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Fisher County Hospital Board Members Vote To Purchase Bid Item, Table Several Items

The members of the Fisher County Hospital District met on Monday night, April 15th with a total of four of the five members present. In attendance were Steve Nowlin, CleDon Coffman, Rodney Tankersley and Freddie Rasberry. Absent was Kim Pease.

The board voted to table, until the May meeting, the presentation of credentials of Grace Hoy, Social Worker and the patient confidentiality policy review.

The board, under the new business section of the agenda, reviewed two bids for an air conditioner compressor and repairs. Linc - $10,000 bid with an extended 4 year warranty for $988 and Abilene Sheet Metal - $9,150 with an extended 4 year warranted for $1,200.

Ella Raye Helms, Administrator, indicated that she was expecting a bid from Mike Tschaar, formerly Precision Air of Abilene on Tuesday, April 16th. Freddie Rasberry made the motion that if the bid from Tschaar was equal to or lower than the bids received that Ella Ray Helms would be authorized to make the decision on which bid to accept. The motion was seconded by Rodney Tankersley and carried unanimously.

The Quality Assurance report was tabled until the May meeting.

Tankersley made a motion seconded by Coffman to approve sending $21,893.10 of hospital bad debts to the collection agency.

Rasberry made a motion seconded by Coffman to approve payments of $75,783 in current bills; $122,596 in bills already paid and $125,495 in payroll checks.

Under information items; administration personnel reported that the March profit and loss statement showed a $60,468 gain from operations. With the tax revenue and respiratory therapy revenue factored in the financial picture it showed a $103.158 gain for the month of March. The ClearFork Rural Health Clinic showed a $3,286 loss for March and the Roby Rural Health Clinic reflected a $2,170 loss for March.

Administrator Ella Raye Helms made the suggestion to the board that their goals and objectives should be coordinated with the community assessment meetings and the annual budget. Rather than setting goals now before the board election, we should wait until after the election and assessment meetings and include funds for goals and objectives in the budget for the following year.

Helms informed the board that she made application for a Title V grant in the approximate amount of $30,000 and a COPC Program grant in the approximate amount of $50,000 to $60,000. These grants, if received, would assist patients who have no insurance, Medicare, Medicaid with health screenings, etc.

In final action Helms reported on several legislative changes in the Fisher County Hospital District enabling act. The act was written in 1974 and does not allow for out of county services which effect home health. It only allows for an annual payment to the appraisal district of $5,000 and does not allow for cumulative voting. Administration personnel hopes to be working on these changes and possibly others in the future.

Editor's Column

By Kimball G. Pease

Norvelle Kennedy - Wanted the Rotan Jr./Sr. League Baseball Authentic Mexican Food Luncheon mentioned here. Will be Sunday, April 28th 11:30 to 2:00 at the Rotan School Cafeteria. Adult plates are $5 and Children $3.50. Carry-outs are available.

George Price - Sent an official list of the District Alignments - Spring Meet for Conference A - They include Aspermont; Chillicothe, Crowell, Knox City, Matador, Motley County; Munday; Paducah; Roby, Rotan, Spur; Turkey: Valley. This is the Region 1 - District 3-A schools that will be grouped together for Spring sports, UIL and academic meets.

Charles Stenholm - Commenting on a Tax Limitation Bill said "Unfortunately, the House leadership bringing this bill up for consideration had nothing to do with a serious debate of the subject, but, instead, had a lot to do with a publicity gimmick."

Ella Raye Helms - Informed the board that she applied for a Title V grant in the amount of approximately $30,000 and a COPC Program Grant in the approximate amount of $50,000 to $60,000. These programs would help with patients who have no insurance, Medicare, Medicaid with health screenings, etc.

Charles Thornton - Commenting on the Fisher County Commissioners meeting last Monday. He indicated that they didn't consider any budget matters, just approved a quarterly report and some bills. Commissioners will meet again for the regular May meeting on Monday, May 13th.

Greg Rains - Thanks to Greg for sharing with us some of the photographs he took at the Rotan District Track Meet a few weeks ago.

Pat Hamric - She will be giving GED tests on Friday, April 26th at the Rotan LRC. For more information call 735-3370.

Peggy Bilbo - She indicated that once voting is underway for added telephone service towns, that voters must check every town on the ballot. The cost for residential customers will be $3.50 for all five towns not $3.50 for each town. Ballot voting begins on May 6th.

Shirley Aumada - "The people of Fisher County should feel very fortunate we have a landfill and not complain of the cost. I don't go very often, but I for one am thankful we have it when I do need to go. Just picture the county without one."

Ella Raye Helms - Suggested to the Fisher County Hospital Board that their goals and objectives should be coordinated with the community assessment meetings and the annual budget. Rather than setting goals before the board election, board should wait until after the election and assessment meetings to include funds for goals and objectives in the budget for the following year.

Zach Greenlee - Was one of 35 pupils at Bethel Studio of Music who brough back more than 70 superior ratings and 7 excellent ratings at the Pastorale Festival at Texas Tech.

Phil Gramm - The Republican Texas U.S. Senator has been awarded the "1995 Taxpayers Friend Award" by the 250,000-member National Taxpayers Union for his voting record in Congress to cut government spending and reduce taxes on working families.

George Rhoads - The Old Glory Musical will be April 27 at the Community Center in Old Glory. Music begin at 6:00 p.m.

Milton Jensen - Was seen working at the Veteran's Park last Saturday night. He was mowing and cleaning and trimming. Thanks a million from a thankful community.

Billy Don Atkinson - Announced last week that producers of spring planted crops have until May 2 to obtain catastrophic risk protection coverage - corn, soy beans, sorghum, oats, rice and fruits and vegetables with sales closing dates of January 1996 or later.

Steve Nowlin - President of the Fisher County Hospital Board of Directors, indicated that National Hospital Week, with the theme "Partners For Healthy Communities" will be May 12 - 18, 1996.

James Terry - Roby Volunteer Fire Department is attempting to raise money to update their bunker gear and other fire fighting equipment. A barbecue meal with all the trimmings will be cooked by the 'Amigos' on April 27th at the Roby Community Center. Feed will be from 6 until 8 that night. A raffle of a $1,000 savings bond will be held the same night.

Rev. Steve Patterson - Pastor of the First United Methodist Church at Roby indicated that on Sunday, April 28th the church will be celebrating Heritage Day with special music by "The Way" - Marshall and Elizabeth Billingsley and family. Dinner on the grounds following the morning Worship Service at 10:45.

Three Rotan Boys Will Compete In Abilene Regional Track Meet

A total of three Rotan boys will be participating in the Regional Track Meet this weekend at Elmer Gray Stadium on the campus of Abilene Christian University, according to Coach Brian Wood.

The three athletes, in four events, are Shon Fudge, Jay Ben Alls and Jeremiah Morris.

Alls will be entered in two events - the triple jump and the long jump. He had his best showing last weekend in the regional qualifiers meet while participating in the long jump. Alls finished third with a leap of 21 feet 4 inches. The Rotan school record in the long jump is 22 feet 11 inches with the record being held by T. Daniel and set in 1991.

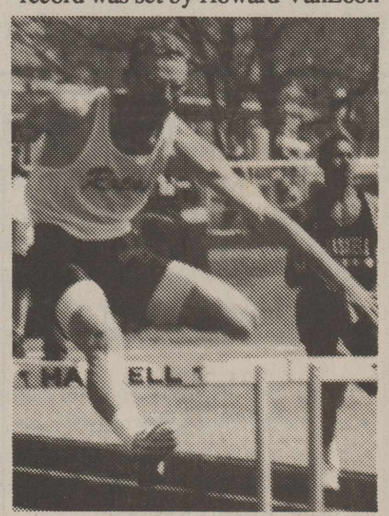
Alls did not qualify in the triple jump at the regional qualifiers meet last weekend. His distance of 41 feet was about 3 and a half feet off the Rotan School record of 44 feet 7 inches set by M. Ray in 1991.

Shon Fudge will be running the 110 meter hurdles at Abilene this weekend. His time at the regional qualifiers meet last weekend was 15.5 for a 6th place finish. He was grouped with all schools from 5-A to Class A. The school record in the 110 meter hurdles is 14.45 set by W. Roddy in 1989. Fudge is within a second of the record.

The final regional participant is Jeremiah Morris. He is participating in the shot put. His best mark last weekend was 41 feet. The school record was set by Howard VanLoon in 1964 with a toss of 64 feet 5 inches.

Coach Wood indicated that Morris and Alls will be in field events on Friday. Fudge will have to make the top eight on Friday to qualify for the finals on Saturday.

The long jump competition is on Friday and the triple jump is on Saturday.



FUDGE JUMP: Shon Fudge, will be in the regional track meet this weekend with team mates - JayBen Alls and Jeremiah Morris.

Three At Rotan In Regional Tennis Tourney

Rotan's Clinton Williams will be participating in the boy's singles competition at regional this weekend and Jennifer Rains and Katy Kennedy will be entered in the girl's doubles.

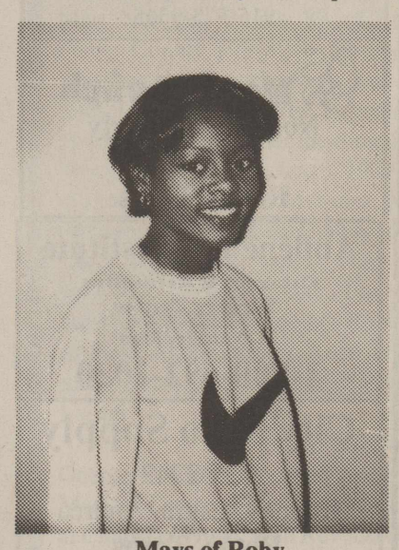
The three are coached by Rotan Tennis Coach Jeff Teague.

Roby's Konnett Mays Will Make Competitors - 'Stop, Take Notes'

Konnett Mays won the triple jump, 100 meter dash and 200 meter dash at the district track and field meet in Sterling City. This qualifies Konnett for Region II class. A meet to be held at Elmer Gray Stadium on the campus of Abilene Christian University, April 26 and 27.

At the current time Konnett is leading the class A division in the state in the long jump (18'4") and the triple jump (38'4"). She is also listed in the top three in the 100 meter dash and 200 meter dash.

This past Thursday, Konnett competed in a Regional Qualifiers Meet at Graham, Texas. At this meet she competed against 1-A through 5-A schools. She exhibited a perfect performance winning 1st place in the 100 m. 200 m, long jump and triple jump. She was awarded the high point individual and received a plaque for it. Her teammates, coaches, and friends want to wish her the best of luck at the regional meet. Konnett will run Friday morning with the prelims beginning at 11:00 a.m. She will triple jump Friday at 4:00 p.m.



Mays of Roby

Seven Roby High Students Win All But One Spring Writing Event

Seven Roby High School students won all but one medal in the 10-12th grade division of the Spring Writing Contest sponsored by the Big Country Council of Teachers of English. The awards ceremony was held at Madison Middle School in Abilene on April 16.

Gold medalists:

Latrice Moffett- Short Story, "No Way Out "

Latrice Moffett- Personal Narrative, "When Darkness Showed Me the Light"

Erika Ramirez- Dramatic Script, Friends

Silver medalists:

April Grannan- Poetry, "Wings"

Makala Herron- Personal Narrative, "The City"

Jaycee Carey- Short Story, "Party Till We Drop"

Jaycee Carey, Cathy Marquez, Latrice Moffett, Ty West- Dramatic Script, Get A Life

The winning entries were selected from among 150 entries submitted by Big Country schools including grades K-12. According to BCCTE Vice President Carrie Sharp, Roby High School "totally dominated" the high school category. She remarked that some of those categories had 10-15 entries.

Sophomore Latrice Moffett led the parade of RHS writers by winning gold medals in Personal Narrative and Short Story. She also won a silver medal in Dramatic Script, becoming the first triple winner in the annual BCCTE competition. In the two preceding annual award ceremonies, Latrice earned the top honor of Best Overall Writing Award. (That award was not given this year.)

Sophomore Jaycee Carey was recognized as a double winner with silver medals in Dramatic Script and Short Story.

RHS English teacher Ron Smith, who was recognized at the ceremony for the success of his students, commented, "I am extremely proud of each one of them. They all worked

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Rotan School Remodeling May Cost $663,000

The members of the Rotan School Board will meet on May 8th to review and either accept or reject bids on renovating the junior high building and band hall.

If the bids are accepted by the board, the possibility exists that the students in junior high school will have to move from the building between May 8th and May 23rd so workers can proceed.

"We'll probably move the students into the new gymnasium on a temporary basis so workers can get started on the remodeling. Hopefully, they'll be finished with the project at the time school begins in the fall," said Wes Hays, Superintendent.

The junior high remodeling is expected to cost in the area of $525,000 with the band hall remodeling projected at $138,000 making the total project in the neighborhood of $663,000.

School will be starting for the fall term on August 26th with the end of the first semester set for January 17th. The last day of School for the 1996-97 school year will be May 30th.

Planning Meet Set For Rotan All Events Banquet

There will be a planning session for a Rotan School 'All-Events' Banquet on Monday, April 29th at 7: 00 p.m. in the Rotan High School Auditorium.

All band parents, athletic booster personnel, and others interested in assisting with the banquet are urged to be present for the meeting.

Gilbert Asks To Be Removed From Ballot

Fisher County Hospital Board candidate Michael J. Gilbert asked officials to remove his name from the ballot recently thus reducing the number of candidates from eight to seven.

Candidates, as their names will appear on the ballot are: Rodney Tankersley, Vesta Orr, Moses Gonzalez, Robert Posey, Lino Yanez Jr., Frank Miranda and Susie G. Cogburn.

The election is set for Saturday, May 4th. Early voting ends on Tuesday, April 30th.

Pack Housing Prisoners From Ballenger

Fisher County Sheriff Gene Pack is housing a total of 15 prisoners from Runnels County for a few weeks.

The fifteen prisoners are part of 25 that had to be 'farmed out' to neighboring facilities - with 10 going to Taylor County.

The prisoners had to be placed in Fisher and Taylor continues because of plumbing problems at the jail in Ballenger.

