

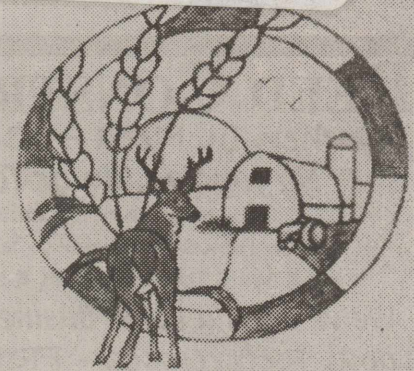
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Present and Future  
Hinge on the Cross

# Cross Plains Review

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### DOWN HOME

**Editor's Note:** The following story was written by Paula Moldenhauer and it gives a wonderful insight as to how we should think about Christ's suffering on the cross and the meaning of His resurrection on a daily basis. May you have a blessed Resurrection Sunday.

#### "The Cross"

The tension in the story of Jesus' life builds. The Jewish leaders became more and more angry. Jesus prepares his disciples, but they don't understand. I, do, however, having the advantage of knowing the rest of the story.

I begin to read quickly, not so prayerfully, and rush through the chapters about the crucifixion. I want to get to the good part—the happy ending—to be comforted when Jesus rises from the dead, not hang out in the pain.

It hurts to think about all Jesus went through to save me from myself—His Father turning away, the ridicule of those He came to save, the nails going through His flesh.

I also don't like to think about the pain of the Father. As most parents testify, watching your child hurt is more unbearable than if the trial were your own.

But as much as I am tempted to avoid all those agonizing thoughts, I realize the passion was required to set me free. As much as I hate the pain of the cross, I love to rest in its finished work. It's through our God's willingness to suffer that I am forgiven for every sin I committed in the past, every mistake I make today, and everything I will do wrong tomorrow.

The cross is the touchstone of God's love. Because of it, I know I am His treasure. His love and commitment to me has already been proven.

As much as I don't like to think of Christ's suffering. It is His cross I hold close every day—for it is His cross that sets me free and convinces me of God's love. During the Passion Week, Christians around the world slow down to focus upon the Savior's sacrifice. As I meditated upon these thoughts, I was reminded of a prayer I wrote a while back. Join me in embracing our Lord and His sacrifice.

*Jesus, you were bathed in myrrh at the time of your sacrifice for me. You chose expensive, abundant suffering even to death that I might have gifts of salvation, forgiveness, and freedom. In weakness and in*

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### Cross Plains Annual Kiwanis Pancake Supper Rescheduled

As you know, the Kiwanis Pancake Supper had to be canceled a couple of weeks ago because of the very bad weather that hit that day. It is rescheduled for next week, Thursday, March 27.

Everything else is the same—the time is from 5-7 p.m., and the price is \$5 per person, very young children eating off their parent's plate are free. Please remark your calendar and enjoy great food and fellowship together—on March 27, 5-7 p.m.!

Submitted by Bob Pipes

## Local Towers Facilitate Distance Learning

By Deborah Lowitzer  
Special Writer

At the School Board Meeting on March 11, 2008, Elementary School Principal Margie Sowell ended the speculation over what the 2 new area towers are that have been erected in Callahan County in the past few weeks. She explained that the tower at the school was related to the other new relay tower at the intersection of Highway 36 and Highway 283, (the Baird cut-off).

These local towers allow a wide area network to connect with each other to access Distance Learning faster, without the interference and disruption in programs. The connection is 100 times faster now and links all Region 14 Schools.

Region 14 Campuses, (called Rural West Texas Schools) serve approximately 50,804 students in 43 school districts and are located in 13 counties. The schools are Cross Plains, Clyde, Rising Star, Jim Ned, Wylie, Eula, Gorman, De Leon, Comanche, Sidney and Gustine.

\* Mrs. Sowell also remarked they'd had a wonderful "Public School Week". The turn out for the student performance was strong and they all enjoyed some comic relief. She added that there were some 'future stars' among the group and she appreciated everyone's participation.

#### TAKS and ACT

\* The TAKS test was conducted last week despite attendance being down, with 18 students out sick for 3 days. High School Principal S.D. Loyless added that kids took both the TAKS and the Texas Pre-ACT tests seriously.

The ACT is about College Readiness Standards. The Texas ACT Council acknowledged four Cross Plains students for their

high achievement. Those students were Terrah Augustine, Jake Estes, Krista Phillips and Mandy Rose.

Mr. Loyless commented that only 17 percent of students in the state had achieved that level of readiness on that test. He boasted, "Our kids can compete with any kids on a state level!"

#### FHA Sweep Competition

\* FHA teacher, Jennifer Wootton expressed her pleasure over how well her students did in the Food and Arts & Crafts Competition at the San Angelo Stock Show and Creative Arts Entry Placing. This year there were 142 entries, up from just 30 last year. The enormous participation conveys the enthusiasm students have for this well-rounded program.

In Food, 1st Place went to Samantha Dickson for Decorated Cakes and "Best of Show", Krystal Daniel for Decorated Cakes, Ethan Koettel for Iced Cakes, Zoie Walker for Drop Cookies and Acalia Radle for Candy.

In Crafts, 1st Place went to Bryanna Santos for Jewelry and J.J. Callaway for Leather Work. In Clothing, 1st Place went to Jyles Wootton for Shirts. In all there were 26 winners, comprising 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Places.

Mandy Rose was chosen as the Region 2 Vice President of Parliamentary Law and will advance to State. She is the National Delegate. It was noted that in the 1-A Schools, Cross Plains has more students advancing to State than any other region! Go Cross Plains!

(See names of other winners in these categories and Teams Advancing to State in the Region 2 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America on page 4).

#### Unanimous Board Votes

1. TASBE Update 82 was adopted as set forth by the Texas Legislature. Some highlights are as follows;

\* Any teacher who tutors a student at their home for pay must report that money to the school.

\* Student handbooks will be available on the school web site <http://www.crossplains.esc14.net/> and a hard copy given to each student as well.

\* No literature that advertises any controlled substance such as alcohol will be allowed on school property.

\* Schools across Texas must reduce electricity consumption by 5 percent for each of the next 6 years. One of the Board Members made the quip that before long, they'd be 'teaching by candlelight'.

2. Project Pride will be allowed to use the bus facilities to transport people around town during the Howard House activities in June.

3. The old school bus will be put up for auction in the Region 14 Education Service Auction in Abilene. (No date was given for this event).

4. Superintendent's Goals were approved.

\* Superintendent Jackie Tennison acknowledged the help of the PTO assisting with the cost of the new PA System in the Auditorium. He said the installation is about 75 percent complete.

#### Concerning 2008-2009 Contracts

\* Returning from the 2 1/2 hour Executive Session, the Board of Trustees voted

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## Mayor Ray Purvis Proclaims March 16-22 as National Agriculture Week in Texas

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plain City Council. Member of the council present were Mayor Ray Purvis, James Nichols, Edwin Weiss, Jerry Cassle, Peg Terrell and Audrey Purvis.

Employees present were Debbie Gosnell, Jan Yeager, Don Gosnell, Chris Bisbee, Teresa Kennedy and Doug Dugger.

Member of the public meeting were Terry Lichty, Rick Potter, Bob Kirkham, Era Lee Hanke, Gerald Fisher, Dannes Turner, Mark Norris and City Engineer Ken Martin.

Mayor Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

By general consent the council voted to accept the minutes of the previous minutes as presented.

By general consent the council approved the Police Report and the Judge's Report as presented.

By general consent the council approved paying 125 comp hours for Don Gosnell.

Edwin Weiss moved to pay the bills. Jerry Cassle seconded and motion carried.

There were no open forum comments.

Mayor Purvis read the following letter to the citizens:

To The Citizens Of  
Cross Plains,

Each year the City Council along with the Administration and Employees work diligently to find creative ways to meet the City's annual budget. The city has

established line item expenses that are reoccurring each year that we have no control over, such as electrical costs, fuel costs, insurance costs, supplies in the water and wastewater departments, up keep on city property as well as numerous other items that are included in the annual budget. It takes a lot of money to operate and stay within

budget. There are only a few ways for the City of Cross Plains to raise funds to meet these expenses. Currently the City collects money from Water & Wastewater fees, a small bulk water fee and a very small tapping fee. (Small means in the hundreds of dollars) These are the

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### PROCLAMATION National Agriculture Week in Texas March 16 to 22, 2008

WHEREAS the week of March 16 to 22, 2008, is National Agriculture Week in Texas, as proclaimed by the Texas Agriculture Commissioner and

WHEREAS Texas has over 70 percent of its land involved in some form of agriculture production, including livestock, crops and dairy, and

WHEREAS Texas agriculture plays a major role in water conservation, rural economic development and trade, preservation of the environment, health and nutrition, NOW

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Cross Plains, Texas, declares March 16 to 22, 2008, as National Agriculture Week in Cross Plains and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cross Plains City Council urges everyone in the city and surrounding areas to recognize the farmers, ranchers and dairymen who contribute so much to this city, state, nation and world.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, we, the undersigned do hereby affix our signature this 11th day of March 2008.

