



CONGRATULATIONS: To Doug Reeves and all the Little League coaches and managers. Hard work has paid off, the field and area surrounding the field is looking tremendous. Not only do we have a summer of local Little League play, this is our year to host the area playoffs. Thanks to the coaches, managers and parents for all the hard work at the field.

WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION: Kenny Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin of Roby and husband of Jackie (Martinez) Martin of Rotan is back on native soil. He got to the United States around April 10th and got to Fisher County a few days later. Roby school kids 'tipped their hats' to Martin in appreciation for not only what he did but for the sacrifices and contributions of the entire United States Military and Allied commands. That appreciation ceremony was simple and took place last Friday afternoon.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Jan Posey, daughter of Carol Posey of Rotan. She was NAIA honorable mention All-American, one of four, from Lubbock Christian University. She is a junior physical therapy major at LCU.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS: Tremendous job. Congratulations to Greg Rains, director, the full support crew and actresses Gwen Helms, Jennifer Kincaid, Jaye Neice Clements, Shannon Boone, Barbara Gray and Sheila Murphree. The hard work showed. You missed out - if you didn't go.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Lawrence Ramirez of Rotan. He ran a 26 mile marathon in Abilene in 3 hours 58 minutes and 26 seconds. Quite an accomplishment.

LOCAL FOLKS NEED TO VOTE: We have been honored by a host of people who have placed their name on the school board, city council races. We as citizens need to go to the polls on Saturday, May 4th and vote. Absentee voting opened on Monday, April 15th - there really is not an excuse for not voting.

CONTEST COMPLETED: The members of the Sunday School Department of the First United Methodist Church of Rotan conducted a 6-week attendance contest. Those with perfect attendance included: Bethany Clements, Rebecca Duke, Michele Dunaway, Angela Williams, Scott Tandy, Brian Nowlin, Cody Murphree, Heather Williams, Sarah Williams, Guy Duke, Bradey Murphree, Lori Tandy, Deon Duke, Dawn Tandy, Taronna Dunaway, Brandy Long, Mark Marshall and Valeska Weems.

SIGNIFICANT MOVE: The members of the Fisher County Hospital Board, in the spirit of cooperation and goodwill, voted to go along with a request from Dr. Ernie Atkins that a \$41,500 balance on a loan made to him while he was in medical school, be forgiven. Dr. Atkins has practiced in Fisher County for three years and agreed, if the loan were forgiven, to practice at the Fisher County Clinic for at least another year. Dr. Ernie Atkins and Dr. Maurice Callan are moving their practices to the Fisher County Doctor's Clinic at the Fisher County Hospital. They will be utilizing facilities at the hospital, taking advantage of certified laboratory and x-ray technicians and calling the Doctor's Clinic "home" beginning around June 1st. That date could change by a few weeks, but more will be carried in this paper as the firm date approaches. Board members are interested in securing one more physician for the Fisher County Hospital Doctor's Clinic to practice side-by-side with Dr. Callan and Dr. Atkins. The board is staking a lot on this new plan. They feel this could be the move that cements the medical future of Fisher County. Seems like we need a good move - we've had our share of bums, medically, for a long time. Hope they gambled correctly. Regardless, they are in there plugging. Keep after it guys, you'll finally hit on something that will click - this may very well be it.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: April 18 - 24. April 18th - Clyde South, Icie
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Move May Take Place By June 1st.

Dr. Atkins, Dr. Callan Moving Practices To County Hospital Doctor's Clinic

The members of the Fisher County Hospital Board voted to re-open the ultra sound department at the Fisher County Hospital; they voted to spend \$11,889.85 remodeling the Fisher County Hospital Doctor's Clinic area and agreed to forgive a \$41,500 loan the hospital district made to Dr. Ernie Atkins while he attended medical

Roby Revamps Textbook Comm. After Discussion

The members of the Roby School Board, after going into executive (closed) session on two occasions at their meeting last week; had a big discussion concerning the purchase of text books and the naming of members to the text book committee.

Morris Expresses Displeasure

Dr. David Morris, expressed his displeasure in learning that the textbook committee, before being approved by the board, had functioned to purchase books for the 1991-92 year. Dr. Morris indicated that the approval (of the textbook committee) after the fact, was not healthy, in his opinion, at all. Dr. Morris felt that a representative of the high school building should be on the committee and that school counselor Glenna Stuart should be a member of the selection committee.

The committee purchased a biology text book to be used next year in junior high.

Last Tuesday, after the committee had been functioning, the board was asked to approve the members of the text book committee. Dr. Morris objected to the functioning of a committee prior to the committee being approved.

Counselor Stuart Added

The textbook committee issue was resolved after Jeff McClure made a motion, seconded by Lance McWilliams to "Name Glenna Stuart to the Roby Textbook Committee for 1991-92, and approve the remainder of the members - Superintendent, high school principal/textbook custodian, Steve Lewis, Kathy Carriker, Karen Counts, Roxie Herron, Kay Moore, LoVelle Stuart, Patrese Bolton and Sandra Pullig."

The motion to adopt the textbook committee was approved 5-1. Voting for were: David Boyd, Jeff McClure, Lance McWilliams and Andy Moore. Voting against was Dr. David Morris and absent and not voting was Marie Henry.

Executive Session

Board members went into executive closed session at 7:40 p.m., under Article 6252-17 Section 2G, Vernon's Annotated Texas Statutes to discuss personnel. The board, while in closed session, met with Phil and Becky Elmore. When the board re-convened in open session Board President David Boyd announced that no action had been taken in closed session. Boyd did mention that a letter, received by the board from the Elmore's, had been put on file.

Board members approved the minutes of the March meeting; approved the payment of bills presented and accepted the monthly tax status report.

The board approved a quarterly evaluation review for probationary contract personnel. Probationary personnel will be approved four times a year. At the end of the first through the fourth six-week sessions.

Board members, for the second time, went into closed executive session under Article 6252-17 V.A.T.S., section 2G relating to personnel at 8:40 p.m. Board members met with Ron Francis during a portion of that period and entered back into open session at 10:10 p.m., announcing that no action was taken in executive session.

Building Principal Reports

In the report by building principal section of the agenda, Guy Nelson, high school principal and Joe Joplin, elementary principal, made a presentation concerning updating the science curriculum in both the elementary and secondary building. Board members are to review the proposal and further discuss the update in May.

The meeting ended with board members discussing with Superintendent Price the possible ramifications of the new finance plan on Roby Consolidated ISD.

school.

Dr. Atkins Note Forgiven

The Fisher County Hospital District, over a period of approximately 2 1/2 years, sent money, (in the form of a loan), to Dr. Ernie Atkins, while he was attending medical school in Fort Worth. Dr. Atkins was to pay the loan back at \$1,000 a month. The agreement stated that Dr. Atkins was to practice medicine in Fisher County for five years. After Dr. Atkins and the Fisher County

Hospital Board failed to reach a contract renewal agreement, whereby Dr. Atkins would practice medicine at the Fisher County Doctor's Clinic, the status of the note stayed in limbo.

What began as a \$50,000 loan was reduced by Dr. Atkins to \$41,500. The full remaining balance of the note was forgiven last Monday night by unanimous vote of the board members. Dr. Atkins is to move his medical practice back out to the Fisher County Doctor's

Clinic, as will Dr. Maurice Callan, around June 1st.

The relationship the board has with both Dr. Atkins and Dr. Callan will be different than it has had with other doctors utilizing space at the clinic in the past. Both Dr. Atkins and Dr. Callan will continue to be in private practice and will only be utilizing office space at the Fisher County Doctor's Clinic.

Ultra - Sound Machine
Board members discussed purchasing an ultra sound machine. Discussed a used foreign made model, but decided to further investigate the possibility of purchasing a new machine or used American made model. The decision to re-open the ultra sound department was made. Administrator Arla Jeffcoat indicated that plans are to continue.
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Rotan City Council Votes To Inactivate Delinquent Tax Roll Up To 1971 Year

"The action does not mean that the taxes are forgiven, the taxes are still due, we're just not going to be taking as aggressive an approach to delinquent collection."Rotan Mayor Marshall

The members of the Rotan City Council, during regular session on Tuesday night, April 10th, voted to inactivate the delinquent tax roll from 1939 to 1971. The action means that notices will not be mailed and solicitation not given a priority for the past due taxes from 1939 until 1971. "The action does not mean that the taxes are forgiven, the taxes are still due, we're just not going to be taking as aggressive an approach to delinquent collection," said Mayor Jerry Marshall.

Mayor Recommendation

Upon recommendation of Mayor Jerry Marshall, the Rotan City Council members, approved the appointment of Harold Sanders as a members of the Rotan Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Sanders is manager of Glen's Thriftway.

The council approved a resolution concerning Southwestern Bell and a Texas Municipal League steering committee concerning franchise fees.

Council members agreed to rent the old Rotan Police Department building (immediately West of The Newspaper Office) to Lone Star Gas for \$300 a year. The rent agreement is contingent upon Lone Star officials approving the plan.

'Fire Protection Fund' Discussed

Rotan council members discussed the 'fire protection fund'. There has been some misunderstanding and considerable confusion on the name of the fund and exactly where the collected funds go. Mayor Marshall contends that the fund is for 'capitol improvement' and was originally set up to purchase a fire truck. After the fire truck was purchased and paid for, the \$1.00 a month was diverted to purchasing containers for the new trash collection system.

Some individuals are still of the opinion that the 'fire protection fund' money, about \$900 a month, is going to the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Marshall wants the 'fire protection fund' discussion to continue at the next council meeting in May. He asked that councilmen consider (a.) re-naming the \$1.00 a month collection to capitol improvement, (b.) dropping the collection all together or (c.) keeping the 'fire protection' fund name and using the funds exclusively for fire department items.

Rotan Councilmen set the date of May 7th, Tuesday, to canvass the results of the May 4th election.

Council members spent considerable time discussing the health insurance plan concerning former City Sec-

retary Kenneth Vann. No decision was reached. New City Secretary Joe Dickson is to talk with Vann and Mayor Marshall in late April to attempt to come up with a workable solution to the insurance item.

Holiday Schedule Approved

Rotan Council members granted a 1991 Rotan City holiday schedule of seven paid holidays plus added a new 'employee birthday' paid day off. The 1991 holidays include: New Year's Day - Jan. 1; Memorial Day - May 27th; Independence Day - July 4th; Labor Day - Sept. 2nd; Thanksgiving Day - Nov. 28th and Christmas Holiday - December 24 & 25. Employees will begin receiving a paid day off during the month of their birthday in 1991.

Charles Atwell made a motion seconded by Bob Greenlee to promote Rodney Denton, Jr., as assistant water superintendent replacing David Ferrell. The promotion became effective on April 15th. Denton will be paid a salary of \$1,290 a month. The promotion was unanimous with Council member Emma Denton abstaining.

Trash Receptacles Needed

Mayor Marshall indicated a need to purchase some additional trash containers for use in town. With the recent construction of several more housing units by the federal government, the existing receptacles have been all used. Marshall was interested in contracting to have 10-12 new receptacles constructed. City Secretary Joe Dickson is to check into the trash receptacles further.

Councilmen reviewed the sewer department, garbage department, golf department, street department and park department on Tuesday night.

In the area of streets, Mayor Marshall reviewed an incident involving a local residents who may have been injured while jogging in early hours. The injury took place when the resident tripped in a street pot hole.

Pool Personnel Named

The council reviewed a tentative Rotan Swimming Pool list of summer personnel. The 1991 Rotan Pool manager is to be Ernest Armstrong while Vanessa Peek is scheduled to be the lifeguard. Season ticket prices are to be left at \$25 for 11 and under and \$25 for

12 and over. Individual day tickets are .75 cents for 11 and under and \$1.25 for 12 and over.

The payment of the Rotan Community Center deficit of \$797.39 was approved by board members.

Fiscal Budget Period Changed

In final action the council reviewed a proposal by Mayor Jerry Marshall and City Secretary Joe Dickson to

Roby Lions Club Celebrating 50th Anniversary On April 25

On Thursday night, April 25th, the members of the Roby Lions Club will celebrate their 50th anniversary, according to Lion President Horace Curlee.

Curlee indicated that the Roby Lion's Club was chartered in March of 1941 and that the special 50th Anniversary celebration was an event that is eagerly being looked forward to by all club members.

