



**October Newsletter** 

Idalia School District 26845 County Road 9.2 Idalia, CO 80735

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### Two Positions Open on Idalia RJ-3 Board

Let's meet the candidates. Jessica Towns, our first candidate, married Chad Towns and moved to Idalia in 1999 where she started her first teaching job. She taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science for two years as well as summer school. She graduated high school from Bluestem in Leon, Kansas, and attended Butler County Community College to earn an Associates of Science Degree, and then later attended Friends University where she earned her Bachelor's in Elementary Education and a Master's in Education. She left teaching to have her first child and has continued to be involved in the school as a parent and a substitute teacher. She had her own home daycare during her time at home and then in 2007 helped start The Cub's Den Childcare Center. Education is important to Jessica. Having four children and her time spent teaching in the district, have inspired her to run for the school board. She would like to help facilitate and guide positive changes throughout the school. It is key to Jessica to help continue making Idalia a top-quality school. Jessica believes that little changes will make big improvements. Some changes Jessica would like to see are more accountability among the board, administration, staff, and students. She feels it is important to have respect for authority, each other, and the school itself. The final change Jessica would like to make is to have a full-time principal present. In order to have the accountability improve, as well as other things that need to change, she believes it would be a benefit especially with the increase of students in the school.

Our second candidate is Diana Pfeiler who was born and raised in Delta, Colorado. She attended college at Northeastern Junior College where she received an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Agri-Business. In 2006 she attended Morgan Community College and received her Associate of General Studies. She has been married to Jim Pfeiler for 38 years and has two kids—Amanda and Justin—both Idalia graduates. Diana is currently a bus driver at the Idalia School. She would like to be part of the school board so that she can voice her opinion, help the board grow, and do what's best for the students. She has been a part of the Idalia School for many years serving as a substitute teacher, bus driver, and has had her own children and grandkids attend the school. Diana has several goals she would like to see for the future of the Idalia School: one of these is getting back to basics, learning the 3R's—reading, writing, and arithmetic. She was saddened when she found out her granddaughter could not read or write in cursive. Another goal she has is for the seniors to apply for all available scholarships. Any monies that you get from scholarships help—even a small amount will buy books. To Diana being on the board means providing materials, books, etc., to aid the teachers in doing their job, so the students get to receive the best education that Idalia can give them. Also voicing her opinion—no one can change something by themselves, they have to voice their opinion and get the rest to see that their opinion is the best.

Barry Henrickson, the third candidate for the school board, grew up in Ault, Colorado, and graduated from Highland High School. He attended Aims Community College in Greeley, Colorado, where he took welding classes. In 1983 Barry started farming on his own and took over his family cattle operation. Two years later he married Terry. In 1995 they sold their cattle operation and moved to Idalia. In Idalia, Barry started another small commercial cattle feeding company and is now co-owner of a small trucking company. Barry ran for the school board, because at the time he talked to someone, there was only one person running, and he does not want to see the school board be appointed. He has a daughter that attends the Idalia School and has been a part of the school since he moved here in 1995. Barry has one major goal for the school and that is making sure the school stays financially solvent. Since Barry is not part of the board, he is not aware what can be changed because of school policies. If Barry were to get elected, he would have the school's best interest in all of his decisions. He is glad to see that the community has options because of five applicants competing for two positions.

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### **MEET THE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES' NIGHT**

October 22 — 7:30 p.m. Idalia School Cafeteria

#### SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES, CON'T.

Larry Weyerman was born and raised in Idalia, Colorado. He farmed with his family his whole life and also worked for 35 years at Bonny State Lake before it closed. Larry and his wife Cyndie have 3 sons—Reece, Creighton, and Ashton, all of whom graduated from Idalia School. Larry currently serves on the school board and is seeking re-election for a final term. He believes the focus of the school board should be on the educational services offered to the students, and as such, each decision the board makes should begin by first answering the question, "How is this going to benefit the students?"

