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Jackpot



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FAMILY CIRCUS — Trevor Brazile greets fans and press at the red carpet Saturday night at the Mirage Convention Center in Las Vegas for the National Finals Rodeo award ceremony. He's joined by son Treston, 2, wife Shada and daughter Stella Bell.

Brazile wins second triple crown; sets earning record in Vegas

By BRANDON EVANS

For Trevor Brazile, what happened in Vegas didn't stay in Vegas. It reverberated throughout the rodeo world.

The Decatur cowboy hit the jackpot during the 2010 National Finals Rodeo (NFR). Brazile won the prestigious triple crown on the last night of the finals at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas.

He became the first to win multiple triple crowns in more than 50 years and only the third in rodeo history. He sealed the deal by winning world titles in team roping, tie-down roping and the all-around. In 2007, he took home a triple crown with world titles in all-around, tie-down roping and steer roping.

He also set several earning records along the way, earning more than \$500,000 in a single season.

He relied on diversity, horsemanship and hard work to set the records.

“It means so much to me ... I don't take these championships lightly.”

Trevor Brazile

“It means so much to me because everything has gotten so specialized,” Brazile said. “Nobody shows up and does three events on the same horse anymore because it's so competitive ... I don't take these championships lightly because I know how tough the field was.”

Going into the final round, Brazile and team roping partner Patrick Smith were in second

place in the world standings, more than \$13,000 behind the leaders.

In order to snag the title and claim the triple crown, Brazile and Smith needed to time well to place in the team roping average, and have the leader Clay Tryan, of Billings, Mont., fail to finish in the top six. Brazile and Smith remained calm and roped the calf in a steady 7.5 seconds. It proved good enough to place second in the average. Meanwhile, Tryan and partner Travis Graves missed the mark and failed to time. Brazile earned enough on the final night to bring his total to \$201,392. Tryan, after holding the lead most of the year, fell to second with his \$184,739 for the year.

Brazile entered the finals in team roping far from first. It took tremendous concentration, hard work and a little bit of Las Vegas luck to catch up. He'd never won a world title in team roping before.

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FORT WORTH

Former Decatur resident killed in wreck

By KRISTEN TRIBE

A Fort Worth woman, formerly of Decatur, was killed Monday night in a head-on collision on U.S. 81/287, near Blue Mound Road in Tarrant County.

Terry DeBo, 46, died when her silver Honda was hit head-on by a black Chevrolet pickup driven by Michael Hairston, 61, of Fort Worth. Hairston was also killed. There were no passengers in either vehicle.

Detective Clint Wise with the Fort Worth Police Department said Hairston was driving southbound in the northbound lanes of U.S. 81/287 when he hit DeBo, who was northbound.

Wise said he “had no knowledge of alcohol being involved.”

“We did not smell any odor of alcoholic beverage on (Hairston) or in the vehicle,” he said. “Nor did we see any signs inside the vehicle.”

According to Public Information Officer Damon Ing with the Saginaw Police Department, Hairston was involved in a minor accident in Saginaw about 7 p.m.

“It was a small fender bender ... nothing high speed or anything ... it was actually near Walmart,” he said.

The Saginaw fire and police departments responded to the accident. Ing

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Fire danger increases

Grass fires kept local fire departments busy the early part of this week.

Around mid-morning Monday, a fire was reported in the 400 block of County Road 4421. The fire threatened homes, but only an outbuilding caught fire. East Wise and Decatur fire departments responded.

A backfiring car is blamed

for starting a large grass fire on Farm Road 3433 in Rhome around 2:45 Monday afternoon. At least seven fire departments were called to help contain the blaze, and FM 3433 and the southbound U.S. 81/287 service road were temporarily shut down due to heavy smoke.

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RHOME FIRE — A brush truck is obscured by smoke at a large grass fire in Rhome Monday afternoon.

Messenger photo by Joe Duty



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 “My family knows how hard I worked at that,” Brazile said of the header buckle. “I’ve learned it before, but I learned it again. Hard work pays off.”

Brazile’s storied season was one of history and records for the NFR and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). He became the first cowboy to win eight all-around world titles.

“Eight is really special, just the fashion we got it done,” he said. “It wasn’t a struggle. I don’t know where you go from here, but winning never gets old.”

He also became the first to earn more than \$500,000 in a single season.

“It’s just great for the sport,” Brazile said of the earnings. “It just shows you that pro rodeo is not going anywhere. They keep adding prizes. Fans have always known it’s the true extreme sport.”

He did this despite suffering a partially torn tendon in his right elbow that forced him to miss 40 days of competition.

“I had a great year, but I was hurt a lot of the year,” Brazile said. “My horses were hurt a lot of the year. It was just getting through those times. I brought two horses I hadn’t ridden much at all out here, and I tried not to make any of the situations bigger than they were.”

“I’ve been blessed. I know He was going to bless me with the horse I needed for these circumstances. I just didn’t panic; I just kept doing my job and I knew it would all work out.”

Brazile also won the tie-down average, a feat he never accomplished before.



STAYING FOCUSED — Trevor Brazile’s horse hold firms as he rushes to tie-up a calf in tie-down roping at the NFR. Brazile won the average and the world title in the Vegas event.

Messenger photo by Joe Duty

“I’ve never won the average in the calf roping or steer roping, so it means a lot to me,” he said.

And Brazile was the top earner throughout the 10-day finals. He won \$211,509, a PRCA record for most money won at a single rodeo. He shattered his own NFR payday record by more than \$60,000.

During the grueling week and a half of performing nightly and dealing with the stresses of cowboy stardom, Brazile enjoyed support from his wife and their two young children.

“When you’ve got a family in your corner, especially when you’re on the road, it keeps everything in perspective,” he said.

On Monday night, Brazile left the noise and lights of Las Vegas to return to his home on a rural county road near Decatur.

“That’s where my heart is,” Brazile said. “I love getting up in the morning and roping the goats with Treston or going hunting ... doing things with my family. We just shut the gate and get away from the world for a while.”

Towering hotels and casinos covered with millions of lights are replaced with short post oaks on mellow hills. Screeching horns of taxis and the steady din of shuffling crowds vanish. The soft hum of nature and bucolic scenes of cattle grazing in silent, pristine pastures shift into view. And for a few weeks, Brazile gets to relax

and enjoy the landscape that has helped develop the winningest cowboy in PRCA history.

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DECATUR

Businesses get recycling option

By PHIL MAJOR

The Decatur City Council approved commercial recycling Monday. It will be voluntary at a fee of \$10 per month for weekly pickup in 96-gallon carts or \$75 monthly in eight-yard containers.

The city already has mandatory residential recycling. Recycling pickup is on Wednesday for residences. That will also be the day for commercial pickup in carts.

IESI Municipal Manager Norm Bulaich said he would have to confirm whether recycling in the large containers would also be on Wednesday, since it requires a separate truck.

Recyclables include plastics, glass, aluminum and metal cans, paper

bags, cardboard (broken down) and newspapers and catalogs.

Carts must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. Procedures for pickup around the courthouse square must be worked out.

The council also approved a 3.22 percent cost adjustment for trash pickup rates, which means a residence will pay another 40 cents a month. Commercial container rates will also rise by 3.22 percent. The new prices take effect Feb. 1.

IESI is allowed to adjust rates once per year based on the consumer price index and regulatory factors impacting landfill costs.

Bulaich said Decatur's rates were not raised last year.

In planning and zoning matters, the council affirmed three votes by

the P&Z Commission for the property of Stephen Todd Parks at 400 East Main and 103 South Cates.

Approved were a special exception for lot size and a replat of eight lots into two.

Denied was a variance for curb and gutter.

Parks said he was not opposed to installing the curb and gutter but did not want to be liable for additional runoff water on neighboring property.

“This is something I do not want to deviate from,” Mayor Joe Lambert said of the curb and gutter requirement.

Councilman Jay Davidson echoed his feelings that the requirement should be enforced.

The council also heard the first

reading of a zoning change request for 300 East Pecan. The home is proposed for offices for Court Appointed Special Advocates. Among modifications required for the house to be approved as an office is a minimum of five parking spaces.

The council was not able to approve appointments to the Wise Regional Health System Board. Two of the five council members present had family ties to the nominees, leaving less than a quorum available to make the reappointments.

Two-year terms are proposed for Jay Bearden, Chris Forbis, Jon Walker and Stephen Wren.

The council rescheduled its Dec. 27 meeting for Dec. 20 at 5 p.m., when it hopes to make the WRHS appointments.

WISE COUNTY

PUC selects final route

By JULIE NEAL

Nearly a year after Oncor proposed running high-powered transmission lines through southern Wise County, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) has decided upon a final route.

The original preferred route was presented for the Willow Creek-Hicks 345 kilovolt transmission line to landowners in Jan. 2010. Ninety-five alternative routes were also filed. The routes consisted of several “links” that could be combined to form options for the transmission lines.

Starting in June, Oncor notified affected citizens of the line, giving them until July to intervene in protest.

Many interveners were present this past week at the PUC meeting in Austin where the commission settled on

the route with a few alterations along the way.

One of the modifications is the use of monopoles in some instances instead of steel lattice ones, said Oncor spokesperson Sabrina Taylor. The lattice structures allow for the poles to be placed further apart, which is more cost efficient.

However, some residents chose the monopoles for the aesthetics.

Landowner Jim Joling is pleased his property will not be included in the transmission route, but he feels bad for property owners who got in on the action too late, he said. The PUC ruled interveners who had not filed a complaint within the summer deadline could not petition the commission

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PANCAKES WITH SANTA — Camryn Boyd, left, and Ellie Miller, both 4, enjoy pancakes together at the Decatur Fire Station Saturday morning. Firefighters provided pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee, and Santa made an appearance.

FORT WORTH

Former Decatur resident killed in wreck ...

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said Hairston was evaluated by the officers and firefighters, and "they found him to be perfectly fine."

When Wise County Sheriff's Department received a call at 7:45 p.m. that a pickup traveling at a high rate of speed was southbound in the northbound lanes on U.S. 81/287, just south of Texas 114. Less than 15 minutes later, it was reported to the sheriff's department that the pickup had hit another vehicle.

Precinct 1 Constable Tom Bishop responded to the call. He said he was on DWI patrol near Rhome. "I never saw him until I arrived at the wreck," Bishop said. "We had been trying to catch up with him. We were going all out and trying to catch up with him and get him off the highway."

"It's a shame that (DeBo) had to suffer for whatever was wrong in his life." Jason Ticknor of Decatur was one of the first people on the scene of the deadly accident. He is a battalion chief for the North Richland Hills Fire Department, and he was driving home after work.

