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"The Passion"

By Vanda Anderson Editor

Have you ever been completely overwhelmed to the point that you couldn't even cry- you were just stunned? That is how viewing The Passion of The Christ affected me.

Sounds of sobbing filled the theatre as the powerful re-enactment of the crucifixion of Christ unfolded. Of course, it is no coincident that the showing is appropriately timed just before resurrection Sunday. This movie should be the most important film of the century, as it opens the eyes of believers and nonbelievers alike.

Mel Gibson, a prominent screen star, has spent years researching the details of the most significant event in history. By the way, did you know that on a recent survey of important events in history, Christ's crucifixion only came up in the top ten, but not in 1st place? How sad!!

Gibson utilized his talents and faith to prepare and direct this movie. It has been reported that he prayed diligently concerning each step of the production in his effort to please his Heavenly

Gibson's hands were used in filming the nailing of Christ to the cross. It was his expression of the fact that he, and all of us, are sinners and that all contributed to his death. The fact that Peter, His disciple, denied Christ three times, demonstrated human nature and how most would react under similar circumstances. It breaks your heart to see how Jesus suffered, both emotionally and physically.

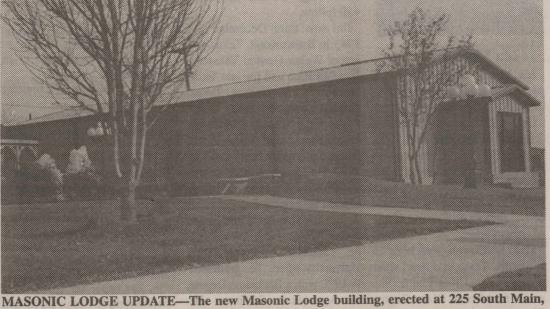
Jim Caviezel, the actor who portrayed the role of Jesus, was not surprised by the request to do so. A man told him several months prior, that he would be playing Jesus in a movie. When Gibson interviewed him, Caviezel remarked that he was 33 years old, his initials were J.C. and that he had been preparing for the role his entire life. Gibson was overwhelmed by his response.

It was noted that the movie changed Caviezel's life forever. The affect on the cast was powerful, too. Caviezel suffered physically while filming the scenes on the cross and it made him realize what agony Christ withstood. He was even struck by lightening during the shooting of one of the scenes and yet he was remarkably unharmed.

When you consider the fact that Christ had the power to stop the process, but chose to die for our sins, it makes you realize His true sacrifice, and how unappreciative we sometimes

One scene where Jesus said, "Love one another," had an impact on me personally. I think it is a commandment we don't take to heart. If we loved one another like we should, think how different our world would be.

I don't want to spoil the movie for you with details, but do make See Down Home Page 5



adjacent to City Hall and their well-landscaped park, gives the fraternity a strong symbolic and physical presence in the community. The structure in its high visibility location has kindled renewed interest in the organization and discussion among the town's citizens. Photo progress of the project is chronicled on the Lodge's website at www.cross-plains.tx-mm.org.



left, with back to camera), Dan Mitchell, Jacque Childress, Marguerite Ransdell and Gail Ransdell.

## Musical Culture Enjoyed CHI

Over 100 people attended the who played for us. Adds BSP spectively), played beautiful held at the First Methodist Church Sunday afternoon. The chairwonderful attendance to enjoy the

"Afternoon of Music" program President, Wanda Merryman, presented for the community and "This was a great success and thanks to all who came."

Lora Lyn Christensen and person of this event, Jacque Sherry Frush of Abilene played Childress, on behalf of Beta delightful piano duets from the Sigma Phi would like to thank the works of Mozart and Karp. Nettie community for their support and Wilson, on the cello, accompanied by Carol Stuard on piano, music of the talented musicians (from Eastland and Cisco, re-

selections from Broadway's "The King & I" by Rodgers & Hammerstein, "Camelot" by Lerner & Loewe, and "A Little Night Music" by Stephen

Cottonwood's Gail Ransdell played several beautiful Broadway medleys which were See Musical Page 3

## Pancake Supper March 23

the night for great food and great to meet your every need! fellowship. The price for so much

Less than two weeks away, on numerous to list but including, ticket and bring a friend or two-Tuesday nights, March 23rd, sponsoring the Key Club of is one of Cross Plains' great " Cross Plains High School. Key Social Events" of each year—the Club members will be joining Kiwanis Pancake Supper! It is the Kiwanians in serving, helping

The date, again, for the Pancake eating and fellowship is only \$4 Supper in Tuesday night, March per person. That's all the pancakes 23rd beginning at 5 p.m., conand sausage you can eat, along tinuing until 7 p.m. The place is with tea, coffee or water. Where at the Cross Plains School can you get an eating deal like Cafeteria. Now this is only a few that?! A serendipity is that you days away, so if you haven't can take part in helping the purchased your tickets yet, be Kiwanians with their many pro- sure and see a Kiwanian and buy grams of help during the year too them now. Buy more than one

maybe give one to someone already. If you wait to pay at the ministry. door, Charles Rodenberger or Sue toward the projects that the non-summer months, Good News throughout the year.

your support. See you at the Pancake Supper!!

Submitted by: Bob Pipes

## **March Book Sale** This Saturday at the Local Library

Thanks to the success of the Western and Children's categories February Book Sale at the public library, additional books have been donated, making it possible to hold another sale this coming Saturday, March 13. The Children's Resource Center will be open from 9:00 - 2:00 with many new titles having been added to the sale. Most of the new books in the sale are in the

and paperbacks of all topics.

Books will again sell for \$3.00 per bag. Some used office furniture and supplies will also be available for purchase.

When you help yourself to the books, you are helping the public library develop the annex as a learning center for the children of

## **Art Club Meets** Tuesday, March 16th

The Cross Plains Paint and ideas and problems while startat the Multi-Purpose Center Please call Betty Beggs at

Bring your paints, paper and/or more information. canvas. We will be exchanging

Palette Art Club will meet ing pictures. Everyone please Tuesday, March 16th, 2:00 p.m., bring your favorite snack food.

(Please note this change in 254-725-7235 or Marlene Sanders at 254-725-7421 for

## Trade Day/Plant Sale

The Cross Plains Garden Club Annual Trade Day and Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, March 27, starting at 9 a.m. The Trade Day will be located on the vacant lot north of the Dairy Queen in 725-7712. Cross Plains.

The charges are \$15 for each space. No reservations are required.

For more information you may contact Julene Franke at (254)

There will be a Child Evangelism Fellowship meeting March 13, 2004, 10:00 a.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center (Beech

People who are needed: Sunday School Teachers, parents, home school parents, deacons, teens who like teaching young children, grandparents, Christians who care about the spiritual need of God's little ones!

Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) is a non profit ministry outreach tool, when used with supporting church sets up Good News clubs and five day clubs to minister to young children. CEF has been around since 1937 and whose budget is stretched too thin has grown in to a worldwide

The Good News Club is an Neal just might talk you into outreach to children who might paying more and/or making a not otherwise hear the Gospel. donation (in addition to the ticket) Once a week, usually during Kiwanis Club helps toward Club meets in homes, classrooms and other locations across the The Kiwanis Club of Cross U.S. and around the world. Plains thanks you in advance for Children come to hear Bible and missions stories, learn memory verses, sing songs and join in theme-related activities. As a result, many of these children make

first-time decisions to receive Christ as Savior! Through the strong discipleship teaching Good News Club provides, these children gain a solid Bible foundation that helps them mature as believers. Clubbers are encouraged to attend a local Bible-believing church. Imagine the impact!

