

## HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

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## Architect Selection

Now that the BEST project bond has passed, you just have to ask, "What's next?". Well, several things are occurring right now. The district and the state are entering into an agreement that allows the state to sell the bonds needed to fund the building of our new school, the district is finishing up all the necessary surveys to describe the building site, and all the paperwork that details the entire bond process from start to finish is nearly complete. While all that is necessary, it is hardly exciting, so on a more interesting note, the district is also hiring the architecture and engineering firm for the new school.

To begin the hiring process, the District, with the help of the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) publishes a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). This document is posted on the District website, and details the requirements the RJ-3 is looking for in its architect. This was posted on October 20, 2011 on the Idalia website. Based upon this document, sixteen (16) firms indicated an interest in the Idalia school project. By November 10, 2011, any interested firm was required to submit a proposal that detailed their firm's qualifications, strengths, personnel, and previous experience in building a rural school. These proposals ran anywhere from 45 to 140 pages in length. Once the proposals were received on November 17, 2011, they were evaluated by the selection committee based on a worksheet provided by CDE. At that point the scores were tabulated and a discussion was held to narrow the list of 16 down to 3 or 4 firms that will be interviewed on November 29. The firms chosen to be interviewed are Klipp, Larson & Incitti Architects, and Wold Architects and Engineers.

The interviews for the project consist of a presentation by the firm followed by a question and answer session with the committee. Also in attendance, but not participating in the interviews, will be the RJ-3 owners representative Michael Hall, and CDE's representative Jay Hoskinson. Having these people at the interviews gives the committee two very knowledgeable people to answer any questions that may arise. Once the firms are evaluated at the interview, the selection committee will decide on which firm best meets the needs of Idalia School District RJ-3 and the project will be offered to that firm. If for some reason a contractual agreement cannot be reached with the top firm selected, the second place firm will be offered the job. *Submitted by Tim Krause*



### Idalia School Board (L to R)

Keith Weyerman

Nancy Helling

Ross Morris

Larry Weyerman

Susan Knodel



**Don't Forget!**

*The Santa's Elves*

*Party is Saturday,*

*December 3rd*

*from 10:00 a.m.*

*to 12:30 p.m.*

*Preschool—4th Grade*



Christmas Program

is

December 8

## Father Woody's

From November 29 through December 15 the Idalia Youth in Community Service (IYCS) group will be holding a toy drive for the Father Woody's Christmas Dinner. The group annually serves the dinner and the toy drive will help provide gifts for children. There will be a drop off box at the school in Mr. McFadden's classroom if you would like to donate. Toys in high demand are stuffed animals, children books and children's clothing.

## Fall Sports All-Conference Honors

**The following athletes have received honors in Fall Sports.**

**Volleyball:**

Chelsea Smith - All-Conference

JeZi Earl - All-Conference Honorable Mention

**Football:**

Will Helling - Central Division All-Division

Matt Seifert - Central Division All-Division

Brenden Dutton - Central Division Honorable Mention All-Division

**Congratulations!**

## FFA Veteran's Day Thank You

The Idalia FFA Chapter would like to thank Wray VFW color guard posted the colors, and the Idalia Singers who sang the National Anthem. Thanks to the sophomore class for setting up chairs, and to Chelsee Carpenter, Brenden Dutton and Kortnee Spelts for setting up risers and decorating. A huge thank you goes out to all of these people, as well as those community members that attended. Another huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Sarah Drohan! Without her help, this program would not have happened. Thank you, Mrs. Drohan!

*We hope to see everyone next year for the next annual Idalia FFA Veterans Day Program.*

## Safeway/King Soopers Cards for Sale

The Idalia Continuing Ed committee is selling Safeway/King Soopers cards to raise funds for student scholarships. These cards are used like a debit card. You get full value for each card you purchase, but instead of giving all of the profit to the store, your card purchase gives 5% back to the Vision Foundation for scholarships. Cards are available in \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200, \$300 and \$500 increments. Cards can be purchased at the school office or from Deb Crites.

## FBLA Fall Project

This year, the Idalia High School FBLA chapter took on an annual Fall project aimed at helping those less fortunate in their community. In October, the chapter split into five groups, each with a costume theme. The groups drove all around the county to "trick-or-treat" for canned food and other food items. About 1,100 cans were collected and stored until Thanksgiving week.

At the end of November, nine chapter members headed to DDI in Burlington to pack the collected food into Thanksgiving baskets to distribute to those less fortunate. While there the members helped DDI pack 313 baskets to distribute; sixteen of the baskets were brought back to Idalia. Thanks to the chapter and the volunteers who took time to help the project succeed. Because of them, everyone will be able to have a great Thanksgiving holiday this year.