Mayor, City of Cross Plains

Councilman

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## Weather Watchers Class to take place March 25th

The Cross Plains VFD will be hosting a Weather Watchers Class on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. This class will be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains.

Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

#### Other VFD News

Five local fire fighters attended the Midwest Texas Fire Academy

sponsored by TEEX. This class was held by the Anson and Stamford Fire Departments, and took place several Saturdays at 4 different local fire departments.

The fire fighters from CPVFD that attended and successfully completed this academy were JD Huddleston, Gerald Brown, Darren Koettel, Mark Ring and Michael Gregory.

Cross Plains Dairy Queen  
Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, March 22  
10am  
In The Empty Lot Next To Dollar General

## First Baptist Church Cross Plains Schedules Revival

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to have Price Mathieson preaching these revival services. Price is a graduate of Baylor University and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served with the Foreign Mission Board as a missionary in Japan

and has preached over three hundred Revivals. He is a dynamic preacher who now pastors and resides in Lawn."

Services are scheduled for Sunday through Wednesday, March 30 - April 2. Everyone is encouraged to come.

## Spring Community Wide Yard Sale set for April 12th

It is that time of year again: SPRING CLEANING. And with spring cleaning comes clearing out closets and "stuff" you no longer need. Look in your garage and see if you wouldn't like to make more space (perhaps for the car?) and less clutter.

Please plan to participate in the 5th Bi-Annual Community Wide Yard/Garage Sale, coming soon, Saturday, April 12. For all individual residents who participate and pay the registration fee of \$3.00 to have their yard sale listed on the master list and map, there will be a drawing for a special gift.

The Beta Sigma Phi (BSP) will be sponsoring the community event and will publicize in Cross Plains and in neighboring towns.

The Master List and map of participants will be distributed by BSP at their yard sale.

Call Wanda Merryman at 254-725-6476 by April 7 to register your location for the sale and to be eligible for the drawing.

Businesses, retail merchants, and organizations: Join in the fun and have a Sidewalk Sale, a Bake Sale, Book Sale or Restaurant "Specials". Fees for businesses are \$5.00.

Beta Sigma Phi uses the fees to help defray expenses of advertising publicity, and all proceeds of their sale will be used for scholarships and community service projects.

Submitted by  
Carol Bennett

## EASTER EGG HUNT March 22, Rising Star

The Rising Star Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 22, at the City Park in Rising Star.

The Easter Bunny is expected to make an appearance and there will be prizes galore for children to age 10 years.

All parents, grandparents and friends are encouraged to bring youngsters to the park for a fun time!

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Deadlines  
Ads  
Noon on Tuesday  
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 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
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 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM  
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 Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

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 Phone: 254-725-7522  
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 Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.  
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 254-725-7574  
 Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-643-1977

**Living Water Ministries Fellowship**  
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 Sunday...10:00 am Wednesday...7:00 pm  
**Pastor Max Evans**  
 For Information Call (254) 725-7418

**Rowden Baptist Church**  
 Interim Pastor: Wayne Lenz  
 Bible Study...10:00 am  
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am  
 2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

**OBITUARY**

**Merl Dean Koenig**  
 A memorial service giving thanks for the life of Merl Dean Koenig was held on Friday, March 14, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at Matthews Memorial Presbyterian Church in Albany, Texas, conducted by the Rev. Trey Little.  
 Merl Dean was born on November 11, 1924, to Albert and Georgia (Godwin) Koenig in Coleman County, Texas. She died on February 29, 2008, in Throckmorton, Texas, at the age of 83.

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 For more information or to receive an application, contact Margaret Mary Martinez or Dixie Bassett at (325) 677-1841.  
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**COURTHOUSE NEWS**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
 Roger Corn, Presiding  
**Misdemeanor Filings**  
 Sue N. Heath, theft by check. Brandon W. Horton, driving while intoxicated (DWI). Tony Moreno Jr., DWI. Terra D. Trinidad, assault. Jeremy W. King, criminal mischief. Paulino Jaramillo Jr., possession of marijuana.  
**Misdemeanor Minutes**  
 Dale W. Sudberry, motion to dismiss to DWI granted for plea to other case. Travis R. Byram, order dismissing motion to revoke probation and amending condition of probation granted. Timothy Worley, motion to revoke probation granted. End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation: Robert Terrence Davis; Debra Allen Seals; Shawn Ballard; Justin Edmondson; Ashley Hall. End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Michelle L. McGarvie; Milton Brossett Jr.; Tracey Lee Davis. Lars Hemwall, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted. Daniel Stephens, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$300 fine, \$215 court costs, \$92.99 restitution. Harry Allen Mason, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution. Sabrina A. Drummond, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted. Kole K. Stallings, motion to revoke probation granted. Crashan Scott, motion to amend complaint granted. John Tex Ainsworth, motion to withdraw as surety granted. Allen B. Pugh, motion to dismiss to assault granted, complaining witness unwilling to testify. Dennis Sims, motion for continuance granted.  
**Marriage Licenses**  
 Billy C. Deel of Baird and Patsy M. Letney of Cisco.  
**42nd DISTRICT COURT**  
 John Weeks, presiding  
**Civil Filings**  
 Benford E. Bullard vs. Abby Christene Bullard, divorce. QMAC, LLC. vs. Joe Ramos, breach of contract. Harold Switzer vs. Daysha Switzer, divorce.  
**Civil Minutes**  
 Steven Pradell dba Pradell and Associates vs. Kristi Kendrick, default judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$4,133.41 from defendant. Kinsley Renee Whitehead and Matthew Shayne Whitehead, divorce granted.  
**Criminal Minutes**  
 Joshua Welch, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted. Travis R. Byram, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted. Klayton A. Wilson, plea of guilty to aggravated assault, 6 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$298 court costs.

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**Callahan County DPS Report**

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from March 9, 2008 through March 15, 2008 include:  
**Cases Investigated**  
 Warnings—118  
 Complaints—91  
 Possession of Marijuana—1  
 DWI—3  
 Public Intoxication—1  
 Fugitive Arrest-Theft by Check—1  
**Vehicle Accidents**  
 There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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 Youth Bible Study "The Show" 6:30 pm  
**Ronnie B. White, Pastor**  
 (254) 725-7629 3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443



# COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

## Billie Kelly To Retire

Billie Kelly, long time Post Mistress of Cottonwood, is retiring. After 33 years as a Rural Mail Carrier, Billie, with her winning smile and helpful manner will no longer be visiting our mailbox. In addition to her 33 years, she was also Cottonwood's last Post Mistress, serving in that post from 1958 to 1975.

A reception will be held in her honor on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at the Church of Christ Activity Center, on Highway 36 in Cross Plains from 4 to 6 p.m. Everyone is invited and urged to attend this tribute to a very successful Rural Mail Carrier.

## Cottonwood Roundup

Weldon Bennett of Brownwood and his wife, visited with Beverly Brown this past weekend. They came to pick up a few Cottonwood Cookbooks, for friends.

## Train Wreck In Baird Revisited

Last December 8, 2007, The Baird Banner helped celebrate Baird's reopening of the renovated T&P Railroad Depot by publishing a 3-section edition

of the old Baird Star newspaper that outlines the history of the Depot.

One of the stories of this special edition of the paper concerns a famous train wreck in 1910 or 1909 according to which version you read. It happens that on that fateful date a train heading west was sitting at the Baird Depot waiting for a train coming from the east to pass.

However, the engine of that train lost control of its brakes and headed down the Baird Mountain under open throttle and without brakes. Much to the surprise and fright of the two train crews the two trains were on the same track.

The paper describes the story, "The train from the west had priority over the train from the east. So these two engines were waiting in the yards at Baird when within a flash of time the monstrous engine and fruit train came careening down the mountain crashing head-on into the two engines waiting there. This horrible crash was heard for miles around - metal and steel flying and oranges from the fruit

cars making a bright yellow canopy over the terrain. The engineer and fireman of the runaway were killed and the engineer of the switch engine or pusher, R.L. Elliott, . . . was injured so badly he was out six months recuperating. The engines were so piled up and made such a huge mass of broken iron, and steel (there) was not over six feet of clearance around the yards. People of the town came in crowds to pick up the oranges, thrown three blocks away. It was one of the worst wrecks on the T&P line."

And that's the story of Baird's infamous train wreck. This story was also written up in "I Remember Callahan," In an article "Highlights of the Railroad," that begins on page 13 of that book.

(For news items or personal items about Cottonwood, please contact, Wallace Bennett, at 254-725-7474 or e-mail at csb5@airmail.net, or snail mail at 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Remember, I can't print it if I don't know about it.)

## Hospice of the Big Country offers volunteer training

Hospice of the Big Country is looking for new volunteers to join their volunteer program. Sessions will start Monday, April 14th, through Monday, May 12th. Each class will be held at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, beginning at 5:30 p.m. A light supper will be provided for each of the five sessions. There is no charge for the training; however, preregistration is required so that there will be enough training materials for everyone.