Chamber Trade Day Saturday

The members of the Rotan Chamber of Commerce will hold the monthly "Trade Day" this Saturday, April 20th, according to Tommy Harbin, Rotan Chamber official.

The trade day is an opportunity for

switch the fiscal year budget period to October 1 through September 30th.

The Council reviewed a request by Paulo Carrillo to purchase a strip of Rotan City owned land at the back of his home. No action was taken on the request.

Cottonwood Flats Cemetery Assoc. Work Day Saturday

The annual Cottonwood Flats Cemetery cleaning will be Thursday morning, April 18th. Interested people are asked to attend.

"We have issued invitations to all surrounding clubs, special guests, the meal will be catered and for the program a song group from Western Texas College will perform," said Curlee.

Curlee, serving as president this year, first served as the President of the Roby Lion's Club in 1955.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., on April 25th.

area interested individuals to buy, sell or trade merchandise.

Several activities are to take place in town on Saturday morning.

Anyone desiring additional information can contact Tommy Harbin or Monte Morrow.

Sheriff Counts Announces The Recovery Of \$10,000 In Goods

Fisher County Sheriff Mickey Counts announced this week that approximately \$10,000 in merchandise stolen over several months from Fisher County locations has been recovered.

Counts indicated that three individuals were in custody of Tom Green County officials on suspicion of being involved with the theft of over \$10,000 in merchandise from numerous locations in Fisher County.

The individuals in custody are: Jimmie O'Brien, age 49 of Miles, Beverly O'Brien, age 39 of Miles and Earl Barnes, age 52 of San Angelo.

The trio was charged with burglary of merchandise from Cross Roads Baptist Church, Capitola Community Center, 2 burglaries of Precinct 4 County Barn at Capitola, J.H. McHancy residence in Sylvester, Terry Gin, Brad Stuart Farm, W.A. Cross of Sylvester and the Precinct #3 Barn.

Counts indicated that the names will be brought before the Fisher County Grand Jury this week.

The trio allegedly stole lawn equipment, satellite receiver station, a trailer, a pick-up, a diesel transfer pump, butane bottles, tools, socket sets, impact wrench sets and miscellaneous farm equipment amounting to over \$10,000, according to Counts.



State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

With a court deadline facing them, lawmakers late last week voted mainly along party lines to approve a school finance reform bill which the governor promised to sign immediately.

A huge sigh of relief rippled through Democratic ranks as the final vote sealed the \$1.3 billion proposal, much as a tardy student might heave in handling in a long overdue term paper.

Relieved they were, but not especially proud or supportive of the hard-won compromise.

Even if the measure is approved by the court this week, the biggest unknown factor is how voters will react when large property tax increases kick in.

One member observed: This is unprecedented in Texas history: the Texas Supreme Court, holding a shotgun on the Legislature, forced it to raise local school property taxes with successive hikes over four years.

The resentment many lawmakers, particularly House members, feel toward the court is deep. Certainly, political careers may die over this vote alone.

The Good News

The good news is that it's over for now and members can get on with other business in the six weeks that remain.

It has also opened the door to tax reform; many think that too many dedicated funds have left lawmakers with discretionary control over only 16 percent of the state budget.

And in school districts, where necessities are short and frills are nonexistent, the bill is a rainbow of hope.

The Bad News

On the down side, many lawmakers think a new state income tax is much closer to reality now.

Others are worried that court liberals, in their zeal to interpret equality, have blazed a dangerous trail intruding too deep in local affairs and emulating federal judges.

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Hughes, Sim Groves; 19th - Pat & Rudy Hamric Anniversary; 20th - LaVonja Nepper, Beverly Landes, Scott Tandy; 21st - Jamie Grisham, Carol Greenway; 22nd - LaRue Vann, Willie Rivers, Peggy Arnwine and Sherry Mize; 23rd - LavaLee Rivers, Mary Hawkins, Ruby Cleveland, Aurora Martinez and Bonnie Floyd; 24th - Joye Helms, Buck Denton.

FINALLY: O'Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek is taking applications for a secretary (part time) to keep up with his correspondence. Can you imagine. The Ol' Codger has flipped. How much time does it take to answer two pieces of 'junk mail' a week?

***MONEY:** "If you want to know what a man really is like, take note how he acts when he loses money" - Old New England Proverb.

***HONESTY:** "I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man." - George Washington.

***CHILDREN:** Today's kids call it "finding themselves." In the "good old days" it was called loading.

***INDIGESTION:** A lot of indigestion is caused by people having to eat their own words.

***SCHOOLS:** A school is a place where children go to catch a cold from other children so they can stay home.

***ENTHUSIASM:** A friend of mine from Longworth once said that enthusiasm is nothing but faith with a tin can tied to its tail.

FINALLY, FINALLY: Walt Disney once said, "You may not realize it when it happens, but a kick in the teeth may be the best thing in the world for you."

A third complaint is that, like Mark White's HB 72 reforms six years ago, this bill doesn't reform as much as it kicks up the cost.

For now, voter opinions depend on whether you live within a winner district or a loser district; over the long term, only time will tell and voters have unpredictable memories.

Sideline Skirmishes

Sideline skirmishes during the school finance battle:

* Thirty-eight Hispanic and black House members joined to kill a provision giving students a choice of schools. "I think choice promotes old-time segregation," said Rep. Greg Luna, D-San Antonio, who supported the final bill.

* The measure added five work (instruction) days for teachers with no additional pay. "That's a slap in the face to teachers," said Rep. Dan Kubiak, D-Rockdale, who also ripped the tax hikes.

Other Statehouse Action

In other, less dramatic, action last week:

* A Senate committee approved appeals court Judge Fortunato Benavides as the first Hispanic appointed to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

* The House approved what opponents called the "loan shark bill" allowing finance companies to charge higher interest rates, up to 28.3 percent on some loans.

* The Confederacy lost again: senators designated the third Monday in January as a state holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and bumped Confederate Heroes Day down to an optional holiday on June 3.

* The House added \$2 to the price of new tires to pay for cleaning up an estimated 100 million scrap tires discarded in Texas and the 17 million annually we will discard in the future.

Ignore "Sacred Cows"

Vowing that there should be "no sacred cows" in state government, Gov. Ann Richards last week urged a new committee to scrutinize the dedicated funds that severely limit the Legislature's budget-writing alternatives.

The Governor's Task Force on Revenue indicated it would respond by inviting the highway department and universities that receive major restricted funds to testify before the panel.

The task force also will consider Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock's proposal for a state income tax, which faces strong opposition from many legislators and taxpayers.

"Question the straightjacket of dedicated funds," Richards said. "Question whether or not they make sense, and whether we are reserving money for lower priorities while higher priorities like education go begging."

The state treasury includes 628 separate funds, including 56 that are dedicated either by the constitution or by

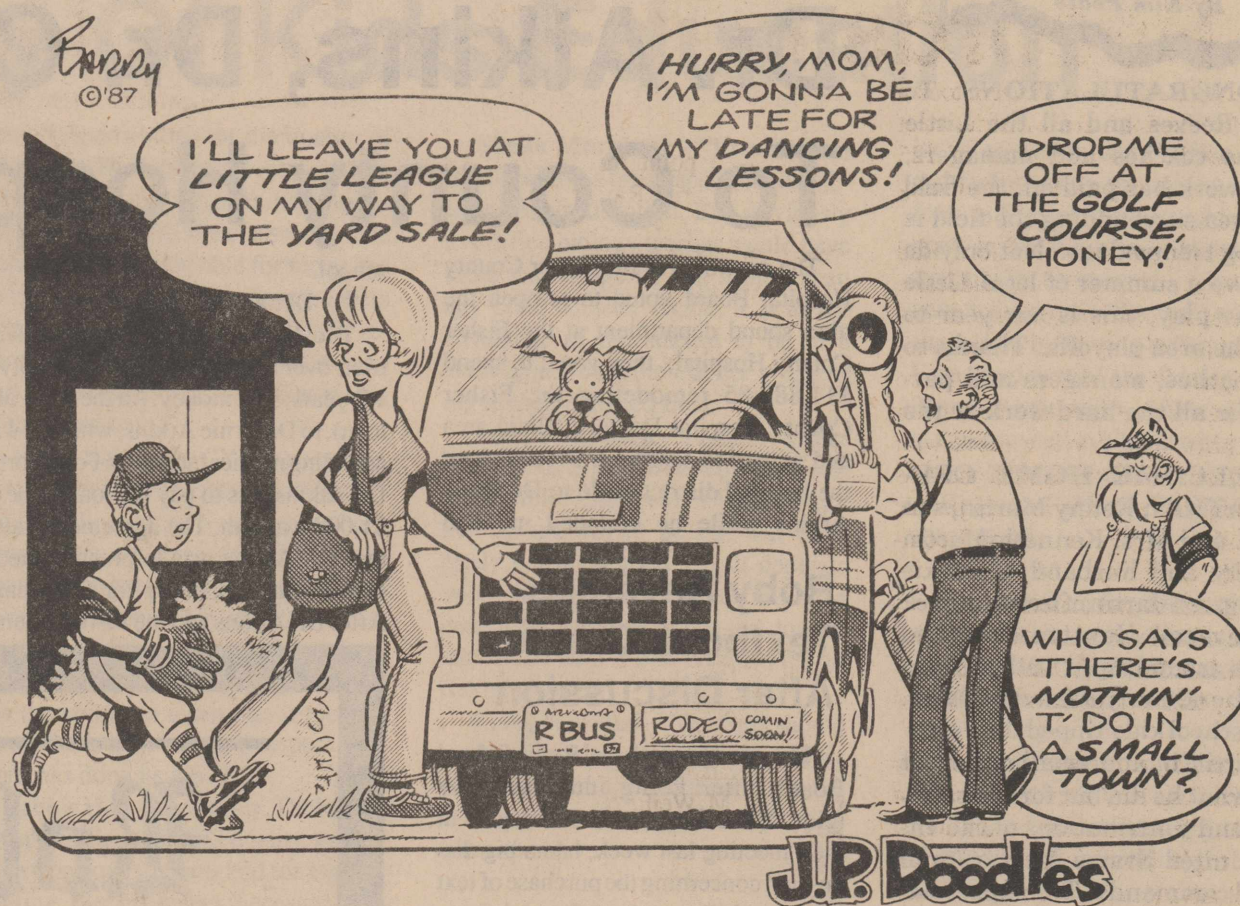
state law to specific uses, such as highways, teacher retirement, parks and numerous licensing agencies.

Other Highlights

* The Senate Natural Resources Committee, by an 8-0 vote, approved legislation to create a superagency for environmental protection. The proposed Texas Department of Natural Resources would take over the functions of the Texas Air Quality Control Board and the Texas Water Commission. It also would take over the solid waste functions of the Texas Department of Health and the water pollution duties of the Texas Railroad Commission.

* The Texas House voted to repeal the 32-year-old "LBJ Law" that would now permit U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm to simultaneously run for re-election and for president in 1996.

* Gov. Richards warned lawmakers to pass a strong ethics reform bill or come back and do it in a special session this summer.



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"One Body, One Spirit"

Those of us who have more than one child are often amazed at the differences in them. How could children created from the same genes possibly have such varied physical and emotional makeups! But just the same, we love each one.



God has promised us, His children, that He loves us all equally, regardless of the color of our skin, what language we speak, or whether we are crippled or whole. Our bodies are only the shells of the soul, and, in actuality, we are all souls striving to learn and to grow, and to survive in this earthly existence. The Bible tells us that we are "one body, one Spirit."

Come to God's house and discover how unconditionally God loves you. Experience this, and your heart will be filled to overflowing with the peace and warmth that God has in store for those who follow His example.

Sunday Mark 9:2-13 Monday Genesis 6:1-8 Tuesday Genesis 6:9-22 Wednesday Genesis 7:1-24 Thursday Genesis 8:1-19 Friday Genesis 8:20-22 Saturday Genesis 9:1-17

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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

McCaulley Baptist Church
McCaulley, Texas
Rev. Dutch Parks

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Church Of Christ
Rotan, Texas
Douglas Reeves

S.S. 9:45 - Worship Service 10:45
Sunday Evening Bible Class 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 - Wed. 7:30

Calvary Baptist Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Gene Prevo

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.

Little Zion Baptist Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. John L. Martin

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church
Roby, Texas
Rev. Alvin Petty

S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Choir Practice 5:00 - Worship 6:00
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30

First United Methodist
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Ron W. Dunaway

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

Baha'i World Faith
Roby, Texas
Dr. and Mrs. David Morris

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Blue Haven Motel, Roby

Mission Bautista Celvario
Roby, Texas
Rev. Eli Sepeda

S.S. 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Eve 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:30 p.m.

