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EDITOR'S NOTE: The following description of a woman crossed my desk and I felt it was very interesting. See how you compare. **Vanda Anderson-Creech**

"A Strong Woman Versus A Woman of Strength"

A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape...but a woman of strength builds relationships to keep her soul in shape.

A strong woman isn't afraid of anything...but a woman of strength shows courage in the midst of fear.

A strong woman won't let anyone get the best of her...but a woman of strength gives the best of her to everyone.

A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future...a woman of strength realizes life's mistakes can also be unexpected blessings and capitalizes on them.

A strong woman wears the look of confidence on her face...but a woman of strength wears grace.

A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey...but a woman of strength has faith that it is in the journey that she will become strong.

Spring 2001 Trail Ride for Rehab Set for April 21-22

The Spring 2001 Trail Ride for Rehab is scheduled April 21-22 for the Sanders Circle S Ranch near Stamford.

Registration will begin after 3 p.m. April 20 and continues April 21 beginning at 8 a.m. Volunteer Trail Ride chairmen are Kelly Gill, Mac Sayles and Thomas Hicks.

The weekend will feature a day-long ride on April 21 and a shorter ride on the morning of April 22. Three meals will be served. Weekend activities will include an auction of numerous items and a Sunday morning worship service.

The Sanders Circle S Ranch is located approximately 25 miles east of Stamford, on the California Creek. This beautiful ranch's terrain includes rolling hills, green fields and wooded hilltops, which provide excellent habitat for the abundant game that roam the Sanders Circle S Ranch, including whitetail deer, wild hogs, turkey and quail.

"This is an exceptional opportunity to see and explore a ranch which normally is not available to the public," Hicks said. "It should be a great ride."

Expenses for the event are underwritten by Lawrence Hall Chevrolet, which means that participants' fees will go directly to treatment services at West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

Funding from Allied Staffing Group, Tim and Joyce Piland Custom Saddles, Greathouse Foundation, Chalmers Exploration Company, Morris Concrete L.P., Easley Trailer Manufacturing/Sammy Cockrell, The Tommy Morris Agency, Thomas Hicks Construction and Kelly Gill provides additional underwriting.

Cost for the trail ride is \$40 minimum per adult and \$15 minimum per child 12 years and younger. Pre-registration and a \$25 deposit are suggested. A negative Coggins test also is required.

To sign up for the trail ride or for additional information, contact Sam Beard, Abilene (915)793-3507; Eva Horton, San Angelo (915)223-6300 or after 7 p.m., Mac Sayles, Tuscola (915) 554-7884.

Polly Beeler Accepts Postmaster Position

Polly Beeler, former Cross Plains postal clerk, was recently installed as postmaster of Ponder, Texas. Ray Kester, Fort Worth postal operations manager, was in Ponder and administered the oath of office on April 4, 2001.

Ms. Beeler has been a postal employee since 1989. She was hired by Cross Plains Postmaster Joe Hanke and first served as a clerk in the Cross Plains office, then 8 years in a regional postal center in Abilene before going to Ponder in September of last year.

It is interesting to note that three former clerks at Cross Plains have now been named Post Masters including Norma Evans, Sandra Moore and now Polly Beeler.



POLLY BEELER

A public reception was held following the installation ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Hanke attended and extended their congratulations.

Open House Friday at County Courthouse, County Jail

An open house is scheduled on Friday, April 20th at the Callahan County Courthouse and Callahan County Jail in Baird. The open house will be a kick off for the National County Government Week, April 22-28.

The public is invited and welcome to come tour your Courthouse and County Jail. Come and enjoy refreshments from 9 til 4 Friday, April 20th. The purpose of the open house is to celebrate County Government and to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation's counties.

Sincerely,
Roger Corn
County Judge

Lady Buffs Finish 2nd at Area Track Meet in Winters

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

The Lady Buffs came up a little short on the team title, losing out to Miles by 3 points 97 to 100. We advanced a large number of girls to the Regional Meet in Abilene next week. Ten girls qualified in 11 different events. You must finish in the top 4 to advance.

