

College student honored

University of Northern Colorado senior Jade DeGood has been named the Outstanding Journalism and Mass Communications Scholar in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. DeGood received the honor at a campus reception held April 5.



DeGood

DeGood carries a 4.0 grade point average as a Telecommunications Major at the university. She will graduate in May 2010 with dual bachelor of arts

degrees in journalism and mass communications, with an emphasis in telecommunications, and in art and design, with an emphasis in graphic design. She also reports, co-produces, and is one of the anchors for Bear News, the half-hour student-produced and directed campus news show. DeGood is also a staff member for The Mirror, the university's student newspaper. She reports and shoots photos for the paper. She is also currently working at Channel 9, KUSA, an NBC-affiliated station in Denver, as a news intern.

Dr. Dale Edwards, Telecommunications Sequence Coordinator, said DeGood richly deserves the award.

"Jade is one of the finest students we have had in the Telecommunications program while I have been at the University of Northern College," he said. "She reports well, is a good leader, and has demonstrated a fine work ethic that allows her to be successful in the classroom as well as doing well in other activities such as Bear News and The Mirror.

"I believe she should do well in the broadcast business," Dr. Edwards continued. "She is smart, she has the determination to succeed, and she is very good at digging out information for news stories. She will be a fine professional journalist."

Science class has outdoor display

On a chilly Monday Morning during Lynette Nolan's sixth grade science class, students were busy exploring scientific principles. Newton's Law, gravity, air pressure, force and motion were experienced as home-made water rockets were demonstrated.

On the playground at the grade school, materials like plastic 2-liter bottles, cardboard and good old duct tape were combined with a bicycle pump and water.

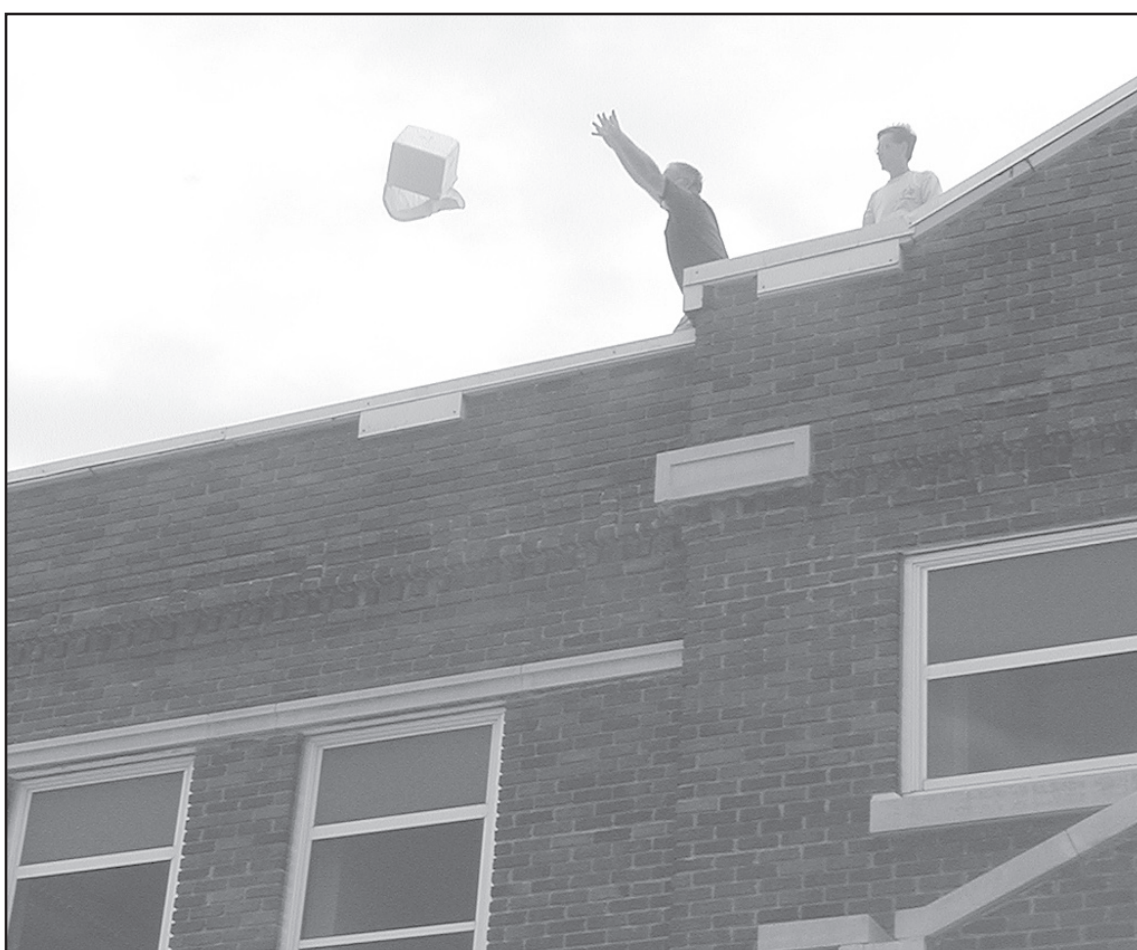
The results were sometimes spectacular, some times damp and always exciting.

Written by Kyla Bandel, Mariah Beikman and Justice Wiley



CLASS EXPERIMENT - Members of the sixth grade class used liter bottles and a variety of other materials to study scientific principals.

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CUSTODIAN CARL JENKINS gives a strong toss when throwing the packaged egg off the school house. Marlin Queen is also pictured on the roof.

Fifth graders learn lesson

On Friday, Lynette Nolan's fifth grade science class had an egg drop.

The drop was to test the scientific principles which included gravity.