Foursquare Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Robert Kennedy

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 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.

Church Of Christ
Roby, Texas
Darrell Hart

S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 8:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Joe Vernon

S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist
McCaulley, Texas
Sue Rowlett, Minister

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
2nd Wednesday Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

Cross Roads Baptist Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Keith Berryman

S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist
Sylvester, Texas
Sue Rowlett, Minister

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Each Third Wednesday Night

First United Methodist
Roby, Texas
Rev. Larry Crumpton

S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Felix Silva

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.

Sylvester Baptist Church
Sylvester, Texas
Rev. Don Kitchens

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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.

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H.S. Boys Second, Junior Varsity Records First At District Meet

The Rotan varsity track team took a second place finish at the district meet last week by scoring a total of 125 points, just 21 shy of district winning Robert Lee.

"I was pleased with the effort. Had a few things fallen differently, had Jessie Garcia picked up points in the discus and had Poose Alls finished one position higher in the 800 meter run, we could have made a legitimate run for the district title. I was pleased with their efforts however. Garcia and Alls are competitors and have been people we could count on all season," commented Head Coach Ted Posey.

Regional bound athletes are:

The 400 meter relay team of Dave Daniel, Eric Smith, T. Daniel and Maurice Ray took first place with a time of 43.66.

In the 100 meter dash, Maurice Ray finished first. Ray also advances as a 200 meter first place finisher and a first place triple jump finisher. Tyrone Daniel advances with a second place finish in the triple jump.

Jessie Garcia recorded a first in the shot with a distance of 50 feet 1/4 inch to advance to regional and Tyrone

Daniel scored a first in the triple jump to advance.

The high point individual of the meet was Maurice Ray with 41 points.

Others athletes competing were: Poose Alls 4th in the 800; Dave Daniel, 3rd in the 100 and J.P. Martinez, 5th in the 100.

Paul Carrillo, 4th in the 400 meter run; Eric Smith, 3rd in the 300 hurdles; David Daniel, 3rd in the 100 and T. Daniel, 5th.

The 1600 meter relay team was 4th. Daniel Montez was 5th in the shot and 4th in the discus.

The junior varsity boys track team scored a first place finish with 192 points to capture the district track title, according to Coach Ted. Posey.

Mark Marshall was 1st in the 3200 meter run, M. Weilder was 4th; the 400 meter relay team of C. Markham, L. Garcia, H. Zavala and R. Ramon was first.

In the 110 meter hurdles H. Zavala was 3rd; Steve Warren was 4th and Michael Montez was 5th.

V. Amesquita was first in the 800

meter, run and M. Martinez was 3rd.

V. Amesquita was 2nd in the 400 meter dash; Luis Garcia was 3rd, Steve Warren 4th and Herman Zavalla 6th in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles.

In the 200 meter dash Chris Markham was first and Brian Baker was 6th.

The 1600 meter relay team of Victor Amesquita, M. Martinez, R. Ramon and Steve Warren finished first.

Herman Zavala and Steve Warren were 1st and 2nd in the pole vault; Mitch Montez and Phillip Thomas tied for 3rd in the high jump.

James Carrillo was 2nd in the shot and 6th in the discus.

Others competing were Scott Nowlin, Phil Thomas, Robert Almanza, Jason Moffett, Brandon Sheehan, Clay Hargrove and Rudy Ramon.

Fisher County Extension Service Sponsoring Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out has been planned for the women of the County by the Fisher County Extension Service. The special event will feature a demonstration on year round home decorating ideas by Beth Dannheim, County Extension Agent. A light supper will be served courtesy of the Extension Homemakers. The event will be held in Rotan on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 in the Community Center and in Roby on Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 in the Annex. The event is free and open to all interested persons.

INFORMATION REQUEST FOR SUPPLY OF POWER TO TU ELECTRIC

TU Electric invites potential suppliers of long-term firm capacity and energy to participate in responding to an Information Request. The Information Request is designed to allow TU Electric to evaluate alternative power sources from Qualifying Cogenerators, Qualifying Small Power Producers and Electric Public Utilities in connection with electric generating facilities that TU Electric is contemplating constructing for commercial operation in 1997 (a 620 MW combined-cycle combustion turbine plant), 1998 (a 620 MW combined-cycle combustion turbine plant) and in 2000 (a 650 MW pulverized coal unit and 272 MW of simple-cycle combustion turbines).

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TU ELECTRIC

News Briefs

Fair & Rodeo Mexican Supper

The Fisher County Fair & Rodeo Association is sponsoring a Mexican Food Supper Friday, April 19 at 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood R.V. Park located 1 mile south of Roby.

The Supper costs \$5.00 a plate and proceeds will go toward the bleacher note. Winners of the butane and quarter horse will be announced at the supper.

F.C. Senior Citizens Dance

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will be having a dance on Friday, April 19th at the Fisher County Senior Citizens Building. The dance will start at 7:30; ending at 10:30 p.m. with the Texas High Band playing. All Senior Citizens and their guests are encouraged to attend.

F.C. R.V. Club

The Fisher County R.V. Club will meet at Lakeshore Marina at Possum Kingdom Lake April 26-27-28.

Brisket and beans will be furnished by the club.

Frances and Guy Kemp will be wagon master.

Pot Luck Dinner

McCauley Methodist Church will be having a pot luck dinner Sunday, April 21st. Prices for dinner will be \$5 - adult; \$2.50 - children.

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Saturday, April 27th

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Lane Marie Baxter And Walter Charles Cleveland II Are Wed

A beautiful candle-lit service on March 30th united Lane Marie Baxter and Walter Charles (Charlie) Cleveland II. The ceremony was held in the Bacon Heights Baptist Church, Lubbock, with Bill McMillian officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Russ Baxter of Lubbock.

Rotan Students To Attend HSU Reception

Five students from Rotan High School have been invited to attend Hardin-Simmons University's 2nd annual Gold Carpet Reception on Friday, April 19.

Rene Maciel, director of admission for HSU, said the reception/dinner is for outstanding members of the junior classes at Big Country high schools in Region XIV.

The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Johnson Building of the HSU School of Business. Tickets for family members and friends are available at \$5 each.

Those invited from Rotan High School include: Luis Garcia, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Grant Kinsey, Sharilyn Murdoch, and Czrena West.

Roby C.I.S.D. Training Session

Roby Independent School District, in conjunction with Tri-County Education Co-Op, is presenting a training session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 1991, at the Roby Cafeteria for the parents of children enrolled in the Early Childhood Program.

Immediately before the parents' session, the Early Childhood class will be presenting a special program.

Dr. Stephen M. Osborn, Abilene psychologist and school consultant, will speak on "Kids: You Can't Live With Them; You Can't Live Without Them". A question and answer session will follow. Free child care will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Joplin, elementary principal, at (915) 776-2224.

Candidate Night Set For April 30 In Roby

The Fisher County Local of the Texas State Teachers Association is hosting a "Meet the Candidates Night", April 30, 1991, at 7:00 p.m. in the Roby High School Auditorium.

This will be open to the public and will provide the community an opportunity to hear from each of the five candidates running for three places on the Roby C.I.S.D. school board. The candidates are David Boyd, Jeff McClure, Dr. David Morris, Mike Terry, and Britt Stuart.

The format will be a five minute presentation from each candidate followed by a thirty minute question and answer period. Each candidate will receive one minute to answer questions from the audience. All candidates will have the opportunity to respond to each question.

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Her mother, Alline Baxter, resides in Ft. Worth. Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Booth Baxter of Caney, Kansas. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cleveland of Rotan. His grandparents are Mrs. Walter Cleveland and the late Walter Cleveland and the late J.D. and Ruth Josey of Hamlin.

Honor attendants were Judy Zschiesche of Lubbock and Wayne Cleveland, brother of the groom, of Amarillo. Other attendants were Judy Marshall of Lubbock; Cathy Cleveland of Amarillo; Tonya Bertrand of Hurst; Elaine Langford of Ft. Worth; Sissy Lewis of Lubbock; Jamie Baxter of Lubbock; Debbie Brown of San Diego, Ca.; Parker Sewell of Dallas; John Halsell of Crowell; David Kiatta of Houston; Tim Short of Lubbock; Todd Beedy of Floydada; Bill Caraway of Lexington, VA; Paul Tarwater of Dallas; Shawn Baxter, brother of the bride of Lubbock; Mike Fouts of Lubbock; Danny Neskorik of Plainview; Russell Yates of Hamlin; Rob Stewart of Seymour; Jeff Majors of Corona, California. Flower girl was Leigh Anne Baxter, niece of the bride, of Ft. Worth.

Ring bearers was Chad Langford of Ft. Worth.

For the ceremony, the bride chose an elegant gown from Jollee's of white shimmer satin. The bodice, heavily beaded with sequins and pearls on schiffli lace, featured a sweetheart neckline, Renaissance sleeves and a deep Basque waistline. The full skirt, edged with schiffli hemlace, was accented with beaded lace motifs and flowed into a cathedral train. To complete her attire, the bride wore a floral and sequin wreath highlighted with a silk illusion pouf and fingertip veil.

Bridesmaids wore tea-length gowns of rose-print Victoria polished cotton. The dresses had V backs with gathered puff sleeves with pleats and fitted bodices and peplins. The attendants carried bouquets of spring flowers.

Instrumental music for the ceremony was provided by Alice Smith, pianist-organist and Dick Tolley, trump player. The bride and wedding party entered to Trumpet Voltaire. Soloist Amy Price sang "Forever Is As Far As I'll Go", and "The Wedding Song".

Alline Baxter, mother of the bride

and Darlene Cleveland, mother of the groom, lit the auxiliary candles for the unity candle.

The reception following the ceremony was held at Lakeridge Country Club. Following a buffet, guests were served from the bride and groom's table. The wedding cake on the bride's table was a four-tiered cake adorned with bouquets of spring flowers cascading from tier to tier. Each layer of the cake was a different flavor. An arrangement of silk flowers in the bride's colors graced the table. A German chocolate cake and coffee was served from the groom's table. His table was accented with a western arrangement that held his hat, spurs, lariat rope and a pocket knife and spurs given to him by his grandfather. Attending the groom's table were Sue Cleveland of Rotan and Dot Harris of Rotan. The bride's aunts, Lucille Marsh and Delores Keck attended the bride's table.

The couple enjoyed a cruise to the Caribbean Islands of St. Thomas, St. Maarten, Antigua, Barbados and Martinique for their honeymoon. Their home is in Rotan where he is employed by First National Bank.

Rehearsal Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cleveland were hosts for a dinner following the rehearsal for the wedding on Friday evening, March 29th. The wedding party and other guests were served a buffet fajita dinner at Tommy's Place. Tables were set with hand-crafted wooden decorations and the meal was served by candlelight. Following the dinner the dinner guests and other in-

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Bridal Courtesies

A shower honoring Lane and Charlie was held on February 23rd in the home of E.J. Kiker, Rotan. Hostesses were Cindy Greene, Betty Strickland, Dianne Ratliff, Rhonda Boyd, Dot Harris, Linda Deen, Lana Hargrove, Melinda Meador, Sharon Overby, Leatrice Schooley, Debbie Gruben, Shirley Hull, Ellen Gruben, Anita Yates, Sherrie Rodgers, Sherry McKimmey, Carol Greenway, Eda Bickerstaff, Brenda Goodwin, and

Annie Laurie Henderson.

Later that evening, the couple was honored with a country barbeque at the Rotan Community Center.

A country decorating shower was given on Sunday, February 10 in Lubbock. Hostesses were Tonda Gilmour, Judy Zschiesche, Judy Marshall, Sissy Lewis and Martha Parkman.

On March 2, a miscellaneous shower honored the bride to be. Hostesses were Johnnie Ann White, Doris Hegg, Shirley Powell, Joyce Dolan, Dawndi Higgins and Tonda Gilmour.



