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Warrior Basketball over for the 17-18 Savage school year

By Emily Reynolds

Savage's basketball season has come to a close, and while both the boys' and girls' teams are wishing they had made it to state, there is a lot for both teams to be proud of.

The Girls' team captured the District 2C Championship in mid-February. They bested Fairview in their tournament opener, won a hard-fought game with Froid/Medicine Lake in the semifinals, and then outlasted Plentywood in a back and forth game for the tournament championship.

At Divisionals in Wolf Point, the girls once again topped Fairview, setting up a rematch with Froid. Savage could not repeat their victory from a week earlier, losing another tough battle to the Redhawks. Savage then lost a close game with MonDak in consolation, bringing to end a 20-4 season.

The boys also made it to divisionals. During the district tournament in Sidney, they won their first game against Richey/Lambert. They lost the next game to Fairview, but came back the next day to defeat Froid/Medicine Lake to punch their ticket to Wolf Point.

At the Divisional Tournament, Savage lost their opener to Saco-Whitewater-Hinsdale. In that game, senior Tanner Lien suffered a sprained ankle. This caused him to miss out on the first half of the consolation bracket game against

Froid/Medicine Lake. In that game, a spirited comeback for the Warriors fell short, ending the season for the boys.

Though the season has ended, there was still a lot to be proud of for both teams. "We won districts, and that was pretty fun. We played team ball the whole year. I wouldn't have wanted to spend my senior year playing with anyone else," said Brynn Salisbury.

"We had a fun season," said senior Nick Moore. "We really came together as a team and had great chemistry."

The boys' team graduates three players, all starters: Owen Nelson, Nick Moore, and Tanner Lien. The girls' also graduate three players: Brynn Salisbury, Ashlind Conradsen, and Jordan Romero.



The boys' basketball team poses with the District 2C 3rd Place Trophy. Pictured, left to right, are Sawyer Thiel, Nick Moore, Gage Bloesser, Tanner Lien, Owen Nelson, Sloan McPherson, Logan Nelson, Caesn Erickson, Head Coach James Kessel, Gentry Conradsen, and Landen Reynolds.



The girls' basketball team poses with the District Championship Trophy after their victory of Plentywood. Back row: Assistant Coach Kola Miller, Jordan Romero, Soda Rice, Tyler Lien, Brynn Salisbury, Hailey Conradsen, Kianna Miller, Reghan Prevost, Head Coach Henry Huber. Front row: Kayla Nelson, Alexia Papka, Ashlind Conradsen, Taryn Hagler, Shayanne Castro.



The senior basketball players and their parents are honored on senior night.

Superintendent Message

By Lynne Peterson

Dear Savage,

Winter has kept all of us close to home and hard at work in school. As I walk around the building, I see industrious students working on all types of projects. Mr. Huber's classes are participating in their own Winter Olympics and some have investigated the history of these world-wide games. Kindergarten through second grade students are researching their family trees while third graders are writing their stories of Savage. Spoiler Alert! Some of these activities are part of the May Extravaganza that will highlight our community. Miss Moos' high school art classes are creating jewelry based on the art nouveau and deco eras. Miss Tuttle's class has been learning about World War I and how the fallen soldiers are honored by the remembrance poppy. At first glance, it appears that March will be a less hectic month for us until we take a closer look. Math students (25 in all) are preparing for the MCTM math competition in Sidney on March 6th. Mr. Chausse' and Mr. Hoffmann are excited about the Missoula Children's Theater program that will be starting the week of March 12th. Golf and track begin on the 12th (maybe the weather will be kinder at that time). High School Academic Olympics are to be on the 14th in Glasgow.

Our students are busy! Please stop by to visit and see them in action.



Policy of the Month

By Lynne Peterson

We are so lucky to have active students whose interests extend beyond the classroom. They also want to show their support at Savage School extra-curricular events which can lead to missing school. The student handbook outlines how to approach these absences.

School-related Absences

This type of absence is only for the students participating in the event.

These absences will not mandate a grade reduction and will not be counted as one of the (8) permissible absences. These will be recorded as an S in Powerschool.

Make up Work

Students will be given one (1) make up day for every day absent, if excused, to make up for missed work due to absences in that period. Make up work is the responsibility of the students, not the teacher. Tests and quizzes announced before the absence will be taken on the day that the student returns to school.

Please make certain your child has a written note signed by you or a guardian stating the reason for the absence upon returning to school. The school reserves the right to rule upon the validity of each excuse, subject to the guidelines set forth in this policy.

Dates to Know

- March 1-3 - Boys State Basketball @ Butte
- March 5th- Superintendent interview at 6:00 pm
Negotiations at 7:00 pm
- March 8-10 - Girls State Basketball @ Butte
- March 13 - Quarter 3 Ends
- March 14 - Preschool Screening
- March 20 - ACT Testing
Poetry Speaker @ 10:30
- March 22 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- March 26- Board Meeting
- March 29 - Possible Snow Day
- March 30 - No School - Spring Break

Contact info

If there is anything you would like included in the newsletter please contact the Staff of the Tomahawk Times at newsletter@savagepublicschool.com.
Thank you.

