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Stiff Illegal Use Penalty Possible

Rotan Council Discusses Rules Of 'Trash Convenience Station'

The members of the Rotan City Council are planning on opening what they are going to call a 'Convenience Center' South of the old Rotan City Hall and West of Builders Transport in a fenced in area. At the Convenience Center, the City of Rotan will move the City of Rotan's oil filter crusher from the dump ground; move the limb shredder, recycling trailer and will have two 30 yard BFI containers to take items from City of Rotan residents that can't be placed in alley BFI containers.

All residents, those who live in the city limits and those who live outside the city limits, using the BFI containers will be paying a fee for taking large items to the BFI 'roll-off' 30-yard containers. The fees were not set by the Rotan City Council last week but will probably be around $15.00 a cubic yard for items. As a point of reference, a long-bed pick-up load of trash is going to be approximately 6 cubic yards or cost approximately $90.00, if that is truly the rate the City of Rotan sets.

To keep residents from outside the city limits of Rotan from using dumpsters in town, the City of Rotan is checking with it's attorney on the wording of a city ordinance, assessing a stiff fine, for people who are caught dumping trash illegally.

In other action, the City of Rotan, according to a report by Harold Sanders, is going to coordinate a quail hunt for some area prison staff members as an expression of appreciation for the work done by prisoners over the past several months. This is to take place later this week.

Mayor Marshall informed the council that People For Progress in Sweetwater was looking for a few lots to build a $65,000 building to house a new Head Start Building. The City is looking in to assisting in locating the lots.

Council members questioned where prisoners doing work in Rotan were eating and were informed that the Fisher County Hospital has been feeding the prisoners all summer.

Council members also questioned the possibility of securing bids on fuel. No action was taken after the discussion on the matter.

Councilmen are to review the commercial charges for BFI trash pickup in October and the charges for the 'convenience center'.

'Coming Home Queens' Are Named For '96

A total of six Rotan "Coming Home Queen" nominees will be recognized on Friday, September 20th before the annual homecoming halftime crowd.

From the class of 1936, Pauline Fleming, who will be escored by David Stevens from the Class of 1986.

Class of 1946 - Lois Jane McSpadden Rains, escorted by Joe Dale Burk.

Class of 1956 - Peggy Roberson Diamond, escorted by Reggie Stinson Sr.

Class of 1966 - Byrde Thomas Sparks, escorted by Jose Carrillo.

Class of 1976 - Irma Carrillo Carreon, escorted by Monte Morrow.

Class of 1986 - LaTonya Daniel, escorted by Paul Zambrano.

Strayhorn, Gonzalez Against

Rotan School Board Splits On Drawing Plans For New Track

The members of the Rotan School Board, by a split-vote, agreed to let the firm of Huckabee & Associates draw up plans and specifications with cost projections, including volunteer labor, on a new all-weather track. Board members voting in favor were Dr. Vick Burk, Clay Helms, Sheila Murphree, Ralph Riddel, Jr., and Norvelle E. Kennedy. Voting against the motion - Betty Strayhorn and Marcus Gonzalez.

The board unanimously approved directing Superintendent Hays to discuss with Huckabee & Associates concerning plans for the Elementary School renovation project and any other funding information available.

In other action, at the Monday, September 16th board meeting, the members approved the 1996-97 calendar; authorized Bob Spikes, Mickey Early and Daid Hargrove to appraise teachers.

The attendance committee for 1996-97 will consist of Bob Spikes, Mickey Early, David Hargrove, Wilma Bullock, Debbie Mercer, Verna Mae Pittman and Patsy Cox.

Rotan, Roby Get $12,087.26 In Sales Taxes; All Part Of $122.4 Million Across The State

State Comptroller John Sharp sent $12,087.26 back to Rotan and Roby earlier this month, as their part of the September sales tax rebates which go to 1,084 Texas cities, a 23.2 percent statewide increase over payments a year ago.

Rotan on the average, did well for the period. Rotan's September check amounted to $10,275.72 compared to $8,349.04 for the same period 1995 which reflects a gain of 23.07%.

Roby on the other hand did extremely well, collecting a check of $1,811.54 in 1996 compared to $846.60for the same period 1995 which reflects a gain of 113.97 percent.

1996 payments to date for Rotan have been $89,770.30 compared to $97,344.41 in 1995 which is down 7.78 percent. Roby has collected $13,872.95 compared to $12,371.40 in 1995 or an increase of 12.13 percent.

Rotan City Spent Close To $100,000 More Than It Took In For The Year, Council Hikes 1996 Taxes, Adopts 1996-97 Expense Budget Of $771,548.

The members of the Rotan City Council adopted a budget calling for income of $771,800 and expenses of $771,548 that gave them the green light to adopt a tax rate 3% higher than the effective rate for 1997.

The Rotan taxes in 1997 will increase from the 1996 rate of .65922 cents per $100 valuation to .692997 cents per $100 valuation. The effective rate, or the rate the City of Rotan could have charged that would have generated the same funds, was .67281. The rate adopted by the Rotan City Council was the absolute maximum rate they could adopt without triggering the publishing of notices and public hearings.

Rotan City Secretary Harold Sanders trimmed income and expenses considerably for the budget that was approved last week. Sanders budget that was adopted by the councilmen without a change, runs from October 1, 1996 to September 30, 1997. It had total income pegged at $771,800. The budget year the City of Rotan is just finishing called for income of $848,015 while they actually took-in (a 12 month projection built in) $703,584. The City of Rotan's budget under - projected income by approximately $145,000.

The budget projected expenses for the up-coming year at $771,548. The budget year the City of Rotan is now finishing had expenses budgeted at $874,425 while they actually spent $832,127. They spent approximately $42,000 less then they budgeted to spend.

The bottom line is that the City of Rotan for the period October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996 (with September 96' estimated) went over budget by approximately $103,000 or they ran approximately 12% over budget for the year.

1996 Rotan Homecoming Activities Set For Weekend

by Darlene Cleveland

Countdown to Homecoming '96 is fast approaching. We have planned many fun activities for you this year. We will kickoff with the Yellowhammers taking on Water Valley Friday night at 8:00 p.m. The coming home queen contest will take place at halftime. Ballots will be available at the game. Following the game, the Ex-Students Association will host the traditional coffee in the Rotan school cafeteria. Please join us.

The next event will be the luncheon which will be held Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. The cost of this event will be $4.00 per person. Many exes and others are preparing soups and salads for everyone to enjoy. We will have a style show presentation by Main Street. Susan Martinez has stocked her shop with lots of beautiful clothing and accessories, and we are very glad she will be sharing them with us. Main Street will also be open Saturday for our "hometown folks' and exes to shop.

Saturday afternoon from 1:00 - 3:00, we will have the opportunity to tour the Theatre on The Brazos and our newly renovated Junior High building. Many volunteers have worked hard to renovate the Theatre and make it a success. The administration and students are also very proud of their newly remodeled junior high building. Please come and see what Rotan has done and share our pride.

We are very excited about our next event which is the banquet. It will be held in the school cafeteria Saturday at 6:30 p.m. The cost is $6.00 per person. Casa Morales is catering the event with a traditional mexican food menu. Entertainment will be provided by Mark Harris who will be playing guitar and singing some songs he has co-written and produced. Classes wishing to reserve tables for the banquet should call Jenna Hayes at 735-2260.

The final event of Homecoming '96 will be the dance. It will be held at the Murphree's hangar from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Cost for the dance will be $8.00 per person or $15.00 per couple. Music will be provided by "Crossfire" with Monte Morrow. These guys are great, and you won't want to miss them. Due to lack of funds, the number of tables and chairs will be limited. We are asking for our "hometown folks" to bring their own chairs and card tables, if they wish, so that those who are travelling from out of town can use the ones provided.

Homecoming '96 promises to be a lot of fun. This annual event could not be successful without you, so please make plans to attend now.

Filing For Two Council Spots Opens Nov. 4th

Interested in filing for a position on the Rotan City Council.? The opening day to file is November 4th. Election to replace Adolfo Medrano and Greg Rains is January 18th.

Deadline to file is December 3rd.

Filing Opens On November 4

Greg Rains Leaving Rotan Council, Two Spots Will Be Filled In January Election

The members of the Rotan City Council officially learned last Monday night that Greg Rains, councilman, will be resigning because of a pending move to Snyder. Rains has been named as the manager of a new Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber yard to be constructed in the near future.

Rains is to be replaced by Lloyd Greene as the local lumber yard manager.

The resignation of Rains, leaves two vacant seats on the Rotan City Council. The other vacancy was created when Adolfo Medrano resigned sevearl months ago.

The Rotan City Council has called an election to replace both Rains and Medrano for Saturday, January 18th. Candidates desiring to run for one of the two vacancies can begin filing on Monday, November 4th. Filing will continue until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 3rd. Those elected will be filling out the unexpired term of Rains and Medrano which expire in May of 1999.

The other councilmen are Scotty Daniel, Mario Quintanilla and Jack Cadenhead.

1996 Rotan Homecoming Queen Candidates



Laura Blackwelder
Senior
Daughter Of
Mr. & Mrs. Roger
Blackwelder



Amy Gruben
Senior
Daughter Of
Mr and Mrs. Harold
Gruben



Katie Kennedy
Senior
Daughter Of
Mr. & Mrs. Norvelle
Kennedy



Geraldine Lowe
Senior
Daughter Of
Mr. Gerald
Lowe

Change In Tax Dollars For County Taxpayers / Calculations Based On Owning a $50,000 Home*

	1995 Tax Rate	1996 Tax Rate	1995 Taxes On $50,000 Home	1996 Taxes On $50,000 Home	Difference +/-
Fisher Co. Gen. Fund	.59341	.60862	$296.71	$304.31	+ $7.60
Fisher Co. R & B Fund	.27925	.28641	$139.63	$143.20	+ $3.58
Fisher County Hospital	.59000	,59000	$295.00	$295.00	Same
Roby School District	*1.30000*	*1.494985*	*$650.00*	*$745.00*	*+ $95.00 (Proposed, not final)*
Rotan School District	1.43000	1.43000	$715.00	$715.00	Same
Rotan City	.65922	.692997	$329.61	$346.49	+ $16.88
Rotan Water Auth.	.08000	.08000	$40.00	$40.00	Same

*Calculations do not take into consideration early payment discounts on taxes or homestead exemptions or other exemptions offered by entities

Bond Election Causes Most Of Increase

Roby School Board Meets, Votes On Preliminary Tax Rate For 1996 At $1.49, Up For 1995's $1.30

The Roby School Board met with Carol McDonald, C.P.A., and reviewed the school audit for 1995-96. McDonald presented the report to the board and stated the school has a good fund balance, with no audit findings which was very unusual especially with the construction of a new school going on. McDonald reported a very good clean report with a healthy fund balance and complimented Kathy Daniel on an excellent job.

All board members were present for the meeting with the exception of Robert Terry and Manuel Valdez.

The minutes, tax report and monthly bills, West Tex Communications Infrastructure Fund and appraisal calendar for the 1996-97 school year were all approved by consent agenda.

The board proposed the 1996-97 school year Maintenance & Operation tax rate at $1.333496¢ and the Interest & Sinking proposed tax rate at .161489¢ with the total proposed tax rate at $1.494985 with no early payment discounts and no split payments.

Bill Fowler, Elementary Principal, reported the Elem./Jr. High enrollment was growing with six students being enrolled since school started and putting the total enrollment at 238. Fowler stated the new lockers were in place and no problems with the new building. The science lab, Fowler stated, should be finished in about two weeks.

Gary Daniel, H.S. Principal, reported an enrollment of 93 with 28 Freshmen, 28 Sophomores, 21 Juniors and 16 Seniors. Daniel stated that the first six weeks of school would conclude Friday and tutorial classes had begun where they were needed. He also reported on setting dates for credit by exam being offered for students who are eligible where they could take the exam, and if they passed would receive a credit for that particular course.

Coach Graves, Athletic Director, commented on being in the third week of football, students working hard, good participation, with a young team, but expressed a lot of confidence in all students participating in the sports program.

Superintendent Price reported a broken pipe at the football field being tended to by the maintenance staff and briefed the board on board member training programs, one on October 2nd and another one on November 6th.

