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NUMBER 52

Callahan County Democratic Primary Election Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Total Number of Votes 2,788 of 17,494= 15.94%

President	Early	Election	Total
Joe Biden	1	4	5 0.35%
Barack Obama	133	394	527 37.06%
Hillary Clinton	253	595	848 59.63%
John Edwards	15	21	36 2.53%
Christopher J. Dodd	0	0	0 0.00%
Bill Richardson	1	5	6 0.42%

United States Senator	Early	Election	Total
Gene Kelly	114	264	378 35.73%
Richard J. (Rick) Noriega	83	255	338 31.95%
Ray McMurrey	69	140	209 19.75%
Rhett R. Smith	30	103	133 12.57%

United States Representative, District 19	Early	Election	Total
Dwight Fullingim	199	506	705 67.46%
Rufus Mark	99	241	340 32.54%

Railroad Commissioner	Early	Election	Total
Dale Henry	88	226	314 31.34%
Mark Thompson	148	382	530 52.89%
Art Hall	36	122	158 15.77%

Chief Justice, Supreme Court	Early	Election	Total
Jim Jordan	241	649	890 100%

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7	Early	Election	Total
Baltasar D. Cruz	56	214	270 26.14%
Sam Houson	216	547	763 73.86%

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8	Early	Election	Total
Susan Criss	233	551	784 77.24%
Linda Reyna Yanez	33	198	231 22.76%

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3	Early	Election	Total
Susan Strawn	258	677	935 100%

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4	Early	Election	Total
J.R. Molina	248	687	935 100%

County Sheriff	Early	Election	Total
Eddie Glen Curtis	323	830	1,153 100%

Tax Assessor/Collector	Early	Election	Total
Tammy T. Walker	350	832	1,182 100%

County Commissioner, Precinct #1	Early	Election	Total
Harold S. Hicks	76	182	258 100%

County Commissioner, Precinct #3	Early	Election	Total
Tom F. Windham	108	204	312 100%

County Constable, Precinct #4	Early	Election	Total
William (Bill) Young	64	76	140 54.26%
Don Gosnell	38	80	118 45.74%

County Chairman	Early	Election	Total
Heather Allen Guthrie	301	741	1,042 100%

Callahan County Republican Primary Election Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Total Number of Votes 2,788 of 17,494= 15.94%

President	Early	Election	Total
Hugh Cort	1	2	3 0.23%
Fred Thompson	1	11	12 0.92%
Hoa Tran	0	0	0 0.00%
Ron Paul	6	33	39 3.00%
Mike Huckabee	128	531	659 50.61%
Rudy Giuliani	5	1	6 0.46%
John McCain	192	364	556 42.70%
Duncan Hunter	2	4	6 0.46%
Mitt Romney	5	9	14 1.08%
Alan Keyes	0	1	1 0.08%
Uncommitted	0	6	6 0.46%

United States Senator	Early	Election	Total
Larry Kilgore	61	220	281 24.76%
John Cornyn	246	608	854 75.25%

United States Representative, District 19	Early	Election	Total
Randy Neugebauer	289	820	1,109 100%

Railroad Commissioner	Early	Election	Total
Michael L. Williams	248	738	986 100%

Chief Justice, Supreme Court	Early	Election	Total
Wallace B. Jefferson	232	714	946 100%

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7	Early	Election	Total
Dale Wainwright	240	721	961 100%

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8	Early	Election	Total
Phil Johnson	242	717	959 100%

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3	Early	Election	Total
Tom Price	245	718	963 100%

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4	Early	Election	Total
Robert Francis	73	179	252 26.11%
Paul Womack	171	542	713 73.89%

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9	Early	Election	Total
Cathy Cochran	237	700	937 100%

State Senator, District 24	Early	Election	Total
Troy Fraser	268	768	1,036 100%

State Representative, District 53	Early	Election	Total
Harvey Hilderbran	251	708	959 100%

Justice, 11th Court of Appeals District, Place 2	Early	Election	Total
Rick Strange	236	701	937 100%

District Judge, 42nd Judicial District	Early	Election	Total
John Weeks	243	743	986 100%

County Attorney	Early	Election	Total
Shane Deel	285	774	1,059 100%

County Sheriff	Early	Election	Total
John Windham	237	702	939 100%

Justice of Peace, Precinct #4	Early	Election	Total
Burlie W. Taylor	102	198	300 100%

County Constable, Precinct #4	Early	Election	Total
Ed C. Duncan	89	175	264 100%

County Chairman	Early	Election	Total
Reggie Pillans	258	693	951 100%

Precinct Chairman, Precinct #2	Early	Election	Total
Cody Marshall	26	79	105 53.30%
Roxanne Schoen	8	84	92 46.70%

Ballot Initiative No. 1	Early	Election	Total
Yes	314	888	1,202 97.60%
No	4	23	27 2.20%

Ballot Initiative No. 2	Early	Election	Total
Yes	297	831	1,128 91.63%
No	23	80	103 8.37%

Ballot Initiative No. 3	Early	Election	Total
Yes	290	824	1,114 92.83%
No	18	68	86 7.17%

Commissioners declare State of Disaster for Callahan County

The Callahan County Commissioners voted to declare a State of Disaster for Callahan County as a result of the recent grass and brush fires in Callahan County.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, March 3rd during a commissioners' court meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Judge Roger Corn presented the commissioners' court with a copy of a Proclamation by the Governor of the State of Texas certifying that 216 counties, including Callahan County, are threatened by an extreme fire hazard. After deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham to declare a State of Disaster for Callahan County in accordance with the Governor's Proclamation. A second on the motion was made by

Commissioner Tom Windham and the motion carried with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court meeting included:

—Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Present were Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and Deputy County Clerk Suzee Odom.

—On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and a second by Commissioner Farmer, the commissioners' court meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

Final Candidates for School Board Trustees and City Council Election

Two former school board members, Donnie Dillard and Bryan Bennett, were the only candidates to file in the Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board Trustee election. Only two positions are available, that of Scott Childress and Frankie Hyles.

In the City Council election only incumbent, Ray Purvis, filed for the position of mayor.

Six candidates have filed for the two council seats of Jerry Cassle and James Nichols who are

expiring. Incumbents Cassle and Nichols are seeking re-election, while Bob Kirkham, Gerald Brown, Shana Bagley Hinyard and Homer Parson are seeking their first terms.

Early voting will begin April 28, 2008 and end May 6, 2008 and the general election is set for May 10, 2008.

