

Wolf View

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CONTRACTORS HIRED FOR BEST PROJECT

Idalia School District RJ-3 is pleased to announce that they have chosen Adolfson and Peterson Construction to be the District's Construction Manager/General Contractor for the BEST building project currently underway. After sorting through the applications received, the selection committee met on January 12, 2012, to interview the three short-listed firms. Adolfson and Peterson, Pinkard Construction, and Sampson Construction each gave a presentation to the selection committee and then answered a series of questions. Following the interviews, the committee discussed the merits of each firm and then placed the firms as either first, second, or third. Once these rankings were tallied, Adolfson and Peterson emerged as the clear choice for the job.

Adolfson and Peterson (A&P) has been in business for 65 years nationally, with 30 years in Colorado. Currently they are the largest K-12 construction firm in the state. They have extensive experience in new construction and have built some of the most advanced K-12 learning environments in the country. Adolfson and Peterson's K-12 teams are also experienced in complex occupied renovations and will work closely with the school to ensure that student safety and learning are never compromised due to construction activities. A&P will provide all project supervision and management to the Idalia BEST project. They will not self-perform trade work, and will competitively bid all trade packages. They will, however, do some work such as surveying, doors and hardware and other exclusion that are not covered in subcontractor bids. We believe that A&P's ability to provide effective solutions throughout the building process will be an asset to our community and school. As Tom Stone, the Project Executive assigned to our project wrote, "Our team is knowledgeable about working in remote rural communities similar to Idalia. Through our history of working as a team, the most vital elements to success is communication. Our team will work diligently to provide clear and concise communication so the team can deliver necessary data to make quality decisions. Our team will listen, prepare, and deliver to the District and Community of Idalia, solutions that meet the needs of today, and the vision of tomorrow to provide a 21st Century learning environment."—Submitted by Tim Krause



**IDALIA JUNIOR HIGH
GIRLS**

LEAGUE CHAMPS

Idalia junior high girls defeated Otis Bulldogs for the championship.

Good job Wolves!





Happy Valentine's Day from the Cub's Den!

Are you looking for a special Valentine Gift for that "special mom" in your life? Husbands, parents, friends—consider a gift certificate from The Cubs Den. Give your special someone a day to take her children for a fun day of play at The Cubs Den while she has the day to shop, clean, visit the spa, or just a day to catch up on some ZZZZZZZZZs! Contact Brittany at The Cubs Den (354-7587) for your Valentine Gift Certificate.

The Idalia Vision Continuing Education Committee is selling King Soopers reloadable gift cards to raise funds for student scholarships. Individuals buying these cards can reload them at the King Soopers customer service desk or at the register for whatever amount they choose. Cards can be reloaded with cash, check, credit card or debit card. Initial cost of each card is \$10. For Safeway cards, 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.

TCAP Begins in February

The Transitional Colorado Assessment Program, TCAP (formerly known as CSAP), will begin in the third grade at the end of February. It will continue throughout the month of March for 3rd through 10th grades. Talk with your child about the test! If you are positive about it, chances are your child will enter into the test with a positive frame of mind. Stress the importance of having your child put their best effort into the test such as taking his or her time to read through questions and double checking their work. Discuss any anxieties he or she might have for the test and figure out ways that might help ease or rid of those nerves. During this time, we would like your child to get an adequate amount of sleep and the right nutrients in order for their mind to perform at its best!

The Idalia School District would also like to emphasize the importance of your child's attendance for the test during the allocated time. We would request that any scheduled appointments be avoided during this time.

The following is a tentative schedule of when students will be taking tests:

- **Tuesday, February 28, & Wednesday, February 29: 3rd Grade Reading**
- **Tuesday, March 13, to Thursday, March 15: 3rd – 10th Grades Reading/Writing**
- **Tuesday, March 27, to Thursday, March 29: 3rd – 10th Grades Math & Science**

Thanks for all you do to help your child; We look forward to a successful testing time!



After-School Tutoring and Study Hall

This past Monday, January 23, the school implemented an after-school tutoring and study hall program in an effort to reduce the number of students on the ineligible list. From 3:30 to 4:00 each day, 6th to 12th grade students at-risk for ineligibility are required to attend this program. Students deemed as “at-risk” are receiving a “D” or lower in a subject area and will, therefore, be required to attend tutoring/study hall for a week with the teacher whose subject area is receiving the low grade. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Kelli Kite at the school.

