

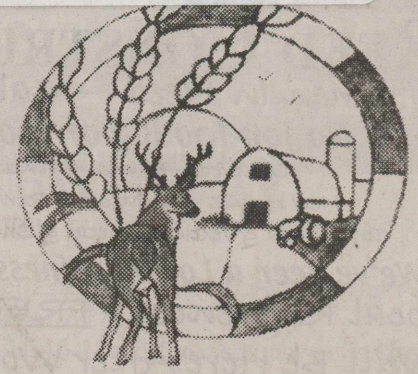
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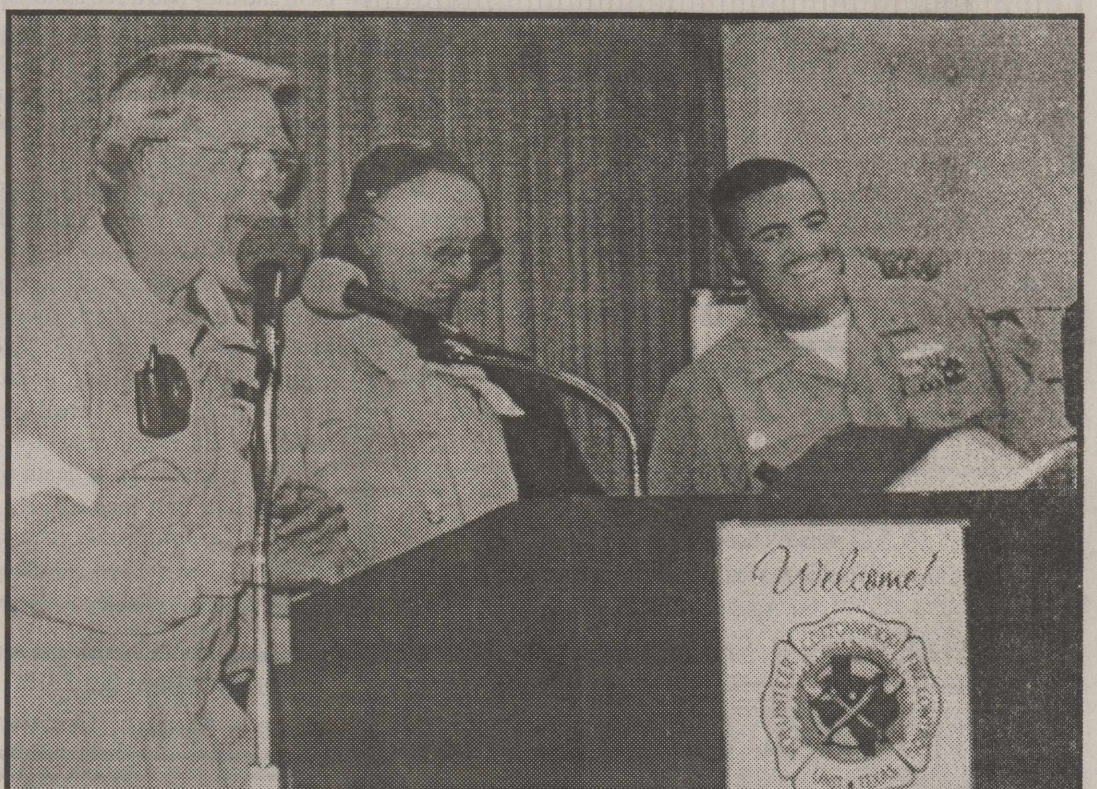
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LINDA BURNS, LIBRARIAN FOR THE CROSS PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY, ACCEPTS A CHECK FOR \$500.00 FROM PAUL HERMAN—representative of The Robert E. Howard Foundation. Several fans and scholars of Robert E. Howard were in town recently to remember the local author. The Robert E. Howard Foundation generously supports the library, and is dedicated to preserving Howard's writings.

## Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control's "Huge Drawing" and Fish Fry Earns \$22,223



ANNOUNCING DRAWING WINNERS AT THE FISH FRY— Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Board member Ken Farmer (from left), Board President Bob Childress and Chief Raymond Rodriguez from the U.S. Navy and the Armed Forces Recruit Office in Abilene.

## Creation vs Evolution Seminar in Rising Star

You are invited to a Creation vs Evolution Seminar to be held at Rising Star church of Christ, 104 South Miller Street beginning Friday, February 6th at 7 p.m. The theme will be Atheism's Attack on America. Saturday, February 7th at 6:30 p.m. will feature Genesis vs. Darwin and at 7:30 p.m. the subject will be The Dinosaur Dilemma. Sunday, February 8th at 9:30 a.m. the Scientific Accuracy of the Bible will be explored and at 10:30 a.m. 7 Reasons We are Losing our Kids will be discussed.

The guest speaker is Brad Harrub, Ph.D., who currently serves as the co-Founder of Focus Press. In addition, he is the coeditor of Think magazine. He earned a doctorate in Anatomy and Neurobiology. He is the author or coauthor of the books,

*Dissecting the Truth, Diamonds in the Rough, The Truth About Human Origins, Matters of Life and Death, and Investigating Christian Evidences.* Harrub was an invited speaker to the International conference on Creationism and has appeared on the television show "Origins."

This seminar will answer questions like—Did humans and dinosaurs coexist? Did humans evolve from ape-like creatures? How is atheism affecting your family?

You are invited to join the investigation of evidence. There will be a question and answer session following Friday and Saturday night sessions.

These lectures are FREE and open to all ages.