Monthly Gospel Mission Singing Next Tuesday

The Monthly Gospel Mission Singing will be held Tuesday, March 18th, at 7:00 p.m. Gospel Mission is located at 716 NE 1st Street, Cross Plains.

C.P. Baseball Meeting this Sunday,

March 16th

The Cross Plains Baseball League will meet Sunday, March 16th, at 2:00 p.m. at the local Dairy Queen.

New officers will be elected at this time.

Anyone interested in coaching a team at any level from T-ball to Pony League are encouraged to attend.

Annex Challenge Issued by Cross Plains Public Library—Will You Reply?

It is official—in order to complete the renovation of the building next door to the local library and to move all of the children's resources and programs over there, only \$37.00 is needed.....from 192 people.

During the meeting of the Board of Directors on January 14, it was noted that although grants were still in the consideration process with foundations, we needed only a little over \$10,000. A quick calculation and we had a nice round and interesting amount of \$37.00.....280 times. The entire Board immediately pledged their individual thirty-seven dollars and the challenge was underway.

Ann Beeler has created a clever display box from photos of the actual library. It's worthy a visit to the library just to see the box on the front desk. And while you're there, you are invited to throw your \$37.00 in "the library."

Even as we work to raise the remaining funds to finish the annex (ceilings, flooring, the bathroom, doors and display

areas), the children's programs continue to grow. The **After School Adventure Program** that was started in the fall attracts more children each month. As you will note elsewhere in this paper, the space for the bluebird house project was totally maxed out with 16 kids, unassembled birdhouses, loose screws, all size of Phillip screwdrivers, and numerous adult helpers. Several of the children found it easier to work on the floor than on the adult sized conference table. The annex will have a much larger area for the children—both program wise and resource wise.

If more and more children are interested in coming to the Cross Plains Public Library, surely the good citizens of the area will find ways to help make it happen. Like \$37.00—not all that much to invest in a child, is it?

Please contact the Library at 254-725-7722 any afternoon for more information.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson

DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: Here are some interesting statements that Bill Gates made at a speech he made

at a high school. He presents 11 things "he thinks" kids did not and will not learn in school. He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world. See if you agree. **Vanda Anderson**

Rule 1: Life is not fair—get used to it!

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different

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Organizational Meeting Rescheduled for Area Fire Departments Fund-raiser

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

The organizational meeting to plan a fund-raiser for three volunteer fire departments, including Cross Plains, Cottonwood and Burkett, has been rescheduled for Monday,

March 17th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The original meeting was cancelled due to the snow storm that blew in. They will meet in the Texas Heritage Bank Community Room in Cross Plains.

Anyone interested in helping with the project is encouraged

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Texas Heritage Bank

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OBITUARIES

Novella Rash

Leta Novella Rash, 94, passed away Wednesday, March 5, 2008, in Hamlin. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 7, 2008, in Holly Hills Memorial Park in Granbury, directed by Adams Funeral Home.

Born September 3, 1913, in Burkett, Texas, Leta was the daughter of the late J.O. and Eulalah Colvin. She married Theo Rash and was a retired school bus driver. Leta moved to Hamlin in 1980 from Granbury and was a member of the Hamlin Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, and two sisters, Marie Perryman and Annie Lee Pancake.

Survivors include one sister, Rita Sojourner of Hamlin; two nieces, Barbara Sojourner of Snyder and Sheila Coffey of Medina; and one nephew, Jim Sojourner.

Mark Wayne Pillans

Mark Wayne Pillans died on February 24, 2008, following a brief illness. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, February 29, at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Faith, 5701 Hwy 277 South with Rev. Werth Mayes officiating. Burial was in the Atwell Cemetery.

Born in Abilene, Texas on April 26, 1961, Mark was the son of Neal and Joice (Teague) Pillans. He graduated from Rotan High School in 1979. Mark married the love of his life, Neta Chancellor, and was a devoted father to their daughter, Cassidy Chancellor.

Mark began working for Atmos Energy (formerly Lone Star Gas Company) in 1989, at which time he and Neta lived in Abilene and Sweetwater. In 2006 he was transferred to Ponder, Texas, where he served as compressor specialist for Atmos Energy's Ponder Compression Station.

Mark was an avid outdoorsman and loved fishing, cooking, working on his cars, visiting with family, and watching the Dallas Cowboys.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Howard Pillans and John Teague.

Survivors include his loving wife, Neta Pillans of Ponder; daughter, Cassidy Chancellor of Wichita, KS; parents, Neal and Joice Pillans of Rotan; brothers, John Pillans and wife Dottie of Rotan, and Matthew Pillans and wife Lynne of Lampasas; sister, Karla Paske and husband Tommy of Rotan; brother-in-law, Roy Twilley of Dallas; and grandmothers, Vera Pillans of Abilene and Evelyn Teague of Rotan.

Ranch Rodeo in Gorman to Benefit Trooper Clint Cole

There will be a Ranch Rodeo on Saturday, March 15th, beginning at 4:00 p.m., to benefit State Trooper Clint Cole from Gorman, who has cancer. We want to show him that our community cares about him and his family. Trooper Cole has 3 children.

There will be 6 events. The entry fee is \$400.00 per 5 man team. A concession stand will be available. Bring your lawn chairs!

Gate entry is \$5.00, 13 and older, 12 & under free, \$3.00, 65 & older.

The arena is on Highway 8 about 3 miles out. There will be signs showing the way.

Contact Barbara Fenley at 254-734-5377 or Vickie Majors at 254-734-3276 for any questions.

Come join in the fun! We hope to see you there!

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Cross Plains Review Deadlines

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Articles Noon on Monday

Arlene Gillit Laney

Arlene Gillit Laney, age 72 of Cross Plains, passed away Monday, March 10, 2008 at her home.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2008 at the graveside in the Cross Plains Cemetery with Edward Walters officiating.

Arlene was born October 2, 1935 in Cross Plains to Clifton Orlene and Nora Elizabeth (Ingram) Gillit. She was a wife, mother, grandmother and a very hard working person. Arlene married J.M. Kelley and he preceded her in death in 1975. Later she married Benjamin Laney and he preceded her in death in 2000. She worked for the sewing factory; TS Langford in Abilene, but her heart was that of a caregiver and she worked in that field at various nursing homes including Colonial Oaks Nursing Home and the Baird Hospital. She was a member of the 206 Baptist Mission in Cross Plains.

Arlene was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, two sons and one sister.