You can expect to see the April newsletter Wednesday, March 28!

In conjunction with preschool screening on March 14th, we will be holding preschool and Kindergarten registration Please bring a birth certificate and immunizations
SEE YOU THERE!!!

Spelling Bee

By Emily Reynolds

1st Grade- Eeden Hindes, Finley Verhasselt, Cailyn Carter

2nd Grade- Jaxcen Sanders, Madycen Sanders, Zachary Vojacek

3rd Grade- Adden Erickson, Matilda Verhasselt, Mylee Reuter

4th Grade- Miley Pilgeram, Braxton Shaw, Tytus Carter

5th Grade- Zane Pilgeram, Faith Reed, Hunter Sanders

6th Grade- Cade Tombre, Jaidyn Alvstad

Congrats to the four students that that were top placers.

Tytus Carter- 8th place

Jaxcen Sanders- 5th place

Finley Verhasselt- 4th Place

Faith Reed- 3rd Place



Above: Faith Reed is Savage Public School's only top placer in the annual Spelling Bee taking 3rd place. Right: The SHS music program's newly received percussion instruments.

SHS Receives Grant for New Band Instruments

By Daniel Chausse'

Last month Savage Public School, with the help of the Music Sponsors, was able to purchase a brand new set of Orff instruments and drums for the Elementary general music program! In case you don't know, Orff instruments are basically miniature xylophones that can be made from metal or wood.

These instruments are a tremendous addition to the school, and a very exciting opportunity for the little ones.

These new instruments give a tactile approach to teaching music, which helps students connect complex concepts like pitch, rhythm, note duration, and sound production, all while making beautiful music. The curriculum I am using has dozens of songs for each grade level that use these instruments, so I am glad to be able to use it to its full potential!

The drums are very colorful and the perfect size for children to use, and they get so excited every time I bring them over! Thanks to the school and our Music Sponsors for this enriching experience that I can share with the students!



Science + Math

Science and Math Exploration for Middle School Girls

The 25th annual expanding your horizons in Science and Mathematics (EYH) Conference will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018, 8:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. at Montana State University in Bozeman. The focus of this workshop is to encourage young women in grades 6-8 to explore a variety of math and science related professions through fun and creative hands-on workshops. Conference registration will open March 13, 2018 and cost is just \$30.00 which includes lunch and supplies. Space is limited to 240 participants and is determined on a first-come basis. Register Early!

Registration forms will be sent to the schools the beginning of March. Students may also learn more about the conference at <http://eu.montana.edu/ContinuigEd/youth/>. And registration forms will be available online after March 13.

For further information or questions contact EYN Program Manager Nicole Soll at (406) 994-6633 or nicole.soll1@montana.edu.

March Menus

<u>Date</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
March 1	Breakfast Burrito/Salsa, & Fruit	Spaghetti Weiner Casserole Hot Dish
March 2	Yogurt Bar, Muffins, & Fruit	French Dip, Mashed Potatoes, & Corn
March 5	Cereal, Toast, Fruit, & Juice	Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, & Coleslaw
March 6	Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Fruit, & Toast	Chicken Ala King, Corn, & Fruit
March 7	Cereal, Toast, Fruit, & Juice	Chili, Caramel Rolls, & Pineapple
March 8	French Toast, Sausage, & Fruit	Chicken Wings, & Fries
March 9	Cinnamon Roll, & Fruit	Pizza, Salad, Carrots, & Apricots
March 12	Cereal, Toast, Fruit & Juice	Sloppy Joes & Fries
March 13	Biscuits & Gravy	Chicken Alfredo & Broccoli/Peas
March 14	Cereal, Toast, & Fruit	Nachos, Refried Beans & Vegetables
March 15	Coffee Cake & Yogurt	Baked Potato Bar & Applesauce
March 16	Pancakes & Bacon	Chicken Patty & Fries
March 19	Cereal, Toast & Fruit	Chicken Strips, & Mashed Potatoes
March 20	Breakfast Pizza & Fruit	Italian Bake & Green Beans
March 21	Cereal, Toast & Fruit	Tacos & Refried Beans
March 22	Waffles, Sausage, & Fruit	Corn Dogs & Fries
March 23	Bagels, Ham, & Fruit	Macaroni Hot Dish & Peas
March 26	Cereal & Toast	Mini Corn Dogs & Fries
March 27	French Toast Sticks & Sausage	Easter Dinner
March 28	Cereal, Toast, & Fruit	Chicken Tacos & Refried Beans
March 29	Mini Donuts & Yogurt	Sub. Sandwiches & Soup
March 30	No School	No School

Missoula Children's Theatre

By Emily Reynolds

Missoula Children's Theater will once again be in Savage. The 'Little Red Truck' will pull into town the week of March 12. This year's show will be Robin Hood. Auditions will be held for all interested Savage students on March 12 at 2:30.

Students participating in the play may have up to two rehearsals per day, one from 2:30 to 4:30 and another from 5:00 to 7:00. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be given out after auditions on Monday.

Because Missoula Children's Theater is only a week long event, it is necessary that students that take part in the play be able to attend all rehearsals as well as both performances.