G. Pack's New Program Will Bring In Funds

Fisher County Sheriff Gene Pack indicated earlier this week that he has made application with the State of Texas to participate in a 'prisoner half-way-house release program' that is expected to bring an estimated $75,000 after expenses into the county treasury.

Pack indicated that the program will pay Fisher County $20 per day per prisoner plus give the county 25% of the salary earned by the prisoner while in the program.

"I am convinced that the program will be a good one for Fisher County and I anticipate that within a few months we'll have at least ten prisoner half-way-house release participants here," commented Pack.

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Roby School Fifth 6-Weeks Honor Roll

A/B

3RD GRADE: Jessica Chick, Toby Guerra, Jessica Knox, Matthew Pippin, Rhanda Putnam.

4TH GRADE: Kristi Claxton, Candace Flach, Jeb Harwell, Stuart Posey, Skyler Terry.

5TH GRADE: Jacob Foil, Anita Baker, Cheryl Dodd, Monica Gaspar, Maria Gonzales, Lane Greene, Renee Helms, Lynde Martinez, Kenneth Neves, Cody Polk, Bryant Terry, Cecille Terry, Toby Terry.

6TH GRADE: Tara Carey, Kasey Crill, Chris Fowler, Klay McWilliams, Sabrina Vahlenkamp.

7TH GRADE: Brittany Carey, Marcus Diaz, Jennifer Griffith, Jeremy Griffith, Melissa Griffith, Megan Harwell, Sandy Kiser, Juan Leyva, Lance Moore, Perla Sanchez, Crystal Templet, Teryn Terry.

8TH GRADE: Stacy Barrera, Ike Crill, Joyce Grimes, Timothy Haigood, Terrell Hess, Vicente Ortiz, Robert Pippin, Wesley Pullig, Ashley Smith.

9TH GRADE: Wesley Arnold, Jason Bailey, Mondo Barrera, Denise Caswell, Ashley Douglass, Shella Graves, Meggan Herron, Cassie Terry, Chasity Valenzuela.

10TH GRADE: Steven Dickerson, Billy Floyd, Wendy Harwell, Jenny Knox, Cathey Marquez, Mandy Taylor, Misty Taylor, Rusty Thompson, Ty West.

11TH GRADE: Shea Feagan, Chris Gloyd, Philip Goodwin, April Grannan, Edward Marquez, Konnette Mays, Juan Melena, Erika Ramirez, Justin Smith, Jacob Whitaker.

12TH GRADE: Chad Arnwine, James Arnwine, David Bond, Michael Brown, Carissa Claxton, Steven Estes, Lonnie Green, Keith Hardin, R.J. Lewis, Shawna McKee, Kelly McWilliams, Amy Riggs, Leslie Stephens, Justin Whitaker, Jessie Zapata.

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Rotan High School Semester 2 - Cycle 2 Honor Roll

"A"

FRESHMEN: Shelley Burk, Sarah Greenlee, Brooke McCall, Andrea Miranda, Stacy Morrow, Keri Robertson.]

SOPHOMORES: Katy Cade.

JUNIORS: JayBen Alls, Laura Blackwelder, Patrick Castillo, Deon Duke, Amy Gruben, Jason Hargrove, Mikeal Harrison, Katie Kennedy, Leanne Landes, Erlinda Natividad, Adriana Velez.

SENIORS: Shelley Baker, Zack Burnes, Amanda Clawson, Cassidy Early, Kasey Greene, Kathleen Moffett, Brandi Murphree, Jennifer Rains, Jimmy Don Tankersley, Jennifer Underhill.

" A / B "

FRESHMEN: Ryan Branch, Walter Burnett, Brandon Carreon, Andrea Carrillo, Guy Duke, Adan Garza, Jenny Haag, Holly Hunsaker, Rachael James, Daniel Markham, Carissa Martin, Wade Messick, Jeremiah Morris, Bradey Murphree, Rose Marie Rocha, Monica Romo, Phillip Yanez, Isabell Zambrano.

SOPHOMORES: Henry Almanza, Jeffrey Anderle, Jake Messick, Tracy Posey.

JUNIORS: Amanda Briggs, Mandy Dycus, Marie Guzman, Corey King, Geraldine Lowe, Zacharia Morris, Marla Phares, Russell Price, Kris Rodgers, Joey Sepeda, Aaron Wylie, Ray Yanez.

SENIORS: Melissa Carrillo, Shon Fudge, Daniella Garcia, Bobby Kenner, April Montez, Christina Morin, Christopher Silvas, Christy Willett, Clinton Williams.

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1. Sealed proposals will be received by Dr. Vick Burk, President, Board of Trustees, in care of Mr. Wes Hays, Superintendent of Schools, Rotan Independent School District, Rotan, Texas, and shall be received until 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, 1996 in the Cafeteria of the Rotan Independent School District, Rotan, Texas at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment and performing all work required for School Facility Additions and Renovations for Project "A"- Junior High School and Project "B"- Band Hall for Rotan Independent School District, 102 North McKinley Avenue, Rotan, Texas 79546, and in compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents as prepared by Huckabee & Associates, Inc., 204 River North Blvd., P.O. Drawer 611, Stephenville, Texas 76401.

2. A Lump sum proposal will be received for general construction, which includes plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical work.

3. A Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or acceptable Bidder's Bond payable to the Rotan Independent School District, Rotan, Texas in the amount of not less than 5% of the largest possible total for the bid submitted must accompany each bid.

4. The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the Rotan Independent School District, Rotan, Texas and to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond of approved form through an approved bonding company duly authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and currently listed in the Department of Treasury Federal Register, in the amount of not less than 100% of the contract price, conditioned upon the performance of the contract.

5. Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must comply with all Federal, State, and Local labor laws, including Article 5159a, Vernon's Annotated Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and comply with the prevailing wage rates bound in the Specifications.

6. The bidder acknowledges the right of the Owner to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid received. In addition, the bidder recognizes the right of the Owner to reject a bid if the bidder failed to furnish any required bid security or to submit the data required by the bidding documents, or if the bid is in anyway incomplete or irregular.

7. Plans and Specifications may be examined without charge in the Architect's office, and may be procured from the Architect by prime bidders upon the following deposit schedule:

COMPLETE SET OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS....$200.00 PER SET.

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Fisher County DEVOTIONAL PAGE

Have You Complimented Your Child Today?



A child needs at least one, good solid compliment per day. If "an apple a day keeps the doctor away," a compliment a day will give self-esteem to your child.

Self-esteem is crucial for a person. How does a child build it? Does he come by it himself? Not really. The beginning of self-esteem happens when parents constantly and consistently COMPLIMENT the child.

Children need to hear, "Hey you did a great job." A pat on the back, a "well done," "I appreciate you," "I'm proud of you," are beautiful words to the ears and ego of the child, whether the child is 5 or 50.

Some sons and daughters, now grown, have never heard their parents praise them to their faces. Oh, they hear from others how proud Mom or Pop is of them, but they may hurt, hoping to hear it with their own ears. And some parents go to their graves, proud as peaches of their children, but they never, "said it."

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in baskets of silver" (Proverbs 25:11).

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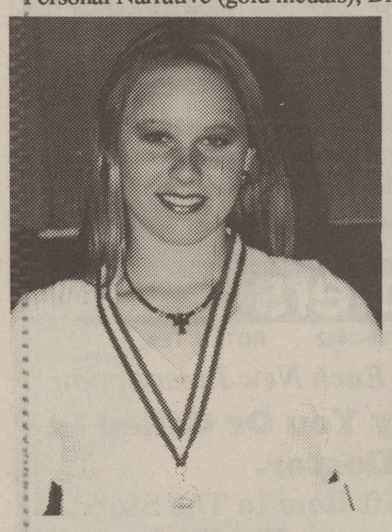
Roby English Award Winners

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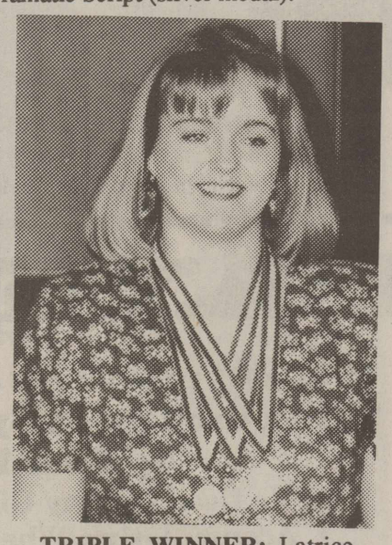
hard on their writing, doing most of it outside normal class hours. Mostly, all I did was encourage and pray for them."



DOUBLE/TRIPLE WINNERS: (l to r): Jaycee Carey: Short Story and Dramatic Script (silver medals; Latrice Moffett: Short Story and Personal Narrative (gold medals), Dramatic Script (silver medal).



POETRY WINNER: April Grannan (silver medal).



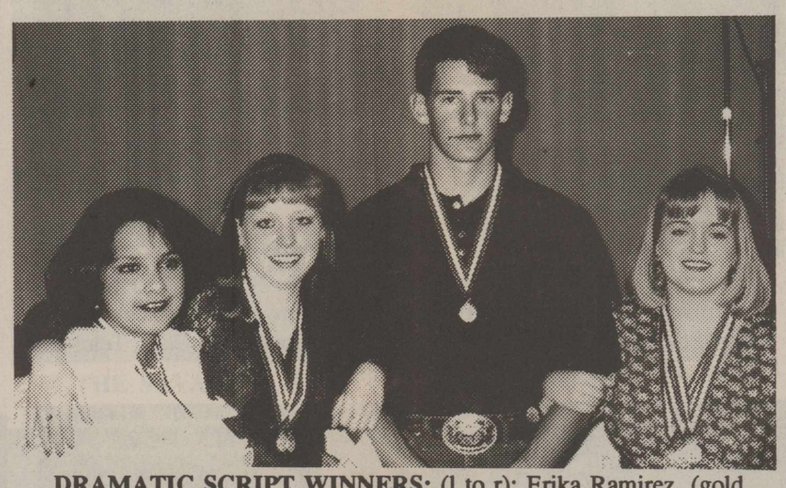
TRIPLE WINNER: Latrice Moffett, Short Story and Personal Narrative (gold medals), Dramatic Script (silver medal).



PERSONAL NARRATIVE WINNERS: (l to r): Makala Herron (silver medal); Latrice Moffett (gold medal).



ROBY HIGH SCHOOL WINNERS AND SUPPORTERS: l to r, back row: Ty West, Misty Taylor, Latrice Moffett, Jaycee Carey. Front row, l to r: Wendy Harwell, Erika Ramirez, Makala Herron, Amber Kelly, April Grannan.



DRAMATIC SCRIPT WINNERS: (l to r): Erika Ramirez, (gold medal); Jaycee Carey, Ty West, Latrice Moffett, Cathy Marquez (not pictured) won silver medal.

National Library Week April 15-19

In observation of National Library Week- April 15-19- Roby Elementary Library invited several speakers for each class.

The highlight of the week was the program given by Violet Upshaw to several of the classes. She brought memorabilia about the train that used to come to Roby. The classes were astonished to hear Mrs. Upshaw make the train sound by using her own throat. The sound was very realistic and enjoyed by all.

Also speaking for the students were Mr. Bill Fowler about the importance of reading, Mrs. Norma L. Parks on her memories of her Roby Elementary years, and Mrs. Louise Curlee read a paper written by Gayle Langston, "Hen House Parables." Coach Matt Torres spoke on his life in education and how the changes he made through the years affected him in making better choices and also his appreciation of his Hispanic culture. Finally, Mr. George Price did a special on his newly learned talent of juggling and spoke on "Practice and Patience."

Lancaster To Be At Rotan Baptist Sunday

Rev. Herman Lancaster, former pastor of the First Baptist Church in Paducah and a former area missionary, will be filling the pulpit at the First Baptist Church in Rotan this Sunday, according to Mac Weathersbee, Chairman of the Interim Supply Committee.

On Sunday, May 5th, Chris Boone, son of Pat and Jerry Boone of Rotan, will be speaking. He is scheduled to bring Myra Vaughn, pianist and vocalis, to the local church who will be providing a mini concert during the workship shervie. Chris Boone is currerntly serving as a youth director at an Amarilo Baptist church.

THANK YOU

The cast and crew from the Roby One-Act Play would like to thank the following for extra special support during the "Run" of our play.

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The Families of our cast and crew and Members for putting up with the many long rehearsals in the weeks before our contest.

Little League Baseball Pictures Will Be Taken This Thursday & Friday
Thursday - 5:00 p.m.
T-Ball & Farm Teams
Friday - 5:00 p.m.
Little League Teams
Photographs Will be Taken By Wilbur Gruben

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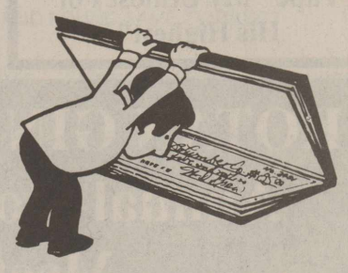
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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of FISHER County on the 8th day of April, 1996 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. TROY F. GRUBEN; Cause #4518 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 7th day of May, 1996 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the North door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County , in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all those certain Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 40, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 35, and all of Block 34 of the Original Town of Royston, Texas, being 3.15 acres, more or less, out of the R. H. Hibbitt Survey, League No. 331, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 277, Page 426 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 8th day of April, 1996 as the property of TROY F. GRUBEN, Route 1, Box 44A, Sylvester, Texas 79560; to satisfy a judgment amounting to $857.29 with interest from the 19th day of January, 1996 at 10 percent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 8th day of April, 1996.

Gene Pack
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
By Kerrie Blair Deputy
33:3tc

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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of FISHER County, on the 8th day of April, 1996 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. KYAN K. KIRBY; Cause # 4487 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 7th day of May, 1996 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said FISHER County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract II: Being all that certain .001736 Royalty Interest in the Claytonville Unit Tract No. 17, Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 780 out of Section 209, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 193, Page 517 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract III: Being all that certain .001736 Royalty Interest in the Claytonville Unit Tract No. 18, Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 790 out of Section 209, Block 3, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 193, Page 517 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 8th day of April, 1996 as the property of KYAN K. KIRBY, P. O. Box 786, Colorado City, Texas 79512; to satisfy a judgment amounting to $129.23 with interest from the 19th day of January, 1996 at 10 percent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 8th day of April, 1996.

