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DAKOTA RECREATION REPORT



BY PATRICIA STOCKDILL

Outdoor Notes:

•Spring turkey applications now available. Go online to (gf.nd.gov) to apply.

•All equipment such as game cameras and tree stands, etc. must be removed from all N. D. Game & Fish Dept. WMAs.

•Check on ice houses occasionally to make certain they haven't iced in after warming weather.

•Be mindful of parking when accessing area lakes; not blocking roadways or snow removal operations.

•Reminder that it's illegal to chase, harass, or pursue any wildlife species with motorized vehicle.

•Ice is never completely safe. Avoid areas with vegetation, moving water, pressure ridges, and springs. Check conditions as you go along on the ice and don't move around at night.

•Feb. 4: Full Snow Moon Candlelight Hike, Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison beginning at 6 p.m. to hike, cross-country, or snow-shoe. Meet at the Visitor Center. Contact the park, (701) 337-5576, for details.

•Feb. 4: Dakota Pheasants Forever banquet, Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center, 5 p.m.

•Feb. 11: Northern Badlands Mule Deer Foundation banquet, Baymont Inn, Mandan, 5 p.m.

Tournaments:

•Feb. 11: Lake Sakakawea; Van Hook Arm.

Fishing:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, Jan. 30: 1,828.11 feet above mean sea level; 23,800 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Missouri River gauge height, Stanton: River stage, 13.21 feet.

Missouri River gauge height, Washburn: River stage, 11.23 feet.

•N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Lake Audubon producing a few walleye but anglers working deep water should plan to keep their catches. Travel on area lakes slowly improving but continues to be rough with lots of snow yet. No reports from Lake Sakakawea.

•Lakes Audubon & Sakakawea, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: East end of Lake Sakakawea and Lake Audubon spotty for walleye. Move around on both lakes to locate fish, including from the bays to the main lakes.

•Lakes Audubon & Sakakawea, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Centennial Bay on the east end of Lake Sakakawea producing some nice-sized walleye but generally both Lake Sakakawea and Lake Audubon are spotty for walleye success.

*Lake Sakakawea, New Town: Van Hook Arm and river area around New Town remain slow for walleye.

•Missouri River, Enerbase of Washburn: A few anglers continue working Lake Audubon but no reports on success with wind and cold temperatures generally slowing angler numbers.

•Missouri River System, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Wolf Creek on Lake Sakakawea producing a mix of pike and walleye with best success in the morning and evening in low light hours.

Limited activity on the Missouri River tailrace.

•McLean Co. area lakes, Cenex of Wilton: Some activity on New Johns Lake, Lake Audubon, and Nelson Lake with anglers using a mix of wax worms and minnows. Try smelt for pike. Downhill skiing (conditions can vary):

•Big Sky Ski Resort, Big Sky, Mont.: 63- to 67-inch powder, packed powder base with 28 lifts and 260 runs open.

•Bottineau Winter Park, Bottineau: 12- to 24-inch base with good conditions. 2 Magic Carpets and 1 lift, 3 runs, and tubing park open.

•Huff Hills Ski Area, Mandan: 20- to 35-inch machine groomed base with all runs except Coyote and South Face open along with Blue Lift, Bunny Tow, and Green Lift Terrain Park open. Donut Hole Hiking Area open accessing off Pheasant Run gate near the top of Blue Lift area.

•Terry Peak, Leads, S.D.: 24- to 36-inch base. 30 trails and 5 lifts open. Snowmobile ND (conditions can vary):

•Cattail (Barnes, Cass, Steele, & Traill counties): 16- to 20-inch base. Trails open and in good condition. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

•East-central Valley (Cass & Richland counties): 12- to 16-inch base. Trails open and in good condition. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

•Lake Region (Nelson & Ramsey counties): 10- to 14-inch base. Trails open except South Loop on Trail 5. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

•Missouri Valley (Emmons & Burleigh counties): 16- to 22-inch base. Trails open and in fair condition.

•North-central (Benson, McHenry, Pierce, Ramsey, & Towner counties): 8- to 12-inch base. Trails open.

•Northeast (Cavalier, Pembina, & Walsh counties): 8- to 12-inch base with trails open except for Moonlighter Gorge and NESCA trails. Trails in fair condition.

•Peace Garden (Bottineau & Rolette counties): 12- to 16-inch base with trails 1, 1A, 1B, 2, 2C, 3, 4, 4A, 5, 7, 7A, 7B, and 7C

open but poor ice conditions on areas where slush is on top of thin ice.

