



## Band plays at event

A big crowd gathered on the dance floor (above) at the St. Patrick's Day Pub Party Saturday at City Limits Convention Center. The proceeds from the event went to the Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival. John Morton (right) got an inflatable leprechaun in on the dancing as well. Lottie McLemore (below left) and Leilani Thomas of the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce took tickets at the door and gave out tickets for door prizes. Blake McLemore (below right) sang at the event as part of the Mama's Boys. Other band members were Brandon McLemore, Jordan Sharp, Rusty Helin and Brock Wagoner.

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# Legion post recognizes members

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Over 50 people gathered at the Colby American Legion Post to help celebrate the national organization's birthday.

Post Commander Monte Lewis said the Legion was founded in 1919 in Paris and has a nationwide birthday celebration each spring. Speaking from behind a podium with U.S. and state flags next to it, he started the celebration by recognizing three longtime members: Gerald L. Adrian, who has been a member for 50 years; Kenneth Theiler, a member for 60 years; and Leo Berens, a member for 70. Each was given a plaque.

Adrian, the father of Colby Mayor Gary Adrian, was brief with his comments, but the other two took a little longer speaking, and the audience got more worked up.

"It's nice to be able to look over the crowd and see people I know and people I don't know, and people I should know. We're all legionnaires," said Theiler, adding that he did not think himself a good public speaker. "And you've

got to be proud of the fact that we're legionnaires."

Most of the crowd of legion members, family and friends clapped when Theiler finished.

Berens said he moved here after being discharged from the Army about 43 years ago.

"I want to thank the American Legion," he said. "They've done a great job of everything."

When Berens finished, the crowd gave him a standing ovation.

Legion members who helped with recent volunteer work were congratulated. Lewis thanked Adjutant Jim Vap for helping the post surpass its 100 percent enrollment quota, and gave him one of two license plates the post earned for reaching that goal. Vap said later the quota is based on last year's enrollment numbers, but the unit had gone from 137 members last year to 146 this year.

Lewis then introduced Tracey Galli, commander of the Sons of the American Legion, a group he said includes eight Legion members.

"Quite honestly, they're the face

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# Author speaks at area church

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A radio commentator and author visited the Brewster Community Church this weekend, sharing his views on Christianity and history and said that civilizations constantly struggle between dictatorship and freedom.

"The most important thing is to worship Christ," said William J. Federer, "but the second most important thing is to preserve the freedom to do the most important thing."

Federer spent the weekend in Brewster, talking about several of his books. He said his father was a member of several historical societies in St. Louis and got him interested in the subject, and that while working in radio, he began writing books on the side.

Pastor Mike Pinkleman said he invited Federer speak after hearing him on the show "Southwest Radio Church" on radio station KLTT, a Christian station in the

Denver area.

Federer's books generally deal with religion as well as history. After he had taken over two hours speaking about his book "Change to Chains" on Saturday night, the audience of about 30 agreed to hear him finish Sunday, when he talked about some of his other books. He also joined a service at the church on St. Patrick's Day to discuss the saint himself.

"Change to Chains" covered what he described as the last 6,000 years of recorded history. He showed the audience a slideshow that included maps of ancient kingdoms, around the world - including those mentioned in the Bible - and said that the general rule during that time was for people to be ruled by some kind of king.

"We've got a 6,000-year quest to conquer the world," Federer said, "and the thing is, everyone of us has the little dictator gene inside of us."

He described ancient Israel as

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# Truck rolls over, half of cattle die

About half the cargo of a cattle truck was killed when the driver overturned during a snowstorm last week.

The Thomas County sheriff's office reported a call at 5:20 a.m. March 10 from Billy Joe Angell, who rolled his truck loaded with about 300 hundred Holstein steer calves which slid off the road on the 2800 block of North Range Avenue, or highway K-25, near Veterans Memorial Drive.

"Basically he just kind of slid off the road and turned over and a lot of cows got out," said deputy Corey Ferguson, who worked the accident.

Ferguson said about half of the

cattle died. A group of volunteers went through the area looking for survivors.

"One of them fell through a window well and was stuck in someone's window well in the basement overnight," Ferguson said.

Two more calls came into the sheriff's office last Monday about loose calves. Ferguson would not give the name of the company that owned the truck, but did say some of the calves had been donated to the college farm.

# Home and garden show here this weekend

Businesses from around the Tri-State region and beyond will showcase their products and services at the 23rd Annual Better Home and Living Show this weekend at the Community Building.

The free show runs from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. People can expect to see dozens of exhibitors, including home improvement providers, hardware stores, photographers, home-based businesses, real-estate agents and banks. There will be a craft show in the building's downstairs theater at the same time.

"For many people, it's a kick-off to spring," said Sacha Sanguinetti, general manager in Colby for Rocking M Radio, the show's spon-

sor. He estimated that 2,000 to 3,000 people came to last year's show.

Dennis Tubbs from Thomas County Insurance described the show as "a great place to meet people and make contacts." Tubbs said he was an exhibitor at last year's show and will be there this year. He said the show is an opportunity to let everyone know his company is an independent insurance agency that can write policies from many different companies.

"People didn't realize how many options we had available," he said, adding that last year's show gave him a chance to chat with residents and tell them what the agency has to offer.

Melanie Voss, an agent with Farm and Ranch Realty, said she is looking forward to

this year's show as an opportunity to network and meet people.

"This year's booth will highlight our successes in 2012, as well as our new listings," she said. "The show will be a great family atmosphere."

In addition to many returning vendors, several new vendors will attend this year, Sanguinetti said, including new businesses, as well as established businesses that are simply new to the show. He said exhibitors tend to offer special deals and giveaways during the show. There will even be car dealerships displaying their vehicles outside.

The Colby Community College volleyball team will provide concessions.