Gene Pack
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Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY

The Rotan Independent School District is taking sealed bids on the following properties owned by the District. Sealed bids should be received in the Superintendent's Office of the Rotan Independent School District by 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, 1996. The board of trustees shall take formal action at their next regular scheduled meeting. The property shall be bid separately as listed, by item number. The bid should be placed in a sealed envelope with the name, address and telephone number of the bidder, and the amount bid for each property as listed. The outside of the envelope should be clearly marked with the item number, block number, and lot number (s) and descriptions, as they appear below. The Rotan Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject all bids and to act in the best interest of the school district.

Item #1, Block 55, Lot 9, Rotan OT

Item #1, Block 55, Lot 10, Rotan OT

34:3tc

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lone Star Gas Company, in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to modify the cost of service adjustment clause, modify the mainline extension rate, and to propose a weather normalization adjustment clause applicable to rates charged to the residential and commercial customers in the City of Roby, Texas effective May 6, 1996.

During the period when the proposed rates are in effect, the proposed modifications will result in increases and decreases in the Company's revenues from residential and commercial customers in the City of Roby. A Statement of Intent has been filed with the City of Roby. If you desire to comment concerning this modification of rates, you may contact the City Secretary.

32:4tc

Daughter Born To Price's

Johnny and Beverly Price proudly announce the arrival of their new baby girl, Kimberly Ann. Kimberly was born March 2, 1996 at Rolling Plains Memorial in Sweetwater at 7:44 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs 12 ozs. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Kimberly was welcomed home by big brothers Scott and Jesse and big sisters, Krystle and Jessica.

Maternal grandparents are Bobbie and B.B. McKinney of Rotan and June Hardin of Snyder. Great grandmother Delia Hardin of Rotan. Paternal grandparents are JoNell and John Price of Rotan. Great grandmothers are Unice Price of Roby and Lucille Smith of Spur, and lots of aunts, uncles and cousins.



ROTAN HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS FOR 1996-97: Back row, left to right: Crystal Early, Geraldine Lowe, Laura Blackwelder, Tracy Posey and Dustin Hargrove. Front row, l to r: Katy Cade, Tember Plamer, Jennifer Fowler and Dayme Mullins.



ROBY JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS FOR 1996-97: l to r: Megan Harwell, Gena Stevenson, Sabrina Vahlenkamp, Jennifer Griffith, Melissa Griffith and Danelle Evans.



ROTAN JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS FOR 1996-97: l to r: Ashley Garza, Haley Helms, Monica Reyes, Heather Martinez, Dee Gonzalez, Terry Branch, Kayla Posey. Not pictured Paige Nowlin.



ROBY HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS FOR 1996-97: l to r: Shella Graves, Misty Taylor, Wendy Harwell, Chasity Valenzuela and Amber Kelly. Not pictured Shahala Hardin.

Daughter Born To Kelly And Bennie Putman Of Roby

Rhanda, Dee, and Justin happily welcomed home their new brother, Jorden Lee.

Jorden was born April 1st at 12:46 a.m. at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater. He was 6 lbs. 13 ozs. and 19 inches long.

His parents are Bennie and Kelly Putnam of Roby.

Paternal grandparents are James and Cynthia Putnam of Roby. Maternal grandparents are Lonnie and Vivian Heffernan of Sweetwater.

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3RD GRADE: Cherish Dowell, Jance Morris, Brenton Scherwitz, Hunter Stuart, Chrissie Waldon.

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5TH GRADE: Leslie Bolton, Kandra Lakey, Nikki Mays, Lyndi Stuart.

6TH GRADE: Danelle Evans, Bryan Kenyon.

7TH GRADE: Misty Mahaffey, Gena Stevenson.

8TH GRADE: Karen Carriker, Cassandra Griffith, Sahala Hardin, Leticia Leyva.

9TH GRADE: Kristi Bond, Sarah Boyd, Autumn Daniel, Amanda Johnson, Mindy Mahaffey, Rosa Sanchez.

10TH GRADE: Candice Brown, Jaycee Carey, J.D. Hearn, Latrice Moffett.

11TH GRADE: Makala Herron, Robert Onofre.

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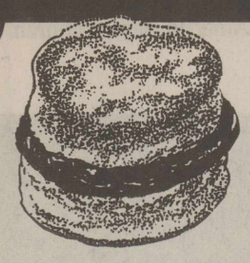
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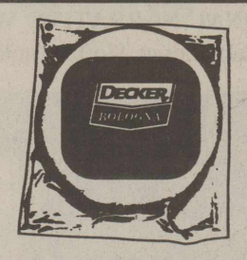
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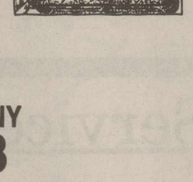


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880 Relay Team	Susan Gaona Kristy Martin Donna Gordon Stacy Terry	1.52.05	'85	Abilene
Mile Run	Kristy Martin	5:57.76	'86	Post
Two Mile Run	Kristy Martin	13:06.00	'86	Post
100 Dash	Judy Wright	12.6	'74	Levelland
60 Dash	Judy Wright	7.4	'76	Levelland
220 Dash	Kim Faught	27.7	'76	Snyder
400 Dash	Mary Clayton	58.4	'80	Austin
80 Hurdles	Doris Wallace	time	'76	Snyder
880 Run	Donna Gordon	2.34	'87	Jayton
Triple Jump	Mary Clayton	37'9"	'82	Rising Star
Long Jump	Mary Clayton	18'1"	'80	Levelland
High Jump	L. Edmondson	5'1"	'89	Roscoe
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Black Investments would like to say "Congratulations to the Rotan Development Corporation, Inc." for its purchase of the old Brazos Transport property south of Rotan. The directors of this corporation are volunteers who maintain an aggressive spirit and utilize business foresight in their endeavors to help the commerce of our community. For the ongoing and future hard work that will enable one more new business to locate within our vicinity. We thank you. Way to go!

35:tfc

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35:2tc

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STAMPS FOR GRADUATION

The Classic Collection Olympic stamps will be issued in early May, and the Dicobolus stamp will be coming out in July.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Defensive Driving Class, Saturday, May 11th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or Monday and Tuesday, May 13th & 14th, 1996, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., cost $30.00, Snyder Savings & Loan Building, 27th & College, Snyder. **Morris Shaw School of Defensive Driving 573-2850.**

ROTAN SCHOOL MENU
APRIL 29-MAY 3, 1996

MONDAY: Burritos, Spanish Rice, Salad, Jello, Crackers, Fruit.
TUESDAY: Bar-B-Que, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Jello.
WEDNESDAY: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Milk, Hot Rolls, Applesauce.
THURSDAY: Steak, Gravy, New Potatoes, English Peas, Milk, Bread, Pudding.
FRIDAY: Hot Dogs, Salad, Baked Beans, Milk, Cobbler.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU
April 29-May 3, 1996

MONDAY: Beef Nachos, Pinto Beans, Salad, Fruit, Bread, Milk.
TUESDAY: Turkey & Dressing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Fruit, Salad, Bread, Milk.
WEDNESDAY: Fish w/Tarter Sauce, French Fries, Black-eyed Peas, Ice Box Pie, Bread, Milk.
THURSDAY: Beef Casserole,, French Fries, Salad, Jello w/Fruit, Bread, Milk.
FRIDAY: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Brownie, Bread, Milk.

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To the Sheriff or any Constable of Any County of the State of Texas,
Greeting:

WHEREAS, at the October-November Term of the Honorable County Court at Law of Smith County, Texas, on the 15th day of November, 1993, in a certain cause styled ARATEX SERVICES, INC. Plaintiff vs. AMERICAN CASCADE ENERGY, INC. Defendant, and numbered 35,983, on the Civil Docket of said Court, Plaintiff, recovered a Judgment against AMERICAN CASCADE ENERGY Defendant, for Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Two and 15/100 Dollars, with interest thereon from the 15th day of November, 1993 at the rate of 10 % compounded annually and all cost of suit. (See attached Affidavit of Credit)

Now, THEREFORE, you are hereby commanded that of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the said American Cascade Energy, Inc., 14825 St. Mary's, Houston, Texas Defendant, you cause to be made the said sum of $12,769.94 as of 12/29/94 Dollars, the amount actually due and unpaid said judgment, with interest thereon from the 29th day of December A.D., 1994, at the rate of 10% compounded annually and the further sum of $379.35 Dollars, costs of suit together with your legal fees, and commissions for collecting the same; and you will promptly execute this writ according to the terms hereof.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, and have you this writ showing how you have executed the same, together with said moneys collected as herein directed, before the above Court at the Courthouse thereof in Tyler, Texas (1) with-in 90 days from the date of the issuance of this writ.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in Tyler, Texas, on this 29th day of February A.D. 1996.

Mary Morris
Clerk County Court at Law
Smith County, Texas.

By Susan Gradick Deputy.

I certify that the above and foregoing Bill of Costs, amounting to $379.35, is a true bill of the costs adjudged against the defendant...in the above numbered and entitled cause, wherein this writ of execution is issued.

Mary Morris, County Clerk
Smith County, Texas
By Susan Gradick Deputy

CAUSE NO. 35,983
ARATEX SERVICES, INC. VS. AMERICAN CASCADE ENERGY, INC.
IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW IN AND FOR SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS
AFFIDAVIT OF CREDIT TOWARDS JUDGMENT
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SMITH

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared MICHAEL C. COKER, Affiant, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath stated:

My name is MICHAEL C. COKER, and I am the attorney of record for ARATEX SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff and Judgment Creditor.

On December 29, 1994, AMERICAN CASCADE ENERGY, INC. (now known as AMERICAN CASCADE TRANSITIONAL CORPORATION) made a payment of $2,600.00 towards the amount due on the Judgment in this matter. After application of the payment, the balance of $12,769.94, plus interest as provided for in the Judgment from December 29, 1994 remains due and owing.

DATED: March 20th, 1995
Michael C. Coker, Affiant
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME by MICHAEL C. COKER, Affiant, on this 20th day of March, 1995.
Peggy R. Rozell
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires 7/10/97
34:3tc

Extreme Fire Hazard Farm Loans Are Open

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by "Extreme Fire Hazards, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Ag-Credit office located in Rotan, Tx.

Fisher County is one of 107 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the extreme fire hazards.

Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or $500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

A farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance Program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under the emergency designation will be accepted until October 23, 1996.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and relay on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Rotan, TX is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is located at 111-B North Garfield, Rotan, Texas.

The Newspaper Office Sells Body Bath, Bath Beads & Lotions By Camille Beckman

Congressman Stenholm's Academy Cycle Begins

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm is pleased to announce the beginning of the 1997 United States Service Academy cycle. At this time, information is being forwarded to all area high schools and those individuals who have expressed interest in applying for a nomination to the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point .

Congressman Stenholm, along with Congressman Lamar Smith, will again sponsor an Academy Day orientation for high school students, their parents and friends on Sunday, April 21, from 2-4 p.m. at the Youth Center Gym at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo. The Academy Day program will include an introduction of Congressional staffers and academy representatives who will be working with the students during the nomination process, an explanation of nomination procedures, and videotapes of life at each academy. There will also be opportunities for students and parents to visit with academy and ROTC representatives.

Individuals who are at least high school juniors, and who will be between 17 and 22 years of age on July 1, 1997, may be eligible for nomination. Selections are made in mid-December, using a formula based on the candidate's high school record, class standing, SAT and/or ACT scores. Involvement in athletics and school and community extra-curricular activities are important factors in determining the individual's ability to effectively function under pressure. Evaluations by school officials and other individuals who are familiar with the candidate are also used in the decision-making process.

Motivated, self-starting individuals who like to be challenged are strongly encouraged to contact Congressman Charles W. Stenholm, 33 E. Twohig, Suite 318, San Angelo, Texas 76903, for further information.

The Newspaper Office Sells Cross Pens & Pen & Pencil Sets

The Pastor's Column



By Rev. Larry Holder
First United Methodist Church
Rotan, Texas

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:10-11 NRSV).

What a picture we see in these words. A thief comes to take, Jesus came to give. He came to five us a life that is richer and fuller and eternal. But a life that begins now, not later. He is the shepherd who owns the sheep. He doesn't tend the sheep for money as a hired man would do. He does it because he loves us and his is committed to us. Jesus is not merely doing a job; he is committed even to the point of laying down his life for us. How committed are you? Could you spread your arms and say I love you this much? Jesus did!! Thank you Jesus for a new life. Amen.

"The Pastor's Column" is available to any Fisher County pastor on a rotating basis. Submit devotionals to "The Newspaper Office", Post Office Drawer A, Rotan, Texas 79546.

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Fisher County Agricultural News

County Extension Agent

by Louis D. Chedester
Extension Agent-Entomologist (PM)

Worker Protection Standard and Pesticide Recordkeeping

Serious enforcement actions are beginning for violations of EPA's Worker Protection Standard. The compliance period is supposed to last until next year. However, complaints of serious violations have called regulator agencies into the arena a year early.

The kind of violations that have brought enforcement actions a year early are those that EPA regards as particularly serious. These include REI violations, failure to train employees, inadequate PPE, no central posting, no field posting, and no application list.

All of the violations that have brought enforcement action have involved communications to employees. Most of them involved employee exposures to pesticides. Some of them involved particularly dangerous exposures.

On January 1, 1995, the full force of WPS went into effect. After a year, there are many agricultural operations that have not begun compliance. Operations that employ untrained workers and handlers, or that fail to provide appropriate warnings, training, and protection run the risk of heavy enforcement penalties.

Pesticide Recordkeeping is More than Just a Good Idea; It's the Law

The federal pesticide recordkeeping regulations require that private pesticide applicators keep records of federal restricted-use pesticide applications.

The Law Requires you to Record:

(1) The brand or product name of the restricted-use pesticides and its EPA registration number.

(2) The total amount applied.

(3) The size of the area treated.

(4) The crop, commodity, stored product or site.

(5) The location of the application.

(6) The month, day and year of the application.

(7) The applicator's name and certification number.

Additional Requirements

The information must be recorded within 14 days following the pesticide application. It will be easier to accurately record the data if you record it promptly.