For more information, please call (254) 643-6162.

## CENSUS BUREAU application testing dates at Cross Plains Community Center Announced

Five Census Bureau testing and application dates for the 2010 Census will be held at the Cross Plains Community Center, located at 1008 No. Beech, according to a local Census representative.

The application and testing periods are Thursday, February 5th; Wednesday, February 11th; Thursday, February 19th; and Thursday, February 26th.

The application and testing process at the Cross Plains Community Center will begin at 1:00 p.m.

The Dallas Region of the Census Bureau is testing applicants in Callahan County.

Every 10 years, the United States Department of Commerce conducts a Census of the population. The results help determine representation in local, state and federal government, as well as how federal funds are spent throughout the United States, on things like roads, parks, housing, schools, and public safety.

Census employees receive competitive pay on a weekly basis. Pay rates are from \$8.00 to \$19.25 per hour depending upon position and locations. In addition, Census employees will be reimbursed for authorized mileage and related expenses.

All Census employees must be able to speak English, but bilingual skills in English and other languages are needed in communities that have large numbers of residents who speak a language other than English. If you have such skills, you are encouraged to apply. United States citizens are given preference and applicants must be 18 years of age or older.

Those applying need to bring two forms of identification. Besides good pay, you'll have flexible hours, paid training, and the chance to work within your own community.

For more information, visit the Census Bureau website at [www.census.gov/rodal/www/emply.html](http://www.census.gov/rodal/www/emply.html) or call toll free 1-866-861-2010.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control would like to thank all of the businesses and individuals who donated prizes for our drawing on January 31st. We couldn't have moved forward with our drawing without all of you.

Our appreciation to Catfish Corner for donating the fish and catering our dinner last Saturday evening. It was so generous of you to do this for us. Thank you to everyone who helped with the dinner—serving food, making

pies and helping to keep the dinner running smoothly.

Thanks to the military for drawing the winning prizes and for serving our country. We are indebted to you.

To everyone locally, out of our county, statewide and out of state who purchased tickets and made donations our cause, we truly appreciate your support.

Those who donated cakes and pies for the numerous bake sales and sold tickets during the

freezing north winter winds, thanks for everything.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control is very grateful to all who made our drawing so successful. Everyone came together on this project and it was a wonderful experience.

Congratulations to all of the lucky winners!

(Watch for the list of winners in next week's edition.)

Submitted by Diane Smith

## EDC/ Planning Committee Semi-annual Meeting

The EDC in conjunction with the Cross Plains Planning Committee announce their semi-annual meeting to discuss progress concerning initiatives for the enhancement of our community. Building on ideas presented at last year's meeting, our goal is to meet and discuss we feel are relevant for the continued success of our city. Ideas to be discussed are funding, growth, and infrastructure. The funding aspects of this plan will indicate the need for discussion of property taxes. The public's input in these matters are vital and your attendance is requested Thursday, February 26th, 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

## Three School Board Trustee Terms Expiring

(Deadline to apply March 9, 2009)

Saturday, February 7, 2009, is the first day to file an application for a place on the Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board ballot. Since the day falls on Saturday and school offices are not open, Monday, February 9th will be the first day to apply.

Monday, March 9, 2009, is the last day to apply.

Applications will be available in the office of the superintendent

Monday, February 9th, from 8 a.m. to 12 and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Burlie Taylor and Kim Crockett's full terms are expiring.

Michael Cowan was appointed for a 1-year term. There will be a 2-year term available.

Applicants may sign up for positions with full terms or with the 2-year un-expired term.

## Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department 2008 Report

Assisted with Other County Fires:	58 Wildfires
Eastland	6 14 Power Lines/electrical (caused wildfires)
Coleman	1 8 Brush/ Trash Piles (wildfires)
Brown	0 4 Vehicle Fires
	7 Other-equipment, tractor, baler
Callahan County Fires	62 1 Outside w/valve (caused wildfire)
City of Cross Plains	4 7 Mutual Aid
Total	66 73 Calls for the Year 2008

The Cross Plains Public Library invites you to

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"Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes"

Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.  
Cross Plains Community Center  
no charge - refreshments served

## "A Prophetic View of the Current Economic Crisis"

"A Prophetic View of the Current Economic Crisis" will be presented by Eddie Chumney, of Hebraic Heritage Ministries International, at 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 13th, at Rose Park Senior Activity Center, 2625 South 7th Street, Abilene. Admission is FREE (a free-will offering for HHMI is appreciated.)

Eddie Chumney is an international speaker and teacher on the Jewish roots of Christianity. He was raised from infancy in the protestant faith and felt the call of God when he was 16 years old.

Since that time, he has studied scripture extensively and presents the scriptures from a Hebraic-Christian viewpoint. He has also traveled to Israel many times because of his love for the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. Eddie is bringing a "Watchman" message to

ENCOURAGE all believers and prepare us in these days. (Ezekiel 33) Mr. Chumney has also recorded many teaching CDs/DVDs, and has authored three books: *The Seven Festivals of the Messiah, Who Is The Bride of Christ?*, and *Restoring the Two Houses of Israel.*

For more information about Eddie, please visit his website [www.hebroots.org](http://www.hebroots.org), or visit his congregation, HHMI Beit Yacov, on the internet (PalTalk.com/audio/chat room) each Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

For additional information call either Michael or Deborah Meyer 325-673-0676 (home), 325-660-1952 (Deb's cell), or 325-660-7885 (Mike's cell).

Please let them know if you want to attend, so they can have enough chairs seat us! Call or e-mail [drillertee@nts-online.net](mailto:drillertee@nts-online.net).