Jeremy Juhnke is married with four children and is a self-employed farmer. He is currently the activity bus driver and his four kids attend Idalia School so he is very active in the community. He has been part of the Idalia School District for about 13 years, but moved into the district three years ago. Jeremy would like to help maintain and better the school. He also wants to continue to have high academic standards for students and hopes to have students place in the top 15% of state standard-ized tests.



On Friday, September 11, 2015, Steve Sackett taught the Idalia freshmen class how to tie a tie. After the students practiced several times, they had a couple tying contests. The boy who tied the fastest was Daniel Perez while the best knot tied was by



Madissen Hoyda, Payton Jacobs, Breann Shaffer, and Megan Waitman with their FFA ties.

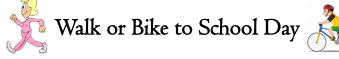
knot. Members stated it was a fun class period, and all students learned a new skill. Thirteen freshmen plus Mrs. Louthan and Crystal Juhnke attended the Greenhand Workshop in Flagler on Wednesday, September 9, 2015. The students met freshmen from other schools in our area, played

Garrett Hurlburt. The girl who tied the fastest was Breann Shaffer, with Payton Jacobs tying the best



games, participated in team-building activities, and enjoyed supper. The students enjoyed learning more about FFA. In Horticulture and Food Processing classes, students have been working on canning pickles. The class would like to thank Deb Crites for the pickling supplies and her delicious recipes as well as Lynne Cody for the donating cucumbers. *Submitted by Bryce Schafer, Idalia FFA Reporter* 

Garrett Hurlburt, Megan Waitman, and Logan Prather at Greenhand Workshop.

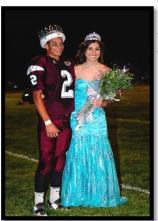


Idalia School will be joining schools around the world in walking (and biking) to school on October 7, 2015. Buses will be dropping off students on the road between the CHS grain elevator and Outback Feed & Fuel at approximately 7:45 a.m. where staff and community members will meet and walk together to the school. Should your child wish to ride their bike instead or will be arriving by means other than the school bus, please bring students to this location so that we can all walk together. Walkto-School Day events raise awareness of the need to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasizes the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, and concern for the environment. The events build connections between families, schools, and the broader community. We hope to continue this event on a regular basis to encourage walking and biking among our students. Please be aware that no bicycles can be brought on the bus, so bike riders need to be sure to have other means of getting to the meeting location. Submitted by Lynne Cody, Idalia Health & Wellness Committee



# Homecoming Week

Idalia's Homecoming Week was a success. Monday was jersey, hat, sucker, sign-making day, Tuesday was American hero/camo day and StuCo served ice cream to the whole school. Wednesday brought pirate day with Thursday being emoji/shark day and lip sync that evening. Friday was wolf wear day and the homecoming game. Wolves played Hi-Plains and crowned royalty at half-time of the boys' football game. The queen candidates were Susana Herrera, Reagan Shaffer, and Jennay Terrell, and the king candidates were Jason Dutton, Tyeler Anderson, and Trevor Hurlburt. The king and Back Row: Yahir Enriquez, Christian Reves,



Susana Herrera and Tyeler Anderson 2015 King & Queen

queen were Tyeler Anderson and Susana Herrera. The freshmen held a bonfire behind the ag shop after the football game, and the week ended with the homecoming dance on Saturday.

College Fair—October 27

Burlington High School, 1-2 p.m.

Yuma High School, 6-7 pm.



Carter Schafer, and Marek Codv. Front Row: Porscha Jacobs, Camren Morris, Rylann Brighan, Kylie Wingfield, and Tara Hubbard.



Back Row: Crystal Richards, Nevaeh Cure, Bristol Weyerman, and Kavla Richards. Front Row: Owen Osborn, Beckett Kite, and Blake Hardwick.