You must keep the records for two years from the date of the pesticide applications.

There is no required form. Any form (handwritten or on computer) is acceptable as long as the required data is included.

Records By Commercial Applicators

If you hire a commercial applicator, note that the regulations require commercial applicators to give clients a copy of their pesticide application record within 30 days of the application.

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County Extension Agent

by Beth Dannheim.....

Enjoying Summer Days With Family

Some people dream about those long warm summer days. Memories of eating popsicles on the front lawn, running through the sprinkler, and picking wild blackberries fill my mind. These simple, spontaneous, close to home activities are cherished most.

Unfortunately, work schedules, to-do lists and scheduled activities result in more crazy days than lazy days.

Would you like to have more memorable days than hectic days this summer? Slowing down your busy pace involves loosening up on routines, and making conscious choices about structured activities. Ask each family member what they enjoy the most about summer. Then plan summer activities that reflect your family's interests. Be sure and leave plenty of unplanned time for just hanging out with your family around home.

Do you feel comfortable with the idea of just hanging out? Here are a few ideas to keep on hand to spur your imagination:

* Blankets on the lawn can provide the center for many activities. An instant picnic, laying on your back relaxing while your toddlers play with toys, a place to enjoy stories or listen to the evening sounds.

* Tents become forts for toddlers and preschoolers. A great camping trip can take place in your own backyard.

* Play games. Infants and toddlers love to play with balls, and bubbles. Preschoolers enjoy hide-and-seek, Frisbee, t-ball, Mother may I, red light, green light. Think of outdoor games you played as a child. Build an obstacle course. Get neighbors involved in a giant game of hide-and-seek, or team children and parents up for a miniscavenger hunt.

* Play with water. Sprinklers, swimming pools, water balloons, washing the car, watering the plants-- anything to be in or near the water.

* Spontaneous gatherings. Invite neighbors over to share a meal. It could be any time of the day-- a weekend breakfast, a lunch, or a week night supper. Each family brings their own food or something to share-- no planning ahead-- and keep it simple and focus on conservation and good company.

* Have cupcake party. Cover a picnic table with vinyl tablecloth, bring lots of cupcakes, frosting, and an assortment of different toppings including chocolate chips, sprinkles, raisins and fruit.

* Take a walk or fly a kite.

* Make a sidewalk chalk picture.

Summer is a season of so many possibilities. Working parents can easily fill everyday with tasks and "to-do's." It is easy to let our sense of urgency about an over-scheduled life prevent us from taking some time to enjoy our children. This summer let yourself relax and enjoy the lazy days of summer!

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Legal Notice - Sheriffs Sale

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 8th day of April, 1996 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of CITY OF ROTAN vs. KENNETH HARDIN; Cause # 4238 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 7th day of May, 1996 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all that certain Lot 10 in Block 275 of the Inside Addition to the City of Rotan, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 346, Page 171 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract II: Being all those certain Lots 11 and 12 in Block 275 of the Inside Addition to the City of Rotan, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 324, Page 32 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 8th day of April, 1996 as the property of KENNETH HARDIN, 906 North McKinley Ave., Rotan, Texas 79546, having been duly served with citation in the manner and for the length of time required by law, failed to file a written answer or appear, and wholly makes default; BARBARA HARDIN, 906 North McKinley Ave., Rotan, Texas 79546, having been duly served with citation in the manner and for the length of time required by law, failed to file a written answer or appear, and wholly makes default; BLUEBONNET SAVINGS BANK SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO COMMODORE SAVINGS (IN REM ONLY), by serving an officer thereof, 9100 North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas, having heretofore filed a written answer but failed to appear; to satisfy a judgment amounting to $5,362.20 with interest from the 18th day of March, 1993 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of CITY OF ROTAN, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 8TH DAY OF April, 1996
Gene Pack
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
By Kerrie Blair Deputy
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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of FISHER County on the 8th day of April, 1996 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. JOE PERALES; Cause #4505 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 7th day of May, 1996 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said FISHER County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Being all those certain Lots 1, 2, and 3, in Block 36 of the Original Town of Sylvester, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 674, Page 346 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 8th day of April, 1996 as the property of JOE PERALES, if living; to satisfy a judgment amounting to $1,133.19 with interest from the 19th day of January, 1996 at 10 percent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 8th day of April, 1996.
Gene Pack
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, Texas
By Kerrie Blair Deputy
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Fisher County RV Club Members Make Trip To Lake Buchanan

The Fisher County R.V. Club met at Poppy's Point Waterfront Resort, Buchanan Lake for the weekend of April 11th through 14th. Events during the trip included a tour of Buchanan dam, arrival of the Steam Engine and Shoot Out at Burnet, Confederate Air Force fly-in and a tour of the Archeological Museum.

Various other things enjoyed by the group were Vanishing River Cruise, Longhorn Cavern, Arts and Crafts show and bluebonnet trails.

Saturday night a chili supper was served by the wagon masters. After breakfast and devotional Sunday morning, the club adjourned and returned home. Members attending were:

Glen and Violet Upshaw, Melvin and Odessa Clements, J. T. and Louise Mahaffey, Joe and Nelda Swafford, Willie and Christine Martin, Roy and Mary Adams, Cullen and Alene Terry, Rosemary Orrell, Carlton and Dorothy Burrows, Loy and Arlene Neeper.

Rotan Bands In Cisco Contests

On March 29, members of the Rotan Band grades 5 thru 8 participated in the Cisco Jr. College Solo and Ensemble Contest. They brought home a total of 24 first place medals, 27 second divisions and 7 third divisions. Those students with first place medals are as follows:

Crystal Hoyle, Chris Romo, Haley Helms, Jodi Granado, Cyrena Morin, April Lujan, Steven Smallwood, Sunny Helms, Rode Morrow, Terry Branch, Jennifer Clawson, Charity Murdoch, Salvador Garcia, Sarah Shelley, M.J. Quintanilla, Ashley Garza, Samson Flores, Lauren Kennedy.

Those winning second divisions are as follows:

Laci Martin, Emilia Munoz, Alexis Dunham, Rachel Leach, Allison Pipes, Chris Williams, M.J. Quintanilla, Junior Romero, Lauran Kennedy, Eboni Brown, Selina Williams, Tamara Torrez, Latisha Salazar, D.J. Alvarado, Sabra Hargrove, Sarah Shelley, Dolores Flores, Charity Murdoch, Latisha Flores, Scott Tandy, Carolyn Romero.

Third Division are as follows:

Monica Ramon, Zachary Yanez, Dolores Flores, Tiffany Prater.

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Fisher County Round - Up

By Joy Walker - 735-2840

Well we have had some nice weather, but nearly every day the wind has blown. I just knew we were going to get some rain on Sunday as it sure was stormy everywhere around us, but we missed all the moisture, although it rained and hailed as near as Trent. Today (Monday) it is so nice and cool, and is overcast, but still we are looking for that much need moisture. We badly need some good rain, as everything is really dry again.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Mary Martinez Ozuna, of our community. She passed away Saturday evening at the Fisher County Hospital. Services were held Monday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with burial in the Hobbs Cemetery. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the Martinez families, and to the remainder of Mary's family. I got to visit with Mary and Emilio Martinez and one of their grandsons who were here Sunday. They are from Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell went to Nashville, Tennessee last Wednesday to visit with their daughter and her family, Dr. Bob and Sharon Holston. They went to Memphis first where they watched granddaughter, Jennifer, in the State Finals Prose Reading. They spent ten days in Tennessee, coming home Friday. The Fisher County Historical Commission made a field trip Saturday to the Double Mountains and visited with Sammy Baugh at his home. Then they all went to Clairemont and visited the old jail there. Then they came back to the Riverdale Cemetery. There were 35 folks that attended.

Sunday the Historical Commission attended the San Jacinto Day at Woods Chapel. Freddie Stuart spoke and David Pilgrim and the Texas Brigade gave a salute and taps. There were 45 folks in attendance.

Mike Ammons visited his mother Mrs. Marie Ammons on Sunday. The Wilber Grubens went to Crane Saturday and visited with Shawna and Greg Gruben, Tess, Tatum and little Clancey. They came home late on Sunday.

James Ratliff's two sisters, Betty Fuchs from Houston and her daughter, Lisa, and Georgie Storie and a friend from Oklahoma came in last Sunday and stayed until the funeral for James' mother. Sid Coggins from Colorado came to the Ratliff's last Monday evening and he left Tuesday.

A group of teachers from Roby all attended the Theatre on the Brazos presentation of "Harvey" Friday night. The play was so good and everyone enjoyed it so much. We sure have a lot of talented folks in Fisher County and they are to be congratulated for their fine performances; I know it took many, many hours of practice to make the play such a success.

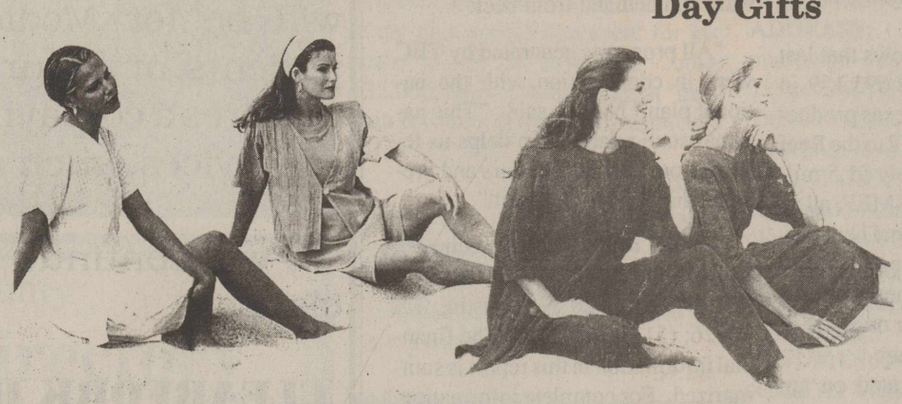
Mr. and Mrs. Maury Gruben from Dallas were here for the weekend visiting with Mrs. Billie Gruben and others in the family. Well this is about all for this week. Hope that everyone who has been sick is feeling much better. See you next Thursday.

THANK YOU

The family of Maude Ratliff Smith would like to thank everyone who did so many kind things for our mother these last years while she was so ill. It is a wonderful show of loving kindness given to the entire family at the time of her death. May God bless and keep each one of you. Thanks again.

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Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Any County of the State of Texas, Greetings:

WHEREAS, at the June Term of the Honorable District Court of Fisher County, Texas, on the 14th day of September, 1995, in a certain cause styled T.J. HARVEY, ET AL Plaintiff, vs. AMERICAN CASCADE ENERGY, INC. Defendant, and numbered #5339, on the Civil Docket of said Court, Plaintiff, recovered a Judgment against AMERICAN CASCADE ENERGY, INC. Defendant, for $24,547.33 DOLLARS, with interest thereon from the 14th day of September 1996 at the rate of 10% per cent per annum, and all cost of suit as of record is manifest.

Now, THEREFORE, you are hereby commanded that of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the said AMERICAN CASCADE ENERGY, INC. Defendant, you cause to be made the said sum of $24,547.33 Dollars, the amount actually due and unpaid upon said judgment, with interest thereon from the 14th day of September A.D., 1995, at the rate of 10% per centum per annum and the further sum of $24,547.33 Dollars, costs of suit together with your legal fees, and commissions for collecting the same, and the officer executing this writ shall execute the same according to law and the mandates hereof.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, and have you this writ showing how you have executed the same, together with said moneys collected as herein directed, before the above Court at the Courthouse thereof in Roby, Texas (1) with 90 days from the date of the issuance of this writ.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in Roby, Texas on this 9th day of April A.D. 1996.

Bettie Hargrove
Fisher County, Texas

I certify that the above and foregoing Bill of Costs, amounting to $24,547.33, is a true bill of the costs cause, wherein this writ of execution is issued.

Bettie Hargrove, District Clerk
EXHIBIT "B"

adjudged against the defendant....in the above numbered and entitled

FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
SUBJECT LEASES

1. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated September 13, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 38, from Horace C. Coleman, Jr., at Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc. as Lessee.

2. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 9, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 58, from Jerry M. Pruitt, as Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc. as Lessee.

3. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated September 10, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 56, from Kitty Z. McCracken, as Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc. as Lessee.

4. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated October 8, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 50, from Gail F. Moulton, Jr., at Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc. as Lessee.

5. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 12, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 40, from Mona E. Lewis, as Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc., as Lessee.

6. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 9, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 54, from Charles A. Spears, Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc., as Lessee.

7. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 26, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 52, from John D. Montgomery, as Lessor, to Weis Energy Company,Inc., as Lessee.

8. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 5, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 48, from Florence Selberg Christman, as Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc., as Lessee.

9. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 9, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 42, from H. S. Drumwright, Jr., as Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc., as Lessee.

10. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated October 8, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 44, from Willis R. Moulton, and Carolyn M. Harris, Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc., as Lessee.

11. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 9, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 46, from Charles L. Cain, Trustee of Southwest Employees Incentive Plan of Grayson County State Bank, as Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc. as Lessee.

12. Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease dated August 7, 1985, recorded in Volume 558, page 35, from Lena W. Hatcher, et al., as Lessor, to Weis Energy Company, Inc., as Lessee.

INSOFAR AND ONLY INSOFAR as said leases cover the following lands

SUBJECT LAND

South 317 acres of Section 1, Block 19, T &P Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Any County of the State of Texas, Greetings:

WHEREAS, at the July Term of the Honorable District Court of Midland County, Texas, on the 7th day of November, 1988, in a certain cause styled COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK/MIDLAND Plaintiff, vs. PDS DEVELOPMENT, INC. Defendant, and numbered B-36,639, on the Civil Docket of said Court, Plaintiff, recovered a Judgment against PDS Development, INC. Defendant, for $129,472.80 plus $10,000 Attorney Fee, with interest thereon from the 7th day of November, 1988 at the rate of 18% per cent per annum, and all cost of suit as of record is manifest.