•Red River North (Walsh & Pembina counties): 12- to 16-inch base. Trails open and in good condition. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

•Red River South (Grand Forks & Walsh counties): 8- to 10-inch base. Trails open and in good condition. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

•Sakakawea (McLean & Ward counties): 8- to 12-inch base. Trails open. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

•Sargent County (Richland & Sargent counties): 10-inch base. Trails open. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

•Sheyenne Valley (Barnes, Dickey, LaMoure, Ransom, & Stutsman counties): 16- to 25-inch base. Trails open and in good condition. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

•Sno-trails (Bottineau, McHenry, Renville, & Ward counties): 8- to 15-inch base. Trails open and in good condition.

•Southern Valley (Richland County): 12- to 20-inch base. Trails open and in good condition. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

Numbers to know:

•N.D. Game and Fish Dept., main Bismarck office: (701) 328-6300, website: (http://gf.nd.gov).

•N.D. Game and Fish Dept., Riverdale office: (701) 654-7475.

•Report All Poachers: (800) 472-2121 or (701) 328-9921.

•Friends of Lake Sakakawea, the region's only organization working for quality lake access, weed control and effective partnerships, (www.lakesakakawea.com).



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Feb. 3 & 4.....7:30 pm

SPECIAL TIME: 6:30 P.M.

Avatar: The Way of Water, PG-13

Jake Sully and Ney'tiri have formed a family and are doing everything to stay together. However, they must leave their home and explore the regions of Pandora. When an ancient threat resurfaces, Jake must fight a difficult war against the humans. 3h 12m, Sci-fi/Action 2022

Feb. 17 & 18.....6:30 pm

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CALENDAR

Saturday, February 4

THE THRIFT STORE, Garrison Area Resource Center, 10 a.m to 4 p.m.

Tuesday February 7

BONE BUILDERS, Garrison Senior Center, 10 a.m.

THRIFT STORE AT COMMUNITY CUPBOARD OF

UNDERWOOD: 1 pm - 5 pm Open to the public at 208 Lincoln Avenue. Shop for clothing, household items, toys, books and more. Donations for all items and proceeds go to the food pantry.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Garrison Hospital cafeteria (enter through ER), 8 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8

MCLEAN COUNTY CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING, 3 p.m. Garrison High School in Ag Classroom

Thursday, February 9

THE LORD'S PANTRY, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Trinity Lutheran

Church, 515 Kundert St., Turtle Lake ND. No referrals or pre-registration required. All in need are welcome to receive food at no cost.

CROP PROTECTION SEMINAR, 11 a.m., Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Washburn

Saturday February 11,

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Sunday, February 12

OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY KITCHEN, Senior Center, Turtle Lake

ND at 11:30 am to 1 pm.

Monday, February 13

SCI PRODUCER MEETING, 10:30 a.m., Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Washburn

Saturday, February 18

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD OF UNDERWOOD - FOOD PANTRY

from 10 a.m. to Noon. McLean County Residents in need are welcome. No referrals or pre-registration required. 208 Lincoln Avenue, Underwood.

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Underwood Public Library - Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. -Tuesday and Thursday 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Turtle Lake Public Library - Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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PRAIRIE FARE

BY JULIE GARDEN-ROBINSON

Cope with stressors to protect your physical and mental health

"Mama said there'll be days like this/ There'll be days like this/ Hey, don't you worry, Mama said."

Those are some of the lyrics from a hit song by the Shirelles in the early 1960s.

Whenever times are stressful, parts of this song play in my mind. Sometimes it helps.

Unfortunately, the song has been playing in my mind more often than I would like during the past several months. Some of my extended family members and friends have experienced serious illnesses, and we have lost two family members.

Most, if not all, of us experience stress from time to time.

Stressors come in many forms and affect people in different ways. Stress can affect our body and mind.

We might be challenged by financial issues as we pay for our groceries, gas, utilities or medical bills. Our job or educational work may be stressful. Our personal health issues can be difficult on several levels, especially if they remain unresolved or unknown. Coping with long winter months can be trying.

When confronted by stressors, we might have stomach upset or pain in the neck, back or shoulders. We might experience headaches, fatigue, difficulty sleeping, loss of appetite or overeating.

We might clench or grind our teeth, and our heart may be racing. We might not feel like doing anything. We may not feel up to eating healthfully or getting regular physical activity.

Stress can make us feel anxious, irritable, overwhelmed or depressed.