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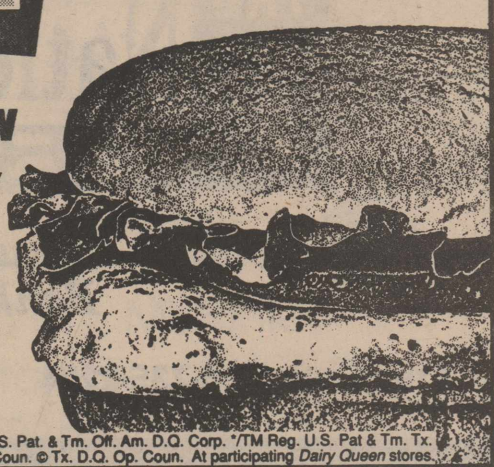
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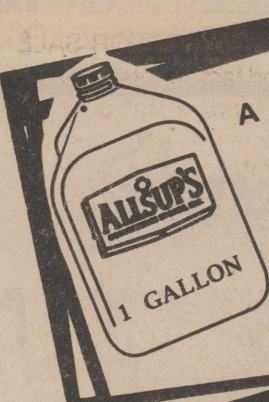
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Seven Rotan City Council Candidates Respond To Nine Pertinent Questions

1. What is the greatest need, in your opinion, facing the City of Rotan at the present time?

Randy Murphree - "The greatest need in our city is to clean up the physical appearance. We need to set aside one week each year to clean vacant lots, tear down old structures, haul off old abandoned cars and just do some spring cleaning. Abilene has a Abilene Clean & Proud, we need a Spic and Span Rotan or some such catchy-named program. If these unsightly problem areas bother me, I can imagine the impression it makes on someone thinking about making Rotan their new home. We should pass an ordinance that makes it mandatory to keep our properties clean and neat or pay penalties that will fund the cleanup. I hope that soon I'll be able to drive into town with someone from out-of-town, and be proud of our nice, clean, little city instead of being apologetic."

Hank Day - "The upkeep and repair of our streets and water lines, and to make Rotan an attractive choice for new businesses and families."

Elwood Mize - "The City of Rotan's greatest need to me, is the update of the city's equipment. A lot of the equipment the City has got is old and needs to be up dated. And a better preventative maintenance program and maintenance records on each motorized piece of equipment."

Dwayne Underhill - "Growth: It seems the cemeteries are growing faster than the city. The city needs incentives for the younger people to stay and move to Rotan."

Jean Aaron - "In my opinion, Rotan needs to work harder on getting new industry here to try to keep the younger folks to remain in Rotan instead of leaving. They need to condemn these old houses that are about to fall down and burn them and get rid of the varmints that hibernate in them. Burn off the tall grass on empty lots and make residents remove old cars, trucks, trailers around their premises."

Larry Markham - "The greatest need of the City of Rotan, today, encompasses all the needs of our community. Dedication. Dedication on the part of City Government as well as every individual citizen to improve the quality of living; to desire to better the community through 100% involvement rather than an occasional donation; to cooperate within the community as well as with neighboring cities, not only to meet the needs of Rotan for today, but to establish a plan of accomplishing our needs in the future."

Lloyd Greene - "The greatest needs are maintaining city services and property."

2. Are you satisfied with the law enforcement protection provided by the county as far as the financial cost is concerned?

Randy Murphree - "I'm really not up to speed on dollar figures for law enforcement. I have personally suffered some losses from theft and vandalism over the years. I feel that our local officers are doing a good job in most cases. I do, however know that our DA's office fails to properly prosecute many of the cases that our local officers bring before them. It does no good for our officers to break a case only to have it dropped by the DA and the grand jury. It's a waste of everyone's time and taxes. The number one law enforcement problem continues to be drugs. Most of our crimes are drug related. It is time for all concerned citizens of Rotan to ban together and make it very uncomfortable for anyone to sell or use drugs. This will take not only tax dollars, but personal involvement as well. I have some ideas that might help."

Hank Day - "Yes. To provide these same services would be very costly."

Elwood Mize - "The law enforcement that the City of Rotan gets from the Sheriff's Department is good. And when we had our own police department we had to maintain cars and pay salaries and benefits. So for the cost we are getting a better deal with the county."

Dwayne Underhill - "The answer to that question is no. I feel we are triple paying. You pay county taxes, the commissioners budget a certain amount of dollars for county protection, that includes Rotan, you pay city taxes, the same applies there, the city pays \$55,000.00 plus for the same protection. Finally any fines collected from citations issued in Rotan goes to the county."

Jean Aaron - "No, I do not think it is right for us to pay for our protection while Roby pays nothing and gets everything free. They are the county seat so let them pay for their protection just like we do. If they get something free then Rotan should get the same."

Larry Markham - "Being that Rotan comprises a majority of the population of Fisher County, I feel like the focus of county law enforcement should be cooperation with our City law enforcement personnel in and around the community. My observations of county law enforcement in performance of their duties leads me to believe we have good people doing a good job. In terms of costs, as with all services, there is always room for improvement."

Lloyd Greene - "Without knowing exact figures of cost of police protection it is hard to say that it is satisfactory. Law enforcement is present and working, but if it is enough is to be seen."

3. What is the solution to the poor condition of the paved streets in Rotan?

Randy Murphree - "The shape of some of our city streets is a disgrace. In many residential areas, the dirt has filled the gutters and grass has grown in them to the point that it's ruining the pavement. Also, some of our major residential streets have been constantly torn up because of water/sewer problems. I don't know if we can permanently fix the water/sewer problems, but I feel that we can do a better job of patching these spots in the streets. Shoddy workmanship has got to go. We all paid taxes for these streets to be paved and we have paid for them to be maintained. I'm ready so see that we get what we pay for."

Hank Day - "To repair, clean and seal coat the streets."

Elwood Mize - "There is no easy solution to this problem and the only thing we can do to keep them from eroding faster than they already are is to keep them free from dirt and debris the best they can."

Dwayne Underhill - "There is not just one solution, it is a combination of many. The first would be to budget a certain amount of dollars to the street department, and then go from there."

Jean Aaron - "The city needs to take advantage of all federal grants that is available."

Larry Markham - "First of all, establish an organized plan to maintain existing paved streets on a regular basis. Also, encourage the use of primary thoroughfares to and from schools, businesses, churches, etc. which lessens the burden on all the streets and greatly reduces the surface area of streets to be maintained. This approach reduces the cost of maintenance and frees up revenues which could be utilized to provide additional services."

Lloyd Greene - "Budget permitting, maintain or improve paved streets each year."

4. Because of the cost of maintaining the Rotan City swimming pool, some advocate closing the pool permanently. Please address this possibility.

Randy Murphree - I have not seen the cost figures on the swimming pool, but I have reason to believe them to be pretty steep. If we are to offer any reasonable standard of living, a pool is a necessity and we should explore all the possibilities to make sure we have one."

Hank Day - "The pool should never be closed. It means too much to our kids, gives them somewhere to go that is supervised and keeps them off the streets and out of trouble."

Elwood Mize - "I would be opposed to closing the City Pool. Because we need the pool for the kids of Rotan and around, to have a place to cool off in the summers heat. I know it may cost all of us but we have to have what we can for the kids and grown ups to."

Dwayne Underhill - "It would be nice if the pool was self-supporting. Some times it may be and other times it might not be. The citizens of Rotan should be proud of the public swimming pool that we have in Rotan. It is considered one of the largest public pools in operation today. If the pool is closed, what will our children do for entertainment during the summer months. A recreation budget should be set for the operation of the pool and any income received should go back into the budget for improvements. The community center has defaults every month

and the city has to bail them out, therefore, we can't afford to close either one, because basically both are needed."

Jean Aaron - "No, no, no. Do not close the swimming pool. That is all the kids has to look forward to after school is out. At least it keeps them off of the streets. I know it is a head ache and extra expense, but we need a place for the children to spend their time and maybe it will keep a few from getting into trouble on the streets."

Larry Markham - "In my opinion, the swimming pool plays a very important part in providing summer time recreation for not only the youth of our community, but many adults as well. I feel we should make every effort to maintain the swimming pool as well as take positive steps toward upgrading the facility."

Lloyd Greene - "The Rotan pool needs better hours, better maintained, for all the people of the community, it could be a good pool and supervised place for younger and older people."

5. What makes you qualified to serve as a member of the Rotan City Council?

Randy Murphree - "I'm perhaps more concerned that qualified. I'm concerned about the survival of small towns like Rotan. I don't claim to have any lofty goals or ideas but rather to make the most out of what we have and to improve our image and appearance. There may be some new industries that could be enticed into our area. As a city council we should create the kind of climate that attracts these little niche industries. Just twenty or thirty jobs created could be a tremendous boon for our little economy. These ideas should be exploited. Some other small towns have implemented a Main Street Project that has created a new sense of pride in the community and some new traffic for their merchants. We should explore this concept."

Hank Day - "Having a business in Rotan, I am genuinely concerned with the future of Rotan. I plan on making Rotan my permanent residence."

Elwood Mize - "Well, I've been in business for myself and I know how hard it is to make ends meet at time. And I know about maintaining equipment because I've been a mechanic awhile, and did quite a bit of up keep on all kinds of machinery."

Dwayne Underhill - "I am of legal age, I live within the city limits of Rotan, I am a property owner, a tax payer and most of all, I am a concerned citizen, who wants to see Rotan continue to be a nice town to live and raise your family."

Jean Aaron - "Being a citizen of Rotan, I am very much concerned about the betterment of our city and trying to get things accomplished for the betterment of our community."

Larry Markham - "The city council of Rotan, like city councils nationwide, should be an extension of the thinking and ideas of the citizens it serves. It should maintain a diligent effort to make the city the best it can be. I feel qualified to serve on the Rotan City Council because of my interests in what is best for all the people of Rotan as well as a cooperative spirit in setting and achieving short and long term goals for the community."

Lloyd Greene - "A resident of Rotan for the past thirteen years, a home owner and a taxpayer."

6. Do you favor raising taxes to improve city services like - better streets, new equipment, replacement street signs, etc.?

Randy Murphree - "Our taxes are high enough now. As a famous politician once said, 'Read my lips', but I really think we need more for our tax dollar instead of more dollars. I know that's easier said than done, but that should be our constant goal."

Hank Day - "No. There are other possibilities to look into. The new 1/2 % sales tax will be a big factor in curbing the cost."

Elwood Mize - "This is a hard question, nobody wants taxes to go up. But sometimes it's necessary. I would look at where the money is being spent and if there was no other way than to raise taxes, then yes. And keep it just as low as possible."

Dwayne Underhill - "The answer is no. Not many people are in favor of raising taxes, but let's be realistic, sometimes taxes have to be raised to continue operating a city or any form of government."

Jean Aaron - "No one likes to see taxes increased, but sometimes we have no choice."

Larry Markham - "As with every concerned citizen, I am very opposed to across the board tax hikes. Any time the issue of raising taxes is considered to generate additional revenue, I feel like assurance is owed to every taxpayer that the maximum is being achieved in all areas of services for taxes currently being assessed. I hope that I would never take the tax contributions of any citizen for granted."

Lloyd Greene - "As a last resort only but we must keep our services provided by the City of Rotan."

7. Where should "economic development" tax money be spent. Specifically, in your opinion?

Randy Murphree - "I'm anxious to see how much of this economic development money we raise. I can't give a good opinion on what to do with it until I learn how many dollars we're talking about. I voted for the 1/2 cent tax increase and hope that I can have a part in putting it to good use. I'd like to think that we could use it to create incentives for the long-discussed 'cotton mill'. If we don't get that done, then maybe use it for a Main Street Project."

Hank Day - "To bring new businesses into Rotan or into Fisher County. In the past ten years, Fisher County has lost 1,000 people. We need to turn this around before we dry up and blow away."

Elwood Mize - "I have no comment on this question."

Dwayne Underhill - "As you know the Mayor selected five members to the board, and the city council approved the selections. Therefore, it is the members of the board to gain input from the citizens of Rotan, if and when a member of the board would ask me I would gladly give my input."

Jean Aaron - "As I understand it, Rotan has a 5 member tax board called the Rotan Industrial tax board which the city council has no control of."

Larry Markham - "I feel revenues generated for the purpose of economical development should be utilized for the purpose of rejuvenating the downtown area and fine tuning city owned facilities such as the golf course in a way to increase interest and usage. In doing so, we improve our everyday surroundings and in turn have facilities capable of replenishing funds for future projects."

Lloyd Greene - "Economic development money needs to help Rotan grow or maintain what we have. Rotan does not need to lose any more businesses of any kind. We need more businesses for better competition and for better community. We need new or more businesses and industries to help support the people of Rotan and Fisher County."

