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Alexander Commits, Savage Considers 4-Day School Week

By Stephanie Ler

Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, Alexander Public Schools will join East Fairview, Fairview Public Schools, and many other regional schools in instituting a 4-day school week. Savage Public Schools may not be far behind, as the school is currently amidst a public meeting process to solicit community input on the matter.

The 4-day school week is an innovative and relatively new concept spreading across the United States. Improved morale in teachers and students, financial savings, and improved student and teacher attendance, as well as improvement in standardized test scores, are just some of the reported benefits of switching to a 4-day school week compared to the traditional 5-day week. However, some opponents allege that the concept hasn't been in practice long enough to establish a steady upward trend in test scores, and weekend learning-loss may pose a significant barrier to student learning, as typically, each weekend may be 3 days long.

Alexander Public Schools Commits to 4-Day School Week

In Alexander, what began as an Innovation Class project was presented to Superintendent Leslie Bieber in both spring and fall of 2017, and presented to the School Board in December. The Board gave consent to conduct a parent survey and public meetings in January. According to Shannon Faller, High School principal, she, Elementary principal Ms. Shaide, and four students traveled to Fairview and East Fairview "to see what the 4 day school week looked like and ask the opinion of their staff and students". Amid support from parents and teachers, the Board approved the decision to move forward with the North Dakota state application for change to a 4-day school week.

Though the school week is shorter, the instructional time does not change, remaining at 1038 hours for high school students. Teacher work load, expectations of students, school activities, transportation, school meals, breaks and evaluations also remain unchanged. What is affected by the new school week is a change to normal business hours for teachers, additional time built in for one-on-one and small group instruction, and relief of academic fatigue. Pending Board approval, Alexander Public Schools will implement several programs to help address some community member's concerns about not having school on Fridays. According to Faller, "Our plan for the four day week includes two Friday programs, Friday Intervention Time (FIT program) and the High Five Club. The FIT program will be for students who are not at grade level, struggling with content material, or need assistance with homework due to absences. This is designed to have teachers available for students to receive the assistance and remediation in a small group or one on one setting. The High Five Club will be an enrichment opportunity that provides engaging, hands-on programming for those Alexander students who do not have a place to be on Fridays. Breakfast, lunch, and bussing will be provided on Fridays," she said.

Alexander teachers were supportive of the idea of a short school week, as high school teachers expected improvement in student morale and appreciated more time in class. Elementary teachers looked forward to more one-on-one time or small group time with students. Extra recess and down time would be built into the school day for elementary students.

In the parent survey, a large percentage of respondents were supportive of the new school week, but others expressed concerns about finding day care on Fridays, anticipated difficulties for special needs students, and wearing students out with such long school days.

It was with careful consideration of both positive and negative feedback that the Alexander Public School Board made their decision to move forward with the application to change to a 4-day school week. The effects of the change will be evaluated annually, as required by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction. The school has received a one-year waiver for the new school week, and will reapply next year for an additional one-year waiver, and after that, a 5-year approval. Student performance, data on progress and declines, changes in academic opportunities and teacher effectiveness will all be evaluated each year. School Superintendent Leslie Bieber explains that "We are excited about this upcoming change as a great opportunity for our kids and community."

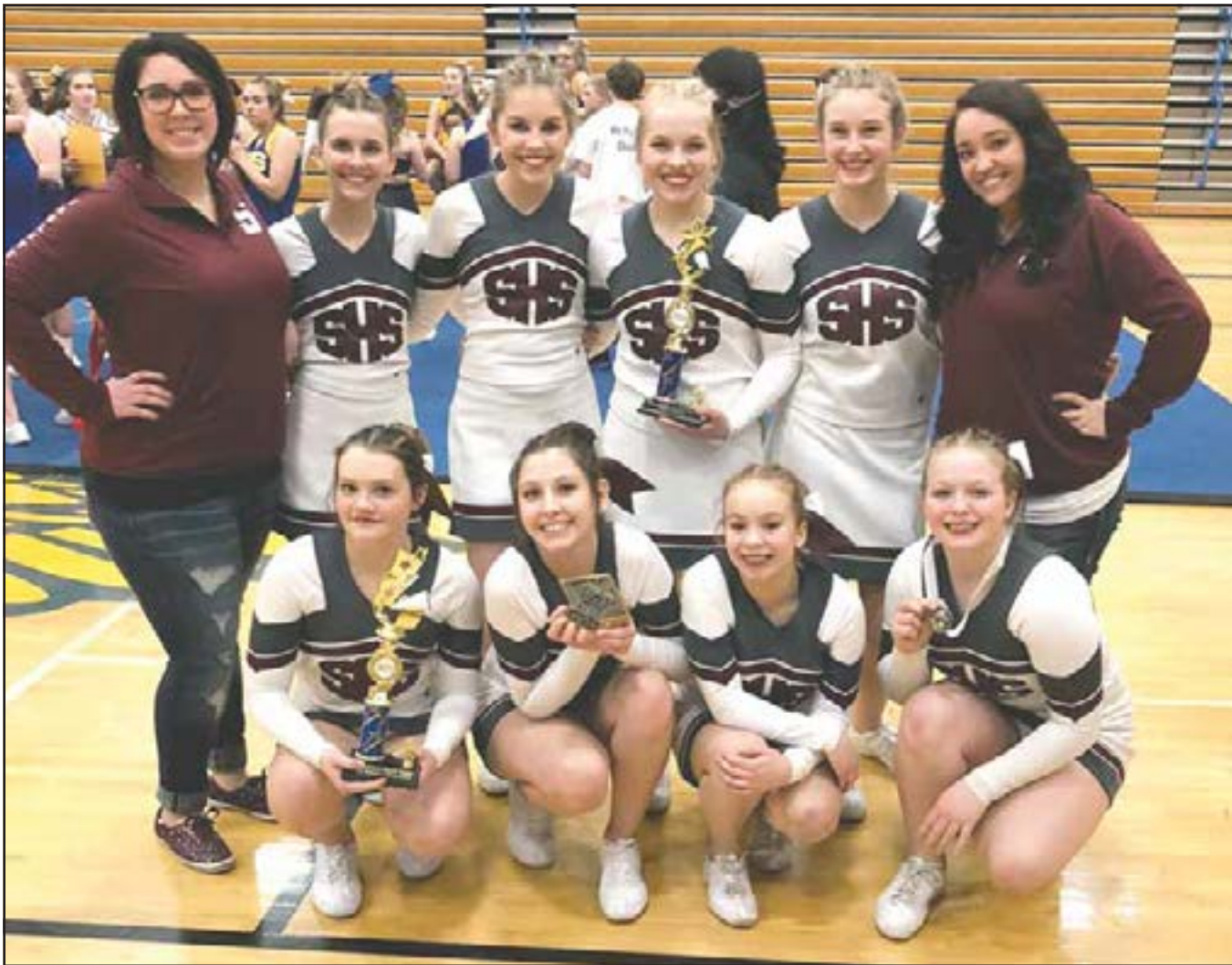
Savage Public Schools Considers 4-Day School Week

Savage Public School is in the later steps of investigating whether to implement a 4-day school week, currently working on soliciting input from parents and community members.