"I saw there was significant damage to both vehicles, fluids on the ground and smoke coming from the vehicles," he said. "There was fire under the hood of the sports utility vehicle (Honda), initially, and I asked the other bystanders to start talking to truck drivers sitting in traffic to get fire extinguishers to get the fire out. A short time later I discovered there was fire under the dash of the pickup," he said.

Ticknor said the other bystanders put out the fires while he checked the vehicles for other occupants and tried to assist the drivers.

"I did what I could until the Fort Worth Fire Department and Medstar arrived," he said. "When you arrive at something like that, having some people who can take care of some things so you can get down to business ... it really makes a difference."

"When you show up without any equipment, you have to improvise to facilitate the best outcome for patients," he said.

DeBo grew up in Decatur and graduated from Decatur High School in 1982.

Her sister, Kelly Bramlett, described her as hard-working, strong-willed and dedicated to her family.

"She was the one her children turned to," Bramlett

said. According to Bramlett, DeBo was going home to her daughter and grandson at the time of the accident.

Delinda Buckner met DeBo while working at First American Bank in Decatur, now Citibank, and she said she loved her children and

grandson. "She and I talked some, and she was just very happy, very, very happy," Buckner said.

Stacy Dunn, who also worked with DeBo at the bank, said she was positive and upbeat about life. She said DeBo enjoyed country

music, and she and her husband regularly went to concerts.

"She loved family ... Christmas was her favorite time of year," Dunn said. "I know it will be hard for the family because of all the gifts she's already bought."

Funeral for DeBo is 2 p.m.

Friday at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur. Burial will follow at Pleasant Grove Cemetery, No. 1.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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HEALTH FORUM — The Wise County Health Forum meets at 9 a.m. Thursday at the Decatur City Hall Community Room.

CONCERT — The Bridgeport Band Winter Concert is 7 p.m. Thursday at the Bridgeport High School gymnasium. The high school, jazz band and middle school bands will perform.

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OPINION

OUR VIEWS

Children offer a lesson on giving

By JULIE NEAL

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and my thoughts have been consumed with the gifts I need to buy for my family. I shamefully admit I have not done any of my Christmas shopping, and it seems Christmas has snuck up on me without my permission. My husband can't decide what gifts he wants and my parents and in-laws are also on the undecided list. The buying of gifts can be all-consuming until I take a minute to stop and witness genuine

Christmas generosity. Last week, I had the privilege of going to Carson Elementary School in Decatur and Bridgeport Elementary to watch them give fundraiser money to local charities.

At Carson, the kids are participating in a Penny War which combines unique elements to create an incredible learning opportunity. Just like exercise, the kids enjoy donating to a cause more if there is an aspect



NEAL

of fun and competition involved.

When I arrived at the school, the kids were waiting for me in the hall, jumping out of their skin with excitement. They fought over who would get to tell me about their great project.

The sentences came out in pieces as one child would start with a few words, then another child would jump in to tell the rest of the story. What were they the most excited

about? Donating the money to a local family.

For these children, giving to the less fortunate became more important to them when they discovered the money would be going to people they knew, rather than through an anonymous charity. The kids were not told which families they were raising the money for, but once a human aspect was introduced, the teacher said the students have thrown themselves into the Penny War.

Instead of going over Christmas shopping lists relentlessly and becoming stressed, there is

a lesson to be learned in the selfless giving children practice.

One fifth-grade teacher mentioned one of her students who had donated a large amount of money was actually in need himself. She had to tell the boy politely to stop donating money.

How wonderful it would be for the Wise County charities to have to tell people to stop giving money or time because they were overwhelmed. All it takes is a little collective effort from all of the county citizens to ensure everyone has a merry Christmas.

YOUR VIEWS

Halt handouts

I would like to respond to Landon Hankins' letter on Dec. 9, regarding extending the Bush era tax cuts to the top 2 percent of earners. First of all, you refer to the "partisan political move" by the Republicans. The fact is during this "lame duck" session of Congress, the Democrats control the Senate, the House and the presidency. The Republicans can do absolutely nothing without the support of at least some Democrats. So, which effort is partisan?

Next, let's address the amount of taxes paid by Americans. According to the National Taxpayers Union, a non-partisan advocate for taxpayers (www.ntu.org), the top 1 percent of taxpayers pay 38 percent of all taxes. The top 5 percent pays almost 59 percent, with the bottom 50 percent paying only 2.7 percent of all income taxes. Therefore, we already have a situation where only half of Americans pay taxes to support the entire country.

Finally, I completely agree that America has been living beyond its means since the 1960s. However, the solution is to stop the out of control spending by both parties of our government. You don't go out and buy a new car when you can't pay the bills you already have.

The truth no one wants to hear is that the government handouts have to stop. Unemployment benefits may be extended from the current 99 weeks to 151 weeks. Yes, that's almost three years of unemployment. Instead, shouldn't we all be finding ways to put those people back to work rather than continue to rely on unemployment benefits?

This president ran on job creation, but once elected, shifted his focus to health care. That doesn't seem to have worked out so well.

Andy Sabo
Rhome

Keeping a legacy alive

On Dec. 5, Slidell lost its fairy godmother when Charlotte Fortenberry passed away. I found myself asking, "How do we keep her legacy going without her?"

My question was answered at her funeral. It is up to us, the people who loved her and the people she loved. It is up to our community to keep her legacy going.

It means being involved in our community, church and school activities. It means caring for our neighbors and taking time for each other, just being better people. The answer is really simple - to love and be loved. That is what Charlotte would do.

Corrie Lloyd
Slidell

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OTHER VIEWS

The Hammer gets nailed

By JIM HIGHTOWER

For once, I actually agree with something that Tom DeLay said. The former Republican leader of Congress recently declared in his most somber tone, "The criminalization of politics undermines our very system."

Wow, so true, Tommy.

Of course, what I mean by the "criminalization of politics" is very different than what he means. DeLay was bemoaning the stunning fact that a Texas jury had just convicted him on two felony counts of money laundering. He waived that he was a victim of a political vendetta by Texas Democrats, calling his prosecution "an abuse of power."

Amazing. Here's a guy who became Congress' most powerful member by blatantly using his position of public trust to broker campaign cash from a myriad of corporations in exchange for passing their legislation.

He went on worldwide golfing junkets with lobbyists aboard corporate jets,

plotted legislative strategy with disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff, enjoyed lavish meals on the corporate tab and collected millions of dollars for the GOP's campaign coffers from lobbyists, all while moving the special-interest agenda of his corporate benefactors through Congress.

Yet, he's whining about "an abuse of power"?

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been criminalized. It's been turned into a criminal enterprise funded by corporations for politicians. Reprobate politicians like you have turned the People's House into a shameful pay-to-play parlor.

DeLay was so good at hitting up corporate lobbyists for money, then pounding their wish list into law, that he was nicknamed "The Hammer." But now,

The Hammer's been nailed — not by Democrats, but by a jury of 12 common citizens, whom his own hot-shot lawyers helped select.

These honest people diligently sifted through reams of evidence and ultimately saw him for what he is: a felon.

Jim Hightower, an *Other Words* columnist, is a radio commentator, writer and public speaker. He's also editor of the populist newsletter, *The Hightower Lowdown*.



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SANTA COPS — Mike Picha with the Decatur Police Department loads toys into cars outside of Vincent Investment Management Monday as part of the Santa Cops program. The toys were taken to the police department by members of the Wise County Antique Auto Club. Donations of new, unwrapped toys can be delivered to the department through next Monday.

NORTHWEST

Students show support for former band director

By ERIKA PEDROZA

A pair of Northwest High School students spoke on behalf of former Northwest High School band director Scott Lewis at Monday night's school board meeting.

Lewis was reassigned to the position of fine arts instructional coach, effective Nov. 4.

According to the students who spoke during the public forum, Lewis was escorted out of the band hall Nov. 3, in front of a class.

"It's a pain to me and to all the rest of us to see him humiliated in front of the rest of his class as there was the second jazz band going on at the time of his escort out of the building," Northwest student Mitch Miller said. "He was a fantastic man, taught us all life lessons ... professionalism, and that is a lesson I think that whoever handled the situation could learn from it, as the situation was not handled very professionally."

Another Northwest High School student echoed the sentiment.

"The district was not just in the reassigning of Mr. Scott Lewis, and I think I speak for every member of the Northwest High School band when I say we want him back," Tanner White said. "There may

be many reasons for why this occurred, many things the members of the public will never know. But I do find it strange that he was treated like a vile criminal being escorted out, then mysteriously reassigned.

"Yet he has been teaching at Gene Pike Middle School. If whatever he did, in the district's eyes, was so bad, then why is he teaching middle school children?"

White continued, "I believe in a society where people that are capable to make their own decisions should be held accountable for their own actions. I ask the board to look into their hearts and to ask themselves if this situation has been handled correctly.

"How would it make you feel if someone you cared deeply about was plucked away from you for no reason or for someone's careless actions," he said. "I believe that they should punish those at fault. It is not fair to punish the 170 students and their beloved leader for the 10 that were involved in the infidelity that took place at the UIL competition area in Odessa.

"Mr. Lewis is just a human man. He cannot oversee the actions of every student at every minute. And even with a multitude of chaperones examining everyone in sight,

there will always be a few who manage to slip through the cracks," White said.

"Don't hold Mr. Lewis accountable for the selfish actions of those whom he cannot physically see," the student urged trustees.

District spokesperson Lesley Weaver called Lewis' reassignment a "personnel matter."

"I don't think he's seeking reassignment [to band director]," she said. "His new assignment is his new assignment."

"We have an instructional coach for the various departments," Weaver said. "They go in and work with the teachers of that department and talk about how they can improve instructional methods. The fine arts department was the only department that did not have an instructional coach."

The school board approved the naming of three schools under construction. Elementary School No. 15, located in the Sendera Ranch subdivision in Fort Worth, will be named after J.C. Thompson, the original landowner of the property where the school is being built.

Elementary School No. 16, located in the Willow Ranch subdivision in Fort Worth, will be named after Carl E. Schluter, longtime district

educator whose son, Mark Schluter, is the current school board president.

The middle school being built in the Sendera Ranch subdivision will be named after Truett Wilson, whose name has been in contention for other schools. According to board member Davis Palmer, the board wanted to make him the namesake of a school closer to his place of residence.

"This is a good one," he said.

Wilson was a longtime superintendent.

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DECATUR

School receives clean audit

By ERIKA PEDROZA

The Decatur School Board Dec. 9 received a report on the external financial audit for the year ending Aug. 31.