Trent To Honor Albert Maberry September 21st

Albert Maberry, vocational ag. teacher at Trent from 1953-1970 will be honored on Saturday, September 21st at 1:00 p.m., during the annual homecoming.

Former students from across Texas and out of state plan on attending this recognition for this well respected teacher.

The program will include a video summary of highlights from his life, i.e. A&M days, infantry officer, Battle of the Bulge, WWII, Vo-Ag. Teacher, Big 3 Pork Producer, owner of race horse - Mr. Kirk's Shadow and his family. Testimonials from former students will be included.

Wife Geneva will also be recognized for 23 years of service as a public school and private piano teacher.

All of his friends are extended an invitation to the event.

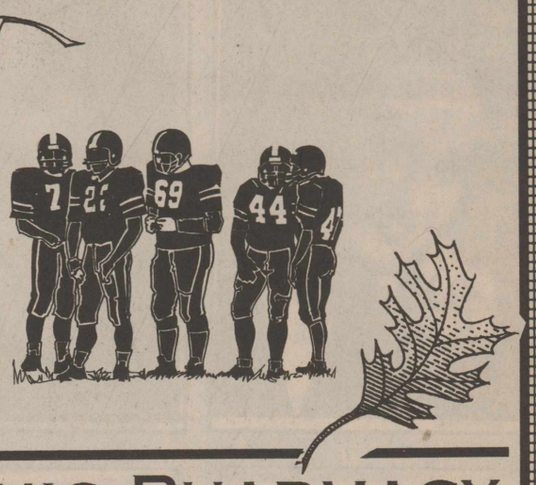
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Rotan 'Project Graduation' Group Sets Meeting For September 23rd.

Project Graduation is an all night substance free party for high school students. To put on an all night party, parent and community members have to work extremely hard getting donations such as prizes, money, or food. This continues throughout the school year. If we can keep one student from wrapping his or her automobile around a telephone pole, it will be time well spent! Hard work and dedication by certain members of the community, for students at Rotan High School, have begun to make this a success!

The next meeting for Project Graduation 1997 is September 23, at 7:30 in the Old High School Library. This is after the Booster Club meeting. Please attend if you have an interest in helping. The students at Rotan are worth the effort.!

Parents and community members met and decided to continue with the plans of Project Graduation. Many items were discussed. Project Graduation is going to be for the entire high school; students who are currently Freshmen through Senior 1997. Many things of interest need to be discussed and decided on for this event.

If any one is interested in helping work or donate to Project Graduation, please contact Tricia Spikes at the high school, 735-3041.

Welcome Exes Homecoming 1996



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Fisher County Senior Citizens News

By Maggie Briggs

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will be having a dance on Friday, September 20, at the Senior Citizens Building. The dance will start at 7:30 p.m. ending at 10:30 p.m. "The Texas High Band" will be playing. All senior citizens and their guests are encouraged to attend.

The Senior Citizens will be open on Monday, September 23, and will be closed on Tuesday, September 24.

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Fisher County Devotional Page

Seeds From The Sower

Michael A. Guido, Metter, Georgia

One night, when our German Shepherd was a puppy, he heard thunder for the first time.

He ran from room to room, barking for all he was worth, seeking to destroy the unseen intruder who dared to defy him.

At first I laughed, but then I thought of man. He goes about barking at God, trying to outwit Him, seeking to break His bands of restraint. But God in heaven merely laughs, and then He deals with man in His displeasure.

Whatever you do, don't have God against you. Believe in Him. Then if God be for you, what matters who's against you? Oh, the joys of those who put their trust in Him.

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First Baptist Church Rev. Werth Mayes 735-3471 SS - 9:45 - Worship 10:45 Rotan, Texas	**McCaulley Baptist Church** Rev. Bruce Cook SS 10:00 - Worship 11:00 McCaulley, Texas
Foursquare Church Rev. Robert Kennedy 735-2553 SS - 10:00 - Worship 11:00 Rotan, Texas	**St. Joseph's Catholic** Appointment Pending Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. 735-3285 Rotan, Texas
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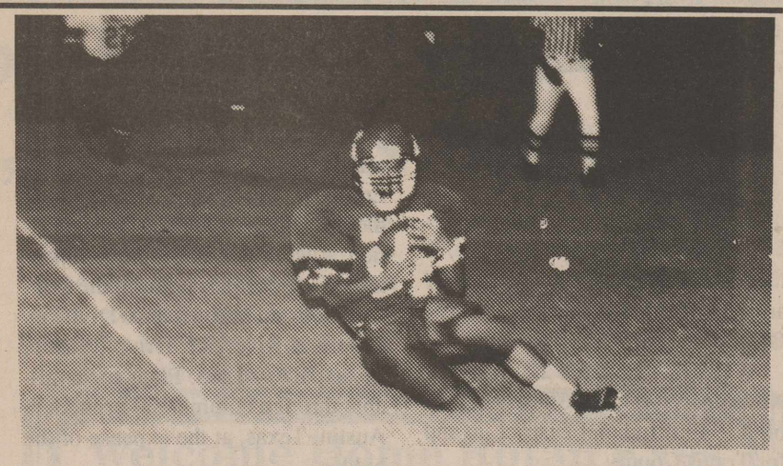
Roby Board Members Vote To Hike Taxes From $1.30 To $1.49, Public Hearing Set For Sept. 26

Roby School Board members, by a 5-0 vote, are proposing to increase Roby I.S.D. school taxes by .194985 cents for 1996.

At last Monday's board meeting the board is proposing to take the 1996 taxes from

In this week's paper is a quarter-page ad outlining the particulars of a public hearing that is to take place on September 26th, whereby Roby School Board members will officially vote the tax rate for 1996.

The primary reason for the taxes increasing by .19 cents is the bond issue voted by Roby School District residents to cover the cost of the new junior high / elementary building. "All along we felt the tax hike, just for the bonds on the building would be about .16 cents," said George Price, Superintendent. They actually figured .16.1 cents. The remaining few cents is an increase in the maintenance and operation budget.



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The news and advertising deadline is noon Tuesday.

Nine Steers Exhibited By Fisher County 4-H Members At Abilene

Nine steers were exhibited by 4-H'ers at the West Texas Fair last weekend.

Katrina Rains exhibited the Champion Polled Hereford Steer.

Individual results are: Progress Show Steers over 1000 pounds, Lt. English - 2. Cory Rains, 10. Auturo Flores Heavy American - 3. Toby Terry Prospect Show Steers under 1000 pounds Heavy Angus - 6. Cassie Terry Lt. Polled Hereford - 1. Katrina Rains Heavy Polled Hereford - 2. Katrina Rains Middle Shorthorn - 4. Cory Rains Middle Chiniana - 6. Bryant Terry Lt. Heavy Maine - 5. Bryant Terry.

Cory and Katrina Rains also won several classes in the Junior Shorthorn Heifer Show while Tyson and Cecile Terry also won several classes in the Open Red Angus Show.

Letter To The Editor

Recently my family and I met one of your fine neigbors. It was not a planned meeting, not occurred at a social gathering. Lucky for us we met Rick Martinez and his family on the roadside 20 miles fro Snyder.

Just ten or so minutes after having to stop along Highway 180, Mr. Martinez, his wife, and two daughters stopped to offer my wife, our two small children, and me assistance. Our car was disabled and the Martinez family drove us into Snyder at 11:00 p.m. and took us to a local motel.

Lucky for us that the Martinezes had attended church that evening in Snyder and that they recognized folks in a jam.

Thanks again
Brad G. and family

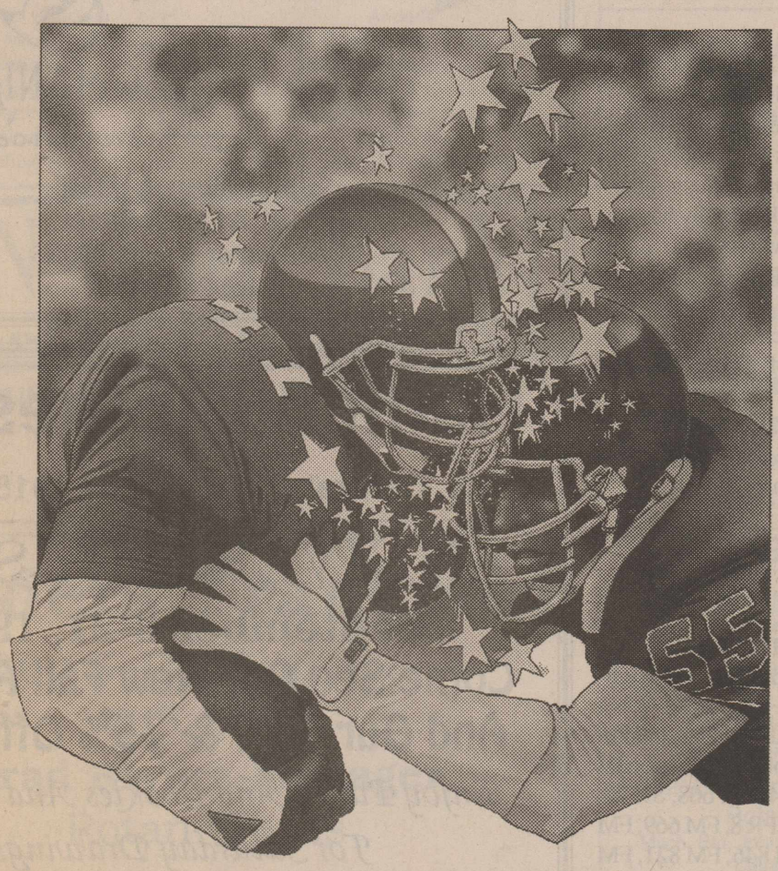
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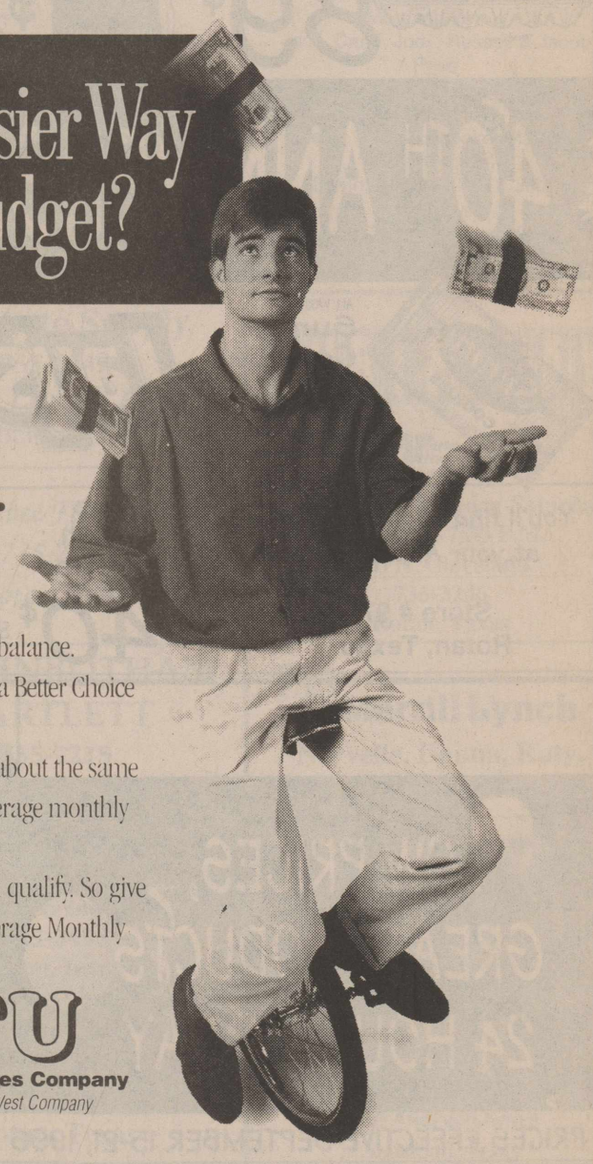
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WHEREAS, on the 22nd day, of November, 1995, in the District Court of the 345th Judicial District, in and for Travis County,

PLAINTIFF, EDWIN ALLEMAN, JR. recovered judgment against defendant, TODD JEFFREY for the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-One and 48/100 ($84,221.48) Dollars;

And in like manner, PLAINTIFF, EDWIN ALLEMAN, JR. recovered judgment against defendant, BILLY W. JEFFREY for the sum of Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Three and 35/100 ($90,373.35) Dollars;

With interest on the amounts as hereinabove set out at the rate of 18 per cent per annum from the 22nd day of November, 1995, until paid and $282.00 costs of suit as per bill attached.