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 Evening Service.....6:00 PM  
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM  
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**Brushy Creek Cowboy Church**  
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**Pastor: Rufus Wilson**  
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 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am  
 Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.  
 Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-725-4589

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**Pastor Max Evans**  
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**Rowden Baptist Church**  
**Pastor: Wayne Lenz**  
 Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods  
 Bible Study...10:00 am  
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am  
 2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

**OBITUARY**

**Lucille Brown Cooper**  
 Lucille Brown Cooper, age 92, of Rising Star, passed away Saturday, January 31, 2009, at the Ranger Care Center in Ranger. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 2, 2009, at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Cross Plains with Don Davis officiating. Burial was in the Pioneer Cemetery.  
 Lucille was born November 28, 1916 to Barney and Ada Frances (Rollins) McGowen in Breckenridge, Texas. She married her first husband, H.L. Brown, in 1936 and they had three children. After the death of her first husband, she married Freddy Cooper in 1977. Lucille was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.  
 She is survived by a daughter, Glenda Barr and her husband, Regie of Cross Plains; a son, Jimmy Brown and wife, Valeta of Cross Plains; a brother, Buddy McGowen of California; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.  
 She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband H.L. Brown; a son, H.L. (Buck) Brown, Jr.; her second husband Freddy Cooper; and ten siblings.

**Once a Mom ALWAYS A MOM!!!!!!**

The Women's Ministry from the First Baptist Church is offering a free six week bible study on parenting skills. Moms with children of all ages (birth - adult) can benefit from applying biblical principles to the challenging task of establishing and maintaining relationships with their children. The study will begin Thursday, February 5th from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Child care will be provided. All moms regardless the age of their children are encouraged to attend. 46-2

**Callahan County DPS Report**

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 25, 2009 through January 31, 2009 include:  
**Cases Investigated**  
 Warnings—86  
 Complaints—39  
 DWI—1  
 Driving Under Influence-Minor—1  
 Minor in Possession of Alcoholic Beverage—2  
 Failure to Stop and Render Aid—1  
 Driving While License Suspended—1  
**Vehicle Accidents**  
 There were 19 vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

**COURTHOUSE NEWS**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
 Roger Corn, Presiding  
**Misdemeanor Filings**  
 Jonathan Kerr, assault.  
**Misdemeanor Minutes**

Garin Brown, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.  
 Amber Bullock, motion to revoke probation granted.  
 Charles Clayton Speckels, order discharging defendant from probation under deferred adjudication.  
 Paulono Jaramillo Jr., order amending conditions of probation granted.

Paulono Jaramillo Jr., plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 months probation, \$600 fine, \$360 court costs.  
 Bryan Z. Lyles, order amending conditions of probation granted.

William Willis, motion to dismiss to assault granted for plea to another case.  
 Trevor Smith, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Steven D. Zell, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 1 year probation, \$400 fine, \$410 court costs.  
 Danielle Eppard, plea of guilty to assault, 1 year probation, \$250 fine, \$305 court costs.  
 Zachary A. Graham, motion to dismiss to harboring runaway child granted for plea to another case.

Jeremy Lee Steele, motion to withdraw as surety.  
 Richard A. Marshall, plea of guilty to DWI - 2nd, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$410 court costs.  
 Valerie A. Williams, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Valerie A. Williams, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 month

probation, \$700 fine, \$310 court costs.  
 Danny R. Mercer, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to another case.  
 Danny R. Mercer, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Jonathan S. Kerr, plea of guilty to assault/family violence, 45 days in jail, \$245 court costs.

**Marriage Licenses**  
 Lawrence S. Folz of Ft. Worth and Tammy K. Elkin of Clyde.

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

**Civil Filings**  
 Murray H. Edwards and Kathi Edwards vs. Sharon Young and Russell "Rooster" Hargrove, injunction.

**Criminal Indictments**  
 Jason R. Ritchie, engaging in organized criminal activity (burglary of a habitation).

**Criminal Minutes**  
 James W. Cato, plea of guilty to theft, 5 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$303 court costs, \$10,000 restitution.  
 Laddie A. Morgan, order amending condition of probation granted.

Jason Ritchie, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, a lesser included offense, 6 years in prison, \$288 court costs.  
 Kenneth W. Roberts, plea of guilty to failure to register as sex offender, 3 years in prison, \$268 court costs.

Clifton B. Lindsey, motion to dismiss to DWI - 3rd or more granted for plea to other case.  
 Lisa G. McCarty, order amending conditions of probation granted.

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# Varsity Boys Basketball Results

This past week started the second half of district play as the Buffaloes traveled to Eula (state-ranked #11), Tuesday and hosted Baird on Friday.

Eula (21-6, 6-1), tied for second in one of the toughest districts in Texas, held the Buffaloes (6-20, 1-7) to only 23 points for the game. "They play great team defense...there were two players on the ball all the time, tall players, which made it hard for us to find the open man", said head coach Ryan Edmonds. "Unfortunately we played them on a night when they were shooting the ball extremely well, hitting 10 three-pointers in the first half."

The Pirates won the game 23-69. Joe Wyatt and Justin Golson led the Buffaloes with 7 points each. Other scorers included: Ford-4, Moening-2 and Hinten with 1.