Gary Snow of Snow, Garrett and Company, an independent external auditor from Weatherford, said the district received a clean audit.

"It's what you want it to look like," he said.

According to the report, the audited fund balance decreased \$2,381,077 from \$12,068,111 to \$9,687,034 in 2009-2010 fiscal year.

However, the district moved \$4,000,000 to a construction fund making the increase in the combined general fund and

new local construction fund \$1,618,923.

The board also approved: ■ the purchase of Scholastic Math Inventory at approximately \$137,000.

However Pam Holland, executive director of instructional services, said she is still negotiating the price.

"The initial cost is high," Superintendent Rod Townsend said. "But once we buy it, it's ours. The continued cost is not as high,"

■ a \$90,062 quote with J.W. Services of Decatur for Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning work on the middle school field house.

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WISE COUNTY

PUC selects final route ...

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last week.

"People who found out their links were selected, the PUC listened to them and they were very polite, but they said they had no standing because they missed the deadline," Joling said.

Because the Willow-Creeks line is a Competitive Renewal Energy Zone (CREZ), the approval time for the route was 181 days.

This ran out Dec. 13.

Landowners had until that date to file an appeal, but Joling doesn't see anyone filing because the route was decided upon unanimously.

After the Dec. 13 deadline, Oncor agents will begin working with landowners to negotiate fees to use their property.

E-mail Julie at jneal@wcmessenger.com.

WISE COUNTY

Fire danger increases ...

Continued from page 1A

Several departments responded to another grass fire Tuesday morning in the area of Goodnight Trail near New Fairview.

Things might get worse before they get better. Wise County is included in a fire weather watch area from Wednesday morning through that afternoon. Warm temperatures and dry air combined with winds of 20 miles

per hour are forecast. side burning will be allowed under the county's burn ban.

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AREA DEATHS AND FUNERALS

James Lee Walker

1950-2010

Graveside service for James Lee Walker, 60, of Montague was to be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Cumby Cemetery with the Rev. Ronnie Morgan officiating.

Walker died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, in Montague.

Born Oct. 3, 1950, in Bridgeport to Junior Lee and Jaunell (Whatley) Walker, he was a law enforcement officer. He married Deborah Harrington May 17, 2003, in Bridgeport.

Walker was a member of the American Legion Bowie Post 252 and Forestburg Riding Club. He served with several organizations including Bridgeport Police Department, Wackenhut Correctional Institution, Bowie Animal Control, Jack County Sheriff's Department and Bowie Industries. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a Baptist.

Walker is survived by his wife; children Jon Forshee and wife, Stacie, of Muenster, Clay Forshee and wife, Tiffany, of Forestburg, Travis Forshee and wife, Kristen, of Denton, Nikki Wright and husband, Randy, of Joshua,

**JAMES WALKER**

Kevin Walker of Sunset, and Valerie and Becky.

He is also survived by his mother of Tipton, Okla.; brother Jimmy Walker and wife, Brenda, of Sunset; sisters Janice Pritchett and husband, Tommy, of Alvord and Lou Tyler and husband, Mike, of Frederick, Okla.; 17 grandchildren; and nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Honorary pallbearers were to be Michael Tyler, Travis Forshee, Clay Forshee, Jon Forshee, Ryan Tyler, Mike Tyler, Tommy Pritchett, Garrett Johnson and Gary Johnson.

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Lucille Wilson Drain

1913-2010

Funeral for Lucille Wilson Drain, 97, of Newark, was Dec. 14 at First Baptist Church in Newark. Burial followed at Aurora Cemetery.

Drain died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, in Decatur.

Born Oct. 28, 1913, in Wise County to Abner and Ida Cagle Wilson, she and her husband, Edward Drain, operated a business in Newark. She served on the Newark City Council for 25 years and was mayor pro tem for 10 years. She stepped down in 2009 at the age of 96 and was a member of First Baptist Church of Newark.

Drain was preceded in death by her husband in 1978; and sisters Daisy, Vera, Helen and Robbie.

She is survived by son Donald Drain in Newark;

**LUCILLE DRAIN**

grandchildren Kelly Harris of Fort Worth and Christi Osteen of Springtown; great-grandchildren Haydon Harris and Blake Harris of Fort Worth and Raelynn Caldwell and Tessa Osteen of Springtown.

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Jack E. Moore

1937-2010

Memorial service for Jack E. Moore, 73, of Paradise is 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport with the Rev. Roland Hodges and Johnny Irish officiating.

Moore died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, in Decatur.

Born March 25, 1937, in Bedford to Virgil and Mattie A. (Caudle) Moore, he was a retired purchasing agent. He married Carol Sue Underwood Feb. 1, 1992, in Las Vegas. He served in the U.S. Navy.

Moore was a member of Pleasant Grove Cowboy Church, the National Association of Riding Clubs and Sheriff Posses and the Willow Creek Country Club.

Moore is survived by his wife; daughters Von Hawkins and husband, Rob, of Bridgeport, Phyllis Moore-Walden and husband, Dustin, and Jacky Lynne Benton and husband, Keith, all of Tyler; son Jack Robert Moore of Fort Worth.

**JACK MOORE**

Danielle Benton of Tyler, Trey Hawkins and wife, Jennifer, of Decatur and Chase Hawkins of Bridgeport; brother Archie Moore and wife, Martha, of Lake Country Estates; sisters Earline Scoggins and husband, Larry, of Weatherford, Leah Moore of Dallas and Fran Noakes and husband, Steve, of North Richland Hills; great-grandchildren Camryn and Hollyn Hawkins; and nieces and nephews.

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Anna May Tackel Stidham

1927-2010

Mass of Christian burial for Anna May Tackel Stidham, 83, of Bridgeport was to be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at St. John's Catholic Church in Bridgeport with burial at East Bridgeport Cemetery.

Stidham died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, in Bridgeport.

Born Feb. 1, 1927, in Paradise to Jesse Tackel and Mary Francis Butler, she was a retired registered nurse. She was a Rangers fan, played 42, quilted and canned.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James L. Stidham; and brothers Joe, James and John Tackel.

Stidham is survived by daughters Mary Lois Shelton and husband, Kent, of San Angelo and Susanne Benner of Pataskala, Ohio;

**ANNA STIDHAM**

sisters Janie Holt and husband, Theron, and Margaret Smith and husband, Derrell; sister-in-law Emilie Tackel of Paradise; grandchildren LeAnn, Melissa, Catie, Amy, Jennifer, J.P. and Scott; and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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Mildie Elizabeth Keith

1916-2010

Graveside service for Mildie Elizabeth Keith, 94, of Marshfield, Mo., formerly of Boyd, was to be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at Boyd Cemetery with the Rev. Terry Phillips officiating.

Keith died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010, in Missouri.

Born Aug. 20, 1916, in Washington, Ark., to Claude and Cordia (Collins) Griffin, she was a retired seamstress. She married Marshel Clifton Keith Aug. 19, 1936, in Sulphur Springs, was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for more than 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband; an infant grandchild; son-in-law Charles Thompson; half-sisters Opal Griffin Burks and Ruby Griffin Bryan; and brothers Homer, Ray, Harley and D.B. Griffin.

Keith is survived by daughters Margaret Keith

**MILDIE KEITH**

Thompson of Rome, Ga., and Brenda Keith Seay and husband, Bill, of Biloxi, Miss.; sons Marshel Keith and wife, Freda, and Kenneth Daniel Keith, all of Marshfield; 10 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and great-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

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Clarence 'Ed' Walker

1945-2010

Graveside service for Clarence "Ed" Walker, 65, of Fort Worth was Dec. 11 at Aurora Cemetery.

Walker died Monday, Dec. 6, 2010.

Born July 22, 1945, in Decatur to Rip and Virginia Walker, he was raised in Rhome. Walker graduated from Northwest High School and attended Rice University, where he played football. He was in the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam.

When Walker was younger, he roped and spent many weekends team-roping in rodeos across the country. He worked in sales in the trucking and trailer industry, and he married his wife,

Linda, in 1979.

Walker was preceded in death by his wife; son Bobby; his father; and brother Fred.

He is survived by his mother; daughters Melissa Baucum and Kim Bue; grandchildren Ashley, Staci and Piper; great-grandchild Carson; sister-in-law Linda Kay; uncle and aunt Pete and Peggy Reeves of Decatur; and nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Fort Worth Fire Department, Station 40, the Medstar Grant Program or St. Anne's Church.

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Edwin Klabough

1929-2010

No services are planned for Edwin Klabough, 80, of Bridgeport.

Klabough died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, in Bridgeport.

Born Dec. 29, 1929, in Ohio, he was a veteran of the Korean War, a diesel mechanic for 25 years and a truck driver.

Klabough is survived by

his wife of 40 years, Patsy Tipton Klabough; daughters Dona Cleveland and Patty Morton and husband, Stanley; son Mark Buser; grandchildren Matthew Morton, Alicia Morton and Anthony Bohot; great-grandchildren Cassandra, Angela, Kayla, Tyler, Bryson and Corbyn Bohot.

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Francisco Daniel Zamaron

1962-2010

Graveside service for Francisco Daniel Zamaron, 48, of Decatur is 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at Oaklawn Cemetery with Father Sojan George officiating.

Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur.

Zamaron died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010, in Bridgeport.

Born April 2, 1962, in Monterey, Mexico, to Gilbert and Guadalupe Sepulveda Zamaron, he was an electrician. He married Anna Gomez in April 1982 in Bridgeport.

He is survived by his wife;

daughters Florecita Galarza and husband, Jose, and Priscilla Marie Zamaron, all of Decatur; son Daniel Zamaron Jr. of Decatur; grandchildren Adalia, Julian, Fabian, Damian, Amerie and Aubrey; brothers Antonio and Pablo Zamaron; sisters Maria Cruz and Gillermina, Rosa Maria, Ortenica and Irma Zamaron.

Pallbearers are Daniel Zamaron, Omar Gomez, Josh Gomez, Mario Rodriguez, Steven Rodriguez and Homer Benavente.

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SPORTS

BASKETBALL

Eagles claim tourney title

By RICHARD GREENE

Two weeks ago, the Decatur Eagles struggled offensively to get anything going while being handed a sound defeat by the Denton Ryan Raiders.

Saturday, the Eagles showed they learned their lessons from that loss with a 52-44 victory over Ryan to claim the championship in the Decatur/Farm Bureau Insurance Tournament.

Decatur shot 54 percent, 18-for-33, and led by as many as 20 points, 38-18, in the second half. Three Eagles finished in double figures led by Austin Lamirand's 15.