If stress is not addressed and managed, it can promote heart health issues, obesity, diabetes and other chronic diseases.

What can you do to help yourself in times of stress?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides excellent ways to

address and cope with stress, which I summarize below. In addition to my own "musical therapy," I have tried to keep these tips in mind. See <https://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/stress- coping/index.html> for more information.

Tune out from 24-hour news. If news reports and social media make you anxious, take a break from it or disconnect.

Take care of your body. Concentrate your calories on healthful foods such as fruits, vegetables, lean protein, whole grains and low-fat dairy. Limit added salt, sugar and saturated fat. The food you consume can nourish both your body and mind.

Accumulate 30 minutes of physical activity on most days of the week. Take a walk, a swim or go cross-country skiing if you are so inclined. Get up and walk a few minutes every hour if you have a sedentary job.

Aim for at least seven hours of sleep at night. If you consistently have sleeping problems, let your healthcare provider know.

Limit or avoid alcohol and tobacco. Alcohol provides no nutrients and can lead to health and/or addiction issues.

Take prescription drugs as prescribed.

Unwind through stretching, deep breathing and other relaxing activities such as a warm bath or massage.

Connect with your family and friends. Share your thoughts and feelings.

Never feel bad about reaching out for professional help. It's a sign of strength.

Several of my colleagues have expertise in mental health, so I encourage you to check out these NDSU Extension resources about managing stress. These were especially developed for those who work in farming. See www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/ag-hub/ag-topics/farm-safety-health/managing-stress for

more information.

A soothing bowl of soup always makes me feel a little better. If winter is getting you down, the title of this recipe may make you feel hopeful that winter will lead to spring. This recipe from the U.S. Department of Agriculture is chock full of colorful, nutritious vegetables.

Spring Vegetable Soup

1 tablespoon olive oil or your favorite salad oil

1/4 red cabbage (medium head, about 2 cups, finely shredded)

2 ripe tomatoes (medium, seeded and chopped)

1/2 cup canned artichoke hearts (drained and chopped)

1 cup green peas (frozen or fresh)

2 1/2 cups vegetable juice (low sodium)

1 cup water

2 teaspoons dried basil

Salt and pepper (freshly ground black pepper, optional, to taste)

In large soup pot, heat oil over medium heat. Sauté cabbage, tomatoes, artichoke hearts and peas for 10 minutes. Add vegetable juice and water. Bring to boil. Reduce heat, add basil and simmer for 10 minutes, or until all vegetables are tender and soup is piping hot. Serve in individual serving bowls. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Makes four servings. Each serving has 136 calories, 5 grams (g) fat, 5 g protein, 20 g carbohydrate, 6 g fiber and 73 milligrams sodium.

(Julie Garden-Robinson, Ph.D., R.D., L.R.D., is a North Dakota State University Extension food and nutrition specialist and professor in the Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences. Follow her on Twitter @jgardenrobinson)

Talent show coming to Memorial Building

McLean County Resource Center to host fundraiser

BY ALYSSA MEIER
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A fundraiser for the local resource center and clothing pantry has been set for April, when locals will be invited to show off their skills during a community talent show.

McLean Family Resource Center Executive Director Liz Schneider said the center is planning for a public talent show on April 22. The event, Schneider said, aims to raise both money and awareness.

"April is sexual assault awareness month so we wanted to do something around that time," Schneider said.

Area students and adults are invited to take part in the

talent show, which is set to coincide with a silent auction and an array of concession-style snacks.

Schneider said the center originally hoped to have a live band perform as a fundraiser but later decided on a talent show.

All proceeds from the event will go to the resource center, which not only houses a food and clothing pantry but provides resources for victims of abuse and assault.

Anyone wanting to make a donation to the silent auction can contact the resource center.



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The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities or technicalities and to accept the bid or bids which appear in the best interest of McLean County.

Bid forms may be obtained by writing to the McLean County Highway Office (PO Box 1108) or the McLean County Auditor (PO Box 1108), Washburn, ND 58577.

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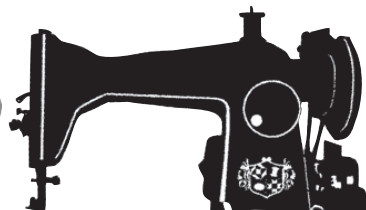
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PRAIRIE DOC® PERSPECTIVES

BY ANDREW ELLSWORTH, MD

It's time for your checkup

Recently I received a mailing from my clinic reminding me it is time to schedule my annual preventative care physical. Apparently, doctors need to go to the doctor, too, even when they feel fine.