According to Savage Public School teacher and counselor Sarah Tuttle, Savage has "looked into the 4-day school week before as a district, but never as extensively as we are now. We've heard how much other schools like the 4 day week and as a teaching staff, we felt it would be a good fit for our school and community. Therefore, we decided to put in the research time to create an informed presentation for our school board and community," she explained.

Tuttle presented the information to the Savage School Board of Trustees at a recent meeting. So far, Savage has implemented staff surveys and school family surveys, and is currently

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Sidney High School Cheer & Dance Team Places at CheerFest

The Sidney High School Eaglette Cheer & Dance Team competed at CheerFest 2018 at Fergus High School in Lewistown on March 16. CheerFest is Montana's largest high school cheerleading competition featuring cheerleaders, dancers & mascots from across the state. The team took 2nd place High School Dance Team, 3rd place Class A/AA High School Cheer and 2nd place Class A/AA High School Stunt Group. The stunt group included Cammy Heck, Hailey Christensen, Trinity Brown, Lily Johnson and Cheyenne Christian. Individually Cammy Heck took 1st place in Solo Dance and Hailey Christensen took 2nd place in Solo Dance. Pictured above are front row (L-R) : Bryanna Brakefield, Trinity Brown, Jessica Romo and Hailey Christensen. Back row (L-R): Assistant Coach Brooke Papka, Cammy Heck, Cheyenne Christian, Lily Johnson, Hailee Ivory and Head Coach Katie Dasinger. (Photo submitted)

Celebrate National Public Health Week with Daily Presentations at RCHD

The Richland County Health Department will be celebrating National Public Health Week with daily presentations on public health topics from Monday, April 2, through Friday, April 6.

Public Health Week is a nation-wide initiative to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving our health.

On Monday, April 2, Judith LaPan, RCHD Administrator, will discuss past, current and future efforts to address emotional wellness needs in Richland County. The talk will also feature information on community resources. Stephanie Ler, Environmental Health Director, will discuss facts and myths relating to animal rabies, mandatory reporting, and Chapter 4 of the Richland County Health Code on Tuesday, April 3. On Wednesday, April 4, Heather Luinstra, Environmental Health Specialist, will present current and proposed community projects from the Trails and Parks subcommittee.

Thursday, April 5 features a presentation from Don Smies, DUI Taskforce and Injury Prevention Specialist, followed by a celebration of Russell Glaeske, recipient of the 2018 Friend of Public Health Award. Light refreshments will be served, and all are welcome.

Ashley VandeBossche, Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist will close out Public Health Week with a presentation of the worksite wellness program initiative, including successes and opportunities for local businesses to take part in improving employee health.

All presentations will take place in Conference Room 202 of the Richland County Health Department, located at 1201 West Holly, in Sidney. Presentations begin at noon. For more information, visit the Health Department Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RichlandCountyHealthDepartment, or call 406-433-2207.

Amy Bieber Joins Smith, Lange And Halley P.C.

By Jaymi Loobey

In all hopes, by the end of the year, a new Certified Public Accountant will be joining the ranks of Smith, Lange and Halley P.C. Amy Bieber is not a new face in the area, however. She grew up and attended school in Sidney, Montana. Upon graduating high school, she went to college, then returned to her hometown.

Now the belief of many school-age children that tests and exams end after college is a misconception and Amy can vouch for that. In seventh grade, she had wanted to be a computer programmer. In her sophomore year, however, she did a paper on what she wanted to be after graduating and decided that it was not for her. In her junior year, Amy took an accounting class and found she loved it. She got a scholarship to any Montana State University and she chose Billings. College was not like she thought, however. Amy said, "I decided I was going to pursue accounting then when I got to college they told me I couldn't just major in accounting. I had to become a CPA." It took her four years and she graduated in May 2017 but she wasn't done yet. Amy needed 2,000 hours of work experience



before she could become certified and then there were the tests. She would need to pass four more exams before she could apply for her certification. She decided she didn't much like the bigger towns and found she missed helping out Mike Bergh with the kids at Sidney Tendokan. So she came back and got hired part-time at Smith, Lange, and

Halley until she could finish studying for her tests. She passed all four tests the first time through in January and now is fulltime and working on those 2,000 hours. Amy is already doing much of what she will be doing as a CPA such as bookkeeping, auditing, and tax returns. She just needs one of the actual CPAs to sign off on her work.

Amy feels she is not just an additional CPA at Smith, Lange, and Halley P.C. She feels she is bringing a new perspective on how to do things. She says, as a new graduate, she still has a lot to learn but is excited to take on all the challenges the accounting profession will bring.



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The Paulsens and the Franks send out their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to friends and family for their thoughts, prayers, and support following the loss of Sherri Paulsen.

She is loved and missed by many.

— The Paulsen and Frank Families

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LAKE WATER LEVEL REPORT

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Current Elevation.....	1837.5
Last Week's Elev.	1837.6
One Year Ago	1839.0
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	22,000

SIDNEY WEATHER DATA

Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center

Date	High	Low	Precip.
March 12.....	33	3	0.00
March 13.....	39	6	0.00
March 14.....	40	12	0.00
March 15.....	38	23	0.00
March 16.....	35	24	0.00
March 17.....	35	24	0.00
March 18.....	32	27	0.08
Total YTD Precipitation.....		0.96	

OBITUARIES

Robert “Bob” McGinnis, 83 Sidney, MT

Funeral service for Robert “Bob” McGinnis, 83, of Sidney was held at 10 a.m., Monday, March 19 at Ebenezer Congregational Church in Sidney with Pastor David Meehan officiating. Interment was in Richland Memorial Park Cemetery, Sidney, MT under the direction of Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Remembrances, condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at www.fulkersons.com.

Bob died Friday, March 9 at Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT.

Lambert’s Spring Eggs-Travaganza

You and your family are invited to an afternoon/evening of fun for all ages, Spring Eggs-Travaganza.

This event takes place, Saturday, March 24 at the Lambert School and is sponsored by The Lion’s Den and The First Lutheran Church of Lambert.

The Spring Eggs-Travaganza starts with an Easter egg hunt in the old gym from 3-4:30 p.m. The Easter egg hunt is for preschool-6th grade, followed by a coloring contest, free snack and other fun spring activities. Also from 3-4:30 p.m. is the dessert social in the school cafeteria. Visit with your neighbor and pick your favorite dessert from home baked scrumptious choices, along with coffee or lemonade for only \$5 a person.