"We were way more prepared," said Decatur center Nick Linder, who finished with 15 points. "We knew what they did and how they played. We felt more confident."

It was the second straight tournament won by the Eagles. They went 3-0 at the tournament, also scoring wins over Gainesville State School and Byron Nelson.

But Decatur coach Roger Brown was just as impressed by the adjustments the Eagles made to score the win over Ryan.

"It helps playing someone a second time," Brown said. "We didn't play good in Denton. It's a great sign for the team that we can look at them on film and see what corrections we need to make and execute them."

In their first meeting, Decatur struggled against Ryan's zone defense with the 6-9 Adam Choplick in the middle. This time around, Decatur attacked the zone early and hit some shots

on the outside, including Lamirand's three-pointer just 12 seconds into the game. Lamirand hit four of his seven three-point tries.

By the end of the first quarter, Ryan came out of its zone and was forced to play man-to-man.

Linder put in six in the first quarter as Decatur took an 11-7 lead.

Ryan took a brief lead, 16-15, in the second quarter before Decatur took it back for good. Caleb Hogan's basket, followed by a Lamirand three-pointer, gave the Eagles a 20-16 lead with 2:07 left in the half. Decatur ended the half on an 8-0 run to take a 23-16 lead.

Decatur held Choplick to just four points in the first half. He finished with just nine on five shots.

"We did a good job of keeping them from dumping the ball in to [Choplick]," Brown said.

Decatur continued the work on the defensive end in the third quarter, holding Ryan without a point until Kevin Ray's drive to the basket with 2:28 left in the frame. Decatur started the second half with a 12-0 run capped by a Lamirand three-pointer.

Ross Walker's three-pointer immediately after Ray's hoop put the Eagles up 20. Walker finished with 13.

Decatur led 38-22 going into the fourth quarter.

Forcing 10 Decatur turnovers in the final frame, Ryan got within six, 50-44, with 1:05 remaining. Lamirand put the game away, making it a three-possession game with a pair of free throws with 19 ticks left.



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DRIVING THE LANE — Decatur center Nick Linder fights his way to the basket during the Eagles' win over Denton Ryan in the championship of the Decatur/Farm Bureau Insurance Tournament Saturday.

BASKETBALL

Bulls fall at Venus

The Bridgeport Bulls struggled to stay with a District 7-3A opponent, Fort Worth Castleberry, Saturday in their final game of the Venus Tournament.

Castleberry used big runs in the second and fourth quarters to secure the 67-47 win.

Bridgeport (2-11) led early 16-12, but lost the advantage as Castleberry went on a 24-4 run in the second quarter. Castleberry led 36-20 at halftime and took a 45-33 lead into the final frame. Castleberry poured in 22 points over the last eight minutes.

Bridgeport coach Brian Miller said it was a disappointing loss.

"We did a very poor job on defense, and we cannot win when we don't have energy and passion on the defensive end," Miller said. "Poor defense and too many turnovers equal losses."

Cameron King led the Bulls with 19 points. Alex Samples added 13.

Bridgeport also fell to Venus, 55-21, at the tournament.

The Bulls trailed 24-11 at halftime, then went scoreless in the third quarter. Venus led 41-11 going into the final frame.

"We turned the ball over 20-plus times, and out of our first 30 offensive possessions we only had six shots at the basket," Miller said.

Samples led the Bulls with five points. Drew Miles and Mac Whitcomb each put in three.

BASKETBALL

Boyd eases to win

The Boyd Lady Yellowjackets had a grand final tuneup for District 10-2A play Friday with a 44-31 win over Fort Worth All Saints.

The night was even more special for senior guard Jessica Drake, who poured in 24 points to become one of the few Boyd players to surpass 1,000 points for her career. She hit the mark with a two-point basket with 5:46 left in the game.

Drake also hit seven three-pointers, including four in the first quarter.

Drake's long-range shooting helped the Lady Yellowjackets to a 17-5 first-quarter lead. Boyd led 21-16 at halftime.

The Lady Yellowjackets put the game away with a 12-2 lead in the third quarter to take a 33-18 lead.

Stormi McCarter added eight points, four steals and four assists. Shelbi Tidwell put in six points and grabbed eight rebounds.



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PATH BLOCKED — An Aledo defender tries to knock the ball away from Decatur's Jaci Isham during the Lady Eagles' loss Saturday in the finals of the tournament.

BASKETBALL

Lady Eagles fall in finals

By RICHARD GREENE

The Lady Eagles couldn't keep the title of the Decatur/Farm Bureau Insurance Tournament at home Saturday.

The Aledo Ladycats forced 20 Decatur turnovers and rolled to a 60-44 victory over the Lady Eagles in the championship game.

Decatur ended the tournament at 2-1 with wins over Farmersville and Keller Central.

"We played all right for the tournament," said Decatur coach Billy Garner. "I wish we would have played better today. We had too many turnovers."

Decatur's Joey Redwine and Macie Dane were all-tournament selections. Dane led Decatur with 10 points in the championship game. The hustling Redwine finished with eight.

Along with holding on to the ball, the Lady Eagles also had trouble slowing Aledo's Logan Mittie, who poured in a game-high 27 points.

Mittie broke a tie at four with 2:11 left in the first quarter with her first three-pointer. The shot started a 6-2 run to end the first frame for the Lady Cats.

Mittie and Aledo continued to pull away in the second quarter. Her three-pointer with 3:12 left in the half put Aledo up 20-8. She closed the half with a pair of free throws in the final seconds to give Aledo a 30-14 halftime lead.

Decatur struggled to find offense in the third quarter, committing seven turnovers and hitting just three field goals. Aledo took a 46-21 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Ladycats grabbed their largest lead of 30 points, 57-27, with Hannah Loftin's basket with 4:45 remaining.

Decatur quickly cut the deficit back to 21 on three straight three-pointers. Jordan Alker drained two of the long-range shots. She scored all of her eight points in the fourth quarter.

Decatur outscored Aledo 17-3 over the final 3:58.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL

Panthers claim Poolville crown

The Paradise Panthers brought home the championship from the Poolville Tournament Saturday.

The Panthers (12-2) knocked off Nocona 75-50 to finish a perfect 5-0 in the tournament.

Paradise also beat Slidell, Graford, Poolville and Perrin-Whitt.

"We were pretty consistent throughout the tournament," said Paradise coach Todd McCormick. "We played 10 games in 10 days so it was nice to see that we were able to be consistent."

Paradise point guard Toi Glover earned the tournament's MVP award. Logan Bailey and Connor Berry made the all-tournament team.

In the championship game, Glover ran the explosive offense, dishing out 16 assists with nine points and six rebounds.

Paradise went on a 19-7 second-quarter run to take a 37-21 half-time lead. The Panthers put up 27 points in the third quarter to build a 64-38 lead.

Bailey led the Panthers with 23 points. Berry added 13. Tyler Overstreet and Kaleb Read had 11 each.

Paradise started the tournament with an 86-34 blowout of Perrin-Whitt. The Panthers started the game on a 22-6 run and led 50-16 at halftime.

Berry put in 23 points. Overstreet added 15, Bailey 13 and Kyle Burt 12.

Paradise clipped Poolville 65-63 as Overstreet hit a shot at the fi-

nal buzzer. Overstreet and Glover scored 15 each. Berry led the Panthers with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

The game was tied at 34 at half-time. Poolville pulled ahead 54-49 going into the final frame, forcing Paradise to rally.

In its third game of the tournament, Glover recorded a triple-double with 11 points, 13 rebounds and 14 assists as Paradise routed Graford 96-60.

The Panthers scored at least 26

points in three of the four quarters.

Bailey finished with 23 points. Berry added 21. Overstreet had 14. Keaton Hickman grabbed 14 rebounds to go along with nine points.

To secure a spot in the championship, Paradise beat Slidell 96-39. Paradise led 56-28 at halftime. The Panthers outscored Slidell 38-11 in the second half.

Glover scored 27 and Bailey 23. Berry added 12 and Hickman 10.

BASKETBALL

Lady Bulldogs start district

Alvord opens with Krum

By RICHARD GREENE

The Alvord Lady Bulldogs' push for a second straight trip to the playoffs will begin Friday.

The Lady Bulldogs open the seven-team District 9-2A schedule Friday at home against perennial power, the Krum Lady Bobcats at 6:15 p.m.

"It's a big test on Friday," said Alvord coach Rob Schmucker.

But while facing one of the league's top teams in the opener, Schmucker said the team can't put too much emphasis on it.

"We just have to take it one game at a time and no matter the outcome Friday, we can't get too high or low," he said. "It's a long district schedule."

Alvord is coming off going 4-0 at the Highway 114 Tournament over the weekend. Junior point guard Jordan Ward had a strong weekend, scoring 35 and 29 in a pair of games.

The Lady Bulldogs will lean heavily on Ward as they navigate through a tough district schedule with state-ranked Ponder, Holliday and Nocona. Ward and Madi Lynch are Alvord's two most experienced players.

"We're young," Schmucker said. "We have to keep doing what we need to do and stay the course."

"Offensively, we have to take care of the ball and get good shots. Defensively, we have to put pressure on the ball. We live by getting deflections, tips and steals."



Messenger photo by Mack Thweatt

PUSHING WAY INTO DISTRICT — Alvord point guard Jordan Ward leads the Lady Bulldogs into District 9-2A play Friday. Ward leads the Lady Bulldogs in scoring.

BASKETBALL

Alvord goes 4-0 at tourney

The extra work in the double-overtime win over Denton Guyer to begin the Highway 114 Tournament did not slow down the Alvord Lady Bulldogs over the weekend.

Alvord rolled through the tournament at 4-0, hammering Paradise 52-18 in its final game.

Jordan Ward and Carley King notched all-tournament selections as the Lady Bulldogs also scored wins over Grandview and Frisco Lonestar.

"The first two games we could have played better," said Alvord coach Rob Schmucker. "We played two real good games at the end. We had some girls that really stepped up and did well in their roles."

Against Paradise, the Lady Bulldogs broke the game open in the second quarter, blanking the Lady Panthers and putting up 26 points. Alvord led 39-6 at halftime.

Freshman Marissa Schedcik led the way with 16 points. King put in 11. Chelsey Steele and Ward scored nine.

Alvord beat Grandview 45-27. The Lady Bulldogs never allowed Grandview to score more than eight in a quarter. Alvord took an 11-point lead in the first quarter, 18-7, and never looked back.

Ward finished with 17 points. King added 11.

Alvord toppled Lonestar 61-31 with a huge game from Ward. The point guard, who opened the tournament with a 35-point effort, finished with 29. Schedcik had 10.