Survivors include two sons, Cecil Ray Byrd of Cross Plains and Danny Joe Kelly of Granbury; a daughter, Linda Kay Brooker of Brownfield; 9 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Jack Webb Lacy

Jack Webb Lacy, age 79 of Lampasas, died Sunday, March 9, 2008 at Rollins Brook Community Hospital in Lampasas.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sneed Funeral Chapel with Reid Schaub officiating. Interment will follow at Sipe Springs Cemetery, at 3:00 p.m. graveside service. Sneed Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Jack was born October 30, 1928 in Cross Plains, Texas the son of Jasper Watson Lacy and Hettie Webb. Jack grew up in Cross Plains and graduated from high school there in 1946. He went on to Texas A&M University, graduating in 1950 with a bachelor of science degree. He later completed his master's degree from Howard Payne University. In 1951 he served in the US Army, being stationed at Ft. Hood and later served in Germany for 16 months with the 4th Armored Division. December 19, 1953 he married the love of his life, Betsy Whiteside in Sipe Springs, Texas. Jack taught students the ethic and hard work and respect. His first ag teaching job was in Coleman in 1953. 1955 he and Betsy moved to Lampasas to pursue his ag teaching career, which he held for 24 years. Students won many awards showing livestock under his instruction. George Hermann won 3 major stock shows under Jack's instruction and many other breed champions were won as well.

In 1966 and 67 he was president of Vocational Agriculture Teacher's Association. Jack judged many county livestock shows and in major shows he had a keen eye for a good show steer. In 1971 he hung up his show clippers and began serving as Superintendent of Lampasas schools, a job he held until 1977. After retiring from LISD Jack ran a western wear store and was a real estate broker. Jack was a member of the Kiwanis, Lion's Club, served on the Spring Ho committee, and numerous other civic committees.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Betsy Whiteside Lacy; a brother, Harlon Lacy; and a sister, Lenora Newton.

Survivors include a son, Wade Lacy and his wife Louise; granddaughters, Betsy Shae Lacy, Leanna Brehm, Lauren Brehm, and Erin Lafferty; and great-granddaughters, Destiny Brehm and Addison Lafferty.

Memorials may be made to Lampasas County Youth Livestock Association.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Anthony J. Payne, theft by check.
Lacey N. Timms, theft by check.
Tina L. Tedford, theft by check.
Ray C. Ward, theft by check.
Jeremy S. Alexander, Ct. I - unlawful carrying weapon, Ct. II - possession of marijuana.
Felipe Gomez-Luevano, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Jose A. Sustaita, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Michael Jones, transfer request from Lubbock Co. to Eastland Co. granted.
Brandi Hicks, notice of compliance with additional terms of probation.
Clarla Sue Fowler, motion to withdraw as surety granted.
Jimmy L. New, Jr., motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.
Raymond Frank Teague, judgment revoking probation, sent to jail.
Juan Lopez Salazar, plea of guilty to possession of gambling paraphernalia, 10 days in jail, \$210 court costs.
Juan C. Castaneda, plea of guilty to possession of gambling paraphernalia, 10 days in jail, \$210 court costs.
Jared D. Scott, motion to dismiss to DWI granted for plea to other case.

Marriage Licenses

Jay L. Hart and Debbie Blackston, both of Abilene

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

McClymond, LTD vs. Laree Main Moore, receivership.
Morton Jeffrey and wife, Karen S. Jeffrey vs. Adrain Ames, breach of contract.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from March 2, 2008 through March 8, 2008 include:

- Cases Investigated
 - Warnings—80
 - Complaints—59
 - Fugitive Arrest—Theft by Check—2
 - Open Container—1
 - Vehicle Accidents
- There were five vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am
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Wednesday Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

Vows Of Marriage Renewed As Local Couple Celebrate Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Garmond and Lou Parrish of Cottonwood, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, March 9, 2008 in Brownwood. The couple beamed and smiled knowingly at one another as Pastor Ronnie White of First Baptist Church in Cross Plains, read the vows and spoke of the two becoming one over the 50 years of marriage. Their marriage has been bound together as each trial and each success of life has glued them into a solid family unit, Pastor White said to them.

This column also wishes them a very happy and successful life ahead.

Long Lost Cousin Found

Well it is not exactly a "long" period of time and it was not exactly a lost relationship, as we each knew where the other one lived. But it was a surprise, for me to see Author Coats at Garmond and Lou's renewal of vow's ceremony, last Sunday.

Author Coats' granddad and my

granddad were brothers, and his father, Bucky, was in the Army during and after WWII. My surprise was that Garmond Parrish and Author Coats knew each other. Anyway, Author lives in San Antonio and came up for the anniversary of Garmond and Lou.

Historical Association Selects Speaker

The Board of Directors of the Cottonwood Historical Association have selected Buster Woody as speaker for the next meeting of the organization. Buster is a well known native of Cottonwood, having grown up here and having written the poem, "Cottonwoods My Home." The Cookbook Committee chose his poem as the title of their recipe book.

In other action the Directors decided to fix up the "Cottonwood Methodist Episcopal Church, South" building in time for the meeting this year. Some wood has been replaced and a contractor has been secured out of Abilene to repaint the old Church.

RRC Production Statistics and Allowables for March 2008

AUSTIN—The Texas average rig count as of Feb. 15 was 867, representing about 51 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 337 million barrels of oil and 6.4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Texas natural gas production represents approximately 29 percent of total U.S. natural gas demand.

The Commission's estimated final production for December 2007 is 28,656,929 barrels of crude oil and 492,006,845 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary December 2007 production totals of 27,436,026 barrels of crude oil and 425,795,625 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.0445 for crude oil and 1.1555 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for January 2008 is 295,721,290 Mcf compared to 308,049,741 Mcf in January 2007. The February 2008 gas storage estimate is 273,062,864 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial March 2008 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 16,284,379 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial March 2008 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producer's demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after production for March 2008 is reported.

Fund-raiser

to come and inject their ideas for reaching the goal of providing funds for fuel and vehicle maintenance for all three fire departments.

The devoted volunteers who have fought the many wildfires that have occurred over the past years has played a vital role in protecting our communities. The men and women who contribute long hours of exhausting labor, while working in the mist of smoke, flames and dangerous situations, are strictly volunteers who genuinely care about the lives and property of others.

This fund-raiser is an excellent way to express your appreciation to these volunteers, so get involved!!!!!! Everyone has a talent that can be utilized.

All the proceeds from the upcoming event will be split between the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, Cottonwood Fire Control Group and Burkett Volunteer Fire Department.

The cooperation and input of everyone can produce a successful fund-raiser for a more than worthy cause.