3200 - C. Hyles, 13:23.89, 4th
400 Relay - Wyatt, Mosier, Thomas, Lewis, 52.08, 1st
800 Run - S. Hyles, 2:35.04, 4th
100 Hurdles - Kitchens, 16.94, 1st
800 Relays - Wyatt, Mosier, Thomas, Lewis, dropped stick, 1:55.42, 4th
300 Hurdles - Kitchens, 50.34, 2nd
200 Dash - Lewis, 28.18, 4th

1600 Run - C. Hyles, 5:58.41, 3rd
S. Hyles, 6:01.21, 4th
1600 Relay - Wyatt, Swift, Thomas, Mosier, 4:19.21, 3rd
Shot Put - Wilson, 35' 7 3/4", 1st
Discus - Wilson, 110' 7", 4th
High Jump - Turner, 4' 6", 7th
300 Hurdles - Hartman, 51.24, 5th
Cook, 51.75, 6th.

The Lady Buffs had to overcome some problems during the day and they improved on their times in the following races: 400 Relay, 800 Run, 1600 Run and 1600 Relay. Judith and Ashley also ran their fastest times of the year in the 300 Hurdles, but finished 5th and 6th at the meet. The girls were disappointed we missed the meet title by 3 points, but advancement to Regionals was also very important.



JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS TRACK TEAM DISTRICT CHAMPS

Cottonwood Musical Friday

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is having their Country and Western Musical on Friday, April 20, at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The ladies will be serving chili dogs with all the trimmings, coffee or tea. Sandwiches and pie will also be served. Cost of the meal is \$3.00 for adults.

The musical entertainment begins at 6 p.m. with Mary E. Weaver as emcee. All country and western musicians are invited to attend.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

2nd Annual Friends at Heart Spring Show

Get ready for our Friends at Heart Spring 2nd Annual Show. The show features Arts, Crafts and Collectibles and is planned for Saturday, April 21, at Early Church of Christ parking lot in Early. Hours for the show are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Exhibitors from throughout Central Texas will be on hand with their original art, handcrafted items, clothing, jewelry, home decorating, barnwood crafts and gift items.

Bring a friend and enjoy shopping!

Love Fund for Betty Edwards

A Love Fund has been established at Citizens State Bank for Betty Edwards who is hospitalized for a broken leg. She will require physical therapy when she is released from Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Your generosity and prayers on her behalf would be greatly appreciated.

Sabanno Cemetery Association to Meet April 25th

There will be an annual business meeting for the Sabanno Cemetery Association Wednesday, April 25, at the Sabanno Community Center following the noon meal.

Please come and participate. Your memorial gifts and contributions are greatly appreciated.

If you can't make the meeting, please send your contributions to Sabanno Cemetery Association, Citizens State Bank, P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, Texas 76443 or Wanda Blackwell, Route 4 Box 90, Cisco, Texas 76437.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Cross Plains Junior High Girls Win District Track Meet

By COACH BECKY DILLARD

Thursday, April 5, May, Gorman, Ranger, Baird and Cross Plains met at Tiger Sports Complex in May for the East Zone 16A District Track Meet.

All the Cross Plains girls pulled together, with a determined effort, and took a "super star" victory.

Field Events: Team Points 201

Shot Put
Richards 31' 5 1/2" 1st
Clark 23' 1/4" 3rd
Bennett 22' 3/4"
Duran
May
Discus
Richards 86' 4 1/2" 1st
Clark 63' 3 3/4" 3rd
Hail 60' 8 1/2" 4th
Duran
May
Triple Jump
Mack 27' 8 1/2" 3rd
Edgington 23' 9 1/2" 4th
Ross 23' 7"

Long Jump
Mack 14' 2nd
Adams 13' 9 1/2" 4th
Edgington 11' 11"
High Jump
Adams 4' 2" 4th

Running Events:
2400 Meter Run
Isbell 11:25.68 2nd
Clark 12:19.00 4th
Callaway 12:20.00 5th
400 Meter Run
Edgington, Richards, Hutchins and Adams 56.65 1st
800 Meter Run
Mack 2:49.19 1st