From 3-6 p.m. is the Spring Bazaar in the music room. All sorts of goodies, crafts and Easter baskets will be featured.

Then comes the spaghetti supper in the cafeteria from 4-6 p.m. Bring family and friends in for a meal including spaghetti and meat sauce, lettuce salad, bread, dessert and lemonade, \$6 for adults and \$4 for pre-school through 6th grade.

After that follows the dance in Lambert’s new gym from 6-9 p.m. Kick up your heels to the music of Prom DJ once again, under the beautiful prom decorations. Free will donations accepted.

Area Volunteer Companions Seeking Clients

By Marcia Hellandsaas

NDSU Extension Agent, McKenzie County

Seniors (60 years of age and older) who are homebound, lonely, isolated or disabled but able to live independently in their own homes with the support of one-on-one companionship can now receive help from McKenzie County Volunteer Companions.

McKenzie County Volunteer Companions are area pre-screened (background and reference checks) and trained volunteers with a variety of interests and experiences committed to enriching the lives of older area adults.

Volunteer Companions are available to assist clients with light, non-medical tasks based on their comfort level. Companions are active listeners and they can assist clients with crafts and handiwork, reading or writing letters, errands or they can play a card game. They can help with hair care and accompany clients to appointments or to recreational events. They can sort mail, plan and share meals and assist with grocery shopping and much more. Seniors must be actively involved to the greatest extent possible with their Volunteer Companion in activities that encourage independent living. Visits are regularly scheduled and ongoing.

The Volunteer Companion Program is administered through Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota and services provided are free of charge.

The McKenzie County Volunteer Station is the NDSU Extension Service in McKenzie County. Please contact Extension Agent Marcia Hellandsaas at 701-444-3451 or email marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu for more information.

Go Further With Food

Submitted by Gina Heckey

Each year during March, we celebrate National Nutrition Month®, which presents a great opportunity to focus on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. The theme for 2018 is “Go Further with Food” which encourages us to achieve and experience the numerous benefits of healthy eating habits but also urges us to find ways to cut back on food waste. Food waste is simply defined as when an edible item goes unconsumed. This can occur for many reasons. Retailers may throw out foods, especially produce due to how it looks or consumers may leave food on their plates that winds up in the trash. Food waste may also be due to buying too much produce, which ends up spoiling before being used or by not using foods before their “best buy” dates and consequently throwing them out. According to the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) up to 40 percent of the food in the United states is never eaten yet at the same time, one in eight Americans struggles to put enough food on the table. Reducing food waste is important because wasted food equals wasted money and lost nutrition. Food waste also affects the environment since resources such as the water and energy used to produce the food are also wasted.

Luckily, by implementing a few simple strategies, we can all do our share to help reduce food waste and get the most nutrition from our grocery dollars. The first strategy is to plan meals based on what you already have at home to use up as much as you have before purchasing more. This helps to increase the turnaround time of foods thus decreasing the chances of foods going bad before they are eaten. Secondly, when shopping, aim to purchase only the amount of food that can be eaten or frozen within about a week. If possible, try to shop more frequently for perishable foods, particularly produce and meats as these foods tend to spoil more quickly. If you normally grocery shop every other week, consider adding a small shopping trip for fresh produce during the week between your normal shopping trips. Tip number three is to be organized. Foods are less likely to go bad when older items are used first. We’ve all found that mystery container at the back of the fridge but keeping our fridge and pantry organized helps to know what we have and what needs to be eaten first. The fourth strategy is to re-purpose leftovers by creating soups, stews, or by having a weekly leftover night. Also freeze extra left-overs before they spoil – just don’t forget to clean out the freezer every few months and eat up all of the leftovers. Lastly, donate food to shelters, food banks, and other organizations in your community that accept food donations whenever possible. For more great tips and information, visit savethefood.com.

Of course, National Nutrition Month® wouldn’t be complete without a reminder to focus on filling your plate with vegetables, fruits, whole grains, legumes, lean proteins, and low-fat dairy or soy alternatives.

For more information on the Richland County Nutrition Coalition, check out the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/1rcnc1, and our very own Pinterest page at www.pinterest.com/1rcnc1.

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RICHLAND COUNTY
Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Wed., March 21
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **Youth Art Show** - Features art work from 7th-12th grade students from area schools. Viewing is free and open to the public. This event will continue through March 31. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, 406-433-3500. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **Encounters Art Exhibit** - Featuring Nancy Erickson's large-scale, free-form textile compositions inspired by cave art found at Chauvet Pont d'Arc and Lascaux. Viewing is free and open to the public. This event will continue through May 26. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, 406-433-3500. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.

3:30-4 p.m. - **Manga Club** - Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917.

4-5 p.m. - **Teen Craft** - Harry Potter. Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917.

Thurs., March 22
7-9 p.m. - **Lauren Sheehan Concert** - Lauren plays banjo and guitar and sings blues, ballads silly songs and more. MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney, 406-433-3500. Tickets at the door: \$15/adults; \$13/seniors; \$10/students.

Fri., March 23
10:30 a.m. - **Storytime** - It's a Surprise. Ages 2-5, finger plays, stories (bears) and crafts. Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917.

5-7 p.m. - **Knights Of Columbus Fish Fry** - \$9/per person. Ned Shinnick Hall-St. Matthews Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney.

Sat., March 24
12 p.m. - **Sidney Gymnastics Club Chili Feed & Bingo Building Fundraiser** - 12-1, free will donation chili feed. Bingo starts at 1 p.m. and ends when last ham is won. Door prizes, \$10/bingo card. Drinks and popcorn available for purchase. Central School Gym, Sidney.

3 p.m. - **Lambert School Spring Eggs-Travaganza** - Easter egg hunt, old gym, 3-4:40 p.m.; dessert social, school cafeteria, 3-4:30 p.m.; spring bazaar, music room, 3-6 p.m.; spaghetti supper, cafeteria, \$6 adult, \$4 pre-school-6th grade, 4:30-6 p.m.; dance, new gym, 6-9 p.m.

Sun., March 25
9 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Indoor Fun Fly And Static Air Show** - Free to the public, come and watch the fun. The Static Show will include aircraft of all sizes and makes. No entry fee for models to be in the show, no limit on the class. Open flying for AMA member pilots and contests to test the skill of pilots. \$15/AMA members pilot fee; \$5/lunch; \$1 each/drinks. Sidney Richland Airport.

2:30 p.m. - **Holy Week Ecumenical Procession** - Begin at the Reese & Rays IGA parking lot and walk to St. Matthew's Parish Center. Bring palms, banners or other symbols of Palm Sunday. A snack will be provided at the end of the procession.

Mon., March 26
10:30 a.m. - **Tales For Tots** - Come join us for early childhood games, book and crafts. Sidney-Richland County Library, 406-433-1917.