Performances will be held in the auditorium on Friday, March 16. A matinee will be held at 1:00, with an evening performance held at 7:00. General admission tickets are \$5,00 while students and seniors get in for \$3.00.

The Sophomore class will be holding a free-will feed before the 7:00 p.m. showing of Robin Hood.

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Coaches Corner

By Alex Couture

Brady Reuter is our featured coach this month. When interviewed about how the elementary basketball season had been going, here is what he had to say.

Q: How long have you been coaching?

A: This was my 4th year coaching the Jr. High/Elementary Basketball in Savage.

Q: What is one lesson you would like to leave with these boys?

A: You have to practice at home if you want to be good. Basketball practice at school is not enough.

Q: What was your season record?

A: We won one game!!!

Q: What is one improvement you made as a team?

A: I feel as though we improved in a lot of ways dribbling, passing, boxing out, and recognizing screens and rolls and running it!

Q: Who really stepped up this year?

A: During practice, I always look for a kid who helps and kinda takes over being the leader. That kid this year was Cade Tombre.

Q: What is your favorite memory from this season?

A: Probably the night of practice when the boys really seemed to figure out boxing out... I love it when things start to click with athletes.

Q: How do you think this year went?

A: I think it went very well.

To the right: Students ignite the boxes to start the bonfire.

Warrior Fans prepare athletes for divisionals with a pep rally and bonfire.

By Emily Reynolds



Top: Lenard Odenbach, 95, decked out in his Warrior gear at the pep rally.

Bottom: The Men and Women's Basketball teams looking fabulous after doing each other's hair and makeup.



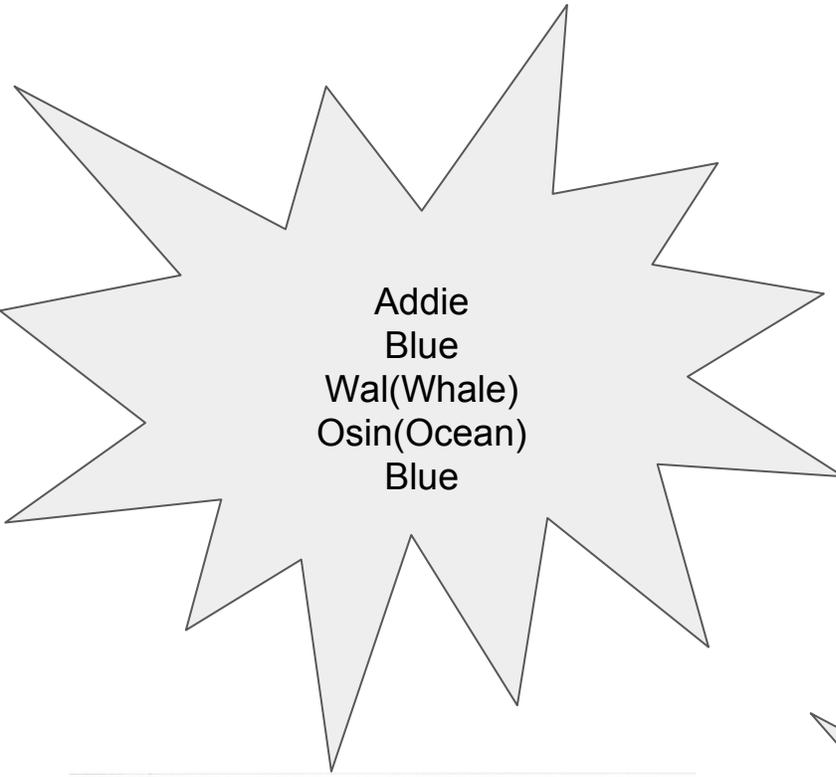
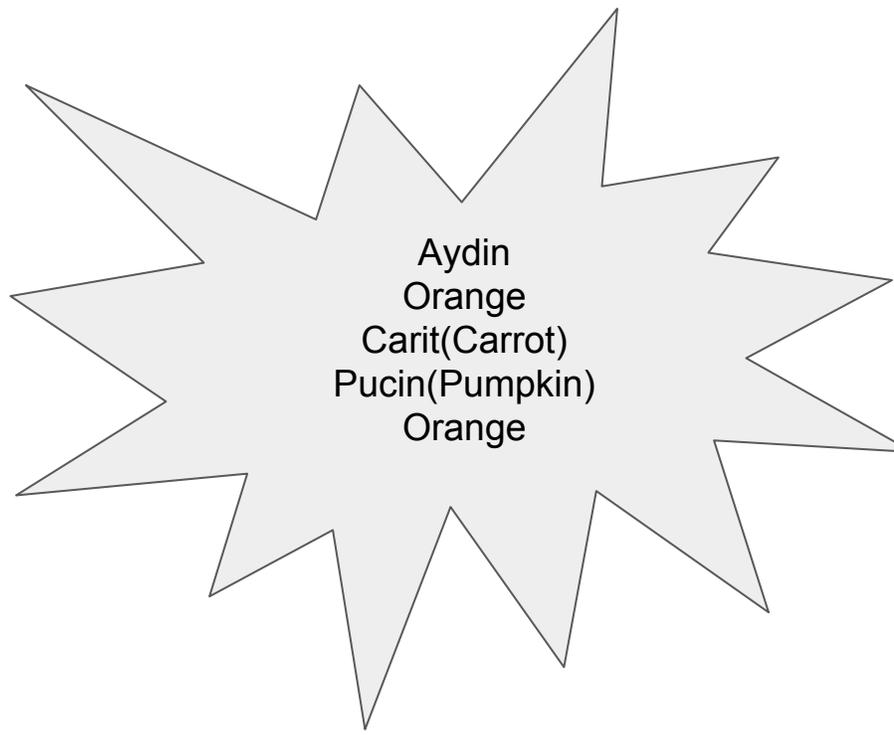
Teacher's Corner