As a primary care physician, one of my passions is preventative care. Preventative care is focused on catching problems before they even start to cause symptoms, catching issues early when they are easier to treat.

Whether you want to call it your annual physical, your yearly checkup, or an annual wellness visit, this appointment gives the time for you and your provider to decide what tests, screenings, and interventions may be done to help you become and stay more healthy. One of the broken aspects of our healthcare system is our focus on problems, playing whack-a-mole, barely getting ahead, and spending too much money way too late on problems that could have been cured a lot sooner, a

lot cheaper, with a little bit of effort at prevention.

This visit may go in a variety of ways depending on your age and risk factors. If you are over age 45, you should probably consider your options for colon cancer screening. If you are a woman over age 40, perhaps you should consider breast cancer screening. If you are a man over age 55, perhaps you should consider prostate cancer screening. Any of these screenings may need to start earlier if you have a family history of cancer.

Meanwhile, the visit should probably include a discussion on your mental health, your diet, and your exercise routines. Granted, these discussions take time. If you have a list of problems and symptoms you want to discuss, then perhaps you may need a separate visit to address your concerns, apart from the appointment to cover some of these preventative care topics.

Perhaps this visit will help give you a nudge to quit

smoking, and a chance to catch lung cancer early by scheduling a screening CT scan of your lungs. Perhaps this visit will determine that you have high blood pressure or high cholesterol, and interventions could decrease your risk of a heart attack or stroke. Perhaps this visit will catch skin cancer early. Perhaps your provider will identify a medication you do not need anymore, or identify an over-the-counter medication or supplement you should or should not be taking such as vitamin D or aspirin. Are you taking your medications correctly?

The list goes on and on. Pap smears for cervical cancer screening. Reviewing your immunizations and updating a tetanus shot. DEXA scans help determine the strength of your bones and catch osteoporosis, trying to decrease your risk of a fall and a hip fracture.

I suppose I better make that appointment for myself!

Outdoor complex study presented in Underwood

BY CAMMIE WRIGHT
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being 40 acres. The estimated annual incremental property tax from development is \$19,938 according to the report.

Underwood residents were presented a feasibility study for an outdoor complex during a community comprehensive planning update meeting Wednesday, Jan 25 in the Underwood High School lobby.

The plan, prepared by Better City, includes a hunting lodge, outfitter, RV park, senior living development, green space, and a town square with an amphitheater.

"The concept is to create the Underwood Outdoor complex - a destination that celebrates the outdoors and the Underwood lifestyle while leveraging the region's connection to hunting, fishing and camping," according to the report.

The proposed site of the complex is on 61 acres directly north of the McLean County Speedway.

According to the report, the land could generate \$4,000,000 once it is developed with utilities, roads and gutters. They base this estimate at a selling price of \$100,000 an acre, with the full build out

According to Jason Godfrey of Better City, utilizing tax increment financing (TIF) is a critical source of funding to help bring in utilities and use as matching funds for grants.

"Underwood can bond against future incremental property taxes to help bring developers in and promote public support of the project," Godfrey said.

Better City says the first step to creating a TIF is consult with an attorney who specializes in urban renewal agencies.

A detailed project plan will also need to be created. Better City estimates the cost of the project plan to be between \$40,000 and \$60,000. The project plan will estimate development costs for infrastructure, determine property sales price and create the TIF plan. The project plan would also explore other financing sources such as the USDA and EDA, according to the report.

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DAKOTA GARDENER

Give gardening a try

BY KELSEY DECKERT,
Horticulture Agent,
NDSU Extension - Burleigh
& Morton Counties

It is hard to believe we are a whole month into the new year already. How are your New Year's resolutions going so far? Statistically speaking, many of us do not even make it to the end of January sticking to the resolutions we set.

I have a secret for you if your resolutions included anything along the lines of losing weight, exercising more, eating better, saving money or trying something new. You can accomplish any of those with gardening!

Gardening is a great way to get in more physical activity along with growing nutritious foods to incorporate into your daily diet. Studies show that by gardening you are more likely to eat more fruits and vegetables.

Gardening can be done at any age, and you can make a garden any size that is manageable for you. Sounds like a win-win to me.

Gardening has become more popular the past few years as people like to know where their food comes from and whether pesticides were used. Many people feel a sense of accomplishment by gardening and being sustainable on their own.