Baird (12-14, 3-5) visited Cross Plains on Friday for another exciting district game between the two rivals. "It was close throughout the entire game and the young Buffaloes gave everything they had against the more experienced Bears", said Edmonds. "It's been a real joy for me watching these young men mature as a team and as individuals on and off the court, and as a coach, I'm very proud to be a part of their journey. Their time is coming and it

will be well deserved." Justin Golson really stepped up and had a great game against the Bears going for 4 for 7 behind the arch and shooting 64% from the field. He led all scorers with 18 points. Other scorers included Border-8, Wyatt-6, Savell-4, Self-3, Ford-3, Allen-2 and Foster with 1.

The Buffaloes will travel to Roscoe (19-3, 7-1...state-ranked #10) on Tuesday (2-3-09) and host Bronte (22-2, 6-1...state-ranked #9) this Friday at 8PM. Team stats can be viewed on the web at [www.statsandgo.com](http://www.statsandgo.com).



The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting January 29, 2009 with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Tommy Ames, Burlie Taylor, Bryan Bennett, Michael Cowan, Donnie Dillard and Kim Crockett.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennison and guests, Roy Dodds and Dub Preston.

Board Training "Selecting A Superintendent" began at 6:00 p.m. and out at 9:25 p.m.

Motion was made by Bennett to adjourn and Cowan seconded.

Voted for 7 against 0.

## Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Ten Star Summer Basketball Camp is by Invitation Only.

Boys and girls age 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison.

Players from 50 states and 11 foreign countries attend the 2008 Camp. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team.

Camp locations include Commerce, Texas, Phoenix, AR, Babson Park, FL, Gainesville, GA, Champaign, IL, Glassboro, NJ, Ithaca, NY, Marietta, OH, Lebanon, TN and Blacksburg, VA. There is also a Summer Camp available for boys and girls ages 9-18 of all skill levels.

For a free brochure on these Summer Camps, please call 704-373-0873 anytime, [www.tenstarcamp.com](http://www.tenstarcamp.com).

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## Taylor Electric Cooperative Offers FREE Trip to Washington D.C., for 2 Area High School Students

Taylor Electric Cooperative invites all area high school students who live within its 11-county service area to participate in the annual Government in Action—Youth Tour essay contest and win a trip to the nation's capital. Also, this year's essay contest winners will receive an additional award: \$250 savings bonds.

The contest is open to any high school student who is currently a sophomore or 16 years of age or older. Essays will be judged by local educators. There are no fees to enter; however, eligibility is limited to the first 30 students who submit essays and application packets.

This year's essay topic is "What are the biggest energy issues that your generation will face?" Students should write between 1,500 and 2,000 words on the topic.

For more details, contest information is available from local school counselors and entry forms and details can be downloaded online at [www.taylorlectric.com](http://www.taylorlectric.com). Click the "Community Connections" button to learn more about Youth Tour and the Taylor Electric Scholarship program.

Winner will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., leaving June 11 and returning home June 19. The students will fly and tour with more than 140 other students from across the southwest. Their itinerary will include tours to national monuments, the Smithsonian, The FBI, The Capitol building, the Supreme Court, the National Cathedral, The Ford Theater, time for shopping and socializing, and much more.

## Cross Plains Junior High Girls Sweep Baird Junior High Bears

The Cross Plains Junior High Girls finally got to play a game this week, when they hosted the Baird Bears.

In the first game, the girls played a tough first half to take a 10-3 lead. The girls held Baird scorers in the 2 quarter.

In the second half, they continued the domination and the final score was Cross Plains 16 Baird 9.

Playing and scoring were

Christa Potter; Texas Sanders - 8 points; Victoria Creamer; Lindsey Ames; Shelby Ames; and Nicole Eisenbach - 8 points.

In the 8th Grade game, the girls came out and scored 8 points in the 1st quarter and 12 points in the 2nd quarter to take a 20-5 lead.

A tough defense and timely shooting by the girls, created the dominance.

In the 2nd half the girls again controlled the tempo of the game.

They scored 10 points while holding Baird to 8 points. The final score was Cross Plains 30 Baird 12.

Playing and scoring were Megan Brown; Cheyenne Cowan 16 points; Katharine Goode - 4; Maci Whitson - 6; Shahala Trammel - 2; and Chelsea Branch - 2. The girls play their last game this Monday when they play Bronte. See you at the game!

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WEDNESDAY-Sausage-n-blanket, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk  
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk  
FRIDAY- Donut, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk  
LUNCH  
MONDAY- Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Pickle Spears, Oranges, Milk  
TUESDAY- Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Peaches, Milk  
WEDNESDAY - Beef/Cheese Nachos, Salad, Corn, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk  
THURSDAY- Beef-Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Fruit Cup, Milk  
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Baird Cafetorium - 400  
W. 7th  
Time 10 - 12  
Cross Plains House  
Authority  
233 N. Main  
Time 2 - 4  
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**Letter to the Community**  
The following is a letter from the President, CEO, Bryan Davenport of Mueller Inc. in Ballinger, sent to the contractor referred to in the Cross Plains School Board minutes dated January 19, 2009.  
Dear Mr. Reed:  
Mueller, Inc.'s letter of January 12, 2009 to the Cross Plains ISD School Board addressed the state of the District's metal building at the time our representative inspected it. The intention of the report included with the letter was not to levy blame. Rather, it was to diagnose the causes of the problems being experienced with the building.  
Mueller, Inc. fully acknowledges that the original roof insulation delivered was cut incorrectly. Guardian insulation promptly delivered the proper insulation, but as the first insulation was already installed, the roof sheets had to be removed and replaced.  
Additionally, the letter's recommendation that the District "retain a competent and experienced contractor to carry out the repair" was not meant to be either inclusive or exclusive of you. It was simply a caution to the District, which we regularly relate to customers, to retain a contractor experienced in the type of work rather than rely on employees or others who do not have the requisite knowledge or experience.  
Sincerely,  
Bryan Davenport  
President, CEO  
Mueller, Inc.  
It was also failed to mention that the paid contractor had told the school board that before the publication of the minutes January 19, 2009 he would furnish the labor to replace the roof whatever Cross Plains School and Mueller's decision was on the materials in order to help the school.  
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## Commissioners amend County Road crossing policy