The Lady Bulldogs used a 21-7 push in the third quarter to build a 51-24 lead.

BASKETBALL

Sissies sweep 114 tourney

The Bridgeport Sissies closed out a perfect 4-0 run through the Highway 114 Tournament Saturday with a 39-20 win over Lockney.

Bridgeport also beat Carrollton Ranchview, Millsap and Frisco Lonestar in the tournament to move to 9-2 on the year.

Against Lockney, Haley Meekins poured in 17 points. Emily Price posted a double-double of 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Bridgeport limited Lockney to less than six points in all four quarters. The Sissies took an 11-5 first-quarter lead and built the advantage to 19-11 at the break. Bridgeport outscored Lockney 13-5 in the third quarter.

"It was a good win to end our tournament," said Bridgeport coach Eddie Fortenberry. "We're still struggling in certain areas, but we are showing some improvement."

After beating Ranchview to start the

tournament early Thursday afternoon, Bridgeport beat Millsap that night 41-27. Bridgeport jumped out to a 14-3 first-quarter lead and never looked back.

"It was a good start — with a scoring slump of about 10 minutes mixed in there — that made for a closer game than it should have been," Fortenberry said. "The team played excellent defense."

Meekins led the way with 27 points and 10 rebounds. Price added nine points.

Friday, Bridgeport took down Lonestar 45-39. The Sissies trailed 25-16 at halftime. Bridgeport turned the game around in the second half. It outscored Lonestar 10-4 in the third quarter and 19-10 in the final frame.

Meekins scored 22 points. Price had seven. Macy Bishop grabbed six rebounds and made two steals to go along with two points.

BASKETBALL

Bulldogs earn two victories

The Alvord Bulldogs finished with a split over the weekend at the Lake Country Christian Tournament.

Alvord closed the tournament Saturday with a 55-40 win over CHANT Home School of Dallas.

The Bulldogs also beat Willow Park Trinity. Alvord's two losses came to Dallas Molina and the Dallas Jesuit JV.

Alvord coach Larry Hicks said the tournament provided good experience for his team.

"We had the opportunity to play against some 4A and 5A programs as well as some private and home school teams," he said.

Against CHANT, the Bulldogs

put the game away early with a 21-7 first-quarter run that was followed by an 11-2 second quarter to build a 32-9 lead.

Casen Baker posted a double-double of 11 points and 11 rebounds for Alvord. Trevor Hardee scored 10, grabbed seven rebounds and made four steals.

Alvord lost its opening game to Molina 43-34. The Bulldogs started slow, falling behind by 11, 24-13, in the first quarter. Alvord fought back within four in the final frame.

Baker put in 11 and grabbed 12 rebounds. Hardee had 13 rebounds to go along with four points, three steals and five assists.

Alvord topped Willow Park

Trinity 60-47 behind a triple-double from Hardee. He put up 16 points, 18 rebounds and 10 assists along with four steals.

Hardee led a quartet in double figures. Clay Hopkins scored 12. Baker and Harley had 10. Baker grabbed 20 boards.

Alvord fell to the Jesuit JV 50-41 due to a lack of scoring in the first and third quarters. Jesuit jumped out to a 13-9 lead in the first quarter and led 28-25 at the break.

Alvord managed just four points in the third quarter and fell down 36-29.

Baker scored 19 points and grabbed 15 rebounds. Hardee finished with 13 points and 15

SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Redman earns top offensive award

The Alvord Bulldogs rode the legs of senior running back Colton Redman to the second round of the Class 2A playoffs for the first time this past season.

For his efforts, Redman earned the Offensive MVP award in District 3-2A. He was one of 17 Bulldogs to earn all-district honors.

Redman rushed for 1,396 yards in the regular season. He led the Bulldogs to a 32-14 bi-district win over Hico with 243 yards and four touchdowns.

District champion Holliday dominated the superlative awards. Tyler Cole was the league MVP. The Eagles' Joseph Dowd was the Defensive MVP, and DJ Boyd the top defensive newcomer. Jacksboro quarterback Carson Earp was tabbed the offensive newcomer.

Alvord put three players on the first-team offense — lineman Harley Davila, tight end Casen Baker and receiver Luis Maldonado. Baker caught 10 passes for 182 yards. Maldonado grabbed

28 passes for 469 yards.

Five Bulldogs made the second-team offense — lineman Steven Talamantes, receiver Austin Bowen, quarterback Trevor Hardee, running back Jesse Brown and kicker Jose Luna.

Defensively, Alvord had five first-team picks — lineman Dalton King, end Dustin Griggs, linebackers TJ Houston and Cody Harrison, and safety Maldonado.

Houston, who came back after missing a year with an injury, made 82 tackles. Har-

ison was in on 67 tackles and made eight sacks. Maldonado led the team with 122 tackles.

Four Bulldogs — lineman Hunter Sereika, end Maurisio Perez, linebacker Clay Hopkins and defensive back Matthew Nichols — made the second-team defense.

Alvord had four players receive honorable mention — offensive lineman Elijah Gardiner, wingback Ty McDaniel, linebacker Scotty Batchelor and defensive back Bowen.



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OFFENSIVE FORCE — Alvord's Colton Redman breaks up field on a run in the playoff win over Hico. Redman was named District 3-2A Offensive MVP for his efforts this season.

2010 District 3-2A Football Team

MVP

Tyler Cole, senior, Holliday

Offensive MVP

Colton Redman, senior, Alvord

Offensive Newcomer

Carson Earp, sophomore, Jacksboro

Defensive MVP

Joseph Dowd, senior, Holliday

Defensive Newcomer

DJ Boyd, junior, Holliday

Offense

First Team

Linemen: Joseph Dowd, senior, Holliday; Ryan Todd, senior, Holliday; Zane Stone, senior, Holliday; Harley Davila, junior, Alvord; Hunter Covert, senior, Henrietta

Tight end: Justin Killen, senior, Nocona; Casen Baker, sophomore, Alvord

Wide receivers: Luis Maldonado, senior, Alvord; Brandon Lavy, senior, Henrietta; Dalton Tisdale, senior, Jacksboro; Taylor Spear, senior, Jacksboro

Wingback: Jacob Hardin, senior, Holliday; Kolton Booher, junior, Henrietta; Bill Powers, senior, City View

Quarterback: Jacob Cole, sophomore, Holliday; Stephen Leija, senior, City View

Running backs: Cody Blanscet, senior, Henrietta; Austin Twilligear, junior, Holliday; Tate Fenoglio, sophomore, Nocona; DJ Brown, junior, City View

Kicker: Bryce Davis, senior, Holliday

Punter: Bill Powers, senior, City View

Second Team

Linemen: Joseph Storey, junior, Nocona; Steven Talamantes, senior, Alvord; Tri Hoang, sophomore, City View; Stoney Newberry, senior, Henrietta; Chase Wilson, senior, Holliday

Tight end: Tyler Coleman, sophomore, Henrietta

Wide receivers: Jake Sanchez, junior, Henrietta; Colby Baumer, junior, Holliday; Austin Bowen, senior,

Alvord

Wingback: Joseph Costa, junior, Henrietta

Quarterback: Trevor Hardee, junior, Alvord; Jake Laster, senior, Henrietta

Running backs: Jesse Brown, junior, Alvord; Dalton Day, sophomore, Henrietta; Taylor Hill, junior, Holliday

Kicker: Jose Luna, sophomore, Alvord

Punter: Bryce Davis, senior, Holliday; Joseph Costa, junior, Henrietta

Defense

First Team

Line: Ryan Todd, junior, Holliday; Dalton King, senior, Alvord; Joseph Costa, junior, Henrietta; Ben Sauer, senior, Henrietta

Defensive ends: Dustin Griggs, senior, Alvord; Cody Blanscet, senior, Henrietta

Linebackers: Josh Ferguson, senior, Henrietta; TJ Houston, senior, Alvord; Bill Powers, senior, City View; Taylor Hill, junior, Holliday; Jacob Hardin, senior, Holliday; Stoney Newberry, senior, Henrietta; Cody Harrison, senior, Alvord

Defensive backs: Austin Twilligear, junior, Holliday; Luis Maldonado, senior, Alvord; Tate Fenoglio, sophomore, Nocona; Kolton Booher, junior, Henrietta

Second Team

Line: Mat Anderson, junior, Holliday; Hunter Sereika, senior, Alvord; Coty McKelvey, junior, Henrietta

Defensive ends: Tyler Coleman, sophomore, Henrietta; Maurisio Perez, junior, Alvord

Linebackers: Sam Shirley, sophomore, Holliday; Justin Killen, senior, Nocona; Clay Hopkins, senior, Alvord; Gage Balthrop, junior, Holliday; Justin Kirkendall, senior, Nocona

Secondary: Colby Baumer, junior, Holliday; Matthew Nichols, senior, Alvord; DJ Brown, junior, City View; Brandon Lavy, senior, Henrietta



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FAST SHOWING — Caycee Holson shows off her award after taking third in Addison last week.

Holson takes third

Caycee Holson of Quest Aquatics took third in the 50-yard backstroke at the "A" Winter Classic Short Course Invitational held at Addison's Loos Natatorium Dec. 3-5.

Holson, 10, swam a personal-best 33.72 in the 10-and-under finals.

She achieved her Texas age group standard earlier this year.

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FINISHING STRONG — Decatur's Tuf Cooper ties down a calf during the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. He won the final round Saturday to take second overall in the world rankings. All three Cooper brothers won rounds at the event.

Coopers bookend NFR with victories

By **BRANDON EVANS**

Decatur cowboy Trevor Brazile always looked to the rodeo stars before him for inspiration.

Only two days into the 2010 National Finals Rodeo (NFR) in Las Vegas, Brazile earned his eighth all-around cowboy world title. With the gold buckle he passed legendary bull and bronc rider Ty Murray, who had seven.

At one point he wondered where he would look to after eclipsing previous rodeo stars. It didn't take him long to find new fuel for inspiration.

"You don't have to look hard in Decatur, Texas, for inspiration," Brazile said. "With Tuf Cooper, Clif Cooper, Clint Cooper, you're getting pushed whether you're in Wise County or Las Vegas. I'm fortunate to practice and be brought to that next level by that next generation instead of just having to meet them at the rodeo."

"When I practice with the young, fresh blood, I get that feeling that they get that can sometimes get stale in seasoned veterans. I see that fire every day, and it helps me not lose it."

On Saturday, the final night of the NFR, as he won his second triple crown in four years, Brazile witnessed that fire flare.