If space is an issue, consider raised beds or container

gardening. If you live in an apartment setting, as long as you have a light source (sun or artificial) you can use small containers to grow a garden.

Gardening can save you money, depending on the input costs. Select vegetables that you and your family like to eat so you are not wasting money. Look at growing vegetables that may be more expensive in the store, like tomatoes. Maximize your garden space by intercropping or companion planting.

Grow vegetables that store well, such as potatoes or carrots. Consider different preservation methods for extending the shelf life.

North Dakota is an agricultural state where many people garden. If you already garden, check the "trying something new" off your New Year's resolution list by growing a new variety or entirely new vegetable you have not tried in the past. You could also try a new gardening method such as no-till or square-foot gardening.

Give gardening a try and keep the resolutions you have set for 2023. I wish you a belated Happy New Year and good luck with your garden!

For more information about gardening, contact your local NDSU Extension agent. Find the Extension office for your county at www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/county-extension-offices.

LAND AUCTION

348.76 Acre Land Auction in Mercer County, ND
Tuesday, February 28th, 2023 @ 6 PM CT
Auction Location: Pick City Hall in Pick City, ND 58545
Land Location: From Hazen, ND 58545 - 10 mi N on Cty Rd. 27 & 1 mi E on Cty Rd 28 or 2 mi S of Hwy 1806

PARCEL 1: W 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4, & THE N 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SEC. 26-146-86

Total Acres: 158.76
Tillable Acres: 147.87 or 93%
Other Acres: 10.89 or 7%
2022 Taxes: \$916.14
Soil P.I.N. = 80.78

Note: Sellers reserve the right to use the buildings on parcel 1 until the time of their death at which time the buyer then has full control of the buildings.

PARCEL 2: S 1/2 OF THE S 1/2 & THE E 30 ACRES OF THE N 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SEC. 26-146-86

Total Acres: 190
Pasture & Other Acres: 178.82 or 94%
Tillable Acres: 11.18 or 6%
Parcel is watered by a stock dam and two marginal wells. Buyer will need to provide a generator or other power source for the well and a stock tank.
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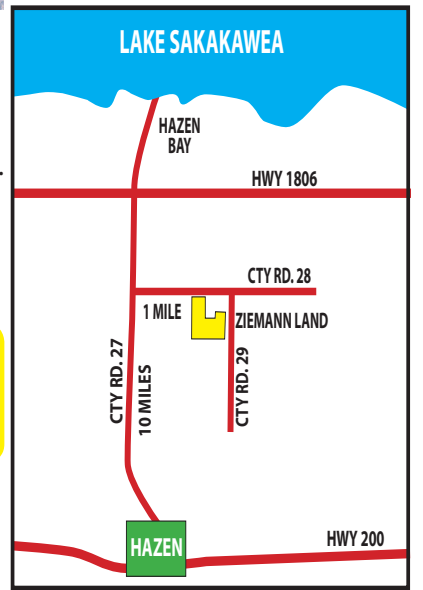
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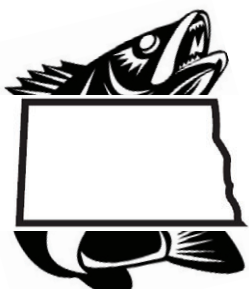
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USS Gurke

BY DAVE SEIFERT

On this date in 1976, the USS Gurke was decommissioned as a warship after nearly thirty years of service in the United States Navy.

The USS Gurke was a US Navy Destroyer, christened and launched in 1945. It boasted five-inch deck guns and anti-submarine weapons. With a crew of 280 the destroyer was 391 feet long, and 40 feet at the beam.

During the Korean War, the USS Gurke saw action in two separate combat patrols. These patrols provided gunfire support for landing forces; in both cases, the ship received direct hits. As a result of these naval actions, she was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation in September, 1950.

In 1963, the Gurke was rehabilitated and modernized and again saw combat action off the coast of Vietnam in 1971 and 1972. A few years later, the ship was part of the eventual evacuation of Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees. It also played a part in the recovery of the USS Mayaguez in 1975.

And what does the USS Gurke have to do with our land-locked state of North Dakota?

The USS Gurke was named after Henry Gurke, the first North Dakotan to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor during WWII. The Congressional Medal of Honor is the highest military honor given by the United States.