8. Should the City of Rotan continue to collect the \$1.00 'fire protection' fee on the monthly water bill? Explain.

Randy Murphree - "If a dollar a month is needed for good fire protection, then that's money well spent. Without good fire protection, your insurance will increase more than that."

Hank Day - "Yes. As I understand, these funds have provided us with our dumpsters, and will be useful for other special needs of the community."

Elwood Mize - "Yes, because a dollar a month per water meter is not missed, at least not like digging up a lot of money when we need new fire equipment. And the fire department has done a good job with the equipment that the dollar a month on each meter has already bought. Such as a new fire truck."

Dwayne Underhill - "My answer is yes. I would also be in favor of an increase if needed. The fire department is a very important organization for any community. They are there when you need them. The twelve dollars a year you pay, is just a small amount compared to what the insurance company would charge, because the department doesn't meet requirements with modern and up to date equipment. A person would be disappointed (irate) to know the need for the service of the fire department and not knowing if the fire trucks would make it to their destination and have all the equipment to accomplish their task."

Jean Aaron - "Yes, I believe we should continue to give a \$1.00 on our water bill."

Larry Markham - "While most metropolitan areas are generating tremendous windfalls from excessive city services taxes levied upon their citizens, Rotan is blessed to have dedicated individuals willing to respond under all circumstances to assure quality fire protection. A \$1.00 bill and a big debt of gratitude is owed to the Rotan Fire Department for a job well done."

Lloyd Greene - "The \$1.00 should be collected to help improve fire equipment such as hoses, pumps, hats, boots and more trucks when needed."

9. Give us your name, spouse's name, children - their names and ages, years you have lived in Rotan and your favorite flavor of ice cream.

Randy Murphree - "I'm Randy Murphree. My wife, Sheila, and I are raising three children, Brandy age 12, Bradey age 9 and Cody 6. I've lived in Rotan for 40 years and I limit myself to no more than one glass full of Bluebell vanilla ice cream covered with milk and stirred until creamy per day, except

in the summer time."

Hank Day - "Hank Day, wife Susie Day, children - Luke Day age 12; Rys Day age 11; Jake Day age 10 and Laci Day age 7. I grew up in Rotan and moved back five years ago. I don't like ice cream."

Elwood Mize - "My name is Elwood Mize, my wife is Sherry Mize and we have two sons, Eliot is 16 years old. Wade is 14 years old. I have lived in Rotan off and on for over 30 years. My favorite flavor of ice cream is just plain old vanilla."

Dwayne Underhill - "My name is Dwayne Underhill, my wife's name is Sandra and we have a 12 year old daughter named Jennifer. I spent my first eighteen years in Rotan and after a short break, my wife and I moved back to Rotan almost 16 years ago. You asked my favorite ice cream, my answer is, ice cream is ice cream."

Jean Aaron - "My name is Jean Aaron. I am the wife of Jack Aaron, who is superintendent of the water department. I have been a resident of Rotan four years. I have three sons who are married. Steve Holly who resides in Abilene and has three children; R.D. Lawson who has one son and resides in Abilene and Bill Lawson who resides in Cedar Park, Texas and he has 2 children. Ice cream is ice cream and really no favorites."

Larry Markham - "Larry Markham, married to Jan, two sons - Chris age 15 and Daniel, age 10. Born in Rotan and lived the first 6 years of my life here. Lived here the past 2 1/2 years. Favorite ice cream - yes, your house or mine."

Lloyd Greene - "My name is Lloyd Greene, my wife Cindy (Kiker) Greene and I are the parents of three children - Kasey age 13; Lane age 11 and Aaron age 5. I have lived in Rotan for 13 years and my favorite flavor of ice cream is vanilla."

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San Jacinto Day Observance At Woods Chapel Cemetery

San Jacinto Day observance will be held at Woods Chapel Cemetery Sunday, April 21, 1991.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF FISHER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Fisher County, 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 4, 1991, for voting in a General election, to elect board members.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES

Rotan - Community Center; Roby - Courthouse; Hobbs & Capitola - Hobbs School; McCauley - Fire Hall; Longworth - Community Center; Sylvester - Community Center.

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at County Clerk's Office in the Fisher County Courthouse, Roby, Tx. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on Monday, April 15, 1991 and ending on Wednesday, May 1, 1991.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Bettie Rivers, County Clerk
F.C. Courthouse
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Issued this the 16th day of April, 1991.
Frank Mitchell
11:2tc

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 1st day of April, 1991 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of HAMLIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. THOMAS BOWDEN; Cause #4330 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 7th day of May, 1991 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:

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10:3tc

Legal Notices

BID NOTICE

Fisher County Commissioners Court will accept bids for sale of 1981 Ford 12 passenger van. For information contact Fisher County Senior Citizens or County Judge's office. Bids will be opened in special session of Commissioners Court meeting April 22, 1991, at 9:00 a.m. Fisher County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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day, April 21st at 2:30 p.m. This annual event is sponsored by Fisher County Historical Commission.

An appropriate program is planned with Marjorie Mitchell as Master of Ceremony. Freddie Stuart, prominent Sylvester rancher, whose land joins the cemetery on the west will bring address on the Battle of San Jacinto. Connie Bursey of Azel, Texas will be a special guest. She is the only surviving descendant of Capt. H.C. Lyon. His grave in Woods Chapel is only known burial

site of a veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto in a wide area of West Texas.

Another guest will be Mrs. Maude Barton of Hamlin who is the only known surviving student of Woods Chapel School. All available research indicates Woods Chapel was the first school, church and cemetery in Fisher County. Located on private land the cemetery is well kept year-round by two FCHC members without pay.

Pat Hamric, FCHC member will give Eulogy to Capt. Lyon.

News Briefs

Golf Scramble

The Rotan Jaycees will sponsor a three-man golf scramble at the Rotan Golf Course, Sunday, April 21. Registration begins at 12:30, tee-off will be at 1:00. There will be a Junior Division for 18 and under and a Senior Division for over 18. Entry fees will be five dollars for the Junior Division and ten dollars for the Senior Division. Trophies will be awarded for the winners of the Junior Division. Money prizes will be awarded for the top three places in the Senior Division. Players are reminded to pay their green fee at the course. Concessions will be available.

On Saturday, April 20, the Jaycees are having a workday at the Little League Field. Work will begin at 1:00. A barbecue will take place after the work is completed. All members and prospective members are urged to attend the workday, barbecue, and golf tournament.

Rotan School Early Dismissal

Rotan Schools will dismiss early on April 24. Classes will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m.

Annual All Sports Banquet

The Rotan Booster Club will be sponsoring the Annual All Sports Banquet on May 14, at 6:30 p.m. All Rotan High School Athletes will be honored. Tickets are \$6.00 each. Tickets will be available from local merchants or Booster Club members.

Rotan Band Booster Meeting

There will be an important Band Booster Meeting Monday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Band Hall to discuss the upcoming trip to Six Flags. If you want your son or daughter to attend this trip, please make an earnest effort to attend this meeting.

The tentative date for the trip is the weekend of May 17 and 18.

Hustling Around Hobbs

By Joy Walker

It has been stormy weather several nights, and Wednesday I just knew it was going to rain, but we only got a sprinkle, not even enough to settle the dust. It has been windy almost every day except for Saturday and it was truly a perfect day then. We had a thunderstorm Friday night or early Saturday morning with lots of thunder and lightning, but still no rain. Seems like Haskell and Throckmorton get rain every time it builds a cloud, but we don't need those bad storms they have been having in some places. But we could sure use some of the rain that accompanied them. Melody called and they had had 4 inches of rain at their place, while at Manor, where Mark teaches, they had had 9 inches. They said it was so pretty down that way, as all the wild flowers are out, and they had tourists taking pictures of the hills which are covered with bluebonnets. Wish we could get just a little of their rains.

Mrs. Tracy Knipe and family from Snyder and Kathy Stamm visited with the James Ratliffs on Sunday. Dianne Ratliff attended the wedding shower for Rocky Roberts and Tonya Hudson which was held on Saturday afternoon in the home of Janice Copeland.

Congratulations to Tonya and Rocky.

We were so glad to have Floyd Garcia Jr., at church with us on Sunday morning. He played the piano and sang for us and we really enjoyed it. He really has so much talent and is willing to share it. We are going to have church services at 7 p.m. every night from now on since the time has changed. J.C. Cave and Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Cave from Farmington, New Mexico, came out to Hobbs Wednesday. They were accompanied by Leola's mother, Mrs. Martha Gilliland. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carter from Brownwood also were here visiting. They came Friday. Mrs. Opal Phillips is now in the Fisher County Long Time Care facility and seems to be getting along okay. Bro. Dee Threatt

and his wife, Diana, visited with her Sunday and I talked to her Monday morning and she was looking for Mrs. Glenn Phillips from Post to visit her today. She said she had been having lots of company from in and around the community and we hope that she will improve as the days go by.

Happy birthday to Autumn Daniel who was 10 years old on Tuesday, the 9th of April. She had her birthday party on Wednesday and there were lots of little girls there. I guess they are big enough now to be called young ladies. They sure grow up in a hurry.

I attended the wedding shower for Rocky and Tonya on Saturday and it was so nice, with so many lovely gifts. There was sure a big crowd there.

Sunday afternoon I attended the Theatre on the Brazos presentation of "Steel Magnolias" and it was so good. All the ladies in the show were wonderful, we really have a wealth of talent in Fisher County. The play had good crowds every night and there was a big crowd there on Sunday afternoon. It was held in the Roby School Auditorium.

I know I have missed some this week, but you were either outside working in the yard or gone for the day, so will catch you next week.

See you Thursday. After some rain, we hope.

Roby Varsity Boys Win In District

The Roby boys varsity tennis team won 1st place in the district tennis tournament with a 1st place in boys doubles (Dickson - Justiss) and a 3rd place in boys' singles (Robert Katic). Other members of the varsity who competed were Joe Rivas, Kenny Heflin, Kashaun Morris, Lorissa Edmondson, Shana Feagan, Tanya McClure, Brandy Lincoln, Angie Brzezinski, and Carolyn Atkinson. Nick Dickson and Brandon Justiss will compete at regional April 24th at Abilene Cooper. Play is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.

San Jacinto Day should be one of the most important observances in Texas.

Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital April 9 - thru April 15, 1991 were:

Hortencia Yanez - Rotan; Beatrice Hayes - Rotan; Joshua Williamson - Roby.

Roby Jr. High Tennis Team Places First

The Roby Jr. High boys tennis team placed 1st in the recent district tournament by capturing 1st place (Chris Cortez and Mario Barrera) and 2nd place (Chris Terry and Brad Atkinson). Other members of the Roby Jr. High team who competed at district were Brian Dickson in singles, Suzanne Elmore in singles, Amanda Moore, Brandy Griffith, Leslie Stephens, and Ronda Henry in doubles.

UIL Academic Literary Meet

High school students from eight districts will be at McMurry University Friday and Saturday, April 19-20, for the Region II, Conference A University Interscholastic League academic and literary meet.

Students from 80 high schools will participate in events beginning with Lincoln-Douglas and cross examination debates at 2:30 p.m. Friday and concluding with one-act play performances at 3 p.m. Saturday.

McMurry also will host UIL athletic events for the same region April 22-27.

Roby JV Boys Win First

The Roby boys junior varsity tennis team won 1st place in the district JV tournament with a 1st place in boys doubles (Rivas - Williams) and a 1st place in boys' singles (Jerry Johnson). Other members of the junior varsity who competed were Jason Gruben, Valeska Weems, and Christie Anderson.

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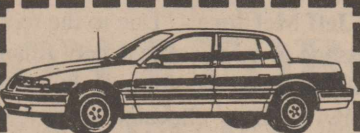
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Roby School Board Candidates List Greatest Needs Facing Roby School In The Next Year

1. What new programs need to be implemented, in your opinion, to better the academic program at Roby?

Mike V. Terry - "I can't answer the programs issue until I have fully examined the academic programs being used today. I will say that after examining the academic programs I will be in favor of what is best for the students."

Dr. David Morris - "(A.) High School - our graduates, after being trained for 13 years, K-12, should be skilled enough to earn a living after graduation. But most are not. Our school district goal should be revised to read "All seniors, upon graduation, will have been sufficiently trained in computer technologies as to be qualified for at least one entry-level computer-using job." (B.) Elementary - To assure that no child in the Roby Elementary fails to learn reading and math skills, each and every student, by using a bi-weekly review method, will learn all of this week's skills, before going on to study next week's new skills. Such a method, all ready in use in many schools, can prevent reading and math failures within two weeks of a student starting to have trouble."

