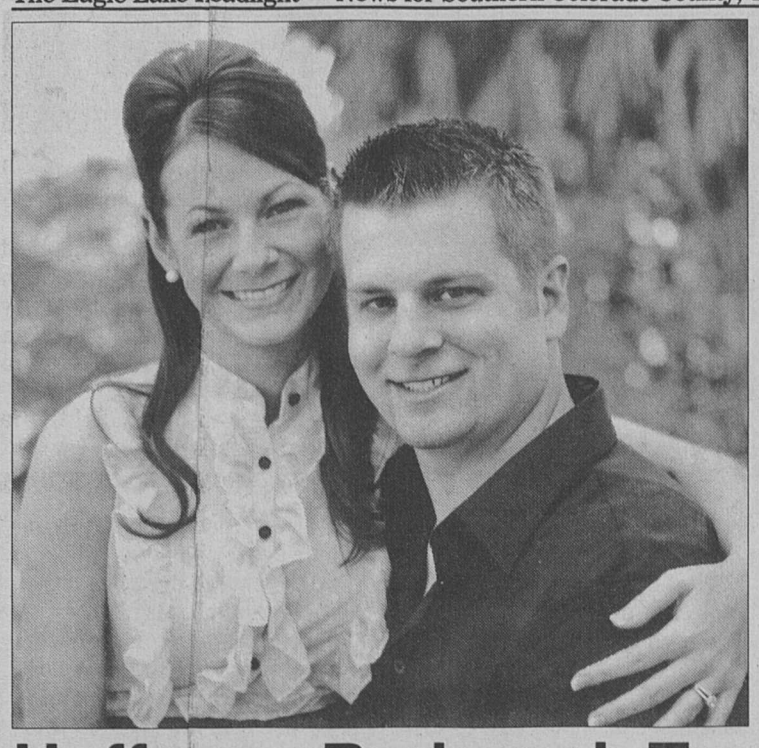

Hoffman, Bednarek To Exchange Vows May 1

Darby and Sherry Hoffman of Nada are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenna Marie Hoffman, to Dawid Lukasz Bednarek, son of Tomasz and Slawa Bednarek of Round Rock.

Jenna is the granddaughter of Albertha Dettling and the late Mike Dettling of El Campo and Mary and Method Hoffman, Jr. of Nada.

Dawid is the grandson of Dr. Henryk and Dr. Krystyna Bednarek of Poland and Melania Szynakiewicz and the late Tadeusz Szynakiewicz of Poland.

Jenna is a 2001 graduate of Rice High School and 2005 graduate of Texas State University. She is employed by Shionogi Pharma in Austin.

Dawid graduated from McNeil High School in 2002 and Texas State University in 2006 where he was also on the baseball team.

He is employed by JP Morgan Chase.

The couple will be married on May 1, 2010 at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

GAR Gives Update on Recent Meeting

The Garwood Association of Restoration (GAR) met on Thursday at the Garwood Fire Department meeting room.

President Anita Meismer welcomed the members to the meeting and due to the absence of secretary Catherine Berger called on Ruby Hoffmann to read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Treasurer Vestal Odom gave the treasurers' report.

Old Business: Fundraiser committee chairman Ruby Hoffmann reported that the Hamburger Supper would held on Monday, April 12, at the Garwood Fire Hall.

Several Garwood firemen and Lions' Club members will assist in cooking the burgers.

A single burger, chips, and drink will be $5.00 and a double will be $6.00.

Desserts will be provided by GAR members and will sell for 50 cents each. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m.

During new business Helen Noteboom was elected to serve as the temporary vice president of the association.

Vice president Danny Hughes will resume the duties of the vice president when his health permits.

Members decided to award two $100 scholarships to a Rice High School senior from Nada and Garwood respectively.

It was noted that at the next meeting Brian Center will address the organization on the progress of the restoration of the Garwood Lions' Club Swimming pool.

Also at the next meeting Attorney Joe Fling and CPA Jerry Noteboom will discuss the non-profit status of the organization. Everyone is encouraged to attend this informative meeting.

