

# Store tells singers' life story

By ALYSSA DIZON  
LUBBOCK AVALANCHE-JOURNAL

LITTLEFIELD, Texas — At first glance, it looks like a typical liquor store, with "Liquor" and "Beer" stenciled on its tan walls. However, those who know the "flying W" symbol, the signature orange and black colors and the song, "Waymore's Blues," that store — Waymore's — holds a legacy unlike any other.

Old photographs, album covers and posters line the walls behind rows of colorful wine and liquor bottles. The whole room, a museum of sorts at Waymore's Liquor Store, is dedicated to James Jennings' brother and country music star, Waylon Jennings, who died of diabetic complications in 2002 in Chandler, Ariz., at age 64.

With each item, James has a story to tell. Waylon's



Photo by Merissa Ferguson/Lubbock Avalanche-Journal | AP

James Jennings is surrounded by memorabilia of his brother, country music legend, Waylon Jennings, inside his drive-through liquor store, Waymore's, in Littlefield, Texas.

framed gold record — the same record that became the first platinum country music record — was a gift to his mother. An old sanded-down guitar with Waylon's name and first wife's name barely visible had

been sold in a pawnshop, and James had to buy the guitar from its new owner. James said he "ain't ever going to be through" collecting Waylon's belongings and memorabilia. But he wished he had more, even

though he already has a roomful of items and more at his house. The memorabilia that cover the liquor store walls were collected mostly from Waylon's wife, Jessi, his friends, relatives and the fans who visit.

"When you're living around something your whole life, you don't think about it," he said.

As soon as Waylon was mentioned, James went back and forth across the room pointing to an album cover in one moment and a family picture in the next, sharing new stories or singing one of Waylon's songs each time.

"Do you know this song?" he asked before cheerfully launching into one of his brother's songs.

James created Waymore's with his wife Helen four years ago along the boulevard named after his brother.

# Center for the Arts has show

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The Laredo Center for the Arts, 500 San Agustin Ave., will host an opening reception on Thursday, from 6 to 8 p.m., to showcase the gallery's first exhibits of the new year.

The Rosalie Goodman Gallery has "The Moxie Files," by Kimberly Walton, on display.

"The Moxie Files" are a combination of small to mid-sized abstract gesture paintings and drawings that explore a variation of surfaces, technique and media. Personal iconography is incorporated into the paintings to visually document experiences that have influenced, motivated and inspired them.

The artist, a native of South Carolina, received

her bachelor's degree from Winthrop University, and works as an adjunct art instructor at Texas A&M International University. She has exhibited in South Carolina, North Carolina and throughout Texas. "The Moxie Files" will remain on display throughout January.

Also showing will be the Lilia G. Martinez Gallery, which will premier artwork by Grupo Artisticos Plasticos Neolaredenses, 14 artists from Nuevo Laredo, while the LACF Community Gallery will host student artwork by St. Augustine High School and the Laredo Art League Gallery showcase artwork by Juan de Dios Mora.

Admission is free, but donations are accepted. Complimentary wine and appetizers will be served.

## THE BLOTTER

### ASSAULT

■ Police responded to an assault call at 10:45 p.m. Thursday in the 1600 block of Wildrose Circle. According to reports, a known person assaulted a 29-year-old man.

### BURGLARY

■ Ernesto Sanchez Ramirez, 28, was arrested on charges of burglary of a vehicle and theft at about 2 a.m. Friday in the 4300 block of Sanders Avenue. The man was booked and transported to Webb County Jail, where he was held under no bond.

■ A 42-year-old man reported at 5:30 a.m. Friday unknown people en-

tered his residence in the 1100 block of East Gustavus Street and stole a 52-inch flat-screen television.

### CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

■ A 37-year-old woman reported at 11:15 p.m. Thursday in the 10200 block of Comet Drive a woman damaged her vehicle.

### EVADING ARREST

■ Juan Emilio Mares-Martinez, 27, was arrested on charges of evading arrest with vehicle early Friday in the 1100 block of South India Avenue. The man was booked and transported to Webb County Jail, where


he was held on pending magistration.

### POSSESSION

■ Jorge Antonio Ibarra, 21, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana at 9:30 p.m. Thursday in the 6300 block of Casa del Sol Boulevard. The man was booked and transported to Webb County Jail, where he was held on a \$750 bond.

### ROBBERY

■ An 18-year-old man reported at 4 a.m. Friday in the 2100 block of Santa Ursula Avenue he was assaulted by unknown people who tried to rob him.



## United Independent School District

Curriculum and Instruction Department (956) 473-2000 www.uisd.net

Will you have a child in Kinder next school year (2010-2011)? Would you like to know more about how your child can become bilingual and biliterate by participating in a Dual Language program?

¿Tendrá usted un hijo/a en Kinder en el 2010-2011? ¿Le gustaria saber mas sobre como su hijo/a puede convertirse en una persona bilingüe participando en el programa de dos idiomas?

We will be having informational meetings about UISD's Dual Language Program throughout the month of January at several district sites giving you the opportunity to attend the site most convenient to you.

Habrà varias juntas informativas sobre este programa durante el mes de enero en diferente lugares del distrito ofreciendo les la oportunidad para que atienda la junta en el sitio mas conveniente para usted.


Date/Fecha	Location/Sitio	Address/Domicilio	Time/Horario
January 6, 2010	Los Obispos Middle School	4801 S. Ejido Road, Laredo	6:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m
January 7, 2010	Salvador Garcia Middle School	499 Pena Drive, Rio Bravo	6:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m
January 13, 2010	George Washington Middle School	10306 River Bank Drive, Laredo	6:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m
January 14, 2010	Student Activity Center (SAC)	5208 Santa Claudia Lane, Laredo	6:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m
January 19, 2010	United Middle School Auditorium	700 E. Del Mar Blvd. Laredo	6:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m

It is the policy of UISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Es la norma de UISD no discriminar basándose en raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o discapacidad en sus programas vocacionales, servicios, o actividades. Tal y como lo requiere el Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964 Título VII; Título IX de Enmiendas de Educación de 1972; y la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973.


## The United States Air Force BAND OF THE WEST

LACKLAND AFB, TEXAS



presents

# Dimensions in Blue



## TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Friday, January 29, 2010 7:00pm

This concert is **FREE** and open to the public however tickets are required to guarantee a seat.

For free tickets, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and ticket request to:

**The Laredo Morning Times**  
111 Esperanza Dr.  
Laredo, TX 78041

Please send me tickets to the *Dimensions in Blue* performance. I realize I must be seated by 6:45 p.m. or my seat will be open to the general public.


Number of tickets (limit four) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_


This event is sponsored by:



## Laredo Morning Times

a WBCA Event



visit our website at [www.bandofthewest.af.mil](http://www.bandofthewest.af.mil) or [www.facebook.com/bandofthewest](http://www.facebook.com/bandofthewest)



# Invest in Yourself

at **TAMIU**

Spring 2010 begins Jan. 19!  
Register late through Jan. 22.

For information call 956.326.2270  

[tamiu.edu/prospect](http://tamiu.edu/prospect)