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court voted to change the County Road Policy after discussion of updating the policy was held Monday, January 26th at the commissioners' courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to amend the County Road Policy, adding a sixth condition which will read that "all paved roads will be bored and all other roads will be at the discretion of said Commissioner." Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

The amendment to the County Road Policy is for county residents who wish to lay pipe across a county road. The County Road Policy is signed by both the county commissioner and the resident wishing to lay the pipe.

Before approving a County Road Policy, the resident must pay \$500 to remain as escrow to protect the county from any damages to the roadway due to the construction. Also, a \$300 deposit shall be retained by the county to cover the cost of repairing the road in the future when settling of the refilled road

materials occurs. The policy deposits are required for each location a county road is crossed.

The policy states the pipe shall be placed at the depth required by the commissioner and then repair and replace the bed and coverings of such roadway and return said roadway to as near its original condition as possible. The pipe shall be buried three feet depth from the bottom of the ditch on either side of the roadway and shall replace with gravel the cut out portion of the roadway from the surface down 12 inches.

The policy states if the commissioner is not satisfied with the work done, said commissioner may repair said roadway as he sees fit and take the costs of such repair from the escrow deposit. The resident agrees to be responsible for any liability from such construction.

Upon completion of such construction and approval of said commissioner, the escrow money or any amount remaining in said escrow account shall be returned to the resident.

The amendment portion of the County Road Policy states, "All paved roads are required to be

bored and all other county roads are at the discretion of the precinct commissioner.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The commissioners' court meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Judge Roger Corn. 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 County Clerk Donna Bell.

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

—Under public comment, there was none.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to pay all the approved bills. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

—A motion was made by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Farmer to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:00 a.m. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.



**HOUSTONIAN VISITS HOWARD MUSEUM**— The constant stream of visitors to the Robert E. Howard Museum represent a wide variety of professions and backgrounds, but Bob Smith may be the first data miner who has made the trip. Such is Smith's job in the pharmaceutical research department at the Sears Methodist Hospital in Houston. Smith made arrangements to swing through Cross Plains to visit the Museum on his way to Kansas and Missouri for a combined business and pleasure trip.

## Commissioners approve proclamation for awareness of women's heart disease

The Callahan County Commissioners voted to proclaim February 6, 2009 as National Wear Red Day to promote awareness of Women's Heart Disease. On a motion by County Judge Roger Corn and a second by Commissioner Bryan Farmer, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve the proclamation. The proclamation reads:

### PROCLAMATION

Whereas, National Wear Red Day celebrates the extraordinary progress in women's heart health and recognizes that more needs to be done in Callahan County to safeguard women's health for generations to come.

Whereas, Heart disease is the #1 killer of women and one in four American women die as a result of heart disease

Whereas, Most women do not know that heart disease is a women's problem and they do

not take it seriously.

Whereas, The risk factors for heart disease are smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, overweight/obesity, physical inactivity, diabetes, a family history of early heart disease, and age.

Whereas, Women can promote their own heart health and prevent disease and illness by taking steps to prevent and control the heart disease risk factors.

Whereas, Keeping women healthy and promoting awareness of women's health issues, including heart health, is an important responsibility and depends on the actions of many organizations and groups in our community.

Whereas, Women's health remains a priority for families, communities, and government, and our commitment to keeping women healthy is stronger than

Whereas, The Heart Truth campaign and its Red Dress symbol are building awareness of women's heart disease risk and empowering them to reduce their risk and prevent heart disease.

Therefore, Callahan County women need to take action to make heart health a priority for themselves and their families, become aware of their personal risk factors for heart disease, and take action to lower their risk.

Now, therefore, I, The Honorable Roger Corn, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 6, 2009, as National Wear Red Day in Callahan County and encourage all citizens to wear red to unite in the national movement to give women a personal and urgent wake-up call about their risk of heart disease.

(s) Roger Corn

January 26, 2009

## Scranton Musical set for Saturday

The Scranton Musical will be held Saturday, February 7th at the Scranton Community Center. The kitchen will begin serving at 5:30 p.m. Sarah Matthews and some of her family will have a good meal to offer plus homemade sandwiches and homemade pies. The special for the evening is beef stroganoff, green beans, fruit, and hot bread. A drink is included, but pie is separate.

Mark Ray is the emcee with the music beginning at 6:00 p.m. Last month we had a lot of musicians to enjoy. All area musicians are invited to play. You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group. We hope to see you Saturday.

Submitted by: Joanie Shrader

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## 22nd Annual "TET" reunion in Abilene on February 7th

The 22nd Annual "TET" Reunion will be held Saturday, February 7th at the Taylor County Fairgrounds Display Building in Abilene.

The reunion will begin at 12:00 noon. The annual "TET" reunion honors all Vietnam veterans. All veterans and their families are welcome and veterans are asked to bring their "In Country" memorabilia.