Weather Spotter Training

On March 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Weather Spotter Training classes will be held at St. John’s United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, Hwy. 385 and County Road 7. A free-will donation lunch will be offered following the class. The National Weather Service Forecast office in Goodland, Kansas, will work with county emergency managers to offer storm-spotter classes. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend; no prior knowledge is needed. The classes are free of charge, and there are no age limits, or pre-registration required. If you would like to assist your local community by becoming a volunteer storm spotter and reporting severe weather on the high plains, please consider attending the spotter class.

Topics will include storm structure and evolution, important cloud types, weather safety, and how to report severe weather events.

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

After Prom Pitch Party

*Sunday, February 26
Homestead @ 4:00 p.m.*

Tickets are \$10 each

*If you would like tickets, contact any
freshman or senior parent.*



Benefit for Verlan McDonald

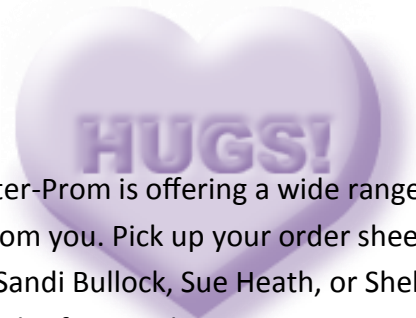
Community member Verlan McDonald was struck with Guillain-Barré-Strohl syndrome and is currently in a hospital in Ft. Collins receiving treatment. His recovery has been slow, but the family hopes that he will be dismissed around mid-February. After that time, he will continue the intensive out-patient therapy needed for recovery. The family has tremendous medical expenses and no insurance to lessen the financial burden.

In response, a community benefit for Sunday, March 4, from 5:30- 7:00 is being hosted at the school. Greg Carlin and the Shadow Riders will provide entertainment during the free-will donation spaghetti supper and a silent auction will be conducted during this time. Contact Kelly Shaffer, Sherri Ramseier, or Greg Devlin for more information or if you would like to donate a silent-auction item.

Idalia Days "A Salute to Yesteryears" is coming.

Mark your calendars for June 8 and 9. Look for the event planner on Facebook. It's Idalia's 125th celebration. Committee Members: Junior Weisshaar, Crystal Richards, Kelli Kite, Sherri Ramseier, Michelle Cure, Betty Moellenberg, Cindy Soehner, Amber Soehner, Justin Hardwick and Dennis Wieser. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact a committee member.

VALENTINE'S ORDERS—



Show your love— send a Valentine to the one you love! The After-Prom is offering a wide range of stuffed animals, cookies, and flowers with a special message from you. Pick up your order sheet in the lobby of the school. If you have any questions call or ask Sandi Bullock, Sue Heath, or Shelly Smith. We will be glad to help with your order. Order form on last page.



Elementary students engaging in reading drills.

Job Shadowing

Chelsea Smith, Idalia senior, attended a job shadowing under Nicole Clark. Nicole Clark helps run the Idalia Day Care Center. Chelsea said that she learned a lot and is very excited that she had the opportunity to shadow Nicole at the Day Care Center. She is excited to go to college knowing that she wants to work with young children through teaching, childcare, or counseling.

February 2012 Idalia Breakfast Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Quesadilla Oranges, Yogurt Juice, Milk	2 Pancakes & Sausage Banana, Yogurt Juice, Milk	3 Breakfast Round Fruit, Yogurt Juice, Milk	4
5	6 Sausage Pockets Yogurt, Banana Juice, Milk	7 Scrambled Eggs Muffins, Yogurt Oranges, Juice, Milk	8 Biscuits & Gravy Yogurt, Mixed Fruit Juice, Milk	9 Breakfast Burritos Yogurt, Banana Juice, Milk	10 Bagels w/Cream Cheese Yogurt, Fruit, Milk,	11
12	13 Cereal & Toast Yogurt, Banana	14 Waffle Sausage Patty Yogurt, Applesauce	15 French Toast Sticks Ham, Yogurt	16 Breakfast Pizza Banana, Yogurt	17 Scrambled Eggs Muffins, Fruit, Yogurt	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL	21 Biscuits & Gravy Yogurt, Pineapple Juice, Milk	22 Egg Casserole Yogurt, Oranges Juice, Milk	23 Cereal & Toast Yogurt, Banana Juice, Milk	24 Muffin & Boiled Egg Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Milk	25
26	27 Pancake Sandwich Yogurt, Applesauce Juice, Milk	28 Cereal & Toast Yogurt, Mixed Fruit Juice, Milk	29 Ham & Egg Sandwich Mandarin Oranges Yogurt, Juice, Milk		ALL MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	