This is an informational meeting about Child Evangelism Fellowship. There will be free coffee and cookies and childcare available.

"Even so it is not of your father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should parish" Matthew 18:14.

Submitted by: Walker J. Kyle



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Student Review

# Believer's Fellowship

holding its First Spring 2004 evening at 6:00 p.m. Revival this week. The meetings on highway 36.

7:00 p.m., Friday, 7:00 p.m., Saturday, 6:00 p.m., Sunday

Believers Fellowship will be morning, 10:45 a.m., and Sunday

These meetings will be conwill be held at Believers ducted by evangelist, Travis Fellowship Church Building lo- Priddy of Brownwood, Texas. cated 1/2 mile east of Cross Plains Brother Priddy is an anointed minister with a timely message Meeting times are: Thursday, for this generation. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend.

EARLY O FRIDAY, MARCH 12 AT 2:00 P.M. **BUSES RUN AT 2:10 P.M.** 

**SPRING BREAK MARCH 15 - 19th** 

**CLASSES WILL RESUME MONDAY, MARCH 22** 

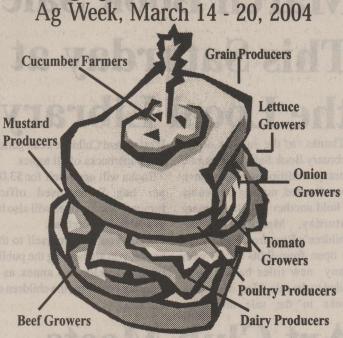
### **CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION** REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2004

**Donations & Earnings** I/M Bob Blackwell by Nora Green \$ 25.00 I/M Lynette Bragg by James & Regina Bragg 100.00 Geer Tank Trucks, Inc. 41.27 **Interest Added To Acct.** .27 TOTAL \$166.54 **Grave Opening Permits** 

2 Plots - Harmes Family \$ 150.00 1 Plot - Ella Faye Merrill 75.00

TOTAL \$225.00

## **Enjoy Lunch On Us!** Ag Week, March 14 - 20, 2004



The Texas Farm Service Agency salutes the farmers and ranchers who make our lives delicious!

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Inner-denominational-Evangelical SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.. Morning Service

6:00 p.m. Evening Service

**EAST HIGHWAY 36** WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m. Christian Youth Activities **THURSDAY** 7:00 p.m. Midweek Service

PASTOR: J. D. FRY (325) 646-7647 Last Sunday of the month singing. Come one-Come all. Chips, Dips, Sandwiches

## UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Welcomes You!

209 S.W. Hwy 36

**CROSS PLAINS** 

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Sun. 6:30 p.m. Worship & Word \*\*\* Wed. 7:00 p.m. Bible Study "An Apostolic Church"

PASTOR, Phillip R. Schaefer (254) 725-7140

### Living Water Ministries Fellowship Full Gospel ~ Prophetic ~ Apostolic

Restoring And Equipping The Saints Sunday 10 am \* Monday Prayer 7pm \* Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Pastors: Max Evans & Colleen Anderson Praise & Worship: Glenda Evans Youth Pastor: Linda Fortune

For Information Call (254) 725-4884

## **Union Center Baptist Church**

"Service to God Through Service to Man"

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

5 miles north of Rising Star - 1/2 mile east of Hwy 183 on CR 292

Jerry Eckhart, Pastor (254) 643-1027

## COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sunday School                  | 9:45 A.M.             |
| Morning Worship                | 11:00 A.M.            |
| Evening Service                | 6 :00 P.M.            |
| Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer | r Time7:00            |
| Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 72  | 25-4599               |
| Church (254)725- 6266          |                       |

Bible Teaching

## ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 36 at Rowden - 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

Friendly Church

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....11:00 A.M.

Pastor: Carl Mauldin Come Worship With Us!

## NIMROD BAPTIST CHURCH

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|---|------------|
| Sunday School                             | 10:00 A.M. |
| Sunday Morning Worship                    | 11:00 A.M. |
| Sunday Evening Worship                    | 6:00 P.M.  |

## **Bill Armstrong - Pastor**

## BITUARIES



### Ida Mae McCowen

of Cross Plains.

Mrs. McCowen was born in he attended mother and wife.

in Blanket, Texas.

James Vincent "Jimmy" grandchildren, Todd, Stacy, Heather, Melissa, Jeremy, Amy, Nolan and Jolee; and many friends.

Hubbard; a son, Charles Vincent Mallory Mae; and countless other Norman, Mark, Arcie, Ardis, was thought of very highly. Glen and Fred "Doc" Hubbard; Anderson.

## **Veterans News**

VA PAYMENTS INCREASE NOTED: Your Callahan County Veterans Service Officer, Tom Ivey, has received the latest report of VA Expenditures in Callahan County. The report covers Fiscal Year 2003. the twelve months ending September 30, 2003, and shows \$2,992,018 spent. It is a pleasure to tell you that total VA payments in the County increased by \$348,018 from Fiscal Year 2002, Compensation and Pension payments increased by \$355,671, while Education/Rehab dropped \$13,576 and Insurance/Indemnities increased by \$5,923. Compensation/Pension are the monthly checks received by disabled Veterans, their dependents and survivors. These monthly payments helped them to meet the expenses of day to day life.

### Callahan County **DPS** Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 29, 2004 through March 6, 2004 include:

Cases Investigated Warnings—137 Complaints—204 DWI-3 Driving While License Invalid-1

Public Intoxication—1 Vehicle Accidents There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this

People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants There were 19 outstanding warrants issued for a total of

\$5,446.00 collected.

## Jimmy Van Vanstory

Jimmy Van Vanstory, age 60, of the Owens Community passed away Monday, March 1, 2004, at his home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2004, at Heartland Funeral Home Chapel, 303 Early Blvd, Early, with Pastor David Williams officiating. Private interment will follow.

Jim was born December 25, 1943 in Brownwood, Texas, the son of Walter Gordon Vanstory, Ida Mae McCowen, age 75, Jr. of El Paso and the late Tulas passed from this life on March 2, Hudnal of Port Neches, Texas. Jimmy graduated from Cross Graveside services were held at Plains High School in 1962. He 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2004, joined the United States Army at the Pioneer Cemetery in where he served from 1967 to Eastland County with Matt 1970. He served in the Vietnam McGowen officiating. Arrange- Conflict in 1968-69 as a member ments were under the direction of the 17th combat Engineer 2nd of Higginbotham Funeral Home Armor Division out of Fort Hood, Texas. While living in Lubbock Texas Tech Williams, Texas and lived most University where he graduated of her life in Cross Plains. She in 1970 with a Bachelors Degree was a member of Blake Baptist in Agriculture Sciences. He Church and attended the Pioneer pursued his education and Pentecostal Church. Ida was a acquired a Masters degree in homemaker and a devoted Agriculture Education from Texas A&M University in 1977. Ida married James Vincent He then became the Agricultural McCowen on December 19, 1947 Extension Agent in Coryell County. After service of eleven Survivors include her husband, years and becoming a reverend community member, Jimmy McCowen; one daughter and received the Distinguished son-in-law, Sharlotte and Service Award in 1986 given by Randy Montgomery; two sons the National Association of and daughters-in-law, Jimmy County Agricultural Agents and Dwight and Pam McCowen of the Texas A&M University Oxford, Georgia and Mark System for outstanding service to Stephens and Kimberly the agricultural residents and McCowen of Greenwood; 10 producers of Coryell County. In 1988, he retired to Brown Jason, County.