That final night proved prosperous for two more Decatur cowboys when two of the Cooper brothers took the top spots in the tie-down round.

Tuf won the tie-down round with a blazing 6.9-second run. It was the second round he won during the 10-day rodeo.



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FINAL SALUTE — Decatur's Clint Cooper tips his cap after a strong run during the National Finals Rodeo. He took second in his final run Saturday.

As soon as the run was done, he knew he'd won. He tossed his black hat into the air. Then he spotted his mom in the crowd, pointed at her and said, "I love you mom. I did this for you."

At 20 years old, Tuf was the youngest competitor, but he performed like a veteran.

"I try to look at and use my dad's experience, and take that and succeed with it," he said.

It helped him edge out most of the competition, which was stocked with

world champions, and almost edge out Brazile.

"The competition is crazy," Tuf said. "There are all kinds of talented guys on the field."

Tuf finished second overall in the tie-down average and in the world rankings. He was the top earner in tie-down at the NFR, roping up \$96,598 during the 10-day event. Brazile won \$91,090 during the NFR. Tuf's yearly total was \$203,967, second only to Brazile's \$233,826.

Also on the final night, his oldest

brother Clint placed second with a 7.2-second run.

"Knowing it was the last night, I just had to go for it," Clint said.

It was the first time Clint earned a payday at the finals since winning the fourth round. Even though Clint moved quick on the calves throughout the event, he struggled some nights on the tie-up. Clint won \$27,821 during the finals. He finished 12th in the world. When the NFR started, he was ranked eighth.

"The calves were kicking a lot, and straining," he said.

The finals opened and closed with wins from the Cooper brothers. It was the first time in history three brothers have earned a trip to compete in the finals in tie-down roping in the same year. It was Clint and Tuf's third trip to the finals.

But it was Clif Cooper, 22, who won the round on opening night. It was his first trip to the finals. He won \$49,429 during his 10-days in Vegas. He finished ranked 10th in the world after starting the finals in 14th place.

"They performed well in the arena," Brazile said. "They've conducted themselves like champions outside the arena. I'm so proud of all of them."

Now it's time for a brief break before the new season begins Jan. 10. Clint is already looking forward to next year and another chance at a world title.

"I'm ready to get back to Wise County after 15 days in Vegas," Clint said. "But it's back to training. One of us Coopers is due for a gold buckle. I don't know which one, but one of us is due."

EVERGREEN HONOR



Stefanie Brown, a Chico High School senior, lays a wreath at the Wise County Veterans Park Saturday. Local Boy and Girl Scouts helped with the annual ceremony.

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ALL AROUND WISE

- Aurora resident D.A. Sharpe was on hand for the christening of the USS Fort Worth in Wisconsin. See his story on page 13.
- Honor rolls for local schools are published on pages 6-10.
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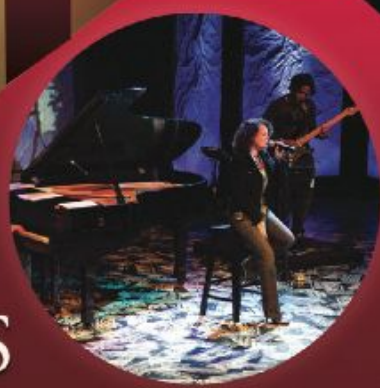
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Celebrations

NEW ARRIVALS

Viviana Josefina Cruz Dec. 9, 2010

Graciela Maria Huerta Cruz of Decatur announces the birth of a daughter, Viviana Josephina, on Dec. 9, 2010, at North Texas Community Hospital in Bridgeport. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches long.

She has a brother, Jose Angel Huerta, 4. Grandparents are Josefina Cruz, Ricardo Rubio and Jose Cruz.

Katelyn Isabella Reyes Dec. 10, 2010

Renier and Silvia Reyes of Rhome announce the birth of a daughter, Katelyn Isabella, on Dec. 10, 2010, at Wise Regional Health System in Decatur. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 1/3 inches long.

She has two brothers, Renier Jr., 8, and Julian A., 4; and a sister, Cynthia M., 5. Grandparent is Jean E. Garza of Decatur.

Bayleigh Abigale Medlock Dec. 11, 2010

Randy and Julie Medlock of Boyd announce the birth of a daughter, Bayleigh Abigale, on Dec. 11, 2010, at North Texas Community Hospital in Bridgeport. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long.

She has two brothers, Dalton, 7, and Lane, 6; and a sister, Tera-Lyn, 18. Grandparents are Gale Taylor of Boyd and Leonard Taylor of Jonesboro, Ark.

Alexa Guadalupe Huerta Dec. 9, 2010

Antonio Huerta and Maria Mendez of Decatur announce the birth of a daughter, Alexa Guadalupe Huerta, on Dec. 9, 2010, at North Texas Community Hospital in Bridgeport. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She has a sister, Adamari Huerta, 6. Grandparents are Angel Huerta and Josefina Ramirez, both of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and Satornina Aguilar of San Luis de la Paz, Guanajuato, Mexico. Great-grandparents are Soledad Subieta and Manuela Rangel.

Walt and Geraldine Amonett 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 17, 2010



WALT AND GERALDINE AMONETT

Walt and Geraldine Amonett of Decatur will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, with a reception hosted by their children at the Decatur Senior Citizens Center.

Walt and the former Geraldine Berg were married Dec. 17, 1960, in Decatur.

They have four children, Nelson Amonett of Rock-

port, Ga., Nacina Cryer of Decatur, Lorenda Hornsby of Chico and Roxanna Shivers of Celina; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Walt retired from Bridgeport Super Save, Pat's Trucking and Walmart. Geraldine retired from Decatur Independent School District. They are members of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY — Pi Kappa chapter of Beta Sigma Phi celebrated Christmas with a day trip to Granbury Dec. 4. Members and their spouses had lunch at Babe's, then attended "Red Skelton's Christmas Special" at the Granbury Opera House with shopping in between lunch and the show. Eighteen attended. Above, from left, Bettye Parker, Betty Schulte, Virginia Wood, Vice President Kathy Stinnett and President Carolyn Marlett enjoy coffee after the show.

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EASTERN STAR DONATION — Members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Boyd Chapter No. 897, present South Wise Services with a \$500 donation. Pictured from left are Tommy Spencer, worthy patron; Beverly Gilbert, South Wise Services volunteer; Freda Barnett, past worthy patron; Brenda Phillips, director of South Wise Services; and Nadine Swindell, volunteer.

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GOODS FOR WARM — Area Business Women's Network President Charlotte Bohn-Canion presents Wise Area Relief Mission office manager Angie Gardiner with items collected at their monthly luncheon Dec. 9. Collectively, the 32 members in attendance donated \$100 and more than 100 pounds of non-perishable foods. The ABWN meets the second Thursday of each month at the Decatur Civic Center.

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Celebrations

NEW ARRIVALS

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Casey Wayne Kurtz Dec. 6, 2010

Robert Jason and Jennifer Michelle Kurtz of Rhome announce the birth of a son, Casey Wayne, on Dec. 6, 2010, at North Texas Community Hospital in Bridgeport. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

He has a brother, Jason Wyatt, 5.

Grandparents are Jerry and Alice Lee of Rhome and Sally Williams of Burnet.

Bentley Michael Lee Lujan Dec. 5, 2010

Brittany Moore and Jonathan Lujan of Decatur announce the birth of a son, Bentley Michael Lee Lujan, on Dec. 5, 2010, at Wise Regional Health System in Decatur. He weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 inches long.

He has a sister, Jennavencia Lujan, 2.

Grandparents are Tricia Coomer of Chico and Michael and Veronica Lujan of Decatur.

Great-grandparents are Ronald Smout of Chico, Kathy Smout of Sunset and Maria Contreras of Denton.

Great-great-grandparents are Nati and Francisca "Kika" Contreras of Levelland.

Serenity Faith Wilson Dec. 1, 2010

Chance and Nadia Wilson of Chico announce the birth of a daughter, Serenity Faith, on Dec. 1, 2010, at Wise Regional Health System in Decatur. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are David and Jerri Flores of Fort Worth and Deanna and Ran Wilson of Chico.

Great-grandparents are Brenda Watson and James Watson of Chico, Juanita Hartsell of Decatur and Jerry and Mary Wilson of Kearney, Neb.

McKinsley Addison Hughes Dec. 7, 2010

Cheryl Martin and Chad Hughes of Bridgeport announce the birth of a daughter, McKinsley Addison Hughes, on Dec. 7, 2010, at Wise Regional Health System in Decatur. She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long.

She has a brother, Aiden Martin, 3.

Grandparents are Mark Hughes of Fort Worth, Billy Martin and Kerrie VanHoose and Kaye and Barry Wood, all of Bridgeport.

Great-grandparents are Frankie and Willie Williams of Boyd, Patricia and David Hughes of Kennedale, and Marvin Polson and Billy J. and Ruby Martin, all of Bridgeport.

Draydon Blaze Kuykendall Dec. 3, 2010

Brad Kuykendall and Tiffany Vislosky of Chico announce the birth of a son, Draydon Blaze Kuykendall, on Dec. 3, 2010, at Wise Regional Health System in Decatur. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He has a brother, Darius Kuykendall, 12, and a sister, Chasity Kuykendall, 15.

Grandparents are Elaine and Jay Vislosky of Chico, Daisy Kuykendall of Gainesville and Melvin Wilson of Irving.

Great-grandparents are Mary Price of Chico and Joan Vislosky of Gainesville.

Hayley Marie Derouin Nov. 30, 2010

James and Katie Derouin of Paradise announce the birth of a daughter, Hayley Marie, on Nov. 30, 2010, at North Texas Community Hospital in Bridgeport. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

She has two sisters, Savannah Bullard, 8, and Mykayla Derouin, 5.

Grandparents are Michael and Patti Ridgeway of Reno, Nev., Tony and Melonie Derouin of Pensacola, Fla., and Gary and Cindy Jackson and Paul and Charlotte Chapman, all of Paradise.

Great-grandparents are Sue Lark of Paradise, Betty Bean of Reno, Nev., and

Frank and Faye Isele of Albany, Ga.

Addie Grace Smart Dec. 10, 2010

Tessa Smart of Bridgeport announces the birth of a daughter, Addie Grace, on Dec. 10, 2010, at Wise Regional Health System in Decatur. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long.

She has a sister, Gracie McKay, 2.