PFC Gurke, from Neche, North Dakota was a US Marine, stationed in the South Pacific. In September of 1943, he and a fellow marine were defending a crossroad position when a Japanese hand grenade landed in their foxhole. Gurke had promised his buddy that he would take care of any grenade that might land next to them. He fulfilled this promise by absorbing the grenade explosion with his body. Gurke died as a result of this action. His courage however allowed his fellow marine to continue firing his Browning automatic

rifle and maintain effective resistance.

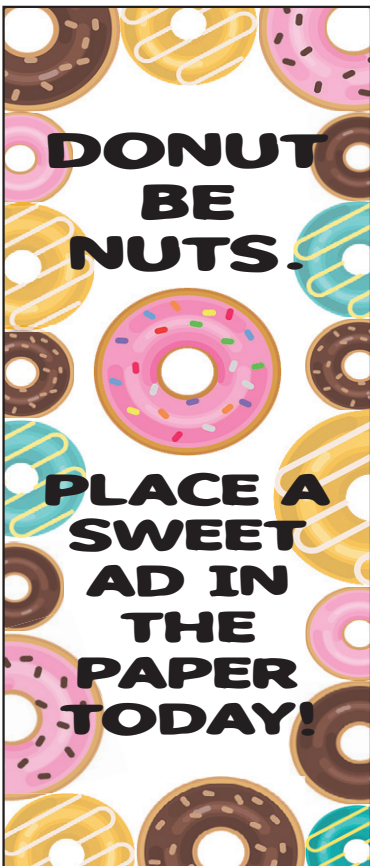
PFC Gurke was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Medal of Honor. The medal is inscribed:

“The President of the United States to PFC Gurke, US Marine Corps, deceased:

For heroism above and beyond the call of duty against enemy Japanese forces at Bouganville, Soloman Islands, September 9, 1943.”

Although the ship is gone, for those of us in North Dakota, the name of PFC Henry Gurke lives on.

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Speaking out on superintendent bill

School boards, administrators from McLean County testify against HB 1251

BY JAMES C. FALCON
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BISMARCK—A bill designed to limit the number of school superintendents in North Dakota, as well as capping their salaries, was met with a resounding opposition during a hearing of the North Dakota House Education Committee on Jan. 25.

HB 1251, which was introduced in the House of Representatives on Jan. 10, would limit the number of superintendents in the state by imposing that school districts with less than 475 students each collaborate with similar-sized districts to share superintendents, as well as limiting the superintendent's compensation so that it "may not exceed one and one-half percent of the total state and local general fund revenue received by the school district," language from the bill stated.

Speaking and answering questions from committee members for almost a half hour, the bill's sponsor Rep. Matt Ruby, R-Minot, said that he is looking at the issue of superintendents "from a lens of fiscal responsibility."

"(Over the past decade), superintendent salaries have increased at a rate of 33 percent, while teacher salaries have increased 25 percent," Ruby noted. "The already large gap between administration salaries and teacher salaries only got bigger."

Of the 29 written testimonies submitted, only one – from a Garrison resident – was in favor of the bill.

“We would end up supporting our rural schools less by taking away their choice to hire a community leader and advocate.”

- **Underwood school superintendent John Gruenberg** on his thoughts about HB 1251

A stay-at-home mother of two children who attend school in the Garrison School District, Michelle Baker noted the fiscal savings as a reason why she supports the bill. Citing administration compensation as outlined in the Oct. 18, 2022 Garrison school board minutes, Baker said school superintendent Nick Klemisch makes \$143,991; high school principal Steve Dangel makes \$92,847 and elementary school principal Shelly Fuller makes \$104,522.

"In a three year period, our small school district will have paid out over one million dollars in just three wages alone," Baker wrote. "I feel this is extremely excessive

“Requiring one person to oversee the needs of several districts does justice to none and breeds failure to our future.”
Garrison School Board president Rodger Affeldt on HB 1251, which would force schools with smaller enrollments to share superintendents

for our rural farming community of 1,432 people, which is why House Bill No. 1251 would address the need to limit compensation in some manner.”

Not surprisingly, many of the testimonies opposing the bill came from superintendents, school administration and school board members.

"We believe that schools are best run by the parents of the children that fill the halls and the members of the communities in which they are located – because that's who locally elected school board members are," stated Alexis Baxley, executive director of the North Dakota School Boards Association, an organization which represents elected school boards for all of the 170 public school districts, as well as special education units, in the state.

Baxley's written testimony included a compilation of letters – a 241-page PDF document – from several school districts and administrators, including Garrison, Turtle Lake-Mercer, Underwood, Washburn and Wilton.