Britt Stuart - "There are students who do not qualify for some of the programs already provided in our school. I feel we need to implement a strong reading program, such as the Herman Method, under the direction of a reading specialist. There is a need for someone to oversee the computer lab and a program that would teach step by step functions of the total computer. Instead of a part-time speech teacher, I think that a full-time teacher would better meet the needs of the students."

David Boyd - "Motivational programs to build and maintain greater student interest in education. Also, using our teachers input in making decisions on educational questions."

Jeff McClure - "The academic program at Roby is currently providing an excellent overall curriculum. Hopefully a remedial reading and math program for grades 1-5, an enhanced gifted and talented program and a laser-disk supplemented resource program for science (K-12) can be implemented in the future."

2. In your opinion, what physical improvements need to be made to the Roby campus?

Mike V. Terry - "With the recent consolidations of Hobbs and McCaulley school districts and the additional tax base revenue generated with these consolidations, I would like to see Roby build a new elementary building. Note....I said that I would like to see this happen.....doesn't mean it is equitable at this time because of all the uncertainty coming from our State office and our elected officials in charge. I couldn't act or think about such a project of this type without definite stability from our state and federal officials. But, there is a definite need for improvements to our elementary school building facilities."

Dr. David Morris - "The most important physical improvement that needs to be made is the modernization of the Elementary school building and playground. There is an urgent need for students and teachers to use high technology equipment. This program, however, requires new wiring, circuits, software, temperature controls, etc., as well as new equipment. The money saved by remodeling rather than building new, is enough to get "like-new" elementary building and fair wages for teachers and modern educational equipment. Money spent on new buildings doesn't improve learning but money spent on teachers and modern equipment does."

Britt Stuart - "The most obvious physical need is of course a new elementary and junior high building. If this is not affordable, then some inside improvements are needed such as the rest rooms."

David Boyd - "A new elementary building and new playground equipment."

Jeff McClure - "The physical plant comprising the Roby campus has been well maintained and updated. An addition to the gym (P.E. complex) and construction of a cafeteria, visiting football bleachers, and band hall have been accomplished in recent history without debt accumulation. The bond for the high school construction has been paid-off and Roby C.I.S.D. is currently debt free. Future physical improvements must come after careful consideration of need, available funding and local tax consequences."

3. How do you feel Roby teachers need to be rewarded for serving in such positions as coaches on UIL teams, acting as yearbook sponsors or serving as student government coordinators?

Mike V. Terry - "The time and effort teachers put towards these extra activities is well rewarding or compensating. I understand that Roby CISD contractually pay the teachers for their effort in these extra activities through the bonus system. Off the top of my head, I would think compensation should be derived by the time and complexity of the activity the teacher is involved."

Dr. David Morris - "In addition to current rewards, academic/vocational teachers should be rewarded for non-classroom educational activities by being assigned less than six classroom teaching hours. This approach would provide teachers an educational variety and would more adequately assure course preparation time. Currently, Roby awards all professional staff 6 semester hours per year of tuition-free, graduate schooling. Coaches, band director and cheerleader sponsors that are on frequent out-of-town duty, are also financially rewarded with extra pay."

Britt Stuart - "On the teachers contracts the above state pay is to reward the teachers for the extra activities that they do. All teachers get this. Some teachers help more than others and I feel these deserve a "bonus" for performing other jobs "above and beyond" their regular teaching duties."

David Boyd - "Not quite sure. Might ask the teachers."

Jeff McClure - "Roby is blessed with caring, hard-working educators. I have supported fair and reasonable compensation for additional duties in the past and will continue to as long as the situation is justifiable."

4. What is the greatest need, in your opinion, facing the Roby school board in the next year?

Mike V. Terry - "The greatest need facing the Roby school board as I see it is to maintain a positive level of motivation for the students through our teaching and administrative staff. I would like to see the parents take a more active role in their children's education also. When motivated positively students learning is enhanced and the teachers work efforts become a smoother process which pushes education to a higher level of intensity."

Dr. David Morris - "To find a new administrative and funding way to keep our local school system local. All school systems in our area are under a serious move from Austin to force us into consolidation. For Roby, this very possibility means consolidation with Sweetwater and/or Rotan. Consolidation for Fisher County property owners will mean higher taxes - for students, consolidation will mean more and longer bus rides. Longer bus rides means less time at home and less time in class. The Board must urgently look for new ways for Roby and other districts to work together more cooperatively rather than through forced consolidation."

Britt Stuart - "Because of the new education bill, I feel the greatest need facing the Roby school board is providing a finance plan that our school and taxpayers can live with."

David Boyd - "Dealing with the school funding issue."

Jeff McClure - "Due to the recent passage of a new state school finance bill changing the formula by which Roby CISD is allocated money, the greatest challenge confronting the

school board will be to provide funds necessary to operate the school efficiently and effectively. The board must maximize state funding while keeping local taxes at the minimum rate possible."

5. Address a solution to keeping a proper balance between athletics and academics.

Mike V. Terry - "To define proper balance between athletics and academics is a difficult one. Academics come first and foremost, we have a responsibility to educate our children and prepare them for their future. Athletics takes a back seat to educating in the classroom, but are still an important part of the school's function. I am a sports fan and enjoy all types of sporting events. Through competing in sports, you build character and you learn how to deal with winning and losing. The proper balance for is to see our children get the best education we can provide first, but also if our children compete through sports for the school we need to provide the best in coaching, equipment and facilities we can afford. The quality of the teachers and coaches we hire and how we support and provide for our children dictate our true commitment to their learning and preparation for life. The proper solution is to know your priorities."

Dr. David Morris - No response given.

Britt Stuart - "I feel our school should provide the very best academic program that is possible first. Our duty is to graduate students that will be able to perform in our society. A proper balance between athletics and academics is very important though. To deep that balance we need to emphasize both areas. A well rounded program will develop both mind and body."

David Boyd - "Never lose sight of the fact that the main reason children are in school is to get an education."

Jeff McClure - "The current staff of coaches at Roby are very academic minded - providing support and guidance in the classroom and on the field. Working together the teachers, coaches, administrators and board promote a philosophy within a school accentuating academics while providing a quality physical education program to build bodies and mold character."

6. As a body, is the Roby school board, in your opinion, responsible for the quality of education received by students?

Mike V. Terry - "Absolutely.....The parents of the children attending school and the tax-paying citizens have entrusted their children and money to the school board to see to it that the quality of education is our dead level best."

Dr. David Morris - "Ultimately, the community is responsible for the quality of education in the Roby schools. I say this because it is the community that elects the school board to plan and operate the school within the broad guidelines of the state. If excellence is wanted and expected, community members representing those skills must be located, urged to serve and voted in to office. Once this is done, the board as a body becomes legally responsible for planning, funding and implementing the highest quality of education they know how to achieve. In order to do this, the most important task of the board becomes the hiring and on-going supervision of a superintendent. It is the superintendent's function to assist the board in developing policies and strategies to produce quality. Through

its superintendent, the board implements its program."

Britt Stuart - "As a member of the school board, one should hire the best teachers and coaches possible. Whenever one has done that, the board should let teachers teach and coaches coach. If the board sees that quality teachers do not exist, then I feel that they are responsible as well as the principals and superintendent."

David Boyd - "The Roby school board is directly responsible for education in our school. I feel that all the members of our present board are dedicated to the best education possible. We also have an excellent school staff."

Jeff McClure - "Yes, ultimately it is the responsibility of a duly elected school board to provide to every child an opportunity to acquire a maximum quality education."

7. How do you feel about teachers teaching outside their certified field? (i.e. - a biology teacher teaching a course in government)?

Mike V. Terry - "It all depends on the circumstances surrounding why you would have an uncertified teacher teaching outside their fields. The quality of the teacher and their educational background (outside of their certified field) would weigh heavily on my feelings and judgement to the matter. Qualified and certified in some instances has to be examined closely."

Dr. David Morris - "I feel it is in the best interest of students to be taught only by teachers with training in the subject they are teaching. For the amount of money the community provides for hiring professional teachers, we can expect the board and superintendent to hire only people who are trained in the subject. To fill some jobs, this may require the use of more advanced recruiting techniques than are currently in use. If stepped up recruiting fails, careful consideration should be given to sharing certified subject teachers with near-by school districts. If a subject is worth teaching at all, then it must be taught by someone who

knows what they are teaching. Who wants to be operated on by a partially trained or unskilled surgeon? Likewise, who wants their child taught a subject by a partially trained teacher?"

Britt Stuart - "I think that the ideal situation would be if every teacher taught only their certified field. But in a small school sometimes that is hard to do and a teacher has to cross over into another field to fill a vacancy. This would be acceptable to me."

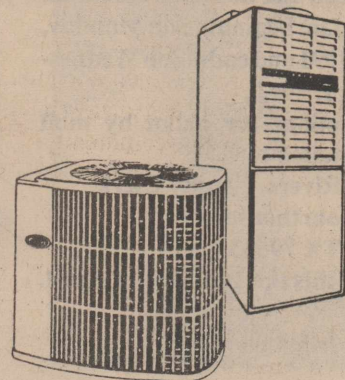
David Boyd - "I prefer using certi-

fied teachers in their certified fields, but when making these decisions I also consider the capabilities of the teacher."

Jeff McClure - "Education is not limited to the classroom. Many times experience and knowledge is gained through work life experiences which equip an individual to be an excellent educator in a particular subject area regardless of certification. Any teacher instructing outside his/her certification

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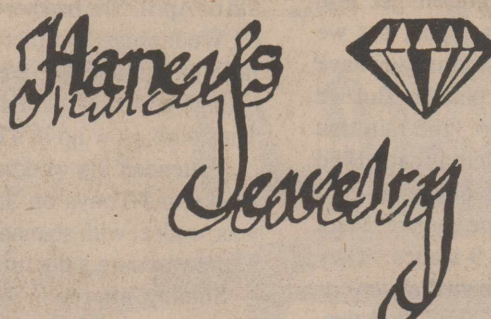
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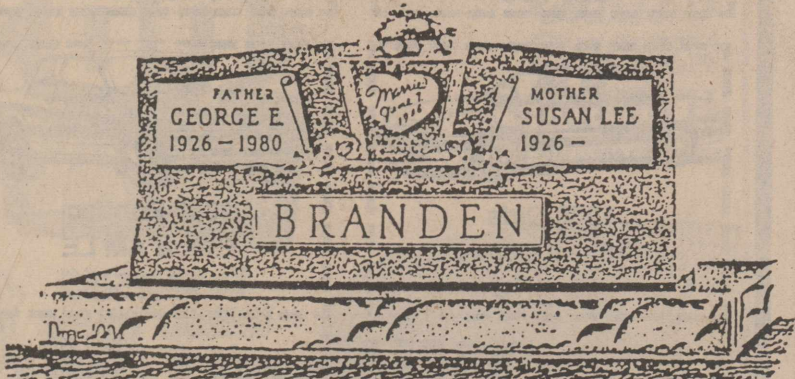
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Fisher County Hospital Board

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plete the necessary paperwork with Medicare and re-open within 30 days.

The board received a quality assurance report from Marilyn Turnbow and listened to a report from Dr. Maurice Callan on a trip he made to Phoenix, Arizona for a Methodist Hospital roundtable. Dr. Callan said "Methodist Hospital is helping rural hospitals and is certainly helping our (rural) physicians."

Air Conditioning Problems

Administrator Arla Jeffcoat explained some air conditioning equipment problems to the board. She indicated that two compressors were to be

replaced by Honeywell, under contract, and that additional feasibility studies were being conducted.

Financial Report

In her financial report, Arla Jeffcoat explained to board members that the average daily census for March had jumped to 11.6 as compared to 5 last year at this time. That the percent of occupancy had risen to 37% and that revenue received during March was \$141,582 as compared with approximately \$88,000 in March of 1990.

Those present for the meeting were: Board members Frank Mitchell, Brenda McCall, Steve Nowlin and William Cleveland, Jr. Absent was Billy Jeffrey.

Others present were Dr. Maurice Callan, Marilyn Turnbow, Scotty Cogburn, Rita Mason, Peggy McGinnis and Arla Jeffcoat.