All Hospice volunteers are required to complete hospice volunteer training. The training program is a broad overview of end-of-life issues designed to educate hospice volunteers about hospice care and all the ministries involved in being a volunteer for terminally ill patients. Some of the topics that will be covered include ethics, communication skills, the disease process, stages of death and dying, care and comfort measures, grief and bereavement, and spirituality in death. The trainers for each topic are all specialists in their field.

Volunteer services range from running errands and/or providing companionship for patients, help with bereavement services, to office work. A hospice volunteer's time commitment is as flexible as the services he or she provides.

Hospice of the Big Country was established in 1992 and serves terminally ill patients in Abilene and the eleven surrounding counties, regardless of their ability to pay. In 2000, HOBC merged with West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Currently, there are approximately 80 volunteers who help HOBC meet its mission. Under the direction of the patient's physician and the hospice medical director, the hospice team works together to provide physical, emotional, and spiritual care to the patient and their family. Over 3500 patients and families have been served by Hospice of the Big Country since its inception.

Please call Shrona Shannon, Volunteer Coordinator, at 325-793-5450 for more information or to reserve your place in the spring training class.

## 17th Annual Spring Swing Set for May 3rd in Abilene

West Texas Catclaw Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) proudly announces the 17th Annual Spring Swing women's golf tournament sponsored in part by Lawrence Hall, Abilene. The tournament is a four-woman scramble to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008, at the Maxwell Municipal Golf Course, Abilene.

All proceeds raised are awarded in scholarships to local young women to help them fulfill their educational goals.

You may become involved in various levels of sponsorship for this fun tournament. These levels include ACE Hole in One, Eagle, Birdie, Par, Hole, Table, Cart Sponsorships. All levels are available, and the proceeds are awarded in scholarships to area young women. In the past year over \$9,000 was awarded to students.

The "Spring Swing" has become the largest ladies golf tournament in Texas west of Fort Worth and people keep coming back because they have so much fun. Why not include your business among those helping?

ABWA is a national network of women dedicated to helping each other reach new heights in their careers. ABWA is all about support, about reaching out to each other, giving a hand, learning from each other, being there for each other, and growing together.

For further details concerning the tournament call Lavena Cheek, Tournament Director 325-675-6164.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MARCH 24 - 28

MONDAY - Chicken Strips w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Vanilla Pudding, Bread

TUESDAY - Salmon Patty, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas & Califlower, Frosted Cake, Roll  
WEDNESDAY - Pinto Beans w/ Ham pcs, Cucumber-Tomato Salad, Sauerkraut Salad, Peach Cobbler, Combread

THURSDAY - Chicken Rice Broccoli Cass., Waldorf Salad, Squash Medley, Pineapple Tidbits, Bread

FRIDAY - Beef Veg. Soup, Pimento Cheese Sand, Apricots, Ranger Cookie, Crackers.

2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Library Stats  
March 10 - 14, 2008

Patrons	82
Programs	22
LAP	6
LAPsit	3
Books Checked Out	60
Copies	86
Reference	5
Internet Users	24
Interlibrary Loans	1

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## CROSS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By JOYCE ODOM

The Cross Plains Garden Club met for their regular monthly meeting on March 14, at 2:00 p.m. at Julene's office.

The program theme was to "Enhance The Earth - Through Gardening." Eva Fleming, president led the group in repeating the Conservation Pledge. Roll call was led by Joyce Odom. Members present were, Eva, Julene Franke, Mary Ella Weaver, Betty Beggs and Joyce Odom. A financial report was given by Julene. Eva reported on correspondence. Julene gave an update on trees and shrub planting.

A reminder was given to start preparing for the Plant Sale, May 12th.

For "Show and Tell" members worked up designs for the miniature flower show.

Door prize was conducted by Joyce and won by Julene.

Betty gave an interesting program on "Birds."

Delicious refreshments were enjoyed.

The meeting was adjourned to reconvene the second Friday in April.

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## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

### Easter Reminders

A teacher handed out colored plastic eggs and asked the class to fill them with reminders of Easter.

The children brought in flowers, seeds, etc. all of reminders of new life.

All except Jeremy, who was not doing well. Jeremy brought in an empty plastic egg. She reviewed the things the other children brought but thinking Jeremy did not understand the assignment she did not comment on his. "Teacher tell about my egg," Jeremy asked. "Jeremy, your egg is empty," said the teacher.

"So was Jesus' tomb empty when He rose on the First Easter Morning," said Jeremy.

Jeremy died a few months later. Imagine the surprise when the casket was brought in with an arrangement of plastic colored eggs, all empty!

I know I have used this before but it is one of my favorites.

I got it from the Internet.

Let us remember the real meaning of Easter. This holiday, like Christmas, is becoming marred by the ringing of cash registers instead of church bells.

I hope you and yours have a Joyous Easter

March 23rd remember this date!

As you may know, Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20th).

This "dating of Easter" is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Here are a couple of things you might be interested in!

Based on the above, Easter can actually only be one (1) day earlier - March 22nd, but that's pretty rare.

This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives!

And only the most elderly of our population (95 years old or above!) have ever seen it this early.

None of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier!

Here are the facts:

The next time Easter will be this early (March 23rd) will be the year 2228 - 220 years from this year!!

The last time it was this early was 1913 so, if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!

The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22nd, will be in the year 2285 - 277 years from this year.

The last time it was on March 22nd was 1818.

So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

Subject: Easter Facts

Easter this year is: Sunday

You Are Cordially Invited To A Retirement Party Honoring **Billie Kelly** Saturday, March 29 4:00-6:00 p.m. Church of Christ Activity Center (Highway 36) Everyone Welcome!

## America Grows With Agriculture



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National Ag Week - March 16-22

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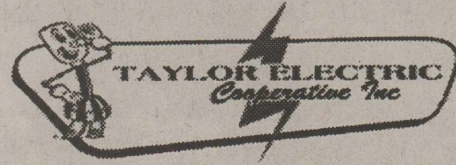
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## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
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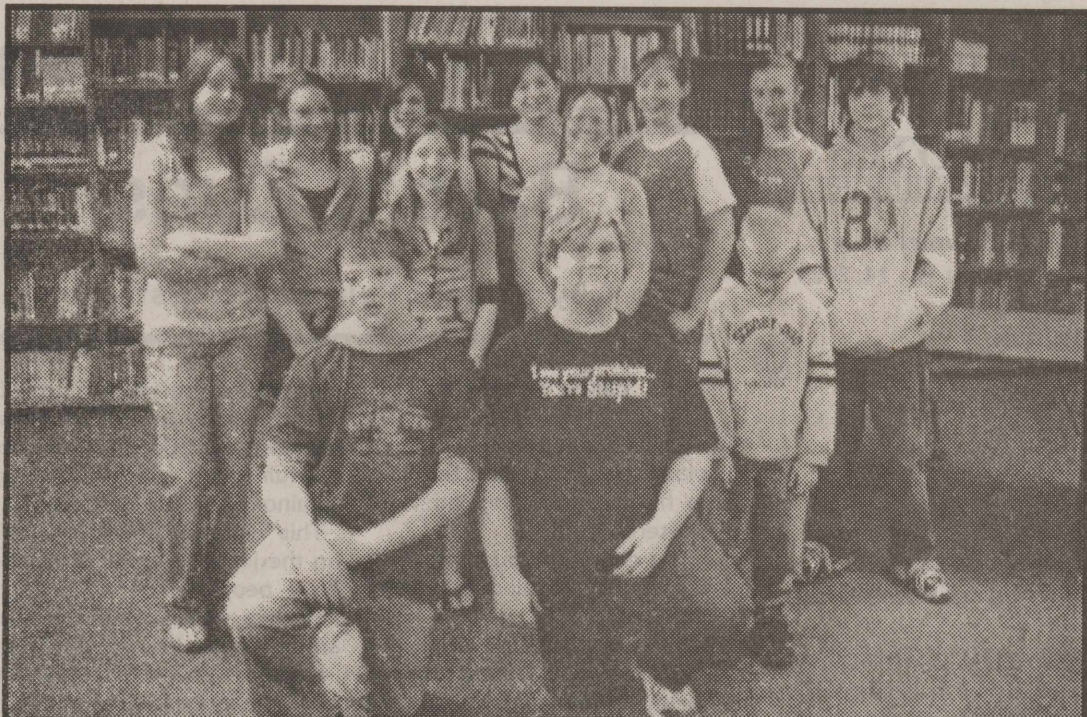
I received an E-mail stating that "Easter is early this year," then it explained what determines the date for it each year - the "Spring Equinox." The very earliest it can be is March 22 which is "very rare." The last time it happened was in 1818 - and it won't happen again until 2285. The last time it was even this early - March 23 - was 1913; the next time it will be this early will be the year 2228.

As much as that might amaze us, it is nothing compared to the amazement of those who came to Jesus' empty tomb that Sunday He arose! Read again the accounts by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Read a compilation of these like is found in F. LaGard Smith's *The Daily Bible*. You'll see the various emotions of the various ones: fear, joy, alarm, belief and disbelief. How is it with us? Surely it should cause us to respond as an angel instructed Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary": "Come and see; go and tell" (Matt. 28:6-7).