Now, THEREFORE, you are hereby commanded that of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the said PDS DEVELOPMENT, INC. Defendant, you cause to be made the said sum of $129,472.80 Dollars, the amount actually due and unpaid upon said judgment, with interest thereon from the 7th day of November A.D., 1988, at the rate of 18% per centum per annum and the further sum of $129,472.80 Dollars, costs of suit together with your legal fees, and commissions for collecting the same, and the officer executing this writ shall execute the same according to law and the mandates hereof.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, and have you this writ showing how you have executed the same, together with said moneys collected as herein directed, before the above Court at the Courthouse thereof in Roby, Texas, (1) with 90 days from the date of the issuance of this writ.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in Roby, Texas, on this 9th day of April A.D. 1996.

Bettie Hargrove
Fisher County, Texas

I certify that the above and foregoing Bill of Costs, amounting to $129,472.80, is a true bill of the costs adjudged against the defendant in the above numbered and entitled cause, wherein this writ of execution is issued.

Bettie Hargrove- District Clerk
EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Deed of Trust, Mortgage, Security Agreement and Assignment executed by PDS Development, Inc., as Mortgagor, and Community National Bank, Midland, Texas, as Secured Party, covering oil and gas properties in Fisher County, Texas.

All PDS Development, Inc.'s undivided interest acquired from K&S Land Company, Inc. by the following Assignments, covering oil, gas and mineral interests in Fisher County, Texas, to-wit:

1. Assignment executed by K&S Land Company, Inc. conveying an undivided one-third (1/3rd) of its interest in those Oil, Gas and Mineral Leases, described in page two (2) of this Exhibit "A", insofar and only as they cover the forty (40) acre proration unit dedicated to Number 1 J. P. Maberry "58" well, James and Leggett Subdivision of the A. J. Long Pasture, League 323, Bastrop County School Lands, Fisher County, Texas, to PDS Development, Inc., dated June 1, 1983, recorded at Volume 504, Page 767, Deed Records, Fisher County, Texas.

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4. Assignment executed by K&S Land Company, Inc. conveying an undivided two-thirds (2/3rds) of its interest in that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated December 3, 1982, recorded at Volume 500, Page 735, Deed Records, Fisher County, Texas, insofar and only as it covers the forty (40) acre proration unit dedicated to the Turner #1 well, James and Leggett Subdivision of the A. J. Long Pasture, League 323, Bastrop County School Lands, Fisher County, Texas, to PDS Development , Inc., dated June 1, 1983, recorded at Volume 504, Page 783, Deed Records, Fisher County, Texas.

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Checkoff Programs Funded By Texas Beef Producers

Checkoff programs funded by Texas beef producers on both national and state levels in the last fiscal year generated positive results with domestic and international beef consumers, said Bob Nunley of Sabinal, Texas Beef Council (TBC) chairman.

Nunley made his comments upon releasing the Texas Beef Council annual report for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1995. The annual report lists financial information and results of domestic and export development programs conducted in Texas by TBC and nationally by the Beef Industry Council (BIC) and by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) during the fiscal year.

"Checkoff dollars allowed us to target key users of beef in domestic and international areas during an extremely trying year for our industry," Nunley said. "On both a national and state level, we saw progress in getting our message heard by consumers and gained access to new markets around the world."

The annual report shows that last year TBC received $12,693,159 in checkoff dollars from Texas producers. TBC sent $6,008,672 to the Beef Board, and approximately $1.5 million each to BIC and USMEF, all of which helped fund national beef promotion, education and research programs. A summary of these national programs is included on one side of the annual report brochure.

TBC programs operated on approximately $3 million. Here are some highlights of what these checkoff dollars helped fund in the last fiscal year.

* An interactive exhibit that related how cattle impact everyday life. Approximately 90,000 persons at stock shows and other events toured this 2,500-square foot exhibit.

An increase in impulse beef purchasing by 20 to 23 percent among consumers who took TBC recipes at centers in 1,750 supermarkets.

* Partnerships with major Texas burger distributors. Wendy's promotions resulted in an additional 275,000 pounds of beef sold. Another partnership with Burger Street sold an additional 43,000 beef patties.

* Foreign trade teams that learned about the U.S. beef production system by visiting Texas ranches, feedlots and packing houses. U.S. beef sales increased an average of 36.5 percent at three Mexican chains that participated.

* Programs to educate producers on the need to generate a product for consumers. Beef 706 and Quality and Consistency meetings have helped inform thousands of producers about what today's consumers want and demand from beef.

"All programs generated by TBC were in coordination with the national plan," Nunley said. "This national-state relationship helps us leverage our checkoff dollars and prevents duplication of effort."

Annual reports can be requested by writing or calling TBC at 8708 Ranch Road 620 N., Austin, TX 78726; (512) 335-2333. The financial information in this report is summarized. For complete information, please specify an audited financial statement.

TAX PLANNING
Written By:
Gerald Rodger, CPA

TAX PLANNING
by Gerald Rodgers, CPA
WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT DEDUCTING MEDICAL EXPENSES

Even high medical costs can have an upside. The IRS says that medical expenses are deductible to the extent that they exceed 7.5% of your adjusted gross income (AGI). Even if your 1995 medical expenses weren't astronomical, you might have had enough to exceed the 7.5% floor and quality for an itemized deduction.

Home improvement costs. If you modified your home to accommodate a medical condition, your home improvement costs are deductible to the extent they exceed the increase in your home's value. Say, for example, you installed central air conditioning to ease your dependent son's asthma. If you installed the system for $5,000 and it increased your home's market value by $2,500, you can deduct the $2,500 difference. Improvements made to accommodate a physically handicapped person - such as the installation of elevators, handrails, or support bars - are also deductible.

Travel costs. You can deduct transportation and lodging costs that are primarily for, and essential to, medical care for you, your spouse, and your dependents. For example, if a doctor asks you to stay at a hotel near the hospital of a sick child, you can deduct up to $50 a day of the lodging cost.

Other medical expenses. Several often-overlooked costs have also been allowed as a medical deduction. For example:

* Additional costs incurred to prepare foods for those with restricted diets.
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* Premium payments for medical insurance.
* Costs to remove hazardous lead-based paint.
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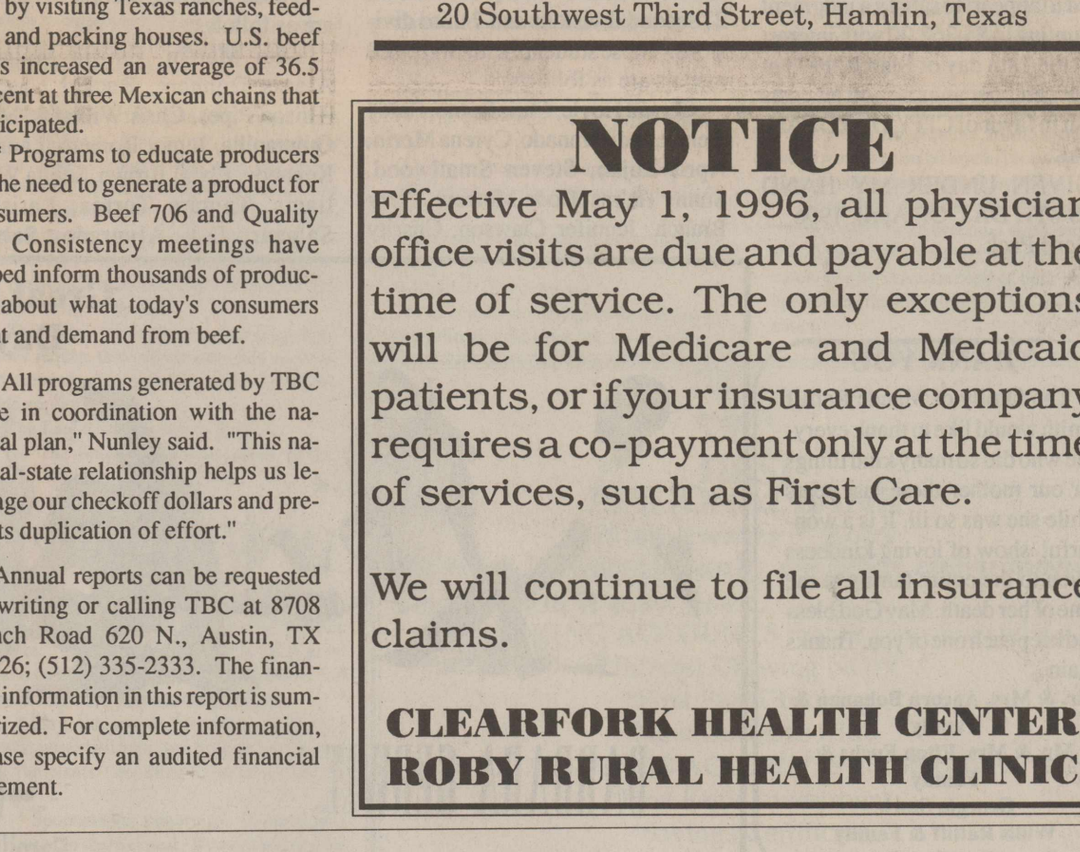
On February 15, 1996, GTE Southwest Incorporated (GTESW) filed a tariff with the Public Utility Commission of Texas for Advanced Credit Management (ACM). If approved by the Commission, ACM will provide a toll limit for all new and existing medium and high risk single line residence and business customers based upon their credit and payment history. If a toll limit is reached, the customer's telephone number will be subject to having its outgoing long distance, collect, third number billed, and GTE calling card calls blocked until payment has been made. ACM has no monthly charge or nonrecurring charge associated with it. This filing has been assigned Docket No. 15372.

Persons who wish to intervene or comment on this filing should notify the Commission by June 21, 1996. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas, 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Public Information Office at (512)458-0223 or (512)458-0227, or (512)458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

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ROBY OAP CAS MEMBERS: Kimberly Hudnall (All Star Cast), Chris Gloyd and Beau Hart.



ROBY OAP: Meggan Herron and Amber Kelly.



ROBY OAP CAST MEMBERS: Amy Riggs (Doctor Emmett), and Wendy Harwell (Fairy May).



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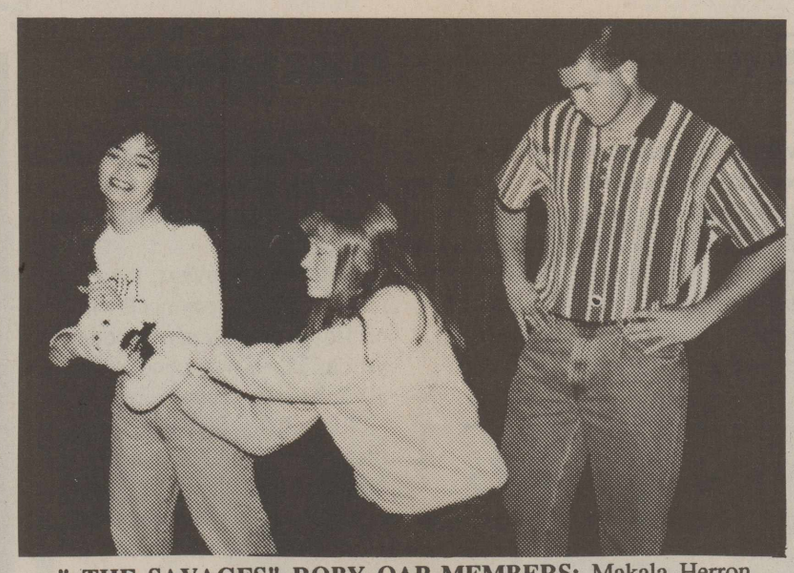
Computer Science -CS 239 - Special Topics

Cost: $127 credit or non-credit

Registration: May 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Roby High School

Contact: Glenna Stuart - 776-2223- Roby High Space is limited because of equipment

Materials to bring: driver's license, social security card, high school transcript or GED, college transcripts, ACT/SAT Scores.



" THE SAVAGES" ROBY OAP MEMBERS: Makala Herron, Jaycee Carey, Honorable Mention Cast, and Kevin Christian, Best Actor.



ROBY OAP TECHNICAL CREW: l to r: Jessie Zapata, Latrice Moffett, Meggan Herron, Ronnie Andrews, Chad Arnwine, and Chris Terry (on ladder).

Students At Headstart Set Date For Track Meet

The winner of the Rabbit Wall Hanger from Fisher County Headstart was Denese Hoffman. The students at Headstart are now preparing for a track meet to be held in Colorado City. The kids are hoping to win lots of ribbons. They are also looking forward to their graduation. Headstart kids and parents are selling European Chocolate Bars to help fund these events, if you would like to donate, you may contact the center.

Applications for enrollment are now being accepted for next year's class. Headstart is for 3 and 4 year olds. The program is designed to help children cope with their total environment (education, health, parents and social) and look forward to a brighter future. For more information you may contact the Center at 735-2965 or go by 201 W. 8th in Rotan.

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Roby One-Act Play Cast Brings Home Five Awards

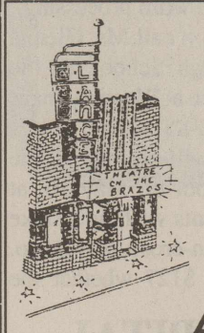
Sixteen Roby High Schoolers recently participated in the UIL One-Act play competition. They performed a cutting of the full-length play entitled "The Curious Savage" and brought home 5 medals for individual awards. The play was named as alternate to advance in District competition. Cast members (and awards received) were as follows: Wendy Harwell, Makala Herron, Amber Kelly, Jaycee Carey, (Honorable Mention Cast), Kimberly Hudnall (All Star Cast), Chris Gloyd, Beau Hart (Honorable Mention Cast), Kelly McWilliams (All Star Cast), Amy Riggs, Meggan Herron, and Kevin Christian (Best Actor). Technical crew members were Chris Terry, Chad Arnwine, Jessie Zapata, Ronnie Andrews, Meggan Herron, and Latrice Moffett. Latrice also served as assistant director. The play was directed by Barbara Christian.

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Fisher County Hospital Cafeteria

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FISHER COUNTY FINANCIAL REPORT

APRIL 22, 1996 THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FISHER COUNTY MEET TO EXAMINE THE BI-ANNUAL REPORT OF MARTY WILLIAMSON, COUNTY TREASURER, FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1996 AND FOUND SAME CORRECT AS REPORTED.

