

## Brown-Hooten exchange vows at Colby church

Chanda Rachelle Brown and Cody Joe Hooten were married on July 24, 2004 at the Colby United Methodist Church with Rev. James Mardock officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mike and Jeanene Brown, Colby, and Joe Hooten and B. J. Hooten of Sulpher Springs, Texas.

The maid of honor was Cassie Brown, Manhattan, sister of the bride.

Matron of honor was Shelby Bain of Colby, friend of the bride. Honorary best man was Jimmy Hooten, brother of the groom. Best man was Nate Read, Philadelphia, Penn., friend of the groom.

Bridesmaids were Dooli Rugg, Kiowa, cousin of the bride; Rachel Simminger, Manhattan, friend of the bride; and Chrissy Cassidy, Colorado Springs, and friend of the bride. Sheila Adams, Fort Collins, was personal attendant of the bride. Groomsmen were Clint Payne and Colt Hooten, Sulpher Springs, nephews of the groom from Sulpher Springs; Tanner Brown, Colby, brother of the bride, Colby, and John Harvey, Arkadelphia, Ark.

The flower girl was Emily Rugg, Kiowa, and ring bearers were Logan Rugg, Kiowa and Tyler Kahmann, Haysville, all cousins of the bride. Jerrilee Shuman, cousin of the bride, and Pat Ziegelmeier, provided music.

Ushers were Drew Washburn, Trevor Anderson, Wayne Barton, and Dave Ray, friends of the couple.

A reception for the bride and



Mr. and Mrs. Cody Hooten

groom was held at the home of Lon Frahm, cousin of the bride. Host families were Mike and Cindy Moses, Larry and Joyce Washburn and Robb and Julie Ross, all of Colby.

The bride is a graduate of Colby High School and the University of Kansas majoring in journalism and mass communications. She is currently a reporter for KSNW-TV in Wichita.

The groom is a graduate of Sulpher Springs High School and Lyon College, Batesville, Ark., majoring in mathematics. He coaches basketball at Friends University in Wichita.

After a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple are at home in Wichita.

# Hoxie to offer 'Singspiration' Sunday

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

HOXIE - Music lovers will have a chance to listen or perform at the 2005 Hoxie Area Ministerial Alliance Singspiration.

Hosted by the Ministerial Alliance, the community is invited to join in for a night of local talent as various solos and choir pieces, as well as folk guitar and violin talent is showcased.

The Singspiration is one way the Alliance gathers and invites others to join in with fun and enjoyment to praise and honor God.

Singing begins at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27, and will last until 8:30 p.m.

A dessert potluck will follow the talent presentation, and while beverages and table service will be provided, those attending are asked to bring their favorite dessert.

The Singspiration will take place at the First Christian Church, 1024 Queen Ave., Hoxie.

For e information, contact Pastor Benny Rosell at (785) 675-3625.

The Hoxie Area Ministerial Alliance is a group of ministers who serve a variety of Christian churches in the Hoxie area.

"The purpose of this alliance of ministers is to provide Christian spiritual care, as well as, varied, compassionate humanitarian services to all members of the community," Pastor Adam Reichart said.

Reichart is pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hoxie, as well as president of the Alliance.

He said the Alliance works closely with each of its member churches to provide assistance to residents who are in need of food, money, gas or utilities.

"It's a way if someone in the community needs help, the churches consolidate together to help them," Reichart said.

Reichart also said the Alliance works with the Sheridan County Sheriff's office to transient people who are in need.

Alliance assistance is made possible through cash donations, as well as donations to the local food

pantry. Hoxie resident Mollie Bretz is the local volunteer food pantry coordinator.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Hoxie Area Ministerial Alliance may do so by contacting Bretz at (785) 675-2303.