Colonial Oaks Services

First United Methodist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, April 22, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Ross	3:03.38	4th
Bennett	3:18.58	5th
100 Meter Hurdles		
Richards	18:46	1st
Edgington	20:06	4th
Phillips	22:22	
100 Meter Dash		
Adams	13:91	2nd
Hutchins	15:43	
Hail	16:47	
Duran	16:50	
800 Meter Relay		
Edgington, Phillips, Richards and Adams	2:03.44	1st
400 Meter Run		
Mack	68.57	2nd
Norris	76.81	3rd
Callaway	78.5	
300 Meter Hurdles		
Phillips	62.79	2nd
Clark	70.25	5th
Bennett	71.15	6th

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DALMATIAN QUILT DRAWING — The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department has a "King Size Dalmatian Quilt" that they will have a drawing for on the night of the Annual Fish Fry, Friday, April 27, at the Cross Plains Community Center. Tickets are \$1.00 and you may view the quilt at Citizens State Bank and purchase your ticket there or from any member of the fire department.

"Meet the School Board Candidates" May 1st at Local Community Center

The Cross Plains Public Library is sponsoring a Town Hall Meeting at the Cross Plains Community Center May 1, so the public can meet the eight candidates who are competing for the three openings on the Cross Plains School Board.

Mr. Cecil Barton, member of the Cross Plains Library Board, will moderate the meeting and will ask each candidate a series of questions. If you have a particular question or questions that you would like addressed, you may drop them off at the library or mail them to: Cross Plains Public

Library, P.O. Box 333, Cross Plains, TX. 76443.

All questions will go through a screening committee so please make them relevant to the issues. Our quality of education, initiatives that you would like to see the school take, problems you would like to see the school resolve, etc.

The Town Hall meeting promises to be most informative. Everyone is encouraged to attend, so that you may learn the views of the candidates BEFORE the May 5 school board election.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

TAAS Testing Next Week for Grades Three Through Eight

Passing TAAS tests is an important part of education in Texas. Next week these tests will be given to students in Grades 3 through 8. Grades 3 through 8 will be taking mathematics on Tuesday, April 24, and Reading on Wednesday, April 25. Eighth graders will be taking Social Studies on Thursday, April 26, and Science on Friday, April 27.

The following suggestions have been made for parents of students involved in TAAS testing.

- * Be positive, supportive and encouraging especially as testing time grows near.
- * Reassure your child they have done a very good job preparing for the tests and this will result in success.
- * Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep the night before each test.
- * Provide breakfast each morning

of testing.

* Remind students to take highlighters (if used on their testing level), #2 pencils with erasers, and something to read if they finish early.

* Encourage students to relax and take their time. The tests are not timed. Students speeding through exams often make careless errors.

* Encourage students to read directions thoroughly, even if they have done that particular test before and think they know what is being asked.

* Tell them to answer all the questions, starting with the easier, then moving on to the harder ones.

* Remind them to check their work after completing a question to make sure the answer makes sense for the question asked.

* Make sure your student is on time to school.

C.P.H.S. Boys/Girls Golf Final District 2001 Standings

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

The 2nd round of District Golf was held at San Saba to determine the final standings in District competition. The Boys Team started the day in 7th position out of 13 teams and moved up 1 spot to finish 6th Overall.

Our 2nd round team score was 372, 4 strokes better than the 1st round of 376 and our 2 round total was 748.

James Ross finished with an 86 to go with his 84 for a 2 round score of 170, which placed him in the top 10 out of 77 total boys.

The rest of the team's scores were Tim Butler's 83 (district best), Andy Bennett 110, Jordan Pancake 112, Dusty Dickson's 94 was also a season's best, and Marcus Williams' 103, also a season's best.

