

*Scripture of the Week*

**COLOSSIANS 2: 8**

...Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

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The Waller Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed Walker Veterinary Hospital, 38111 US #290, Waller to their chamber and the community with a ribbon cutting. Dr. Melanie Walker (left, holding scissors) has been practicing veterinary medicine in and around the Houston area for 31 years. At Walker Veterinary Hospital, they offer quality small animal medicine that includes wellness/senior programs, internal medicine diagnostics, as well as digital dental radiography and ultrasound services. They also have cat boarding facilities and an on-site grooming service on Fridays. Normal hospital hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am-6pm; Wednesday 8am-1pm; and Saturday 8:30-12:30 pm.



Members in attendance at the recent Heraldic Society meeting were (pictured L-R) Susan E. Collins, J.D., Vice-President of J. P. Morgan Chase Legal Group of Houston, Texas; Rev. Cynthia Forde, Deputy Governor of the Central Region (and Chair of the Sappington Scholarship Committee); Col. (Ret.) Ken Coleman of San Antonio, Texas. Also in attendance, but not pictured, was Jon Forde, Houston Director of Development for the Majella Society. All of the Forde children and grandchildren are life members of OFFMD.

## Hempstead Headquarters for Central Region of Heraldic Society

"Hempstead is officially the headquarters of the Central Region of the Order of the First Families of Maryland," said Rev. Cynthia Forde, Deputy Governor of the heraldic society. "Attendance was small in numbers but high in satisfaction. It was a very successful first annual meeting. Once other members hear of the delightful conversation and camaraderie – we anticipate greatly increased attendance."

The first Bluebonnet Brunch was held at the Forde Ranch Saturday April 5th to welcome members of the Central Region states with plans to continue the theme on an annual basis. Membership is open to proven descendants of the first families in Colonial Maryland prior to the 18th Century.

## Legends Racing Tour coming April 17-19

Chapman Motor Sports and Lawrence Marshall Dealerships has announced the upcoming Chapman Motor Sports Racing Legends Tour on April 17 – 19, 2008. The event offers NASCAR fans the opportunity to take a look back in time for the names, the faces and the cars that made NASCAR what it is today, according to event promoters. The event will be held at Lawrence Marshall Dealerships and hopes to bring race fans from the past, the present and the future together during their 2008 tour.

Chapman Motor Sports Racing Legends tour has been bringing Chapman Motor Sports Racing Legends Tour on April 17 – 19, 2008. This year they will be displaying two Vintage original race cars driven by Dale Earnhardt Sr. Attendees will be able to see and hear the actual 1987 Wrangler Jeans Monte Carlo that Earnhardt drove to victory at Talladega in the fall of 1987, marking the end of the legend.

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## Joe Veloz found guilty of Murder

On April 4, 2008, a Waller County jury found Joe Luis Veloz, age 49, guilty of the October 1, 2006 murder of Robert Allan Shows in Brookshire, Texas. Shows body was discovered by a housekeeper at the Executive Inn, the motel where both men had been staying while on job assignments from out of town. The jury heard evidence over the course of four days as to the events and circumstances surrounding the murder caused by fourteen stab wounds and cuts accomplished with two different knives. Veloz admitted to the jurors that he had stabbed Shows, but claimed that he did so in self-defense when Shows first came at him with a knife. When questioned by Texas Rangers after the murder, Veloz claimed that he had witnessed the murder, but that the murder was not done by him, but by his roommate. Upon further questioning Veloz changed his story and indicated that he had indeed been the one who stabbed Shows. Following the guilty verdict, jurors heard punishment evidence from the wife and sister of the victim, and a daughter of the defendant. After approximately two hours of deliberation, the jury sentenced Veloz to twenty (20) years in prison. Murder is a first degree felony and carries a penalty of five

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## Celebrated soldier from Hempstead becomes Iraq War Casualty.....

The U. S. Department of Defense has announced that Staff Sgt. Jeffery Hartley, 25, of Hempstead, has been killed while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 2001 graduate of Hempstead

High School was fatally wounded on Tuesday, April 8 in Kharguliah, Iraq, after he suffered wounds when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was currently assigned to the 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga.



Staff Sgt. Jeffery Hartley

## Waller Chamber plans Candidate Forum April 22

The Waller Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Forum for the candidates running for office in the City of Waller and Waller ISD in the upcoming election to be held on May 10, 2008.

The Forum will be held Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at the First United Methodist Fellowship Hall, 1207 Farr Street, Waller, Texas at 6:30 PM.

The Candidates will each be allowed to speak 8-10 minutes about themselves and what they represent for the elected position.

This will give the City of Waller and Waller ISD citizens a chance to get personally acquainted with the candidates prior to casting their ballots.

The public is invited and there is no charge to attend.

Please call 936-372-5300 or email to [info@wallerchamber.com](mailto:info@wallerchamber.com) for a reservation to allow enough seating for all interested persons.

## May 10, 2008 Waller ISD Trustee Election Early Voting Information

Early voting for the May 10, 2008 Waller ISD Trustee Election will be held April 28-May 4 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and May 5-6 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Waller ISD Administration Building located at 2214 Waller Street, Waller, TX 77484.

Early voting will also be held for one day only at each of the following locations:

The Waller County Community Center; located at 21274 FM 1098 Loop West, Prairie View, TX 77446; on Tuesday, April 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Roberts Road Elementary School; located at 24920 Zube Road, Hockley, TX 77447; Wednesday, April 30 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fields Store Elementary; located at 31670 Giboney Road, Waller, TX 77484; Thursday, May 1 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

During early voting, regist-

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## Waller County Crime Stoppers

### Crime of the Week

\$1,000 Reward

AGGRAVATED ROBBERY

04/1/2008

On Monday, April 1, 2008, between 6:48 am and 6:50 am, an unidentified black male entered a business in the 1100 block of 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Hempstead, TX and robbed the attendant at gunpoint. The black male is described as being approximately 5'08" and 5'10" tall, weighing between 180 and 220 lbs. Subject was last seen wearing a black stocking on his head, long sleeve black shirt, blue jean pants, and red and white athletic shoes. The black male was last seen running north towards Washington Street. If you have any information about this aggravated robbery, please contact the Hempstead Police Department at (979) 826-3332 and refer to case #2008-0251. Crime Stoppers of Waller County will pay a cash reward of \$1,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and Grand Jury indictment of the suspect in this case. If you have any information about this case or any other criminal activity, call Waller County Crime Stoppers at (979) 826-8266. Persons calling Crime Stoppers can remain anonymous.

## Waller FFA Project Show and Sale

Grand and Reserve Champions  
Unofficial Results

Pictures are listed as Exhibit, exhibitor, buyer and amount



Olen Gilbert Scholarship Plant benefiting the Waller FFA Graduating Seniors, Buyer Coldwell Banker, Colt Haack, \$150.



Olen Gilbert Scholarship Plant benefiting the Waller FFA Graduating Seniors, Buyer Tommy Davis by Jaimie Davis, \$150.



Grand Champion Broiler, Megan Schulze, Harlan Food Market, \$850.

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