FUND DESIGNATION	BALANCE 9/30/95	TRANSFER OUT	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFER IN	BALANCE 3/31/96
GENERAL FUND	$ 415,678.38	$ 12,169.09	$ 996,332.67	$ 693,747.63	$ -	$ 706,094.33
AIRPORT	$ 15,733.15	$ -	$ 4,142.25	$ 4,148.91		$ 15,726.49
PRECINCT #1	$ 41,666.69	$ -	$ 133,641.48	$ 63,099.76		$ 112,208.41
PRECINCT #2	$ (231.53)	$ -	$ 132,108.98	$ 82,829.06		$ 49,048.39
PRECINCT #3	$ 26,114.65	$ -	$ 133,031.29	$ 83,426.39		$ 75,719.55
PRECINCT #4	$ 7,622.75	$ -	$ 132,458.14	$ 92,938.85		$ 47,142.04
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	$ (4,807.54)	$ -	$ 12,085.50	$ 12,817.60		$ (5,539.64)
LATERAL ROAD #1	$ -	$ -	$ 5,384.37	$ 5,384.37		$ -
LATERAL ROAD #2	$ -	$ -	$ 5,384.38	$ 4,568.75		$ 815.63
LATERAL ROAD #3	$ -	$ -	$ 5,384.37	$ 5,384.37		$ -
LATERAL ROAD #4	$ -	$ -	$ 5,384.38	$ 5,384.38		$ -
DESIGNATED FUND	$ -	$ -	$ 900.00	$ 865.00	$ 12,169.09	$ 12,204.09
JUDICIAL EDUCATION	$ -	$ -	$ 481.00	$ 125.00		$ 356.00
CO. CLERK PRES.	$ -	$ -	$ 6,460.97	$ 159.99		$ 6,300.98
LAW LIBRARY	$ -	$ -	$ 1,480.25	$ 1,543.35		$ (63.10)
DIST. CLERK PRES.	$ -	$ -	$ 846.90	$ 352.90		$ 494.00
COURTHOUSE SECURITY	$ -	$ -	$ 5,089.72	$ 1,465.00		$ 3,624.72
PARKS & WILDLIFE	$ -	$ -	$ 1,894.75	$ 2,737.25		$ (842.50)
BIRTH CERTIFICATE	$ -	$ -	$ 1,199.50	$ 198.90		$ 1,000.60
MARRIAGE LICENSE	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -
BAIL BOND	$ -	$ -	$ 2,400.00	$ 2,250.00		$ 150.00
STATE ARREST	$ -	$ -	$ 10,265.40	$ 7,927.50		$ 2,337.90
TOTAL	$ 501,776.55	$ 12,169.09	$ 1,596,356.30	$ 1,071,354.96	$ 12,169.09	$ 1,026,777.89

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GENE TERRY, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4

MARSHAL BENNETT, COUNTY JUDGE

SWORN AND SUBSRCIBED BEFORE ME, THIS 22ND DAY OF APRIL 1996
Beth Martin

BETH MARTIN
COMMISSION EXPIRES
OCTOBER 9. 1997

1996 Farm Bill Has Sweeping Changes

The 1996 Farm Bill brings sweeping changes away from depression-era government supports, but the dust will settle with income bolstering market strategies, Texas A&M Agriculture Program officials believe.

"The greatest demand will be for programs that teach marketing techniques such as forming marketing clubs and hedging," said Dr. James Richardson, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station policy economist. "We're not telling anyone to fold the tent and go home."

The Farm Bill outlines a historical transition in policy away from the subsidies provided by government to maintain steady farm incomes to the so-called "right to farm" measure that allows producers to make decisions as support payments are phased out over a seven year period.

The measure will save an estimated $13.2 billion over that time, and some fear that the savings for taxpayers will come at the expense of lost farms. But Agriculture Program leaders said planning in advance and trying new ventures can reduce the chance for loss.

"Our whole effort is in the strategic opportunities and looking at solutions for agriculture producers, agribusinesses and rural communities," said Dr. Ed Hiler, vice chancellor and dean of agriculture at Texas A&M. "We are committed to contributing to the solutions, and we have some experience already with that type of situation."

Hiler noted that when wool and mohair producers lost their government support programs a few years ago, the Agriculture Program--through its Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Agricultural Extension Service agencies -- worked with the state's producers to get a marketing co-operative and processing plant put together.

"There is no question that this new farm bill will lead to more value added opportunities for Texas producers," Hiler said. "And that is something that we've been pushing for years."

Richardson said the new bill means a completely new way of decision making for producers. And, he said, without the guaranteed price supports from government, the variability of Texas farm income is likely to increase by some 30 percent, meaning farm income could be at times one-third less or one-third higher depending on market and world events.

"We will have to find new ways of balancing the risk," he said. "We have to come up with better marketing strategies."

For cotton growers, the governmental transition payments will taper off from about 9 cents per pound this year to 5 cents per pound by the year 2002, he said.

Richardson said that the state's producers probably will not begin to feel the effect of the new measure until the turn of the century, but that gives growers about three years to make changes to secure their operations.

"There will be significant structural pressure on moderate-sized farms," Richardson said. "And the greatest pressure will be on wheat, rice, cotton, peanuts and dairy farms. Those are the ones that need to start planning now."

He said farmers and commodity groups need to increase their emphasis on international markets, for example.

Western Texas College Will Be Offering Roby Computer Classes

Western Texas College will offer a college credit computer science course beginning on May 30 and ending on July 2.

The course will be taught by Mr. Britt Canada, computer science instructor from Western Texas College. The course will be held in the high school computer science lab. Because of limited numbers of computers, class size will be limited.

Content of the course will include basic computer operation, data bases, spreadsheets, and word processing.

For information call Ms. Glenna Stuart, Roby High School, or the Counseling Office at Western Texas College, 915-573-8511, Ext. 313.

Registration will be held in the Roby High School on May 16, at 5:30 p.m. Students wishing to take the course for non-credit may do so. The fee will be $127 whether the course is taken for credit or non-credit.

Students wishing to register are reminded of the necessity of bringing high school transcripts, ACT/SAT scores, and any college transcripts of prior work. If a student does not have test assessment scores (ACT/SAT), WTC will administer assessment testing on that night, May 16.

Cost of the course will be $127. There will be no text required for the course.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of 4-16 - 4-22-96 are as follows:

ADMITTED:

Lino Yanez, Sr.- Rotan; Wayne Nichols- Rotan; Marie Guzman- Rotan; Carrie Boothe- Spur; Ollie Ogden- Sweetwater; Alvis McArthur- Rotan; Waldo Gatewood- Sylvester; Sandy Watson- McCaulley; Mary Hamlin- Rotan; Louise Carrillo- Rotan; Larry McClain- Rotan; Mary Ozuna- Rotan; Ernestine Derrick- Stamford; George Buckingham- Rotan; Katherine Wallace- Rotan.

DISMISSED:

Aida Medrano- Rotan; Waldo Gatewood- Sylvester; Sandy Watson- McCaulley; Wayne Nichols- Rotan; Archie Rivers- Roby; Jesusa Morales- Rotan; Lino Yanez, Sr.- Rotan; Lillie Herron- Rotan; Larry McClain- Rotan; Louise Carrillo- Rotan; Mary Hamlin- Rotan; Katherine Wallace- Rotan; George Buckingham- Rotan; Marie Guzman- Rotan.

Legal Notice

Provisions in Senate Bill I allow a School Board to cancel an election if all candidates running are unopposed and no one has filed as a write-in candidate for any position.

At the regular scheduled meeting of the Roby C.I.S.D. Board of Trustees on April 9, 1996, the Trustees unanimously passed a resolution cancelling the May 4, 1996, Board of Trustee election. All candidates running are unopposed and no one has filed as a write-in candidate for any position:

Elect two (2) trustees for a term of three (3) years

Steve Terry (incumbent) unopposed

Robert Terry (incumbent) unopposed

Elect one (1) trustee for an unexpired term of two (2) years

Manuel Valdez- unopposed

Steve Terry- President of Board Roby C.I.S.D.

Billy Don Atkinson- Vice-President Roby C.I.S.D.

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NOTICE

The Rotan Advance-Roby Star Record reserves the right to edit and/or delete all news stories, photographs and other material for length and liability and to refuse to print anything deemed by the Editor as not newsworthy.

Rotan High School BOY'S TRACK RECORDS

400 M. Relay	D.Daniels, B. Alls M. Ray, J. Huitt	'90	42.4
400 M. Relay	**A. Kiker, E. Turner R. Hooper, K. Pease (State Champion)**	**'82**	**42.4**
800 Meter	C. Williams	'84	1:54.9
110 H. Hurdle	W. Roddy	'89	14.45
100 Meter Run	**Joe Huitt (State Champion)**	**'90**	**10.4**
400 Meter Run	R. Roddy	'87	49.6
300 I. Hurdles	W. Roddy	'89	38.27
200 Meter Run	**Fred Acorn (State Champion)**	**'79**	**20.9**
1600 Meter Run	R. Moran	'83	4:36.0
1600 M. Relay	E. Turner (50.6) K. Pease (50.9) M. Conner (48.2) H. Williams (50.1)	'82	3:20.0
3200 M. Run	JayBen Alls	'94	10.40.15
Shot	**Howard VanLoon (State Champion)**	**'64**	**64' 5"**
Discus	**Howard VanLoon (State Champion)**	**'64**	**175" 3"**
Broad Jump	T. Daniel	'91	22'11
High Jump	J. Kelley	'65	6'5"
Pole Vaule	K. Blair	'81	13"3"
X-Country	D. Gruben	'87	16:44
Triple Jump	M. Ray	'91	44' 7"

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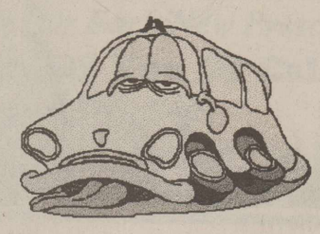
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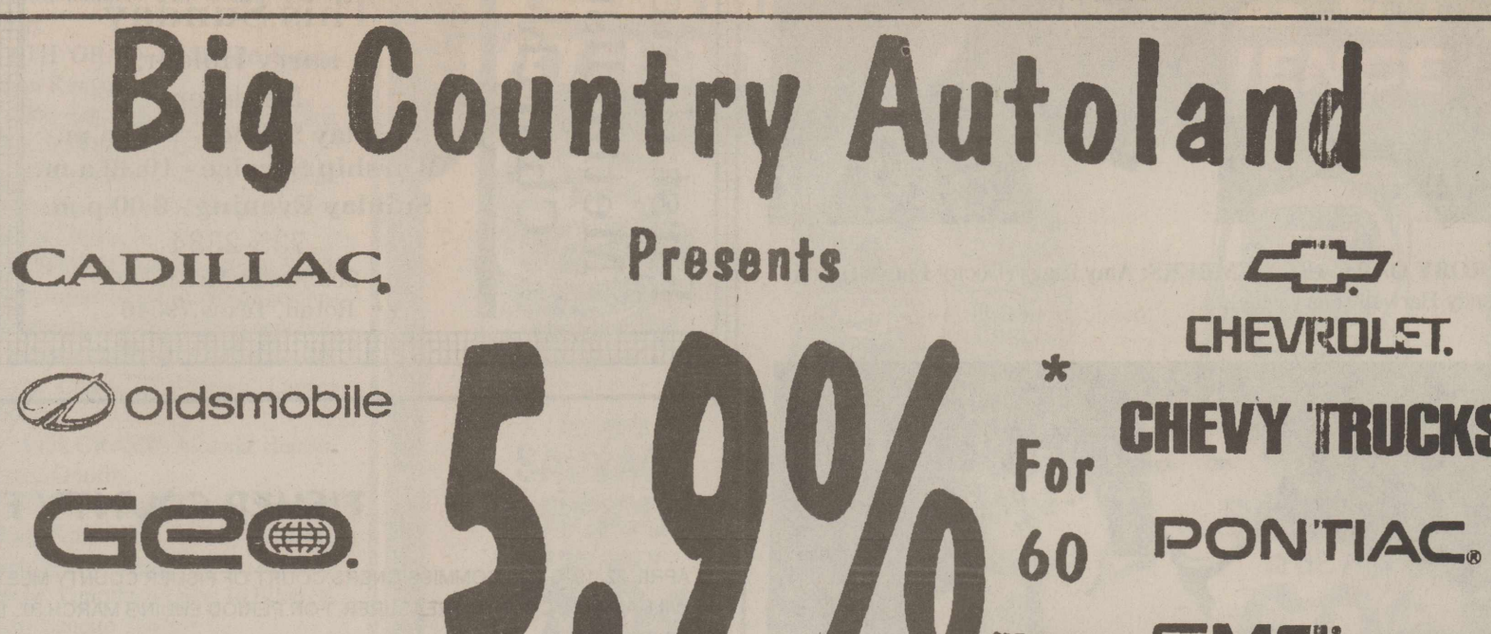
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Western Texas College graduated a class of nine licensed vocational nursing students on Thursday, February 22. Misty Gruben of Rotan received her certificate of graduation at the ceremony, which also recognized twelve students who were "pinned", indicating they had completed the first six months of the 12-month program. Those pinned students included Dana Eaton and Cindy Posey of Rotan. The featured speaker at the February 22 ceremony was Kerry Smith, a registered nurse at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder.

Dyslexia Makes Normally Intelligent Children Have Difficulty Reading Words

Dyslexia refers to extraordinary difficulty identifying the printed word by normally intelligent children. It is widely held to be due to a defect in the child's brain. However, a century of research has failed to establish the cause of dyslexia and has failed to prove anything whatsoever wrong with the brains of the children. Virtually all children who have seemed normal from birth to the first day of school, are normal and are capable of reading at an age/grade appropriate level.

In California, where an epidemic rages, the main cause of dyslexia is apparent.

In 1987, the language arts framework was revised with officials telling teachers to use "a literature-based (a.k.a. "whole language") program that exposes all students..to significant literary works" rather than "a skill-based (phonics) program...."

Reading scores plummeted in the San Diego Unified School District when whole language (Whole Language) replaced phonics. The San Diego Union (1/25/92) reported, "In 1990 (before), 51% of the students scored above the national median; in 1991 (after) only 25% did so" and asked, "Why Can't They Read?"

On the reading portion of the 1992, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), California 4th graders ranked 49th, tied with those of Mississippi for last place.