By Jill Verhastel

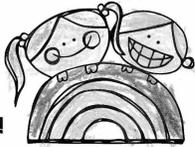
My Rainbow Rhyme
By Aydin
My favorite color of the rainbow is orange.
It's the color of carit you see.
And the color of pucin. Yippee!
More than the rest,
I like orange the best!



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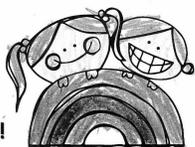


My Rainbow Rhyme
By Addie
My favorite color of the rainbow is blue.
It's the color of Wal you see.
And the color of osin. Yippee!
More than the rest,
I like blue the best!



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My Rainbow Rhyme
By Alejandro
My favorite color of the rainbow is green.
It's the color of alugadr you see.
And the color of lef. Yippee!
More than the rest,
I like green the best!



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My Rainbow Rhyme
 By EZZI
 My favorite color of the rainbow is PURPLE.
 It's the color of GRPS you see.
 And the color of FLWZ Yippee!
 More than the rest,
 I like PURPLE the best!



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Ezzi
 Purple
 Grps(Grapes)
 Flwz(Flowers)
 Purple

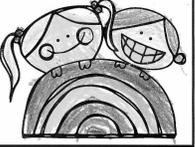
Nakona
 Blue
 Barey(Berry)
 Wotr (Water)
 Blue

My Rainbow Rhyme
 By Nakona
 My favorite color of the rainbow is blue.
 It's the color of bluey you see.
 And the color of Wotr Yippee!
 More than the rest,
 I like blue the best!



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My Rainbow Rhyme
 By Brinley
 My favorite color of the rainbow is purple.
 It's the color of hepo you see.
 And the color of graps Yippee!
 More than the rest,
 I like purple the best!

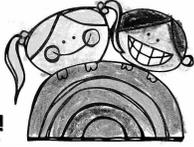


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Brinley
 Purple
 Hepo(Hippo)
 Graps(Grapes)
 Purple

Summer
 Red
 Apls(Apples)
 Cherese(Cherries)
 Red

My Rainbow Rhyme
 By Summer
 My favorite color of the rainbow is red.
 It's the color of apls you see.
 And the color of cherese Yippee!
 More than the rest,
 I like red the best!



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Teacher's Corner with Mr. Shannon

By Emily Reynolds

Adden- I was born in a hospital 3 days later my mom and dad allowed me to move in. I live in the beautiful country in the middle of Savage and Crane. Most of my family lives out in the country.

Q: What is your favorite thing about living in Savage?

A: I like that you get to know everyone in the town and at school.

Kimi- My family and I moved to Savage to be close to family. My grandma was and that is why we wanted to be close. She could not travel to the hospital, so she stayed home. I spent a long time with her, as much as I could. I was scared to start a new part of my life in a new town.

Q: What is your favorite thing about living in Savage?

A: It is a small town so it is harder to get lost.

Brooke- I think Savage is pretty big. I think that because we have a lot of people that can work. The Agate Shop in Savage runs and it sells a lot of beautiful rocks. The meat shop is a business that will sell you very good meat. We have a beet shop that sells very good sugar beets. In Savage we have a fire department that will put out your fire. We have a business called Valley Garage where he will fix up your car as fast as he can. If you want to go somewhere to eat the best place is the bar. The post office is a place in Savage that you can get your mail.

Q: What is your favorite business in Savage?

A: I like the coal mine because that is where my mom works.

Amya- I don't go to Sidney because it is too far away. I go to Savage because it is so far away. I go to Savage because it's closer to where I live and because I like it here. Also because it's the one my grandparents chose for me.

Q: Why do you like going to school in Savage?

A: It is small and I can get to know my classmates.

Kyler- We have this shop called Valley Garage where Gary Nelson works on monster truck tires to itty bitty car tires and semis to pickups to cars and dirt bikes. The post office is a medium size place made of brick where people pick up and drop off their mail. The bar has very good food, but don't forget my mom's food cart the highway 16 cafe has the best food. Savage also has other lace like the agate shop where you can look or buy super cool rocks. My favorite the beet dump. The beet dump is ALWAYS busy in October because all the beets are ready to be harvested. In the spring you go down to the fertilizer plant. To get the flotter to come to your field.

Q: What is your favorite business in Savage?