Members of the Alliance are: First Christian Church, Pastor Benny Rosell, 675-3635

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Larry Booth, (785) 462-7175

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rev. Adam Reichart, 675-2258

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Rev. Leroy Herder, 754-2217

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, Father Benjamin Saw, 675-

3300 The Cross & Flame Parish, United Methodist Church, Rev. Daniel Kim, 675-3946

Living Word Fellowship, Rev. Dan Rohm and Rev. Amanda Rohm, 675-3174

## 'Raise the Roof' event planned Sunday in Colby

There will be a "Raise the Roof" community-wide Singspiration, Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Wesleyan Church starting at 6 p.m. The event

is old-fashioned singing combined with yesterday, today, and the hope of tomorrow into one special gospel evening, organizers said.



## Materials linked to the Bible debated

An ancient fortress, a burial box and a piece of cloth — historical remains related to the Bible never cease to provoke heated debate, whether the discoveries are thought to be tantalizing clues, cynical hoaxes or just archaeological mistakes.

Right now, for instance, three highly technical disputes have erupted over materials linked to Scripture:

—In the most important development, scholars say tests on remains from a dig in modern-day Jordan indicate the biblical country of Edom existed during the era of Kings David and Solomon, if not earlier. The find could undercut skeptics of biblical history.

—Prosecutors in Israel filed fraud charges Dec. 29 involving a purported first-century inscription of Jesus' name. But this month a prominent archaeology magazine will assail the government's scientific evidence.

—New testing indicates the "Shroud of Turin," a celebrated relic said to be Jesus' burial cloth, could actually date from his time. That opposes scientists' earlier conclusion that the artifact is a fraud from the medieval era.

The unending popular interest in such matters is undeniable.

Says Niels Peter Lemche of the University of Copenhagen, part of an arch-skeptical faction that treats most of the Old Testament as politically motivated fiction: "The public, that is people not members of the fraternity of biblical scholars, are still mainly interested in history. Did it happen as written or did it not happen? That is the question most often asked when talking to an audience of lay persons."

The public's fascination is evident to Lemche in the success of Biblical Archaeology Review, a 30-year-old glossy magazine with 120,000 subscribers. It explains scholars' ongoing dustups for lay readers.

Consider the excitement over the magazine's 2002 report about a first-century burial box for bones (or "ossuary") with an inscription that reads "James, son of Joseph, brother of Jesus." James led the early church in Jerusalem and — depending on which Christian tradition is being invoked — was either Jesus' brother, stepbrother or cousin.

Some immediately suspected the inscription was a hoax perpetrated either in ancient or modern times. Israel's new fraud indictments say the ossuary's owner was among five men who forged dozens of biblical artifacts.

The magazine's editor, Hershel Shanks, says the issue being released Feb. 15 will argue that nobody can yet decide whether the inscription is fake because Israel has thoroughly "bungled" the scientific evidence.

Meanwhile, the important Edom research has added fuel to one of the

hottest archaeological disputes of recent years.

The Bible reports that Edom was a well-defined land southeast of the Dead Sea that had kings before Israel (Genesis 36:31, 1 Chronicles 1:43), barred Moses during the Exodus (Numbers 20:14-21) and warred with King David (2 Samuel 8:13-14, 1 Kings 11:15-16).

But many scholars have claimed the Bible got it wrong, and no Edomite state existed before the eighth century. Part of their thinking stemmed from the fact that physical evidence of Edom was lacking. Meanwhile, Lemche's camp claimed that far-later writers invented David and Solomon and their kingdom, which the Bible says began around 1000 B.C.

Related to that, Tel Aviv University archaeologist Israel Finkelstein made a controversial bid to shift the usual dating of major sites in the Holy Land to say they came just after Solomon's reign. Unlike Lemche's group, Finkelstein does not deny there was a Solomon — but his theory means the Bible's record of Solomon is hugely distorted.

The argument between Finkelstein and most archaeologists' older chronology was pursued in Science magazine and at a recent radiocarbon summit in Britain.

Now comes the report on Edom, in the current edition of the quarterly Antiquity, by Russell Adams of Canada's McMaster University, Thomas Levy of the University of California, San Diego, and other colleagues.