Survivors include his son, Jim 15 great-grandchildren; one Bob Vanstory of Lubbock; a great-great-granddaughter; one. daughter, Jolea Kay Vanstory of brother, Jack Hubbard of Rising Gatesville; his father, Walter Star; two sisters, Nelda Anderson Gordon "Mutt" Vanstory, Jr. of El and Netta Jarrett of Comanche; Paso; a brother, Ken Vanstory of Benecia, California; a sister, Beth She was preceded in death by Vanstory Lemon of El Paso; two her parents; Charlie and Maggie grandchildren, Daniel Rylee and McCowen; seven brothers, Ran, family and friends with whom he

Honorary pallbearers were and one brother-in-law, Darwin Dewayne White of Hughes Spring, Butch Winstead of Belton, Cooter Moore of Zephyr, Jimmy Wood of Gatesville, K.E. Murdock of Rising Star and John Prater of Hobbs, New Mexico.

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## COURTHOUSE NEWS

**COUNTY COURT** Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Raymond Whitt, driving while intoxicated (DWI). Monica Webster, deadly con-

Brett McAdams, evading de-

Robert L. Johnson, possession of marijuana. Tommy L. Westerman, theft

by check Jessie D. Sibley, Jr., theft by check.

Sheila Hamlin, theft by check. Rodney K. Smith, deadly con-

> **42nd DISTRICT COURT** John Weeks, presiding

> > Civil Filings

Lyman H. Brigham and Emma Brigham vs. Owen T. Shipp, III aka Buddy Shipp, fraud.

In Re: order for foreclosure concerning R. Frank Davis and

Shelly A. Davis and 510 Hamby Rd. Clyde, Tx. 79510 and J. P. Morgan Chase Bank formerly known as Chase Manhattan Bank, N. A., application for foreclosure.

The State of Texas vs. 1995 Eagle Vision 4/dr., TX LP# VIN 2E3HD56F2SH619269, original notice of seizure and intended forfeiture.

### **Criminal Indictments**

Donny Joe Curry, filing a fraudulent financial instrument. Carlos Benavides, Jr., evading arrest.

Cheryl A. Chick, possession of a controlled substance. Mary Closs Dugan, possession of a controlled substance.

Larry D. Floyd, DWI. Darren Wade Hawley, indecency with a child.

Walter C. Kitchens, DWI. Jason Knapp, possession of a controlled substance.

Nicholas F. Salas, possession of a controlled substance.

## Robert E. McCool

Attorney at Law

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Baird, Texas 79504 (325) 854-1016





## Jesus Said His Peace

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Van Service Available - Call (254) 725-7694



N. Main (Hwy. 206) **Cross Plains, Texas** Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. Rev. C. Michael Redd, Pastor

Sunday's Sermon

**The Common People** Listen Gladly

## PIONEER NEWS

The Quilting Ladies are still working on the "Barn Door" top, the "Butterfly" top, and Lessie's "Wedding Ring". We have our work cut out for us. We were proud to have two visitors with us on Tuesday, Blanche Weiss and Elizabeth from Cisco. They have been with us before and we are always glad to see them and have them quilt with us. Blanche and Elizabeth come back soon. Charlene was not with us on Tuesday due to an appointment with the doctor for some tests. Christy took her to Abilene. Hopefully both girls will be with us next wee.

From Laverne Hutton—Last Tuesday it was so enjoyable hearing the steady rain failing on the mental roof of our community building while we quilted. Then waking up to see the beautiful fresh fallen snow nesting on the trees and on the ground Wednesday morning.

Every 4th Wednesday the women of the church of Christ in Rising Star have a special Bible study and meal together. Charlene Chesshir brought the lesson "Influence". The lesson was so very good and informative. Afterward, we had a tasty "taco" dinner.

Saturday afternoon, Cowan and Laverne attended a birthday party for Garrett, their great-grandson. It was in celebration of his first birthday. He is the son of Robert and Terry Hutton. The party was held at his grandparents, Danny and Trisha's house.

Last week Cowan and Laverne visited their eye doctor in Abilene for checkups. Sunday afternoon they attended the nursing home singing and devotion. They also visited Lester and Jewel Linney before time for evening worship services. Laverne visited her sister, Betty, who lies in Clyde. Laverne's brother, Bob, and wife,

"Check It Out"

Well, did you read me last

week? If so, you know the check-

outs and programs are doing fine.

I've missed you, but hope I can

see you in the newspaper from

now on. Let me give you an ex-

ample of how helpful the library

One lady had an Emergency and

her problem was, perhaps, narco-

lepsy. Then the rains came, and

the follow-up doctor's appoint-

ment was cancelled. The woman

involved called the C.P. Library

for a book on narcolepsy. The

library people didn't send a book.

They found articles in books,

copied them, and had them deliv-

ered to the patron's home. Now,

can ben, and on short notice.

Nelda, live in Clyde also, but they weren't home so she didn't get to see them. During those sunny warms days the doves, mockingbirds and cardinals were all around the Hutton place singing their pretty little songs. However, the mockingbirds didn't seem to be singing their usual mocking tunes, but one of their own that was more of a warbling song. Very pretty!

Glenda, Allen and Kali Phillips went to the see the Rising Star boys play basketball at Jim Ned against Loraine. Then Glenda went with Olena Ezzell and Janet to see the boys play Benjamin at Eula. The games were really exciting! They played Cherokee at Goldthwaite on Tuesday. Glenda and family attend church with some of the boys on the Rising Star team. Krista and Emily visited Glenda Saturday afternoon. They had a good time playing 'Wa Hoo". Howard ate lunch with Glenda Saturday and Kali ate with her Sunday night.

We were very thankful for the rain we got during the week. Also, thankful that we did not get too much damage from the wind. We have had some pretty days. The peaches are ready to bloom. The wild plum blooms are on the verge of opening. Soon things will be awake with beauty and

How about those Wildcats! They did beat Cherokee on Tuesday night. They have gone on to Levelland to play in the tournament. They beat Panther Creek and as I am writing, they are playing in the finals. All the Way Wildcats! We are expecting you to go to the State Tournament! Everyone in this area is very proud of what you have accomplished.

Word of Wisdom: I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility. John Ruskin

Check It Out!

March 1-5

**Statistics** 

Charles and Lou Rodenberger

Honor: Cherry Shults, Susan

Linda and Latricia Chandler-In

**Library Weekly Activity** 

**Memory of Dusty Hargrove** 

**Hunter and Esther Kerr** 

**Donations - Books:** 

35

Circulation:

Interlibrary Loan

Internet Users

Honorariums:

Books

Lap

Total



WHAT INCONSIDERATION—See how far the trash bags were scattered. (Photo courtesy of Wallace Bennett.)

Hats Off to Beta Sigma Phi!

The concert staged by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority last Sunday afternoon was a big hit. All sorority "sisters" of the Cross Plains chapter were involved in one way or another and many were from Cottonwood. They got to enjoy the concert and afterwards enjoy being hosts to the audience at a reception honoring the perform-

"The purpose of this concert was to give something back to the Cross Plains community who has done so much to support and encourage Beta Sigma Phi over the past few years," said Jacque Childress who served as Master of Ceremonies.

The music was outstanding and featured on of Cottonwood's own sister musician, Gail Ransdell. She played a number of her own arrangements from Broadway

The entire program and all the music and musicians were great. A good number of Cottonwood citizens were in attendance. If you missed it, you missed an event that along with beautiful spring sunshine made last Sunday afternoon a very pleasant one.

**Cottonwood Firemen Respond to Another Brush Fire** 

A fire, started by a welding torch last week, se the grass on fire on Mike Roger's farm southeast of Cottonwood, was quickly responded to be the Cottonwood Fire Control Group and the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department. The fire burned several acres of grass on Roger's and Leo Thompson's place, plus two well pump houses. It also threatened the Roger's home and barns.