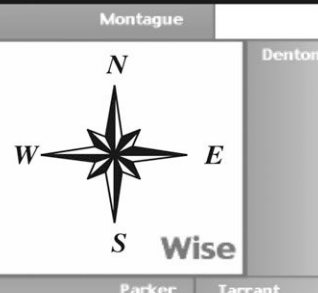
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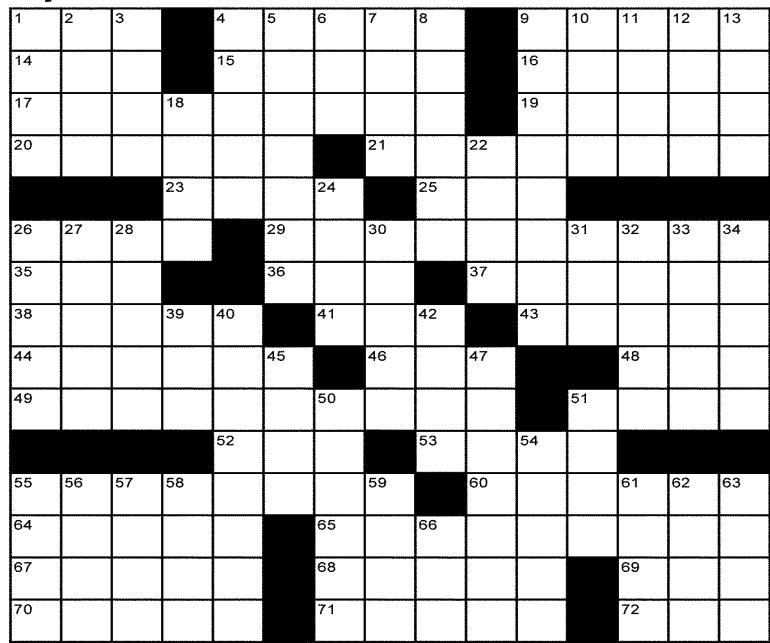


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- ACROSS**
- Filmom's Alastair
 - Errand runner
 - Unstimulating java
 - Hollywood's Thurman
 - Kate's sitcom friend
 - Word with spitting or mirror
 - She played identical cousins
 - Hourglass, e.g.
 - 1961 Best Actor Maximilian
 - Slovenly woman
 - Keister
 - In need of sanding or salting
 - Top banana
 - "One O'Clock Jump" player
 - Bar bill
 - Attendance guess: Abbr.
 - Smooth as silk
 - Shi'ite's deity
 - Sci-fi visitors
 - V-formation fliers
 - Stay out of sight
 - Ernie of the links
 - Berlin's land: Abbr.
 - Chief Justice, 1953-69
 - Vietnamese festivals
 - "This ___ stickup!"
 - Suffix with soft or hard
 - Result of an overactive pituitary
 - Social outcast
 - ___ con pollo
 - Director of "Cabaret" and "Evita"
 - Radio hostess Hansen
 - Griffith of the ring
 - Org. once headed by Bush
 - 41
 70. Autumn bloomer
 71. Delirious one
 72. Say further
 18. Virgin Is., e.g.
 22. Gets off the fence
 24. Cobb topper
 26. Like old cigarettes
 27. Sylvester's "Rocky" costar
 28. More up to the task
 30. Put into words
 31. Absorbed, as a cost
 32. Campaign against Troy, e.g.
 33. Map within a map
 34. Oglers
 39. The whole schmear
 40. High-trajectory artillery piece
 42. Whole bunch
 45. "Let's see now, where ___?"
 47. Big name in iced tea
 50. Bacon serving
 51. Garr or Hatcher
 54. Pinker in the middle
 55. Big bash
 56. Colored portion of the eye
 57. Smell ___ (be wary)
 58. Zilch
 59. Doll's word
 61. Early Peruvian
 62. Etcher's supply
 63. Brewski topper
 66. Ullmann of moviedom
- DOWN**
- Has the third of three squares
 - Apple desktop
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Winners of holiday baking contest announced

Nina White of Decatur won the *Messenger's* annual holiday baking contest with her divinity. Judges from the Decatur Woman's Club said a well-made batch of divinity is difficult to beat. Second place went to Doug Dunlap of Lake Bridgeport with his New York style cheesecake.

Third was won by Joan Klose of Decatur with a rustic apple cranberry pie. Fourth place winner was Kate Grant of Decatur for her chocolate chip cinnamon biscotti. Winners in the other two categories were Ina Ruth Sherman of Decatur with the best bread, a pumpkin pecan bread. And best entry

among appetizers was Bonnie Allin of Bridgeport with Italian sausage stuffed loaf. In all there were 61 entries. Judges based their decisions on taste, texture, presentation and originality or difficulty. For tie-breakers, they judged the difficulty of the recipe.

COUNTY BURN BAN ORDER

COUNTY OF WISE, STATE OF TEXAS

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, Section 352.081 of the Local Government Code provides that the commissioners court of a county, by order, may prohibit outdoor burning in the unincorporated area of the county if the commissioners court makes a finding that circumstances present in the unincorporated area create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and,

WHEREAS, the Wise County Commissioners Court does hereby find that circumstances present in the unincorporated areas of Wise County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by certain outdoor burning during periods in which the National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for Wise County and,

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for portions of the unincorporated areas of Wise County, Texas not subject to public ownership or stewardship for the duration of the above mentioned declaration:

(1) Actions Prohibited:

A person violates this order if he/she burns, ignites, or causes ignition of any combustible, vegetative, or metal material outdoors, or orders such burning or ignition by others, during periods in which the National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for Wise County, Texas.

(2) Enforcement:

(A) Under notification of suspected outdoor burning, a duly-commissioned peace officer, when available, shall be sent to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire.

(B) In accordance with Section 352.081 of the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500.

(C) If the responding peace officer finds that the person responsible for the burning is in violation of (1) above, a citation shall be issued for: Violation of Burn Ban Order.

(D) If requested by a peace officer, the fire department assigned to the location of the fire shall respond to the scene and take immediate measures to contain and to extinguish the fire.

This order shall not apply to outdoor burning activities specified in Section 352.081(f) of the Local Government Code

Be it also **ORDERED** that the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the public safety hazard posed by wildfires during periods in which the National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for Wise County, by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning.

This order prohibiting outdoor burning, shall remain in effect for a period of ninety (90) days, and shall expire at the end of said period, or upon the date the Wise County Commissioners Court, by order, determines that the circumstances present in the unincorporated areas of Wise County no longer create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning, whichever occurs earlier.

ORDERED THE 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2010

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Make your calories count

By TANYA DAVIS
Wise Co. Extension Agent

This week is the fourth in a series of eight articles that focuses on examples of how Wise County 4-H'ers learned through their foods and nutrition projects to make their calories count more by including nutrient-rich foods in their diets.

Jodie Wells, a 16-year-old Slidell 4-H'er, recently received first place honors in the District 4-H Food Show at Vernon.

Jodie's recipe for Mini Spinach Frittatas was entered in the Senior Fruit and Vegetable category and is packed full of nutrients like calcium, folic acid, vitamin K and iron. In addition,

the spinach also contains phytonutrients, which research shows may help prevent chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and some cancers.

I hope you will try this nutritionally dense recipe during the holiday season.

Mini Spinach Frittatas

- 1 c. ricotta cheese
- 3/4 c. grated Parmesan cheese
- 2/3 c. chopped fresh mushrooms
- 1 egg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano



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- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 pkg. (10 oz) frozen chopped spinach thawed and squeezed dry
- 24 slices pepperoni

In a small bowl, combine all of the ingredients except pepperoni. Place a slice of pepperoni in each of 24

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Sudoku Solution #2025-D

9	1	2	6	5	7	3	8	4
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9	5	6	4	1	3	8	2	7
7	8	1	9	2	6	5	4	3
2	7	4	5	6	9	3	8	1
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EDUCATION BRIEFS

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Those receiving AP Scholar with Distinction awards are Dillon Fisher, Landon Hankins, Rebecca Roose and Daniel Walker. Each earned an average score of 3.5 on all AP exams taken with a score of 3 or higher on at least five exams.

Carson McCain, Aaron Renaud and Amy Rodden were named AP Scholars with Honor after earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams with a score of 3 or higher on at least four exams.

AP Scholar awards were awarded to Jonathan Alling, Kevin Chicas, Alexander Forbis, Benjamin Johnson and Daniel Martinek, who earned at least a 3 on three

or more exams.

All are 2010 graduates of Decatur High School except Alling who is a senior.

Stevenson completes degree

Joshua Dale Stevenson of Boyd has completed the requirements for receiving his master of science degree in nurse anesthesia from Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth.



STEVENSON

The son of Andy and Lorie Stevenson of Boyd, he is a 2002 graduate of Boyd High School and a 2006 graduate of Texas Tech University, where he received a bachelor of science degree in nursing. Stevenson and his wife, Kaila, will live in Lubbock, where he will practice anesthesiology at Texas Tech University Medical Center.

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Mid-winter best time to prune live oaks

By NEIL SPERRY

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Mid-winter is ideal. Oak wilt fungus and the insects that carry it from tree to tree are inactive at that time. Seal all cuts with pruning sealant from a nursery or hardware store.

Dear Neil: My lawn care person told me that my St. Augustine has Take All Root Rot, and that I'll have to remove all the



Gardener's Mailbag

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District Nutrition Quiz Bowl results

By **CHRISSE DANIEL**
Wise Co. Extension Agent

Twenty-two Wise County 4-H youth participated in the District Nutritional Quiz Bowl contest Dec. 1 in Olney.

In this contest, 4-H youth in the Food and Nutrition project are quizzed over nutritional content, kitchen safety, food nutrition labels and MyPyramid.

Participants include Jodie Wells, Marisol Millan, Logan Moore, Christian Cross, Anne Marie Wells, Sydney Keating, Bailey Keating, Slayton Pruett, Caitlin Pruett, Morgan Barnes, Shelby Vanover, Sarah Beavers, Lyndi Luttrull, Fallon Sachse, Emily Egle, Clayton Egle, Cydney Bailey, Katelyn Schedeik and Marisol Chandler.

A team consisted of Ty Watson, Thaine Laaser and Michaela Cross took the

first-place title for the junior division. Great job to all of the Wise County 4-H participants!

District Leaders for Life contest results

Four Wise County 4-H senior members competed Dec. 9 in the Leaders for Life contest in Haskell. Leaders for Life is a four-part contest: Quiz Bowl, Community Service Interpretation, Parliamentary Procedure Demonstration and a question and answer session.

Participants study Robert's Rules of Order, Stephen Covey's "7 Habits for Highly Effective Teens" and various Texas 4-H publications to prepare for the contest.