**The Idalia Vision Continuing Education committee is looking for a sturdy, free-standing shelving unit. Please call the school if you have one to donate.**



*Thank you, DDI helpers!*



# FFA Chapter Speaking

On Thursday, November 17, the Idalia FFA chapter held its annual chapter public speaking. The categories were Creed Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, and Extemporaneous Public Speaking.

Creed Speaking is an event for Freshman Ag students. As a requirement to earn their Greenhand Degree, all freshmen must memorize and recite the FFA creed. All three of this year's freshmen competed at the chapter competition and the top two will be going to districts. Caleb Condrey placed first earning a gold. Placing second was Tennison Hoyda earning a Silver, and 3<sup>rd</sup> was Chantz Smith also earning a silver.

The next event was Extemporaneous Public Speaking. This is an event for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade Ag students. In this event, the students draw for a topic which they have no prior knowledge of. The topic is a question involving an issue in agriculture. The students then have 30 minutes to research and write and outline for their speech. The speech must be between four and six minutes with a possibility of 5 minutes of questions. Senior Dustyn Mergelman and Junior Chelsee Carpenter were the two members who competed. Both earned a gold, with Chelsee placing first and Dustyn second. They will both be representing the Idalia Chapter at districts.

The final event was Prepared Public Speaking. This is also an event for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade Ag students. The students pick their own topic, usually an Ag issue that is important to them, and write a speech about it. The students must cite at least three sources in their written speech, or manuscript. That manuscript must be turned in before the contest. The member generally uses note cards to paste their speech on to use during their actual speech. The speech must be between six and eight minutes, with a possible 5 minutes for questions. The member is judged on many different things, ranging from content of the speech, to eye contact, to the volume level, and effective pauses. There were five members that competed at this year's chapter contest. Receiving a gold and placing first was senior Kortnee Spelts. Receiving a silver and placing second was sophomore Makayla Shafer. These two girls will also be traveling to districts to represent the Idalia FFA Chapter. Receiving bronze were the other three participants, Juniors Chelsee Carpenter, Riley Shaffer, and Taylor Merritt.

Judges for the events were the Advisor Mrs. Jill Whomble, Mrs. Kristy Minor, Mrs. Kelli Kite and Mrs. Linda Sackett. Thank you all the judges and parents as well as others, for coming and supporting us! Your support is what gives us the courage and strength to continue in our endeavors. THANK YOU ALL!!! The winners will be traveling to the Liberty School to participate in District speaking next Monday, December 5. Good luck FFA members!!!

## IDALIA SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Information in this report is from the unapproved minutes of the November 28<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

The Idalia school board met in regular session November 28. Board members Wayne Weyerman, Lindsey Richards, Nancy Helling, Ross Morris, and Keith Weyerman were present along with Tim Krause, Autumn Helling, Deb Crites, Kylie Chamberlain, Susan Knodel and Larry Weyerman.

Items approved include the agenda, minutes from the October 19 and November 16 meetings, the business services reports and removing past board member's names from bank signature cards, and adding the new board members to the signature cards.

Newly elected board members are Nancy Helling, Susan Knodel and Larry Weyerman.

Election of officers for the school board was held with Ross Morris being the new president, Keith Weyerman as vice president, Larry Weyerman as secretary/treasurer and Susan Knodel as assistant secretary/treasurer. Nancy Helling will serve as director.

Chelsea Smith was named volleyball all-conference and Jezi Earl was named honorable mention.

Will Helling and Matthew Seifert were named all-conference and Brenden Dutton was named honorable mention in football.

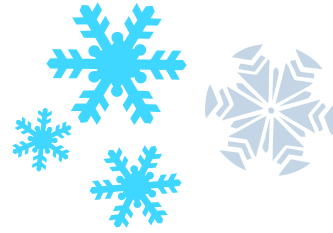
Perry Allen resigned as the junior high and high school football coach for next year.

Also approved were the second reading of seven policies, Randi Ortner and Ruth Bauer as substitute teachers, and Will McFadden as the junior high football coach for the 2012 season.

The next regular meeting will be December 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.



# Veteran's Day Thanks



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Thank you to the Wray VFW color guard posted the colors, and the Idalia Singers who sang the National Anthem. Thank to the sophomore class who set up the chairs, and to Chelsee Carpenter, Brenden Dutton and Kortnee Spelts who set up the risers and decorations. Fifth grade took down and put away all of the chairs and the risers as well as the stage decorations after the program on Friday. A huge thank you goes out to all volunteers, as well as the community members who attended. Another huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Sarah Drohan! Without her help, this program would not have happened. **THANK YOU MRS. DROHAN!**

*We hope to see everyone here next year for the next annual Idalia FFA Veterans Day Program.*

## Physics Class



Mrs. Soehner watches as Jezi Earl and Chad Heath demonstrate their timer made from weights.