February 2012 Idalia Lunch Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Porcupine Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Corn, Roll, Pears, Milk	2 Spaghetti Bread Sticks, Salad Grapes, Milk	3 Baked Potato Bar Chili Cheese, Celery Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	4
5	6 Chicken a la King Biscuits, Salad Peaches, Milk	7 Tacos Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges Spanish Rice, Milk	8 Beef Stroganoff Green Beans, Roll Apples, Milk	9 Pepperoni Pizza Salad, Peaches Milk	10 White Fish Rice Pilaf Sliced Cucumbers Fruit, Milk	11
12	13 Hamburgers & Cheese- burgers French Fries Mixed Vegetables Apples, Milk	14 Chicken Fried Steak Roll, Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Cinnamon Apples, Milk	15 Smothered Burritos Green Chili, Corn Pears, Milk	16 Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Cinnamon Apples, Milk	17 Nachos Broccoli, Fruit Milk	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL	21 Tater Tot Casserole Celery, Mixed Fruit Milk	22 BBQ Beef Sandwich Baked Beans Peaches, Milk	23 Chicken Pot Pie Salad, Apples Milk	24 Chili Dog French Fries Cottage Cheese Fruit, Milk	25
26	27 Chicken Sandwiches Potato Wedges Broccoli, Banana Milk	28 Roast Pork Mashed Potatoes Corn, Roll, Pineapple Milk	29 Chili Cheese Sticks Celery, Apples Cinnamon Rolls, Milk		ALL MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	

February 2012 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Idalia Vs. Hi-Plains 3:00 HS only	4
5 Lil' Wolves	6 Knowledge Bowl @ Hi-Plains 9:00	7 Elementary Health Fair Wray. Idalia Vs. Wray 4 pm (Girls only) State FFA Degree review Limon 8:30-2:00	8 School Board Work Session - 6	9 District FBLA @ NJC	10 Idalia @ Woodlin 6:00 PM	11 Idalia Vs. Otis 4:00 PM Elementary Dance @ Half Time
12 Lil' Wolves	13	14 Core Planning @ 4:30 School board Meeting 7 pm	15 Bookmobile 8:30 - 10:45	16	17	18 Idalia @ Stratton 3 pm
19 Lil' Wolves	20 NO SCHOOL	21 FFA WEEK Boys District Basketball 1st round	22 FFA WEEK	23 FFA WEEK Girls District basketball 1st Round	24 FFA WEEK District Basketball Semi Finals @ Idalia	25 District Basketball Championships @ Idalia
26 After-Prom Pitth Party	27	28 FFA Member Sale 5:30 PM	29 Core Planning @ 4:30 Operations @ 6:30			

Artists in Residence

Shakespeare in Idalia? Absolutely! Birgitta DePree brought the excitement of the Bard to several classes during her week's stay. Birgitta commented, "It was incredible how far the kids came from feeling like they couldn't really understand the language of Shakespeare to creating a rap song out of his words." The focus was on giving the kids access to Shakespeare's language in a fun way. Shakespeare had a vocabulary almost twice as large as the average vocabulary today. Did you know that approximately one out every twelve words Shakespeare either invented or wrote down for the first time? He created many of the phrases we use today like "love struck" and "it's Greek to me." The students acted out scenes from *Midsummer Night's Dream*, *MacBeth*, and *Romeo and Juliet*. They crawled over desks, leaped across rooms, delivered sonnets, and exchanged creative insults. Idalia has a tradition of exploring the arts. The students are open to new things and willing to take a risk.

Plans for next year are beginning to take shape. In October the Creede Repertory Theatre will bring their talents to Idalia. Later collaboration between teachers, a visual artist, and a theater artist is in the planning stages. These programs are brought to the school by the community support we receive from cookie dough sales in the fall.





Fed Update Building

So, What's next?

This is just a quick update on what is happening currently with our BEST building project. So far, we have hired an Owners Representative: Inline Management, the Architect: WOLD Architects, a Construction Manager/General Contractor: Adolfson & Peterson, the Geotechnical Investigation Services firm: Ground Engineering Consultants, and, the Geothermal Testing firm: Major Geothermal. Each of these firms are proceeding with the work necessary to ensure our new school building is structurally sound and delivered on time.

Wold Architects are in the process of initial design. At twice monthly meetings with community members and school personnel, the architects assigned to our project lead discussions designed to identify the building that best fits our school/community needs. Ideas are tossed out with some being accepted and many rejected. Between each meeting, new designs are drawn up and revised to define the location and overall design of our proposed school. While a great deal is yet to be completed, much has been accomplished due to the time and talent of the members of the core design group.