A: I like the beet dump, my dad, Karsten, and me go and dig beets and take them there.

Matilda- I was born August 1st of 2009 in Billings, a few days later I got to leave the hospital. About two years later my sister was born, her name Finley. A few days before, my dad found a job in Sidney and was going to work there. So we moved to Sidney and lived with some of my relatives. Three months later my mom started teaching second and third at Savage. Then we moved to my mom's parent's house.

Q: Why do you like living in Savage?

A; It is safe and you pretty much know everybody. It is also nice to be close to my family.

Preston- I chose to go to school in Savage because I like how small it is. You can get to know all the kids and teachers. I like how everyone is really nice and friendly at Savage.

Q: Why do you like attending school in Savage?

A; I like how everyone is friendly and you are able to get to know the kids and teachers. Everyone is just so nice.

Boaz- There are a lot of businesses in Savage. One of those businesses are the Bar. The bar is useful because it sells food and drinks. Valley Garage repairs broken vehicles. You can buy all kinds of meat at Craigs. Valley Fuel sell gas and groceries. Darcy Kessel gives massages.

Q: What is your favorite business in Savage?

A: My favorite is the bar, I like to go there with my dad.

Ava-I was born in Glendive, MT, my mom and dad brought me to Savage. I live in the beautiful country ten miles from Savage. Where I live you can smell the sugar beets after it rains in October-November.

Q: What is your favorite thing about living in Savage?

A; I like to be able to live on a farm and smell the sugar beets.

Mylee- Savage has buildings, short buildings. Savage has a tiny store, the store has a gas station with lots of goodies. Savage also has a post office. The post office is little but tinier than the store. By the post office is Gary's Garage, he will fix a boat, car, pick up, motorcycle, engine, or snowmobile. In Savage we have a big school, that's where I go to school. The school has a huge football field. The school has a playground. The playground has a slide, swings, a jungle gym, walk wall, and one pair of monkey bars. Another business is the agate shop, the agate shop has big and little agates the agates are shiny and all the colors of the rainbow, in the olden days the agate shop was a restaurant ,and by the agate shop there is a coffee shop that doesn't work. The firestation has a big red shiny firetruck. The fire truck takes the firefighters to the fire and the firefighters have all the gadgets to fight the fire on the fire truck. The fire truck takes the firefighters to the fire and the firefighters have all the gadgets to fight the fire on the fire truck. The firetruck has a ladder, hose, helmets, and a smacker wacker. The bar is where you eat pizza and play

Video games. The bar is really old.... Across from the bar is a small park with trees for the background. The park also has a eating place that has a roof so if it rains the people under the roof do not get wet under the roo there are three to 5 long tables!

Q: What is your favorite business in Savage?

A: I like the fire station, my dad works there and they save people.

Emma- There are five businesses in my hometown Savage. The busiest business is the gas station. The gas station is full of yummy candy. Another business is the Valley Garage where Gary can fix any automobile you can think of. I also know Craig's Meats where my grandpa works. We also have a fire department where firefighters are to the rescue. We, as well, have Burns Creek Inn where you can have pizza. When you leave Savage you will see the agate shop. You can buy an agate but it will cost you lots of money. We also have the postal service where you can get your mail. We have the First Lutheran Church where you can honor God. We also have the sunrise manor. WE also have Saint Michael's Catholic Church, and Prairie Electric. We also have Horizon Resources.

Q: What is your favorite business in Savage?

A; I like the First Lutheran Church because you can honor God there.

Karlee- I was born in Sidney, Montana, my parents lived in Savage wit my sister Aspen. I just moved into a new house. Q:What is your favorite thing about living in Savage?

A: I like how it is small and I can walk to the park or even to my mom's work.

Help Wanted

Savage School is looking for a person to fill the Head Custodian position. The successful candidate will be responsible for maintenance of the following:

- 1.Cleaning with the help of an Assistant Custodian.
2. Maintain building and grounds.
3. Have or train for required water testing, can be done following employment.
4. Have or train for required boiler's license, can be done following employment.
5. Train for heating system monitoring, done following employment.
6. Light extracurricular custodial work. Benefits include full medical insurance, vision and dental and Public Employee Retirement. Salary and work schedule will be discussed at the interview.

Savage School is also looking to fill an Assistant Custodian position. The successful candidate will be responsible for the following:

1. General and deep cleaning.
2. Painting.
3. Window cleaning.
4. Some grounds keeping.
5. Light extracurricular custodial work. Benefits include full medical insurance, vision and dental and Public Employee Retirement. Salary and work schedule will be discussed at the interview.

if you are interested in applying for either of these positions, please send a letter of interest, a resume and 2 to 3 letters of reference to Lynne Peterson, PO Box 110, Savage MT 59262 or email to superintendent@savagepublicschool.com.

For more information, call 776-2317. The position is open until filled.

Valley Garage...A Part of Savage History

By Linda Nelson

Back in the days of the wild, wild west Congress granted to the Northern Pacific Railroad "ownership" of much of the land in what is now eastern Montana. Grover Cleveland was president of the USA when this transaction took place Jan. 15, 1896. This ownership and development of the railroad lines was in place through the early 1900s when some of the property was sold to a development company which in turn surveyed and sold off parcels of land in what would become the town of Savage.