THEREFORE, YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to proceed without delay to levy upon property of DEFENDANTS, TODD JEFFREY AND BILLY W. JEFFREY

found within your county not exempt from execution and sell same according to law in satisfaction of said judgment, less and credits that hereinabove may be set out.

TRACT TWO: All of Lot or Block No. 24 of the James & Legett Subdivision of A.J. Long Pasture, out of Leagues 322 and 323, containing 160 acres, more or less, and Excepting 946/1000 of an acre conveyed to Trustees of Sylvester Cemetery Association, as shown by deed recorded in Vol. 67, page 195, Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas and further excepting the homestead reservation previously noted and filed of record in Vol. 595, Page 173 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas and hereinbelow restated as an exception to this conveyance.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but make due return of this execution to said District Court within 90 days from the 30th day of July, 1996, with your return thereon endorsed showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-MENDOZA, Clerk of the District Court of Travis County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Austin, Texas, this the 30th day of July, 1996.

Requested By:
Meadows & Welch
9065 Jollyville Road
Austin, Texas 78759

AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-MENDOZA
District Clerk
Travis County, Texas
By Leean O'Dell, Deputy

Came to hand on the 20 day of August, 1996 at 8:30 o'clock A.M. Executed the 5 day of September, 1996 at 1:50 o'clock P.M. by having run 3 consecutive weeks or 21 days in Rotan Advance-Roby Star Record before, sale or the 1st Tuesday of October which is October 1, 1996, at the North Door of Fisher County Courthouse.

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By Patti J. Thompson
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9505652-005

Legal Notice

Request for Bids on Texas Highway Construction.

Sealed proposals for 292.289 km of seal coat at various locations on IH 20, BI 20-K, US 84, FM 608, SH 70, SH 208, FM 1856, PR 8, FM 669, FM 1054, FM 643, FM 846, FM 821, FM 1584, and FM 1210 covered by CPM 5-6-96, CPM 5-8-86, CPM 6-1-79, CPM 6-1-80, CPM 6-2-87, CPM 6-13-5, CPM 53-12-51-18, CPM 262-2-16, CPM 263-2-16, CPM 263-5-18, CPM 332-2-23, CPM 488-1-12, CPM 537-1-4, CPM 558-4-15, CPM 933-5-15, CPM 965-1-10, CPM 1155-2-10, CPM 1156-2-14, CPM 1503-1-10, CPM 1714-2-6 and CPM 1714-2-6 and CPM 3276-1-14 in Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Kent, Fisher and Borden Counties, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., October 4, 1996, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Dan Richardson, Area Engineer, Big Spring, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex, or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

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3:2tc

Silver Haired Legislator Returns From Austin Orientation Meet

Franciene Johnson of Haskell, the Texas Silver Haired Legislature Representative for District 3, has just returned from an orientation session in Jester Hall at the University of Texas in Austin, held July 29 through Aug. 2.

She was sworn in by the Assistant Secretary of State and was presented a Certificate of Commission. The orientation session was for the purpose of electing officers, making committee assignments and getting an overview of the TSHL.

According to Johnson, there are 116 members of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature with the state being divided into areas. Each area is divided into four districts with four members per district. District 3 comprises eight counties including, Haskell, Knox, Stonewall, Kent, Scurry, Fisher, Nolan and Mitchell.

The TSHL, which represents one-fourth of the population of Texas, was created by the Texas Legislature to take advantage of the knowledge and expertise of senior citizens.

Johnson was elected Chairman of the Utilities and Natural Resources Committee. Each committee will take resolutions to the Legislative Session of the tenth anniversary of the TSHL, which meets Sept. 9-13. The resolutions were discussed, with some being selected to be presented at the 1996 Texas Legislature Session.

TSHL members will then attend the 1996 Legislative Session and recommend the resolutions that were selected. Johnson said that 80 percent of resolutions that have been recommended by the TSHL have gone on to pass the Texas Legislature and become law.

Some of the speakers at the orientation session included State Attorney General, Dan Morales, Dr. Mike McKinney, Commissioner of Health and Human Services; and other representatives of state agencies. They discussed anticipated legislation of the Texas Legislature, such as utility deregulation, public education, human services block grants and initiatives and referendums.

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The Cubs fell behind early in the game 8-0 after the Buffaloes returned a punt to the 5-yard line, and then scored on the next play. The Cubs tightened the score in the second quarter as Curt Douglass picked up a Cub fumble and advanced it 18 yards for a touchdown. The 2-point attempt failed, leaving the score 8-6 at the half.

Early in the fourth quarter the Buffaloes scored two touchdowns, making the score 22-6. The Cubs mounted a comeback with a 35-yard touchdown pass from Jeremy Griffith to Lance Moore. Griffith then carried in the 2-point conversion, cutting the score to 22-14. The Buffaloes then added a late touchdown, making the final score 28-14.

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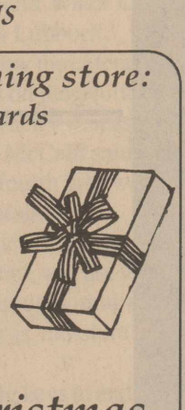


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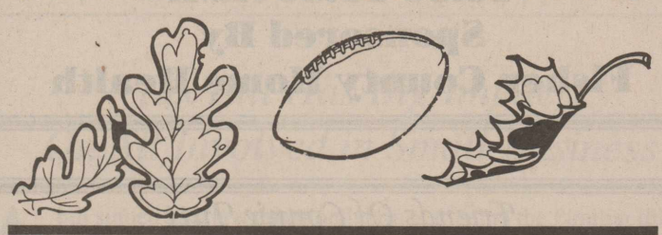
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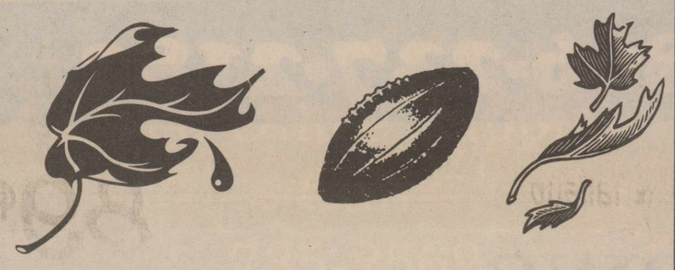


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THURSDAY: Enchilada, Refried Beans, Salad, Pudding.
FRIDAY: Hamburger, Hamburger Salad, Baked Fries, Fruit.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU
SEPTEMBER 23-27, 1996

MONDAY: Frito Pie, Ranch Style Beans, Fruit, Bread, Milk.
TUESDAY: Fajitas, Refried Beans, Salad, Jello w/Fruit, Bread, Milk.
WEDNESDAY: Fish w/Tarter Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Black-eyed Peas, Cinnamon Rolls, Bread, Milk.
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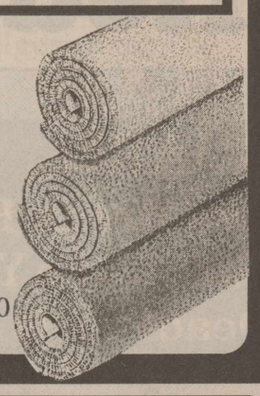
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Growing Old And Depending On The Availability Of Soc. Security

There was a time when the worst thing that could happen in old age was a catastrophic illness that depleted your savings and left you unable to support yourself. One of the facts of life I've become aware of recently is the very real possibility many people face in retirement-- and that is the risk of outliving their retirement income. People are living longer, and in some cases, their income is not lasting as long as necessary to cover the needs of the later years.

The fastest growing segment of the population today is the age 85 plus. Your chances of being among that number are dramatically increased as medical science steadily advances. From a planning perspective, you need to be thinking about retirement income that will grow with you no matter how long it takes.

Social Security retirement benefits are paid as early as age 62 and continue for life. The benefits are designed to be a base of income in retirement, something you can build on to meet your life-style needs. The benefits replace about 42 percent of prior earnings for workers with average lifetime earnings; they increase annually with increases in the cost of living. However, you have other options as to how much those benefits will be depending on the age at which you retire.

If you retire at age 62, your benefit will be reduced for every month before age 65 and the month you retire, to a maximum of 20 percent.

If you retire after 65, your benefit will increase for every month after 65 and the month you retire. In 1996 the increase is 5 percent a year, gradually increasing to 8 percent a year in 2007.

If you wait until 70 to retire, your benefit will increase by as much as 20 percent. On the other hand, if you start drawing benefits at 62, you will be receiving benefits over a longer period of time and will probably end up getting about the same in total benefits.

It's time that most people do not base their retirement decision on how much their Social Security benefit will be. Such issues as health, other income, and family responsibilities may outweigh this factor, as they should.

But for planning purposes you would probably do well to think about when you want your base of income to be the highest, when you can rely on earnings and other income, and when you are most likely to need an income that just keeps coming.

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By Beth Dannheim

Bulbs for the Holidays

Come Christmas you may be sorry you didn't get your hands a little dirty back in September. Now is the time to plant bulbs for the holidays. It takes three to four months for bulbs to grow and flower. To grow bulbs indoors, you need a pot with good drainage. Partially fill it with a mixture of garden soil, sand, peat or potting soil. Place as many bulbs as possible in the pot taking care not to let the sides touch. Fill the pot with soil leaving the tips of the bulbs exposed. Water thoroughly and often. Keep the pots in cold storage. The bottom shelf of the refrigerator where the temperature 40 to 50 degrees is best. Don't take them out for at least 12 weeks. When you do, put the pots in a semi-dark spot where the temperature is still cool--around 60 degrees. When the leaves begin showing color, move the plants to a sunny location and they'll bloom quickly. Welch says this method works well with daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, and crocuses. He recommends selecting early blooming varieties.

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More Bulbs for the Holidays

Football season is here. The days are getting shorter. There's a hint of fall in the air. If you want a hint of color in your yard, you'd better get planting. Bulbs are in abundance at your local nursery, but you have to know what to do to get them to be productive come November and December. Since we don't get much cold weather, we need to stimulate cold weather by putting hyacinth and tulip bulbs in the refrigerator for six weeks. Daffodils and narcissus can go direct in the ground. And if you just don't get around to planting bulbs either outside or in pots, there's one more way you can still get blooms for the holidays. It's called the gravel method. Fill a bowl with pebbles. Put in the bulbs and fill the bowl with water up to the botto of the bulb. Place in a sunny window. Keep the water level constant and you should get flowers in three to six weeks.

FDA is warning the public not to consume imported mascarpone cream cheese sold under the Giglio, Parmalat and Sol di Valle brand names because it may be contaminated with Clostridium botulinum, a bacterium which can cause life-threatening illness or death. Consumers are warned not to use the product for any purpose even if it does not look or smell spoiled. Infection and botulinum can result in the following symptoms: general weakness, dizziness, double-vision and trouble with speaking or swallowing. Difficulty in breathing, weakness of other muscles, abdominal distension and constipation may also be common symptoms.

County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

This article on Buffalograss was written by Retired Extension Range Specialist Jake Landers.

Short and sweet, keep that in mind for Buffalograss. Instead of growing tall, it grows wide, sending out runners (called stolons) that can over bare spots a few feed wide in a wet summer. As for sweetness, I'm using that term to describe what livestock like about it. Maybe instead it's the saltiness or tenderness or protein content, whatever. Buffalo grass is grazed well by livestock in summer and through the winter if any is left. It is a warm season grass that cures well in play for winter hay, seldom more than six inches high, however.

Because of its abundance on Texas rangeland and its ability to come back after close grazing, Buffalograss has my vote for the most important range grass in the western half of the state. Its main drawback is its lack of poundage; it does well to yield 2,000 pounds per acre in a good summer. With proper stocking, this figures to be one cow grazing on one acre for 20 days per year, or 20 cows grazing on one acre for one day per year, or one cow grazing on 10 acres for 200 days per year; you figure out the combinations you want. For a whole year of grazing one cow would need 18 1/4 acres of Buffalograss. This is based on averages, of course; some cows are bigger than others, some acres are more productive and brush-free than others, and some years are better than others for growing grass, but maybe these values are in the right ballpark.

