

Rexford: hot air central?

By Jordan Schutte

Golden Plains Middle School

The eighth grade science class at Golden Plains Middle School recently did a hands-on project using hot air balloons to learn about total surface area to volume ratio and the concept of density.

They first tried to get a scaled-down model of the larger balloons to rise into the air. This first attempt was unsuccessful, which helped prove that the total surface area to volume ratio does play a role in getting a balloon filled with hot air to rise. After adjusting their data, the subsequent efforts were successful.

"This is just one of the many concepts that is explored in eighth grade science," Russ Aumiller, middle school science teacher, said. "It will also increase the knowledge base as the eighth grade heads into their high school years."



SHANELLE PADILLA/Golden Plains Middle School

The eighth grade science class at Golden Plains Middle School tested one of the hot air balloons that they constructed under the direction of teacher Russ Aumiller (center).

Office professionals provide scholarship

Kayla Faus, a business major, has been selected to receive a scholarship from the Colby Community College Office Professionals Organization. Faus said she hopes to open her own business following graduation next year.

She has two children, Desiree, 8, and Kaysten, 2. She is the daughter of Glenita Gile and the granddaughter of Gerri and Bob Taylor, all of Leoti.

The organization provides a scholarship each year to a student majoring in business.



Kayla Faus

Scholarships awarded

Several northwest Kansas students accepted scholarships from Fort Hays State University for 2012-1013 at a student recognition program in Colby.

Rachel Montgomery, Colby Community College. \$1,000 Transfer Student Award and a \$1,000 Phi Theta Kappa Kansas All-Academic Team Scholarship. Montgomery is the daughter of Greg Montgomery and Patrice Rheault, Boise, Idaho. She plans to major in justice studies and psychology.

Lacy O'Neal, Colby High School senior. \$500 Academic Opportunity Award in teacher education. The daughter of L.J. and Karen O'Neal, Colby, she plans to major in elementary education.

Coulter Boyd, Oakley High School senior. \$500 Academic Opportunity Award in agriculture. The son of Roger and Sharon

Boyd of Oakley, he plans to major in agriculture.

Andrew Robben, Oakley High School senior. \$1,200 Miller Black and Gold Academic Award and a \$900 Academic Opportunity Award from the department of physics. The son of Jerry and Maxine Robben, Oakley, he plans a career in mechanical engineering.

Haley McCain, Rawlins County High School senior. \$500 Academic Opportunity Award from the college of business and leadership. She is the daughter of Les and Susan McCain, Atwood, and plans to major in tourism and hospitality management.

Cole Studer, Rawlins County High School senior. \$500 Copper Academic Award. Studer is the son of David and Loretta Studer, Atwood, and plans a career in engineering.

Job hunters need more skills, say recruiters

By Aldo Svaldi

The Denver Post DENVER (AP) — As Colorado's job market begins showing signs of life, some recruiters complain that discouraged job hunters have lost the edge they need.

"People need to be more prepared, but they are not," said Sam Sargent, president of Human Resource Asset Management Systems Ltd. in Monument, Colo.

Among the complaints from recruiters are employees who haven't thoroughly researched the companies they're interviewing with or who lack confidence.

"Even though I'm seeing a huge uptick in the number of jobs coming to my site, there is still more talent than available positions," said Andrew Hudson, who runs a job-listing service in Denver. "It is really up to the job seeker to understand how to get noticed."

Listings at Connecting Colorado, the job board for the state's employment centers, reached 22,600 in the first two weeks of March, compared with 16,863 in the same period in 2011, said Alexandra Hall, the state's chief labor economist.

Bolstered by such statistics, some job seekers are jumping back into the market without having honed their skills or understanding how the rules have changed, Hudson said.

"One thing that is important is to tailor your approach and your message each time you apply for a job," said Leanne Buehler, director of experience solutions at Corvitus in Colorado Springs.

After months of getting nowhere, getting called into an interview catches some off-guard, especially those who took a broad rather than targeted approach.

When there were six unemployed workers for every opening in 2009, going after anything that popped up made sense.

With that ratio falling to 3.7 in January, focus is more important.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.20
Corn (bushel)	\$6.31
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.79
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.80

Honor society inducts Oakley grad

Washburn University student Morgan Jewel Martin of Oakley is one of 21 undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students recently inducted into Lambda Nu, the national honor society for radiologic and imaging sciences.