"We don't know how fortunate we are until something like this happens and neighbors respond immediately to help," said Leo Thompson.

Bob Childress, president of the Cottonwood fire fighters, indicated that although the grass seems damp and there is no "burn ban" in effect, there is still danger of fire. He issued a fire-safety tip, "Keep a water hose ready at your

The next Fire Control training meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, at the Cottonwood Fire Station at 7 p.m.

### **Cottonwood Connections**

Word has been received from Grady and Dorothy Ramey that Edwin L. Ramey, Grady's brother, died on February 20, 2004. He was buried in Lubbock in the Resthaven Memorial Park. Many Cottonwood old-timers remember well the Ramey family and the twins, Edwin and Edgar. Edgar preceded him in death

other brother. Litter-bugging Scalawags At It Again: Two Kinds

along with five sisters and an-

It was discovered just this week by scientific observation that there are at least two types of litter-bugs alive on this planet and both kinds live in Callahan County, or at least travel through the county.

The United Methodist Men of Cross Plains picked up trash on their two miles of responsibility along Highway 880 north of Cross Plains. They piled about 20 bags of trash at the base of the highway sign just north of the city that announces their cleanup responsibility. So, all was well, right? Not so!

They (there must have been more than one) came along Saturday night and ran over the trash bags with their automobile in a deliberate effort to re-scatter the trash along the highway. (See

We have always known that people who trash highways represent one type of litterbug, a lowlife kind of insect. This type of brand of dastardly deeds on Saturday night.

So, all the good folks who traveled Highway 880 on Sunday morning on their way to church to visit relatives could plainly see the bad work of this second type of litter-bug. I suppose we can call them re-litterbuggers.

And so, a post script to the relitter-buggers. If you get a flat tire in the next few week, look for broken beer bottle glass, the brown kind, because there was a lot of it under your tire tracks.

(Please contact Wallace Bennett at (254) 725-7474 of e-mail (csb5@airmail.net) about possible news or personal items for this column.)

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## QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Note: I'm beginning to attempt to walk with the therapist present.

"We're Marching to Zion"

When the saints come MARCHIN' in---MARCH---MARCH. Everything you see reads March. The wind is blowing! "March winds bring April showers-hence-April showers bring May flowers."

To me that pretty much spells out spring is on the way. I love spring with its cool (sometimes chilly) breezes, little shoots of pastel green sprouting up, probably last years bulbs, vines and perennials coming back. If you got to the nursery early on, there will be varied colored pansies smiling up at you, just as the narcissus, jonquils, tulips, and daffodils are beginning to thank about folding their smiling stardifferent shade of yellow. It's not too long now, before hyacinths and tulips will bloom, along with paperwhites. One early blooming flower, while the weather is still cold, is the white blossomed candy tuft. After the weather reaches 75 degrees they will cease blooming until next March.

I love these little white blooming flowers. They are a low growing plant and I mainly use them to them in February and plant a lot fill in around other taller plants or of beautiful autumn chrysanthein borders. Candy tuft, you can't mums.

Usually, right around Easter you will find the iris in full bloom; then the amaryllis begins to bloom with its coral, gold and orange large star-shape bloom waving gloriously in the brisk breezes. You can look a few weeks later for some lilies to bloom. There are many different types of lilies and they also come in various pastel shades. My favorite in the Lily of the Valley with its tiny white bell-like

If you have an area of shady ground you'd like to fill, plant different varieties of fern, also in between the ferns plant hostas and on the ends or front and center plant amaryllis, any color. This makes a beautiful display.

There are jillions of kinds, types, varieties, etc. of flowers, plants bushes, vines, etc. for summer. Just visit your local nursery shaped faces. Each species is in a or seed center and choose what you like.

For fall and winter pick some bushes with red or yellow berries and a touch of color on the leaves such as nandina, which one of my grandmother Dennis' favorites.

As far as flowers in the fall, you can begin buying pansies and planting them from September, October and later, if need be.

In Lubbock they begin selling

## RISING STAR NURSING **News**

All of us here at Rising Star project this week. The residents Nursing Center would like to say really look forward to this and Congratulations to the Cross they do such a good job. Plans for Plains Lady Buffs on their another cooking day is also in the successful basketball season.

Our congratulations to the Wildcats for winning the Area has been completed. We are insect revealed its particular Championship. You have had an outstanding basketball Season one that will be remembered for years to come.

It makes us all so proud that our. They have successfully comsmall towns can succeed in doing great and mighty things.

Last Friday was such a beautiful day-after the storm Thursday. A lot of damage was reported on buildings, homes and powerlines, thank the Lord nobody was hurt.

We will be starting a spring craft that so greatly touch our lives.

A Certified Nurses Aide Class proud to announce we have four new CNA's here at the Center. Brandie Lamb, Mary McCaslin, Cristin Butler and Kay Benson. pleted 90 classroom hours and 24 clinical hours. Under the direction of Lori Osborn, a DON. Congratulations ladies.

Our thoughts and prayers for Jake Londess who is in the

It's the small acts of kindness

## BARBARIAN FESTIVAL NEWS

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The weather storm that came up quite suddenly last Thursday reminds us of how quickly other kinds of storms can come into our lives. Both kinds of storms can be frightening, and both kinds can bring damage or harm us if we're not prepared.

Just as there are places of safe refuge in regard to weather storms, so there is sage refuge in regard to the storms of life. Our lives must be "hidden" in Christ. Our trust must be in God. We must have prepared for safety before the storm hits to survive, to not be hurt. God has assured us that the storms will come for He does not place us in a vacuum to live; we live in the world. But as the Psalmist says, "God is my refuge and my fortress; in Him I will trust" (Ps. 91:2).

We encourage you to share with us in all the times of Bible study and worship as we meet together, to further prepare against the storms of life. We really do care about you!

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

The Festival Committee is busy finalizing plans for the upcoming Barbarian Festival, Saturday, June 12, 2004. These plans include: Car, Tractor and Motorcycle Show; Parade; Vendor and Food Booths; Motorcycle Games; and Live Entertainment by oldies bands, Class of '57.

New this year is "Area Outreach". This is open to area cities who can set up, FREE OF CHARGE, to promote the events in their cities.

If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Susan

McNeel (254) 725-6498, Cindy Payne (254) 725-6692, George and Verna Mathews (254) 725-7287, Bill and Charlsie Richardson (254) 725-7289, Terry Thomas (254) 725-6460, Terry Jane Wyatt (254) 725-7762 or David Pancake (325) 642-

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27, at Jean's Feed Barn at 6:30 p.m. or come early to eat. We would like to invite anyone interested to join us. It's lots of hard work but it's also lots of fun.

Submitted by Susan McNeel

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MARCH 15 - 19

Pears & Cottage Cheese, Pudding, Bread, Milk Coleslaw, Chocolate Chip, FRIDAY - Beef Stew, Tossed Cookie, Crackers, Milk WEDNESDAY - Pork Chops w/

MONDAY - Chicken & Gravy, mashed Potatoes, Green Dumplings, Tossed Salad, Peas & Beans, Carrot Cake, Bread, Milk Carrots, Peach Crisp, Bread, Milk THURSDAY - Fish, Rice Pilaf, TUESDAY - Chili w/Beans, Squash Medley, Butterscotch

Salad, Applesauce, Chocolate Cookie, Crackers, Milk

## Musical -

Falling on My Head", "Stormy Ranger High School. Weather", and "Somewhere Over Favorite Things". (Cross Plains Gershwin. and Cottonwood are very lucky to now have her "in residence".