They say pottery remains and radiocarbon work at a major copper processing plant in Jordan indicate settlement in the 11th century B.C. and probably before that, with a nearby monumental fortress from the 10th century era of David and Solomon. They are convinced the site was part of the Edomite state.

University of Arizona archaeologist William Dever had been skeptical about Edom's existence that early but says this "discovery is revolutionary" and lends credibility to the biblical kingdom of David and Solomon.

The Shroud of Turin dispute also involves radiocarbon tests, those done in 1988 on threads from the famous relic — which bears the faint image of a crucified man. The tests dated the cloth at A.D. 1260 to 1390.

But in the current edition of the journal Thermochemica Acta, Raymond Rogers of Los Alamos National Laboratory argues that the tested threads came from later patches and might have been contaminated.

Rogers' major point is that his chemical tests found no vanillin, a compound in flax fibers that gradually disappears. From that, he calculated that the shroud is 1,300 to 3,000 years old and could easily date from Jesus' era.



Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



CHURCH OF CHRIST, 510 E. 4th, Jay Kelley, minister, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

## Schedule of church services

**ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL**, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May. Christian Education for Youth, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September through May

**COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**, Pastor, Jeremy Gundling, 245 W. College Dr. - 462-8234, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.

**BEREAN CHURCH**, Rev. Francis Harwerth, 1000 S. Franklin, 460-3076, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Awana Clubs, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Middle & High School, Wednesday, 7 p.m. @ the Colby Armory

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**, Pastor Bradley L. Herndon, Grant & Webster Street, 462-2867, Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Evening Worship 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible 7:30 p.m.

**COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**, (SBC), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 462-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m.

**MINGO BIBLE CHURCH**, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Chris Shubert. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Nights: 1st Sunday of the month: potluck following morning service - no evening service; 2nd Sunday: services at 6:30 PM; 3rd Sunday: informal fellowship - bring a snack to share!; 4th and 5th Sunday: services at 6:30 p.m.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC**, 462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05 p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 p.m. and 9:25-9:40 p.m. on Sunday.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. September through May; Worship 9:30 a.m. June through Labor Day.

**WESLEYAN CHURCH**, 320 W. Pine - 462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.

**TEENS FOR CHRIST CONNECTION**, Everett Robert, 462-7404, Both middle school and high school program.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**, 1145 S. Franklin - 460-6605, President Dave Geldmacher, 846-7740; Elmer Schielke, 1st counselor, 462-9022 and Calvin Haverfield, 2nd counselor, 672-4165. Sacrament meeting 10 a.m., Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open to public, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, or by appointment. Call 462-3571.

**COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 462-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. http://www.gbgm-umc.org/colby-umc/

**REDEEMING LOVE CHURCH**, 345 N. Franklin, Bishop W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Service, Sunday, 10 a.m., Sunday worship, 11 a.m., Wednesday RLM Training Center (Bible School), 6 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**, 510 E. 4th, Jay Kelley, minister, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**LANDMARK UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**, Pastor Doyle Glasscock, 815 West 3rd - 462-3667, Service times: Sunday, 10 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**, (Disciples of Christ), 385 W. 3rd - 460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. E-mail: fcccolby@st-tel.net

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Alvin Bruenger, serving interim, East 5th & Country club, 462-3497, Worship, Saturday, 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Lutheran Hour on KXXX at 10 a.m.; KGCR at 2 p.m. website http://www.trinitycolbyks.org

**OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Brewster, Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

**PLEASANT HOME CHURCH**, Pastor, Charlie Busch, 694-2242, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Evening service, 6:00 p.m.

**LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Pastor Jerry Vincent, 586-2376, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

**WINONA METHODIST CHURCH**, Rev. Michael Eurit, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. (CDT)

**BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Dorine Chambers, 785-462-6044, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.

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**REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

**BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 694-2720, Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Wed. mornings 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 p.m. - Children's Ministries (Royal Rangers/ Missionettes), Wed. 7:15 p.m. - Intercessory & Prayer, Thurs. 4:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

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