The team of Bailey Morris, Shawn Herndon, Amber Orr and Kendall Vawter took second place and is looking forward to competing next year. Excellent work, 4-H'ers.

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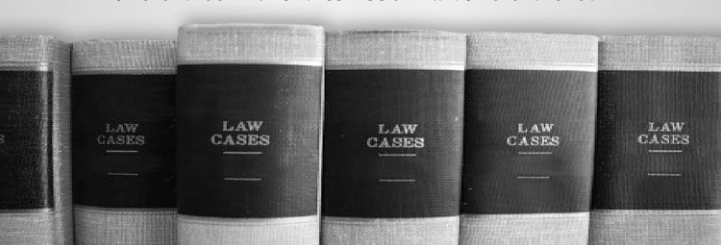
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Community Focus

Ceremony marks big splash for our area

By D.A. SHARPE

The U.S. Navy has been developing a new fighting ship to be the most mobile, fastest and versatile to date. The Littoral Combat Ship has had two editions made so far, the Freedom and the Independence. The third is the LCS 3, "Fort Worth," the first of these ships to be named for a city. U.S. Congressional Representative Kay Granger, a former mayor, was instrumental in winning for Fort Worth the honor of providing the name for these high-tech fighting vessels.

The USS Fort Worth has been under construction for 20 months, and the 3,000-ton, \$480 million ship, at 80 percent completion, was ready for christening and launching Dec. 4 at the Lockheed Martin facilities on the Menominee River in Marinette, Wis. The river empties into Green Bay. Ultimately the



SHARPE

USS Fort Worth will sail out through Green Bay into Lake Michigan, then through the Erie Canal to the Atlantic Ocean. Its most likely homeport will be San Diego. Activities for this historic event took place Dec. 3 and 4. Many months ago, the USS Fort Worth Committee was formed through the Chamber of Commerce to promote the naming of the new ship and to be a catalyst for ceremonies that would be a show of support by Metropolitan Fort Worth citizens. Former Texas Secretary

of State Roger Williams, a long-time Tarrant and Parker County automobile dealer, heads the committee.

There were 100 citizens from Fort Worth and surrounding counties who were selected to attend the christening. A Lockheed aircraft (a Boeing 737-700) took 60

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Photo by D.A. Sharpe

USS FORT WORTH — The 3,000-ton and \$480 million USS Fort Worth was christened and launched Dec. 4. at the Menominee River in Marinette, Wis. The ship is the first of the three editions of the Littoral Combat Ship to be named after a city.

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of us on a flight of truly first-class experience.

I attended as leader of a five-member contingent of admirals in the Texas Navy Association, specifically of the Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Squadron of the Texas Navy. We were able to have our spouses with us. Actually two of the admirals are married to each other.

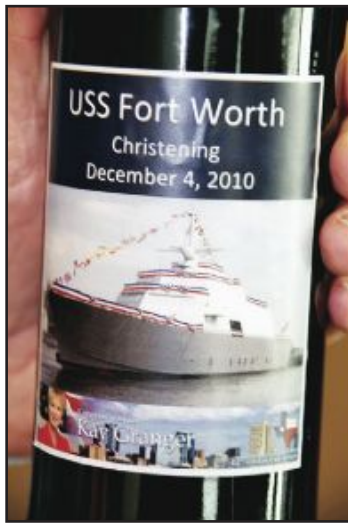
Our Texas Navy group was eight of the 100. Those admirals were Robert Callanan, Robson Ranch, Denton County; Jack Dyess, Diane Bransom-Dyess and Jim Sutton, all of Haltom City, Tarrant County; and me, hailing from Aurora, Wise County.

All three from Haltom City are current or former members of the city council. Callanan is the immediate past vice president of the Texas Navy Association. I am the executive officer of the Nimitz Squadron.

We were taken to the Lockheed Martin Ship Yards for the mast-stepping ceremonies. Coins and memorabilia are put into a metal container, which is welded under the first step on the mast of the ship as a gesture of good fortune. There were 1,000 in attendance for this.

After that, we attended a reception to honor Representative Granger, who was named the ship's sponsor for a lifetime of service. That evening we heard speeches by various luminaries who are part of this whole process.

The second day was all about the USS Fort Worth christening. We gathered in a huge



hangar, which seemed as though it had 1,500 or more people in it. Two Wisconsin congressmen spoke as well as Granger. Several military people of high rank spoke, as well as executives from the Lockheed - Martin team of contractors who built this marvelous ship.

The Littoral Combat Ship is the smallest ship in the arsenal of the US Navy. However, as you stand near it, it seems huge. Its length is 489 feet, and its height is 113 feet from keel to the top

of the mast. It has two gasoline turbine engines and two diesel engines.

The ship is not powered with the traditional blade, but rather by jet streams of water being forced out the rear of the ship. Over 100,000 horsepower is generated, enabling the ship's speeds at over 40 knots per hour (that's over 46 miles per hour). Actually, the real horsepower and speed are classified and are greater than these published figures.

The climax of the weekend was gathering at the pier where the USS Fort Worth was dry docked, waiting to be christened and launched into the Menominee River. A very high scaffolding rig enabled Granger and the three matrons of honor (her daughter and her two daughters-in-law) and a couple of naval personnel and Lockheed officials to be at the level proper for crashing the traditional bottle of champagne. The act was accomplished efficiently and without snags.

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SHIP'S SPONSOR — US Congressional Representative Kay Granger speaks before a crowd at the christening of the USS Fort Worth. Granger was named the ship's sponsor for a lifetime of service.
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Immediately after the broken bottle was smashed on the bow, the ship started its slow, but rapidly increasing slide off to the side and into the river.

The awesome feeling one had was almost overwhelming. To see such a large mass seemingly topple into the river was breathtaking. Amazingly, the ship righted itself like a fishing cork with no trouble at all.

Rear Admiral David Lewis said he'd never seen a ship christening take place that had as much enthusiasm and expressed support from the home area after which it was being named. Fort Worth and area truly represented itself well in this gracious and strong show of support for our US Navy and its mission to defend our nation.

The next 15 months will be a time for testing and completing the ship with all the high-tech equipment and weaponry needed. The actual commissioning with the first crew and the ship's first mission will be in mid-2012. The USS Fort Worth Committee of citizens continues to work for its name-

sake, seeking to have the commissioning take place in Texas.

Many, many more Texans could be present for that.

Other activities are taking place to enhance the future of Fort Worth's association with the crew and its captains. The Ephraim M. Daggett chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas in Fort Worth is studying a plan to recognize best sailors each year in some way. It's my honor to be on that committee.

My Nimitz Squadron also is studying a plan to give a replica of the 1836 Colt Revolver to the ship. The Texas Navy of the Republic of Texas was the first military organization to purchase Colt's revolutionary new handgun. Citizens are developing scholarships and other continuing activities.

Friends, this USS Fort Worth ship is really a big deal!

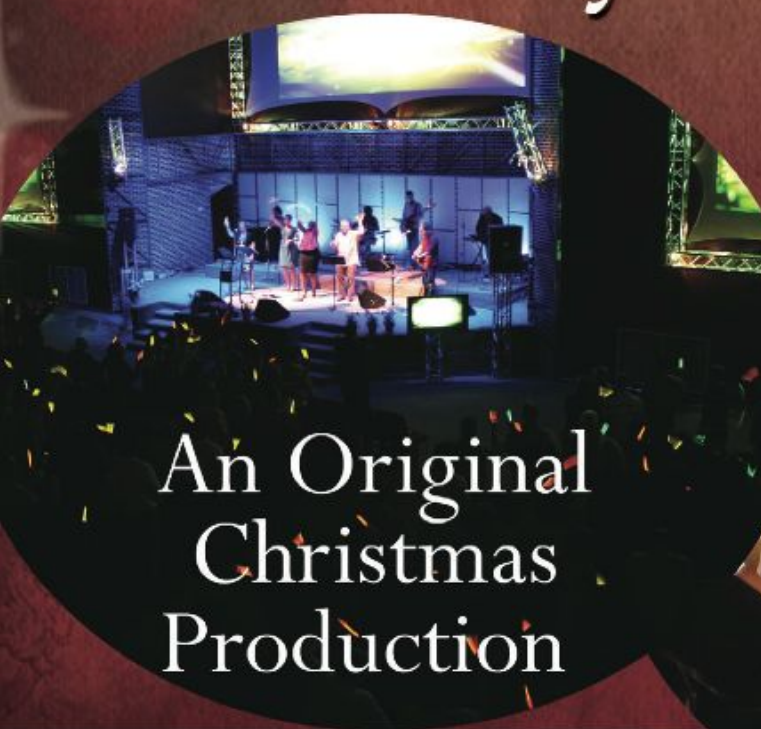
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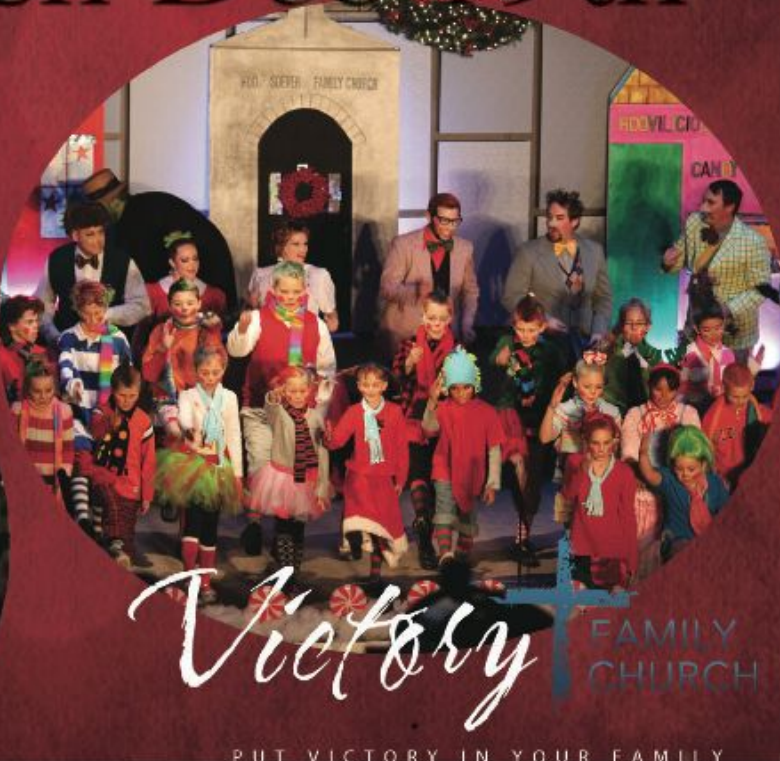
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