Buffalograss is one of the few grasses that grows male and female flowers on separate plants. Pollen is grown on the male plant in flower clusters called flags, one to three on each stalk a few inches high. Seeds grow at ground level on female plants in hard burlike knots. You can't tell the sexes apart without the flags or the knots. Frequently you will see a patch of Buffalograss flags a yard or more wide, without any seed-bearing plants in the midst, apparently the result of a male plant spreading over the territory before a female plant got established. And vice versa. A ranch wife once showed me a sack of Buffalograss "seeds" she had collected from the pastures to plant in her yard, but she was having zero success in getting them to germinate. Alas, she had collected the flags only, not knowing the real seeds were hidden in the ground on female plants. I felt sorry for her after all her frustrated efforts, but as a lesson learned from experience, it will not be soon forgotten.

Buffalograss is known scientifically as Buchloedactyloides. Buchloe is derived from the Greek language combining buffalo (boubalos) and grass (chloe), and dactyloides means fingerlike or jointed, probably referring to the jointed runners. Buffalograss grows from Mexico to Canada and is most extensive in the short grass plains just east of the Rocky Mountains.

In recent years Buffalograss has been groomed to be used as a low maintenance lawn grass. This was what the rancher's wife who collected the "seeds" was interested in. Good seeds are available from several commercial sources now, and occasionally flats or Buffalograss sod, more expensive than St. Augustine, are available at nurseries. Several selections of Buffalograss are advertised that stay green longer, look more uniform, need less mowing, are easier to establish, or whatever will sell. One of the selections is an all-female sod which doesn't have any of the little flags popping up that some people might feel obligated to mow off for neatness.

The main problem with Buffalograss lawn is in the eyes of the beholder, especially if the beholder is a critical neighbor. It is never like a well-manicured lawn of Bermuda, St. Augustine or Fescue remaining green all summer. Buffalo doesn't respond to fertilizer well, nor extra wear. When it's too hot or cold or dry, Buffalograss is adapted to go dormant and survive. That's what it's done on its own since the Cretaceous. If you want a low maintenance lawn, you will have to accept some of the unglamorous looks of Buffalograss at times and perhaps absorb the adverse comments from the neighbors. But if you have a lawn in full sunlight, you hate to mow, you don't want to water or fertilize, you have tolerant neighbors and a compatible spouse, you might want to go for a Buffalograss lawn.

Some sources of seed or sod or both include Turner Seed Co., Breckenridge, TX 76024, 817-559-2065; Curtis & Curtis Seed Co., Star Rt. Box 8A, Clovis, NM 88101, 505-762-4759; Bamert Seed Co., Rt. 3, Box 192, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4787.

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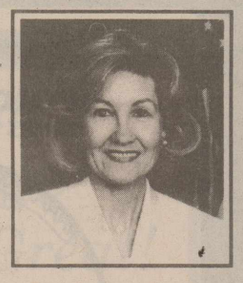
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Tax Bill Has Big Impact On All Involved in Small Business

A bill signed into law this month brings to mind the familiar dilemma of whether the glass is half-empty or half-full.

While it raises the minimum wage from $4.25 per hour to $4.75 per hour on October 1, and then to $5.15 an hour on September 1, 1997, at the same time this legislation provides the owners of small businesses with significant tax relief. What follows is a rundown on provisions of the new law that I hope those involved in small businesses will find instructive.

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How does the new law affect expensing for small businesses? It increases expensing for small businesses substantially. The amount of equipment purchases that a small business can deduct in the first year, rather than depreciating over the life of the equipment, will rise each year starting from $17,500 and ending at $25,000 in the year 2003.

Does this legislation change pension rules in any way? The bill makes a variety of changes that loosen current requirements for business' pension and profit-sharing plans and eases the administrative burden associated with creating these programs which benefit small businesses' employees.

For businesses with fewer than 100 workers, a new type of pension plan known as SIMPLE would allow workers to contribute up to $6,000 annually into an Individual Retirement Account or other tax-preferred pension plan. Employers would match employees' contribution up to 3 percent of the employee's salary. The amount contributed would be deductible for the employer, while workers could exclude their contributions from their taxable income. Small business owners will be able to set up pension plans for themselves and their employees in a way that is simpler, less costly and free of many of the burdensome rules and regulations imposed on current plans.

What do restaurant owners need to know about the new law? The law sets the minimum wage for employees who receive tips at $2.13 an hour. It expands the tip credit, which accrues to employers. Under current law, owners of bars and restaurants pay Social Security taxes on servers' tips as well as on their salaries, but they can receive a credit for the taxes paid on tips as long as the servers are on the premises. Under the new law, tips of workers who deliver food — such as the ubiquitous pizza deliverers — would be eligible for the credit as well.

Does the new law provide for a lower starting wage for youthful, entry-level employees? Yes, the law sets an "Opportunity Wage" for new employees 19 years of age or younger at $4.25 per hour for the first 90 days of employment.

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The taxes imposed on small businesses are still too high, and our tax code remains far too complex. We must continue to look for better ways for the government to deal with the firms that create two out of every three new jobs in America.



Members Of The Roby Band

Twelve Roby Gifted And Talented Students Attend McMurry Meet

Twelve Roby High School Gifted and Talented students attended a Servant Leadership Seminar at McMurry University Wednesday, September 11.

The seminar provided young leaders with skills that allow them to contribute to their society. It promoted team building and leadership. The students divided into groups and participated in various activities such as following instruction drills, group discussion, hands-on activities and active participation.

Those attending included Kim Hudnall, Makala Herron, Damon Dickson, Chris Gloyd, Latrice Moffett, Jaycee Carey, Candice Brown, Sarah Boyd, Wesley Arnold, Leticia Leyva, Karen Carriker, Sahala Hardin, Cassandra Griffith, and sponsor John Fenton.

Rotan Class 1946 Holding Meeting

The Rotan High School graduating class of 1946 is having their 50th year class reunion in the Rotan Community Center, September 21, 1996.

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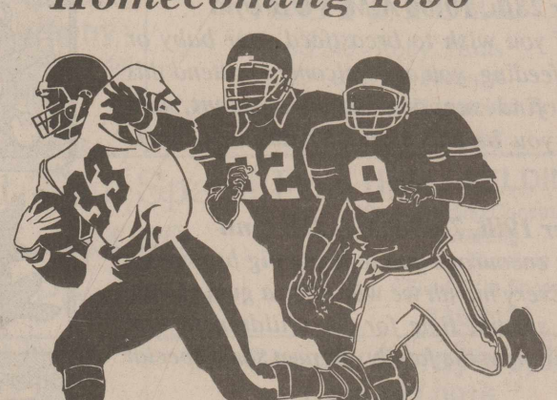
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Rotan May Be Down To Only Three City Council Members

Rotan may officially be down to three council members after the recent resignation of Adolfo Medrano and the pending official resignation of Greg Rains.

Mayor Jerry Marshall, after stating that the next meeting of the council would be October 8th, found out that one of the three remaining councilmen would not be in town for the October 8th meeting. He rescheduled the regular meeting for October 15th. Since that meeting was set it was learned by City Secretary Harold Sanders that one councilman will be on vacation. The meeting has been re- re-set for September 22nd.

In order to hold a legal meeting of the Rotan City Council a quorum of the members must be present. A quorum is one more than half. One more than half of the five seat council is three councilmen.

In a Mayor - Council form of government, general law city, the Mayor does not have a vote, unless to break a tie vote.

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Will Be Filling Zone 4 Seat

Director For Conservation Board To Be Elected Oct. 3rd.

An election for a director to serve in Zone 5 on the Upper Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District Board is scheduled for October 3, 1996 at the Rotan Gin Company, announced Glen Webb, Chairman of the Board. The election will be held at 10:00 a.m.

State law decrees that to be eligible to vote in a soil and water conservation district directors election, a person must own agricultural land within the district where the election is being held. The person must also live in a county, all or any part of which is in the district and the voter must be 18 years old.

Legal qualifications state that a candidate for the office of a soil and water conservation district director must own land in the zone he represents, be 18 years of age and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. He must also live in a county, all or part of which is in the district. Soil and water conservation district directors serve four years terms of office.

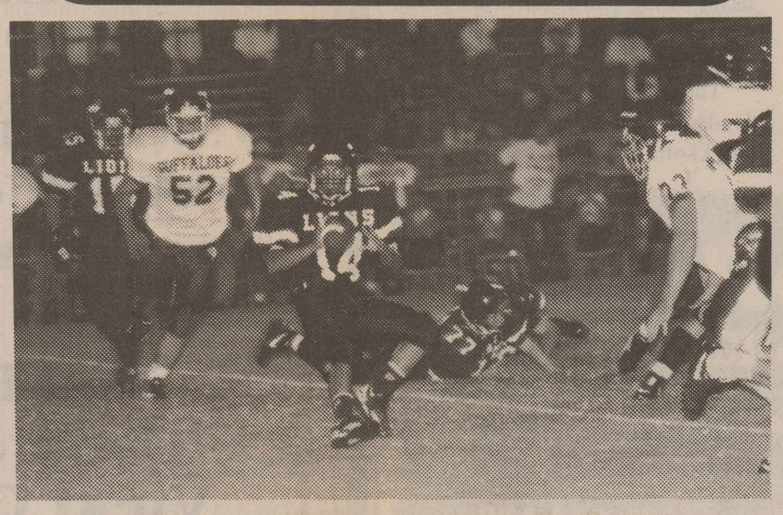
Zone 4 of the district includes an area from a line beginning South of Highway 180 and Farm Market Road 57 and East of Highway 70 and includes the Southeast portion of Fisher County.

Current members of the board of directors for the Upper Clear Fork SWCD are Glen Webb, Chairman, of Capitola; Alfred Douglass, Vice-Chairman, of Sylvester; Charlie Black, Secretary, and members Jimmy Counts and Dick Edwards of Rotan.

The purpose of the Upper Clear Fork SWCD, with its headquarters in Rotan, Texas is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on farm and ranch lands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers and ranchers on conservation matters.

The district board of directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purpose.

All conservation programs managed by the district are of a voluntary nature to the landowner and operator.



MAKING THE PITCH: Donnie Barrera, Roby Quarterback, makes a pitch during action last Friday night against Cross Plains.

Boll Weevil Eradication Plan In Place, Work Has Started

The days of the costly, cotton boll weevil eating crops and profits in the Rolling Plains Central are numbered. Beginning this month, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program started treating some of the fields in the 22-county zone to reduce the number of weevils entering diapause, or a hibernation state.

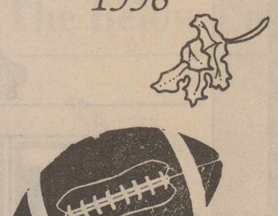
"This is the best chance we've had in years to begin eradicating the boll weevil at the lowest cost to growers," said Woody Anderson, cotton grower and chairman of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. "The kick-off of the program in our area is the result of a lot of hard work by growers in the area who are determined to eliminate the boll weevil as an economic threat to our cotton industry," he said.

"During the first year of an eradication program, the diapause phase is designed to treat individual fields based on the stage of the cotton crop-killing diapausing weevils and setting the stage for the long-range benefits of eradication," said Frank Myers, executive director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

Fields are treated if a minimum of 50 percent of the plants in individual fields have open bolls. Initially, these fields are treated on a weekly basis and as environmental factors, like the temperature, change, treatment schedules are adjusted to 10-and later 14-day cycles. Treatments end with the first frost.

The Rolling Plains Central Zone, approved by growers in December 1994, is now made up of 22 counties since cotton growers in Brown, Comanche and Erath counties voted unanimously to join the zone last month. Approximately 3 million cumulative acres will be treated this fall.