"(HB 1251) is nothing more than a blatant attempt to take away any and all local control from our rural districts," wrote Rodger Affeldt, president of the Garrison School Board. "Attempting to put salary caps on superintendents by the state only further reduces local control."

Affeldt noted that superintendents often wear many hats – they "are also coaches, mow grass, move snow, drive bus..." – on top of their daily duties. He added that superintendents are required to have much more education than a teacher "which equals to higher salaries."

"Requiring one person to oversee the needs of several districts does justice to none and breeds failure to our future," Affeldt concluded.

Sharing a superintendent with a neighboring school, the result for small-sized schools if the bill passes, is something that the Washburn School District did once in the past. And it didn't work, members of their school district said

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in a collectively signed testimonial.

“A shared superintendent found us experiencing a declining culture from lack of consistent leadership,” their testimonial said. “Transit time alone had our everyday operations at a sub-standard level. In addition, half time amongst two or three schools for a superintendent only finds our cost and task burdens to other staff members within our school to increase exorbitantly.”

The shared responsibilities would, the Washburn School Board noted, “only increase founded deficiencies due to shared responsibilities on annual audits.”

“The sponsor offers TEAMS, Google and Zoom as options – frankly, we use those options for a great many needs in efficiency, yet as a board, we all agree it is not the substitute for the boots on the ground of a leader full time within your school. Both of these scenarios are far from a ‘win’ for building optimal learning environments.”

Jessica Oswald, president of the Wilton Public School board, noted that sharing a superintendent would “pose significant stress” on the schools, school culture, school boards and the communities.

“This bill is being presented as a way to cut costs,” Oswald wrote. “We would like to point out that many school districts may still have to fund an additional position(s) for onsite day to day leadership.”

Asking one superintendent to take on the work of two additional superintendents, having three different school boards to answer to and having less time to get to know and form connections with staff and students, all while getting paid less, would be taxing.

“The increase in workload, stress and reduction in salary would make these shared superintendent positions quite difficult to fill with a quality candidate,” Oswald said.

A quote-unquote typical day for a small town superintendent “does not exist,” wrote Underwood superintendent John Gruenberg in his testimony. “It is a snowflake, each day different from the previous and different from any other day in the future.”

On Jan. 19, the day when Gruenberg wrote his testimony, he said his schedule included “student and staff investigations, attorney phone calls, school board meetings, NDHSA decisions, budget concerns, CRP report cards, elementary subbing, high school meetings...”

Gruenberg reasoned that a superintendent taking care of multiple school districts “would not be able to do all these tasks to the best of their ability simply due to logistics.”

“We would end up supporting our rural schools less by taking away their choice to hire a community leader and advocate,” Gruenberg said.

Penny Veit-Hetletved, the superintendent for Washburn Public School District, called the bill “damaging,” noting that “the roles of every position

“In a three year period, our small school district will have paid out over one million dollars in just three wages alone. I feel this is extremely excessive for our rural farming community of 1,432 people ...”
- Michelle Baker of Garrison, who wrote the lone testimony in favor of HB 1251

underneath the superintendent would assume more duties, and it’s the continued poling of responsibilities that will deprive schools of quality educators.”

“I am a full-time superintendent here, currently covering a bit of business manager duties until the position is filled, serve as the CTE Director, the Title 1 Coordinator, the Title IX Coordinator, grant writer and human resource officer,” Veit-Hetletved said. “I’ve served lunch, subbed as a bus driver, subbed as a teacher, investigated allegations into a Title IX incident that led to the arrest of a teacher, identified a student exhibiting suicidal ideation and snaked a drain in a kindergarten classroom all in the first semester of this school. Why is this important? Because that is what a leader of a school should do – be present, lead and care about what is going on by doing.”

A common talking point that those in opposition of the bill mention is control, or the lack thereof if HB 1251 passes.

“North Dakotans pride themselves in local control; you hear this term any time the federal government steps into our lives and tells us what to do,” said Josh Ruffo, president of the Turtle Lake-Mercer School Board, in his written testimony. “School districts already have the ability to share a Superintendent if they feel it is in the best interest of the students in which they serve.”

“Local school boards do take into consideration who they have in leadership, and what they feel is best for their community and school,” added Brandt Dick, Burleigh County Superintendent of Schools and a former superintendent for the Underwood School District. “They are elected to make these decisions. Why should the state take that authority and decision-making ability away from those that live in the school district and are elected to make those decisions?”