With the support of a Safe Routes to Schools Grant, the Idalia Health & Wellness Committee and Bicycle Colorado provided a fun-filled week of pedestrian and bicycling education to preK-8 students during the first week of September. The week culminated with a bike rodeo and community breakfast organized and run by Health & Wellness Committee volunteers. Dozens of kids from Idalia and neighboring communities practiced their riding skills. Eight children, some as young as 3-years old, learned to ride for the first time at the event. We were excited to see the awesome level of community involvement and the commitment to healthy and safe kids. Along with this great learning oppor-

tunity, the school is the proud owner of eleven new bikes, helmets, and safety vests, as well as a bike rodeo kit for future rodeos, so that this activity can continue in the future. We hope to see more students out there walking and biking to school and around the community to celebrate and practice their newfound skills! Submitted by the Idalia Health & Wellness Committee



# What's Going on at Idalia...

## 5th Graders Travel to Space Discovery Center

On September 16, the 5th graders traveled to the Space Discovery Center in Colorado Springs. At the center they were able to see high resolution pictures of the surface of Mars projected onto a giant ping-pong ball. Afterwards they were able to drive their own Mars Rovers on "Mars". Students programmed moves into a computer and watched as the instructions were downloaded to their rover and it moved across the simulated Mars surface. A huge thank you to Lockheed Martin for the grant that enabled us to attend and learn more about space exploration. *Submitted by Sue Heath*, *Idalia 5th Grade Teacher* 



5th grade

### **Job Opening**

Jr. High Boys Asst. Basketball Coach Contact the school at (970) 354-7298.



Fall is in the air. It's time for nuts, candies and magazines. October 3-25 is your local Girl Scout Fall Sale. Delivery of these items is scheduled for November 13-21 just in time for great holiday gift giving. This fun program teaches girls goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. Look for your local Girl Scout to place you order and support your Idalia Girl Scouts. Any questions? Contact Terry Henrickson at (719) 343-5056.

**College Invest Matching Grant Program** 

The College Invest Matching Grant Program is one more reason to feel good about living in Colorado! Designed to help lower to middle-income Colorado families save money for higher education, this program can provide eligible account holders with matching funds – up to \$400 each year for up to five years – when they open and contribute to a <u>College Invest 529 College Savings Account</u>.For m o r e i n f o r m a t i o n , g o t o: <u>https://www.collegeinvest.org/scholarships/matchin</u> <u>g-grant</u> Submitted by Kelli Kite, Idalia Counselor

> Halloween Parade October 30, 2015 12:30 in the Gym

FBLA is working on the annual birthday calendar. If you have any changes, contact the school or email terrells@idaliaco.us

# Physics Egg Drop

The Idalia physics class had another "successful" egg drop off of the Idalia CHS Tower. None of the eggs actually made the trip without a crack; some fared better than others. A wide variety of designs were created from the ever popular parachute style to a drinking straw capsule. Many thanks to Luke Hull for providing eggs and the Matt Crossland of CHS for making the trip up the tower and dropping our projects.

THANK YOU CHS AND MATT CROSSLAND!



Jennay Terrell, Paulina Trevizo, Trevor Hurlburt, Susana Herrera, Alex Weyerman, Jason Dutton, Erick Enriquez, Luke Hull, and Ivan Cordova

# SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAYS

Scholarship Sundays are for seniors and their parents. Students meet with Mrs. Kite from 2:00-4:00 one Sunday a month. Mrs. Kite helps them find and apply for scholarships and different colleges. The next work day is October 18. Thank you Mrs. Kite for your time! *Submitted by Susana Herrera* 



# LUNCH PROGRAM ADVANCES



The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 mandated a variety of changes in nutrition standards for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program. Idalia RJ-3, seeing this as an opportunity to improve the health & wellness of our community, jumped on board and made changes as soon as they were announced by the USDA. Some of the changes are: Students must have ½ cup fruit or vegetable. There are now limits on how much meat/meat alternate and grains that can be offered. This means that some of the main dishes may not be as large as they have been in the past. Remember, there are more fruits and vegetables available to fill out the meal, so students will have plenty to eat! Other changes made for nutritional reasons include: sandwiches are served on whole wheat buns, all pasta served is whole grain, only low-fat or fat-free milk is served, dark green & orange vegetables are served on a weekly basis, and most noticeably, we instituted a daily salad bar so students can always find a fruit or vegetable that they enjoy eating, while also having the opportunity to try something new.