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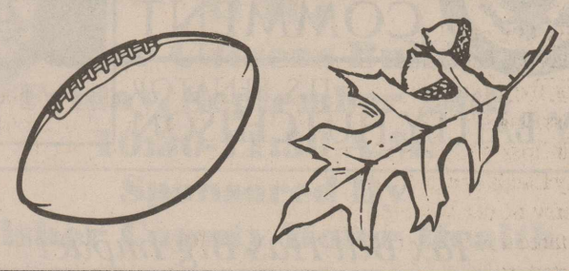
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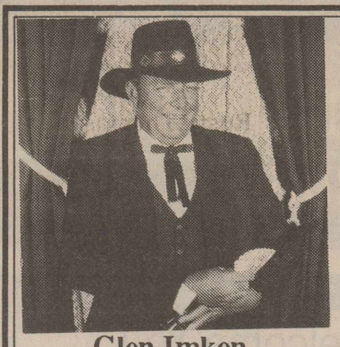
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Friday 13th Proved Fatal For The Roby Lions Team As Cross Plains Charged To A 42-3 Win, Bronte Next

By Makala Herron

Friday the Thirteenth proved to be fatal for the Lions who lost 42-3 to the Cross Plains Buffaloes. Roby won the coin toss and chose to receive. Tommy Lands caught and ran for the first carry of the game. Lions completed three downs with little success and opted to punt. The Buffaloes began to push for the goal line, gaining a first down. With 7:07 left on the clock Cross Plains scored on a 33 yard pass. The kick for the extra point was good. The Lions struggled through the rest of the quarter holding the Buffaloes 0-7.

Roby started the second quarter with possession on their own forty yard line. Gainless play forced Lion Donnie Barrera to punt. Roby linebacker, Billy Floyd, was taken out of the game with a bruised bone in his upper arm. Cross Plains drove and scored another touchdown. Buffalo Cory Switzer's kick for the extra point was no good. Lion receiver Jacob Whittaker received the kick, returning for 30 yards. Roby fumbled and recovered at their own 47 yard line. On 3rd and 13 Shea Feagan carried the ball 3 yards, making it 2nd and 7. Opting to go for a field goal, Roby Lion Shea Feagan successfully kicked a 34 yard field goal with 3:35 left in the quarter. Receiving the Lion's kick the Buffs were un-stoppable pushing and scoring a touchdown and two point conversion with :04 left on the clock. At halftime Cross Plains let 21-3.

The Friday the Thirteenth jinx continued to affect the Lions in the third quarter. Roby's offense failed to make a first down. Lion defense allowed the Buffs another touchdown and extra point kick with 3:29 left in the quarter. The third ended with Cross Plains leading 28-3.

On the first play of the fourth quarter Roby's ball was intercepted by Cross Plains. The Buffs went on to score a touchdown and extra point with 8:53 on the clock. After receiving the kick from Cross Plains the Lions were unable to gain a first down. On 3rd and 11, Lion Donnie Barrera punted the ball. Cross Plains drove and scored a touchdown and extra point with :46 left on the clock. The final score was Cross Plains 42 and Roby 3.

Roby had 2 first downs. The Lions carried the ball 25 times for 65 yards. They gained no yards passing and punted 6 times.

The Roby Lions play the Bronte Longhorns at Bronte on Friday. Linebacker Billy Floyd is expected to return.

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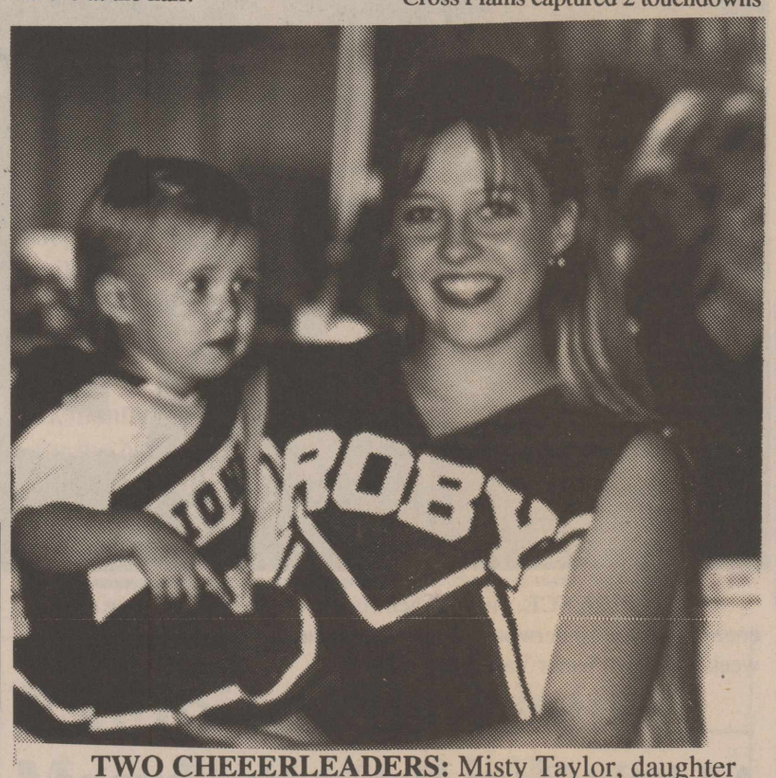
Thursday night the Roby Cubs were defeated 28-14 by Cross Plains. With 4:09 left in the first quarter Cross Plains drove and scored the first touchdown of the game. Cross Plains ran it in for the two point conversion. First quarter ended with Cross Plains leading 8-0.

The Cubs bounced back in the second quarter with Curt Douglass scoring on a 34 yard run after receiving a lateral pass from Lance Moore. The Cubs couldn't get the ball in for the two point conversion. Cross Plains led 8-6 at the half.

After scoreless third quarter play, Cross Plains captured 2 touchdowns and a two point conversion with under 4:31 left in the fourth. Roby Cub Lance Moore scored a touchdown after receiving a pass from Jeremy Griffith with 1:55 left in the quarter. Jeremy Griffith ran in the two point conversion. Cross Plains drove to score one more touchdown with 1:32 on the clock. The game ended with Cross Plains 28 and Roby 14.

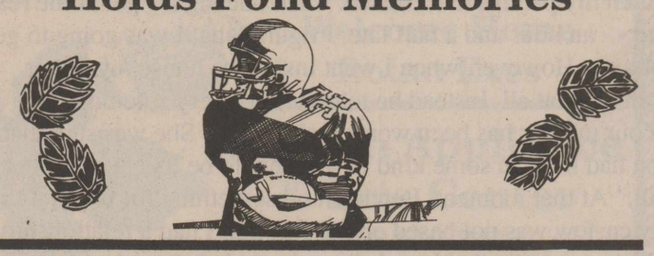
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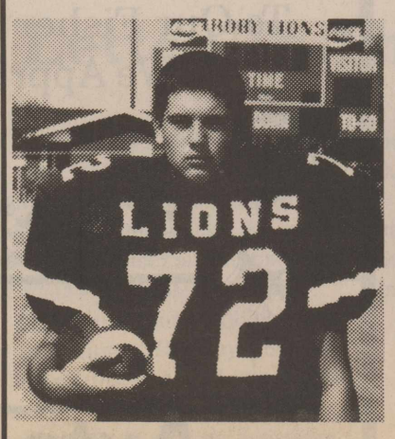
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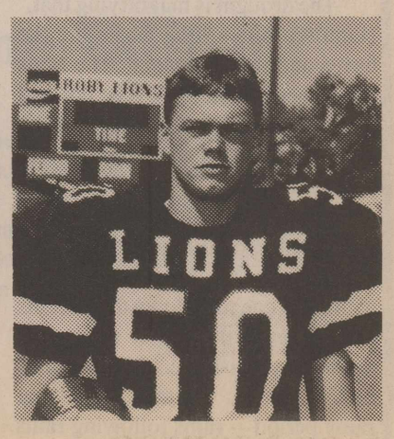
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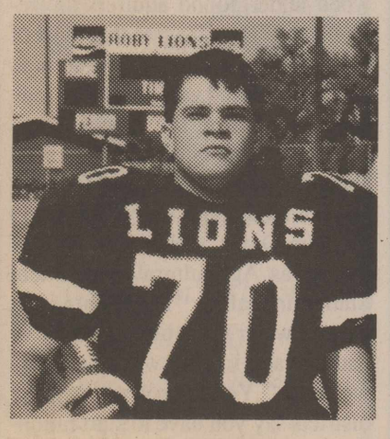
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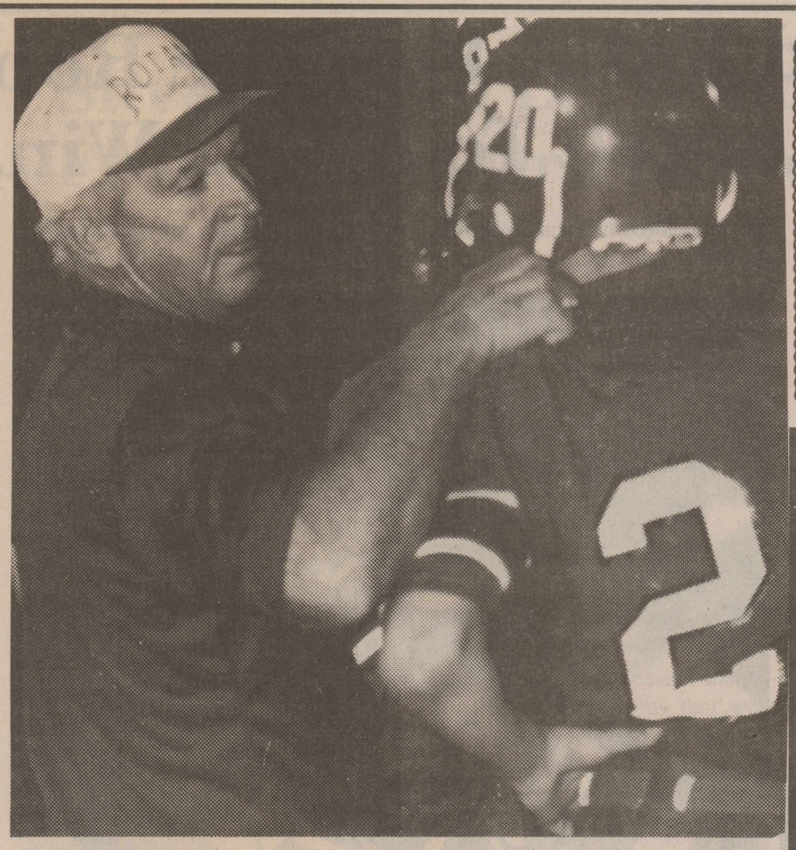


By Rev. Joe Baucum
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Rules or Relationship
Romans 2:4

I was a teenager much like most others, I guess. I was a pretty good kid most of the time. However, when it came to curfew, I always pushed my parents as far as I could. If they said to be home at midnight, I'd be there at 12:07. I always tried to get home soon enough not to get into trouble, but I was forever testing the strength and boundaries of the 'time cage' which my parents had created. Then one night I got home really late - - an hour and a half late. I figured that I was going to get it for sure. However, when I went inside the house my father didn't yell at all. Instead he told me, in a very solemn tone, "Your mother has been worried about you. She was sure that you had been in some kind of accident to be this late and not call." At that moment, I understood something for the first time; my curfew was not based on the fact that I had a relationship with two people that loved me and worried about me.

It is the same thing with God. The limits that He puts on us are not rules to be outwitted. The commands He gives are based on the fact that He loves us and knows what is best for us. How God's heart must break at our attempts to outmaneuver His love for us.



CONFERENCE: Head Coach Harold Mayo has a sideline conference with Reed Underwood, Rotan Quarterback. Rotan lost to Baird last week and faces Water Valley this week.

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A Little Rain Perks Up Texans Attitude, Drought Not Over

A few drops or even inches of rain might perk up Texas attitudes, but meteorologists and agriculturists warned that recent precipitation is far from ending the drought.

Some say an end to the drought will be signaled by full reservoirs and stock holes, others when the soil is moisture to a 5-foot depth, others when underground aquifers are replenished. But all agree that most of the state remains well below normal.

Only watered yards in Dallas may be immune from the drought's impact. "The drought has mainly been something that affects the farmers, and we read about in the city," said Dr. Tim Davis, resident director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Dallas. "People here just have to water more often, and we've had to water in May when normally we don't. You worry when water districts say you have to start rationing, and we've not had to do that."