Tues., March 27
12:30-6 p.m. - **Sidney Community Blood Drive** - St. Matthews Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE. To make an appointment call the American Red Cross, 406-403-0956 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: sidney.

6-9 p.m. - **Ceramic Sugar Skull Glazing Class** - \$20 MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney. For more information, 406-433-3500 or mdhc@richland.org.

Thurs., March 29
12 p.m. - **Easter Egg Hunt** - Sharbono Park, Fairview, MT. 6-9 p.m. - **Pottery Painting: Vases Class** - \$20 MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd St. SE, Sidney. For more information, 406-433-3500 or mdhc@richland.org.

Tues., April 3
5-7 p.m. - **Sidney Tiger Sharks Registration** - Upstairs hockey building. Individual swimmer \$70; each additional swimmer \$30; Shark Pups program \$25. Bring copy of birth certificate. Must be at least 4 years old. This event also occurs on April 4. For more information Sean Dodd, 406-488-9467 or Trisha Klempel, 406-488-7120.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY
Events in Culbertson unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Fri., March 23
5-7 p.m. - **Knights Of Columbus Friday Fish Fry** - St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Culbertson, Church Hall. \$12/plate; \$35/family rate. Raffle and take out available.

McKENZIE COUNTY
Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone

Fri., March 23
6 p.m. - **Leanne Melberg-Abelmann Benefit** - Free will offering slushburger feed, bake sale, live and silent auction, full bar. Firehall, Alexander, ND. For more information contact LaShell Tjelde, 701-770-6317, Tjelde71@gmail.com. Donations can be made at Western Cooperative Credit Union payable to Leanne Abelmann benefit account.

6 p.m. - **Free Book Discussion** - Sara Lawrence (Peacock) Cook the co-author of “The Jinn and the Sword” will answer questions and do a book signing at McKenzie County Public Library Sanford Room, Watford City, ND.

Sat., March 24
9:30 a.m. - **Human Trafficking Awareness And Prevention** - Ages 14+ recommended. Ten minute animated short, panel discussion on local trafficking efforts, internet safety and safe relationships. Coffee and treats, childcare not provided. CrossPoint Church, 304 2nd Ave., NE Watford City, ND. For more information call the church office, 701-444-2355.

5 p.m. - **Bakken Roughnecks Chapter Mule Deer Foundation Banquet** - No host social, raffles and silent auction. Dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a live auction. Roughrider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway, Watford City, ND. For more information or to order tickets, 406-850-8785 or marshall@muledeer.org.

Tues., March 27
7 p.m. - **Cops vs. Wolves Basketball Game** - Come and watch the Watford City Police Department play basketball against the Watford City Wolves sports teams! Tickets \$3 students, \$5 adults. Watford City High School Gym.

Sat., March 31
10 a.m.-12 p.m. - **Lions Easter Egg Hunt** - Ages 0-9. Rough Rider Center, Watford City, ND.

Fri., April 6
6-10 p.m. - **Hunter Education** - Adults only 18 and older. Public Library-Sanford Room, Watford City, ND. This continues April 7, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and April 8, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Must attend all days of class to pass. Link to study guide <https://www.huntercourse.com/usa/northdakota/>.

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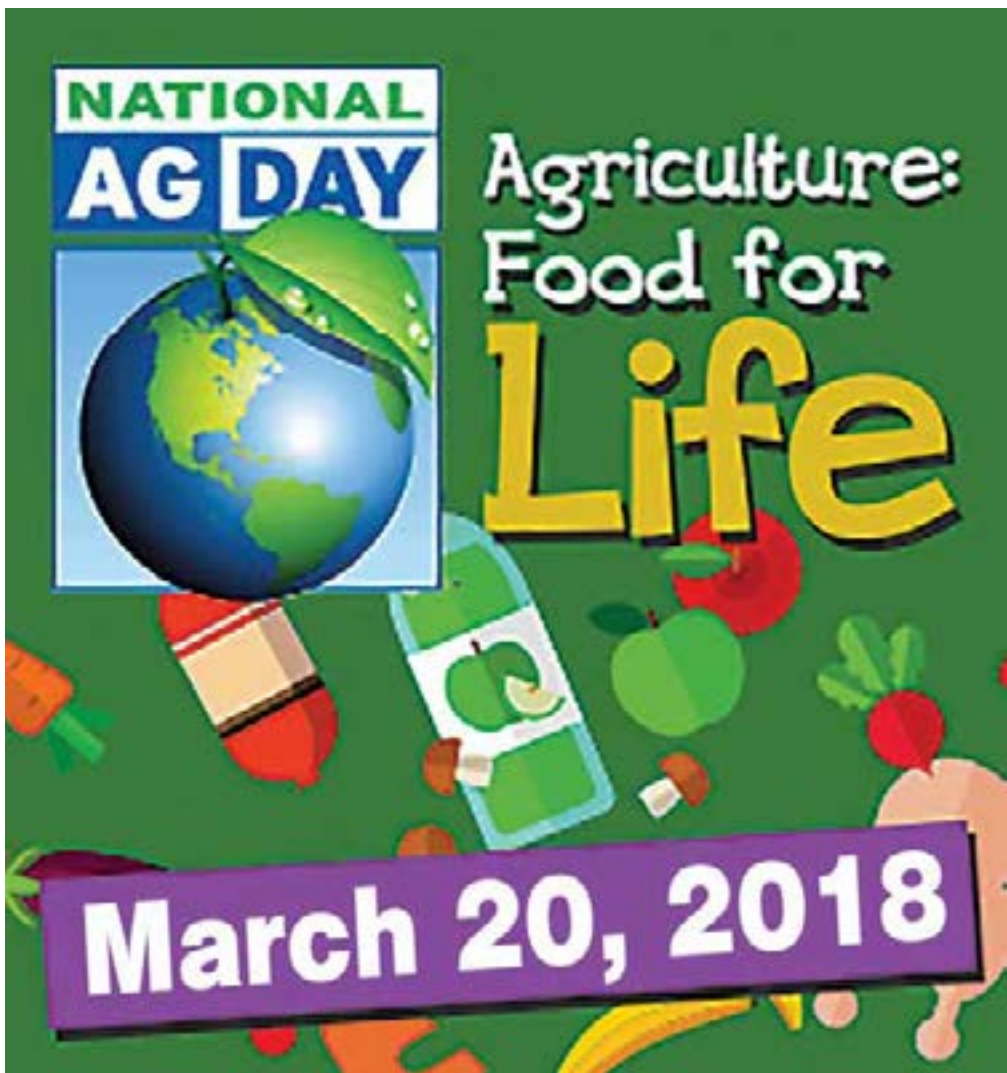
Sat., March 24
1 p.m. - **Ft. Buford/MYCIC Easter Egg Hunt** - For kids up to age ten, early arrivals encouraged, door prizes require pre-hunt registration. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. 701-572-9034.