The first task the egg had to go through without breaking was from the top ladder to the floor in the classroom, then they dropped the packaged egg from the top of the tornado slide on the playground and finally, the roof of the school.

Maintenance men, Marlin Queen and Carl Jenkins, climbed to the roof of the grade school and tossed each carefully packaged raw eggs to the ground. Some were taken a little further by the wind, some went slowly down as the parachute attached to the package worked, while others went di-



JOURNEY LEE is checking her egg and wrapped package following the fall.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

rectly to the ground with a thump. In the end, most of the eggs made the trip.

Eggs were then tossed back and forth, with some of the eggs hitting the ground or the catcher,

making an egg mess. The kids had a "blast" making the contraptions.

Much of the above article was written by Kylie Sherlock and Hannah Stafford

Obituaries

Linda Kay (Childers) Williams

Feb. 10, 1943 - May 2, 2009

Linda Kay (Childers) Williams, the only child of Russell and Martha (Linin) Childers, was born Feb. 10, 1943, at Corpus Christi, Texas, where her father was stationed in the U.S. Navy. She died Saturday, May 2, 2009, at her home near Parks, Neb., at the age of 66.

During World War II, Linda lived with her parents at Corpus Christi, New London, Conn., Jacksonville, Fla., Olathe and Bird City, all before her fifth birthday. After her father received his honorable discharge for 11 years of service, Linda moved with her family to a farm 5 miles southeast of Bird City. She attended school at Bird City and was a member of the graduating class of 1961.

Linda loved anything associated with music. By the time she reached the fifth grade, the music teacher asked her to play piano for the vocal music class. She also played piano at the Lutheran Church for Sunday school.

In high school, Linda played trumpet, bassoon, the French horn, snare drums, the piano and organ, and also sang in both the high school and church choirs.

In addition to her musical abilities, Linda enjoyed acting and participated in three high school plays. She was also a high school cheerleader for three years.

Linda was baptized into the

Lutheran Church on March 6, 1943, at Corpus Christi, and was confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City by Rev. Ralph Radloff, in 1957. Her membership was transferred to Zion Lutheran Church in Benkelman, Neb., in 1979.

Upon graduation from high school, Linda furthered her education at Kansas State University at Manhattan, and then attended the McCook Beauty Academy in McCook. She was a licensed hairdresser in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado. She worked for several years in McCook, Benkelman and Denver. Linda also worked at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Denver where she taught ballroom dancing.

In March of 1968, Linda married David Ferguson after he returned from Vietnam. They lived at Merced, Calif., where David was stationed at Castle Air Force Base. Upon his discharge in 1970, they moved to David's hometown of Omaha, Neb., where Linda worked as a nurse technician at Immanuel Lutheran Hospital on the medical-surgical floor. Linda loved working there and said it was the most rewarding work she ever did. Linda and David divorced in 1972, and Linda moved to McCook.

On July 30, 1973, Linda married Larry L. Williams at Las Ve-

gas., Nev., and they resided on a farm just west of Parks. Their greatest blessing came on Oct. 13, 1974, with the birth of their daughter, Courtney Sue. She was cherished by both her parents and grandparents alike.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Russell and Martha Childers; and her son-in-law, Richard Jones, who died of cancer.

Those who survive her include her husband, Larry Williams of Parks; her daughter, Courtney Williams and husband, Brad, of McCook; three grandchildren, Lexis Jones, Krayten and Korbin Williams; and numerous aunts, cousins, other relatives and friends.

A graveside inurnment was held May 5 at the Bird City Cemetery near Bird City.

Memorials may be given in her name to either Zion Lutheran Church in Benkelman or St. John's Lutheran Church in Bird City.

Cookin' with Peg

By Peggy Horinek

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This time of year with graduations and end of school parties, cookies can come in handy. Sometimes you just don't have the time to make cookies from scratch and buy and bake cookies are rather expensive. This is a quick, but good cookie recipe.

Salads are good any time of the year, but especially in the summer. The following dressing recipe came from a friend of mine in Holyoke, Lynn Ferguson. It is the best blue cheese dressing I have eaten. It is also good with

hot wings.

Cake Mix Cookies

1-box cake mix (any flavor)
2 eggs
1/2 cup oil
Mix ingredients in large bowl. If too thick, add a tablespoon of water. Drop by tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet about two inches apart. Bake at 350 degrees 6 to 8 minutes.

Add in's: If you're using a chocolate cake mix, add chocolate chips, white chocolate chips and nuts. With a lemon cake mix, instead of adding water, add a tablespoon of lemon juice. These

are also good iced. Let your imagination go!

Blue Cheese Salad Dressing

2 cups mayo
1 cup sour cream
1/4 cup vinegar (cider or white)
1/4 cup fresh parsley
1 garlic clove, crushed
1/2 tsp. ground mustard
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
4 oz. crumbled blue cheese

Place all ingredients in blender, cover and process until smooth. Store in refrigerator.

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Maverick Drilling, LLC recently began operations to provide contract drilling services to the state of Kansas and northern Oklahoma. Maverick Drilling President Jack Goss said the company will operate one rig in central Kansas and the second in the southern part of the state. They also have plans to roll out one or two additional rigs as market conditions allow over the coming months. According to Jack, Maverick Drilling's investor group feels that the worst of the recent decline in the oil and gas business is behind us and that significant upside potential will again exist for quality service companies in the business. Maverick Drilling's corporate office is located in Wichita in the Center Point office building at 100 S. Main Ste. 440. For quotes Jack may be reached at 316-262-6700 voice, 316-262-6706 fax, and 316-295-9646 cellular, also by email at jackg@mavdrllgks.com. Maverick look's forward to providing quality drilling services to the oil and gas operators of Kansas.

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