S. Bach to "Til There Was You" and teaches classical guitar at ACU and Hardin-Simmons. Of

her own unique arrangements, on interest to us in this area was a piano, including a weather little known fact about him that medley of "Raindrops Keep he is a former football coach at

The thrilling finale was the the Rainbow". Another one in- re-appearance of Ms. Christensen cluded "The Sound of Music" and and Ms. Frush playing "Rhapsody "These Are A Few of My in Blue" written by George "Uplifting", "exciting",

"beautiful", "outstanding", Another unique treat was the "wonderful", are just some of the performance by Dan Mitchell on adjectives heard describing the the classical guitar. Mitchell performances. The piano, the played selections ranging from J. cello, and the classical guitar were the featured instruments and from "Music Man" by Meridith became magical in the talented Wilson. But the absolutely most hands of the artists. Following the stirring selection he played was program, friends and musicians "Malaguena" by Ernesto enjoyed fellowship and Lecuona, which if the name refreshments. Musical notes doesn't sound familiar, the tune decorated the cookie laden table would be if you heard it. Mr. which also featured a beautiful Mitchell is a professor in music crystal punch bowl and almond tea punch.

Submitted by: Carol Bennett

## **Ivie Family Reunion Set** for March 20th in Cisco

The Ivie Family Reunion will be cameras to make new memories, Cisco on Saturday, March 20th. Bring your favorite side food to

Remember to bring your 631-3426.

held at East Cisco Baptist plus your old photos. There will Church, 506 East 11th Street, be games to play and lots of stories to tell.

For additional information go along with the meats that you contact Norma Ivie at (254) 442-4770 or cellphone (254) 2003-2004 BASKETBALL BEAU AND SWEETHEART Andy Bennett, son of Phillip and Sheri Bennett, and Bree Dillard, daughter of Bud and Becky Dillard.

## **High School Teams'** First Track Meet

The track teams went to Winters last Friday and competed very well. The Varsity girls (with only 9 girls) won 2nd overall in the meet. Kelsee Richards won the shotput with a throw of 38'2.5" and placed 2nd in the discus with a throw of 100'2" inches. Kim Mosier won the high jump by clearing 4'10". Dayna Bennett placed 3rd in the shotput with a throw of 32'5". The team of Christin Hyles, Richards, Rainey Bacon and Naomi Isbell placed 3rd in the 400 meter relay (57.01) and 2nd in the 800 meter relay (2:01.88). C. Hyles, Mosier, Isbell, and Shana Hyles placed 2nd in the mile relay (4:52.15). S. Hyles placed 4th in the 800 meter run (2:57). Mosier won the 400 meter run (66) and placed 3rd in the 200 meter run (29.10). Bacon placed 5th in the 200 meter run (32.06).

success. Chris Beaty placed 3rd in the discus (97'7") and 6th in the shotput (31' 6.5"). River Dillard won the long jump with a jump of 17'8" and 3rd in the high jump at 5'2. The relay team of Russell Thomas, Thomas Estes, go to DeLeon this Thursday to Eddie Rose, and Dillard placed compete.

3rd in the 400m relay (41.41) and 4th in the 800m relay (1:46). The team of Thomas, Estes, Randy Duncan, and Chris McBride placed 5th in the mile relay (4:19.77). Rose placed 4th in the 400m run (63.96). Justin Dickson placed 6th in the 300m hurdles (58.95). Duncan placed 6th in the

200m dash (27.08).

The Varsity boys had an impressive showing as well competing with only 6 boys. Brandon Horton won the pole vault with a vault of 12' and Thomas Dimitri placed 2nd with a vault of 12'. The team of Chance Watkins, Horton, Dimitri, and Michael Allen placed 3rd in the 400m relay (47.79). The team of Watkins, Horton, Dimitri, and Jason Goains placed 3rd in the 800m relay (1:43.51). The mile relay team of Dimitri, Horton, Andy Bennett, and Allen placed The JV Boys also had a lot of 2nd (3:49,13). Bennett placed 2nd in the 800m run (2:09.68) and 3rd in the mile (3:49.13). Goains won 5th in the 100m dash (12.25) and 6th in the 400m dash (65.44). Allen won the 400m dash (52.64).

The high school track teams will

## Jr. High Participates in Winters Track Meet

By Coach Dillard

Friday, March 5, 2004 the Jr. High girls and boys loaded up and took off to Winters for their first trackmeet of the season. This meet had several bigger schools entered in it: Coleman, Brady, Kermit, Wall, Ballinger, Comanche, Christoval, Menard, Irion County, and also Robert Lee, Miles, Winters, and Cross Plains.

The Winters Blizzard meet had four divisions (two girl divisions and two boy divisions). This was avery long lasting meet with so many schools there but the Jr. High kids stepped right inand did a good job against these schools.

**Results in the Field Events** Long Jump: Christi Burrhus, 3rd, 13'43/4"; Emily Harris, 4th, 13'3 3/4"; Brittany Stout,—, 12'5

High Jump: Burrhus, 6th, 4'0"; Macayla Cook,—, 3'8"

Discus: Ashleigh Gallaway, 5th, 53'9"; Hailey Biggs and Betty

Shot Put: Mathews, 4th, 27'6 1/2"; Gallaway and Biggs

Triple Jump: Terrah Augustine,—, 24'1 1/4"; Harris,—, 22'10 1/2"

**Running Events** 2400m Run: Mandy Rose

400m Relay: T. Augustine, B. Stout, Starla Schaefer, and C. Burrhus, 5th, 62.35

800m Run: E. Harris, 6th,

2:58.47

100m Hurdles: M. Cook, 3rd,

20.34 100m Dash: Lela Bills, Biggs

and Gallaway 800m Relay: Augustine, Harris,

Schaefer and Burrhus 400m Dash: Bills, Stout and

Mathews 300m Hurdles: Cook

200m Dash: Bills, Stout and

Biggs 1600m Run: Rose

1600m Relay: Augustine,

Harris, Schaefer and Burrhus Special Helper - Tiffany Walker

The next trackmeet is at DeLeon on Friday, March 12.

## **Area Students** Included in The National **Dean's List**

A total of 9 students from this area are among the approximately 170,000 students included in the 26th annual Edition of The National Dean's List 2002-2003.

The National Dean's List, published by Educational Communications, Inc. Austin, Texas, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10 percent of their class, on their school's "Dean's List," or have earned a comparable honor. Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher, and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities. More than 2,500 colleges and universities nationwide use the publication to recognize their academically qualified students. To learn more about The National Dean's List visit www.thenationaldeanslist.com.

Area students selected include: Cross Plains- Kelli S. Hyles (Howard Payne University); Sonda J. McGowen (Howard Payne University); Rachel O'Dell (Cisco Junior College)

Rising Star - Jolena N. Fleming (Texas Tech University); Stacy J. Morris (Howard Payne University); Tracy L. Morris (Howard Payne University)

Clyde - Kendall Hayley (Cisco Junior College); David Hines (Angelo State University); (McMurry Joshua Jones University)

## Who's Who Among **American** H.S. Students **Sports Edition**

A total of two students from this area are included in the 2002-2003 Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students—Sports Edition.

Who's Who -Sports Edition, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Austin, Texas, is part of the largest recognition program in the nation honoring high school students. The Who's Who-Sports Edition honors out-

standing student-athletes. Athletes are nominated by coaches, teachers and sports organizations based on athletic achievement and participation in extra curricular activities.

Who's Who-Sport Edition students also compete for \$10,000 in scholarship awards. The book is also distributed on a complimentary basis to high schools, colleges and universities and public libraries throughout the country. Local student-athletes selected

include: **Cross Plains** Shana T. Hyles Clyde

Cassi Hillin Tamara R. Tyler.

