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Superintendent Garrett Bosarge discusses proposals with the BIC work group at Des Moines School Wednesday. (Photos by Tim Keller)

Des Moines BIC work group moves toward goals

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nities of Capulin, Des Moines, Folsom, Grenville and surrounding areas.

The second project discussed Wednesday involved providing a restaurant-quality concession at home basketball games, one providing food so good that even people not interested in the games would drive over to buy take-out. The project would be self-sustaining with students handling all aspects of the business. Ideally, they'll make enough to earn a wage, as well. Presently the concessions are mostly the work of parent volunteers who also provide most of the food and supplies.

In addition to Newkirk, Bosarge and Martin, other participants included BIC director Sunny Hill, science teacher Heidi Karr, Rural Revitalization Initiative member Kelly Hill, arts director Christina Boyce, Capulin citizen Janice Morrow and students Ismael Escobar and Ashlee Salas.



Janice Morrow (left) listens as Rhodi Martin makes a point Wednesday evening.



Tim Keller, local author and Raton High School teacher, discusses his work as a writer with several second and third grade students during Columbia Elementary School's Writer's Tea.

(Photo by Laura L. Brewer)

Tim Keller guest speaker at Writer's Tea at Columbian Elementary School

By Laura L. Brewer
The Chronicle-News

Tim Keller, published author, professional author, photographer, and teacher at Raton High School, was the guest speaker at Columbian Elementary School's Writer's Tea last Thursday.

The Writer's Tea, organized by Columbian educators, Wanda Henson, Christi Medina, and Superintendent Pam Hunnicut, is a time for students

to share their writing with other students, family members and staff, learn more about opportunities in writing, and to visit with members of the community who use writing in their work.

Keller, who has been published in Western Horseman, a national magazine, and The Chronicle-News, explained to the audience that his recent success in becoming published as an author happened because of his budding interest in photography, and his love of the scenery and people of New Mexico. As he took hundreds of photos that told the stories, he found that the text played an important part in giving background and explanation for the photos. Now he enjoys writing the stories as much as telling the story through his photos, especially when one can get paid for it.

"You write, you send it in, and they send you money. It's a pretty good deal."

He encouraged the students

of the best ways to learn to write.

"The way I learned how to write was mostly from reading," Keller stated. "I read a lot of newspapers and magazines. So I see how things should be written."

At the Writer's Tea, Keller introduced one of his students, Liz Strnad, as a guest. Strnad has a sincere interest in writing and spoke to the children at the Writer's Tea. When she asked the students what they enjoyed writing about, several students volunteered that they liked to write about their families, about snakes, or about their pets. Strnad said that the really great thing about writing is that they could write about anything.

The Columbian Elementary newsletter, "Columbian Writes," is published about seven times throughout the school year and showcases the student's writing. Superintendent Hunnicut explained that they make sure that every student has at least one entry in the newsletter.

COLFAX COUNTY CALENDAR

February
Feb. 16

6 p.m. - Raton Red Hot Mamas and Foxy Ladies Mardi Gras party. K-Bobs. RSVP Fonda at (575) 445-9783 or Linda at (575) 445-8697.

Feb. 22

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Enchilada Dinner. St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Diane at (575) 445-

7123 or the Parish Hall at (575) 445-9763.

Feb. 24

Feb. 24 - "On The Road To Living Well With Diabetes" classes to be held Feb. 24, March 31 and May 19, 2009 beginning at 8:45 a.m. at the Miner's Colfax Medical Center (MCMC) Long Term Care facility (900 S. Sixth St) in Raton. Call (575) 445-8071 to pre-register.

The Colfax County Fair Association Board of Directors would like to announce the dates for the 2009 Colfax County Fair and Rodeo will be Aug. 10-16, 2009. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact: Troy Sauble at (575) 375-2790 or (575) 447-0012; Marlene Nystul at (575) 445-3281; or by email at: colfaxcounty-fair@hotmail.com



An ice storm appears to affect one residence in Raton last Thursday.

(Photo by Laura L. Brewer)

A faux ice storm hits residence in Raton

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When Phillip Fresquez arrived at his home at 871 N. Second St. on Thursday morning, he thought that a freak weather phenomenon had occurred when he saw icicles cov-

ering his tree and bushes in his front yard. But, instead, found that his sons, who had been watering the grass the day before had left the sprinkler on overnight. With the freezing temperatures that evening, the water froze, creating the look of an ice storm. Even with the warmer temperatures, he expects it will take a little time for the ice to melt.

RATON POLICE BLOTTER

Feb. 6, 2009
ARRESTED:

■ Donicia M. Losse, 32 - Possession of a controlled substance, to wit, cocaine.

■ Christian Ortega, 21 - Contributing to the delinquency of a minor, tampering with evidence, possession of a controlled substance, to wit, marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting/evading/obstructing an officer.

■ Bernice Garcia, 44 - Possession of drug paraphernalia, trafficking controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance and posses-

sion of marijuana.

CITATIONS:

■ Jeremy Pacheco - No tags on a dog, three counts, and dog at large, three counts.

■ A juvenile was cited for minor in possession of alcohol. Amber J. Segura, 26 - Possession of a controlled substance, to wit marijuana, less than one ounce.

CRASH:

■ Patricia Butch and Michelle Wood were involved in a crash, doing slight and moderate damage to their vehicles.



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