Please join us for worship and Bible study. And let us join in striving to "sign our lives with the excellence of God."

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.  
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus





**FOODS**—Kenzie Taff (back, from left), Lana Gary, Zoie Walker, Krystal Daniel, Rachelle Allen, Lauren Goode and Dillion Whiteley; Samantha Dickson (middle, from left), Acalia Radle and Jyles Wootton; Justin Pope (front, from left) and Ethan Koettel (Not pictured is BryAnna Santos).

## San Angelo Stock Show Creative Arts Entry Placings

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the Creative Art Department of the San Angelo Stock Show!

### CLOTHING

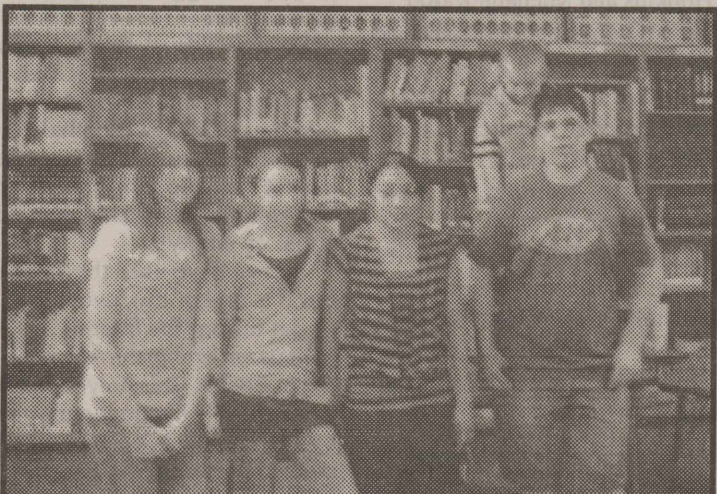
Jyles Wootton-1st Place-Shirts; Justin Thomas-3rd Place-Sportswear; Rosa Salazar-4th Place-Sportswear; Kenzie Taff-4th Place-Sportswear; Lana Gary-4th Place-Sportswear.

### FOOD

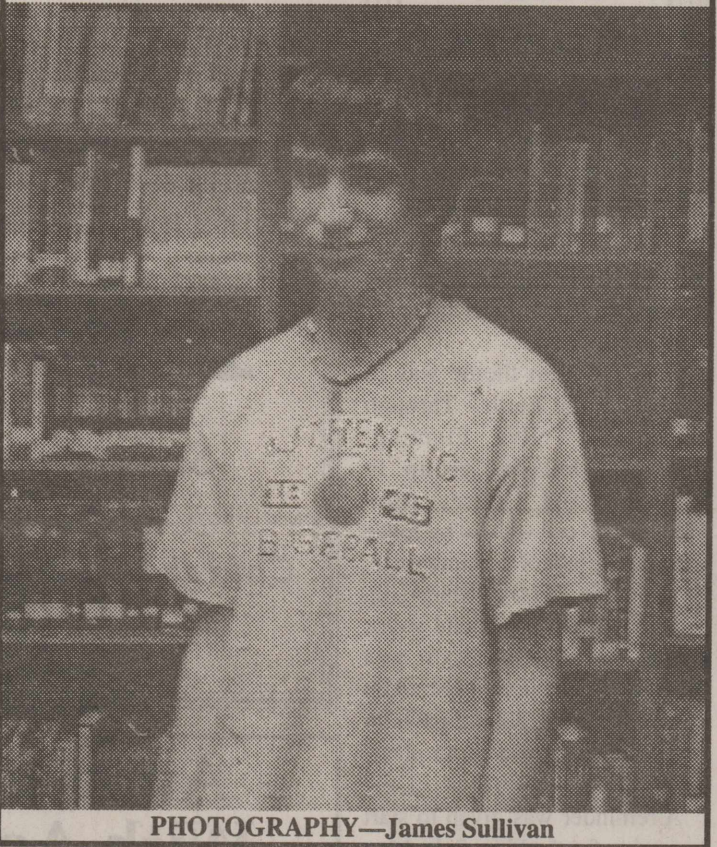
Jyles Wootton-2nd Place-Cookies; Kenzie Taff-2nd Place-Microwave Candy; Zoie Walker-1st Place-Drop Cookies; Lauren Goode-2nd Place-Drop Cookies, 2nd Place-Iced Cakes, 3rd Place-Quick Breads; Dillion Whiteley-2nd Place-Decorated Cookies; Ethan Koettel-1st Place-Iced Cakes; Samantha Dickson-1st Place-Decorated Cakes and Best of Show; Rachelle Allen-2nd Place-Decorated Cakes; Justin Pope-4th Place-Decorated Cakes; Lana Gary-4th Place-Quick Breads; Acalia Radle-1st Place-Candy, 2nd Place-Cookies; Krystal Daniel-4th Place-Decorated Cookies, 3rd Place-Un-Iced Cakes, 1st Place-Decorated Cake; BryAnna Santos-2nd Place-Un-Iced Cake.

### CRAFTS

Jaton Wootton-3rd Place-Decorative Hair Accessories; BryAnna Santos-1st Place-Jewelry; J.J. Callaway-1st Place-Leather Work, 3rd Place-Leather Work; Markus Maxwell-2nd Place-Leather Work; Brad Starnes-4th Place-Leather Work; Kay Jones-4th Place-Novelties; Allison Rios-1st, 2nd and 3rd



**CLOTHING**—Kenzie Taff (from left), Lana Gary, Rosa Salazar, Jyles Wootton and Justin Thomas.



**PHOTOGRAPHY**—James Sullivan

Place-Ceramics and Best of Show.

**PHOTOGRAPHY**  
James Sullivan-3rd Place.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MARCH 24 - 28

### BREAKFAST

MONDAY - HOLIDAY  
TUESDAY - Waffle Sticks, Sausage Links, Assorted Juice  
WEDNESDAY - PB & J Sandwich, Assorted Juice  
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice  
FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

Have A Nice Week!!

### LUNCH

MONDAY-HOLIDAY  
TUESDAY- Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Peaches  
WEDNESDAY - Beef-Veg Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Mixed Fruit  
THURSDAY-Pizza, Salad, Corn, Rosy-Applesauce  
FRIDAY-Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Baked Fries, Rice Krispie Treat

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **March 26, 2008**, beginning at **7:30 p.m.** in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

### Open Meeting

- Executive Session
  - Hearing on Shawn Bullock's proposed non-renewal of Term Contract
  - Discuss Resignations
- Take action on Executive Session Items
- Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Act on March 13, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

Jackie Tennonison  
For the Board of Trustees

## Towers

unanimously for Mr. Tennonison to supervise the job reassignments for two Elementary School Aids. No further comment was made on this matter.

\* Continuing Contracts were given to Charlene Fleming, Kathy Purvis, Karen Richey, Roy Richey, Vickie Walker, Julia Wheeler and Paula Winfrey.

\* Term Contracts were given to Jamie Apple, Laci Bean, Kimberly O'Briant, April Cowan, Donnie Dillard, Becky Dillard, Ryan Edmonds, Jessie Ellerbe, Deanna Golson, Amber Green, Tim Harrison, Rhonda Hinten, Terri Hunter, Leslie Lawrence, Leeann Loyless, Diann May, Marc Morgan, Nora Odom, Janice Phillips, Melissa Richards, Barbara Sides, Pat Stephens, Matt Sowell, Crystal Webb, Dianna Webb, Gerry Webb, Kayme Wells and Jennifer Wootton.

\* Ruth Rios and Coach Shawn Bullock's contracts were not renewed.

\* Board Member, Scott Childress, whose term is expiring, and is not running for re-election, asked to address the Trustees. He thanked those on the Board he had worked with and those who voted to make it possible for him to serve the citizens and students of Cross Plains.

Mr. Childress summed up his farewell with, "I've enjoyed the debate. Just remember that good healthy debate is good for our town and good for our students."

\* Attending this meeting were: Jennifer Wootton, Tonya Walker, Wanda Walker, Nora Odom, Annette Nickerson and Coach Jim Sides. Board member Vicki Dillard was absent.

\* The next School Board Meeting will be on Thursday, April 17th at 6:00 p.m. This will be the last meeting before the new members join the School Board.

## Region 2 Family Career Community Leaders of America Contest Results

Cross Plains was given the AWARD for the most people competing for the 1A schools in Region 2. The students did a wonderful job and worked very hard. Mandy Rose was named Region 2 Vice President of Parliamentary Law.

Teams that will be advancing to State are as follow:

**Sr. Career Investigation:** BryAnna Santos; **Sr. Fashion Design:** Shera Gary; **Sr. Fashion Design:** Shasta Bacon; **Sr. Applied Technology:** Tiffany Walker and Nathan Koettel; **Sr. Design for Living:** Joe Wyatt; **Jr. Parliamentary Procedure:** Rachelle Allen, Charleen Avants, Sammie Tollett, Ethan Koettel,

Shaun Munian, Justin Pope, Payton Porter, and Jayten Ames; **Jr. Recycle and Redesign:** Samantha Dickson; **Leadership Enhancement Opportunity Test:** Cierra Odom and Ben Schaefer; **Contest Helpers:** Dillon Whiteley, Doug Bowden and Steven Reynolds.