Elsewhere in the state, calling an end to the drought is not in the near future. "We have a long way to go. It will take more than a one-day event, or even a couple of day-long events," said meteorologist Pat Herald, with the National Weather Service in Austin-San Antonio office in New Braunfels. "Even this morning's rains, a lot will run off. There still are a lot of areas that haven't received much at all. Plus, July is the normal hot and dry season. It is going to be a long summer."

Herald said Central Texans can look to the reservoirs and stock ponds to get an idea of when the drought is over. But that will require a lot of rain. He said Austin's year to date rainfall after Friday morning's rain total 8 inches, but the normal is about 14 inches; San Antonio has had 4.19 inches this year, but 12.61 is normal; and more arid Del Rio has had 2.23 inches, but 6.62 is normal.

Rains fell in the cotton growing region around Lubbock, but so did damaging winds and hail, according to Dr. Kater Hake, cotton agronomist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The air has been so dry up here that to get any rain, it has to come under violent conditions," Hake said He estimated that cotton acreage is "down about 1 million acres to 2.3 million due to the drought on dryland farms and damage on irrigated farms."

"We are a long ways from being over the drought. And we are concerned that (recent rains) inches by June, according to Carmon McCain, information specialist at the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District in Lubbock.

"We won't know the extent of this drought's impact on the aquifer until next December when we measure the depth to water," McCain said. "But this is about the fourth year with less than normal rainfall."

Pastures, which feed the state's valuable cattle herd, will not feel true relief from the drought until the soil moisture profile is moisture to the depth of 5 feet.

"One of the big keys to ending the drought is restoration of deep soil moisture," said Wayne Hamilton, director of the Rangeland Ecology and Management Center at Texas A&M University. "You can get rains that replenish the surface several inches or even a foot. It grows feed and makes things look good, but what we really want is deep moisture, and right now there is none."

Hamilton said many of the rangeland plants that typically go dormant and turn yellow during late summer hot, dry periods already are in that condition.

"The drought is magnifying that," Hamilton said. "Plus, there are the haves and the have nots. The rains have been isolated. We've not had the general rains in large parts of the state that blot out the scattered rain patterns."

Hamilton said it will take more than filled reservoirs and stock ponds to signal the drought's end. "I've seen a rain that can rush down the streams and fill everything, but the runoff doesn't replenish the soil moisture," he said. "So, it will take a continual rainy period--- rains following rains -- to grow the ground cover that will hold the moisture until it soaks into the soil."

"There are a lot of ranges right now that could get 4 inches of rain right now and would be lucky to hold 1 inch of it," he said.

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Rotan Hammers Hosting Water Valley Squad

By April Montez

Friday's night game at Baird was definitely one to remember for the Yellowhammers. Rotan won the coin toss and chose to receive. Rotan fumbled on he second play of the game and Baird recovered. Guy Duke, Patrick Castillo, and C.W. Robertson made some great tackles agains the Bears' offense. On Baird's first down, the Hammers gained control by recovering a Baird fumble. On 2nd and 10 for the Hammers, Reed Underwood completed a pass to Larry Daniel setting up a first down. Joey Sepeda took the ball up the middle to the 50 yard line, and on 2nd and Stoney Carrillo failed to catch the pass. However, the third pass attempt was complete to Larry Daniel who was stopped on the 46 yard line.

Baird intercepted a Hammer pass and gained control. The Bears had a hard time breaking through the Yellowhammer defense and downed their punt on the 5 yard line. Jerome Carr carried the ball 4 yards on the first down, followed by 10 yards on the second down. With 1st and 10, Baird was flagged for a facemask and officials called time out for measurement, Rotan had the first down. The Hammers fumbled and the Bears recovered on the 25 yard line.

Jerome Carr and Patrick Castillo did not allow the Bears to get too far, and brought them down on the 26 yard line. Baird fumbled on 3rd down and Rusty Goodwin picked it up and ran the ball 84 yards into the end zone. Time out was called by the Hammers, then Kris Rogers made the extra point.

Kris Rogers kicked off to the Bears who were stopped by Rusty Goodwin on the 44 yard line, The Bears made the first down on the second attempt. Third and 5, Baird managed to run to the 39 yard line, setting up another first down. Baldemar Frausto and Kris Rogers brought down the carrier on the 32 yard line, ending the first quarter.

Baird was stopped on the 30 yard line by JayBen Alls. First and 10 for the Bears, Stoney Carrillo intercepted the ball on the 40 yard line. Rotan lost 3 yards on their first down, then Reed Underwood handed off to Jerome Carr who ran to the 46 yard line.

On 1st and ten, the Bears were stopped by Larry Daniel. On third down, the Bears pass fell incomplete. Larry Daniel caught the punt and the Hammers took over on the 40 yard line.

Reed Underwood carried the ball to the 45 yard one on a keeper. Joey Sepeda fumbled on 3rd and 6; he recovered the ball although he lost a few yards. On 4th and 12 Rotan set up to punt, however, Kris Rogers on a fake, ran the ball to the 25 yard line. On 1st and 10, Larry Daniel and Stoney Carrillo blocked for Jerome Carr as he ran to the 5 yard line. Joey Sepeda lost 2 yards on the next play. Baird called time out with 5:26 left in the first half. On 2nd and 7 Reed Underwood passed to Kris Rogers who scored. Kris Rogers kicked the extra point to make the score 14-0.

Baird brought the ball down on the 21 yard line. On 2nd and 7, the Bears could not get past Patrick Castillo, and on 4th and 7 Kris Rogers caught the punt on the 27 yard line.

First and 10, Reed Underwood pitched to Joey Sepeda and holding was called against the Hammers. Guy Duke could not complete his pass and another holding flag was thrown against Rotan. First and 23, several yards were lost on the play. Time out was called by the Yellowhammers. On 3rd and 30 on the 34 yard line, Rusty Goodwin passed to Larry Daniel, but officials ruled it incomplete.

JayBen Alls punted and Kris Rogers made the stop on the Rotan 40 yard line. Rusty Goodwin and Larry Daniel made the tackle on the 50 yard line. On 1st and 10, Baird ran to the 38 yard line and C.W. Robertson came off the field injured. On 1st and 10 Kris Rogers was on the quarterback sack, causing a loss of 7 yards. Time out was called by the Bears, and after a gain of 4 yards Stoney Carrillo stopped Baird on their second attempt and Rusty Goodwin was finally able to bring down the Bears on the 3rd down. Another time out was called by Baird and on 4th and 5 on the 34, Jerome Carr stopped the play, giving Rotan control of the ball. It was the Hammers turn to call time out with 36 seconds left in the first half. The ball was downed by the quarterback on the 30 yard line. On 2nd and 12, a delay of game flag was thrown against the Hammers, ending the first half of the game.

The second half began with the Bears downing the kickoff on the 23 yard line. Stoney Carrillo made the tackle on the 42 yard line. First and 10, Guy Duke and Joey Sepeda were in on the stop, causing a loss of one yard. Jerome Carr stopped the Bears on the 50 yard line. Second and 9, Baird completed a pass, JayBen Alls made the tackle. Unsportsmanship like conduct was called against Baird. Stoney Carrillo ended the play on the 19 yard line. On first and 10, the Yellowhammers left the middle open and Shannon Campbell of Baird ran in the touchdown. The two teams lined up for the extra point and a 5 yard penalty was given to Baird for false start, the kick was good.

Guy Duke dropped the kickoff reception but recovered and brought the ball to the 35 yard line. Rusty Goodwin threw an interception and the Bears gained control on the 44 yard line. A personal foul was called against the Yellowhammers and time out was called. First and 10 on the 27, Brady Murphree held the carrier and the 10 yard penalty was against Baird. First and 20, Rusty Goodwin brought down the runner on the 26 yard line.

Stoney Carrillo and Zack Morris held the Bears' offense on 3rd and 3. On the fourth down, the Hammers stopped Baird on the line and gained control on the 10, 2nd and 10 resulted in a fumble, fortunately Rotan recovered and resumed play. Joey Sepeda set up the first down on the 39 yard line where the Hammers were flagged for illegal shifting. Joey Sepeda was stopped on the following two plays and gained very little yardage. Reed Underwood completed a pass to Kris Rogers and holding was once again called against Rotan. JayBen Alls punted on 4th and 25. Baird dropped the ball and the Yellowhammers recovered on the 43 yard line. On 2nd and 8 the Bears declined a holding penalty against Rotan. Kris Rogers was in on the reception making it first down on the 31 yard line. On 3rd 15, Jerome Carr carried the ball to the 36, making it 4 to go. Reed Underwood passed to Kris Rogers who competed on the 15 yard line. Stoney Carrillo caught a pass on the 10 yard line, then Jerome Carr ran left and scored on 3rd down. Kris Rogers make the extra point, making the score 21-7.

Baird was flagged for illegal shift-

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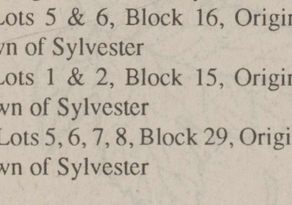
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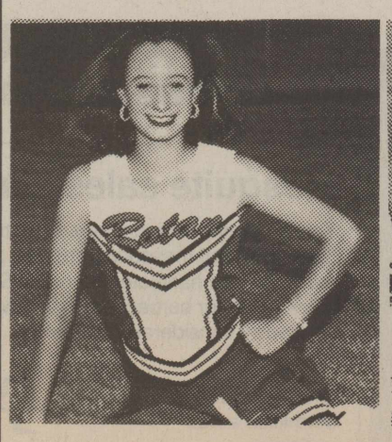
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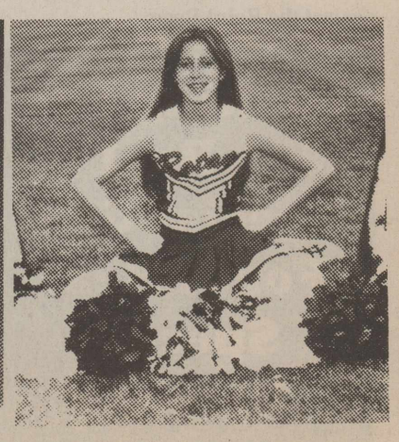
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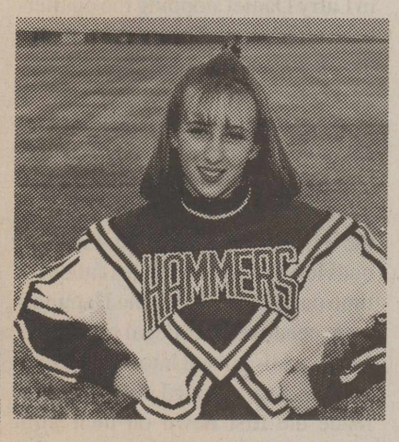
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Oct. 4	*Knox City	7:30	T		
Oct. 11	*Rotan	7:30	H		
Oct. 18	*Crowell	7:30	T		
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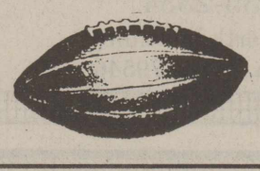
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Editor's Column

By Kimball G. Pease

DECISION TIME: In a little over a month residents of Rotan can begin filing for two vacancies on the Rotan City Council The seat formerly occupied by Adolfo Medrano became vacant when he resigned several months ago. A second seat, currently held by Greg Rains, will become vacant, when he moved to Snyder to take a new job. We need some civic minded men and women to step to the front and offer to serve. The City of Rotan has left the nucleus of a good, functioning council in Mario Quintanilla, Jack Cadenhead and Scotty Daniel, but needs to be bolstered with two more top quality people who will join the above three to lead the City of Rotan forward in the years to come. Give it thought and be prepared to sign up on Monday, November 4th for a place on the January 1997 ballot.

BLOOD DRIVE: Remember the Fisher County Hospital Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a blood drive, October 1 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Fisher County Hospital.

FOOTBALL TEAMS: Roby suffered their second loss of the season last Friday when Cross Plains defeated the Lions. Rotan got it's first taste of defeat when the 'come from behind' Bears beat them. We need to continue to encourage our Fisher County football athletes as they grow, mature and learn some valuable lessons of life through organized football activities.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Speedy Hart, announcer for the Roby Lions, on an outstanding job - week after week. You are appreciated for the job you do.

