

LOCALNEWS

Around the school in 80 days

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Eighth and ninth grade science students at Falls High School spent their last day of school Thursday trying to reach the stratosphere.

The Earth and space science students in Tony Casareto and Carolyn Jaksa's classes launched their hot air balloons as part of a lesson incorporating multiple topics, like math, science, and history, Casareto said.

The class teaches the students the history of hot air ballooning, principles of buoyancy, as well as the math involved in the calculations, Casareto said. It's also a cooperative effort between the students, he said, and allows them to work together to accomplish a goal.

Students look forward to the launch pretty much from the first day of classes, Casareto said. They start earlier in the year, he said, and excitement builds throughout the year. They usually launch the balloons a month earlier, though had to hold off this year due to the weather.

In the past, Casareto said they've had balloons reach as far as the Peland Junction and past the Littlefork bridge. They've also had balloons cross over the border into Fort Frances, which has caused some worries, he said. Balloons have also landed on the U.S. Customs and



Students follow after a hot air balloon they released, as it settles down over the parking lot.



The hot air balloon activity teaches students the principle of buoyancy, as well as the history of hot air balloons.

Border Protection port of entry building downtown.



Students at Falls High School spent their last day Thursday releasing hot air balloons they made in Earth and space science class.



A lower temperature would have made these hot air balloons released by students fly farther, instructor Tony Casareto said.

ELECTION 2014

Incumbents file for county office

Filing period closes Tuesday

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Incumbents have filed for reelection to positions in Koochiching County — so far, report staff at the Koochiching County Auditor/Treasurer's Office and the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office.

The filing period for elected federal, state and county positions closes at 5 p.m. Tuesday

This year, the primary election is Aug. 12 and the general election Nov. 4. Absentee ballots are available starting Sept. 19.

The following people have filed as of Thursday morning for the following positions:

Federal

■ U.S. senator, now held by Al Franken, Democrat. Filed are Jack Shepard, Independence Party; Mike McFadden, Republican; Juliann Ortmann, Republican.

■ U.S. representative, now held by Rick Nolan, Democrat. Filed are Erik Paulsen, Republican.

State

■ State representative, now held by David Dill, DFL, who has filed for reelection.

■ Governor and lieutenant governor, now held by Mark Dayton and Yvonne Prettner Solon. Filed are Kurt Zellers and Dean Simpson, Republican; Bill Dahn and James Vigliotti, DFL.

■ Secretary of state, now held by Mark Ritchie. Filed

are David A. Singleton, Independence; John Howe, Republican.

■ State auditor, now held by Rebecca Otto, who has filed for reelection. Also filed is Randy Gilbert, Republican.

■ Attorney general, now held by Lori Swanson, who has filed for reelection. Also filed is Sharon Anderson, Republican.

Koochiching County

■ District 1 commissioner, now held by Wade Pavleck, who has filed for reelection.

■ District 2 commissioner, now held by Kevin Adeo, who has filed for reelection.

■ District 4 commissioner, now held by Rob Ecklund, who has filed for reelection.

■ County auditor/treasurer, now held by Bob Peterson, who has filed for reelection.

■ County recorder, now held by Pam Rooney, who has filed for reelection.

■ County sheriff, now held by Brian Jespersen, who has filed for reelection.

■ County attorney, now held by Jeff Naglosky, who has filed for reelection.

■ Soil and Water Conservation District 1 supervisor: no filings.

■ Soil and Water Conservation District 4 supervisor: no filings.

■ Soil and Water Conservation District 5 supervisor: no filings.

Cities and schools districts don't have primaries and so filings for those offices open July 29 and close Aug. 12.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

May 28 - FHS Choir & Band

June 4 - TBA

June 11 - Open Mic

June 18 - Town Band

June 25 - Assemblies of God worship team

July 2 - No Concert (4th July setup)

July 9 - Don & Friends, old timey

July 16 - Uncommon Joe, classic pop songs

July 23 - Faith and the Believers

July 30 - Sloughgrass

Aug 6 - Borderland Strings

Aug 13 - Open Mic

Aug 20 - No Concert (bass tourney setup)

Aug 27 - Icebox Radio StoryFest

Schedule subject to change

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