## Cross Plains Buffaloes Open District Play

By Coach Atchley

The Cross Plains Baseball team opened up district play last week by hosting Ranger then traveling to Albany and Baird.

In their first game against Ranger, the Buffs scored 1 run in the 1st, Pat walks, steals 2nd and scores on an error. In the 2nd, Allen, Ford and Zach walk to load the bases, Yates is hit by a pitch, Allen scores, JJ walks which forces in another run. Ranger will score a run on an error, a stolen base and a base hit. In the 2nd a hit batsman and a base hit drives in another run. In the 3rd a double and an error allows another run. At the end of 3rd, CP 3, Ranger 3.

Cross Plains will score 3 runs in the 4th and 5th innings. Pat scores on an error, JJ reaches on an error. Markus hits a single to drive in one run and a Ranger error will allow another run.

In the 5th, Joe Dalton walks, Yates hits a single-driving in Joe. JJ and Markus hit back to back singles to drive in the other runs. Ashton will shut down Ranger after the 3rd inning.

For the game, Yates had 10K's and only gave up 4 hits. **The Final CP 9, Ranger 3.**

The Buffs next game was against Albany. In this game the Buffs committed to many errors (7) and gave up too many walks, that allowed 19 runs. The Buffs

did score 4 runs— Nick had a 2 run single and JJ drove in 2 runs. **Final Albany 19, CP 4.**

The Buffs next game was against Baird. The Buffs will open up the game by scoring 3 in the 1st. JJ and Markus and Nick walk, Reese drives in 2 and the run scores on an error. Baird scores 1 in the 1st on a home run-1 in the 3rd on a double and a single. The Buffs will score 3 in the 7th, JJ and Markus reach base on errors; Nick, Reese and Zach had base hits to drive in the runs. Yates will pitch a complete game with 13K's and 5 hits. This leave the Buffs with a 2-1 record in District. We will play Eula during spring break.

## Cross Plains Lady Buff Softball Report

By Coach Atchley

The Cross Plains Lady Buffs played three district softball games last week.

The first game was against Ranger. **The Final Score was Ranger 16, CP 0.** The Ranger pitching was good and the girls need more practice against good pitching to catch up to other teams. We made too many errors (6) and the pitching hasn't come around yet (you don't become a pitcher without a lot of experience) and in this game too many walks (11). When you

combine this with the errors it produced the 16 runs.

The girls next was against Albany. **The Final Score Albany 17, CP 3.** Again the pitching dominated the game. We did score 3 runs in the 5th inning. Terrah walked, Tiffany got a base hit, Emma walks to load the bases. Emily got a hit to drive in two runs, then Kodi hits a single to drive in the other run. The girls are still working hard and realize they just need more time to catch up with the other teams.

The Lady Buffs then played Baird. **The Final Baird 17, CP**

1. Kodi had one hit and Emma was 3 for 3 with an RBI. Still too many walks and errors in the game.

The girls are working hard and their bats haven't caught up with the pitching they are facing. It takes time and experience to develop pitchers at any level, and it helps to start pitching at an early age. The girls are working to correct these problems and will improve as the year goes on.

The girls play again Monday, March 24th here in Cross Plains against De Leon at 1:00 p.m.

I thought I'd have to leave the county to get advanced treatment for my wounds.

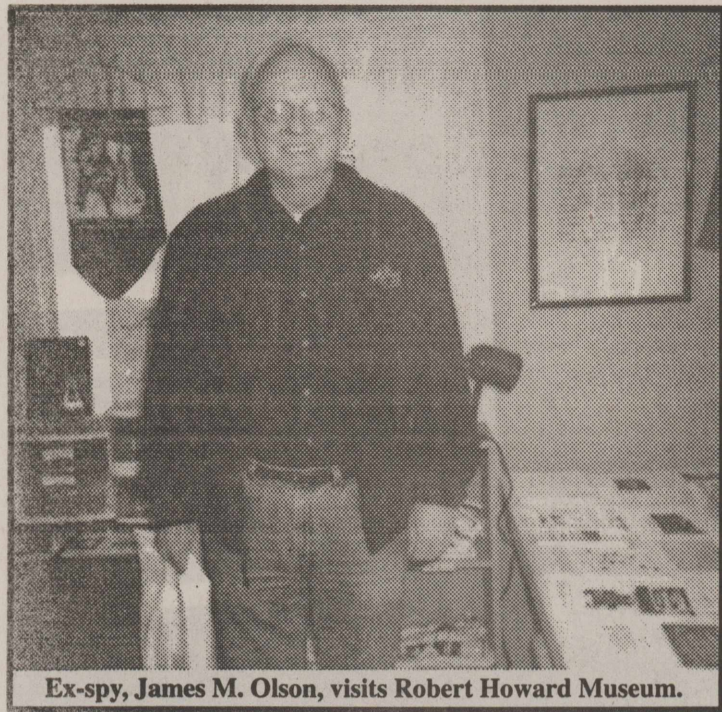


But I didn't even leave my neighborhood.

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Ex-spy, James M. Olson, visits Robert Howard Museum.

## Former CIA Agent takes Tour of Howard Museum

Noting that Cross Plains just happens to be somewhere between College Station and Abilene, James M. Olson chose the route that would enable him to visit the "hometown" of one of his favorite authors of all time — Robert E. Howard. En route to a speaking engagement for the Texas Author Series at the Abilene Public Library, Olson stopped at the local public library to find directions to the museum. And then things got interesting. It turns out that Olson is on the faculty of the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University where he teaches courses on intelligence and national security. After serving in the CIA's Directorate of Operations for many, many years, Olson had switched to a much less stressful field of global security. His career

highlights include serving as the chief of CIA counterintelligence at CIA headquarters and in overseas assignments in Moscow, Vienna and Mexico City.

As interested as Project Pride members were in Olson, he was more interested in learning about Howard, where he wrote and where he lived. Olson reflects yet another of the unusual backgrounds of visitors who find their way to Cross Plains.

The Abilene Public Library was hosting Olson as the author of a book destined to become the standard reference on the challenging moral dilemmas of human intelligence operations. "Fair Play: The Moral Dilemmas of Spying."

Sorta' makes you wonder who will show up next, doesn't it?

Submitted by  
Arlene Stephenson

## Albany hosts 2nd Annual WRM Arts Roundup April 19th

You are invited to join the Albany Chamber of Commerce on April 19, 2008 as they host their 2nd Annual Walt Reynolds Matthews Arts Roundup. This is a community wide celebration held in downtown Albany.

Included in the day's events are the Albany WRM Car Show, the Old Jail Art Center will be hosting a public viewing of their art, along with self-guided tours

of the recently refurbished Shackelford County Courthouse.

Downtown Albany will be a very busy place with several live bands, kids activities and games, food booths, and downtown merchants will be open for business. There will be lots of activities, art and history for everyone, topped off with good wholesome family fun!

## Rolling Oaks Golf News

Saturday, March 8th, eleven (11) players teed off in the eighteen hole ABCD Scramble. Closest to the pin went to Kobey Morris, Byron Tolbert & Bruce Rivers. Terry Odom's team of Byron Tolbert, Corey Morris and Randy Collum won the scramble.

We will host a Saturday ABCD Scramble on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The next Saturday Scramble will be on April 12. Tee time will be 1:00 p.m. The Scramble will be eighteen holes and there will be four closest to the pin's awarded each scramble. The cost will be \$10.00 for the Scramble and \$4.00 for the closest to the pin. Green fees will be \$16.00 for non members and cart rentals will be \$9.00. Cart rentals for members will only be \$7.50 and of course member green fees are waived.

Please remember if you are interested in playing the April scramble come by the course before 1:00 on Saturday, April 12 and sign up.

We have also started our Tuesday scramble again. We play a nine hole ABCD Scramble every Tuesday at 6:00. Cost for this Scramble is \$5.00 and \$2.00 for closest to the pin. Cart rental for non-members is \$4.50 and members \$3.75. Green fee for

non-members will run \$6.50. This Tuesday's Scramble consisted of only nine players but we know it will get bigger as the news travels. This week's winning team consisted of Bruce Rivers, David Evans and Jeff Bowers from Bangs.

Closest to the pin went to David Evans on 2 with a HOLE IN ONE. Congrats David!! How fun was that! We heard him yell at the club house! Terry Odom's closest to the pin on six (6) was almost a let down. Evans is a hard act to follow.

It has never been cheaper to become a member of Rolling Oaks Golf Club. Monthly membership is only \$50.00 with cart shed rentals starting as low as \$5.00 per month. Now is the time to join. The boss has waived the initiation fee for first time members. If you have been a member in the past and have let your membership drop there will be a \$250.00 initiation fee. Spring pro shop hours are 8:00am to 6:00pm and you may play until dark.