Martin, a senior, is pursuing an associate's degree in radiologic technology.

Lambda Nu says its goals are to foster academic scholarship, promote research and investigation and recognize exemplary scholarship.

Dating theme of dinner show

V.B. Longhorn's "Collective Dating" will be performed at the Goodland Arts Council annual dinner theatre at 7:30 p.m. (Central Time) on Saturday, April 28, and at 3 p.m. (Central) Sunday, April 29, at the Elks Lodge, 1523 Arcade St. in Goodland.

A dinner will accompany the play on Saturday. Tickets are \$30; arts council members can purchase reduced-rate tickets for \$25.

The Sunday performance will have a light buffet. Tickets are \$25; \$20 for council members.

The production showcases four romantic comedy mini-plays based on the world of dating.

Job hunters need to do their research and show an interest that goes beyond pay, vacation and the employer's stability, Sargent said.

For their part, job hunters describe a new problem replacing the consternation of sending off resumes into a black hole and never hearing back: going to interviews and not knowing why you got passed over.

"I have had interviews where I think I did well... and the job goes to somebody else," said Ernest Gurule, a freelance writer.

Gurule, who once worked as a reporter, knows how to get his message across. But most of the time, he doesn't get to hear why it didn't connect.

Library's plans underway; closing after Library Week

Have you seen the blue tape lines on the carpet in the library?

Have you seen us measuring our library shelves, doorways, windows and such? Have you peeked at carpet and tile samples on the floor while the board and staff viewed our options?

Well, we are about to take all of this measuring and planning and put it all together. The Pioneer Memorial Library is going to close for refurbishing at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, for a month. We will begin the task of moving items out of the general library area, tearing up carpet and getting ready for the dusty work of installing new carpet, tile and other necessary repairs and updates.

How will you be able to continue your reading, viewing and listening activities? In an effort to meet the needs of our citizens, we are encouraging patrons to check out a large number of items for the closing period. A person may check out:

- Five new books or new best sellers: in the general area, large print, junior fiction, and children/picture book section.
- Five DVDs and five videotapes.
- Five audiobooks: two from the new shelf and three from the regular shelf.
- Five magazines.
- Five rotation items.
- Two cake pans.
- A large number of fiction and nonfiction in the regular section of the library.

Monday, we will begin checking the large number of items out to community members. This gives everyone 1 1/2 weeks to get prepared! The last check out opportunity will be at 11 a.m. on April 18. The library will officially close at



Melany Wilks

Library Links

1 p.m. that day. Bring something to carry your items in, such as a box or bag.

The library will officially reopen, Friday, May 18. We are asking patrons to have their items returned by Friday, May 25. However, if a person checking out a number of items wishes to return some items earlier, they can return them through our drop off slots in the driveway or in our drop box on School Avenue.

We really want everyone to have the materials they need for that time, so do not be shy about checking items out and taking them home. Remember, the more you check out the lighter our library shelves will be to move. As of Monday, new interlibrary loan requests have been suspended until May 18 when we reopen. We are now working on receiving all interlibrary loan requests that are currently in process. The H.F Davis Library at Colby Community College has said they are delighted to serve members of the community with needs they might have during this time.

They can also make interlibrary loan requests. Anyone wanting to check something out from the college library needs to obtain a college library card. Librarian Tara Schroer has said that if a person brings their Pioneer Memorial Library card or personal identification, they will give them a college library card.

If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to call us and discuss your question with the staff. Our phone number is (785) 460-4470 or e-mail us at contactus@colbylibrary.com.

Remember the library is closed this Sunday for Easter. However, we will be ready to celebrate National Library Week with you on Monday. Each lunch hour next week the library is having an author or special speaker. The doors open for lunch at 11:45 a.m. each day. Attendees are always free to leave without guilt if they need to return by 1 p.m.

Monday, we will have award-winning author Nancy Pickard speak on her newest book, "The Scent of Rain and Lightning."

Tuesday, author Roderick Townley speaks on his book, "Door In The Forest."

Wednesday, his wife, author Wyatt Townley, will speak on her book "The After Lives of Trees."

Thursday, retired librarian and loved speaker Joanne Sunderman will discuss the book "Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President," by Candice Millard.