Debbie Gosnell to represent Cross Plains on Regional Council for TMCN

Debbie Gosnell serves as Cross Plains' official delegate on the regional Council for Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN). The alternate delegate is Susan Schaefer. The City of Cross Plains is a charter member of TMCN.

TMCN provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to learn how to address municipal challenges; and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state.

The most recent program sponsored by TMCN is the Texas Midwest Chamber Cooperative which offers a way

for businesses in the region to access affordable employer group insurance.

TMCN was founded in 1994 and currently has a membership of 43 communities located in the 25 counties surrounding Abilene and San Angelo. The regional organization provides a network by which community leaders share information and motivation that can be directed to local community development programs and activities.

The organization functions on the premise of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." In the words of Benjamin Franklin "we can all

hang together or we most certainly will hang one by one".

For more information about TMCN check the web site www.texasmidwest.com.

Member cities include Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Breckenridge, Brady, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Stats
March 3 - 7, 2008

Patrons	102
Programs	53
LAP	4
LAPsit	2
ASAP	16
Books Checked Out	96
LAP	19
LAPsit	7
Copies	144
Reference	4
Internet Users	15
Interlibrary Loans	0

DONATIONS: William and Leslie Jackson; Baylis and Judy Pope; Bryan and Gracie Patton; Ethel Ames; Margaret Ellis; Bobby Johnson; Carol Walt; Audie Tomlinson; Jim and Becky Isbell; Cross Plains Genealogy Society; Bob and Patsy Pipes
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VOLUNTEERS: Bob and Delores Carter, Helen Parson, Sue Bennett, Lavonne Childress, Beverly Ross, Bobbie Hinkle, Michelle Kaiser, Azalee Womack, Arlene Stephenson, Ginny Hoskins, and Wilma Lawrence.

Lt. Governor for Kiwanis District 12 Will be Speaking at Tuesday's Meeting

Rick Terrell, President of the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club, would like to announce that the Lt. Governor for Kiwanis District 12 Mark Crouch, of San Angelo, will be at the next regular meeting, Tuesday, March 18th. Crouch will deliver a progress update on his office and Kiwanis International to local Kiwanians.

The Cross Plains Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 12:00 noon at Jean's Feed Barn on Highway 36 in Cross Plains. Each week they present informative programs featuring local and area citizens, businesses, clubs, organizations, etc.

All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend this important session.

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The "Ides of March" is upon us! In Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, a soothsayer warned Caesar: "Behold, the Ides of March!" - in regard to his life being in danger. Well near this March 15th, our "Uncle Sam," "Mr. IRS," would say, "Behold, the Ides of April!" - only April's "Ides" is on the 13th.

The way to take the dread out of April 15 is to prepare ahead of time. I can say this, now, since I turned in my 2007 tax information to my preparer Monday. And I'm sure she will have it ready for me to mail by the deadline.

Jesus has said, "Behold, I am coming - quickly" (Rev. 3:11; 22:7, 20a) - "as a thief" (Rev. 16:15). The way to turn any dread of that into joy is to be prepared. Then we can say with John: "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20b). Are you ready for that day to come?

I encourage you to share in times of Bible study and worship with us. And let us strive to "sign our lives with the excellence of God" - beginning today - right now!

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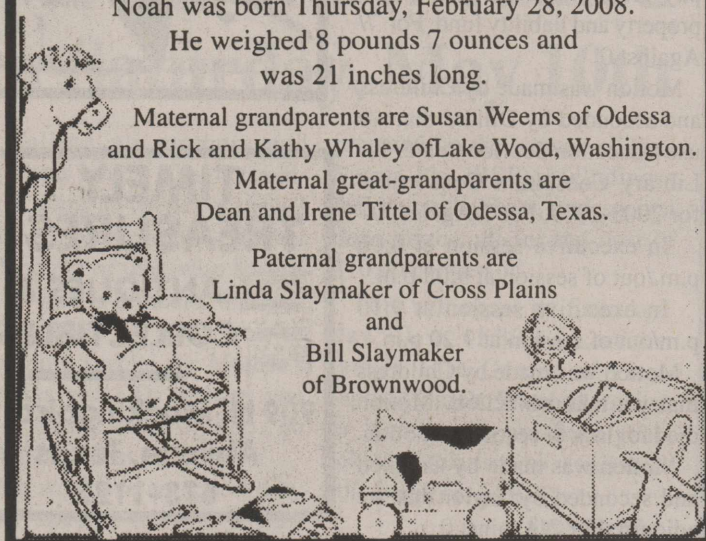
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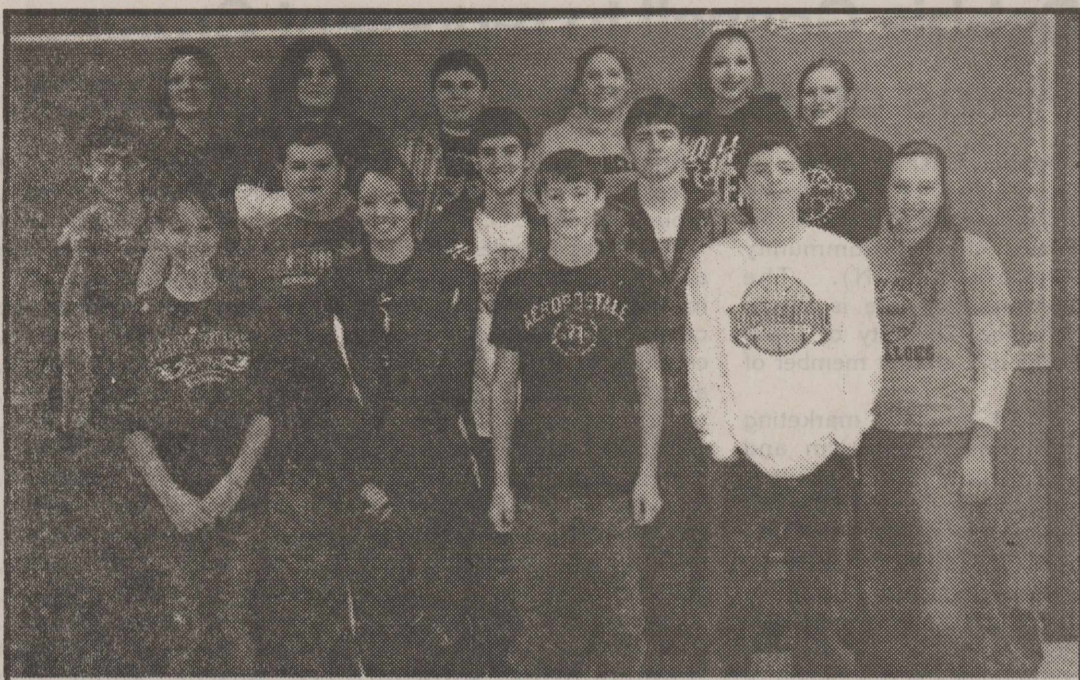
Adrian and Rachel Slaymaker of Abilene, Texas are pleased to announce the birth of their son,
Noah Samuel Slaymaker.

