dianne Ratliff stayed home all last week, as she was sure sick with the flu, but she is feeling much better now, and is ready to go back to work. Jim Ratliff is in Las Vegas playing Wheelchair Basketball. He left Friday and came back Sunday.

Mrs. Louise Martinez was in the Hamlin Hospital for three days last week. She has really been sick, but is

beginning to feel much better now. She went in the hospital on Monday, and got to come home Wednesday. Tachi and Steve Warren from Snyder, Stephanie and Sabrina visited with Louise on Sunday. Louise's brother-in-law, Zeke Barrera who is from Houston has had a bad stroke, so Louise reports. Mary and Emilio Martinez from Abilene were here and attended Ivy Jones' funeral.

Ivy Jones, a long time resident of our community passed away at the home of his son, Joe, in Midland last Monday, January 3rd. Funeral services were held in Rotan with burial in the Belvieu Cemetery. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Ivy's family.

The Gary Daniels went to Odessa Wednesday as Odell, Gary's dad, had surgery that day. Gary stayed in Odessa to be with his dad, while Kathie and the kids returned home Wednesday night. Then they left after school on Friday and spent the weekend in Odessa. They all returned home Sunday night; Gary's dad is doing real well, and we hope that he will continue to improve.

Saw Brad Maule of General Hospital on the Rehab Telethon Saturday night. Brad's parents are George and Josie Maule of Camp Springs and they attended the Telethon. Brad sang three songs from his new album. Sure enjoyed them and seeing him.

Well this is all for this week, maybe next week it will be wet when I type this, sure hope so.



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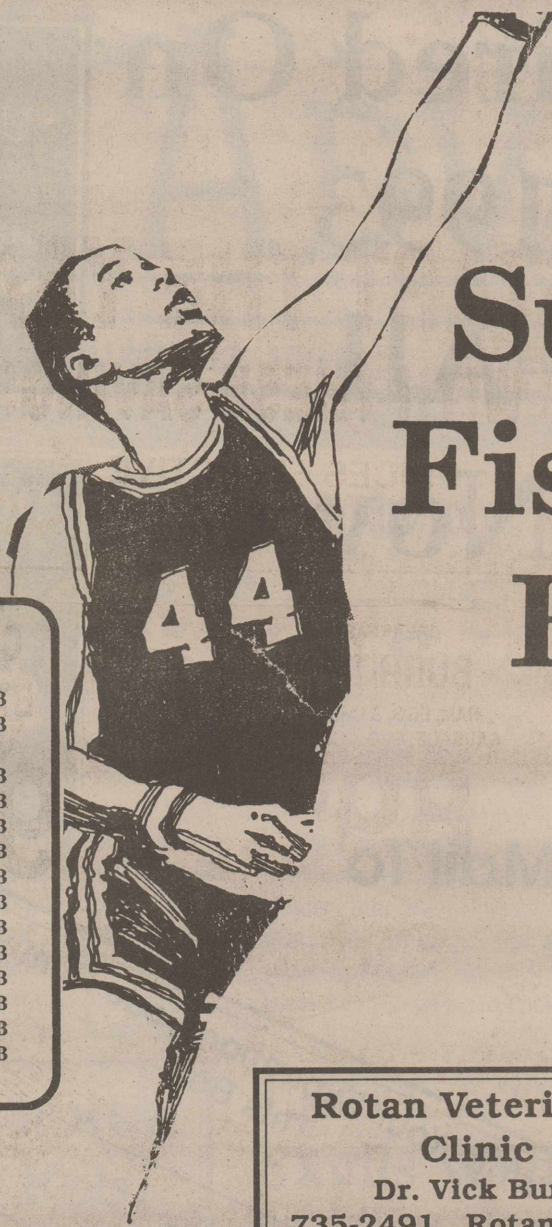
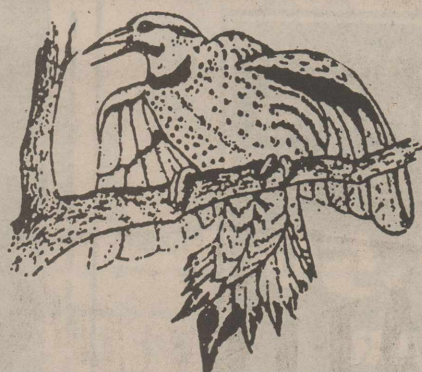
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1993-94 ROTAN YELLOWHAMMER HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE				
Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Teams
Dec. 17	Hermleigh	Here	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
*Dec. 21	Jim Ned	There	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
Dec. 30-Jan 1	Jayton Tourney	T.B.A.		VG-VB
*Jan. 4	Hamlin	Here	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
*Jan. 7	Haskell	There	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
*Jan. 11	Anson	Here	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
*Jan. 14	Winters	There	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
*Jan. 18	Hawley	Here	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
*Jan. 21	Stamford	There	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
*Jan. 25	Jim Ned	Here	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
*Jan. 28	Hamlin	There	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
*Feb. 1	Haskell	Here	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
*Feb. 4	Anson	There	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
*Feb. 8	Winters	Here	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
*Feb. 11	Hawley	There	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
*Feb. 15	Stamford	Here	5:00	JVB-VB