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# First Feral Hog Hunt held in Callahan County

The AgriLIFE Extension Service and Texas Department of Agriculture teamed up to help the landowners in Callahan County control the feral hog population in the county. The first feral hog hunt in Callahan County was held on

Saturday, January 31, 2009. The hunt was conducted by helicopter and eradicated 256 hogs and 20 coyotes. Although, this is a fairly large number it is a fraction of the actual population in the county.

We are in the process of scheduling another hunt in the coming months, but the date has not been confirmed. To ensure that we get the help we need to control feral hogs in the county we will need the support of the

landowners in the county. If you have not signed up for the hunts and are interested in helping with the problem you can contact our office at 325-854-5835 or Callahan@ag.tamu.edu.

## Gov. Perry Urges Legislature to Strengthen Private Property Rights

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today urged lawmakers to add an amendment to the state constitution to fortify property owners' rights against abuses of eminent domain. The governor spoke at a press conference with the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

"Through Senate Bill 7, we made it clear that Texans will not tolerate taking land for economic development or giving it to a private developer," Gov. Perry said. "Unless we take action on these protections, private property rights in Texas will begin to erode and undermine the very character of our state."

Senate Bill 7 was passed in 2005 during a special session of the 79th Legislature, after a U.S. Supreme Court decision in Kelo v. New London ruled that government entities could use eminent domain authority for economic development projects rather than traditional public uses. The bill prohibits acquisition of land for non public purposes, such as commercial economic development or private use.

rights, and Susette Kelo, plaintiff in the Kelo v. New London case. Sen. Duncan will also propose a constitutional amendment to prevent private property from being taken for economic or private development purposes.

Gov. Perry also cautioned against use of the Texas Supreme Court's decision in Hubenak v. San Jacinto Gas Transmission Co., which allows government entities to make an unreasonably low offer on a person's property, and then respond to an owner's refusal by taking the land. The governor also commended Rep. Jim Jackson for sponsoring the constitutional amendment adopted by voters in 2007, allowing landowners to buy back land at the price the government paid for it if it is not used for the project it was taken for.

"Government shouldn't use eminent domain to take someone's land without trying to buy it from them first," Gov. Perry said. "It is wrong for any government to make a lowball offer, then respond to an owner's righteous refusal by taking the land. The government owes land owners a genuine good-faith negotiation, not a land grab."

## Area Students Named to Dean's List at Texas State

San Marcos, Texas(Grassroots Newswire) January 29, 2009— Texas State University- San Marcos has announced that the following students have been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2008 semester:

Sawyer T. Smith - Baird  
Kelby G. Cauthen - Baird  
Texas State is a doctoral granting university located in the Austin-San Antonio corridor on the edge of the Texas Hill Country. With an enrollment of 29,125

students, it is the largest campus in the Texas State University System, one of the 75 largest universities in the country and has been name one of America's Best Value Colleges by the Princeton Review.

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## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

### The Quiet Sermon

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished,

there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

From the Internet.

St. Francis said, "Preach the gospel at all times. If necessary, use words. Sermon without words are sometime the most effective. One time I saw a sort of sloppily dressed man in the grocery store. In my mind I

thought, "Why would anyone go out like that.?" When I got to the register I was behind the man. He turned and seeing my few parcels, said "You may go in front of me since you only have a few things." "I had been critical of him and he was being nice to me. I had preached a sermon to myself and I felt ashamed. So often we judge when we do not know the facts. Let us be careful of the sermons we preach."

BHW

### Sweet Potato Delight

3 cups cooked, mashed sweet potatoes  
1 cup sugar  
3 eggs  
1 stick butter  
1 tsp. vanilla  
Mix all ingredients together. Pour in casserole dish. Add topping.

### Topping

1 cup brown sugar  
1/3 cup soft butter  
1 cup chopped pecans  
1/3 cup flour  
Mix together till crumbly. Put on top of potato mixture. Bake at 375° for about 30 minutes.

## Living on a budget consumer tips

In today's current economic recession, perhaps now is a good time to sit down, craft a budget and stick to it - even when the economy improves. According to a recent USA Today poll, 60 percent of those surveyed said the current economic crisis is the worst in their lifetime. The economy will bounce back, but the lessons we learn from our budgeting exercise will serve us well for a lifetime.

The first thing you need to do is to calculate your monthly income, then determine how much

you spend on monthly bills and lastly, track your daily expenses. As you begin to craft your budget, keep a list of your regular monthly expenses, such as mortgage or rent payments, car payment, utilities, food, gas and credit card payments. Set aside some money each month to take care of occasional miscellaneous expenditures such as appliance repair, car repair, clothes and entertainment expenses. You might also want to set aside some money for holiday gift buying. It is a lot easier to save a little now for those gift

purchases rather than putting all of the charges on a credit card in December. The financial experts will tell you that you need to have at least three months of living expenses stashed away for that rainy day.

For one month, carry a notebook with you and write down every penny you spend from buying a pack of gum to going out to dinner. At the end of the month, review your spending to see which items are priorities and where you can cut back.

We are never too young or too old to budget and save.

Children learn by example. When dealing with your younger children, take them with you to your community bank and help them open a savings account.

For your teenagers, help them determine a weekly or monthly spending plan and let them pay some of their expenses.

College age and young adults should craft a budget leaning toward fulfilling their goals and dreams, whether they want to buy a house or start their own business.

Newlyweds need to establish a budget in order to start their household on financially solid ground. Prior to the wedding, couples should attend financial counseling and candidly discuss any outstanding debt they may have from student loans or credit cards.