In the girls division, Stephanie Parker shot her best round of the season with a 108 bettering her 1st round score by 5 strokes. Toni Mae Wyatt lowered her score by 2 from the 1st round with a 123.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on April 19, 2001, beginning at 7 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:

1. Minutes
2. Open Forum
3. Transfer Students 2001/2002 School Year
4. Purchasing Policy for Cross Plains I.S.D.
5. Comanche Special Services Co-Op Shared Service Agreement
6. Approve Technology Plan
7. Approve Waiver Days for Staff Development
8. Approve Early Out Days for 2001/2002 School Year
9. Repeal of the Board Policy Manual and Adoption of (Local) Policies as Prepared by TASB Policy Service
10. Executive Session
11. Personnel for 2001/2002 School Year
 - A. Secretaries
 - B. Auxiliary Personnel
 - C. Resignations
 - D. Other Personnel Matters, as Necessary
12. Review Financial Report
13. Adjourn.

Addendum to Agenda - Adopt School Calendar for 2001/2002 School Year

Notice of the meeting was given by Jackie Tennison, Superintendent.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting on April 9, 2001, with the following members present: Rickey Carey, Donnie Dillard, Charles Chesshir, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guest were also in attendance: Superintendent and High School Principal.

Prayer was led by Charles Chesshir. Executive session was declared for personnel at 7:22 p.m. and closed at 7:44 p.m.

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Wyatt that in the best interest of the school district that we terminate Triana Jackson's probationary contract at the end of her contract period. For 5 Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Carey to adjourn. For 5 Against 0

Deadline for Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Scholarship Contest Monday, April 23rd

The deadline for submitting essays for consideration in the Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship competition is fast approaching. All entries must be postmarked no later than April 23, 2001.

Remember, there are two scholarships to be awarded this year in the amount of \$300 each.

Neither academic achievement nor financial need are factors in determining the winners in this competition.

ALL graduating seniors are encouraged to compete for these scholarships.

SCHOOL MENU

April 16 - April 20
BREAKFAST

MONDAY--Cream of Wheat, Toast, Assorted Juice

TUESDAY--Waffle, Sausage, Assorted Juice

WEDNESDAY--Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice

THURSDAY--Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice

FRIDAY--Donuts, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY--Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Broccoli, Garlic Sticks, Peas

TUESDAY--Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Peas, Rolls, Peaches

WEDNESDAY--Meat & Cheese Nachos, Salad, Corn, Fruit Crisp

THURSDAY--Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Crackers, Rosey Applesauce

FRIDAY--Hamburger, Lettuce Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie

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STEER SHOW PARTICIPANTS—Callahan County students participating in the Commercial Steer Show held April 14 in Clyde include from left to right front row: Blake Akers, Whitney Richardson,

Michael Dugan and Reagan Darnell. Back row left to right are: Jared Akers, Debra Roden, Jeremy Franke, Carissa Whitley, Brandi Dugan and Mitch Akers.

Callahan County Steer Show results announced

The 3rd Annual Callahan County Commercial Steer Show was held April 14th at the Clyde Intermediate School Cafeteria. The contest not only tested each participant's feeding ability but also their beef knowledge, record keeping and oral interview skills.

This project started in October 2000 when each participant purchased their steer. The steers were fed for 148 days during which time each participant was responsible for feeding and taking care of the steers as well as keeping up with all project related purchases for their recordbooks. The finished steers were hauled to Excel to be quality and yield graded. The participants were paid for their steers by Excel on a carcass grid price basis. On April 14th participants came to the Clyde Intermediate School Cafeteria where they were interviewed by judges over their project experiences and then took a written exam testing their overall beef knowledge. Participants competed for over \$600 in prize money. Results were as follows:

First Place: Carissa Whitley
Second Place: Brandi Dugan
Third Place: Whitney Richardson
Fourth Place: Michael Dugan
Fifth Place: Mitch Akers
Also participating in this year's contest were: Jared Akers, Blake Akers, Reagan Darnell, Jeremy Franke, and Debra Roden.

A special Thank You goes to the First National Bank of Baird/Clyde and Clyde Farm and Ranch for being major sponsors of this program. We would also like to thank the following for their gracious support: Gayle Akers for the use of their facilities as a contest location, Gary Richardson, John and Patsy Moreland, Tally's, Lawrence Bros. IGA, Howle's Country Store, Eddie Riley, Mike Widener, Jamie Smith, Dennis Rogers and all the Raffle Participants throughout the year. Without the support of these people and businesses this contest would not be available to the youth of Callahan County.