We understand that some of these changes have taken hold easily, while others are tough to adjust to. Research shows that when students eat healthy foods, they perform better in school. You have the power to inspire your children to build a healthy plate at school and at home. We ask that you review the school menu with your kids. The school nutrition program needs the support of parents to succeed! We welcome your feedback; empowered students continue to expand their palates! You can encourage your child to give meals a try, join him/her for lunch, and introduce your child to these healthy changes at home. Remember, school meals are designed to meet only a portion of a child's nutritional and energy needs in a day. Improving the health & nutrition of children by providing nutritious meals in school is a top priority for Idalia RJ-3 and the USDA. Together we can teach our children healthy habits that last forever! *Submitted by Tim Krause, Idalia Superintendent, Lynne Cody, Idalia Health & Wellness* 



I'm delighted to announce that on October 6, 7, and 8, I'll be conducting workshops in creative writing for all ages. This will be a great opportunity to spend some unpressured time with the written

word, learning how to create vivid descriptions using your five senses, how to capture that critical concrete detail, and how to characterize someone based upon the things they carry around with them. As a professional writer, I've published five novels, including In the Heart of the Canyon (about a river trip down the Colorado River) and Crazy As Chocolate (about two girls growing up with ... a crazy mother). My work has been translated into eight foreign languages and was a bestseller in the UK. I've been a writer-in-residence at numerous public schools, including Idalia – and your vibrant and artistic community remains one of my favorites! Looking forward to seeing you soon!-Elisabeth Hyde, Creative Writing Artist in Residence





FBLA got off to a good start this school year! The first activity of the year was an ice cream social. To entice students to join FBLA, ice cream was served with an assortment of toppings. On September 1, the chapter had the emblem ceremony and installed new members and officers. State Vice President from District 4 from Wray High School, Lauren Soehner, in-

stalled the new officers into their positions as well as the new members. The new officer team for this school year includes Jason Dut ton as President, Reagan Shaffer as Vice President, Faith Carpenter as Secretary, Alex Weyerman as Treasurer, Breann Shaffer as Reporter, and Megan Waitman as StuCo Representative. New members include Madison Wells, Breann Shaffer, Megan Waitman, Madissen Hoyda, As a tradition, new members had to sing the Colorado Song, which as you can imagine, sounded great! The chapter is planning community service projects that will be implemented throughout the year. It's going to be a great year! Submitted by Breann Shaffer, FBLA Reporter



Calendar Sales Teams Back Row: Breann Shaffer, Jennay Terrell, Reagan Shaffer, Susana Herrera, Trevor Hurlburt, Jason Dutton, Erick Enriquez, and Faith Carpenter. Front Row: Ysabelle Mireles, Crystal Cordova, Megan Waitman, Alex Weyerman, Paulina Trevizo, and Kehlsie Juhnke.



New Members Madissen Hoyda Breann Shaffer Megan Waitman Jacev Jones Charlie Bator Danyella Millan Madison Wells



Wolf View Deadline October 26.

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# **IDALIA SCHOOL BOARD NEWS**

The September 16 meeting of the Idalia RJ-3 School board was called to order at 6:36 p.m. Attending the meeting were board members Kyle Kite, Ken Brenner, Nancy Helling, Larry Weyerman, and Ross Morris. Also attending were Business Manager Autumn Helling, Superintendent Tim Krause, and audience member Diana Pfeiler.