Noah was born Thursday, February 28, 2008.
He weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Susan Weems of Odessa and Rick and Kathy Whaley of Lake Wood, Washington. Maternal great-grandparents are Dean and Irene Tittel of Odessa, Texas.

Paternal grandparents are Linda Slaymaker of Cross Plains and Bill Slaymaker of Brownwood.





CROSS PLAINS OAP CAST AND CREW—Rhonda Hinten (back, from left), Tiffany Bell, Cody Sliger, Candace Rister, Lauren Loyless, and Terrah Augustine; Jake Estes (middle, from left), Ben Schaefer, Austin Dunaway, and Joe Wyatt; Delany Ames (front, from left), Krista Phillips, Thomas Haile, Joel Hinten, and Starla Schaefer. (Not pictured—Matt Sowell and JJ Callaway)

OAP Cast and Crew Prepare for Contest

The CPHS OAP cast and crew is putting the final touches on this year's play, *Limbo*. The group has been working diligently since early January in preparation for the West Zone contest being held March 26th at Winters High School. Participating in OAP takes discipline, commitment, and nerves. Hours of rehearsal time are spent blocking scenes, developing the character, projecting the voice, and getting the timing to near perfection. To become someone else, the character, on stage can be intimidating, especially in front of peers, until the person becomes comfortable with the character. Three months of work comes down to a onetime chance to impress a single judge in order to advance to the district level.

Limbo is a drama filled with challenging roles. The play is bizarre in the fact that people from

different places and walks of life suddenly find themselves thrust together in an unfamiliar room. Personalities clash and the plot progresses as these individuals struggle to solve the mystery of how they got here, why are they here, and where are they going. They all realize that they are in "limbo." An interesting twist to the play is the pleasant but spooky gravediggers. Whose graves are they digging? Then, there's the character of Min, a homeless mute, who appears to have the ability to float in and out of limbo. The ending provides insight and wonder for the audience.

The play will be presented to the high school students, faculty, and staff on Tuesday, March 25, at around 9:00 a.m. A community performance will be scheduled at a later date.

This year, 13 cast members and 3 crewmembers make up the ensemble, which is the largest

OAP group in a number of years. There is definitely an interest in drama in both the high school and junior high. Interest has even been shown by several junior high students to join in on the junior high OAP contest next year. Wow! I will need more time in my day.

The play is under the direction of Rhonda Hinten and Matt Sowell. Cast members include: Mandy Rose, Terrah Augustine, Starla Schaefer, Joe Wyatt, Lauren Loyless, Cody Sliger, Jake Estes, Austin Dunaway, Candace Rister, Tiffany Bell, Joel Hinten, Ben Schaefer, and JJ Callaway. Crewmembers are Krista Phillips, Delany Ames, and Thomas Haile. This spirited group appreciates your support. One of their breakout sayings is "We've got more drama than your mama!"

Submitted by
Rhonda Hinten



16 VERY EXCITED CHILDREN ATTENDED THE AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURE PROGRAM (ASAP) LAST WEDNESDAY AT THE CROSS PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY—Bob and Delores Carter presented a very interesting and informative program about the specifics of building a birdhouse especially for bluebirds and the maintenance of the birdhouses. Mr. and Mrs. Carter emphasized choosing the correct site to place the birdhouses so the birds will quickly take up residence in the houses built just for them. They also discussed how to identify the pretty and pleasant bluebirds, their habits and behavior. Each child was given a set of precut cedar and a kit of screws and wire to assemble the birdhouses, and then they proudly took the finished product home to mount and hang out the "Vacancy" sign.

This Week in Texas History

By: Barte Haile

Handsome Texan sings up a storm on stage and screen

MARCH 12 - 18, 2008

"The Love of Sunya," with silent-screen superstar Gloria Swanson and a handsome Texan as her hand-picked leading man, opened on March 12, 1927 in New York City.

John Boles grew up in Greenville, where he was born in 1895. He spent his summers with his grandparents, who realized early on that the boy was blessed with a wonderful singing voice and encouraged him to develop his gift.

Boles loved to sing and gladly did so throughout high school. But his parents had their son's life all mapped out for him, and when the time came to go off to college it was to prepare for medical school or the family bank.

He graduated with honors from the University of Texas in June 1917 and two days later married his college sweetheart, a Tyler rose. War had moved up the wedding date. Boles, like all able-bodied men of his generation, joined Woodrow Wilson's crusade to "make the world safe for democracy."

The Texan's fluency in French and German kept him out of the trenches. He was recruited by the Army Intelligence Service and sent behind enemy lines to spy on the Germans, Bulgarians and Turks.

Back in Greenville after the armistice, Boles heard that famous vocal coach Oscar Seagle was going to be in Austin. He hurried to the capital and arranged a private audition with the maestro.

Seagle was so impressed he invited the baritone to study with him in upstate New York. Thrilled to death, Boles borrowed a thousand dollars from his father, who wisely chose not to stand in his way, and moved with his bride to the Adirondacks.

After Seagle taught the promising pupil everything he knew, he urged Boles to continue his studies in Paris.

Accompanied by his wife and their new baby daughter, he did just that spending two whole years in France.

Returning to America in 1923, Boles decided to try his luck on Broadway. In a mere three months, he landed the male lead in the hit musical "Little Jesse James."

After the show closed, Boles made his screen debut in "So This is Marriage?" which Metro-Goldwyn filmed in Manhattan. Strange as it may seem for a singer to appear in a silent picture, it was his well-proportioned good looks that opened the door to a second career. He made one or two more movies before going back to the stage in early 1925.

Gloria Swanson saw Boles the next spring in the musical "Kitty's Kisses" and announced that she wanted him for her leading man in her initial feature for United Artists. At first the studio bosses went along to oblige the box-office queen, but later they were so taken with the singer's performance in "The Love of Sunya" that they signed him to an exclusive contract.

Boles packed up the family, which now numbered two girls, and moved to the West Coast. He played a variety of mostly forgettable parts before being cast in Hollywood's very first musical, "The Desert Song." The reviews were unanimously rave, and even the understated critic for the *New York Times* called his voice "quite pleasing."