Sat., April 14
9 a.m.-6 p.m. - **Military Show Swap And Sale** - Open to the public. Upper Missouri Valley Fair Multipurpose Building, Williston, ND. \$5/admission. This continues on April 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For booths or more information contact Ben Gjorven, 701-770-8143. Proceeds benefit Fort Buford 6th Infantry Association and Fort Buford State Historic Site.

DAWSON COUNTY
Events in Glendive unless otherwise listed. MT Zone

Sat., March 24
6:15 p.m. - **Battle Of The Brains** - Trivia starts at 7 p.m. Snacks will be provided, no host bar. Only 14 teams, up to 8 players. \$20/per team member. Age 18 and older. Glendive Moose Lodge, Glendive, MT. For more information contact Glendive Public Library, 406-377-3633. Forms available online. Proceeds go to library programs.

Wed., March 28
7:30-10 a.m. - **Richey Health Fair/Blood Draw** - Fasting blood draw, fast after 9 p.m. the night before, drink lots of water, wear a short sleeved shirt. Health panel/\$45; PSA/\$30; A1C/\$30. Rolls and coffee following your blood draw, free will donation appreciated. Public invited. Richey Senior Citizen's Center. For more information call 406-773-5694 or Dawson County Health Department, 406-377-5213.



The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) will host National Agriculture Day on March 20, 2018. This will mark the 45th anniversary of National Ag Day which is celebrated in classrooms and communities across the country. The theme for National Ag Day 2018 is "Agriculture: Food For Life."

National Ag Day is organized by the Agriculture Council of America. ACA is a non-

profit organization composed of leaders in the agricultural, food and fiber community, dedicating its efforts to increasing the public's awareness of agriculture's role in modern society.

The National Ag Day program encourages every American to:

- Understand how food and fiber products are produced.
- Appreciate the role ag-

riculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

- Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.

- Acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

Visit www.agday.org for more information on National Ag Day in 2018.

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LYIP Holds Annual Meeting

Attendance in Great Falls on April 19 Critical

By Dianne Swanson

Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project held its annual meeting last Friday with the main theme of attending the hearing in Great Falls on April 19th.

Several speakers highlighted how important it is for farmers, business people and the community at large to attend the hearing to demonstrate to Judge Morris how critical reliable irrigation is to the area.

Encouraging farmers to take a break from planting, Steve Pust said that planting will be underway April 19th and that is a priority. But, if irrigation is shut down, farmers won't have to worry about the crop.

Phil Johnson made a passionate plea as a business person with roots in the Yellowstone Valley dating back to 1915. After outlining the harm to the area if irrigation is stopped, Johnson stated, "That is why it is imperative that at least one person from each and every family, every business and every farm in our county make their way to Great Falls on April 19 to make sure that federal judge not only sees us, but feels us."

Fairview farmer Terry Cayko highlighted the importance of the irrigation project from Miles City to Williston and said, "We've got to get out and support this as much as we possibly can." He also suggested that FFA students from Fairview, Sidney and Savage, dressed in their

FFA jackets and seated in the front row of the courtroom, would make a powerful statement to the judge. "We also need to sacrifice a day of work, be there ourselves, and make the judge look us in the eye," he said.

Richland County commissioner Duane Mitchell stated that the county has paid for two buses in the past but would pay for four if they could be filled.

Speaker Tanya Rost cited her ranching background and how important it is to fight to preserve your way of life. Attorney Joel Krautter spoke about how important it is to appear in court and the influence that may have on the judge making the decision.

Buses leave for Great Falls at 5:15 a.m. on April 19 from the Richland County Ex-

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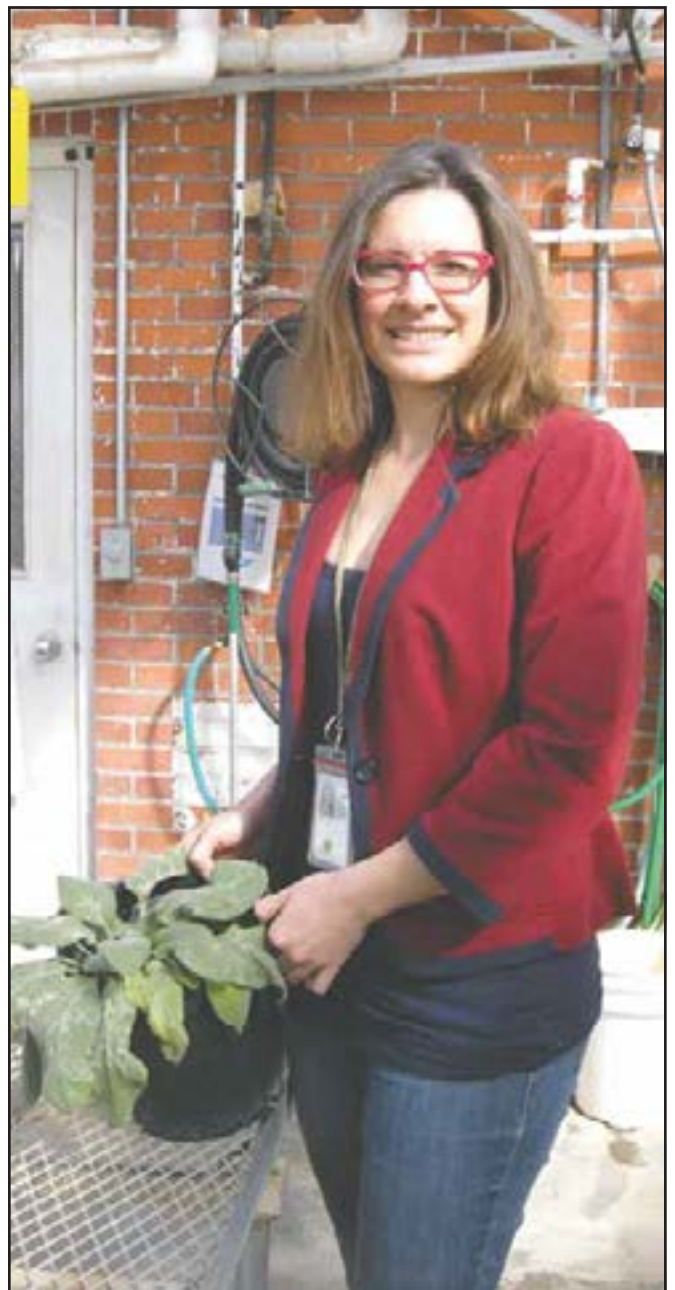
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Gilchrist Provides Information About Weather Affects on Area Agriculture



Pat Gilchrist, of the NOAA National Weather Service in Glasgow, provides weather predictions and explains how weather can affect agriculture in Northeast Montana.

By Jordan Hall

The MonDak Ag Days and Trade Show recently hosted Pat Gilchrist, who explained past weather trends and predicted upcoming weather trends that may or may not have a negative impact on Eastern Montana agriculture.