Friday, children's librarian Judy Kleinsorge and Friends board member Ann Miner will both speak and enlighten us using the theme "The Joys of Books," focusing on the books "Tolstoy and the Purple Chair: My Year of Magical Reading," by Nina Sankovitch and "My Reading Life," by Pat Conroy. Come have lunch with us.

The library opens at 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday, closing at 8 p.m. weeknights, 5 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday. Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m.

See you in the library!

Middle school releases honor roll

Here is the Colby Middle School Honor Roll for the third quarter.

To make the Orange & Black Club, students needed a 3.0 (B) grade average. For the Academic Club, they had to have all A's, with no more than one B. Top Academic students are the girl and boy in each grade with the highest average.

Sixth Grade
Top Academic - Bailey Britton, Sean Rall.

Orange & Black Club - Aaron Curry, Cadyn Dixon, Carianne Farrow, Desiree Foster, Anna Giersch, Austin Hamel, Jennifer Hughes, Alexys Kraft, Madisyn Lemman, Destiny Liestler, Carson McLaughlin, Stacie Oren, Patyn Pfeifer, Michael Scott, Kyler Staab, Lucas Taylor, Job Thompson, Rachel VanEaton, Cassie Wells.

Academic Club - Austin Brier, Bailey Britton, Bryce Brown, Lynnsey Elling, Alexandria Finley, Parker Hamel, Jordan Hartwell, Chloe Imhoff, Erin Krannawitter, Abbie Kummer, Kaiser Lopez, Shevin Martin, Bryce Niermeier,

Natalie Oren, Sean Rall, Jaden Reeh, Hayden Reinert, Kora Schindler, Rayanna Schmidt, Karissa Singer, Caitlin Tinkham, Courtney Tinkham, Morgan Voss, Madison Zimmerman.

Seventh Grade
Top Academic - Brittany Alexander, Mark Faber.

Orange & Black Club - Danelly Barraza, Abi Beitz, Cole Bingham, Dylan Blackhart, Tyler Bradley, Christian Calliham, Tate Carney, Dalton Colgan, Brooks Curry, Rebecca Farrow, Travis Finley, Michaela Giebler, Madisyn Haggard, August Hutfles, Elizabeth Koel, Keegan Lopez, Brendon Morris, Morgan Moris, Grace Oard, Ashli Pruettt, Tanner Reed, Devin Rogers, Isabel Rossales, Ashlyn Sager, Alexa Sims, Callie Siruta, Jonah Thompson, Madison Wiens, Parker Wright.

Academic Club - Brittany Alexander, MaKenna Bogart, Amelia Culver, Lauren Dempewolf, Alexis Dennis, Mark Faber, Bailey Foss, Tayber Harenza, Taylen Hubbell, Brandon Johnson, Hannah Johnston, Audrey Puckett,

Laura Schroeder, Michael Vacik, Courtney VanEaton, Alex Vap, Alex Zimmerman.

Eighth Grade
Top Academic - Allison Friesen, Bryce Arnberger.

Orange & Black Club - Connor Edmundson, Tanner Elias, Alli Franz, Colyn Gugelman, Austin Hart, Weston Howell, Miranda Kern, Tanner Lee, Ben Matchell, Brittney Menges, Ricky Nelson, Sabryn O'Gara, Brennon Overton, Matthew Pieper, Kalea Robert, Ami Ronvelia, Garrett Rose, Clae Schmidt, Isaac Schweitzer, Travis Sies, Brady Slinger, Brenly Terrell, Taylor Thummel, Andrew Voss, Emma Wang.

Academic Club - Bryce Arnberger, Andrea Browne, Rachel Browne, Chandler Comfort, Jenna Crampton, Cheyann Fortin, Allison Friesen, Brady Holzmeister, Tessa Krzycki, Kylee Martin, Brielle McKee, Paige McNinch, Carter Morrison, Evan Olson, Kylie Ritter, Desi Schippers, Julie Schroeder, Lara Stephens, Sydney Stephens, Gabby Wilson, Elissa Zerr.

Square dance to be Wednesday

The Shooting Stars Square Dance Club will have a dance from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Roosevelt Elementary School.

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

2000 MacArthur in Hays.

Steve Hackman of Nebraska will call the squares. Singles, couples and all ages are welcome. There will be refreshments and a pot 'o gold.

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