1993-94 ROBY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE				
Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Teams
Dec. 17	Munday	There	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
Dec. 21	Eula	There	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
Dec. 28	A.C.H.S.	Here	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
Dec.-Jan. 30-31-1	Hamlin Tourney	T.B.A.		VG-VB
Jan. 4	Eula	Here	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
Jan. 7	Sterling City	There	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
Jan. 11	Spur	Here	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
Jan. 14	Baird	There	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
Jan. 17	Hawley	Here	6:30	Fr. B
Jan. 18	Aspermont	Here	4:00	JVG-JVB-VG-VB
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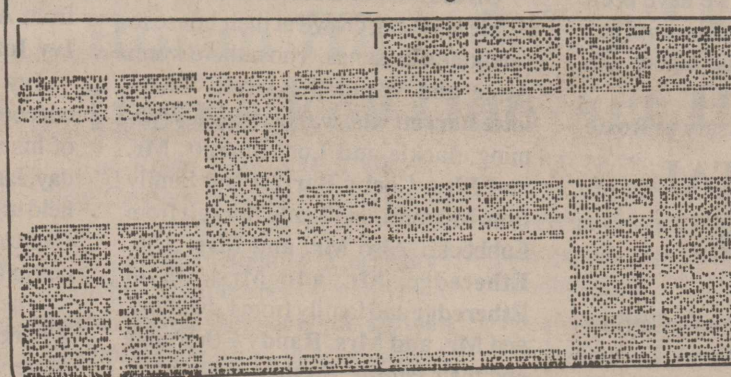
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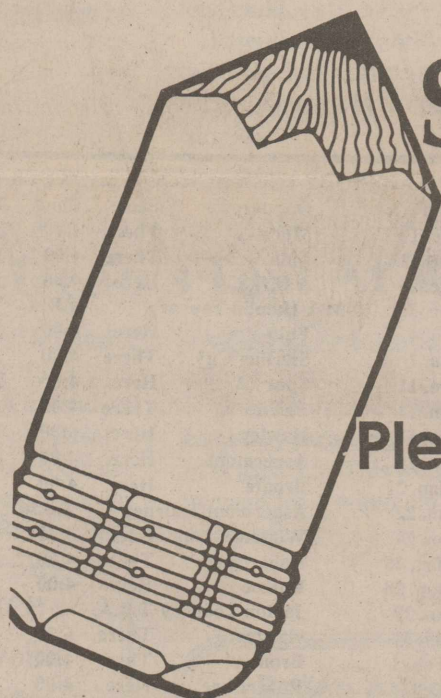
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