CLEARING UP CONFUSION: Had a lady ask me the other day if we had a public service column in our paper. She wanted to let her customers in Fisher County know she had changed business locations. Here is the way public service announcements work. First, if the public service announcement concerns an event where a fee is charged, we have a policy that we charge a fee for the announcement. Most are advertisements. Second, if no fee is charged for the service, we usually, based on the merits, are glad to run the announcement. News articles do not cost money, ads do. Unsolicited pictures, (pictures that are brought into the paper that were not requested by a member of the staff), are run at a cost of $5.00.

VICTOR MORALES: Democrat Candidate for the U.S. Senate, challenging Republican Phil Graham, has been sending news releases faithfully all summer. Most have been slams at Graham for one thing or another - however, the most recent caught my attention with a few facts. Morales claims Gramm spent just 16 days in Texas on Senate business in 1994 and just 9 days in Texas on Senate Business in 1995. Graham's office disputed the numbers saying Graham spent 40 days, not nine, in Texas in 1995. But Graham's office travel account shows he only spent nine days in Texas on Senate business. "We stand corrected," said Victor Morales. "What we should have said is that Senator Gramm spent nine days in Texas doing his job." Morales wonders how you can represent a state you are never in. Morales also worries that Gram is planning on making another bid for President in 2000 and could care less about representing Texas as a United States Senator.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: Irma Guerra, who had been a member of the newspaper staff for the past 9 years, has left to paper to take a job as a junior high school teacher's aide. She has been replaced by Evonne Teague, who worked for the newspaper back in the late 1960' and early 1970's.

NO HOSPITAL NAMES. I am always surprised and somewhat bewildered when found incorrect in my attempt to second-guess the general public. Looks like I'd quit trying to do it. I thought the newspaper would be bombarded with a lot of calls and 'Letters To The Editor' concerning the fact that the names of hospital patients were not going to be in the paper any longer. I find myself guessing incorrectly once again. No measurable excitement from the readers that I have detected.

MORE COACHES: We failed to mention quite a few coaches who have ties to Fisher County in last week's article. Was our fault, we should have researched more carefully. Dan Burk is the strength and conditioning coach at New Braunfels Canyon; Jim Heathington is coaching at Pearland; Walter Hargrove is at Ozona; David Baugh is at Snyder; Greg Gillis is at Florence, Billy Dunn at Florence and Howard McDaniel is at Sterling City.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Katie Kennedy, Laura Blackwelder, Amy Gruben and Geraldine Lowe on being named candidates for the honor of 1996 Rotan Homecoming Queen.

Rotan High School Homecoming Queen Nominees

1979 - ***Charre Smith,** Lydia Mendoza, Terrie Mullins, DeLane Sparks
1980 - ***Lynda Henderson,** Julie Posey, Ramona Pearson, Irean Martihez.
1981 - ***Dena Tucker,** Veronica Carrillo, Vickie Moore, Charrie Matthies.
1982 - ***Rocky Garza,** Margie Butt, Laura Gruben, Martha Hargrove.
1983 - ***Kellie Pease,** Jill Posey, Elisa Carrillo, Pat Martinez.
1984 - ***Teresa Ratliff,** Robin Harris, Teresa Cantu
1985 - ***Georgette Ramirez,** Tish Fowler, Cathy Conner, Desirre Gray.
1986 - ***Penny Yanez,** Jackie Martinez, Tina Mendoza, Kami Austin.
1987 - ***Evette Gruben,** Jenna Thornton, Vikki Wright, Leticia Reyes
1988 - ***Lori Garcia,** Jan Posey, Cecilia Hernandez, Millie Gaspar.
1989 - ***Julie Pease,** Shanna Bennett, Jerri Lynn Boone, Lucy Stinson.
1990 - ***Priscilla Gonzalez,** Shannon Boone, Denise Powell, Lori Martinez.
1991 - ***Tiny Carreon,** Debra Martinez, Vanessa Peek, Sherri Conner.
1992 - ***Leticia Martinez,** Kristi Martinez, Julie Parr, Kathy Sepeda.
1993 - ***Traci Hull,** Jessica Kennedy, Missy McKinney,. Jennifer Krober
1994 - ***Jenni Burnes,** Karen Dickson, Melissa Martinez, Felicia Garcia
1995 - ***Christina Morin ,** Cassidy Early, Jennifer Rains, Brandi Murphree

*Homecoming Queens

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I think the Rotan High School Band should be commended on their efforts and ability that they have displayed at the previous two games. I know that they have a long way to go but at least they are trying. The band is basically made up of seventh and eighth graders with the exception of a few High School kids.

It is very depressing to sit in the stands and hear these kids be ridiculed by some of the fans and their peers. The band is doing a fantastic job and needs to be encouraged, not mocked.

Mike and Sandi Martin

Rotan Football

Continued from page 11

ing on 2nd and 8. The Bears completed a pass on 3rd and 20, then on first and 10, Guy Duke finally brought down the Bears on the 15. The Hammers called time out, which resulted in Larry Daniel stopping the quarterback after a 5 yard run. On 3rd and 3, the Bears scored, making the score 21-14.

Kris Rogers caught the kickoff reception and ran to the 34 yard line. On second and 5 Jerome Carr hurdled a few Bears and was taken down on the 37. With 3 minutes and 26 seconds left in the game, Baird called for time out. On 4th and 5, the Hammers were penalized for illegal procedure. JayBen Alls punted into the end zone and the Bears gained control. Baird made the first down on their third attempt. Third and 4 on the 5 yard line Baird missed a pass, however made the first down on the fourth attempt. With 29 seconds left in the game, the Bears scored. They went for two and made it 21-22.

The game ended in a big disappointment for the Rotan Yellowhammers. Rotan will host Water Valley Friday for the Homecoming game. The Yellowhammers will begin the Homecoming activities Wednesday night at 8:30 with the bonfire then the downtown pep rally at 2:15 Friday afternoon, with kickoff for the game at 8:00 p.m.

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The Rotan Junior Varsity won over Baird 14-6 Thursday night. Ryan Posey and Rys Parker were the two scoring Yellowhammers.

The eighth graders also won, their score was 18-12. Jason Powell ran in two touchdowns, while D.J. Alvarado also scored.

The seventh grade scrimmaged against the Baird Bears.

Four Year Capital Expenditure List As Presented To The Fisher County Hospital Board

1997	
Window Repairs	$2.250.00
Re-Surface Parking Lot	$11,000.00
Vacuum Cleaner	$665.00
Light Enclosures	$500.00
Mattresses	$540.00
Geri Chair	$500.00
External Defibrillator	$6,000.00
IV Pumps	$32,500.00
Wire Shelves	$600.00
Turbo-charge ambulance	$3,500.00
Copy Machine	$7,100.00
Total	**$65,155.00**
1998	
Mattresses	$540.00
Typewriter	$700.00
Chemistry Analyzer	$75,000.00
Total	**$76,240.00**
1999	
Debibrillator	$10,000.00
X-Ray Machine	$90,000.00
Total	**$100,000.00**
2000	
Roof	$40,000.00
Telemetry Unit	$45,000.00
Total	**$85,000.00**

Keeping an eye on Texas

Mesquite sales climbing

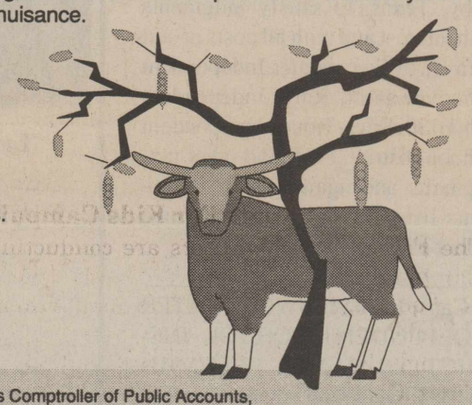
Texas farmers and ranchers have tried burning, poisoning, chopping and bulldozing, but mesquite trees that grow naturally across the state have recently been harvested for profit. Sales of mesquite lumber and wood chips, used for barbecuing, have increased the potential of a scrubby tree previously considered a nuisance.

Mesquite

Grows naturally on 55 million acres in Texas.

Chips sold for barbecue. Wood used for flooring, cabinets, furniture, crafts. Beans used in syrups, jellies, bread flour and speciality food.

Texas annual sales: about $20 million.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, July *Fiscal Notes*; and Texas A&M University.

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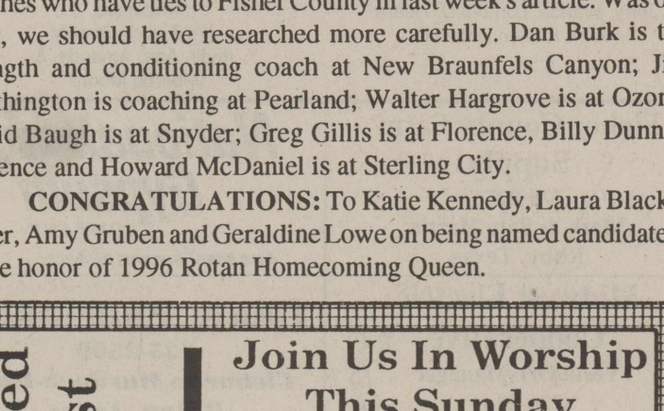
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Julianna Myers, Kevin Osuna Exchange Vows

Trinity Baptist Church, Norman, Oklahoma, was the setting for the 2:00 p.m. double ring ceremony uniting Julianna Catherine Myers and Kevin Ray Osuna in marriage on Saturday, August 10.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Myers of Aurora, Colorado. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben R. Osuna of Roby.

Musical selections were performed by Aimee Liou on the piano. "Awesome in this Place" was sung by Amy Schwing, Vanessa Batts, John Kelsey and John Guthrie as a Call to Worship. "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desire: was played by Miss Liou as the candles were lit by Emily Dillard, Claret Esah and Kristen Williams and as the grandparents and parents were seated. She was joined by Emily Steele on the violin in "Canon in D" for the procession of attendants.

The "Bridal Chorus" was played by trumpet soloist Lorie Gray as the bride was escorted by her father. The bride wore an A-line gown of Italian satin adorned with pearls and sequins on the torso and on the hemline of her chapel length train. The ensemble was completed with a cathedral length veil. She carried a bouquet of roses and gardenias.

The Rev. Max Barnett issued the charge to the couple. The groom sang "If You Could See What I See" to the bride. Marriage vows were recited and rings exchanged on the candlelit altar led by the Rev. Dick Jaques.

"How Beautiful" was sung by Vanessa Batts as the couple took communion. The couple departed to the Fellowship Hall to the original sound of the "Osuna Recessional" composed by best man, John Guthrie of Hobart, Oklahoma. Groomsmen were Jason Blankenship of Lamesa; Jason Osuna and Brian Osuna, brothers of the groom, Roby; Herschel Thompson, Portales, N.M.; and Scott West of Norman.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Joanna Myers of Aurora.

Bridesmaids were Cindy Blackwell, Stephanie Neff, and Christi Schultz of Aurora. Bridesmatrons were Jen Kelsey of Dallas and Danielle Stader of Norman. They were tea length dresses in the bride's chosen color of royal purple accented with white lace collars and pearl buttons. They carried bouquets of roses and gardenias.

Natalie Osuna, cousin of the groom, of Slaton served as flower girl. She wore a white organza and lace dress accented by a floral garland in her hair. She carried a satin basket of fresh flower petals, made by the bride's grandmother. Austin Amaro, cousin of the groom, of San Antonio, was ring bearer. He wore a black tuxedo to match that of the groom and carried a satin ring pillow made by the bride's mother.

David Bivins of Claremore, Oklahoma; Rob Toller of Norman and Todd Tyler of Frederick, Oklahoma were ushers.

The reception was held in the fellowship hall. A lemon cake with milk chocolate icing was served from the groom's table. A four-tiered cake adorned with fresh flowers was served from the bride's table. Punch, mints, nuts and a fruit and cheese buffet completed the refreshments. Alison Ashmore, Sara Gooch, Elizabeth Matthews, Lisa Selph, and Paige Zimmerman were the servers.