The current site of Valley Garage was owned by Bruce and Maud Skinner and housed a blacksmith shop. After numerous financial struggles the Skinner's property was foreclosed on and sold at a sheriff's auction June 8, 1926.

The property was bought by Gus and Grace Prigan. The business was called Prigan's Garage for a few years before it became known as the Valley Garage. It was a repair shop, a General Motors dealership and sold gas and oil. There was a legal agreement between Valley Garage and Standard Oil to the terms of one cent per gallon on all gasoline sold. These terms were in effect several years.

Grace and Gus Prigan sold the business in 1944 to their son Elwood for the sum of \$1.00. Elwood owned and operated the Valley Garage through the late 1970s. Besides being known to be a very competent mechanic, Elwood was also known to keep a very clean shop. The "very clean" part changed in 1977 when Dennis Scheetz and Gary Nelson bought the property and business from Elwood and Alice Prigan.

These new owners brought with them years of mechanical experience including automotive, truck and implement repair knowledge. Business flourished supported faithfully by the Savage community. In 1985, ownership changed again when Gary and Linda Nelson bought out Dennis and Kathy Scheetz's interest in the business.

The corner of town where the Valley Garage is located has seen a lot of action through the years. There have been ups and downs (we tried selling candy bars but Gary ate them faster than they could be sold...) and many adaptations. Computer technology has introduced many new issues. An engine now has several computers as part of its working "brain"; vehicles are equipped with many more electronics than in past models. These changes have required a different set of tools and continuing education to stay competent as a mechanic. Technology has also affected "looking up" parts specific to a vehicle. The shop manuals and part books that represent quite an investment, now sit on the shelves collecting dust. Instead of turning pages, computer keys are now pushed to find and order the necessary repair parts.

Many things have changed through the years and the mechanic has slowed down at the Valley Garage, but the constant is the folks coming through our door are good people. Thanks for the memories!



Here stands Owen Nelson, Gary and Linda's grandson, in front of Valley Garage where he has worked every summer since 3rd grade.

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Here to serve you!

A Message from SHS's Counselor

By Sarah Tuttle

In today's society, a topic on everyone's mind is bullying. It is an incredibly unfortunate fact of life that people can be mean. Adults and children alike have the capacity to be downright nasty to each other. However, when does a mean comment become more than just that? When do unkind words escalate into bullying?

Children sometimes lack the "filter" to know when honesty is not the best policy. I have held many a tearful conversation with a child when they swear that hurting another person's feelings was not their intention. Their tear stained, guilt ridden faces showcase the innocence and remorse sometimes found exclusively in their naive hearts. In contrast, I have also held conversations where children will lie in order to avoid self-implication. This is not a trait exclusive to children, as I believe there are not many people in this world who truly enjoy being in trouble.

As a counselor, I take pride in teaching kindness above all else. It's okay to disagree with someone, but it's not okay to do so in a heartless and rude manner. Yet, we as humans are imperfect. It is an inevitable fact that children, teens, and adults are going to mess up. In today's society, those "mess ups" can have serious implications.

By definition, bullying is the **repetitious** act of causing physical, emotional, or psychological harm to another person with the sole purpose of causing them pain, either physical or emotional. It is a purposeful act that is consistently repeated with the intention of causing harm to another.

A mean comment, while still unacceptable, said in the heat of an argument does not fit the definition of bullying. Behavior enacted in retaliation, while again unacceptable, does not fit the definition of bullying alone. For example, if your child is repeatedly, day after day, hit by another student for the sole purpose of hurting them, and your child has done nothing to the other student, that would be bullying. If your child is repeatedly, day after day, teased or called names for the sole purpose of causing them emotional distress that is bullying. It is not an isolated incident. It is repeated offenses in which your child has done nothing to elicit the repeated negative behavior.

Our world today seems to approach the idea of bullying hypocritically at times. Don't say anything mean to my child or I will throw the metaphoric "Bullying Book" at you. Yet people sit behind a computer screen commenting on others appearances, opinions, actions, etc. Take the time to read through the comments on political posts or personal attacks on Facebook. Take the time to read the comments attached to a Yahoo article. You will quickly learn that bullying is not exclusive to our schools, our playgrounds, or our classrooms.

As a society, I fear we are teaching our children that any time someone says something that offends you or that you disagree with, you are being bullied. This is not the case. I fear that this attitude will result in a generation of children that lack the resilience to understand that sometimes things are going to offend you or hurt your feelings. It is one of the more unfortunate facts of life that we cannot and should not always shield our children from.

So what can we do? What is the answer?