Appearing that the Whole Language framework itself, was the cause of the last place finish, state officials moved to correct what they referred to as the "widespread misconception" that teachers were only to use "significant literature," excluding phonics. State officials refuted teacher claims that their districts wouldn't allow them to teach phonics and claims of sweeps of classrooms, confiscating phonics materials (said to be continuing to the present time). Copies of a "clarification" booklet were mailed to 8000 schools statewide, explaining that "In a balanced reading program....a rich literature base would be provided, but the instructional program would be designed so that each child learns the strategies and skills needed to read and understand the literature...."Had they come to believe that phonics was necessary?

Led by Frank Smith, Kenneth Goodman and the International Reading Association (IRA) the Whole Language faith, believes: (1) that the brain learns best immersed in significant literature, (2) that to resort to phonics is deleterious to the process, (3) that anyone unable to learn without resorting to phonics is dyslexic or has a specific reading disability and (4) that science and the scientific method can never "satisfactorily answer" (Smith) questions as the validity of Whole Language. Astounding as it seems, persons who refute science are in control of the education of our children.

In the larger ideological, "war" the last-place NAEP finish (1992), the subsequent claims of teacher "misconception" and their confession as to the need for a "balanced reading program", was no more than loss of a skirmish with a brief retreat. Did they accept that Whole Language to the exclusion of phonics was the cause of our 4th--grader's reading failure, or, believing implicitly in Whole Language, did they redouble their efforts to impose it, expunging phonics, convinced their ideology is correct and would prevail. Faced with failure, or doubting parents they regularly claim to use a "balanced", or "eclectic", program or "whatever works". Did anything change?

Next came the CLAS test, imprecise and subjective, but declaring, nonetheless that the majority of our children were poor readers.

Then came the crowning proof that nothing had changed-- 1994 NAEP (S.D. Union--Trib also LA Times, 4/28/95). A third of US 12th graders and even fewer 4th and 8th graders were "proficient" readers, while California 4th graders were now in sole possession of last place! Only 14% of them were reading at or above the "proficient" level! Whatever it was, California had it worst of all.

The crux of the matter is not that the Whole Language faith imposes "significant literature" upon the children but that it views phonics as deleterious, not in keeping with their theory of how the brain works, and bans it. They tell little children "bite your tongue", "don't move your lips", "don't sound out", "use context", "guess at it". Their faith dictates that they ban phonics - the only tool, science tells us, with which to gain full, automatic, mastery in reading.

The problem remains, that no matter how bad the reading scores or how many children are rendered permanently "dyslexic" or "reading disabled", those of the Whole Language faith persevere, convinced that they have the right way, that the faults are not with Whole Language and that given time, and a few million more of our children, they will prove it.

They are the main cause of "dyslexia". They are the main cause of "at risk" children. They are the main cause of our "at risk" society.

According to Ian Lyons, President of Applied Scholastics, his organization has "successfully helped to raise reading levels of such 'at risk' children utilizing the educational breakthrough known as Study Technology, developed by author and humanitarian, L. Ron Hubbard. Youth, former gang members and homeless from inner city areas have been tutored on a phonics-based system by Applied Scholastics tutors trained in Study Technology with remarkable results and then in turn, these same 'at risk' youth have learned to tutor others on reading and effectively helped others learn to read.

Social Security Encourages All To Learn What Tax Dollars Buy

"For the times that count, count on Social Security." That's the theme for Social Security's new multimedia public service campaign. The campaign is designed to encourage people to learn more about what their Social Security tax dollars are buying, according to Ken Hargis, Social Security manager in Abilene.

"Unfortunately, many people think of Social Security as a retirement program, but Social Security is a program for people of all ages," Hargis said. "It pays benefits to people with disabilities and to the families of deceased workers."

"Young people who worry about whether Social Security will be there when they're ready to retire don't realize that it protects them right now," Hargis said. "For example, if they become disabled and couldn't work for a year or longer, they could get monthly benefits." More than 4 million people with disabilities are getting benefits today and another 1.6 million of their dependents get benefits, too.

The campaign includes television, radio, and print public service announcements in English and Spanish. People who want "Basic Facts About Social Security" can call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. "Our lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month so, if you're calling for the brochure, try calling later in the week and month," Hargis added.

NEWS BRIEFS

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

The Texas Department of Health in Stamford holds regularly scheduled immunization clinics to ensure that all children in Jones and Fisher County are protected from vaccine preventable childhood diseases. Children who receive their vaccinations on a timely basis benefit from the protection these vaccinations provide and contribute to the well-being of everyone.

Fees for these immunizations are based on household size and income. In most cases there is little or no cost. Please bring your child's shot record, social security number, and medicaid number if receiving medicaid. The next regularly scheduled clinics for May will be held at the following locations.

Stamford Hospital (north wing) 5-6-96- 9:30 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 3:00
504 E. 7th St., Rotan- 5-7-96- 10:00 - 11:30 and 1:00 - 3:00
52 SW 5th St., Hamlin- 5-14-96- 10:00 - 11:30 & 1:00 - 3:00.

If your child needs to begin or continue his immunizations and you are unable to attend one of these clinics, you may call (915) 773-5681 and arrange a time and date for immunizations to be administered.

Lunch and Learn

Lunch and Learn, a group for employed homemakers, will meet Tuesday, April 30, at 12:00 noon in the Annex. Each one attending is asked to bring a salad; crackers and tea will be furnished. Beth Dannheim, County Extension Agent, will present the program on recycling buttons. All homemakers are encouraged to attend, free of charge. Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

4-H Share The Fun/Method Demos

4-H Demonstrations and illustrated talks will be presented for public viewing Tuesday, April 30 at 7:00 in the Pink Building. Public invited.
4-H Share The Fun Skits will be presented for the public on Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 in the Roby School Auditorium. Public invited.

Effects Of 1996 Farm Bill Could Have Far Reaching Impact On The Economy

The effects of the 1996 Farm Bill on cotton farmers in Texas could have a far-reaching effect on the economy and cotton consumers. Whether that's good or bad will depend on the market and how farmers respond, according to an agricultural economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

At the very least, the Farm Bill will restructure farming infrastructures and probably raise the price of cotton apparel and other items, said Dr. Carl Anderson.

"This bill does not address the small farm; it just addresses the big picture. We will have to have the survival of the fittest," he said.

In a statement released April 4, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman said, "I remain concerned that this bill fails to provide an adequate safety net for family farmers. While we implement the new farm bill, we also will continue to seek innovative ways to improve the farm safety net and help producers manage risk."

One of the strengths of the 1996 Farm Bill, Anderson said, is that it gives farmers freedom and flexibility. On the other hand, it puts them in a market-oriented economy.

"Those that can manage roller coaster markets will survive. Those that can't manage the markets and those that cannot get the cost of production on the low end of the spectrum will not," he explained.

Cotton is the single most valuable crop grown in Texas -- with a total production value of about $1.6 billion in 1995. The state produces about a quarter of the cotton produced in the United States, leading all of the cotton-producing states since 1880.

The best cotton producers can grow cotton for 60 to 70 cents per pound, but those producers who have an overall cost in the 70 to 80 cent range will have a tough time surviving, he said.

"Anyone above the 80-cent cost of production doesn't have much future in cotton at all," he added.

Anderson projected that much of the cotton produced in the United States now will be produced by the larger farms, which have the efficiency and economy of size.

"(The farm) has to be, if possible, diversified, and integrated," Anderson said.

The farmer will have to integrate into the initial production, supply and storage chain as much as he possibly can, he said. Continued technological advances to keep production costs reasonable also will be a boon.

A system of cooperative for farmers could help smaller farms survive erratic markets. These enable farmers to pool their demands and crops in order to claim more competitive prices, he said.

The squeeze on the smaller farmers also is going to be felt by small retailers which service farming communities. "It's going to be a concept very similar to the Wal-Mart overtake of rural businesses," he said.

"The small business does not have the wherewithal to go to the factory and tell them we will take all you will produce and we'll pay you this price," he added.

The larger agricultural chemical and agribusinesses will put in large centers in order to service the volume demanded by larger farmers.

"As prices sling around, one year you're going to plant lots of grain and soybeans and the next year you may plant a lot of cotton," he said.

Larger businesses will be better able to survive that changeability by ordering more of the type of chemicals they need and rerouting those they don't to other parts of their chain.

For more than 20 years, cotton farmers have been producing cotton for less than the real cost because they've had a subsidy. As prices for cotton are raised, that makes it harder for textile mills to compete against those in foreign countries where the industry to some extent has governmental support. "Ninety percent of the cotton of the world has some government support interference," Anderson said.

"I see us forfeiting our cotton industry to foreign countries, bottom line," Anderson said. "We're forfeiting a portion of our cotton industry because of the higher price. We will then be less competitive against the imports of apparel and we'll be less competitive against man-made fibers." That competition will spell higher prices for consumers, he projected.

"We've got foreign governments that are subsidizing producers in textiles industries and exports in one way or the other. What we've done is pit our American farmer-- which I think is the best in the world- against a foreign government.

"It's not a level playing field, as I see it. I would have no reservations about how this all fell together if all the world was playing by the same rules on the same playing field," he said.

Anderson predicted that as much as 40 percent of the cotton acreage in this country could be diverted to other crops or livestock forage. About 10 percent will be lost this year because of the disastrous year in 1995, and 30 percent in the next five years because of the high cost of production and relatively less risk in growing alternative crops or livestock forage.

Crop production is different than main street business- whether it be a service industry or a manufacturer- because the crop producer's yield is dependent upon nature and biological cycles, he explained.

"And Mother Nature has proven to us in cotton last year that she will not be defied."

In 1995, cotton producers saw the lowest yield in about 13 years, and the available technology did little to prevent calamity for many farmers, he said.

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OBITUARIES

ERVIN GRICE

Ervin Grice, 85, of Jayton, died Tuesday night in the Stonewall County Hospital in Aspermont. Services were at 2 p.m., Saturday in Weathersbee Chapel in Rotan with Rev. H. T. Stanaland officiating. Burial was in the Jayton Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Grice was born Jan. 12, 1911 in Jayton and was the son of the late Rube and Annie Grice. He had lived most of his life in Jayton where he farmed and ranched. He married Stella Mae Davis in Clairemont Sept. 28, 1934. He had lived in the Kent County Nursing Home for the past year and 4 months.

Survivors include: Wife- Stella Mae Davis Grice, Sweetwater; 3 daughters- Bonnie Richardson, Austin, Pat Harp, Hawley, Judy Schubert, Longworth; 1 brother- Jimmy Grice, Selma, CA; 5 sisters- Arlene Blanton, of Montana, Rosie Owens, Vacaville, CA; Effie Ismer, Fireball, CA; Hazel Williams, Fireball, CA; Lissie Pearl Hoss, Big Spring; 6 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Mary Francis Cornelius

Graveside services for Mary Francis Cornelius, 71, of Lubbock were held in the city of Lubbock Cemetery with Terry Brown, minister of Greenlawn Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Cornelius died on Thursday, April 18, 1996 in St. Mary Hospital. She was born on August 30, 1924 in Idalou and graduated from Idalou High School. She married W. R. Cornelius. He died in 1990.

She was a member of the second graduating class of vocational nursing training school in 1955 in Lubbock and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include: five daughters- Bonnie Hoy of Wichita Falls, Sonja Mitchell of Lubbock, Lucy Johnston of Denton, Rhonda Weems of Rotan and Debra Scott of Denton, three sisters- Geneva Estes and Bonnie Jones both of Lubbock, Ruth O'Briant of Pittsburgh, Tx., a brother, Jack Estes of Midland; ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Meals On Wheels.

Mary Martinez Ozuna

Mary Martinez Ozuna, 89, of Rotan, died Saturday afternoon in the Fisher County Hospital. Rosary was said at 7:30 Sunday night in Weathersbee Chapel. Mass was at 2 p.m., Monday in the St. Joseph Catholic Church with Rev. Reynaldo Reyes officiating. Burial was in the Hobbs Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ozuna was born Jan. 3, 1907 in Kent County and was the daughter of Fred and Anastacia Martinez, pioneers to the area. She married Pete Ozuna in 1941 in Kent County and they moved to Fisher County that year. Mr. Ozuna passed away Jan. 24, 1996. Mrs. Ozuna was a homemaker and a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include: 4 brothers- Robert Martinez, Abilene, Emilio Martinez, Abilene, Alex Martinez, Keen, N.H., Ben Martinez, Munster, Texas; 1 sister- Sarah Jara, Arlington. She was preceded in death by 5 brothers and 1 sister.

George E. Nolen

George E. Nolen, 75, died April 22, 1996 at Columbia Lea Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Wed., April 24, 1996 at Chapel of Hope, with Rev. David Pate of Monument Baptist Church. Burial was at the Memory Gardens Cemetery, Hobbs, N.M., with military honors from the American Veterans Honor Guard.

Mr. Nolen was born April 12, 1921 at Rotan, Texas. He married Evelyn F. Cooper on April 8, 1947 in Sweetwater, Texas. They had lived in Monument since 1963, moving from Kermit, Tx.; was a World War II Veteran, serving in U.S. Army Air Force. Received decorations for American Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and good conduct and victory medals was an avid fisherman. He had worked for El Paso Natural Gas for 30 years, retiring in 1984 as Plant Operator. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include: Wife- Evelyn F. Nolen of Monument, New Mexico; 3 sons- Gary E. Nolen of Odessa, Tx., Randy L. Nolen of Rogers, Tx., Ken D. Nolen of Hobbs, N.M.; 1 daughter- Pamela K. Woodard of Hobbs, N.M.; 9 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother.

Mrs. Alvis McArthur

Mrs. Alvis McArthur, 84, of Rotan, died early Tuesday morning at Fisher County Hospital. Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Thursday at the First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Larry Holder, officiating. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. McArthur was born Alvis Loretta Chester, March 31, 1912, at Sulphur Bluff in Hopkins County. She was the daughter of the late John G. and Virginia Elizabeth Chester. She moved to Stonewall County, north of Rotan, in 1928 and has lived in that area since. She married J. L. "Ted" McArthur February 3, 1933, at Roby.

Mrs. McArthur was a homemaker. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir and had been a member of the Eastern Star since 1951.