Boles' parent studio loaned their suddenly hot property to RKO for the lavish 1930s musical "Rio Rita." His co-star was Bebe Daniels, as British as fish and chips but technically a Texan since the birthplace was Dallas.

Boles made one musical after another that year including "Song of the West," "Captain of the Guard" and "The King of

Jazz." When the time came to shoot the third show's hit song "It Happened in Monterey," he filled in for Bing Crosby, who was in the drunk tank after an overnight DWI arrest.

Audiences quickly tired of musicals, and in 1931 Boles sang his last on-camera note. That did not mean, however, that he was through in motion pictures.

It helped that Boles was not picky about his parts. For example, a supporting role in the original "Frankenstein" was followed by three Shirley Temple movies - "Stand Up and Cheer," "Curly Top" and "The Littlest Rebel."

Boles was not restricted to horror flicks and working with child stars. For several years, he was the first choice of directors for an attractive middle-aged actor to play a subdued sophisticate opposite strong leading ladies like Barbara Stanwyck (Stella Dallas) and Rosalind Russell (Craig's Wife).

But the quality and frequency of roles steadily diminished in the late 1930's and early 1940's. Facing the fact that his best days in Hollywood were behind him, Boles went back to where he started - Broadway.

He wasted no time in proving that he could still sing up a storm. Paired with fellow Texan Mary Martin of Weatherford, he brought down the house in the 1943 production of "One Touch of Venus."

Shrewd investments in West Texas oil afforded John Boles a worry-free retirement. He came home to the Lone Star State in the 1950's and settled in San Angelo, where he died of a heart attack in 1969.

Barte Haile welcomes your comments, questions and suggestions at HYPERLINK "mailto:haile@pdq.net" "haile@pdq.net" or P.O. Box 152, Friendswood, TX 77549. And don't forget to visit www.twth.com/

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SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Official School Board Minutes

March 3, 2008

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Tommy Ames, Burlie Taylor, Frankie Hyles, Jim Cook, Scott Childress and Kim Crockett.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tension, High School Principal S.D. Loyless (came in late), Elementary Principal Margie Sowell and guests, Annette Nickerson, Tonja Walker, Wanda Walker, Nora Odom and Judy Luter.

School Board President announced hours for member training.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Cook that we pay premiums of \$1,226.00 for property and liability fund. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Dillard that we use Education Service Center for Library Consultant Consortium for 2008-2009. For 7/Against 0

In executive session at 6:06 p.m./out of session at 9:05 p.m.

In executive session at 9:10 p.m./out of session at 9:20 p.m.

Motion was made by Childress that we take no action. Motion died for lack of second to motion.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Taylor that we adjourn. For 7/Against 0

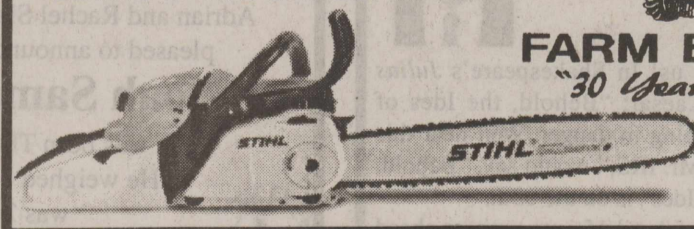
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IRS to begin mailing letters on 'Stimulus Payment' this week

More than 130 million American households will begin receiving Internal Revenue Service letters this week reminding them to file a 2007 tax return in order to receive a 2008 economic stimulus payment. The mailings by the IRS will continue throughout the month. The informational notice, titled Economic Stimulus Payment Notice, alerts people that they may be eligible for a one-time stimulus payment of up to \$600 (\$1,200 married filing jointly) starting in May. There also is a \$300 per child payment for qualifying children younger than 17.

Eligible taxpayers have to file a 2007 federal tax return to get a stimulus payment, even if they normally are not required to file. This includes low-income workers or those who received Social Security benefits or veterans' disability compensation, pension or survivors' benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2007.

Qualifying income also includes certain Railroad Retirement benefits, and certain earned income, such as income from wages, salaries, tips and self-employment. For taxpayers filing joint tax returns, only a total of \$3,000 of qualifying income from both spouses is required to be eligible for a payment. The IRS released a special version of a Form 1040A that highlights the simple, specific sections of the return that can be filled out by people in these categories to qualify for a stimulus payment.

"The IRS.gov web site is the best source of information for all stimulus payment questions," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "The Web site contains examples of different scenarios and all the latest information as it becomes available."

The vast majority of people receiving a payment only need to file a 2007 tax return as they normally would. The IRS will then do all the rest, including determining eligibility and payment amounts. No other action, extra form or call is necessary. The Form 1040A illustration on IRS.gov shows the limited number of lines that will need to be filled out for recipients of Social Security, certain Railroad Retirement and certain veterans' benefits. A key line is reporting their 2007 benefits on Line 14a of Form 1040A. The IRS reminded taxpayers they can also use Line 20a on Form 1040 to report these same benefits. In addition, taxpayers in these groups should write the

words "Stimulus Payment" at the top of the 1040A or 1040.

The IRS also reminded taxpayers with Social Security, Railroad Retirement or veterans' benefits who have already filed but did not report their qualifying benefits on either Line 14a of Form 1040A or Line 20a of Form 1040 that they may need to file an amended return in some situations to receive a larger stimulus payment.

Taxpayers who already have filed but did not report these benefits can file an amended return by using Form 1040X, which can only be filed with a paper form. The IRS reminded taxpayers who don't have any other requirement to file a tax return that submitting a tax return to qualify for the economic stimulus payments does not create any additional tax or trigger a tax bill. In addition, the stimulus payments will not have any effect on eligibility for federal benefits.

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program or the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program offer free tax help if you qualify. Trained community volunteers can help you with special credits, such as Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly for which you may qualify. In addition to free tax return preparation assistance, most sites also offer free electronic filing (e-filing). Individuals taking advantage of the e-file program will receive their refunds in half the time compared to returns filed on paper - even faster if you have your refund deposited directly into your bank account.

The VITA Program offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income (generally, \$40,000 and below) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Certified volunteers sponsored by various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations. Most locations also offer free electronic filing. To locate the nearest VITA site, call 1-800-829-1040.

The Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program provides free tax help to people age 60 and older. Trained volunteers from non-profit organizations provide free tax counseling and basic income tax return preparation for senior citizens. Volunteers who provide tax counsel-

ing are often retired individuals associated with non-profit organizations that receive grants from the IRS. As part of the IRS-sponsored TCE Program, AARP offers the Tax-Aide counseling program at more than 7,000 sites nationwide during the filing season. Trained and certified AARP Tax-Aide volunteer counselors help people of low-to-middle income with special attention to those age 60 and older. For more information on TCE call 1-800-829-1040. To locate the nearest AARP Tax-Aide site, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org.

Sanford said at least one scheme using the word "rebate" as part of the lure has been reported in Texas and other states. In that scam, consumers receive a phone call from someone identifying himself as an IRS employee. The caller tells the targeted victim that he is eligible for a sizable rebate for filing his taxes early. The caller then states that he needs the target's bank account information for the direct deposit of the rebate. If the target refuses, he is told that he cannot receive the rebate.

"This phone call is a dishonest trick," Sanford added. "The IRS does not force taxpayers to use direct deposit, and for those who choose direct deposit, we do not gather the information by telephone." Those who opt for direct deposit do so by completing the appropriate section of their tax return, with bank routing and account information, when they file.

Sanford stressed that as a rule the IRS does not send e-mails to taxpayers, either, though on occasion some taxpayers might receive newsletters or announcements of upcoming IRS-sponsored events based on their membership in professional tax organizations. However, the IRS does not send unsolicited, tax-account related e-mails to taxpayers.

For security and other reasons, the IRS never asks for personal and financial information via e-mail. Additionally, the IRS never asks people for the PIN numbers, passwords or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank or other financial accounts.

The telephone is a low-tech source of scams. Never give away personal information to callers claiming to be from the IRS unless you have verified the caller's identity. You can confirm an IRS contact by calling the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040.

Judge Roger Corn updates commissioners on 'Burn Ban' signs

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn gave the commissioners' court an update on the "Burn Ban" signs to be installed along 10 highways throughout the county during a commissioners' court meeting held Monday, March 10th.

Judge Corn said the 10 "Burn Ban" signs have been ordered and should be delivered in 60 to 90 days.

The "Burn Ban" signs will be installed by the Texas Department of Transportation at entry points into Callahan County. Judge Corn said the highways where "Burn Ban" signs will be placed include both north and south entrances of State Highway 283 into Callahan County, the east and west entrances of I-20 into the county, the east and west entrances of State Highway 36 in the county, one west entrance of FM 18, one south entrance of FM 604 in the county, one east entrance of FM 206 in eastern Callahan County and one south entrance of FM 279 in southern Callahan County.

Judge Corn said the "Burn Ban" signs are similar to "Watch for Ice" signs over bridges in Callahan County which can be folded up when a burn ban is not in place. The judge said the county commissioners will have the "Burn Ban" signs folded down when a county burn ban is in place and will be folded up without the words displayed when a burn ban is not in effect.

There was also discussion of the current Burn Ban and no action was taken which leaves the Burn Ban in effect.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present were Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, and County Clerk Donna Bell.

The Anson Opera House Country Musical is Saturday

The Anson Opera House Country Musical Show will be this Saturday, March 15th, at 6:00 p.m. Our special guest will be Tisha Bristow.

A bar-b-que supper will be held before the musical. We will start serving at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 a plate and includes a drink and dessert. Door prizes will be given away, and admission is free.

For additional information, call Marlon Smith at 325-823-3523 and leave a message.

—The minutes of the previous commissioners' court meetings were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comments, no one spoke to the commissioners' court.

—After discussion and consideration of a resolution on Predator Control, no action was taken.

—A motion was made by Commissioner Kirkham to post notice of a Public Hearing set for Monday, April 14th at 9:00 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom to change the name of a portion of FM 604 for the new 911 addressing system. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

The portion of FM 604, in which the Public Hearing will be held, includes the east and west portion of FM 604 between Hunt Street and where FM 604 connects to the new FM 604 overpass. That right-of-way portion of FM 604 is owned by Callahan County and is no longer being

maintained by the state. The roadway name change being considered is to make the road Hunt Street. The City of Clyde now maintains that portion of FM 604.

—Discussion was held over changing the Mileage Rate and Per Diem for county employee travel. On a motion by Commissioner Kirkham and a second from Commissioner Windham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to change the Mileage Rate to 50 cents per mile and the Per Diem rate to \$50.00 per day.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay all approved bills. There was a second by Commissioner Hicks and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and a second by Commissioner Windham, the commissioners' court meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m. with a 5-0 vote.

Reform Needed for Eminent Domain Laws

BAIRD—Local farmers, ranchers and private property owners need to start work now to ensure positive eminent domain legislation is passed by the Texas Legislature when the 81st session starts in January 2009, according to Sam Snyder, Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau President.

"Governor Perry has said a great deal about private property rights, yet he rejected the opportunity last year to sign the most significant property rights legislation in more than a decade," Snyder said. "HB 2006 passed the Texas House with 125 out of 150 votes. The Senate passed it unanimously. Few bills get through the Legislature with that kind of support."

Farm Bureau favors a bill similar to HB 2006 be passed early in the next session. That way, a veto could be overridden if the governor decided to take that action. HB 2006 leveled the playing field—now tilted in favor of condemners—for property owners in eminent domain proceedings.


This legislation helped property owners in many ways: by defining "public use" narrowly in statute; requiring good faith negotiations; imposing attorney's fees if the condemning entity negotiated in bad faith; and allowing the special commissioners who hear condemnation cases to hear all of the evidence that a willing seller and buyer would consider in selling property.

"Governor Perry suggested that HB 2006 would not have affected rural areas," Snyder said. "That's flat wrong. His Trans-Texas Corridor is prepared to launch the largest taking of private property in the state's history. And those takings will be some of the most productive farm and ranch lands in the state."

Snyder urged Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau members to act now. "Talk to our state representative and state senator," he said. "Let your county commissioners know how you feel. This issue is vitally important to the future of agriculture and rural Texas."

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Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In

BSP Mother's Day Luncheon Scheduled for Saturday, May 10th

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Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.


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Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

prepared by the women of Beta Sigma Phi (BSP), including a fashion style show, and special door prizes, all for the cost of \$10.00 per person.


This will occur on Saturday, May 10, at 11:30 a.m., at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church. Watch the news for locations to purchase your tickets. Tickets now available from members of BSP.