As educators, we attempt to teach our students what it means to be kind, what it means to be a good friend, what it means to take responsibility for your own actions. However, we cannot do it alone. We are not all knowing, all seeing, omniscient beings. If you feel your child is being bullied, you need to contact school personnel in an appropriate manner. We cannot handle the issue if we know nothing about it. We cannot be everywhere, attuned to every child, every second of every day. We have all signed on to this profession not only to educate children, but also ensure their safety and well-being while they are in our care. This not only includes their physical well-being, but also their emotional. So if your child is upset by something that happens in school, encourage them to tell an adult at the school. If we don't know about the problem, how can we work to resolve it? Encourage them to reflect on their own behavior in a conflict. Did they do something that could have upset another child? Contact your child's teacher, the principal, the school counselor, or any trusted adult at the school if you fear there is bullying going on. I can say without a doubt that we all take bullying very seriously. However, if it goes unreported to us, there is little we can do to help resolve the situation.

At Savage School, we work tirelessly to create a safe, welcoming environment for our students. Please help us maintain this by reporting misconduct or perceived bullying to the appropriate school officials in an appropriate manner.

Q&A on 4-Day School Week

Q: What do you think about a 4-day school week being implemented into Savage School?

A:

- Nick Moore (Senior) - It's good. I love it. When I was in my last high school, Roberts, I only had 4 days of school a week. The extra day allowed me to get my homework done on time, so I could ski the rest of the weekend.
- Gentry Conradsen (Freshman) - I'd like it. It would give us more time to get homework done on the weekends, and it would definitely help with our sports schedule.
- Sawyer Thiel (Junior) - I think it's a good idea. Kids get more free time for sports. Students and teachers can schedule appointments during that Friday.
- Ms. Moos (Art Teacher) - I'm for it. It would benefit the students more because of sports schedules.

Q: Would you rather have a 4-day school week or 5-day school week at Savage School and why?

A:

- Nick Moore (Senior) - 4-day school week. It allows for more free time to be an individual. I get to eat my own lunch on game day, too.
- Gentry Conradsen (Freshman) - 4-day. I would like more free time on the weekends.
- Sawyer Thiel (Junior) - 4-day for sure. Fridays are usually wasted here at Savage. There's always activities that get in the way of the Friday schedule.
- Ms. Moos (Art Teacher) - Either one works for me. The 4-day week would be more beneficial to those who have to drive to school from out of town. Since a lot teachers and students live out of town, I'd say the 4-day.

Board hears discussion on 4-day school week

By Alan Hoffmann

The Savage School Board held a discussion at their February board meeting about the possibility of going to a four-day week. The discussion was highlighted by a presentation made by fifth and sixth grade teacher, Sarah Tuttle, and featured input from several community members.

No decision has been made about going to a four-day week, as the board would like to know how all stakeholders feel about the proposal.

Tuttle's presentation highlighted possibilities of what going to a four-day week would mean for students. She pushed back against the complaint that Savage students would be missing out on school. She noted that under the proposal, students K-3 would be in school 200 to 300 hours more than required by the State of Montana. Grades 4-12 would be in school for approximately 20 hours over the requirement.

According to the presentation, while the impact of a four-day week has been studied, most of the information is anecdotal. Tuttle says it can be hard to quantify student success and find a cause for said success, because there are so many factors and variables that go into deciding that. However, she noted that most studies find that there is little to no change in student performance.

Schools also find a marginal savings in the plan, but Tuttle said, "We are not advocating for this because it would save money. We are advocating for this because we feel it is the best thing for our students at this time."

At a recent Savage Educators Association meeting, union members voted unanimously in favor of a four-day week.

Tuttle and other teachers believe that this will allow for students to spend more time in the classroom. Students would no longer miss school for travel to road games on Fridays. Field trips could be held on Fridays. Additionally, more parents could schedule appointments for their children on Fridays, lessening their child's absences.

Additionally, teachers feel that having Fridays off would be beneficial for them to get caught up on grading and give them more time to plan engaging lessons.

Concerns were raised about what a four-day week would do for students that already struggle in school, and if having a longer weekend would be a detrimental to those students. People also had questions about students' abilities to remain alert through a longer school day.

In a survey of about fifty families that have children in the school, other parents had concerns over finding childcare on Fridays.

Tuttle said in her presentation that other schools in the area that have a four-day week, such as Fairview and Circle, had offered a Friday school program for parents that could not find day care, but the need for such things tapered off to the point of those schools no longer offering it. Under Savage's proposal, Friday school from 8:00-12:00 would be offered for students to go and catch up on work.

The school board wanted more information from the community. The survey that went out only went to about fifty families. In this postal patron, there is a survey asking the community as a whole as to their thoughts on the survey. The school asks that you fill out the survey and either mail it back or drop it off at the school.

Election News

By Emily Reynolds

Savage School will be gearing up for the School Election to be held on May 8th, 2018 from 12:00 Noon until 8:00 p.m. in the Gym Lobby... There are two three-year term trustee positions open. Shawn Conradsen's and Charlene Jonsson's terms are up this year.

If you are interested in becoming a school board trustee, you must be a registered voter and live in the school district. You must be willing to go to board trainings, attend regular and special meetings and be willing to make some difficult decisions for the benefit of our students and the district.

If you are interested in filing for one of the trustee positions, you may pick up a Declaration of Intent for Candidacy at the Clerk's office at Savage School. The Secretary will be able to provide a form if the Clerk is unavailable. You no longer need signatures just the Declaration of Intent. You will need to sign your form in front of the Clerk or her deputy, the Secretary, or if you mail it in front of a Notary Public. The deadline for declaring your intent to run is March 29th, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.