At mid-life, your budget needs to include saving money for your children's college and for your retirement.

For those of you looking at retirement, begin to eliminate your debt and determine where your living expenses will come from during retirement so you do not live in fear of running out of money.

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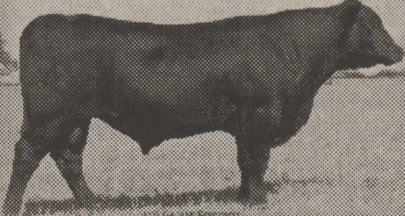
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## Brownwood Stars of Texas art exhibit set for February 8, 2009

The Stars of Texas Juried Art Exhibit of Brownwood is announcing its call for entries for the eleventh annual juried art exhibit. The exhibit is scheduled for February 8, 2009 through February 20, 2009 to be held at the Depot Civic and Cultural Center, 600 Depot Street, Brownwood, Texas. The title for this year's show is "Let Your Heart Flow".

Every year the exhibition continues to grow and expand. The exhibit draws Texas artists from cities across the state in a variety of 2D and 3D categories. 2D works must be in one of the following categories: Fine Art Photography; Oil; Pastel; Watermedia; Drawing; or Hand-pulled Graphics. The two-week exhibit allows ample time for viewing, as well as daily demonstrations. It is open to both the public and the area schools at no charge.

Juror for the 2009 Exhibit is Walle Conoly who is currently a professor of art at St. Edward's University in Austin. Previously, he was a member of the art faculties of Angelo State University and the University of New Mexico, and the architecture faculty at the University of Texas at Austin. He holds an MA degree from the University of New Mexico and a BFA from the University of Texas at Austin. He has taught many art courses and has produced illustrations for fifteen books and several magazine articles. Professor Conoly's paintings and drawings are included in numerous collections including the permanent collections of the University of New Mexico and St.

Edward's University.

Entries will be accepted at the Depot for judging on Friday, January 30, 2009 from 5 PM to 7 PM and on Saturday, January 31, 2009 from 9 AM to NOON. Entries will first be judged for acceptance and then for awards. Accepted works must remain for the duration of the show. A non-refundable entry fee of \$15.00 is required for each entry and payable to the Arts Council of Brownwood at time of entry. The maximum number of entries from each artist is three. Specific eligibility requirements are described in a prospectus available at your local chamber of commerce, your local art association or on our web-site. Works not selected must be picked up on Saturday, January 31, 4-5 PM.

The Salon Des Refuses exhibit sponsored by the Brownwood Art Association will be held Feb. 8-20 at the Art Center, 215 Fisk Ave. Artists are invited to submit for show and sale any artwork entered but not accepted into the 2009 Stars of Texas exhibit.

New to this year's exhibit will be an Art Talk by well-known Texas Artist Daryl Howard. It is titled East Meets West and features Japanese Woodblock Printmaking through the eyes of a native Texan. The talk will be on Saturday, January 31 from 1-3 PM. It will be held at the Brownwood Art Association Art Center at 215 Fisk Ave. There will be free admission to Stars of Texas Entrants.

The Opening Reception will be on Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 6-9 PM, at the Brownwood

Depot. Awards will be presented at a ceremony at 7:00 PM. The awards are as follows: The \$1000 Dorothy Mayes Best of Show Award; the \$750 Stars of Texas Purchase Award; the \$750 Juror Award; the \$500 Kohler Award; the \$500 J Hite Homes Inc Merit Award; \$100 each of Five Honorable Mention Awards; the People's Choice Ribbon Award and a \$500 Paint-Off Competition. All art exhibited must be for sale. All sales will be handled through the Arts Council of Brownwood. A 25% donation is required for sales generated by the exhibition.

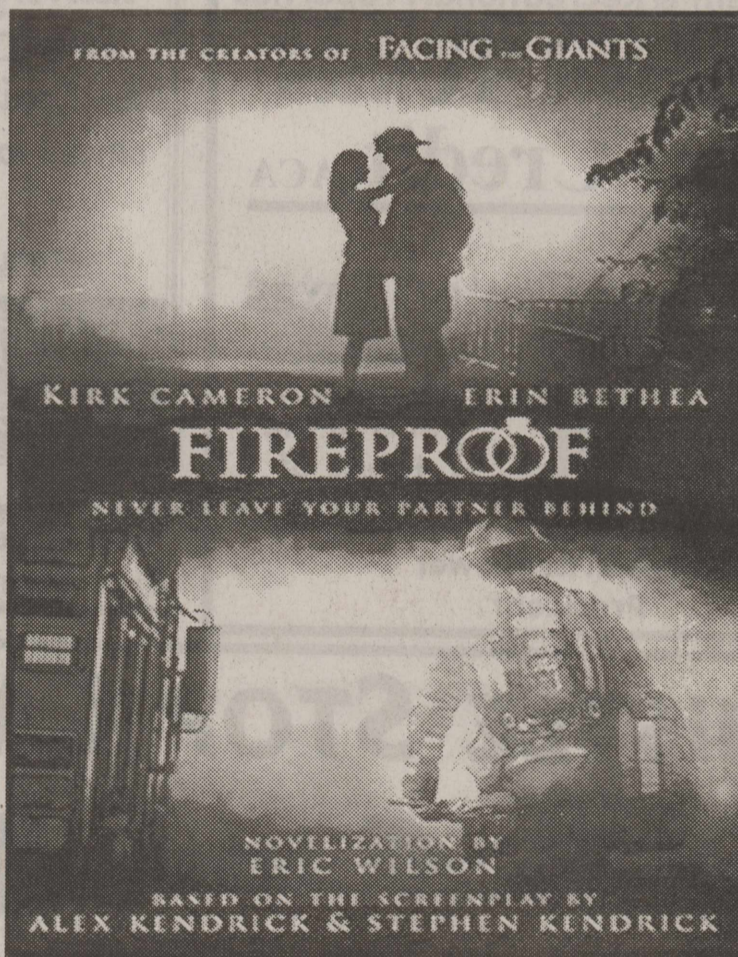
The fourth annual Paint-Off Competition will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2009 once again offering a cash prize of \$500.00. Similar to the plein air competitions so popular in artists' circles, the Paint Off will be held in the ballroom of the Depot Civic and Cultural Center, with the outdoor plein air painters at designated sites, allowing the public to view artists at work. Artists may register on Saturday, February 14 from 8-10 AM. Artists are required to register and have their painting surface stamped before painting. Participants must be 18 or older and a Texas resident. This event is open to all 2-D media and tasteful subject matter except photography. All stamped work must be entered for jury by 2:30 P.M. The \$500.00 will be awarded at 3:30 P.M. that day. A \$20 fee will be required for this competition and each artist must supply his own easel and keep equipment compact. For information contact 325-622-3397 or 325-646-7167.