## **Area Students** Who's Who Among American **High School**

A total of 68 students from this area are included in the 37th Annual Edition of Who's Who American High School Student, 2002-2003.

**Students** 

Who's Who, published by Educational Communication, Inc., Austin, Texas, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 97 percent of Who's Who students are college bound.

The 37th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students 2002-2003, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 700,000 students or just 5 percent of the nation's 15,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also ccmpete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about Who's Who Among American High School Students, visit www.whoswhohighschool.com.

Area students selected include: Cross Plains - Andrew J. Carouth, Veey R. Carpenter, Thomas Dimitri, Casandra M. Gallaway, Lori J. Hail Judith R. Hartman, Samantha R. Hutton, Jesse M. Norris, Cassia Ratliff, Marian Reed, Kevin M. Scott and Levi G. Wooten.

Rising Star - Rebecca J. Bonine, Lacy L. Harrelson, Landon C. Westerman and Andrea J. White.

Clyde - Kaysi N. Atkinson, Hannah R. Boen, Kenneth L. Brigman, Jr, Cody G. Bruton, Brittney D. Bryan, Julie A. Cain Christopher A. Clark, Courtney E. Clark, Samantha J. Clark, Libby Connel, Bettye K. Cook, Jamie D. Cooley, Kristi D. Cordova, Kendra Cumby, Alyssa M. Darby, Theresa A. Deyerle, William Cody Dezern, Callie Edwards, Brandi Giles, Callie J. Gleason, Casey A. Hart, Ashley Hillin, Cassi Hillin, Cody J. Hodges, Chastyn Hughes, Rebecca R. Korzenewski, Casey Lane, Rebecca A. Lashlee, Jennifer A. Maldonado, Melissa T. Martin, Keely May, Tyrel L. Mullican, Daena Munoz, Bryan P. Pickens, Cindy L. Pickens, Randi Poulin, Kenneth D. Powers, Valerie Price, Bailey R. Reynolds, Nicholas A. Rose, Cynthia Sargent, Jennifer Scaramuzzo, Orion R. Scott, Justin C. Seider, Malorie Simmons, Travis J. Smith, Elizabeth Tarrent, Rachel D. Tarver, Abigail A. Thompson, Stephanie Ann Wells, Candice L. White and Katherine Wooten.

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First Grade: Kristen Bland, Cheyenne Bomar, Bronc Dillard, Taryn Estes, Kelbi Hyles, Brenna Kleiber, Kaitlyn Koettel, Morgan Manley, Kiefer Steinle, Brody Thomas, Mikera Walker, Joshua Wootonn Second Grade: Haleigh King, Cameron Rockett, Tristan Stephenson, **Shelby Thomas** 

Third Grade: Cheyenne Cowan, Griff McConal, Samantha Regula Fourth Grade: Lauren Goode, Zoie Walker

Fifth Grade:

Sixth Grade: Shawna Lewis

CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY 2003-2004 "A" HONOR ROLL

4TH SIX WEEKS First Grade: Korbin McLean, Kaylee Potter, Jurnee Thomas, Allanta

Second Grade: Lindsey Ames, Christa Potter, Meagan Roberts Third Grade: Victoria Creamer, Katharine Goode, Joe Holland, Riley Lawrence

Fourth Grade: Shelby Ames, Rosa Salazar, Kenzie Taff, Austin Thomas, Morgan Thomas

Fifth Grade:

Sixth Grade: Zachary Snell

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First Grade: Lara Bills, Gaven Faries, Angel Floyd, Rueben Gomez, Ricky Higgins, Misty Ivie, Alma Meza, Nicholas Pfoh, Guadulupe Ramirez, Austin Walker

Second Grade: Brooklin Cantu, Dakota Gibbs, Colton McWilliams, Taylor Parker, Alyssa Wheeler, Justin Willis

Third Grade: Preston Armer, Laci Bills, Nicole Eisenbach, Daniel Higgins, Ashley Pfoh, Tony Skidmore, Lakeney Walker, Christopher Wheeler

Fourth Grade: Rebecca Allen, Dakota Bomar, Amanda Wootonn Fifth Grade: Delany Ames, Cody Ford, Joel Hinten, Toni Moore, Colton Rockett, Miranda Williams

Sixth Grade: Emma Bennett, Melissa Black, Nathan Creamer, Amanda Dunaway, Emily Foster, Tiffany Holland, Brittany Johnson, Kayla D Lawrence, Cole Luter, Cody Sliger

### CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL 2003-2004 PRINCIPAL HONOR ROLL 4TH SIX WEEKS

7th Grade: Jacob Estes, Krista Phillips

8th Grade: Jennie Lewis

9th Grade: Thomas Estes, Russell Thomas Sophomore: Travis Golson, Jesse Norris, Jeremiah Snell Junior: Michael Allen, Brandon Horton, Kelsee Richards

### Senior: Phillip Bennett, Katherine Wooten CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL 2003-2004 "A" HONOR ROLL 4TH SIX WEEKS

7th Grade: Sheena Apple, Terrah Augustine, Emily Harris, Mandy

8th Grade: Cody Baker, Christiana Burrhus, J J Callaway, Macayla Cook, Markus Maxwell, Jacob Melton, Starla Schaefer, Fili Vasquez, Mary Beth Vasquez, Tiffany Walker, Joseph Westerman

9th Grade: Cody Gibbs, Colton Manley, Michaela Wallace Sophomore: Brittany Adams, Rainey Bacon, Samantha Hutton, Ryan Payne, Clayton Thomas, Loli Vasquez, Levi Wooten Junior: Thomas Dimitri, Stephanie Edington, Lori Hail, Karen Ross

Senior: Brittany Apple, Daley Anderson, Dusty Dickson, Bree Dillard, Hayli-Jo Foster, Jose Mauricio

### CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL 2003-2004 "AB" HONOR ROLL 4TH SIX WEEKS

7th Grade: Lela Bills, Tawni Nichols

8th Grade: Brittany Franke

9th Grade: Joseph Baker

Sophomore: Forrest Creamer, Britta Scruggs

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Re: The Passion of The Christ **Parallels Late-Term Abortion** 

In Wichita, Kansas, the lateterm abortion capital of the world, the release of Mel Gibson's film is causing some to compare what happened 2000 years ago in Jerusalem, with what is happening today in every lateterm abortion. The parallels are hard to argue:

First, the "inhumane brutality" depicted on screen in Mel Gibson's film is remarkably similar to the inhumane brutality depicted in the photos of the mutilated bodies of late-term aborted babies who died a painful death, either before they were born, or while in the process of being

of any wrong-doing and did not deserve to die, so too, every abor-

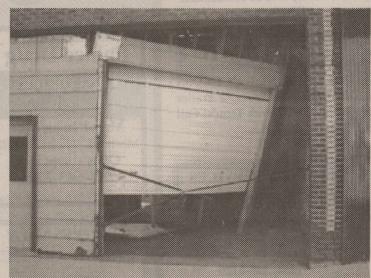
tion death is, in a literal sense, a crucifixion of an innocent person.