Sincerely,
Robert Pritz
County Extension Agent

NOTICE TO 7 TH - 12 TH GRADE PARENTS
The Jr./Sr. High School Principals office will be sending a parent survey home with your child, on Wednesday April 18th. Please fill this survey out and return it by Friday April 20th.

Texas Academy of Mathematics/Science Offers Accelerated Program to Juniors

Each year, Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS), a residential high school, allows 200 high school juniors from Texas to enter an accelerated program and complete their last two years of high school and their first two years of college concurrently.

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other university with junior level standing.

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Students apply during their sophomore year of high school and go through a rigorous application process that includes testing, essays and interviews. To learn more about the TAMS program, log on to www.tams.unt.edu, or call the TAMS Admissions Office at 1-800-241-8267.



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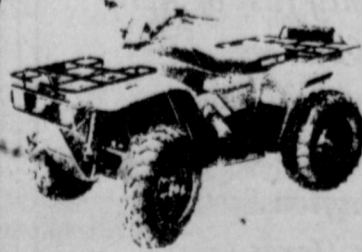
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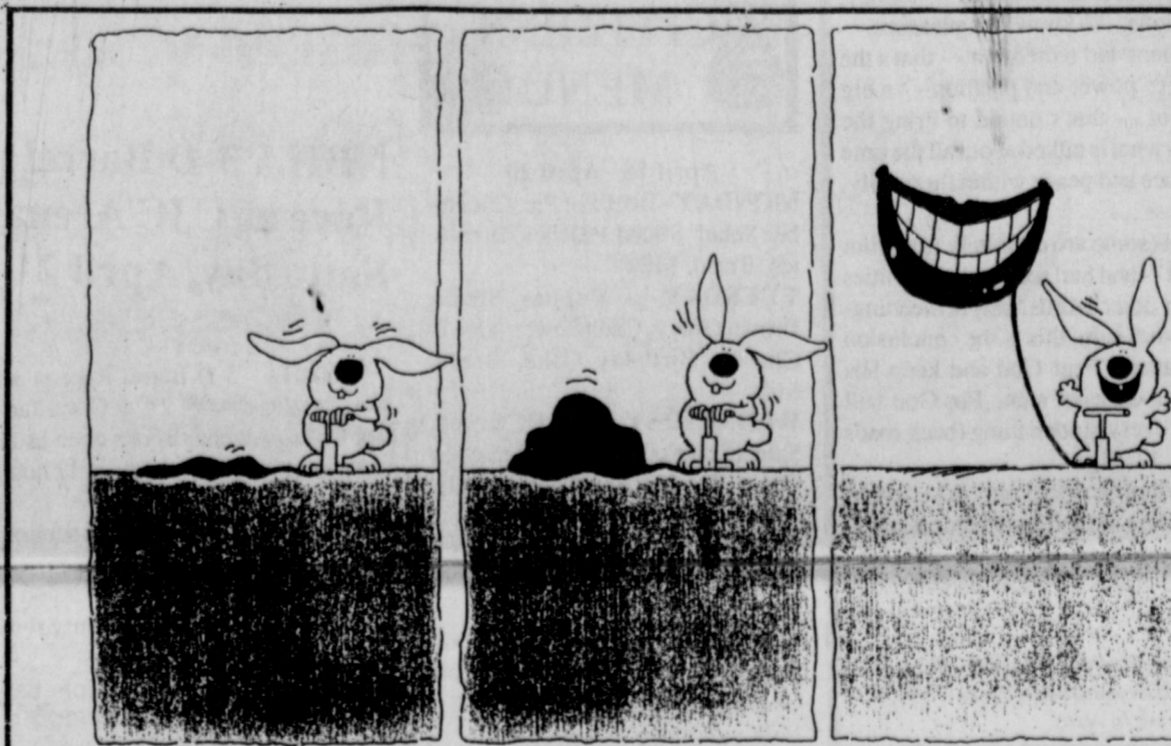
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LOCATION'S OF POLLING PLACES: Cross Plains Community Center, 108 Beech Street, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each week-day at Cross Plains City Hall, Cross Plains, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 18, 2001 and ending on May 2, 2001.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Debbie Gosnell, c/o Cross Plains City Hall, P.O. Box 129, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Wildflower weekend...