She is preceded in death by 4 brothers and 5 sisters.

She is survived by two daughters- Joyce (Mrs. Ossice) Whitley of Rotan and Regina McArthur of Rotan; two sons- Don L. (Judy) McArthur of Snyder and Ralph McArthur of San Angelo; a sister- Dude Woodson of Rotan; two brothers- Jim Chester of Seattle, Washington, and Bert Chester of Snyder; 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

W.W. Callan's Began Practicing Medicine In Fisher County Back In Early 1907

by Ruby Wild.....

Occasionally, some of us "play" doctor at home (I am guilty). That is acceptable as long as it is some trivial ailment, that can be treated with readily available "home remedies". However, it is very comforting to know, if we are seriously ill or have a serious accident, that we have capable, dedicated doctors to diagnose our problem and alleviate our suffering within a few minutes drive from our homes.



That was not the case with pioneer doctors. We can only imagine the hardships, hazardous and maybe even perilous times which Doctor W.W. Callan and Doctor B.F. Reeves endured.

Doctor W.W. Callan, grandfather of Doctor Maurice, received his medical degree from Fort Worth Medical College. For three years his private practice was in Odonell, Texas. In 1907, he saw advertisements for doctors needed in the newly established town of Rotan in Fisher County. He loaded household furnishings in a boxcar of the train, and along with his wife (Mozella) and two young sons, Rush and Chester, boarded the train for the trip. The train made a stop in Tuxedo, Doctor W.W. got off and looked around. He immediately boarded the train and remarked to his wife, "We might as well go to the end of the line, it can't get any worse!" Whether he was aware of it at the time or not, Rotan really was the end of the line- or at least the railroad track. Doctor Maurice said that reports he had read stated that the rail company at the time, ran out of money. When another rail company took it over, because of the rough terrain in the area, they deemed it more feasible to re-route by Snyder.

Imagine, if you can, Doctor W.W. Callan having to travel over that rough countryside with horse and buggy, day or night in all kinds of weather to reach someone who was ill or some woman giving birth to a baby. Vergie Weems told me that she, being a midwife, had assisted him on several occasions. Sometimes Doctor Callan would have to remain throughout the night. Occasionally, it was necessary to perform surgery by lamp light on a dining table. And what was his remuneration? Besides sincere gratitude, much of the pay that he received were things produced on the farm, such as chickens, eggs, vegetables or maybe a pig. One incident, as told to Doctor Maurice by his uncle Rush, was when the Ogden family had typhoid fever. They were very sick and Doctor W.W. would go to treat them every day, taking a block of ice to help run the fever down. When the family had recovered, Mr. Ogden told Doctor Callan that he could never repay him for saving their lives. Since their crop had failed, he had no money. "Could you possibly use four mule colts?" he asked. Doctor Callan told him that he needed the colts, and that they would consider the bill paid in full. Doctor Callan sent eighteen year old Rush to get the colts. When rush told one of the Ogden sons that he came to get the colts, the son refused to let him take them. Mr. Ogden came out and Rush was allowed to take the animals. He had no idea how he was supposed to get them home, he was just obeying orders from his dad. Mr. Ogden told him to put a rein on a mare standing near, and to ride or lead the mare and the colts would follow. Thus Rush fulfilled his mission.

Doctor W.W. and Mozella Callan had one other son, besides the two heretofore mentioned. Weldon, the youngest, married Louise Smith. Doctor Weldon was a dentist in Spur until his death. Rush and Minnie Maude were prominent farmers and Doctor Chester U. Doctor W.W. was thirty-seven years old when he came to Rotan. He died in 1928. He had accumulated five sections of land.

During the interim between 1907 and 1928, Mrs. Mozella Callan and Mrs. Tom Clark (mother of Marvin Mann and Champ Clark) were instrumental in establishing the congregation of the Church of Christ in Rotan. At first there were no male members, and these two devout ladies held services. By 1929 the congregation had grown to around two hundred members. A church building had been erected, and there were elders and deacons in the congregation. The building was on the same site as the present building which was constructed in 1950. Hassie Puryear was the contractor and he was given some instruction by Mr. R.T. Martin, Doctor Maurice's maternal grandfather.

Doctor C.U. Callan received his medical degree from University of Texas Medical School- Galveston. In July 1930 he opened his office in the Phillips Drug Store building. Times had changed immensely from the pioneers days of his father. Doctor C.U. still made house calls, but he traveled by automobile over better roads. During the 1930's, farmers and familes and migrant farm workers came to town each Saturday. They waited, if possible, until Saturday to see a doctor. Doctor C.U. kept his office open late (sometimes after midnight) when the last patient was cared for. He told Doctor Maurice that was when he made the most money.

In 1937 Doctor C.U. had the Callan Hospital erected. Doctor I.N. Wilkinson came to Rotan in 1935. He joined the hospital staff, but was absent for a while during World War II. He spent some time serving on an Army Medical Staff. He returned after the war and rejoined the Callan Hospital Staff, until he moved to Roby and became head of the hospital there. Doctor Frank Johnson came to the Callan Hospital Staff in 1942, and remained until his death. Doctor Bennie LeBleu joined the staff in 1955 and remained until his retirement.

Doctor Maurice said that his dad was still paid with unusual items, at times. He remembers four or five bales of cotton stacked in their backyard. Someone paid with a share in an oil well. Besides being a wonderful family doctor, Doctor C.U. was a gifted surgeon. He was an elder in the Rotan Church of Christ, and served on the Abilene Christian College Board of Trustees for several years.

One amusing incident Doctor C.U. related - he told a man to save a urine specimen for a week. The man brought it to him in a gallon bucket.

Doctor C.U. and Nadine (Martin) Callan had three sons (the first died in infancy), Maurice and Jack and one daughter, Charlotte (Callan) Lancaster. Doctor Jack Callan is a veterinarian in Abilene.

Doctor C.M. (Maurice) received his medical degree from University of Texas Medical School- Galveston and joined the Callan Medical Staff July 13, 1957. He maintained his office in the Callan Hospital until the construction of the Fisher County Hospital was finished in 1975. His office is in the Fisher County Hospital (Clear Fork Health Center). Doctor Maurice is a voting delegate to the T .M.A. Legislature, past president and secretary of the County Medical Society (which includes several counties), on the Executive Board of Boy Scouts in Abilene, and an elder in the Rotan Church of Christ.

Doctor Maurice and Ruth have four sons, Robert, Larry, Randy and Keith; three daughters, Roxanne, Janet and Andrea.

When so many small towns were forced to close their hospitals, Fisher County managed to keep ours open. Although there have been struggles, Doctor Maurice attributes the maintenance to an excellent administrator, Ella Raye Helms, and a hospital board of the past three years. Fisher County has been blessed with many capable, dedicated physicians through the years and we still have two in Doctor Maurice and Doctor Perry.

We realize that doctors in specialized fields make more money and have much better working conditions, but we are thankful to our doctors who recognize the need to accommodate those of us in rural communities. If the need arises, they send us to a specialist who can correct the problem. Doctor Maurice said that Fisher County has been very good to him and that he is more than satisfied.

We owe a debt of gratitude to pioneer doctors, like Doctor W.W. Callan, who braved the hardships and saved the lives of many of our citizens and gave us two more generations of dedicated doctors - Doctor C.U. and Doctor C.M. Callan.

Oh, yes! Doctor Maurice told me that he has two buggies - but I don't believe he makes house-calls. However, occasionally Ruth and he go buggy riding on Sunday afternoon. Romantic? Could be!

Texas Pumps $1.2 Million In County In Welfare Programs

The state spent a total of $1,240,378 last year for major welfare programs in Fisher County, according to David Maberry, Regional Administrator for the Texas Department of Human Services.

Food stamps worth $307,588 were issued for the fiscal year which ended August 31, while Aide to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) totaled $53,175. Food stamps are funded entirely by the federal government, while the department determines eligibility of applicants and issues the food coupons.

The state and federal governments share in the cost of AFDC to families where needy children are deprived of support because of the absence or disability of one or both parents.

Nursing home costs of approximately $734,366 were paid for aged and disabled residents. Community Care for Aged and Disabled spent $109,522 for Medicaid related services and $34,744 for non-Medicaid related services," Maberry said.

Farmers Face May 2nd Deadline

Billy Don Atkinson announced today that producers of spring planted crops have until May 2, 1996, to obtain catastrophic risk protection coverage. "Secretary Glickman exercised his authority under the new farm bill to provide producers with the maximum amount of time to evaluate their risk management needs," Mr. Atkinson said. "Given the diminished safety net in the new farm bill, producers will need crop insurance now more than ever to secure and manage risk."

The reopened sales period for catastrophic risk protection coverage only applies to spring planted crops such as corn, soy beans, cotton, sorghum, oats, rice, and many fruits and vegetables with sales closing dates of January 1996 or later and for spring-planted grains with earlier sales closing dates. "This additional opportunity to buy crop insurance may be particularly useful for producers who are changing their crop mix under the new farm bill," Billy Don Atkinson said.

The farm bill also changes the requirement that producers obtain crop insurance on all crops of economic significance, called 'linkage'. Beginning with all 1996 crops, producers are not required to obtain crop insurance, provided the producers signs a waiver waiving the right to receive any emergency crop loss assistance on any insurable crop, excluding emergency loans. Failure either to sign a waiver or obtain crop insurance will result in denial of commodity program benefits, the conservation reserve program, and certain farm credit programs.

"If a producer elects to cancel insurance coverage, a producer must sign a waiver giving up his or her right to emergency crop loss assistance for future disasters," Mr. Atkinson said. "I cannot stress strongly enough the need for extreme caution in exercising this option. Crop disaster assistance is no longer available for insurable crops. I urge producers to keep their crop insurance protection since droughts, floods, and other natural disasters are a constant threat, especially in West Texas."

During the extended sales period, producers may obtain catastrophic risk protection coverage from either their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office or a private crop insurance agent. Producers may provide notice of cancellation of a policy that had been in effect for the previous year to the insurance provider that issued the policy so long as the acreage reporting date for that crop has not yet passed. Waivers of a producer's right to receive any emergency crop less assistance will be available at local FSA offices.

Scurry County Penwomen Meet In Home Of Bertha Warren

The Scurry County Penwomen met Thursday, April 18 at the home of Bertha Warren.

President Sherrie Bryant of Ira, Tx., did a book report on a black poet, Langston Hughes (1902-1967). The book was a collection of his poems entitled "Black Troubeadous". Eleven members read their own poetry or short stories. Mary Westmarland read "Texas Cowbird". This poem will appear in the June-July issue of Birds and Bloom. Vaudalene Thomas read "Tomorrow" and displayed her new book of poetry.

Mrs. Thomas wrote and read the dedication for the new Sweetwater Intermediate School. Yvonne Nunn read "Going Barefoot" and "Mum's the Word". Helene Tutt read a "True Story" and a poem "Just Barefoot". Sherron Denning read a poem by Van Dike. Mrs. Denning is their new member from Sweetwater. Margie Smith read "Life Got In The Way", Garnett Quitte read "April Is" and a short story to be published at a later date in "Mature Living", "A Dream Come True". Sherrie Bryant read "Mattie" and "Goodbye My Buffer". Bertha Warren read "God Doesn't Brag" and "The Farmers Plight". Also displayed her new cassette tape of poetry with 12 poems entitled "Warren West".

Door prize was won by Margie Smith. Visitors were Mrs. Connie Tutt, Viola Brazee and Sue Dulin. The next meeting will be May 14 at the home of Helene Tutt. Guest speaker will be Ramon "Cotton" Lewis from Olten, Tx.- 1:30 p.m. Members are encouraged to bring a guest.

Rotan FFA Represented At State FFA Career Development Days

On Saturday, April 20 Rotan FFA was represented at the State FFA Career Development Events in Lubbock, Texas. Career Development Events (formerly FFA judging contest) are designed to extend the classroom learning and provide an experience in life skills. Rotan FFA attended the Entomology and Cotton CDE. On the Entomology team were Amanda Briggs, Tember Palmer, and Katherine Wallace. The cotton team consisted of Jimmy Don Tankersley, Russell Price and Chris Silvas.

Students are required to perform specific skills in each contest that they compete in. Entomology teams are required to identify sixty different insects by giving the common name, scientific name, tell if the insect is beneficial or not, and identify the type of metamorphosis. The Cotton team is to identify the color and trash content of fifty samples of cotton, giving each a USDA grade. Rotan's teams have worked hard to prepare for the contest and deserve a pat on the back.

Some thirty-two students from Rotan have competed in FFA Career Development Events around the state this year. These students are to be commended for their effort in working beyond what is expected and striving for winning team in their perspective contests. Many of these students have been putting early morning and late evenings to prepare.

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Beth Dannheim Conducts Area Workshops In Nutrition Month

To celebrate March as National Nutrition Month, Food and Nutrition Workshops were conducted by Beth Dannheim, County Extension Agent. The workshops were conducted at the Courthouse Annex and included topics: anti smoking/alcohol/drugs, nutrition in the diet, personal hygiene, manners, and the preparation of nutrition snacks.

Participating in the workshops were Rotan 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades and Roby 2nd and 3rd grades.

These workshops were presented through a new state education plan of the Department of Human Services which designated grant funds to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to implement this effort.

Fisher County is one of 30 Texas counties participating in the program this first year.

"Buckle Up For Safety" Was The Theme Of Roby F.C.E. Chapter

"Buckle up for Safety" was the program of the Roby F.C.E. Chapter, February 27, at the Courthouse Annex.

The meeting was called to order by the president Luella Waddell. Bernice Randolph, secretary read the minutes and gave the treasurers report. Eleven members answered roll call with what they do and think about while driving.

The March 12th meeting will be held in Sweetwater at the First Methodist Church, 4th and Cedar. It is a district 7 meeting and will start at 9:00 a.m., lasting all day. Lunch will be catered by Buck's and the price for the meeting and lunch is $8.00.

March 26 will be stew and cornbread time. It is the annual fundraiser for the Roby Chapter of F.C.E. You can eat at the Annex or carry out. The price is $3.00 and starts at 12:00 noon. Everyone is welcome.

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***Citrus Mint Foot Therapy**

For Men

***Oriental Spice Hand Therapy**

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