The physics class has been busy making 30-second timers which don't run on electricity. Some project groups are using tractor weights, some pop bottles, some meter sticks. Anything goes, as long as it runs by itself! Students have to work as a team to solve the problem of creating a timer that is precise.



Sierra Weyerman, Chelsea Smith, and Ashley Hurlburt demonstrate their timer made from 2-liter bottles.

# Idalia Breakfast Menu December 2011

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Breakfast Burritos Oranges, Yogurt Juice, Milk	2 Cereal & Toast Banana, Yogurt Juice, White/ Chocolate Milk	3
4	5 Hot Pockets Oranges, Yogurt Juice Milk	6 Scrambled Eggs Muffin, Pineapple Yogurt, Juice Milk	7 Waffles Sausage, Applesauce Yogurt, Juice Milk	8 Cereal & Toast Oranges, Yogurt Juice Milk	9 Bagel w/Cream Cheese Banana, Yogurt, Juice White/Chocolate Milk	10
11	12 Sausage & Egg Pancake Sandwich Pears, Yogurt Juice, Milk	13 Biscuits & Gravy Oranges, Yogurt Juice Milk	14 Breakfast Pizza Pineapple, Yogurt Juice Milk	15 French Toast Sticks Sausage, Applesauce Yogurt, Juice Milk	16 Cereal & Toast Fruit Cocktail Yogurt, Juice White/Chocolate Milk	17
18	19 No School	20 No School	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24
25	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31

# Idalia Lunch Menu December 2011

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 BBQ Beef Sandwich Tater Tots Lentils, Pineapple, Milk	2 Nachos Broccoli w/Cheese Apples, Milk	3
4	5 Ham Scalloped Potatoes Roll, Corn, Banana Milk	6 Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice, Green Beans Pears, Milk	7 Hay Stack Corn, Grapes, Milk	8 Lasagna Break Sticks, Salad Carrot Sticks Fruit Cocktail, Milk	9 Pepperoni/Cheese Pizza Salad, Peaches, Milk	10
11	12 Hamburger/ Cheeseburger French Fries Mixed Vegetables Pineapple, Milk	13 Pigs in a Blanket Salad, Peas Fruit Cocktail, Milk	14 Chicken Tortilla Soup Garlic Biscuit, Apples Celery Sticks, Milk	15 Tacos Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges Spanish Rice, Milk	16 Lemon Pepper Fish Fillet Cheese Rice Fruit/Veggies, Milk	17
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Idalia vs. Wray (A) 4:00 JV/V	2	3 Santa's Elves' Christmas Party 10-12:30  Idalia vs. Holyoke (H) 2:00 JV/V
4	5 FFA District Speaking Contest @ Liberty 8:30 a.m.  Maps Testing →	6 FFA Officer Meeting @ Noon	7 Bookmobile 8:30-10:45  League Meeting @ Arickaree 9:00 a.m.	8 CASB Convention  Holiday Music Program @ 7:00 p.m.	9 CASB Convention  Idalia vs. Liberty (H) JH/V Boys 4:00/6:00	10 CASB Convention  Idalia vs. Bethune (A) 1:00 JH/JV/V
11	12 FFA/FBLA Christmas Party 6:30 p.m.  Maps Testing →	13 FFA Meeting 6:30 p.m.	14 State FFA Officer Visit	15 Idalia vs. Arickaree (H) JH/V 4:00/6:00	16 Idalia vs. Burlington (A) 2:00 JV/V  Last Day of 1st Semester	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>Christmas Break</b>						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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## December Fun Facts



- \* December 3 is *Let's Hug Day*
- \* The first Nobel Prize was awarded in December of 1901.
- \* Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* was published on December 6, 1843
- \* December 28<sup>th</sup> is considered the unluckiest day of the year. It was known as "The Holy Innocents Day" because of King Herod's attempt to kill the Messiah by eliminating every male child under 2.
- \* Romans held a festival every December 17<sup>th</sup> to honor the God of Agriculture.
- \* *Saturday Night Fever* opened in New York on December 18, 1977: 25 million copies of the soundtrack were sold worldwide.
- \* People mispronounce Santa's reindeer 'Donder' as 'Donner'.



**Idalia Boys Basketball Team:** Back row L to R: Tannis Hoya, Caleb Condrey, Jp Divittore. Front row L to R: Coach Jeff Hurlburt, Drohan Merritt, Chad Heath, Ashton Weyerman, Paul Garcia, Eric Denise Cano, Sierra Weyerman



**Idalia Girls Basketball Team:** Back row L to R: Chelsea Helling, Coach Cory Zion, Ashley Hurlburt, Stephanie Drohan, Mikaela Waitman, Sheyenne Mooney. Front row L to R: Jesel Herrera, Taylor Merritt, Chad Heath, Ashton Weyerman, Paul Garcia, Eric Denise Cano, Sierra Weyerman

## WOLF BASKETBALL

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