The geotechnical and geothermal firms will be on-site in Idalia over the next few weeks. They will be drilling on school property to determine soil stability to aid in the design of the schools foundation. The Geothermal firm will be drilling a single well to run tests to determine the thermal conductivity of the subsurface geology beneath our school site. This information will be used to determine if a geothermal heating system would be practical for heating and cooling our new school, and if so, to determine the correct number of wells needed to ensure adequate heating and cooling for our site.

While this is going on, the general contractor, Adolfson and Peterson, is busy setting up the schedule/timeline of our project. As information flows in, they will be designing a work schedule that will ensure the timely completion of our project.

Finally, the district is in the process of hiring an environmental engineering firm to determine what problems if any we will need to deal with as we demolish our old school buildings. They will test the building to determine if asbestos, lead based paints, or other environmental issues are present in our schools. If any of these materials are found, they will determine how best to deal with these issues as the demolition progresses.

FFA Farm Show Trip

At 6:30 on the morning of Wednesday, January 25, Idalia FFA departed for Greeley. Loaded into two suburbans, all but one member of the Idalia FFA chapter was headed to the Colorado Farm Show. With a stop in Wray to pick up a few remaining members, and to stop at 7/11 (of course!) the members were well on the road. They arrived slightly behind schedule, and set out to see what adventures the day had in store. Within a few minutes of walking around, the member spotted Shelby Cochran and Clay miller, the state FFA officers that came to Idalia back in December for state officer visits. After a while of talking to them, the members split up into their smaller groups. There were many booths to see that featured businesses and associations from around the area. Members ate lunch on their own and walked around, as well as went to seminars about the day's subject, dairy cattle. Many things were learned from the displays and equipment present, and a good time was had by all. The members loaded back into the vehicles and set out for home. With a few stops along the way, the members arrived home right on schedule. This trip took the place of the annual stock show trip this year. Instead of going to stock show every year, the chapter will attend stock show one year, and the Colorado Farm Show the next, and then alternating back and forth.

By: Chelsea Carpenter

"The Colorado Farm Show is held at Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley every year. Huge tractors, combines, planters and other farm equipment, plus a bumper crop of ag-related products and services, are the attractions of the three-day Colorado Farm Show, which began on January 24. About 30,000 visitors were expected to attend the event, which included 290 exhibitors and vendors from over 22 states. This year's theme was "Harvesting Success".

- Mrs. Jill Whomble



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El Comité de educación en Idalia está vendiendo las tarjetas de Safeway y King Soopers para recaudar fondos para becas estudiantiles. Estas tarjetas se utilizan como una tarjeta de débito. Usted recibe todo el valor de cada tarjeta que compra, pero en vez de dar todos los beneficios a la tienda, la Fundación de Visión recibe 5% del valor de cada tarjeta para las becas. Las tarjetas están disponibles en \$ 25, \$ 50, \$100 , \$200 y \$ 300 incrementos. Para más información puede llamar a la escuela o Deb Crites.



Idalia Playground and Park

Grade A Recipes

\$10





Valentine Order Form

Orders Due by Friday, February 10, 2012
Deliveries will be made on Tuesday, February 14, 2012



RED ROSES IN A VASE

To: _____ Grade _____ From: _____

Message: _____

Circle your choice: 1-Rose \$8.0 2-Roses \$14.00 3-Roses \$18.0
1/2 doz. Roses \$30.00 1 Doz. Roses \$60.00

Vase Hugger: \$4 \$5 \$6 \$7 Total \$ _____



COOKIES AND RICE KRISPY TREATS

To: _____ From: _____

Message: _____

Valentine Cookie \$1.50 _____ Rice Krispy Treat \$1.00 _____

Total \$ _____



TREAT SACKS

To: _____ From: _____

Message: _____

Treat Sack (3 oz.) Quantity _____ x \$0.50 Total \$ _____



STUFFED ANIMALS

To: _____ From: _____

Message: _____

Small \$4 _____ Medium \$5 _____ Large \$6.00 _____ Ex. Large \$7 _____

Total \$ _____

***Stuffed animals and candy quantities are limited and orders will be filled on a first come, first-filled basis.*

Support your Idalia Wolves!!



Chad Heath goes up for the shot!

WOLVES SPORTS ACTION

Chelsea Smith drives down the court!



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