Gilchrist serves as the National Weather Service Early Warning Coordination Meteorologist in Glasgow, Montana, which is the regional office for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the scientific agency within the United States Department of Commerce that focuses on the condition of oceans and atmosphere of the planet, paying special attention to weather conditions that may affect American health, safety or commerce. Gilchrist focused his presentation on what he perceives to be a warming trend that could impact farming and ranching in the immediate area.

Gilchrist, who was born and raised in Glasgow and whose grandparents were from the Sidney and Savage area, spoke to a crowd of about 35 people and said, "We are two weeks away from a flood and two weeks away from a drought, and that's true for Northeast Montana."

It is the temperamental nature of our local climate that makes weather predictions so important, according to Gilchrist. He explained, "Over

the last twelve months, you can see a mixed bag when it comes to precipitation. It has been a record dry year and summer. By and large, most of the region saw very dry conditions and that's been true for twelve months. We went into the winter in a terrible drought – perhaps even worse than in 1988 – but with this drought, all the systems we saw pushing in on us split around us. We got completely missed."

Gilchrist explained what he called, "teleconnection," how weather patterns like an "El Nina" can affect weather here. He says, "Snow depth wise, there's some good news out there. Snow pack in the mountains is doing really well, with a hundred plus inches. That extends from the mountains to the foot hills to even places in central Montana like Jordan. The problem is when you come further this way, towards Sidney, Plentywood, and Glasgow, we haven't seen much snow or moisture. We're still talking about a 4 or 5 inch difference in terms of soil moisture permeation."

Planes are used by the NOAA to fly over the area and use special instrumentation in the air to detect snow pack. What they reveal is that Western and Central Montana look like promising years for moisture, but it's still touch and go for Eastern Montana. This February was the seventh coldest year on record and the tenth snowiest for our record, according to Gilchrist.

Using Power Point, Gilchrist showed figures explaining that even though there have been recent increases in moisture, overcoming a four or five inch deficit in soil moisture is difficult and will take consistent rainfall to create an optimum environment for agriculture.

Gilchrist explained how weather across the world affects us here, saying, "When we start to look way out in the future and look at a two week, one month, or one year forecast, we look at lots of different sets of data. We can clue in on the water temperature in South

America and other various oscillations that can affect our weather here.


According to Gilchrist, the weather is getting warmer. He said, "We are not getting as cold in the winter time. I can remember talking with my grandfather and it was significantly colder then...and when I started looking at the information, it actually was colder back then. We're not getting as cold in the winter time and that makes us think about impacts over the next 50 or 100 years. For example, with insects in the winter, are we suddenly going to see a difference with insects or invasive species in the grasslands?"

A week earlier, on February 23, Gilchrist spoke at the "Brownbagger Series" at the Sidney Agriculture Research Sciences Laboratory on the topic of climate change. In a presentation entitled, "A Look at Climate Change and Northeast Montana," Gilchrist explained that in his opinion, Montana has shown a warming trend from the 1950s to 2015. Interestingly, Central Montana has increased in average temperature about .5 degrees and Northeast Montana about .47 degrees.

"Adaptability to this is going to be key, going forward," said Gilchrist. "Since the 1980s there's been a definite trend. This is all indicative of climate change and the overall warming of the atmosphere."

Gilchrist explained that their future projections for climate change are far worse than what has actually been observed. Models show an increase because of carbon dioxide production.

"Temperatures are going to be much higher as a rule," explained Gilchrist. "One of the biggest changes we're going to see are warm nights. The big thing with that is going to be evaporation. You're not going to see humidity recovers or get a dew, and evaporation is going to take moisture out of your land, out of your plants, and you may have to switch gears a bit in determining what kind of crops to produce."




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Genetics Can Aid Biocontrol Management Decisions

By Beth Redlin
In the second of three Sidney Agricultural Research Service BrownBagger talks planned on biological control of invasive plant species, the emphasis is on the use of molecular tools to aid management of whitetop and saltcedar, two invasive species (a weed and a shrub/tree) plaguing the western U.S.
The BrownBagger is hosted by the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory (NPARL) in Sidney. The next presentation features Amanda Stahlke, a PhD Candidate in the Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Program at the University of Idaho, who will be discussing how "Genetics and genomics can inform biocontrol management decisions: Perspectives and prospects from the tamarisk leaf beetle

(Diorhabda spp) and whitetop (Lepidium draba)." Stahlke's presentation is set for Friday, March 23, from noon to 1 pm in the Tech Transfer Room at the Sidney ARS lab, located at 1500 N. Central Avenue.
Stahlke studies rapid evolution in systems with defined management goals, such as biological control systems and endangered species. Amanda earned a Bachelor of Science at Colorado Mesa University and was trained in biological control, assisting on the tamarisk leaf beetle project with the Colorado Department of Agriculture and host specificity testing at CABI's Swiss Center. Stahlke interned with Sidney ARS Plant Ecologist Dr. Natalie West last summer at NPAPL. The two continue to collaborate on biocontrol efforts related to whitetop (aka hoary cress) biocontrol

targets in different habitats. In her talk, Stahlke will discuss their ongoing research, as well as her dissertation research on hybridization in saltcedar beetles.
NPAPL invites all interested persons to join us this Friday, March 23 for another interesting talk. Bring your lunch. We'll provide the dessert!
Stahlke's presentation will be followed up on April 6 with our final 2018 BrownBagger presentation by John Gaskin. Dr. Gaskin and international colleagues recently completed a worldwide analysis of all known hybrid tree invasions around the world, looking at how hybridization may have aided or mitigated those invasions in new locations as well as how it may affect biological control efforts.

For questions or more information on Sidney ARS' 2018 BrownBagger Series, contact Beth Redlin at 406-433-9427 or beth.redlin@ars.usda.gov.

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McKenzie County Ag Extension Preps for Busy Spring



4-H Archery Practice Session 2 will be held March 22, March 29 and April 5. (Photo from facebook.com)

By Stephanie Ler
McKenzie County Ag Extension Agent Morgan Wisness is ready to close out winter and start a busy spring.

First on the agenda is pesticide recertification training for private pesticide applicators. The private pesticide applicator license allows farmers and ranchers to spray restricted-use pesticides, such as Husky Complete and Tordon, on their own land. There are currently 59 license holders in the area who need their certificates renewed, and Wisness is providing several opportunities for recertification in March. Trainings are available on March 15th in Keene, March 21 in Cartwright, and March 22 in Watford City.

An ongoing project that will continue through the spring is 4-H shooting sports. "This is the biggest program that I've been working on," Wisness explained. "They needed an archery match in Western North Dakota, so we volunteered to set it up. After that we decided we better have an archery team!" she said. The program includes

an archery team and an air rifle team. "It was so much more successful than we were expecting. We have 37 youths in archery and 16 youths in air rifle. It's been really exciting and the kids have enjoyed it a lot." The teams practice twice a week, and have competed in Bismarck and Watford City, and are heading to compete in Fargo shortly.