The third obvious parallel so spans the 2000 year gap in history that it seems like it all happened just yesterday; and that is, the parallel of the complete "failure of the judicial system". Mel Gibson's film shows us in wordfor-word detail, how Jesus Christ had His day in court, and yet how the court of His day failed miserably in its duty to provide justice. Likewise, the ultimate responsibility for the tragedy of late-term abortion, that the citizens of Wichita endure every day, is rightfully, laid at the door of our judicial system, specifically, the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Kansas Coalition for Life is asking everyone in the United States to trust in the power of prayer, and to earnestly pray for Secondly, the parallel of "inno- an end to abortion, especially for cence" is hard to miss. Just as en to the brutal and inhumane Christ was completely innocent late-term abortions that "bleeding Kansas" is known for world wide. Submitted by Mark S. Gietzen



LAST THURSDAY STORMS DELIVERED DAMAGE—Roger Williams' tin storage building, located behind the old Williams Planing Company, was destroyed. Part of it was in a nearby tree. The glass in the front door at Cross Plains Parts Plus was blown out on Main Street.



DOWNTOWN AREA HIT BY HIGH WINDS— The Wheeler building, just north of G & G Sporting Goods (former WTU) had a wall blown in. Dub Meador's building (former skating rink) also had the front wall blown in. The massive storm had a line of damage across Texas to Mexico.

IT'S A BO

Josh and Tiffany Ely would like to announce the birth of their first child, **Christopher John Ely** 

Christopher was born at Brownwood Regional Medical Center February 24, 2004 at 3:29 p.m. He weighed in at 8 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Rachel Aiken, Ricky Alston, and Charles Rambo. Maternal great-grandparents are John and Betty Aiken of Cross Plains.

Paternal grandparents are Don and Lavon Haney of Cross Plains and Kennith and Mechell Ely. Paternal great-grandmother is Betty Gartman of Cross Plains.

## Down Home—

an earnest effort to attend. Be prepared to see a more realistic depiction of the scourging of our Lord. It lends a whole new meaning to " by my stripes you are healed". You will realize, maybe for the first time, what the Cross means to our salvation.

Then ask yourself, what is your passion?

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## J.J. Tennison Named to Honor Roll

WACO—Cross Plains resident Jackie "J.J." Tennison has earned a place on the President's Honor Roll for the Fall semester at Texas State Technical College Waco. Tennison is a student in Welding Technology, and is among those recognized with a scholastic achievement of a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

J.J. is the son of Jackie and Marilyn Tennison of Cross

IT'S A BOY!!



Kirt and D'Neal Harle of Abilene would like to announce the birth of their son, Henry Jarrett Harle. Jarrett was born on Friday, February 20, at 8:57 a.m., and Abilene Regional Medical Center. His weight was 7 lbs., and Jarrett was 10-1/2 inches long. Jarrett and his parents are all doing well.

Maternal grandparents are Larry and Sherri Riney of Baird; maternal great-grandparents are Ike and Sue Neal of Cross Plains. Paternal grandparents are Rob and Nicki Harle of Baird; paternal great-grandparents are Lil Stallman of Columbus, TX and Joe and Mary Liz Harle of Austin, TX.

## Roping Club Outing Set for Saturday, March 20, at Arena

Bring your horse, your trailer the fun, come on down and bring and your appetite! Saturday, March 20th, we're going to have some fun at the Cross Plains Roping Club Arena. The weather is getting good and it's about time everyone enjoy it. Barbecue hamburgers will be served.

Anyone interested in joining in

your horse. We will be riding just for fun, no competition, although the barrels and poles can be set up for more adventurous folks.

Anyone wanting to join the club can do so Saturday. Memberships

Submitted by Drucilla Eppard

## tappy Birthday

MARCH 13 Jayleigh Blace Higgins Julia Morgan **Bobby Havens** Christine Hutchins Perry Glenn Strickland Gaylon Jackson

**MARCH 14** Rickey Thomas Mrs. R.P. Haun Tomy Carlisle Terry Harris Charlsie Richardson Rodney Renfro Lisa Dawn Dickson Joy Gerking Brooke Bowden

Billy Leon Lee

MARCH 15 Bailey Wayne Barr Traci (Morgan) Franke **Ethel Champion** Debra Denise Stout Joe McNeel James Barr Betty Albrecht Vicky Nigar Tracy Lee Long Marian (Odom) Scott Randy Walker Colt Self William Hines Myra Irwin

MARCH 16 Leonard Joy Beatrice Calhoun Rick Neal Shanda McClure Ralph A. Koenig

Mrs. Buddy Hardin Eddy Don Edmondson Becky Self Janna Pickett Mark Baum Estelle Freeland Robert Kuner

MARCH 17 Mrs. Fritz Barnett Albert Givins **Arnold Childers** Reggy Stover **Vondal Hutchins** Margie Wilson Mrs. Mary Hayes Randy Rucker T.J. Harris

MARCH 18 Henry Ring Gail Walker Bruce Johnson Kye King Jay Wilcoxen Chandra Heath Tina (Evans) Bradley Wilda Edington Faye Renfro Dorthy Merliynn Golson Kimberly (Merrill) Thomas Bonnie Jo (Gosnell) King Whitney Box

MARCH 19 Nora Jean Odom Dora Price-Warlick Judy (Peevy) Archer Peggy Brame Mrs. S.M. Smith Ticia Dee (Wilson) Elkins Betty Ann Aiken



There's a NEW

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

On February 10, 2004, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed its Second Amended Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and incurred costs associated with Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented from February 1, 1996 through December 31, 2002 between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and, in many instances, the exchanges of other local telephone companies. The Second Amended Application was filed pursuant to the Commission's Substantive Rule § 26.221 titled "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges."

ELCS expands the local calling scope of a telephone exchange to include one or more additional telephone exchanges if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. Costs and lost revenues associated with Valor's surcharge application are those not recovered through existing ELCS fees.

In the Second Amended Application, VALOR proposes to implement monthly ELCS surcharges for five years beginning on the date the Commission issues a final order on VALOR's request. The Commission can establish an ELCS surcharge for any duration. ELCS surcharges apply in addition to monthly ELCS fees. VALOR proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per residential line: \$.86 in Year 1, \$.85 in Year 2, \$.03 in Year 3, \$.02 in Year 4, \$.01 in Year 5. VALOR proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per business line: \$1.72 in Year 1, \$1.70 in Year 2, \$.06 in Year 3, \$.04 in Year 4, \$.02 in Year 5.

VALOR is currently billing interim ELCS surcharges approved by the Commission, including an interim ELCS surcharge of \$.65 per month per residential line and an interim ELCS surcharge of \$1.30 per month per business line. If rates below the level of the interim surcharges are ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR may be required by the Commission to refund all or part of the interim surcharges

If VALOR's Second Amended Application is approved, the net annual effect on VALOR's Year 1 revenues will be zero since the requested surcharges are designed to replace lost revenues and to reimburse VALOR for increases in costs associated with the provision of ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$3,867,372 in Year 1, 3,791,870 in Year 2, \$133,831 in Year 3, \$89,220 in Year 4, and \$44,610 in Year 5.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Commission assigned Docket No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, and no later than April 21, 2004, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512)936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

## **AVISO**

El 10 de Febrero de 2004, VALOR Telecommunicaciones de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service -ELCS) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras companías locales de teléfono. La Segunda Enmendacion de Applicacion se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la Segunda Enmendación de Applicación, VALOR propóne implementar un cargo mensual por cinco años commensando el dia que la Comicion sumete el orden finál, por la solicitación de VALOR. La Commission puede establisar sobrecargos ELCS for cualquier duración. Sobrecargos ELCS see applicarán arriba de los cargos mensuales ELCS.

VALOR háce proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada linea residental: \$.86 en Año 1; \$.85 en Año 2; \$.03 en Año 3; \$.02 en Año 4; y \$.01 en Año 5. VALOR háce proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada linea comercial: \$1.72 en Año 1, \$1.70 en Año 2; \$.06 en Año 3; \$.04 en Año 4, y \$.02 en Año 5.