Saturday morning I was bent over some weeds in the garden. Later I ran errands in town. Next were household chores, barn chores, and then it was back to the yard. I was so busy. Somewhere in the middle of the afternoon, a flicker in my side vision made me aware of the melody filling the air—the all-day, all-night music of the mockingbird.

It took me a minute to straighten my back. I leaned against the shovel and watched the bird, enjoying the diversion. Glancing around, it suddenly dawned on me. The grass is flooded with wildflowers!

When did this happen? Where was I that I didn't notice the earliest sproutings of Spring's bouquet? I did watch the greening up of the trees and ground. I checked daily to see if a careless mesquite might be tricked into waking before the last frost.

The way I grumble about the cold of winter and the rains of a warming earth, you'd think I'd notice the emerging pastel blush. But I was blind to the first burst of rainbow colors that blanket the ground after a long winter. Suddenly it was just there!

Later, the delicate blooms will be choked out by weeds and thistles, shriveled by the sun. Summer brings its own frosting for the fields in the sturdy veil of Queen Anne's Lace. Branched sunflowers are sardine-packed into a forgotten field, or brighten the way along a country road. Summer brings blue-eyed grass that sneaks in each morning and hides from the daytime sun.

Somehow these are able to withstand brutal summer heat, but now is the time of tender greens and a profusion of color.

Sun flowers dot fields and highway medians like yellow marshmallow chickens dropped by the Easter Bunny. Coreopsis clusters in bar ditches and spreads into a pasture. Primroses bunch together like decorations on a new bonnet.

Along the freeway are waves of blue and yellow and white on a green sea. Bunches and billows of lavender and fuschia, purple and pink, fuse into a watercolor blur. At intervals an amethyst perfume scents the air while I hurry down the road and through the day.

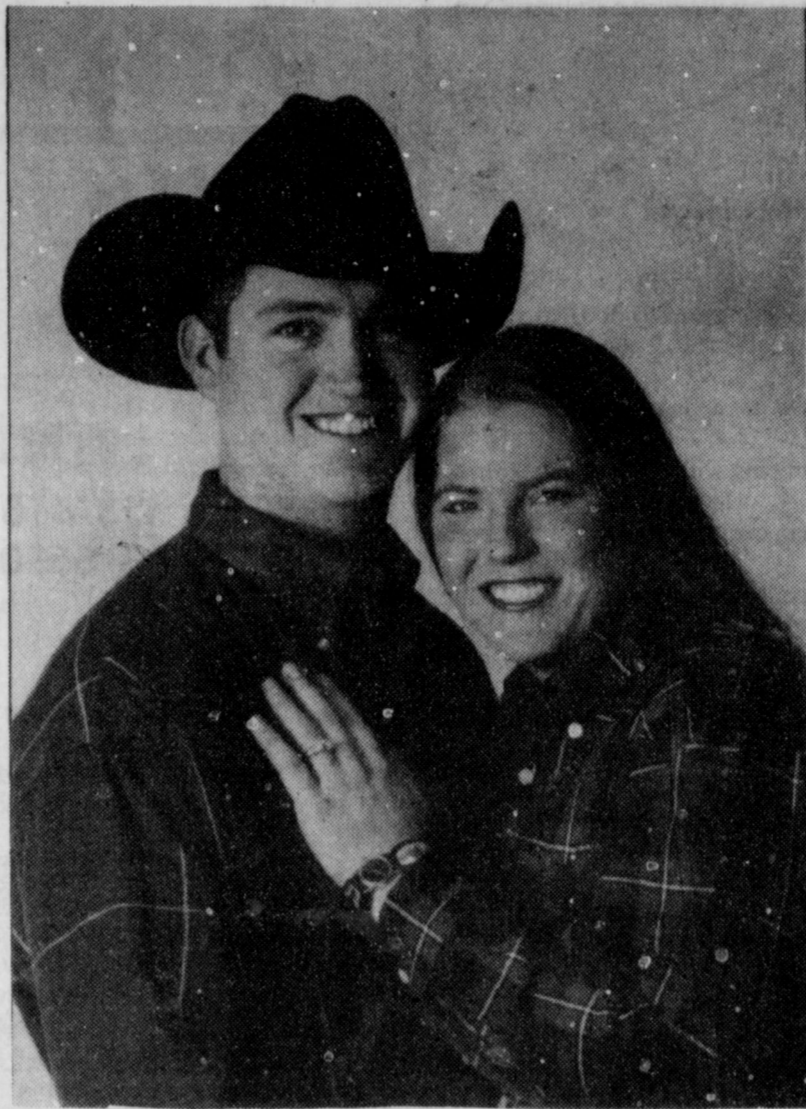
I was waiting for the arrival of Texas Bluebonnets, but there were no firsts this Spring. This season, the whole symphony started with the downbeat clash of cymbals. The melody was harmonies from the beginning.

