



**IN HONOR OF MOTHER'S DAY** The Butler Center hosted a Mother's Day celebration last Wednesday. Honored mothers included: Theola Knolls, Sandra Cunningham, Magelean Watkins, Ina Carter, Evelyn Goff and Maurine Jones. Mrs. Cunningham was the youngest mother present while Mrs. Carter was the oldest mother in attendance. With 9 children a piece, Mrs. Knolls and Mrs. Watkins tied for mother with most children and Mrs. Goff with 27 grandchildren won the title of "mother with the most grandchildren."

# By two cents . . . Postage rates increase

Postage increased Monday from 42 to 44 cents. However, customers can continue to mail letters at today's prices by purchasing the Forever Stamp before May 11.

"The Forever Stamps were developed to help consumers ease the transition during price changes," said Greg Kazmierczak, Fairfield officer in charge.

"Forever Stamps do not have a denomination and will be honored whenever they are used with no need for additional postage for a one-ounce letter mailing. On May 11, the price of a Forever Stamp will be 44 cents."

Rising operational costs make the price adjustments necessary; the increase tracks the 2008

rate of inflation. "The Postal Service is not immune to rising costs which are affecting homes and businesses across Fairfield today," Kazmierczak explained.

"Even with the increase, the Postal Service continues to offer some of the lowest postage prices in the world."

For the average household, the first-class mail stamp price change will represent an additional \$3 over the course of the year.

When compared to annual increases in other household expenses, such as groceries, healthcare and utilities, the Postal Service continues to an economical choice for shipping and mailing during tough economic times.

For first-class mail, there will be no changes in the current additional ounce price, which remains at 17 cents.

Other price changes on May 11 include: a postcard increases a penny to 28 cents, the first ounce of a large flat envelope increases 5 cents to 88 cents, the first ounce of a parcel increases 5 cents to \$1.22, new first-class mail international postcard and letter (first ounce) prices are Canada, 75 cents; Mexico, 79 cents; and other countries, 98 cents.



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## Fairfield History Club . . . Final meeting of the club year

Hosting its final meeting of the 2008-09 club year, members of the Fairfield History Club gathered at the Moody-Bradley House last Thursday for a salad sup-

per. Following their meal Pilgrimage Chairman and Vice President Melinda Bonds reported on the success of the club's 39th annual pilgrimage with ticket sales numbering 314.

Members of the pilgrimage committee included: Doris Casey, Sissy Ivy, Cynthia Kethley, Donna Landers, Julie Ann

Medford and Patricia Robinson.

The History Club also received a number of awards at both district and state levels for its programs and projects.

Reports Chairman Sandra McLeod informed club members that the organization had received 8 first place and 6 second place awards at a district convention held in April

and 4 first place and 1 second place at the state convention also held in April.

In other business, members voted to make donations to East Texas Crisis Center in the amount of \$150 and to Relay for Life in the amount of \$2,000. The organization will celebrate its 85th birthday next March.

Planning for the event will begin this summer.

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## Monthly report . . . Fairfield Public Library

In regard to the H-1N-1 virus, the staff at the Mary Moody Northern Library inspects all returning materials for damage and soiling. Antibacterial wipes are used to clean the facilities computers and phones which are available for the public's use.

As summer approaches, so does the library's Summer Reading Program which includes a reading contest and weekly programs.

The program begins Thursday, June 11, with the theme "Deep in the Heart of Texas." The group will meet weekly from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Interested readers can sign-up for contests beginning Tuesday, June 2. Volunteers interested in contributing to the Texana-themed programs can contact (903) 389-3574.

Story time at the library, which is held every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., will continue until May 28 when it will break for the Summer Reading Program.

Last month, director John Stevens attended a workshop for Small Library Management in Pflugerville where he received 10 hours of continuing education credits.

New additions to the library shelves include a collection of classic American books for young readers from the National Endowment for the Humanities: "Walt Whitman: Words for America", "Democracy in America on an Emigrant Train", "1776: The Illustrated Edition", "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer", "Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation", "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer", "Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation", "On the Wings of Heroes", "American Tall Tales", Paul Revere, Lewis and Clark, Caesar Chavez and eight others.

Adult reading additions include: "3 Willows" by Ann Brashores, "Breakneck" by Erica Spindler, "Cream Puff

Murder" by Joanne Fluke, "Darker Place" by Jack Higgins, "Delia's Gift" by V.C. Andrews, "Don't Look Twice" by Andrew Grace, "Double Minds" by Terri Blackstock and "Graveyard Book" by Neil Gaimon.

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**Reception for Robin Hancock**  
Robin Hancock will be in the Christian Life Center at First Baptist Church, Fairfield on May 31st at 6:30 pm to share her vision and needs for the children at the Zemba Children's Foundation in Uganda, Africa. Robin founded the New Hope Baby House also in Uganda.  
You are welcome to come join us where there will be an opportunity to share refreshments, hear what Robin is doing, and to see pictures of the precious children. Love offerings will be taken to help Robin with this mission work.

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