Clinic Remodeling

A \$11,889.85 bid for Fisher County Doctor's Clinic remodeling was awarded Becker Construction Company of Sweetwater. The remodeling is to make the doctor's clinic area more compatible for three doctor's to practice medicine and to re-locate the physical therapy department to permanent quarters. It is anticipated that the work on the remodeling will begin in approximately 2 weeks and will be completed by May 20th.

Cash Flow Problem

The board discussed future cash flow requirement of the Fisher County Hospital. It was decided by the board to make arrangements to borrow \$250,000 from the First National Bank of Rotan. The borrowed funds will be used as needed and will primarily be for payroll and vital expenditures during the period from May to October. Arla Jeffcoat indicated to the board, after a complete study of the finances, that money would probably be needed before the board met again in May. For the past several years the board has had to borrow funds in June or July to tide

them over until tax money began coming in during October. This year the borrowing is taking place a little early. The board has re-paid all loans previously made for operating capital.

Forgiveness Request

In discussing the forgiving of the \$41,500 education loan to Dr. Ernie Atkins, the board generally felt that because of his service to Fisher County the past three years and for the betterment of the total health care picture of Fisher County that granting his forgiveness request was in order.

Rotan Golf Team In Two Tournaments

The members of the Rotan High School Yellowhammer golf team for 1991 are Stephen McQueen, Chris Baldree, Clay Hargrove, Mark Marshall, and Matt Mercer. The team participated in two tournaments. They traveled to Robert Lee on March 19 and to Hamlin on March 26. The district golf tournament was held in San Angelo at the Riverside Country Club on April 10.

Stephen McQueen qualified for the regional golf tournament as a low medalist. He had the second lowest score in the tournament, shooting a score of 83. The regional tournament will be held at Maxwell Municipal golf course in Abilene on April 22 and 23. The tournament will be a 36 hole tournament to determine medalists and team champions.

Goodwin And Mitchell Are Wed

Mrs. Stella Goodwin wishes to announce the marriage of her daughter, Nancy Lou, to Clifford O. Mitchell, Jr. Cliff and Mary Lou were married at 4:00 p.m., April 14th in Hamlin, Texas at the Central Baptist Church.

Rotan Girls Track Results

1991 District 9A Jr. High Girls Track
The Rotan Jr. High Girls Track team placed 2nd with 144 points.

The results are as follows:

1st: High Jump- Misty Bowen; 4th- Melissa Burk - Triple Jump, April Martin - 2400; Mandy McKinney - 300 m Hurdles.

2nd: Jody Price - Discus; 400 meter relay - Danna Parr, Buffy Shipp, Sabrina Ross, Pricilla Daniel;

Brandi Long - 800m; Misty Bowen - 100 meter hurdles and 300 m hurdles; Sabrina Ross - 100 meters; Buffy Shipp - 200 meters.

3rd: Stephanie Hunsaker - 2400 m; Mandy McKinney - 100 m hurdles; 800 meter relay - Danna Parr, Jamie Grisham, Mandy McKinney, Brandi Long; 1600 meter relay - Amber White, Brandi Long, Misty Bowen, Buffy Shipp.

4th: Melissa Burk - Triple Jump; April Martin - 2400; Mandy McKinney - 300 m hurdles.

5th: Amy Blackwelder - Triple Jump; Jennifer Rains - Long Jump and High Jump; Sabrina Ross - Shot; Stephanie

Hunsaker - Discus and 1600 m; Amber Whit - 800 m; Danna Parr - 100 m.

6th: Amy Blackwelder - long jump; Jennifer Rains - 300 meter hurdles.

Competing were: Yvonne Reeves - 2400 m and 1600 m; Brandi Murphree - 100 m hurdles; Amy Bennett - 400 m and discus; Jennifer Thompson - Triple jump; Shelly Baker - Shot put.

1991 District 9A Varsity Girls Track Results

Girls that competed:
Charonda Williams (Jr.) 100 m, 400 m; Dorothy Roddy (Sr.) 100 m, 200 m;

Julie Parr (Jr.) 200 m, Long jump, Triple jump; Jenni Burnes (Fr.) 400 m, high jump; Sherri Conner (Sr.) 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, long jump, triple jump; Heather Randolph (So.) 3200 m, 1600 m; Linda Hernandez (So.) 800 m.

Girls that placed:
Jenni Burnes - 4th - 400 m, 6th - high jump; Heather Randolph - 4th - 3200 m; Sherri Conner - 1st - 100 m; 1st - Triple jump; 2nd - 200 m; 2nd - 400 m; 2nd - long jump.

First and second place go to regionals.

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area is required by the state to continue course study in the area being taught under the guidance of state approved university deficiency plan."

8. What qualities make you qualified to serve as a board member?

Mike V. Terry - It scares me to try to explain my qualities because a lot of people might differ. Children attend school in Roby. Take special interest in the young people of this community. This community and the school here are very important to the welfare of my family. Will be willing to spend the time as a board member to see to it that our children are going to a good, quality school. Have board experience. Served on a rural water system as a board director for several years. Will always try to do what is right for the school and our community."

Dr. David Morris - "I feel qualified to serve on the school board because: (a.) I currently have a child in high school. (b.) I own taxable property (Blue Haven Motel). (c.) I'm Texas certified as a counselor, elementary and high school teacher. (d.) Taught and administered university teacher training programs; taught in elementary and high school. (e.) Administered a number of large educational and social service government programs. (f.) Have an earned doctor's degree in Personnel Management and Guidance. (g.) Served as the first Chairman of the Fisher County Economic Development Commission. (h.) Currently serving on the Roby - Rotan Fisher County Library Board and the Fisher County Quail Hunting Coop Board."

Britt Stuart - "Having grown up with one or both of my parents in the school system all of my life helped me to understand the views of a teacher and how important it is for the school board to back their personnel. With one child in school, I am beginning to understand the parents concerns as well. I am involved with the youth through church. I have lived in Roby all of my life and am a taxpayer of Roby C.I.S.D."

David Boyd - "I have a child in the school system. I believe in the importance of providing a good educational background for our children to help them progress successfully through life."

Jeff McClure - "Serving two prior terms on the Roby CISD has provided experience and insight which I will use to the best of my ability to serve the needs and concerns of the students, educators and tax payers of the district."

9. Give us your name, spouse's name, number of children - their names and ages, years you have lived in Roby and your favorite flavor of ice cream.

Mike V. Terry - Michael V. Terry, Wife - Debra K. Terry, daughter Cassie age 10; son Toby age 6 and daughter Kamie age 3 months. Lived in Roby for 31 years and favorite flavor of ice cream is Plain Jane Vanilla.

Dr. David Morris - "David Morris, spouse - Marta Zetina Morris; children - Kashaun Morris, age 17 - 11th grade and Vahid Yaxpal Morris - age 21, Roby High Graduate 1987 and East Texas State University Graduate 1991. Lived in Roby 6 years and favorite flavor of ice cream is buttered pecan."

Britt Stuart - "Britt Stuart, wife - Lisa Stuart, 2 children, Shane age 5 and Brittini, age 3. Spent 29 years in Roby. I've never tasted any ice cream that was not good. But if I had to pick just one, then it would be homemade banana nut."

David Boyd - "My name is David Boyd, my wife's name is Rhonda. I have two children, Sarah, age 9 and Daniel, age 1. I have lived in Roby most of my life. My favorite flavor of ice cream is Blue Bell chocolate."

Jeff McClure - "Jeff McClure, wife Karan McClure, and one child - Chance age 9, have lived 25 years in Roby and my favorite flavor of ice cream is chocolate chip."



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Tumbleweed 4-H Club Holds Meeting

The Tumbleweed 4-H Club met April 10 at the Courthouse Annex at 3:30 p.m. Meeting was called to order by Jaycee Carey. 4-H Motto and Pledge was led by Kyle McWilliams and Billy Floyd.

The program was on method demonstration.

Members present were: Jenny Knox, Jaycee Carey, Misty Taylor, Monroe Moore, Kyle McWilliams, Sonya Gaona, Amber Kelly, Mandy Tabor, Candice Brown, Wendy Harwell, Leticia Leyva, Sahala Freeman, Karen Carriker, Ashley Smith, Wesley Pullig, Adrian Castor, Ty West, Billy Floyd, Jessie Lozza.

Registration For Roby WTC Extension

Registration for summer classes at the Roby extension center of Western Texas College will be held May 22 in the high school library. Classes will begin on June 3 and meet during evening hours for nine weeks, ending on Aug. 1.

Courses on the schedule are English 131, Government 231 and History 132.

Information about the courses in Roby can be obtained by contacting Glenna Stuart at 776-2222 or the office of Mike Thornton, Director of Extension Services, at 573-8511 in Snyder.

Registration for summer classes on WTC's Snyder campus will be held June 3 and classes will begin on that day.

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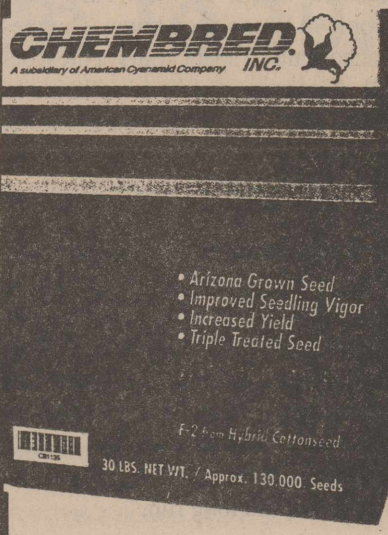
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Rotan School Board Candidates Tell Who Is Responsible For Quality Of Kids Education

1. What new programs need to be implemented in your opinion to better the academic program at Rotan?

Leo Long - "We should implement advanced computer science classes in the high school and computer literacy in the elementary and junior high. The new science programs using the latest video disk teaching techniques should be used. We should have a special reading program to insure that all students learn to read and a foreign language program should be introduced at the lower grade levels."

Reece Schooley - "At this time I am not really sure that new programs need to be implemented. Perhaps we need to work harder on the ones we have now, get back to basics and have a closer parent-teacher relationship."

Debbie Hull - "I believe a more extensive computer program is needed throughout the school system. Every student should be required to take a full class-time period of computer applications. Also, I would like to see a fine arts program in both primary and junior high. High school offers this class, why not the other buildings. Primary needs a music program. I remember learning to read music and play an instrument (tonette) in primary."

Sheila Murphree - "I personally feel that for a school the size of ours and with the funds made available to us, we offer a top-grade academic program at Rotan. But, there is always room for improvement. I believe all students could prosper from improved computer labs and distinct instruction in this field."

Betty Strayhorn - "I would like to see a Fine Arts program developed. I feel that there are several aspects that would need to be studied before a good full program could be implemented. Some of these are available space, personnel, grade to begin in, sequence in which courses should be added, and the available finances for such a program. More students could find their "niche" in our schools if we added this program to our present ag programs and extra-curricular programs."

Craig Rowland - "Distributive education should be offered to those high school students not planning to attend college in order that these students may have the opportunity to work one half day at a business to learn a trade that will enable them to attain a good job upon graduation."

Raymond (Hoss) Carrillo - Did not respond.

2. In your opinion, what physical improvement need to be made to the campus?

Leo Long - "Improvements on the Rotan campus should begin with central heat and air conditioning for the elementary and junior high. The new science programs using the latest video disk teaching techniques should be used. We should have a special reading program to insure that all students learn to read and a foreign language program should be introduced at the lower grade levels."

Reece Schooley - "In my opinion there should be several physical changes on our campus. We need a larger field house, better stands, better lighting, remodel band hall, and the ag. classroom. Some inside improvements are more computers, copying machines, teaching aids and new band uniforms."

Debbie Hull - "Remodeling some of the older buildings is desperately needed. The Band Hall is disgraceful and the bathrooms in the band hall and in junior high are disgusting. Old sinks and commodes need to be ripped out and new ones put in. I would love to see an all-weather track field built. We've had some outstanding track teams and it's a shame that we don't even have a track decent enough for them to use. Long-term wishing: I'd like to see a new Junior High built."

Sheila Murphree - "First and foremost, I would like to see the buildings and areas surrounding cleaned up! Having lived in West Texas all my life, I realize it is difficult to keep the dust and debris from blowing. But, I feel the teachers could instruct and the children could learn, with less difficulty, in a clean environment. Secondly, I would like to inquire about upgrading some of our busses, whether it be done by purchasing new ones, or better upkeep of the ones we now own."