Corrientemente, VALOR esta cobrando sobrecargos ELCS interines aprobados por la Comisión, incluyendo un interin sobrecargo de \$.65 por mes por cada linea residencial, y un interin sobrecargo de \$1.30 por mes por cada linea comercial. Si tasas bajo de los sobrecargos interines serán ultimamente aprobadas por la Comisión, es posíble que VALOR estará disponible a

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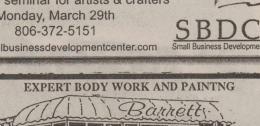
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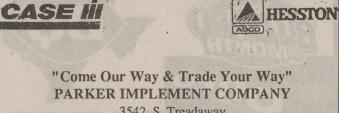
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| 2.5 Ac 3BR-2B, fire place, covered deck, pretty yard, good location, 1 tank                        | 78,000  |
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attitude. She has been employed remarked. in nursing homes for more than 25 years and has worked in every department. She was certified by the State of Texas as an Activity Director in 1978, and has served in that capacity longer than any other activity director currently working in the Central Texas

According to Johnnie Elliott,

Linda Merritt has been selected administrator, Linda is a great as employee of the first employee, always ready to tackle quarter at Rising Star Nursing any task at hand and give it her Center. Linda's title includes best shot. She works well with Activity Director and Assistant the residents and is well Administrator, however she respected by other staff wears many hats, always has a members. "I wish we had ten smile and all around great more just like her," Elliott

Rachel Riley, Director of Nurses, stated, "They say you reap what you sow, and as Linda works throughout the day with a smile and loving touch for everyone she meets (even the most difficult person), I realize she can never reap everything she has sown in her lifetime."

## **Residents Invited to Forum** on Community Issues

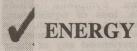
What does our community need? What could be improved? What would make life better for everyone who lives

All local residents who are interested in a better future for themselves, their families and our community are invited to participate in the Texas Community Futures Forum at 6:30 p.m., April 1, 2004 at the Calla-

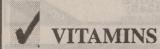


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The Forum is being conducted in every county as a statewide effort of Texas Cooperative Extension, an agency of the Texas A&M University System, to bring together a diverse group of individuals, group and organizations to identify issues and concerns.

"We want to get broad-based input into this process so that a plan can be developed for the future of each county and for Texas as a whole," said Dr. Chester Fehlis of College Station, Extension director. "We also want other local, state and federal agencies and organizations to participate. Many of the needs and concerns of people can best be addressed through cooperation and partnerships among the agencies and organizations that serve them."

The Futures Forum process will help Extension develop its long-range plan for the next four years, 2005 through 2008. However, the true goal is to facilitate the identification of common needs and define a process for addressing these needs to create a better economic, environmental and social situation in communities

across the state. Everyone is encouraged to let their voices be heard in the Callahan County Forum on April 1st. This is your opportunity to

speak to the future. Please call the Callahan County Extension office at (325) 854-1518 if you want to attend, to help us plan for facilities and supplies.

Robert Pritz County Extension Agent-Ag

## BURKETT **VOLUNTEER FIRE**

DEPARTMENT Work Day

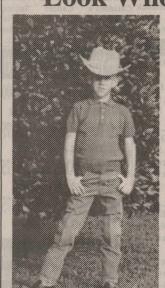
**Scheduled For** Saturday, March 13 1:00 p.m.

at the **Fire House** 

(Across the street from Post Office in Burkett)

Anyone wishing to lend a hand, your time would be greatly appreciated.

## **Look Who's Turning**





James "Tootsie" Wilson

## Linda Merritt Named Former Resident (8-Cross Plains Review March 11, 2004) Employee of the Quarter Honored Recently Rising Star Nursing Center as "Officer of the Year"

Each year the S.T.O.P. Narcotics Task Force recognizes the person who has made the greatest contribution of character, and has been an example of exceptional law enforcement personnel as Office of the Year.

On December 2, 2003 the Task Force personnel selected undercover agent Holly (Biggs) Bays for this honor. In his letter of commendation, Commander Adam King wrote, "The person selected as Officer of the Year will represent the entire unit as the best we have to offer, and a placed in the selection process. Bays has at every opportunity exhibited a high level of character that includes, but is not limited to, honesty, teamwork, dedication, loyalty, personal motivation, inand technical ability."

Offender Program) Narcotics Brown of Cross Plains and Task Force is comprised of offic- Estelle Biggs of Eastland.

ers, deputies, and staff from a wide variety of agencies from a four county area consisting of Erath Somerell, Hood and Johnson counties. This Task Force is comprised of 22 officers and they are responsible for Narcotics Enforcement, Special Crimes and Terrorism.

Holly (Biggs) Bays is a 1992 graduate of Cross Plains High School and a 1993 graduate of Tarleton State University Police Academy. Holly has been in law enforcement for nine years. She has been with the Stephenville great amount of consideration is Police Department for five years and has been assigned to the Task Force for four years. Holly was pronounced to Supervisor of the Erath County Division of the Task Force in December 2003.

Holly is the daughter of terpersonal communication skills Charlotte Lee and sister of Hailey Biggs of Cross Plains. She is the The S.T.O.P. (Stop The granddaughter of Buck and Joan

## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Who Is Your Daddy

A seminary professor was va-Gatlinburg, TN. One morning while eating breakfast at a little restaurant, they noticed a disvisiting with the guests. After a while he came to their table.

asked in a friendly voice.

"Oklahoma." they answered. 'I teach at a seminary," the professor replied.

"Well, I've got a really great a changed person. story for you." And with that the gentleman pulled up a chair and

The man started his story. "See far from the base of that mountain there was a boy born to an time growing up because every amounted to anything." new place he went he was asked daddy?" He avoided people because that question hurt him so

hearing the question, "Who is nessee!" your daddy?" One day the new so fast he got caught and had to God's children!

walk out with the crowd. Just about the time he got to the Internet.

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the back door, the new preacher not knowing anything about him,

Whenever anyone asked him, "Who is your daddy?" he'd just tell them, "I'm a Child of God."

As the man rose and turned to that mountain over there?" Not go he said, "You know, if that new preacher hadn't told me that I was one of Gods' children, unwed mother. He had a hard I probably would have never

the same question. "Who is your the waitress, "Do you know who that man was?"

Someone in your life may need preacher said the benediction a reminder that they are one of This story was sent to me over

said "Son, who is your daddy?" cationing with his wife in People got quiet and the new preacher sensed the situation and using the discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, tinguished looking, white haired said the following to that embarman moving among the tables rassed little boy... "Wait a minute!" he said, "I know who you are. I see the family resem-"Where are you folks from and blance now. You are a child of what do you do for a living?" he God." With that he patted the boy on the shoulder and said, "Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it." The boy smiled and walked out the door

The seminary professor asked

The waitress grinned and said, 'Of course, everybody here He went to church but he went knows him. That's Ben Hooper. in late and left early to avoid He's the former governor of Ten-



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## Dillard-Snow

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A reception will be held on Saturday, March 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Barn at

The family of Mazie Smoot Jerry and Shirley Smith's home

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Your attendance in lieu of gifts would be appreciated.

## Marine Corps League to Meet Thursday, March 11

of the Marine Corps League will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11th, in the meeting room of Lemon's Bar-B-Q Restaurant, 3202 Coggin Avenue in

The election of officers at this

The Pecan Valley Detachment by all members and prospective members. All charter members who have not personally signed the application for charter are requested to contact the Adjutant/ Paymaster (Billy Murphy) for signing ASAP. Semper Fi! For further information contact

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