Following a wedding trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado, the couple is at home in Norman. The bride is a graduate of Rangeview High School in Aurora and is employed by the University of Oklahoma. The groom, graduate of Roby High School, is employed by Security National Bank and Trust of Norman. Both graduated from OU with bachelor's degrees.



Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Osuna

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben R. Osuna hosted a rehearsal dinner on Friday, August 9, at the Baptist Student Union in Norman. The barbecue brisket dinner was catered by Kerry's on Main. Special guests for the evening were the bride's grandparents, Derrel and Mary Jean Gillingham of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Rahe and Ann von Hoene of Denver, Colorado; and the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Rigsby of McAdoo and Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Osuna of Crosbyton.

NEWS BRIEFS

Rotan Varsity Football Game Concessions

Rotan Band Parents will have available hot dogs, hamburgers nachos, baked potatoes, burritos, and frito pie at the Concession Stand for the home Varsity football games.

Hamburger Supper

All high school your are invited to a hamburger supper and game night Saturday, September 21, 7:00 in the Pink Building in Roby. This meeting will be the sign-up for the high school 4-H Club for '96-97. This free event is open to all youth ages 14 and up. For more information contact Karen Counts, Tempie West, or Kathy Spencer.

Mini Emmaus Community Meeting

The monthly Mini Emmaus Community Meeting will be held at 6:30 P.M., Saturday, September 19th at the First United Methodist Church in Rotan.

Koats For Kids Campaign

The Fisher County 4-H'ers are conducting a Koats for Kids Campaign this fall. They are asking all persons with out grown good quality children's coats to donate them to 4-H who will in turn clean, sort, and size them. These coats will be distributed through the schools, free of charge, to any student who needs a coat. Coats can be dropped off at West Texas Utilities in both Roby and Rotan as well as the County Agents Office in the Courthouse.

Roby Cubs Open Season With Win 28-0 Over Midland School

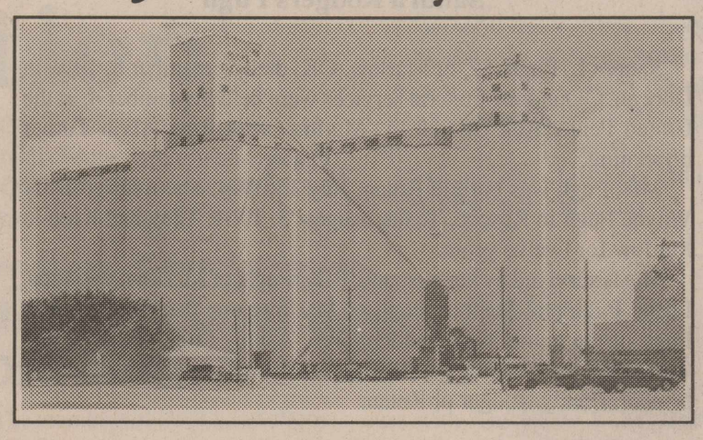
By Harold Scott

The Roby Junior High Cubs football team opened the 1996 season with a 28-0 win over the Midland Christian Junior High Mustangs on September 15. The Cubs dominated all aspects of the game, scoring touchdowns on offense, defense and special teams.

Scoring began in the first quarter with Jeremy Griffith intercepting a Midland Christian pass and returning it 50 yards for a touchdown. Early in the second quarter, the Cubs blocked a Mustang punt and Lance Moore returned it 17 yards to make the score 12-0. The Cubs scored again in the third quarter on a 29-yard run by Curt Douglass. The two point conversion pass to Salvador Hernandez made the score 20-0, Cubs. The scoring concluded in the fourth quarter with a 7-yard TD run by Lance Moore. The 2-point conversion was successful as Griffith ran it in.

The Cubs played dominating defense the entire night, never allowing a serious scoring threat.

WANTED:
Photography Exhibits For Jones County Fair



Superintendent for the Jones County Fair Association in Anson, Shannon Middlebrook, is looking for entries in the Photography Contest.

1. The entry fee for exhibits is $2.00, four places will be judged.

2. Pictures can be black & white or color. Jusging begins at 9 a.m. on October 18th.

The 1996 Selective Category is the Pied Piper Evevator. The 1997 selective cagtegory will be the Jones County Court House.

Rules for entries are available by contacting Shannon Middlebrook, Anson Texas.

Entry deadline is between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. Thursday, October 17th.

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Contractors Are Being Assessed $700 A Day Fine For Not Having Remodeling Finished On Aug. 24th

Architects turned down a "substantially completed inspection" as 'no-ready' a week or ten days ago, so the fine of $700 a day keeps accumulating.

The remodeling of the Rotan Junior High and Rotan Band Hall was supposed to be ready on August 24th. Rotan school board members, basically walk-through the facility and declare the building 'substantially completed'. The architects define substantially completed as the school being able to use the building for the purpose it was designed. Architects rejected the first walk-through for 'substantial completion' over a week ago.

It now appears that the buildings could be finished sometime this week. The board will again walk through and determine if that are ready to accept it as 'substantially completed.'

From August 24th through last Tuesday, September 17th, those doing the remodeling work have lost $16,800. They are being assessed $500 a day on the junior high building and $200 a day on the band hall.

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Obituaries

Dora Montgomery

Dora Mongtomery, 84, died Thursday, Sept. 12, at her home in Haskell. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Sid Parsley officiating. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery in Rotan, directed by Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors of Haskell.

Mrs.Mongtomery was born in February of 1912 in Indian Territory, Arizona. She married Miller Montgomery in December of 1932 in Robert Lee. She had been a resident of Haskell for 43 years, previously living in Rotan and McCamey. She was a member of the Menifee Sunday School Class, and the First United Methodist Church, where she worked as a secretary for many years. She was also very active at the Experienced Citizens Center, and quilted with the Quilting Group.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Miller Montgomery of Haskell; 2 sons, Frank Montgomery of Grand Prairie, and A.W. "Bud" Montgomery of Olney; 1 daughter, Bettye Montgomery of Grand Prairie; 7 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Wayne Wainscott, Wayne Dunnam, Joe Harper, Wayne Ham, John Sam Rike, and Larry Cunningham. Honorary Pallbearers were Homer Josselet, Raja Hassen, Tom Kaigler, Ferrell Coston, and the Menifee Sunday School Class.

The family requested memorials to the First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Ave. F, or the Experienced Citizens Center, 1401 S. 1st, both in Haskell.

Sandra Rodgers Pugh

Sandra L. Pugh, 52, of Marlow, OK. died September 3, 1996 in Duncan, Oklahoma. Funeral services were held September 4, at the United Pentecostal Church in Marlow, with Rev. Alvin Turner officiating.

Mrs. Pugh was born in Rotan, July 15, 1944. She married Billy Wayne Pugh in Roscoe, Texas, August 3, 1961. They had lived in Marlow for twelve years.

She is survived by her husband, Billy Pugh, of Marlow; two sons, Leslie Pugh and Stephen Pugh of Marlow; one daughter, Shalisa Pugh of the home; two grandchildren, Ashley Pugh of Clyde and Cody Pugh of Marlow; her mother Lois Rodgers of Rotan; and her brother, Randy Rodger of Rotan.

TAX PLANNING

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Tax Planning
By James E. Rodgers, CPA
Tax Law Changes Included In Recent Legislation

During the first week of August, Congress hurriedly passed several pieces of legislation and then recessed for the summer. The bills included a small business tax bill and health insurance reform. The centerpiece of the small business bill is a provision increasing the expensing election for equipment purchases made by small businesses. Currently, businesses can deduct up to $17,500 of equipment costs in the year of purchase. That limit will be raised to $18,000 in 1997 and then gradually increased to $25,000 by 2003.

The bill increases the minimum wage to $4.75 effective October 1, 1996, with an additional increase to $4.15 scheduled for September 1, 1997.

A group of expired tax breaks were extended by the bill. Some of the rules that apply to S corporations will change, including an increase in the number of shareholders allowed.

The bill also delays for six months the effective date for full implementation of the requirement that businesses make federal tax deposits electronically. Employers who deposited more than $50,000 in taxes in 1995 were scheduled to begin electronic deposits by January 1, 1997. That deadline has been moved to July 1, 1997.

Beginning in 1997, deductible IRA contributions of up to $2,000 will be allowed for each spouse (including a homemaker who does not work outside the home) if the combined compensation of both spouses is at least equal to the contributed amount and the contributions otherwise qualify.

The health insurance reform bill increases the amount that self-employed individuals can deduct for the cost of health insurance. The current 30% deduction limit increases to 40% in 1997 and then gradually increases to 80% in 2006.

Tax breaks are provided to encourage the purchase of long-term care insurance, and the bill also establishes a four-year pilot project to test tax deductible medical savings accounts.

If you'd like details on these changes and how they might affect you, contact our office.

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Fisher County Roundup

By Joy Walker

Saturday was sure a messy gray day, and although we didn't get too much rain out this way, some folks got a lot more than they wanted. I measured 1/4 inch altogether, but some places in and around Abilene got a small flood. I read in the Abilene Reporter they had to close the West Texas Fair early because of the heavy rain and consequently they lost a lot of money. Streets were flooded and in some places the water got up into folk's houses, and the creeks in many places overflowed. So although we got some good rains, we didn't need all the flooding. Everything looks so green after the rains and my lawn, for one, badly needs mowing, but it has been too wet.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Vera Casey, wife of Bunk Casey. They lived in Snyder, but a long time ago they lived at Midway in the Hobbs community. Vera's funeral was held Saturday in Snyder, and our sincere sympathy goes out to Bunk and the remainder of the family.

Sam Etheredge finally got to come home from the hospital in Lubbock late Saturday. David Etheredge, from Levelland, brought Sam and Roxie home and visited for a short while with the J.W. Etheredges. Cody and Randi Marie Etheredge spent the weekend with their grandparents. Sam is now doing much better.

A reception was held at the First Baptist Church in Rotan Sunday night for their new pastor, Werth Mayes, his wife Sadie, and their two little girls, Lauren and MacKenzie; they moved here Monday and we want to extend a warm welcome to them all.

Carol and Wilber Gruben went to Odessa Saturday and attended the Permian Basin Fair and Stock Show which was held there. Tess showed her pig Saturday night, and placed 2nd, and was then picked to show for Showmanship. Tatum placed 1st with her Hereford and 5th with the other calf. They got to visit with Shawna, the girls, Greg and little Clancy; also, with Shawna's mother, Evelyn Blevins, who was there for the weekend from Lovington, New Mexico. They said it sure did rain a lot in Odessa but they went prepared.

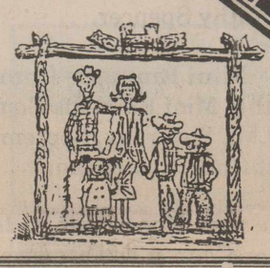
Some folks were out of town this weekend so that is the reason my news is short. Please call me if you know any news that you would like put in this column. See you next week.



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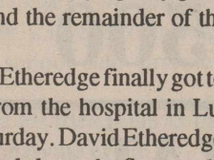


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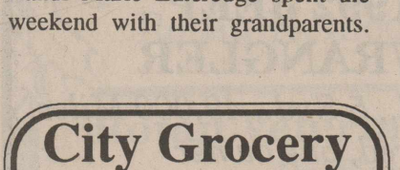


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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The *Roby Consolidated Independent School District* will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total revenues from properties on the tax roll in *1996* by *.194985* percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on *Sept. 26, 1996 , Thurs.* at *7:00 P.M. Roby CISD Home EC Room.*

FOR the proposal: *Steve Terry, Greg Meek, Vance Lakey, Lance McWilliams, Billy Don Atkinson*
AGAINST the proposal: *-0-*
PRESENT and not voting: *-0-*
ABSENT: *Robert Terry, Manuel Valdez*

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the *1996* tax rate that the unit published on *8/12/96.* The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	$ 50,000	$ 50,000
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	$ 5,000	$ 5,000
Average taxable value	$ 45,000	$ 45,000
Tax rate	1.30 /$100	1.494985 /$100 (proposed)
Tax	$ 585.00	$ 672.74 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would *Increase* by *$ 87.74* or *15* percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would *Increase* by *$ 97.49* per $100 of taxable value or *16.667* percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.