Shooting sports continues through April, and then fair prep begins. One unique aspect of the McKenzie County livestock program is the merit contest for steers. In addition to rating showmanship and external features, Wisness enlists the help of Sidney, Montana veterinarian JJ Hovde to use ultrasound to rate the quality of the meat produced by the animal. "Ultimately the goal is to provide a good product on the plate for consumers," Wisness explained. Ultrasounds are sent to the Central Ultrasound Processing (CUP) Lab in Ames, Iowa, to determine the amount of marbling, as well as determination of choice, select or prime quality grades, among other

aspects. 4-H participants are awarded points for several factors, including their carcass data, rate of gain, and live placing. Points are added up and prizes are awarded. "It allows the kids to really understand what goes into finishing a steer and methods of marketing and selling. The steer of merit program helps us apply our 4-H values of quality and the care of the animal. Us cow-calf operators often focus on pounds of calf instead of pounds of quality, and this program really ties together cattle production from start to finish," Wisness explained. "If you win steer merit it's about the same as winning grand champion," complete with bragging rights," she added. Given the success of the merit program, Wisness is considering implementing a merit contest for pigs in the future.

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Farm Bureau Members In Washington, D.C. Meet With Leaders, Agencies



MT Farm Bureau Members (L-R) Chuck Rein, Megan Mattson Hedges, Tonya Liles and Don Steinbeisser, Jr. traveled to Washington to meet with lawmakers.

Submitted by Rebecca Colnar, AgNewsWire

Five Montana Farm Bureau members traveled to Washington, D.C. in early March not only to attend the American Farm Bureau Issues Advisory Committee meetings but to meet Montana's Congressional Delegation and visit two agencies that have a strong effect on ag policy-the U.S. Trade Representative's office (USTR) and the Department of the Interior (DOI). Members included MFBF Director of National Affairs Nicole Rolf; Tonya Liles, a cattle rancher from Terry; Megan Mattson Hedges, a grain farmer from Chester; Chuck Rein, a rancher from Big Timber; and Don Steinbeisser, Jr., a diversified farmer from Sidney.

Agency Meetings
"We received an update from Sharon Bomer Lauritsen, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Ag Affairs and Roger Wentzel, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative on the TransPacific Partnership and the fact that we might try to get back into those negotiations," Hedges explained. "They have been doing a lot of work on moving American grain to Canada, and working toward ensuring

grain is graded on the same level in Canada and the U.S."

The meeting with Tim Williams at the Department of the Interior provided insight into the department's reorganization and allowed the Farm Bureau members to voice their thoughts.

"Mr. Williams explained the reason for the reorganization at the Department of the Interior, which made sense," said Steinbeisser. "They want to make it simple for people trying to contact Bureau of Land Management about a certain issue to easily locate the person who is responsible for that issue. In addition, there are some groups saying Secretary Zinke is selling off land. All he's doing is giving that land back to the states."

Rein said, "We addressed our concerns about brucellosis in bison in Yellowstone Park and reiterated what a problem it is. We also talked about the release of Wilderness Study Areas which were not designed to be in limbo for so many years."

Congressional Delegation
Visits with Senator Jon Tester, Senator Steve Daines and Representative Greg Gianforte covered concerns voiced in the committee meet-

ings; getting a workable Hours of Service and reasonable Electronic Logging Devices for agriculture; defeating the rules for air quality emissions reporting in cattle; rural development language in the farm bill; increasing broadband and internet access to rural communities; and sensible management of endangered species.

Rep. Gianforte personally gave the group a VIP Tour with an evening view of the Capitol, including the then-quiet Senate and House Chambers, which was very well received by the Montana Farm Bureau visitors. Liles found the trip to be extremely worthwhile. "It made me realize how important it is to be an advocate for what we are producing and ag in general," the rancher said. "You don't realize how essential it is to be involved until you get outside of your bubble and realize you can actually make a difference. It's not that hard to explain your issues to our Congressional delegation and ask them to support it. The leadership aspect of making a trip to Washington, D.C. really opens your eyes to what truly can be done."



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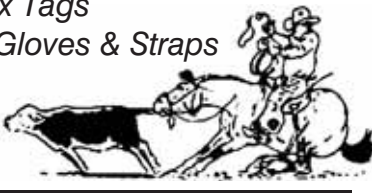


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Tues., March 27: Easter dinner.
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Thurs., March 22: Ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, carrots, fruit salad, dessert.
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Tues., March 27: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, buns, fruit.
Wed., March 28: Chili with cheese, cinnamon rolls, fruit, dessert.
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Thurs., March 22: Turkey sub, broccoli normandy, mandarin oranges.
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Wed., March 28: Cooks choice.
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Thurs., March 22: Tater tot casserole, green beans, mandarin oranges.
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Mon., March 26: Tacos, fresh veggies, fruit cocktail.
Tues., March 27: Slush burgers, fries, peaches, broccoli.

Wed., March 28: Enchilada casserole, dinner roll, pineapple.
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Thurs., March 22: Corn dog, tater tots, fruit.
Fri., March 23: Pizza, veggies, fruit.
Mon., March 26: Cheeseburger, fries, fruit.
Tues., March 27: Chicken drummies, mashed potatoes, fruit.
Wed., March 28: Tacos, churros, fruit.
Lambert School
Thurs., March 22: Chicken fajitas, fresh veggies, fruit.
Fri., March 23: No school.
Mon., March 26: Grilled chicken sandwich, salad, fruit.
Tues., March 27: Pizza, chips, fruit.
Wed., March 28: Cooks choice.
Fairview School
Thurs., March 22: Burritos, spanish rice, salad with ranch, fruit, dessert.
Fri., March 23: No school.
Mon., March 26: Hamburgers, fries, green beans, fruit.
Tues., March 27: Lasagna, salad with ranch, fruit, bun.
Wed., March 28: Hot dogs, chips, peas, fruit.
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Thurs., March 22: Cheese omelet, sausage links, hash brown, fresh fruit.
Fri., March 23: Tortellini with marinara sauce, garlic breadstick, green beans, pears.
Mon., March 26: Cheeseburger, baked lays, fresh fruit, cookie.
Tues., March 27: Cheese and garlic french bread pizza, veggies with dip, mandarin oranges.
Wed., March 28: Soft beef tacos with lettuce, cheese and sour cream, tater rounds, baked cinnamon apples.
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Thurs., March 22: Chili, cheese breadstick.
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Guest Opinion

Buffalo Commons by Way of Pallid Sturgeon

By Tom Halvorson
Because I grew up as a dry land farmer, when the Buffalo Commons was proposed in 1987, it didn't take long for me to realize what was really going on. While on one side, it involved repopulating the Great Plains with buffalo, on the other side, it was a push to depopulate the Great Plains of people. That would be people like my family, church, friends, neighbors, and entire communities. What had been promised in homesteading – and earned by homesteaders and each succeeding generation – would be stolen back.