Submitted by Carol Bennett

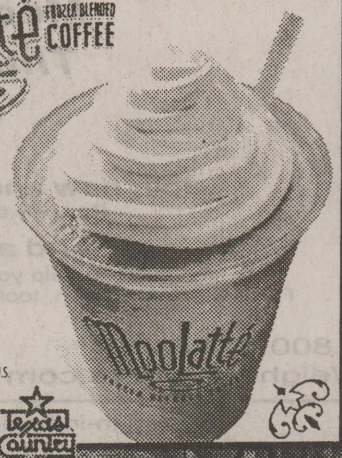


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Project Pride seeks Postal Cancellation Designs

One of the popular aspects of the annual Robert E. Howard Days in June is the special postal cancellation that is made available at the local Post Office. Armed with dozens of post cards addressed to friends around the world, folks visit the Post Office to take advantage of this unique souvenir of the event.

Over the years, the cancellations have varied from the hand drawn design from our own local Calvin Champion to designs from professional artists to computer-generated pictures. Danny Street, a member of Project Pride who lives in England, has collected all of the cancellations, thanks to his

friends who visit Cross Plains and mail him the post cards. And thanks to technology, he has given Project Pride a CD with a copy of the entire collection to date.

Project Pride would encourage local readers to submit a design for this year's cancellation. Designs must adhere to the exact guidelines of the US Postal Service and include the following: finished design must be 1.5 inches by 3.5 inches, must be in black ink, must include the date "June 13, 2008", the station "Robert E. Howard Station" and the town, "Cross Plains, TX 76443".

Designs may be any tasteful interpretation of Robert Howard, his writings, the Museum, or the general theme of the keynote speech of the celebration—"Robert E. Howard and the Whole Wide World of Texas."

Proposed designs may be mailed to: Project Pride, PO Box 534, Cross Plains, TX 76443 by April 15, to be considered for this year's selection.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 254-725-4993 or 254-725-6562.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson

Energy Cost Worry Local Farmers

While enjoying some of the highest commodity prices ever, local farmers and ranchers are concerned about the other side of the net income equation. Input costs, particularly energy prices, are very worrisome to Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau President Sam Snyder.

"It's hard to make a crop without crossing the field," Snyder said. "Diesel prices are at the point that we have to think carefully about even starting the tractor."

Farmers and ranchers deal with energy costs by implementing minimum tillage crops systems and otherwise limiting the number of times equipment has to cross the field. Still, in these days of \$100 per barrel oil, many agricultural producers are wondering how high fuel prices might go.

Other crop input items like fertilizer are made from petroleum, so those prices have dramatically increased as well.

For farmers, the bright side of the energy crisis is the continued interest in alternative energy products. U.S. energy policy encourages the development of technology to more efficiently produce fuel ethanol from high cellulose plant material, which farmers can produce.

"Cellulosic ethanol is coming," Snyder said. "We can grow the grasses needed to produce it in large quantities."

Cultural Exchange at Howard Museum

The two young men from France who had visited the Robert E. Howard Museum in mid-February returned for a second visit on their way back to DFW. They had picked up another French traveler in San Antonio and just had to show off Cross Plains and the Museum to him.

After learning that pecans are not any part of French cuisine, Project Pride members Era Lee Hanke and Tom Stephenson were waiting with a pecan pie when the visitors returned. The guys were totally surprised at how delicious the pie tasted.

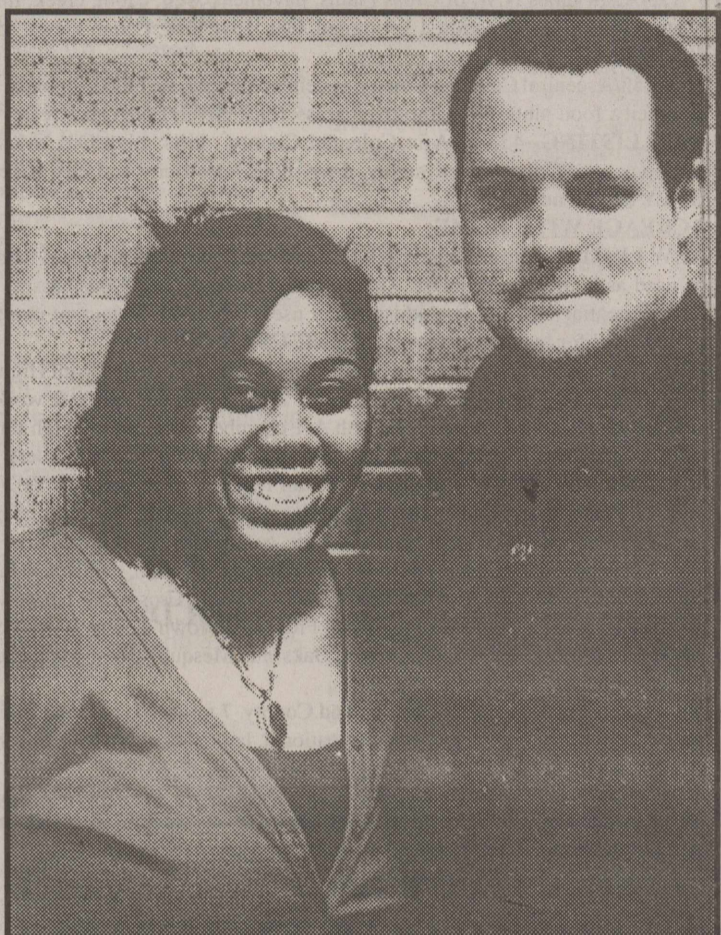
Pride members were equally surprised when they were presented with the bottle of French champagne from the family winery near Paris. The visitors have promised to send a copy of the upcoming book on their Texas travels to Project Pride as soon as it is published.

Other recent visitors to the Museum were Devin Edgley and Andrew Rogers from the University of North Texas in Denton. Students in a Magazine Production class, they were working on a class project focusing on outstanding Texas writers of different genres. Robert Howard had been selected as the most notable and prolific writer of fantasy and thus, the students were interested in learning all about Howard's life and writing career in Cross Plains. They have also promised to send a copy of their completed project to Project Pride to be displayed in the Museum.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson



MAKING THE PIE AND WINE EXCHANGE—Simon Sanahujas and Tom Stephenson. Watching are Emmanuel Schnell (center, left) and Gwenn DuBourthoumieu.



ROBERT E. HOWARD VISITORS—UNT students, Devin Edgley (left) and Andrew Rogers traveled to Cross Plains to research Robert Howard.

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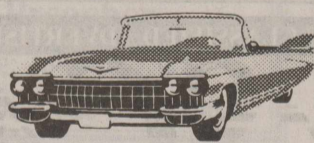
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