The consent agenda was approved with additions and the August minutes were approved by unanimous vote. Following a discussion regarding the business services' reports, all reports were accepted as presented.

Congratulations go out to Denise Cano and to Reagan Shaffer for finishing in the top 15 nationally in the American Enterprise Project contest in FBLA. Also noted by the board was the high school volleyball squad for undefeated status as well as their victories in winning the Bethune Invitational and the high school football team on a terrific start to the season. Rounding out the congratulations and celebrations portion of the meeting were positive reports on a CHSAA waiver for a student and the recent SIOP training for the entire teaching staff.

During Superintendent's reports, the upcoming Colorado Association of School Boards' Convention was discussed, information on CASB training in November for the newly-formed school board was explained, and the menu of graduation requirements required by the Colorado Graduation Guidelines legislation was introduced. A brief overview of the upcoming Colorado Education Initiative school climate survey was delivered and a short discussion ensued.

The discussion action items included approval of a 12-week maternity leave for an employee and the acceptance of a bid from Vince's GM Center on a 2016 Impala. No action was taken on a student request regarding a field trip to Austin, Texas.

Personnel decisions included the transfer of Jennifer Osborn to fill the vacant middle school position, hiring Cory Zion to assist in junior high football, and the approval of all winter coaching positions.

Policies IKA and IKA-R regarding assessment were adopted by unanimous vote after their second reading. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. *Submitted by Tim Krause, Idalia Superintendent* 

#### **CANNED FOOD COLLECTION**

Idalia FBLA members will not be trick-or-treating for canned food this year. Members will have a competition between kindergarten through twelfth grades to see which class can collect the most items. Choose a class you would like to donate canned food or non-perishable food items to and send them to school with your child or bring them by. Items can be brought to the school the week of October 26-30. Thank you.

# NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACER

Mrs. Jenn Osborn graduated from Idalia alumni class of 1999. She was born in Golden, Colorado. Her family is from the Denver area originally, but they have lived in Idalia for the past 22 years. She has been back in Idalia for the last eight years. She didn't grow up know-

ing she would become teacher. She didn't really "play" school when she was younger. She went to college at Western Governors University. She fell in love with teaching and working with students after taking a paraprofessional position in the Idalia School four years ago.

After she was working with students, she was inspired to return to college to get her teaching degree. The students are what she likes most about teaching. Mrs. Osborn's favorite hobbies are camping, reading, and spending time with her family.

Before teaching, Mrs. Osborn was a paraprofessional at Idalia for four years prior to teaching middle school. Before that she worked as a lending assistant and marketing manager for First Pioneer National Bank in Wray.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Picture Re- takes/Class Pic- tures	2 JH/HS VB&FB vs. Arickaree	3 HSVB @ Edison
4	54	6 Artist & Resident HSVB vs Holyoke	7 Walk to School Day Cookie Dough De- livered	α	9 JH/HS VB&FB vs. Flagler No School Teach- er in-service day	10
11	12 No School	13 HSVB @ Genoa- Hugo	14	15 7th & 8th Grade to Space Founda- tion	16 HS VB&FB vs. Weldon Valley	17
18	19 FFA Fruit Sales Begin Red Ribbon Week	20 HS VB @ Limon	21	22	23 JH/HS VB&FB at Otis	24
25	26 Book Fair Parent Teacher Conference 4 pm	27 1st Round Dis- trict VB College Fair in Burlington	28 Parent Teacher Conferences 4 pm	29	30 FB Crossover Week	31 District VB

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## Idalia Breakfast Menu October 2015