The next GAR meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m.

CCS&WCD Announces Winners in Annual Contests

The Colorado County Soil and Water Conservation District #333 sponsored their annual coloring, poster and essay contest and soil painting contest.

Karen Brod, contest chairman, reports a total of 1413 entries that include 901 coloring entries, 297 poster entries 151 essay entries and 64 soil painting entries.

Coloring contest winners include Pre-kindergarten (3 years old) – Samantha Gonzales Orange — St. Anthony's School – Pat Bartels - teacher, Pre-kindergarten (4 years old) –Isabel Martinez – Columbus Elementary (CES)- Denise Lewis, teacher; Kindergarten – Alexis Mertzger – Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) – Marsha Kallina, teacher; First Grade – Emily Livesay – CES – Tina Morrow, teacher; Second Grade – Sypher Young – Weimar Elementary School – Heather Pavlu, teacher and Third Grade – Brynn Munoz – Sheridan Elementary School (SES) – Johnna Benton, teacher.

Poster winners include Division I (grades 3 and 4) – first place – Michaela Kuchar – CES – Tammy Wheatley, teacher; second place – Jennifer Boehm –CES- Shirley Schobel, teacher; and third place – Madison Pawlik – CES - Roxanne Hartley, teacher. Division II (grades 5 and 6) include first place – Paige Pavlu – St. Anthony's – Sharon Johnson, teacher; second place – Hali Wisnoskie – CES – Tyna Vacek, teacher and third place – Landon O'Connor – CES – Joyce Templeton, teacher. Pavlu's entries placed second in the Association of Texas State Soil and Water Conservation District's Area III competition.

Division I essay winners include first place – Emma Holland – St. Michael's – V.J. Willis, teacher; second place – Marty Abell – CES – Shannan Gerik, teacher; third place – Angel Karr – CES – Mary Moore, teacher.

Division II essay winners inlude first place – Jamie Kutzer – SES – Ruth Rouse, teacher; second place – Tanner Janak – St. Michael's- Caroline Grohmann, teacher and third place – Ryan Janacek – St. Michael's – Caroline Grohmann, teacher.

Division III essay winners include first place Seth Helmcamp – St. Michael's – Caroline Grohmann, teacher; second place – Joshua King – St. Michael's – Caroline Grohmann, teacher and third place – McKenna Munsch – St. Michael's – Caroline Grohmann, teacher.

Soil Painting Contest Division I (grades 3 & 4) winner - Blake James – CES – Shannan Gerik, teacher, Division II (grades 5 & 6) winner – Kristen Hazelwood – St. Michael's – Susan King, teacher; Division III (grades 7 & 8) winners are first – Mariah Carroll – St. Michael's – Susan King, teacher and second place – Todd Heger – St. Michael's – Susan King, teacher.

The Coloring, Poster and Essay Contest and the Soil Painting Contest winners will be recognized at the 61st Annual Awards Banquet, which will be held on March 26 at the Veteran's Memorial Hall in Weimar.

Also to be recognized at the banquet will be the Outstanding Conservationist in Colorado County.

Those include the Ted Schultz Conservation Teacher(s) – VJ Will – St. Michael's School, Conservation Homemaker Ruth Walla and Resident Conservationist Bill and Helen Pavlicek.

Donald O'Mary and Russell Prause will provide the entertainment for the evening. A fried fish dinner will be served.

Tickets are on sale until March 19 in the District office located at 316 Spring Street in Columbus. Please call District Secretary Beverly Tuck for more information at (979) 732.9565 or 979.732.7277.

Kickler, Spalinger named Royalty for 2010

Residents of The Oaks Assisted Living Residence in Columbus chose Selton Kickler and Kate Spalinger as their 2010 Valentine king and queen. Spalinger is a long-time resident of Eagle Lake.

Heritage Society Museum to Present "Annexation" Exhibit

The Heritage Society Museum of Weimar is proud to present a Humanities Texas exhibit entitled "Annexation."

This is the story of the long and sometimes controversial road to statehood for The Republic of Texas.