What could possibly keep me so busy that I didn't see it coming? I'll never be able to trace back to the beginning, but it has happened again. Wildflowers creep in like actors setting a stage. They are inconspicuous, unnoticed, until the lights go up and there they are, oceans of gleaming color.

A passel of traveling robins took an afternoon break in our yard. I asked them to take greetings to the folks in Washington State if they happen to get that far west.

Oh, it is Spring, all right, and it's a good thing I finally noticed. It wouldn't have been good for my soul to miss this wildflower weekend, no matter how busy I got.

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JONNY PARKINSON AND AMBER LAWRENCE

Lawrence-Parkinson to Marry on May 18 in Idalou

Amber Renee Lawrence and Jonny Neal Parkinson are pleased to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect, daughter of Bruce and Paula Lawrence of Anton, graduated Anton High School in 1997. She plans to graduate Texas Tech University in December 2001 with a major in Ag Communications. She's currently employed with Lawrence Family Limousin in Anton.

The prospective groom, son of Melvin and Jan Parkinson of Levelland, graduated Levelland High School in 1997 and South Plains College in 1999. He plans to graduate Texas Tech University in December 2001 with a major in Animal Science. He's currently employed with M&R Metal Works in Levelland.

The couple will marry May 18, 2001 at 7 p.m. in Hi Country Apple Orchard in Idalou.

Cisco Junior College to Honor Lela Latch Loyd April 27

Cisco Junior College will be hosting a dedication for a plaque honoring Lela Latch Loyd at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 27. The public is invited to join the Board of Regents, faculty and staff of CJC to celebrate this special person in local history. Refreshments will be served.

Ms. Loyd is fondly remembered by Cisco residents not only as a well known author, but also a teacher of Cisco ISD and Cisco Junior College students for over 40 years. Upon her death in 1999 Ms. Loyd provided a library memorial fund to be used for additions to the Maner Library of Cisco Junior College. The monetary

gift has been invested by the College; 90 percent of the returns will be used each year to expand readings available in Maner Library.

Please consider joining the College for this special memorial event.

Cross Plains Masonic Lodge No. 627
 Stated Meeting
 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
www.cross-plains.tx-mm.org
www.gltexas.org
 Sec. (254) 725-7530

Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles Auditions April 22nd

Auditions for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles are scheduled for Sunday, April 22nd, at 2 p.m. in the Cisco Junior College gymnasium. Students that are accepted into the group are recipients of an activity grant that ranges from \$850 to \$1,250 per year.

The Wrangler Belles actively promote college through numerous appearances around the Big Country.

This organization also provides training in professionalism, individual character, poise and self esteem. Anyone who would like to audition for the team should contact Debbie Baker at Cisco Junior College (254) 442-2567 ext. 140 to confirm an appointment for the audition. Those who are unable to attend this audition should make arrangements with the director to audition later in the spring.

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Pet Clinic at Harbor Point

The Sparkettes, Inc. will be sponsoring a Pet Clinic on Saturday, April 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Fire Station at Harbor Point at North Lake Brownwood.

For additional information please call Doris at (915) 784-6567.

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