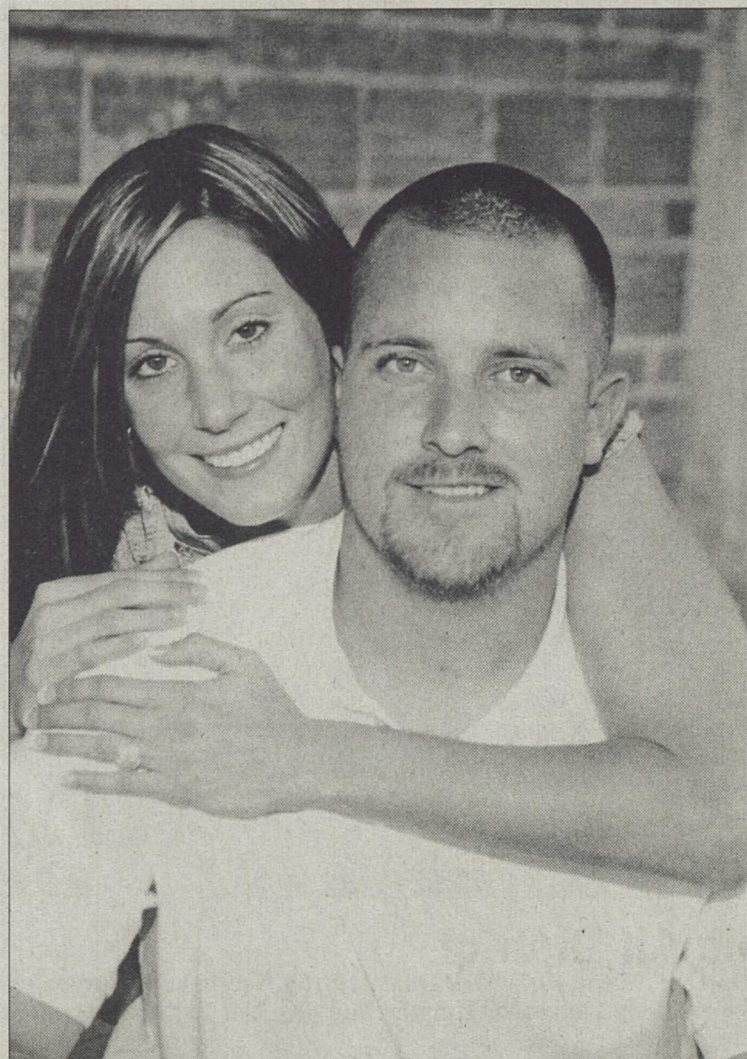




Riedel, Schiurring To Wed

Milton and Janice Riedel of Highlands, announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Ann, to Mr. Chriss Robert Schiurring of Eagle Lake.

Courtney is a 2001 graduate of North Shore Senior High School in Houston, and a 2005 graduate of The University of Texas at Austin. She currently teaches fifth grade at Bowie Elementary in Lamar. She is currently teaching fifth grade at Bowie Elementary in Lamar Consolidated ISD and is working towards her Masters degree of School Administration. She plans to complete her degree in July 2009. Courtney is the granddaughter of Helen Dornak of El Campo and E. A. and Francine Riedel of Round Top.

Chriss is the son of Betty Schiurring and the late David C. Schiurring of Garwood. He is a 2001 graduate of Rice High School. Chriss is the owner of Eagle Tree, Lawn and Landscape and a member of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department. He is currently serving his second term as a member of the Eagle Lake City Council. Chriss is the grandson of Emestine Bubela of Nada and Gladys Tyler of Nada.

Courtney and Chriss will exchange their vows at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada, on February 14, 2009.



Legion member David Haas presents a check from American Legion Post #108 to School Nurse Debbie Ugarte. This money will pay for lost supplies for needy students. Post #108 changed its focus several years ago from giving toys to children to providing coats, other clothing items, school supplies, and needed hygiene items to the school nurse to distribute as necessary. Anyone wishing to donate to this fund may telephone Haas at 234-7228 or Post Adjutant Victor Scott at 234-2792.

Jury Says Robbery Suspect Will Face Trial

A Colorado County jury found an accused robber competent to stand trial following a two-day contested hearing.