Monday we will host the District Golf Tournament and are really looking forward to seeing the young golfers again this year. We wish everyone a good round. See you soon.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**MARCH 22**  
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Barbara (Strickland) Lambert  
Brian Kelly  
Brenda Nelson  
Marie Starr  
Robert Ringhoffer  
Randy Nickerson  
Hannah Harris

H.G. Thornton  
Theada Allen  
Bill Richardson  
Anita Rose  
Mrs. Dick Koenig  
Cliffadean Hargrove  
Jonathon Gardner  
Beverly (Boles) Archer  
Ashleigh Gallaway

**MARCH 23**  
Kelly Gardner  
Anna Jo McLain  
Winnie (Boden) McGill  
Diana (Purvis) Stover  
Van Steven Young  
Wesley Hutchins  
H.H. Stout  
Lisa Malvane  
Linda (Larkin) Canales  
Debbie Box

**MARCH 26**  
A.F. Thate  
Terri Markham  
William Keith Kelly  
Era Miller  
James Harris  
Sue Stone  
Carrol Falkner  
Carl Sheppard  
Dena Marie Nichols  
Mariam Harris

**MARCH 24**  
Kathy (Nickerson) Franke  
Mrs. Weldon Newton  
Mrs. Norman Lee  
Calvert Sheppard  
Mrs. Roy Markham  
Don Scott  
Mrs. Becky Baggett  
Mrs. W.E. Nowell  
Donnie Duncan  
Duane Hutchins  
Tommy Potter  
Christine Ferrell Morrison  
Ty Johnson

**MARCH 27**  
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Billy Hagar  
Mrs. Donald Flahie  
Nina Chambers Bryan  
Don Hewston  
Ruth Applin  
Billy G. Woody  
Charlene Canales

**MARCH 25**  
Tawni Nichols  
J.T. Sheppard  
Cindy Kinnard  
Ronnie Richardson

**MARCH 28**  
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strength I cling to the provision of the cross. Like a bundle of myrrh between my breasts I hold your cross close to my heart, letting its truth change my reality.

What a joyous delight to finally understand that because of Your cross I am completely and perfectly and totally accepted. For so many years I lived in fear of rejection, striving to please you, pushing you farther away in my frenzy of self-driven performance. Forgive me for wasting those years with such

emotional turmoil. I didn't understand, Dear One. I didn't mean to squander the gift of your cross.

Your cross, your chosen path of suffering to bring an imperfect, sinful person like me into your provision of grace and unconditional love is something I hold close in my intimate places.

As the bride of Solomon wore a bundle of myrrh between her breasts, I keep your death close to me at all times. Its fragrance lives in my heart as unconditional love. Thank you!



LapSit and LAP kids show off their new stuffed animals from the collection of Eva Rae Collier.

## Beanie Babies from Baytown

Two big bags of Beanie Babies and plush teddy bears recently found their way from Baytown, Texas to the local library. Michael and Ethel Collier of the Nimrod community donated the stuffed animals to our library in memory of Eva Rae Collier and her love of children. They requested that the animals be given to children who visit the Cross Plains Public Library in hopes that the kids develop the same love of books that their Aunt Eva Rae enjoyed.

Ms. Collier had started working in the library in Baytown as a mere teenager of sixteen and spent the next 50 years in the same environment. The original Goose Creek Library was built in 1925 as the first county library in the state of Texas. Ross S. Sterling, who was then the President of Humble Oil & Refining Company, had largely funded the project. By 1963, it was time for a new expanded library and Ms. Collier moved into the Sterling Municipal Library with all the modern bells and whistles for the remainder of her career.

The plush animals were from the personal collection of Ms.

Collier and had found a new home in Nimrod when her estate had been settled. Undoubtedly many of them have been a part of story times with little munchkins. It is the hope of the local library that when children come in to pick out a book and find that they can also pick out a stuffed animal, they will be encouraged to come back for other activities.

The LapSit and LAP kids last week were the first to receive the animals and sounds of delighted squeals echoed around the shelves as Library Director Linda Burns brought the soft, cuddly creatures out of the bag. All the volunteer workers could understand were a bunch of "hooeys" and "oh boys", but the expressions on the little faces said it all.

In deciding to donate the collection to the Cross Plains Public Library, the Collier's remarked that they have always been impressed with all the activities that go on at our library and they just wanted the animals to find new homes with kids who like books. What a beautiful thought and gesture!

Submitted by  
Arlene Stephenson

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## Dear Friends:

**W**hen my wife Dulcey, our three children and I moved to the Big Country two years ago, we heard that neighbors care for one another and can be counted on in tough times.

On Monday, February 25, we experienced one of those incredibly tough times, and we quickly realized that the "neighborly spirit" was present during the ordeal.

Around 6:30 that evening, my business fell victim to an intense wildfire. Fueled by strong winds, the fire that began at the ball fields behind us destroyed a neighboring business, Dot's Place, and Dorothy Wheeler's home. Within minutes, it had moved on to our dealership.

Our customers and employees experienced a horrific sight as vehicles caught fire. I thank God that our customers and employees, and particularly the fire fighters, escaped the fire without injury.

I was astounded at how quickly the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department responded. Chief Billy Dezern and Assistant Chief Rick Gillmore quickly developed a plan to fight the fire and to prevent it from spreading across I-20 to Clyde and beyond.

Then came that neighborly spirit we've learned so much about. Fire units arrived from Eula, then Hamby and Dudley. I felt this deep, grateful lump in my throat as fire fighter after fire fighter bravely attacked that fire.

Fire fighters from Abilene, Potosi and Denton, then Baird and Merkel arrived. Nine fire departments in all, with over 100 fire fighters risking their very lives to help save our business and keep that hellish fire from spreading.

Friends and neighbors brought food and bottled water for the fire fighters. Neighbors caring about one another. "That neighborly spirit."

These fire fighters and their support teams were heroes on February 25, and they are heroes every single time they strap on their equipment and fight a fire in your neighborhood.

When things are going well (meaning, your home or business is not on fire), we take them for

granted. But last week I learned first-hand that these are highly-trained professionals and volunteers who willingly place their lives on the line for your home or business, and my home or business.

To each of the fire departments, from the paid professional firefighters in Abilene to the volunteer fire fighters (all professional as well) of Clyde, Merkel, Hamby, Baird, Denton, Potosi, Dudley and Eula, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Day in and day out, you risk your lives to provide a vital service that protects our community.

Sincerely,

Blake Fulenwider  
Blake Fulenwider Chrysler Dodge Jeep  
Clyde, TX

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the horror of that fate

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to hear the weakest shout  
and quickly and efficiently  
to put the fire out

I want to fill my calling and  
to give the best in me  
to guard my neighbor and  
protect his property

And if according to your will  
I have to lose my life  
bless with your protecting hand  
my children and my wife.



## City Council

only funds available for all of the expenses that come out of the Water & Wastewater Expenses.

Income for the General Fund comes from Sales Tax, Franchise Tax, Community Center Income, and Fines. Again, income is very limited, but has many expenses that must be met. When large items come up, it is impossible for these items to be budgeted. The only option is to take the items out of reserve and then continue to replenish reserve from the budget. At this time the council budgets \$30,000.00 annually to cover capital costs, but I assure you we are way behind in the replenishment of the reserves, and would be glad to furnish documentation to that fact. We currently face several large items that need to be replaced, but try to do that only when time and funds permit. We are currently looking at the need for a new 100,000 gallon water storage tank, a wastewater irrigation system, our city vehicles are becoming over 10 years old and will need to be replaced soon, our wastewater system ponds need to be cleaned and relined which will be extremely expensive. So therefore it makes budgeting these kinds of expenses impossible.

When factions of the city come and ask for funds, the council must consider the request and the need and act accordingly. The EMS has asked for \$10,000 to help defray the cost of a new ambulance. The City is proud of our Volunteer Ambulance Service and their contribution to the community that the request is perceived to be very worthwhile, yet still makes a hardship on the City finances. Therefore, the council will ask the EMS to look for other funding.

The local Volunteer Fire Department is another department of the City that does a superior job. Few can match our department on the response and way that this department is handled. Our department has asked the council to consider replacing the old city pumper at this time instead of waiting until the pumper must be replaced. However, because the pumper is still in compliance for another four years the council will begin working on funding for this project, looking for grants and other means to be able to replace the pumper in a timely fashion. The council will work with the county in trying to accomplish this task. As you know, most fires that are fought are done so in the county and therefore this avenue of funding should be explored. Again, the council will not fund this project at this time, but will begin working with the Fire Department to accomplish this task in a timely manner.

The Senior Citizens Center has asked the council to seal the roof on the Center. At the last meeting a member of the Senior Citizen Committee met with the council and requested that the roof be sealed and suggested that the funds raised by the Senior Citizens' Center Committee of \$11,000.00 be placed toward sealing of the roof. However, it is the cities practice to maintain its own property. Last year the City made a lot of repair to the roof and virtually stopped the leaks. We will continue to maintain the roof as leaks appear and at such time the city feels the roof needs to be replaced, it will be done so without asking for assistance. If the committee would like to take the money they raised and upgrade the inside of the Senior Citizens' Center for the enjoyment of the Seniors, the council would ask that a proposal for the repairs be presented to the council for approval before repairs are made.