Sometimes we dry landers are not as quick as we should be to understand the situation for irrigated farmers. When the issue of the pallid sturgeon first was raised, that did not sound as connected to me as the buffalo. It took a little study to see where this really is going. Let's cut to the chase and test what the Defenders of Wildlife really want in their lawsuit against the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project.

At the least, Buffalo Commons would require farmers to leave 139,000 square miles of farm land. For the pallid sturgeon, we can save the fish using only a small spot of land to construct a nice fish bypass. For once, we have the Army Corps of Engineers working in the same direction with farmers. They want to do the right thing by the fish and by farmers. And yet, lo and behold, for the Defenders of Wildlife, that is not enough.

They argue in court that the only acceptable method is one that nobody can afford, and which is actually worse for the fish, namely, pumping. The cost of electricity and maintenance for the huge pumps required to replace the weir is too expensive for irrigators to pay. Fish are hurt by the pumping approach. There are additional environmental harms from having pumping stations. This is a dead giveaway. They just want to stop irrigation altogether. To stop irrigation is to get rid of people. The object is Buffalo Commons by way of the pallid sturgeon. The goal is human depopulation of our

4-Day School Week...

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collecting community input through Facebook and the school's postal patron. It has been found that though many are in favor of the change, there is some opposition in the survey responses.

At Savage, students are released early on Fridays already, so eliminating regular school hours on Friday should not significantly affect the amount of teaching. Staff and students alike are excited at the prospect of bringing study

hall back into play, as students in grades 7-12 would have 30 minutes that could be used for class and club meetings, reducing or even eliminating interruption to class.

Savage is also proposing an optional Friday school, where "ineligible, struggling, or students that simply want further assistance can come to the school and get more individualized instruction. This option would be available to students of all ages. Teachers and classroom aides have agreed to divide up Fridays so

area under the guise of caring about fish.

Take a look at what happens when irrigation ceases. Look at the vocations that no longer exist, the businesses that no longer can survive, and the employees who lose their jobs. Look at the out migration of people, the loss of school enrollments, and the loss of tax base by about 14 million dollars. From that loss, look at the collapse of school budgets and county budgets. Without irrigation to recharge the cities' drinking wells, people will be forced to leave. This is human depopulation, pure and simple.

People are what Defenders of Wildlife want to get rid of. This is one more reason why "We the People" must show up in Great Falls on April 19 at the court hearing on summary judgment against irrigation. Let's get on that bus and show Judge Brian Morris, the Obama appointee, the faces of the people he is being asked to get rid of.

that students can come in from 8-12 for additional instructional assistance if the students or their parents feel it would be beneficial. Furthermore, our music teacher loves the idea of having Fridays to offer music lessons to students," Tuttle said.

As Tuttle explained, "We feel there are many benefits to our students or we wouldn't be pursuing it and putting in the work that we have. Our staff feels it will give them adequate time to prepare meaningful lessons for their students. In addition, teachers will have more time to evaluate student work and plan next steps for instruction. Finally, it allows for more family time for students and staff alike."

The Savage School Board of Trustees will review community feedback to make their decision whether to implement a 4-day school week for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Russel Glaeske Named 2018 Friend of Public Health

Sidney's Russell Glaeske has been named as the recipient of the 2018 Friend of Public Health Award, for his long-time contributions to child safety as a Certified Car Seat Technician.

For the past 6 years, the Richland County Health Department has awarded a member or members of the community for extraordinary support of public health initiatives. Glaeske joins the Richland County Commissioners, Sidney Middle School Principal Kelly Johnson, the family of Janae Moore, and Door Bust'n Portable and Septic as a recipient of the award. Recipients are nominated by Department staff, community partners, or community members, and selected to receive the award by Health Department staff. Winners receive an imprinted professional binder, and their name engraved on the Friend of Public Health Award plaque, kept on the wall of the waiting room at the Health Department.

Russell has been a Certified Car Seat Technician for more than 20 years. He has rarely missed a car seat installation and education event in all those years, and never missed a chance to re-certify and learn about new child restraint technology. The award is a well-earned thank you to Russell and his wife, Karen, who often accompanied him to assist where needed. Russell was nominated by Heidi Moran, Car Seat Program Coordinator at the Health Department.

Please join the Health Department in celebrating the contributions of Russell Glaeske to child safety in Richland County with an award ceremony following a presentation by Don Smies, on Thursday, April 5th beginning at noon. Light refreshments will be provided. The presentation will take place in Conference Room 202 of the Community Services Building in Sidney.



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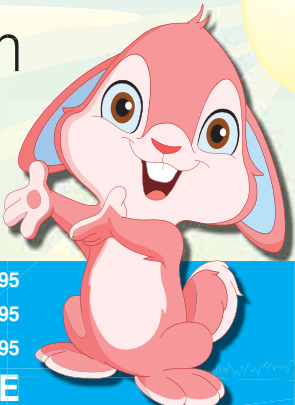
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Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, March 27, from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at St. Matthews Parish Center, 310 7th St. SE, Sidney. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are strongly recommended. To make an appointment, call Red Cross at 406-403-0956 or visit red-crossblood.org. Give blood - help save lives.

Richey Health Fair/Blood Draw

Join us Wednesday, March 28 from 7:30-10 a.m. at Richey Senior Citizen's Center for the Richey Health Fair blood draw in Richey, MT. This will be a fasting blood draw so please fast after 9 p.m. the night before. Drink lots of water and wear a short-sleeved shirt. The blood draw includes a Health Panel for \$45; PSA for \$30 or new this year, an A1C for \$30. Rolls and coffee are served for you to enjoy following your blood draw. A free will donation is appreciated. The funds from the rolls and coffee will be used for flowers at the front of the Center. The public is invited. Call 773-5694 or Dawson County Health Department at 377-5213 with any questions regarding this event.

Gymnasts Place 2nd in Grand Forks

The Sidney Gymnastics Boys Team traveled to Grand Forks, ND for the Lucky Chance 2018 Gymnastics meet on March 9th. Tayten Bright and Gradin Sukut placed 2nd as a team. Go to roundupweb.com for more results. Pictured (L-R) Gradin Sukut and Tayten Bright. (Photo submitted)

FT. Buford/MYCIC Easter Egg Hunt

The public is invited to the FT. Buford/MYCIC Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 24, at 1p.m. CT. This free event is for children ages 10 and under and will include door prizes. Eight thousand eggs will be distributed around the Confluence in different age brackets. Bring your camera, the Easter Bunny is supposed to make a surprise visit. A hot dog lunch will be available for purchase.

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