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## Senior Citizens of Cross Plains Renovation Committee Report

The Senior Citizens of Cross Plains Renovation Committee would like to once again thank the community for their tremendous support of its fund-raising projects which began in the spring of 2007. The fund-raising projects began after a suggestion was made in a City Council meeting that concerned citizens raise the money to repair the leaking roof.

After the fund drive, the City Council decided that it wasn't appropriate to have other than City money spent to repair City property. The following quote is from a letter *To The Citizens of Cross Plains from the City* published in the *Cross Plains Review* March 19, 2008 "...it is the cities (sic) practice to maintain its own property. Last year the City made a lot of repairs to the roof and virtually stopped the leaks. We will continue to maintain the roof as leaks appear and at such time the city feels the roof needs to be replaced, it will do so without asking for assistance."

So the City worked on the roof and the results have been good so far—but we haven't had a good rain in months.

Some of the money that was raised has been spent on the awnings in front and in the rear of the building and on repainting the sign on the front of the building. The Committee is offering to buy a large deep freezer for the kitchen and, with the City's permission, paint parking stripes on the parking lot. Now that meals are being cooked on site, the Senior Citizen's Center is becoming a very popular place for lunch and parking is becoming a problem.

In the meantime, the rest of the money that was raised is in Cashiers Checks in a lock box in the bank. The Committee intends to wisely spend the money to help our Senior Citizens in the future.

Submitted by  
Senior Citizens of  
Cross Plains  
Renovation Committee



MR. & MRS. DOUG PASLEY

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ANGELA PETTY AND SAMUEL NIXON

## High wildfire danger

COLLEGE STATION, Texas—The Texas Forest Service (TFS) is urging citizens across the state to be aware of heightened wildfire danger due to a low pressure front that will drop humidity levels and produce high winds.

Tom Spencer, TFS predictive services department head, said these conditions could lead to wildfires that spread quickly, pose containment problems and endanger public safety. Though the state saw some precipitation earlier this week, prolonged drought conditions have not improved. In fact, the freezing temperatures only caused

drought-cured grasses to become even drier.

TFS Predictive Services Department forecasts that through the month of February, fuels, such as grasses and trees, are expected to remain critically dry.

Over the past seven days, TFS has responded to five wildfires for 371 acres. According to an online database managed by TFS, fire departments have reported 163 wildfires involving 7,899 acres since last Friday. For more information on fire advisories and area conditions, go to <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu> and click on Fire Danger/Advisories.

## Biggs - Pasley United in Marriage December 31, 2008

Robert and Charlotte Lee are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter Hailey Biggs to Doug Pasley. The couple was married on New Year's Eve at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains with Ronnie White officiating. Sister of the bride Holly Bays served as Maid of Honor and cousin of the bride Kaitlyn Brown was the flower girl. Brother of the groom George Pasley was the Best Man. His other brother Gerald Pasley was the groomsman. Ushers were

Kyle Cunningham and Joe Stoker. Doug is the son of Bill and Jane Pasley of DeKalb. He is a 2004 graduate of DeKalb High School and is currently employed by TXDOT in New Boston.

Hailey is a 2008 graduate of Cross Plains High School. She is currently pursuing certification as a medical assistant.

There will be a wedding shower in their honor on February 7th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the First Baptist Church. All friends and family are invited to attend.

## Petty - Nixon to Wed on April 18, 2009

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Petty of Teague would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Angela Petty, to Samuel Nixon, son of Terry Nixon and the late Leon Nixon, all formerly of Cross Plains.

Sam's grandparents are N.L. (Razz) and Martha Dillard of Abilene and Leatrice and the late L.E. Nixon of Kerrville, all formerly of Cross Plains. Angela's grandparents are Sue Griffis of Garland and Modelle Petty and the late Nick Petty of Maypearl.

Angela is a 2002 graduate of Teague High School in Teague. She completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene from the University of Texas, Dental Branch in Houston.

Sam is a 1999 graduate of Cross Plains High School. In 2004, he received his Bachelor of Science degree from McMurry University in Abilene. He completed his Doctoral of Physical Therapy degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene in December 2008.

Angela and Sam will be married April 18, 2009 in Teague.

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