We hope that his explanation might give better insight to how the city operates and how limited the funds are. As most of you know, there are no city taxes to raise when a new expense presents itself. Therefore, we have to rely on the income that the city already has in place. We committed ourselves to operate the city to the best of our abilities and welcome input from our

citizens. If there are other ways of raising funds to meet these expenses, we would welcome the suggestions.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve our community and will strive to meet the needs of all of our citizenry.

Mayor Purvis asked if there were any comments and none were made.

The next item on the agenda was a report from Terry Lichy concerning parts and prices on the wheel move irrigation system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Lichy informed the council that he went down to the Treatment Plant to look at the system and then called around to check on parts for the system. He advised the council that there are parts for the system located in various parts of the country. He also advised the council that a company in De Leon does press the pipe if that service is needed.

Dannes Turner met with the Council to discuss the Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation's Annual Report. Turner asked the council to reappoint Bryan Bennett, mark Norris and W.G. McCoy for another two year. She also advised the council that Era Lee Hanke, Jerry Cassle, Joe McWilliams, and herself's term will expire in March 2009. Turner then discussed the activities and accomplishment for the 2007/2008 fiscal year. She advised the council that the board received six proposals for the year. Four of the six have been completed with two still pending. She asked for the council's approval on the two pending projects, one for Pancake's Home Stitches' who asked for \$1,800.00 to help defray rental costs and one project for the Cross Plains Softball field in the amount of \$15,000.00. She pointed out that the City had purchased the land in the amount of \$10,000.00 and budgeted \$8,000.00 in the year's budget and that the CP School had budgeted \$35,000.00 to help complete the field. Also noted was the new entry sign at the east end of Cross Plains, new banners were purchased, as well as the sale of the EDC property. Ms. Turner discussed the Cross Plains Medical Clinic and the plans for a dentist when a site can be located. Turner discussed the incentive grants and reported eight businesses that took advantage of the grants. Mrs. Turner then discussed the goals for the coming year and expressed her enthusiasm for the improvement of the community and the boards desire to continue to help the city when possible. Last on the report was the 2008/2009 Annual Budget. Ms. Turner discussed the "other projects" and informed the council that since no specific projects are pending, the money was budgeted for "potential" projects. Turner thanked the council for their time and consideration of the report. Audrey Purvis moved to approve and accept the report as presented. Peg Terrell seconded and motion carried.

Debbie Gosnell asked the Mayor if the council could return to the discussion of the wastewater irrigation system. She advised the council that Ken Martin, the City's Engineer was present for the meeting to explain the city's wastewater permit and the reason as to why the new system is needed. Martin explained that many cities have begun to upgrade their irrigation systems to the new pivot systems for various reasons, but that one reason was for the labor intensity on a wheel move. He advised the council that the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality limits the amount of wastewater that can be put out on a piece of property. Martin discussed the City's permit and the current requirements that are hard for the city to meet. Therefore, the need to change from a "discharge" permit to a "no discharge" permit is in the city's best interest financially. Martin stated that the pivot system would distribute the wastewater more evenly, reduce the amount of man hours to

virtually none, as well as reducing the electrical costs. He also stated that going to an irrigation only permit would mean that the city needed more acres to irrigate. Currently the city has enough other land that can be irrigated due west of the current land and a pivot system would work nicely in making a circle to irrigating the additional land with no additional costs. This would satisfy the TCEQ's requirements and upgrade the system as well. Mark Norris also discussed the city's liability in the employee's coming in contact with the wastewater and the potential for disease to the employees. He explained how the wastewater is very corrosive and that all systems must be line, but with the new system the employees will have very little contact with the wastewater, unlike the current system. Doug Dugger commented that over the past month he has monitored the time it takes for the system to put out enough water to "pond". He reported that it takes a little less than 4 hours to pond and that since this is a requirement of the TCEQ's if the city irrigates over that amount of time, the wheel move must be moved every four hours to be in compliance. With the pivot system, this problem will be eliminated. Rick Potter commented that it seemed to him that employee welfare and safety would be of major concern to the City and that the cost of a new pivot system would be minor as compared to an employee contracting a contagious disease or other illness. The Mayor asked the public if there were any other comments or questions and received no other comments.

Debbie Gosnell discussed the Zoning along the main highways that enter into Cross Plains, Highway 36 and Highway 206. Gosnell stated that a couple of potential proposals have come up as well as the proposal from the Warlick's a couple of years ago. Gosnell asked the council if they would like to for her to contact the city's consulting engineers to study the current zoning to see if it needs to be updated. By general consent the council agreed to allow the engineers to look into the matter.

Mayor Purvis read a proclamation proclaiming March 16-March 22, 2008 as National Agriculture Week in Texas. Peg Terrell moved to adopt the proclamation. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Gosnell informed the council that the annual spring cleanup has been scheduled with Allied Waste for the week of April 28, 2008. Gosnell asked permission to have a workday on May 3, 2008 and to ask for help from the citizens to clean up the trash that is strewn throughout the city. Gosnell stated that she would ask for help from the local organizations and has already received approval from the school for assistance with the project. She discussed providing a light lunch, water, and a T-Shirt to the volunteers, if possible. Dannes Turner offered the Bank's conference room to host the lunch. Gosnell also informed the council that she would like to provide assistance to the elderly and disabled to get rid of any large items such as couches, white goods, etc., and provide the chipper to citizens who have brush that needs to be chipped. By general consent the council agreed to the workday.

Jerry Cassle moved to go into executive session. Peg Terrell seconded and motion carried.

Discussion of Personnel Policies.

Audrey Purvis moved to return to open meeting. Peg Terrell seconded and motion carried.

Jerry Cassle moved to adjourn. James Nichols seconded and the motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor  
Attest: Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

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## IRS warns stimulus payment scams top the 'Dirty Dozen' list

DALLAS - Internet and stimulus payment scams top the Internal Revenue Service's "Dirty Dozen" list for 2008.

Phishing is a tactic used by Internet-based thieves to trick unsuspecting victims into revealing personal information they can then use to access the victims' financial accounts. These criminals use the information obtained to empty the victims' bank accounts, run up credit card charges and apply for loans or credit in the victims' names. Phishing scams often take the form of an e-mail that appears to come from a legitimate source. Some scam e-mails falsely claim to come from the IRS. To date, taxpayers have forwarded more than 33,000 of these scam e-mails, reflecting more than 1,500 different schemes, to the IRS. The IRS never uses e-mail to contact taxpayers about their tax issues.

"Don't be deceived by these underhanded attempts to make taxpayers give out personal information," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas.

The best source for answers about upcoming stimulus payments is IRS.gov, and the only way to get a stimulus payment is to file a 2007 tax return. Sanford warned, however, that at least one scheme using the word "rebate" as part of the lure has been reported in Texas and other

states. In that scam, consumers receive a phone call from someone identifying himself as an IRS employee. The caller tells the targeted victim that he is eligible for a sizable rebate for filing his taxes early. The caller then states that he needs the target's bank account information for the direct deposit of the rebate. If the target refuses, he is told that he cannot receive the rebate.

"You can be sure there's a crook on the other end of this deceptive phone call," Sanford said. "The IRS does not force taxpayers to use direct deposit and for those who choose direct deposit, we do not gather the information by telephone."

Those who opt for direct deposit do so by completing the appropriate section of their tax return, with bank routing and account information, when they file. Sanford stressed that as a rule the IRS does not send e-mails to taxpayers, either, though on occasion some taxpayers might receive newsletters or announcements of upcoming IRS-sponsored events based on their membership in professional tax organizations. However, the IRS does not send unsolicited, tax-account related e-mails to taxpayers. For security and other reasons, the IRS never asks for personal and financial information via e-mail.

Additionally, the IRS doesn't ask people for the PIN numbers, passwords or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank or other financial accounts.

Unlike complex computers, the telephone is a low-tech source of scams. Never give away personal information to callers claiming to be from the IRS unless you have verified the caller's identity. You can confirm an IRS contact by calling the toll-free tax assistance line at 1-800-829-1040. Taxpayers who receive an unsolicited e-mail that claims to be from the IRS can forward the message to a special electronic mailbox, phishing@irs.gov, using instructions contained in an article titled "How to Protect Yourself from Suspicious E-Mails or Phishing Schemes."

Other scams that made the IRS' "Dirty Dozen" list for 2008: Frivolous Arguments, Fuel Tax Credit Scams, Hiding Income Offshore, Abusive Retirement Plans, Zero Wages, False Claims for Refund and Requests for Abatement, Return Preparer Fraud, Disguised Corporate Ownership, Misuse of Trusts and Abuse of Charitable Organizations and Deductions. More information on all these scams is available at [www.irs.gov/newsroom](http://www.irs.gov/newsroom).

## This Week in Texas History

By: Barte Haile

### Carolina Casanova gets himself killed at Caddo Lake

MARCH 19 - 25, 2008

Midshipman Robert Potter resigned from the U.S. Navy on March 20, 1821 and went home to North Carolina to raise a little hell.

