

On the Plains

Idalia News

By
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Basketball
Boys lost in the first round of the tournament to Haxtun 55-70. The Otis boys won the tournament beating Haxtun 53-52.

The girls basketball team won the district tournament beating Hi-Plains and will go on to the regional tournament in Limon on Friday playing Flagler.

Willing Workers Club
Willing Workers Club was hosted by Joyce Helling Thursday with lunch at Prairie Vista Restaurant with ten members and one guest, Sheryl Wudtke attending. They played Pinochle at her home in the afternoon. Dessert and coffee afterward.

Birthday
Mary Beth Beckman of Wray celebrated her 88th birthday Sunday at the Lions Hall in Kirk with 100 relatives attending.

She was a Sunday overnight guest of her daughter and husband, Jim and Maxine Strick of Kirk.

Student Recognized
The Colorado Prep football scholar athlete awards are a part of the national high school scholar athlete awards and Idalia student, Jobediah "Joby" Rittenhouse has been recognized as a member Class of 2003. Rittenhouse and other scholar/athletes were honored at the 11 Colorado Prep Scholar athlete awards banquet held last Monday.

Rittenbach was one of three award winners to lead their high schools to state football titles in 2003.

Seven of the 11 scholar/athletes were also selected to play in the All-State football games this summer and Rittenhouse was among those seven.

Rittenhouse is a senior at Idalia High School and the son of Jim and Kathy Rittenhouse.

A New Addition
The Idalia School Library has a new look. A window has been cut to allow viewing the door area from all over the room. The addition has been wanted for many years.

Preschool Screening
Northeast Colorado BOCE, in conjunction with Little Vision Preschool and the RJ-3 School District, will be offering free developmental screening to children ages three through five, who will be attending kindergarten in the coming school year. Testing for children in the Idalia area will be conducted at the Vision building from 1-3 p.m. March 12. For more information about the screening in Idalia or to make an appointment for

testing contact the Idalia School at 354-7298.

Student Earns Grant
Tim Schultz, president and executive director of the Boettcher Foundation, is pleased to announce that Jobediah Rittenhouse from Idalia High School has been selected as a recipient of a 2004 Boettcher Foundation Scholarship.

Each year, the Boettcher Foundation grants 40 merit based scholarships to superior young persons from Colorado high schools. Begun in 1952, as a superior young persons from Colorado high schools. The program has sought to reward outstanding high school seniors who demonstrate the potential to make significant contributions to Colorado since the programs inception, the foundation has awarded 1,800 scholarships. The Boettcher Foundation provides in excess of \$1.7 million annually in scholarships support making the program one of the largest merit based scholarships programs in the nation.

These awards cover virtually all college expenses for recipients who chose to further their education in Colorado. The scholarships consist of full tuition, fees and book allowances as well as an annual stipend for living expenses. The scholarships are granted for eight semesters at either a public or private four-year college or university within the state as long as the scholar maintains a minimum grade point average 3.0.

Selection is strictly "merit-based" allowing all seniors in Colorado to compete based upon their individual accomplishments. This year's scholarship winners were selected in the basis of their academic performances, demonstrated ability, outstanding character and their participation and leadership in both school and community activities. To be eligible for one of these awards, students must rank among the top 5 percent of their graduating class, have a score of at least 1200 on the Scholastic Assessment Testing program (SAT) or 27 on the American College Testing program (ACT) and be a United States

citizen and a Colorado resident for their junior and senior year of high school.

FBLA District Conference
On Feb. 11, the Idalia FBLA Chapter traveled to Wiggins High School for the district conference. The Chapter, as always did a great job. Four teams and five individuals placed in the top 10 of various events. None of the teams qualified for state. However, four of the five individuals that placed did qualify. While waiting for an event to begin, members were involved in career success workshops.

For a team to be able to qualify for state, first or second place is required. Two of the four teams that placed at the conference were in the poster competition. Kaleb Rittenhouse and Reed Farness placed eighth. Evan Schiel and Krista Soehner placed third; Scott Cure and Tyson Ramseier competed in the Multimedia Presentation placed fifth. Chris Devlin, Candice Walkinshaw, Whitney Weyerman and Reed Parker placed 7th in Parliamentary Procedure.