Betty Strayhorn - "First, I would like to see the Elementary and Junior High buildings brighter and more eye-appealing to those who enter. Second, study the accessibility to the different floor levels of the high school building."

This need arises most when Rotan hosts and academic meet and visiting school has a handicapped participant. Third, keep a good maintenance program in place."

Craig Rowland - "We should continue the ongoing improvements to the elementary school playground which were initiated by Mr. David Hargrove. Attention needs to be given to the electrical system in the high school. The old gym is in need of numerous repairs since it is still being used by our children. These are just a few of the campus improvements needed."

Raymond (Hoss) Carrillo - Did not respond.

3. How do you feel teachers need to be rewarded for serving as coaches on UIL teams, acting as yearbook sponsors or serving as student government coordinators?

Leo Long - "I feel that all teachers that are required to perform duties outside their classroom duties should be paid for the time they spend on these outside duties."

Reece Schooley - "I believe that teachers who put in extra time coaching students for UIL should receive extra pay just like football, basketball or any other coach receives. This is a very time consuming job and it involves travel to other schools several times a year. Yearbook sponsors and student government coordinators perhaps do not have to travel as much but they spend a lot of extra time and effort that is not in every day class work."

Debbie Hull - "They should be paid for these services. It takes a great deal of extra time and effort to serve in these positions. Football, basketball, tennis and track coaches get paid extra for the extra work they do, so should other teachers when they do extra work. Also, public recognition for these special teachers would be nice. How many people in Rotan even know who these teachers are? I spent hours at the Rotan UIL district meet and I saw all the extra time, effort and concern these teachers had for their students. They are appreciated and should be awarded appropriately."

Sheila Murphree - "If such positions as those listed above are carried out properly, they require many, many extra hours from the teachers. It would appear to me to be only fair that these instructors receive bonus payment over and above their salaries. The students they are working with should reap the benefits in the long run."

Betty Strayhorn - "Yes, I feel that teachers who have extra responsibilities which take extra time should be rewarded. Sponsors for the annual, cheerleaders, student government, and U.I.L. academic events all give extra time. Give them some time at school to work with those students and reward them for giving week-end time so that students can enter meets. To do this fairly would take some time to study what all is involved, but the superintendent, principals, and teachers should be able to make a fair plan to present to the board."

Craig Rowland - "Teachers serving as UIL coaches, yearbook sponsors and student government coordinators should be rewarded with commemorative plaques presented at the school board meeting or at an assembly of the student body."

Raymond (Hoss) Carrillo - Did not respond.

4. What is the greatest need in your opinion, facing the school board in the next year?

Leo Long - "At this time the greatest task facing the Rotan school board will be dealing with a new financial plan from the state. The implementation of the new financial package may require cuts in some programs and new programs mandated by the state will have to be implemented."

Reece Schooley - "The greatest need facing the Rotan school board the next year is to offer the best education to students that is possible and to try to reduce our school tax if at all possible. We need to utilize what state and local tax funds that we have in the best interest of the tax payer."

Debbie Hull - "The possibility of spending the surplus \$700,000 is going to be extremely important. Many difficult decisions are going to have to be made on how to spend this money in the most efficient and effective way and to try to please the majority of the people."

However, as much as possible will have to be kept in reserve for possible operations in case of an emergency."

Sheila Murphree - "HARMONY! Unfortunately, over the past few months we have seen a lot of dissension within the school system, the administration, and the board itself. Our children are the ones who suffer the most from such circumstances. I would like to see us united again as a town, school board and faculty, concentrating on the quality education of our students."

Betty Strayhorn - "Because of all of the publicity on school finance, that is what automatically comes to my mind. I wonder though if there are not other important local decisions to be made that only present board members know about."

Craig Rowland - "The greatest need facing our school board next year is to provide our children with a stable faculty so that their energy can be focused on learning and to provide them the best education possible. I believe we should strive to develop and maintain financial stability for our school district."

Raymond (Hoss) Carrillo - Did not respond.

5. Address a solution to keeping a proper balance between athletics and academics.

Leo Long - "Athletics should complement the academic program. Students should be aware that taking part in athletics is a privilege and not a guarantee. The privilege to participate in athletics should be earned. The way to earn this privilege should be through academic achievement. All student athletes should be counseled on the importance of academic achievement. All students should be encouraged to take the most advanced classes that they qualify for."

Reece Schooley - "Athletics are great for children. Some excel more than others but some of these children get so involved that they forget they need to study and work for the education that will carry them through the rest of their life. Part of this let down can come from us parents when we try to build more confidence in our children to excel in sports. We should try to build confidence in all of their activities but stress that a good education should come first."

Debbie Hull - "I believe the No Pass - No Play rule has pretty well taken care of that for us. If a student can't make his grades and learn what he needs to learn, then he won't be participating in athletics. I think we need to recognize academic students (UIL participants, etc.) with as much enthusiasm as we do athletic students. Why is it that the track team can take a whole day out of school to attend the District Track Meet, but UIL students have to spend two long evenings after school to attend the District UIL meet? Something is wrong there it appears to me."

Sheila Murphree - "Academics must be top priority at all times! Students who excel academically deserve the same recognition as athletic achievers. The problem that I see is that we have so few students and so many activities, both academic and athletic. Sometimes the students are so overwhelmed with responsibilities that their priorities get mixed-up. In all reality, parents are responsible for keeping a proper balance of the two."

Betty Strayhorn - "The balance between athletics and academics is a statewide problem and cannot be completely solved by a local board. However, the local board should do everything possible to keep every school day, from the first bell to the dismissal bell, for academics. That time should be held as sacred for academics as after school and Friday night are for football or after school and Tuesday and Friday nights are for basketball. To help get this done the board should send recommendations to the District Executive Committee and to the U.I.L. Executive Committee."

Craig Rowland - "My priorities lie with academic achievement, however our children also need to be exposed to organized athletic competition. A balance will be difficult to obtain."

Raymond (Hoss) Carrillo - Did not respond.

6. As a body, is the school board, in your opinion, responsible for the quality of education received by students?

Leo Long - "The school board has

some responsibility for the quality of education. The board must see that funds are available for supplies and equipment to be used in the classroom. The board is also responsible for hiring the most teachers. The classroom teachers and the administration should be responsible for curriculum development and for the quality of education taught in the classroom."

Reece Schooley - "Yes, to a certain extent. The state has set so many different guidelines to go by that the school board does not have as much to say about what is taught. The board does have the responsibility to hire the best teachers that are available. If the board hires a qualified teacher and the teacher has the ability to teach that subject to the student, then for that respect the board has done its job."

Debbie Hull - "Definitely. The board is responsible for hiring quality teachers to teach our students and for implementing the programs necessary to achieve quality education. If they don't do a good job in these two areas, our students suffer the consequences."

Sheila Murphree - "As a body, the Rotan school board is responsible for placing qualified and dedicated individuals on our faculty. Then the student must take on the responsibility to achieve as much as possible."

Betty Strayhorn - "The board as a body is responsible for the quality of education. As it makes a budget, hires personnel - particularly the superintendent and then the principals - or sets policies, they are influencing the educational process. They should set the direction that the school is to go and then be sure that it goes that way."

Craig Rowland - "It is the responsibility of the school board to provide the school system the best trained and caring teaching staff possible for our children."

Raymond (Hoss) Carrillo - Did not respond.

7. How do you feel about teachers teaching outside their certified field? (i.e. - a biology teacher teaching a course in government).

Leo Long - "Teachers should be allowed to teach outside their certified fields only when a certified teacher is not available. Before a teacher is placed in an out of field class, the teacher should meet state requirements as to the number of college hours completed in that field."

Reece Schooley - "There are teachers that have been teaching out of their certified fields for years. If the teacher is able to teach the subject where students understand and make good grades, why can't the teacher teach that course? The state has other ideas, a teacher must be certified to teach a subject."

Debbie Hull - "In an emergency situation I can understand hiring a teacher outside their field. If we lose a teacher before the year is out, like we did when Mr. Jensen broke his hip, we are not always lucky enough to have a qualified teacher in town to take his place. In this situation, hiring someone temporarily outside their field may be necessary. Otherwise, I do not think a teacher should be hired outside their field. The teacher chose that field for a reason - they are interested in that field and will be a better teacher in their own area."

Sheila Murphree - "I realize that teachers have a broad spectrum of subjects in their education. But, obviously a certified biology teacher would have more knowledge of that subject than any other subject. Again, it is to the advantage of the student to be in a classroom where the teacher is teaching in their certified field."

Betty Strayhorn - "Probably a rule-of-thumb is to get a certified person if at all possible. This does not mean though that an uncertified person will definitely not do a good job. It depends upon the individual. When hiring a person for multiple duties, try to hire the person who is best certified for all fields involved."

Craig Rowland - "Teachers should not be allowed to teach any subject they are not trained nor qualified to teach."

Raymond (Hoss) Carrillo - Did not respond.

8. What qualities make you qualified to serve as a board member?

Leo Long - "I feel I am qualified to serve as a board member because of my past experience on the board, my background of having worked in the computer field for 15 years, and my financial and budget work in the past. I feel that my greatest quality is that I believe our children are our most important commodity and each child in the district should be offered the opportunity to receive the best education in the state."

Reece Schooley - "I am a parent concerned about our school system. I am a tax payer and I believe that our school can always be improved. I also believe that tax payers should be informed about their school matters at all times."

Debbie Hull - "I am an ex-Rotan student, and active citizen, a concerned parent and I have a business background and knowledge in finances, bookkeeping and dealing with the public."

Sheila Murphree - "I have a vested interest in this school system, feeling a responsibility for my three school age children as well as all others. I have been active as a room parent for the last 8 years, serving as president of our Primary Room Parents Organization for 1990-91. I have served on committees in Primary and Jr. High with various teachers and principals over the last few years. Most importantly, my involvement in the V.I.P. program in Primary has given me a better understanding of how our system works and the day to day dealings of these teachers and students."

Betty Strayhorn - "I suppose that the two qualities that I have which might help me to be a board member are my background and interests. My many years as a coach, band director and classroom teacher have made me aware of the importance of each program. My interest in young people and their education helps me to realize the role that our school has in molding the lives of Rotan's youth."

Craig Rowland - "My wife and I both attended school in Rotan. We have three children, two of which are in elementary school. Our eldest son will be in junior high next year. Our youngest will be in kindergarten next year. We are very concerned about the qual-

ity of education our children receive and feel that any service we can perform in helping them to achieve their goals in life is our most important responsibility as parents. I have been very active in our children's education since 1988 by serving as President and Vice President of the Primary Room Parents Association. I have also tried to make myself available when needed by any of the school staff or students."

Raymond (Hoss) Carrillo - Did not respond.

9. Give us your name, spouse's name, children - their names and ages, years you have lived in Rotan, and your favorite flavor of ice cream.

Leo Long - "My name is William Leo Long - spouse's name, Relna Long. Two children - Dilana Lee Roberson, age 25 and William Bradley Long, age 23. My favorite ice cream flavors are to numerous to list."

Reece Schooley - "Reece Schooley, Leatece Schooley, Two children, Shelly Schooley age 19, Texas Tech and Shana Schooley, age 14, Rotan High School. We have lived in Rotan for 13 years. Back in the early 1960's we lived here 3 years. My favorite ice cream is in a bowl or on a cone, - chocolate, I guess."

Debbie Hull - "My name is Debbie Hull and I am the wife of Mike Hull. We have two children, Traci, age 15 and Michael, age 13. I have lived in Rotan all my 33 years of existence. My favorite flavor of ice cream is Rocky Road."

Sheila Murphree - "My name is Sheila Murphree. I have been married for 15 years to Randy Murphree. We have 3 terrific children, Brandi, age 12; Bradey, age 9 and Cody, age 6. Rotan has been my home for 15 years now. My favorite flavor of ice cream is definitely homemade cherry-nut."

Betty Strayhorn - "Betty Strayhorn, married to Bartlett Strayhorn, no children, lived in Rotan 41 2/3 years and favorite flavor of ice cream is chocolate."

Craig Rowland - "My name is Craig Rowland. My wife Mary and I have three children. Our son, Kelley Burnett is 10; Our daughter Nikki Rowland, is Our son Gerald Burnett, is 3. I have lived in Rotan for 30 of my 37 years and my favorite ice cream flavor is Rocky Road."

Raymond (Hoss) Carrillo - Did not respond.

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