If you are not registered to vote, voter registration closes on April 9th, 2018. You will be able to late register up to noon on May 7th, 2018 and then again on May 8th, 2018 but then need to provide proof from the Clerk and Recorder's Office that you have registered. It is best to get it done as soon as possible. It is important for everyone to vote their opinion for the benefit of all our students. Also make sure if you have moved to change your address at the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Absentee ballots will be available on April 19th, 2018. If you would like to vote absentee, please come to the Clerk's office for an application for a ballot. Absentee ballots will be available until noon on May 7th, 2018.

If you have any questions, please call the Clerk at 776-2317, ext.217.

Thank you,
Diana Miller, District Clerk

Preschool Screening to be held

Prairie View Special Services in cooperation with your school district provides this clinic free of charge for preschool children ages 0-5.

Screening

- Birth through 3 years-development, wellness & hearing.
- 3 Years through 5 years 11 months- fine and Gross Motor Development, Cognitive Development (thinking Reasoning and overall readiness), Speech & language development, hearing and Vision.
- Screening provided by trained professionals- speech/language pathologist, audiologist, special education teacher, your school and PVSS staff.

Appointments

- Appointments are necessary. Please call your school at 776-2317 to schedule

Who

- ALL preschool children under the age of 6 who live in Savage school district.

When

- Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Where

- Savage School Gym 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For Appts call 406-776-2317

4-H International Program

I am the coordinator for the 4-H International programs at MSU in Bozeman and we are looking for host families for 25 Japanese students and 3 chaperones this summer.

Learn about another culture when you host a student from Japan this summer. Students stay in Montana for one month to experience what it is like to live with an American family. Program dates are July 22-August 17, 2018 and delegates range in age from 12-16.

Families with children who are within 2-3 years and the same gender as the person they host are encouraged to apply. To apply, contact Stephanie Davison at sdavison@montana.edu or 406-994-3502 or go to <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>. Stephanie Davison
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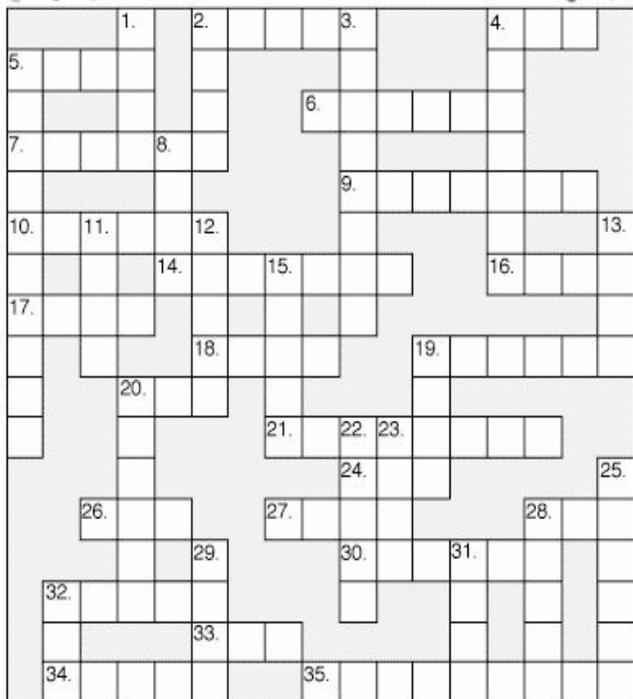
HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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 MUSIC
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 PADDY
 SHAMROCK
 PARADE
 FOOD
 POEMS
 CARDS

CELEBRATIONS
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Crossword



- Down**
- Body covering?
 - Heal
 - 3 leaved clover
 - St. Patrick was a missionary there
 - Mystical being
 - Short form for corporal
 - Actor's part
 - _____ Patrick
 - X marks the _____
 - Peels of fruits
 - Layer
 - Procession or march
 - To arrive at a final destination
 - Walkway
 - Wrist or ankle injury
 - Household task
 - Measurement
 - Destroy
 - Valuable stone

- Across**
- Loose change
 - Pens need this
 - Good _____
 - Conditional release
 - King's son
 - Let go
 - Mistakes
 - Saint _____
 - Let fall, rain _____
 - Give aid
 - Number less than 10
 - Leprechaun's head wear
 - _____ of gold
 - St. Patrick rid Ireland of these
 - Hearing organ
 - Opposite of good
 - One of the food groups
 - Drink container
 - God's house
 - St. Patrick's Day colour
 - Feline
 - St. Patrick's month
 - St. Patrick's day #



St. Patrick's Day - Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to find the words.



- geenr _____
- rsamokhc _____
- obwrian _____
- kyclu _____
- lgod _____
- ckPtrai _____
- jgi _____
- arMch _____
- lpcuanhere _____
- prah _____
- rcolve _____
- uDbnil _____
- emeldar _____



Are you in favor of Savage Public School changing their schedule to a four day school week?

YES

NO

NO OPINION

Comments: _____

If you choose not to return this survey, we will just assume you are in the NO OPINION category.



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