An exhibition of original artifacts and documents created to celebrate 150 years of Texas Statehood, 1845-1995 was exhibited in the Capitol Complex Visitors Center, Austin.

The Texas Humanities Resource Center organized an outstanding photo-panel version of the exhibit for presentation at the State Fair of Texas.

The accompanying brochure announced, "The exhibit will subsequently travel to communities throughout the state for public humanities programs that explore how annexation proved to be a turning point not only for Texas but also in the American experience, and the impact it has had on world events…".

The exhibit will be featured through Texas History Month, which ends Saturday, March 27. Regular museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Call Karen Beken, 979-725-8535 to schedule group tours. The museum is located at 125 E. Main Street in Weimar.

This Texas Humanities Exhibit is made possible through "We The People", an initiative designed by National Endowment for the Humanities.

Identity Theft Growing: How To Prevent It

Identity theft is on the rise, as approximately 10 million Americans fell victim last year.

While nothing can guarantee you won't become a victim yourself, there are many ways to minimize risk.

"No matter if you're shopping, drawing money from the bank, or simply taking out your trash, it's important to take precautionary actions," says Dr. Nelson Ludlow, CEO of Intellicheck Mobilisa, a developer of wireless security and identity systems for the government, military and commercial markets.

Ludlow's Defense ID System has scanned millions of IDs, identifying over ten thousand criminals and suspects with zero false positives.

"Remember, people aren't always who they say they are, both online and in the physical world," he adds, noting identity fraud more often occurs in person than online.

With this in mind here are some tips from the experts at Intellicheck Mobilisa on safeguarding your identity:

* **Protect Your Social Security Number:** Don't keep your Social Security card in your wallet or include your number on checks.

Only provide your number when absolutely necessary, and ask to use other identifiers.

If your number appears on your driver's license or health insurance card, ask to substitute another number.

* **Backup Your Wallet:** Photocopy the fronts and backs of your wallet's contents, including driver's license, credit cards and insurance cards.

You'll be able to quickly notify the appropriate institutions if it gets stolen.

* **Safeguard Your Mail and Trash:** Before disposal, always shred credit card receipts, checks and bank statements, credit applications or offers, insurance forms, doctor statements, expired charge cards and anything with personal information.

* **Store Personal Information Securely:** This is especially important when you are having work done in your house, if you employ outside help or have roommates.

* **Be On Guard In Public:** Thieves don't have to steal your wallet for your identity.

Shield your entry of your PIN when using the ATM.

Watch out for people peeking over your shoulder or using cell phone cameras to record your actions.

* **Stay Vigilant Online:** Practice safe surfing when it comes to online shopping, banking, email usage and more.

Don't use public computers to access personally sensitive information.

For tips to protect against Internet fraud, visit the government's safety site at OnGuardOnline.gov.

* **Choose Better Passwords:** Select tough passwords for bank, credit card and phone accounts.

Don't use easily available information like your birthday, address, phone number or mother's maiden name.

Combinations of letters, symbols and numbers create the strongest passwords.

"It's critical we make it difficult for the wrong people to gain access to valuable information that can be used to cause damage," urges Dr. Ludlow.

"There are many tools in our arsenal today that can help catch dangerous suspects. It's important these tools are implemented correctly."

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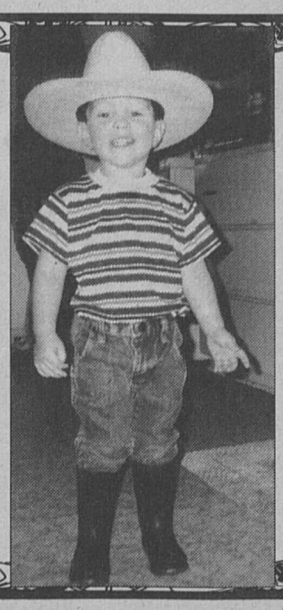

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Thank you for your support in the Republican Primary for Colorado County Commissioner Precinct 4. I appreciate the confidence you have shown in me, but the race is not over. I continue to need your support in the Republican Run-off on April 13, 2010.
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