To qualify for state in an individual event, a competitor must place in the top five at districts. Scott Cure and Blake Cure both competed in Introduction to Business Communications. Blake took second place and his brother, Scott took first place. Joby Rittenhouse took first place in the Job Interview competition. Reed Parker competed in Impromptu Speaking and finished in fifth place. Competing in Public Speaking II, Ashley Chamberlain placed sixth.

Earlier this year, Chris Devlin applied for the scholarship provided by District IV FBLA. While at the conference, all the district applicants were called to the stage. These winners of the scholarship were then announced; Chris being one of them.

Scott, Blake, Joby and Reed will compete at state April 18-20.

St. John
Sunday school is at 10 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Communion served March 8.

March 10, sewing is at 9:30 a.m. Womens Fellowship is at 1 p.m. March 11, Church board meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

Violet Knapp attended her Pinochle Club Wednesday afternoon hosted by Gladys Farnsworth at her home in Burlington.

Darby Shanks was a Saturday afternoon visitor of her grandmother, Elsie Shanks.

Harold and Pat Madsen of St. Francis were Wednesday afternoon visitors of her brother and wife, Clark and Mildred Rolow.

The ladies of the bank where Kim Adolf works hosted a bridal shower for Kim Saturday afternoon at Goodland with a good turn out.

Bob and Diana Leisy of Greeley were weekend guests of her parents, Lawrence and Jerry Crites.

Pat and Bruce Texer and grandson, Cody of Eckley brought dinner Sunday night and were afternoon visitors of her mother, Evelyn Flick.

All of Larry and Janie Beckman family were home for the weekend and they all attended Mary Beth Beckman's 88th birthday.

Travis and Krystal Crites and daughter, Kennedy of Houston, Texas were Thursday till Monday guests and visitors of his parents. Terry and Debbie Crites and plan to fly home from Denver International Airport in Denver.

Trisha and Guy Coberly of Loveland were guests and visitors of her parents, Terry and Debbie Crites. Bernice Zweygardt of St. Francis, mother and grandmother was also a guest Friday through Sunday and enjoyed visiting all the family.

Phyllis Long is taking therapy in Pueblo and slowing improving and is a guest of her daughter Nichole and Brett Travis.

Betty J. Moellenberg was a last Monday visitor of Harlan and Shirley Boden.

Sarah Beecham of Pueblo West, granddaughter of Harlan and Shirley Boden is improving everyday.

Beecher Island News

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There were 55 at Sunday school with Jessica Willard giving the special number.

The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club met with Kristy Hurlburt Wednesday at Beecher. The next meeting will be with Judy Hart March 3. The deadline for recipes is the March 3 meeting. Please bring your cutters and mats to cut quilt blocks.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus returned home Wednesday from helping Mr. and Mrs. Eric Johnson and family move from Phoenix to Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen spent Tuesday to Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Dorsch at Melody Lane, Texas.

Doris Whomble spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg spent Tuesday and Wednesday nights with Jacquie Ekberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dodge and Violet Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Crites and Marion Crites enjoyed dinner Sunday in Haigler.

John and Jacob Osmus were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Phil

Osmus.

Violet Brown was a Sunday afternoon visitor of Nettie May Welton.

Monte and Gary Mansfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall had lunch Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Homm were Saturday visitors at the Paul Dents.

Wilma, Dorothy and Allana Brueggeman and June Richers visited Sunday at the Harry Ekbergs.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Heath attended the Blue and Gold Cub Scout potluck dinner at the Elks Wednesday.

Judy Shively visited Leona Helling Sunday afternoon.

Boni Osmus visited Mr. and Mrs. Perk Salvador in Yuma Thursday.

Marilyn Bruffett came Tuesday to spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg.

Violet Brown, Donna Dodge and Diana Bowker spent Wednesday in Sterling.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent last Monday afternoon.

Beulah Soehner was a Sunday

evening visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively.

Nancy Heath and a friend attended a CCW meeting in Arvada Wednesday.

Riley Brown spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen hosted the annual Idalia Gun Club supper Tuesday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Moellenberg, Evelyn Flick, Harlan Boden, Mel Henry of Joes, Darrell Marrow of Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen hosted the weekend at Fraser for their family, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family, Ryan Allen and friend Shaylynn Sandridge, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen and family, Cheryl Allen, Perry Allen, Roy Harsila and Raquel Stofa, mother of Mrs. Justin Allen. Joining then Thursday night and Friday were Rob Bassett and son Bailey.

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