Reginald Williams, 41, faces a charge of aggravated robbery that allegedly occurred at Winkler Plumbing in Weimar on January 15, 2008.

He was initially found incompetent to stand trial and sent to Vernon State Hospital where he stayed for two months.

Following treatment and medication, he was found to be competent. After his return to Colorado County, his attorney filed an objection to the restoration of competency and requested a jury trial on that issue.

The defense did not claim that Williams was insane at the time of the crime, but contested his ability to understand the proceedings and assist his attorney and offered testimony by two family members and one psychiatrist.

Prosecutors Ken Sparks and Jay Johannes presented testimony from three mental health experts from Vernon, Houston, and San Antonio, Jail Corporal Christopher Vanicek, and County Jail Captain Tommy Richter who presented recordings of phone calls made by Williams from the jail.

Williams was overheard complaining that his psychiatrist only spent 10 minutes conducting his evaluation, and made statements indicating his understanding of the ongoing legal procedures.

The jury found Williams competent to stand trial after deliberating for 17 minutes. The

aggravated robbery case is set for jury trial on January 20, 2009 to decide the question of Williams' guilt or innocence.

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2008 Football All District Teams Named

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Weimar.

Punter:
Kyle Bludau, Schulenburg, freshman.

Return Specialist:
Ronald Turner, Hempstead, junior.

Special Teams Expert:
Andrew Luna, Brazos, junior;
Marvin Jessie, Hempstead, Senior.

Second Team Defense
Defensive Lineman:

Brandon Becerra, Brazos, junior; Jerome McAfee, Rice, senior; Nick Longoria, East Bernard, sophomore; Christian Axel, Hallettsville, senior; Tyland Robertson, sophomore, Hempstead; Jeremy Guerrero, Weimar; and Mikey Martinez, Weimar.

Linebackers:
Mickey Porter, Brazos, senior; Jeremy Kutach, Hallettsville, senior; Walter Bordovsky, Halletts-

ville, sophomore; Deon Thompson, Hempstead, sophomore; Dewey Pettus, Rice, senior; Chris Chudej, Schulenburg, junior; Gabe Segrest, East Bernard, junior; Jared Minks, East Bernard, senior; Tyler Wright, Weimar.

Defensive Backs:
Kendrick Wilder, Hempstead, junior; Cameron Mazoch, East Bernard, senior; Dante Haynes, Hallettsville, sophomore; Aaron

Alvarez, Hallettsville, senior; Carlos Sosa, Rice, junior; Dusty Broun, Schulenburg, junior; Trevor Kinsey, Brazos, senior; Jeremy Maupin, Weimar.

Punter:
Brixx Hawthorne
Return Specialist:
Trent Momon, Hempstead, freshman.

Special Teams Expert:
Josh Williams, Rice, senior.

Did You Know?

Though it might seem as though it's been around forever, the beloved holiday song "Frosty the Snowman" actually wasn't produced until 1950. Written by Jack Rollins and Steve Nelson, the song was first recorded by legendary country singer Jack Autry and the Cass County Boys.

Once they finished penning the now classic Christmas tune, Rollins and Nelson shipped the lyrics to Autry, who just a year earlier achieved great success with another holiday favorite, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer." While Autry's version remained the most successful, and arguably most recognizable, version of "Frosty" for many years, its success in terms of charting was actually outdone just a year ago.

The peak position for Autry's original version on the U.S. Pop Singles chart was #7 back in 1950. However, the 2007 rendition by former American Idol participant Kimberly Locke reached #1 on the Billboard U.S. Hot Adult Contemporary chart.



Volleyball All District

Front row left to right: Kaydi Gold, Academic All-District; Kristyna Lobpries, Honorable Mention All District, Academic All-District; Brooke Popp, Academic All-District, First Team. Middle row left to right: Cynthia Quinney, Academic All-District, Second team; Tori Rithburn, Academic All-District; Chelsea Korenek, Academic All-District. Back row left to right: Lauren Shimek, Academic All-District, Second team; Rachel Korenek, Academic All-District; Amber Huvar, 1st team All District, Academic All-District.

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