	MONDAY		TUESDAY	-	WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY
	Cereal will be served every day if student chooses not to take main course.		Note: All Menus are subjected to change.			1	Breakfast Pizza Mixed Fruit (fresh) Yogurt Juice or Milk	2	Banana Bread Banana (fresh) Yogurt Juice or Milk
5	French Toast Oranges (fresh) Yogurt Juice or Milk	6	Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit Applesauce Yogurt Juice or Milk	7	Breakfast Rounds Tropical Mixed Fruit/Yogurt Juice or Milk	8	Scrambled Egg Pancake Oranges (Fresh) Yogurt Juice or Milk	9	No School
12	No School	13	Biseuit & Gravy Oranges (fresh) Yogurt Juice or Milk	14	Breakfast Burrito Applesauce Yogurt Juice or Milk	15	Apple Turnover Pineapple Yogurt Juice or Milk	16	French Toast Sticks Banana (Fresh) Yogurt Juice or Milk
19	Breakfast Flatbread Oranges (fresh) Yogurt Juice or Milk	20	Biscuits & Gravy Blueberries Yogurt Juice or Milk	21	French Toast Pineapple Yogurt Juice or Milk	22	Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Bagel Yogurt Oranges (fresh) Juice or Milk	23	Muffins Banana (fresh) Yogurt Juice or Milk
26	Dutch Waffle Mixed Fruit (fresh) Yogurt Juice or Milk	27	Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuit Applesauce Yogurt Juice or Milk	28	Cherry Turnover Yogurt Mandarin Oranges Juice or Milk	29	Breakfast Pizza Pineapple Yogurt Juice or Milk	30	Bagel (jelly or cream cheese) Bananas (fresh) Yogurt Juice or Milk

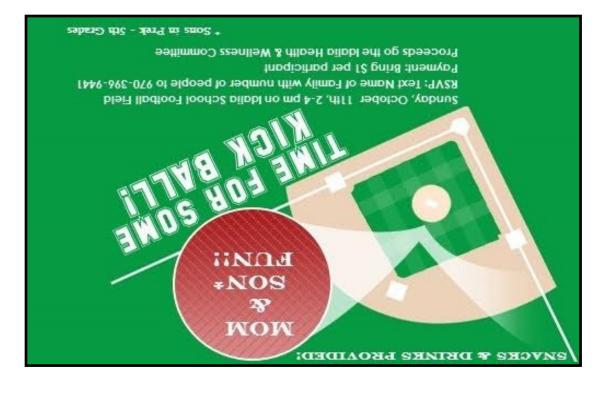
### Idalia Lunch Menu October 2015

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
	Note: All Menus			1 Sloppy Joes	2 Macaroni & Cheese	
	are subjected to			Baked Chips	Com	
	change.			Salad Bar	Salad Bar	
				Mandarin Oranges	Strawberries/Dessert	
				Milk	Milk	
5	Fajitas	6 BBQ Beef Sandwich	7 Chicken Nuggets	8 Pepperoni Pizza	9	
	Rice	Baked Potato	Green Beans	Breadstick	No School	
	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar		
	Pears	Peaches	Apples (fresh)	Grapes (fresh)		
	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk		
12		13 HB/CB	14 Chicken Strips	15 Ham Sandwich	16 PB & Jelly	
		Fries	Corn	Potato Wedges	Baked Chips	
	No School	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	
		Pears	Oranges (fresh)	Apples (fresh)	Strawberries/Dessert	
		Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	
19	Spaghetti	20 Beef Burrito/Green	21 Pulled Pork Sand.	22 Chicken Drumstick	23 Cheese Pizza	
	Breadstick	Chili/Refried Beans	Baked Beans	Broccoli & Cheese	Green Beans	
	Salad bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Strawberries	
	Kiwi (fresh)	Applesauce	Peaches	Apples (fresh)	Dessert	
	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	
26	Lasagna	27 BBQ Rib Sandwich		29 Chicken Sandwich	30 Nachos (meat or	
	Breadstick	Tator Tots	Refried Beans	Broccoli	cheese)	
	Tropical Pears	Pineapple	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Corn/Salad bar	
	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Peaches	Grapes (fresh)	Strawberries/Dessert	
	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	

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