Dick concluded his testimony by asking rhetorically who would make better decisions for a school district: “legislators and elected officials in Bismarck or residents of each community and school board members elected by parents, teachers and taxpayers?”

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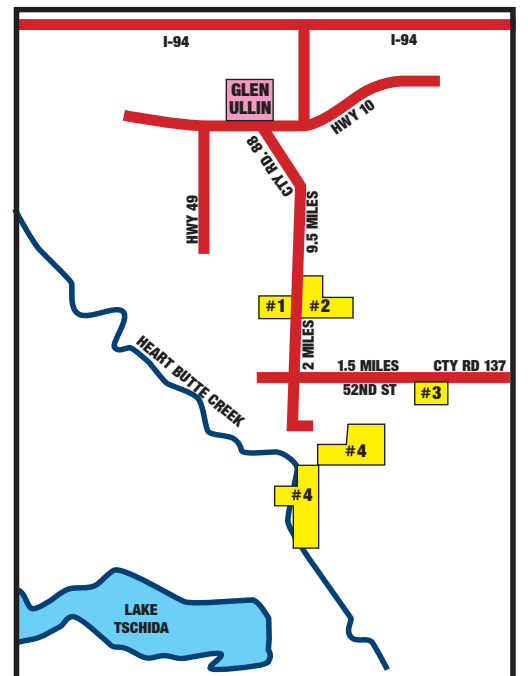
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13	0.1	79.6	118.2	6.9	31.1	70.9	0.12	1.11	138.6	82.3



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CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	Milk	MWW	Marb.	REA	API	TI
71	2.7	91.6	140.4	4.2	27.3	73.1	0.19	1.03	139.6	86.2



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CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	Milk	MWW	Marb.	REA	API	TI
6.5	3.3	86	133.5	4.6	30.1	73.1	0.19	0.77	114.2	77.1



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CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	Milk	MWW	Marb.	REA	API	TI
12.7	-2.5	70.8	110.5	5.6	27.4	62.7	0.29	0.78	155.9	83.2



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 Sire: LRS FALCON 442G • PB SM
 Reg #: 4132118 • BD: 4/7/2022

CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	Milk	MWW	Marb.	REA	API	TI
10.3	0.3	97.4	157	6	27.4	76.1	0.34	1.1	158.3	97.4



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 Sire: EVENSON SOUTHERN CHARM 078
 1/2 SM • Reg #: 4130027 • BD: 3/24/2022

CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	Milk	MWW	Marb.	REA	API	TI
74	2.9	99.8	161.6	3.8	28.5	78.4	0.23	1.14	125.2	87



Lot 125
 Sire: SYS FREIGHTLINER H34 • 3/8 SM
 Reg #: (4132025) • BD: 3/24/2022

CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	Milk	MWW	Marb.	REA	API	TI
4.3	5.4	106.4	177.8	2	25.8	78.9	0.22	1.19	125.2	88.5



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 Sire: LRS FALCON 442G • PB SM
 Reg #: 4132097 • BD: 4/3/2022

CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	Milk	MWW	Marb.	REA	API	TI
7.7	1.9	104.5	164.5	3.4	25.6	77.8	0.2	1.43	146	96.4



Lot 162
 Sire: ES FY22 • PB SM
 Reg #: 3978280 • BD: 4/4/2021

CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	Milk	MWW	Marb.	REA	API	TI
8.9	2.6	82.3	127.8	4.5	21.1	62.2	0.06	0.91	127.9	77

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Lot 175
 Sire: TJ HICKOK 491G • 5/8 SM 3/8 AN
 Reg #: 3978294 • BD: 4/7/2021

CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	Milk	MWW	Marb.	REA	API	TI
10.7	1.3	87.9	130.9	6.8	21.7	65.6	0.27	0.55	125.2	81.8

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Lot 133
 Sire: MFSR RED RANGER 027F • PB SM
 Reg #: 3976293 • BD: 3/25/2021

CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	Milk	MWW	Marb.	REA	API	TI
7.8	2.7	86.3	131	5.2	29.5	72.6	0.18	1.11	130.8	83.7

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 Sire: BB BRIGADE 8018 • 1/2 SM
 Reg #: 3976309 • BD: 3/30/2021

CE	BW	WW	YW	MCE	Milk	MWW	Marb.	REA	API	TI
8.8	1.1	86.4	143.7	6.1	32	75.2	0.27	0.71	130.3	82.9

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