When the ex-sailor was not studying the law, he was raking the Tar Heel elite over the coals. A sharp-tongued critic of the privileged planter class, he wrote sarcastic poems publicly humiliating those cowardly aristocrats who declined his invitation to a duel.

Potter's soaring popularity with the common man won him a seat in the House of Commons. His tell-it-like-it-is appeal soon earned him a promotion to the U.S. Congress, where everyone predicted big things for ambitious Bobby Potter.

All that changed on a violent afternoon in August 1831 in the North Carolina community of Oxford. Tipped off to his wife's infidelities during his long absences, Potter took a pocketknife to two of the alleged home-wreckers. The victims of the sadistic castrations were a middle-aged preacher and a boy still in his teens.

Potter gave up his congressional seat before serving a six-month sentence for the vicious and evidently unprovoked attacks. But the scandal only served to strengthen his standing among his constituents, who returned their hero to the state legislature in the fall of 1834. Neither a messy divorce nor an attempt on his life by a brother-in-law had an adverse effect on the election.

Potter's fellow lawmakers were not happy, however, to see him and came up with an excuse to ban the hot-tempered outcast. He was expelled from the House of Commons in January 1835 for the unpardonable sin of cheating at cards, a shocking violation of the chivalrous code of southern conduct.

Facing the fact he had no future in North Carolina politics, 35 year old Potter packed his bags for Texas. Arriving on the eve of the Lone Star Revolution, he made the most of the golden opportunity. As the Nacogdoches delegate to the colonists' convention in March 1836, he signed the Declaration of Independence and accepted an appointment as acting secretary of the navy.

When President Sam Houston chose his cabinet that October, Potter was nowhere to be found. For months the good-looking gadabout had ignored his official duties to concentrate on chasing other men's wives, a dangerous pastime that kept him in hot water.

Mrs. Harriet Page fell for the Carolina Casanova with an indiscreet thud that offended even broad-minded frontiersmen. She later claimed the smooth talker convinced her that Mr. Page was among the handful of Texans killed at the Battle of San Jacinto. In reality her husband was alive and kicking, an inconvenient technicality that made Harriet a bigamist when she tied the knot with Potter.

The couple set up housekeeping in East Texas on the shores of Caddo Lake. Potter had not lost his knack for wooing voters and spent two terms in the Republic Senate representing Fannin and Red River counties.

In the meantime, a feud of epic proportions transformed much of eastern Texas into a combat zone. Regulators fought Moderators in backwoods ambushes and full-scale pitched battles.

Potter locked horns with a leading Regulator named William Pinckney Rose, alias "The Lion of the Lakes," who happened to hail from Oxford, North Carolina. The sly senator persuaded his pal, President Mirabeau Lamar, to

bring three murder charges against Rose and to put a hefty price on his head. He set out in March 1842 to remove the troublesome thorn from his side and to collect the reward.

Potter and a posse of 17 supporters swooped down on the Rose place. After searching high and low for his foe, he rode away unaware "The Lion" was hiding under a pile of burning brush.

The Regulators returned the compliment at dawn the next day. Ignoring Harriet's hysterical warning, Potter panicked and ran for the lake where he propped his shotgun against a tree and tried to swim for it.

As Rose held Harriet back, his son-in-law shot Potter to death with his own weapon when he came up for air.

"Now what do you think of your pretty Bobby?" asked the triumphant Rose.

Pointing at an artillery piece just out of reach, Harriet retorted, "If only I had a match to touch off this cannon, I would shoot your tongue down your throat!"

Rose and seven other Regulators were detained briefly, but murder charges were dropped due to insufficient evidence. The feud was finally winding down, and amnesty was considered the best policy.

When Robert Potter's will was probated the next year, Harriet got the surprise of her scandalous life. The bulk of the Carolina Casanova's estate, including the house where his widow lived with her latest husband - the late senator's handyman - was bequeathed to yet another woman.

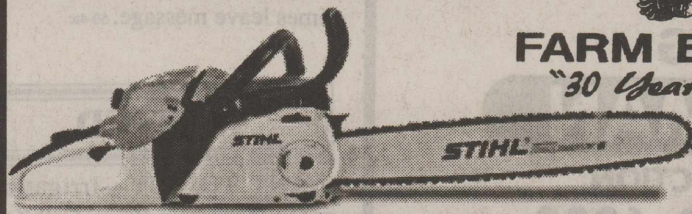
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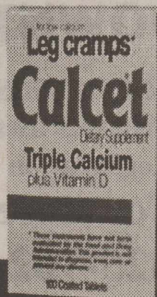
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The show will feature Willie Luster from New Mexico as

Hank Williams Sr., Mary McDonald from Oklahoma as Kitty Wells, Stan Gelsthorpe from Iowa as Ernest Tubb, Maggie Penn from Illinois as Loretta Lynn, Ken Wayne, also from Illinois as Johnny Russell, and Mary Vinson from Texas as Anne Murray. Our special guest will be Johnny Moore from Anson, and Nashville, TN., as well as Kenny Moore from Anson as Johnny's lead guitarist. All performers will be backed by the Bo Boggs band "Under the Double Eagle". Bar-b-que will be served from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

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## Garmond and Lou Parrish Renew Vows at 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The children of Garmond and Lou Parrish, honored them with a 50th Wedding Anniversary reception on March 9, 2008. The celebration was held at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood.

Pastor Ronnie White led the couple through a beautiful renewal of vows ceremony. After the vows were said, Associate Pastor Kerry Mann sang *The Lord's Prayer*.

Garmond and Lou have three

children. Their son Vic and his wife Lori live close to Boise, Idaho, they have two daughters. Their daughter, Lisa Wells and husband Joey live at Early, they have four children and one grandchild. Daughter Kathy Cole and husband Darrell reside in Coppell and have four children.

Garmond and Lou are retired and live north of Cottonwood. They wish to thank everyone that helped them celebrate the occasion.

## Plan Ahead for May 10th Mothers' Day Luncheon

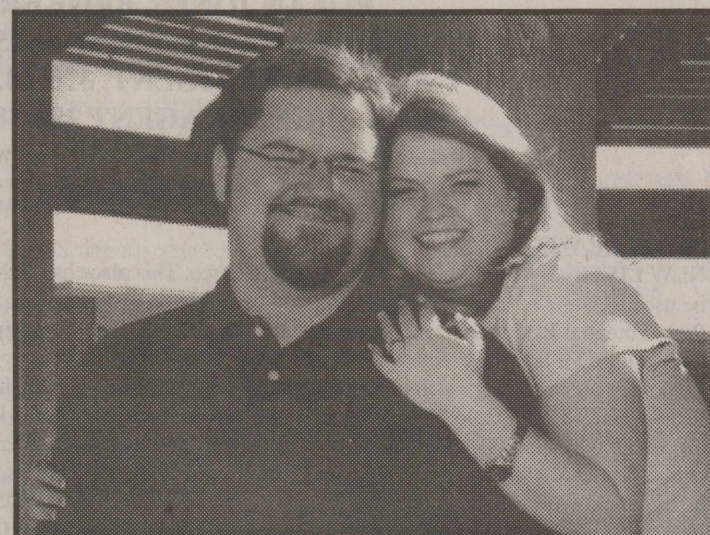
How will you honor your mother, mother-in-law, grandmother or other special mother this year on Mothers' Day? Plan NOW to attend a special Mothers' Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 10, at 11:30 a.m., at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church, sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi (BSP). The delicious luncheon, with fashion style show for teens and adults, and exciting door prizes, will cost \$10.00 per person.

Mother's Day is a day honouring mothers, celebrated on various days in many places around the world. Many countries have copied the United States

and Britain and Ireland, and there are many festivals and events celebrating mothers within the many diverse cultures. It's called "Mothering Sunday" in the United Kingdom and Ireland and falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent. It is believed to have originated from the 16th century Christian practice of visiting one's mother church annually, which meant that most mothers would be reunited with their children on this day. More history to come in the next few weeks.

To make reservations early, call Wanda Merryman at 254-725-6476.

Submitted by Carol Bennett



LORI CHANELLE BISHOP AND CHAD PAUL BOYD

## Bishop-Boyd to Wed April 19th

Tim and Charlotte Bishop of Breckenridge announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Chanelle Bishop, to Chad Paul Boyd, son of Kenneth and Jeri Boyd of Cisco.

The bride-elect's grandparents are Dale and Vernelle Bishop of Cross Plains and the late Joe Burks and the late Nellie and Chester Arrington.

The prospective groom's grandparents are Annette Boyd and the late R.B. (Red) Boyd, Tony and Dona Marsh and Charlie (Chock) Ingram, all of Cisco.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Breckenridge High School and a 2003 graduate of Texas State

Technical College with an associates degree in computer business. She is employed at First United Methodist Church in Stephenville.

The prospective groom was a 1999 graduate of Cisco High School and graduated in 2004 from Hardin Simmons University with a bachelor's degree in the behavioral sciences in graphic design. He is employed in Granbury by Sales-R-Up Media Inc.

The couple will unite in marriage at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the First Fruits Christian Fellowship in Gorman.

After the wedding, the couple will reside in Granbury.

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