

# 2025

## ROBERTS SCHOOL APRIL/MAY/JUNE

### Student Happenings

Winter sports have concluded and track has already begun. Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams qualified for the divisional tournament in Lockwood by taking 3rd place at the district tournament in Laurel. Additionally, the BPA had a great showing at the state competition, and two young ladies, Charlotte Kosel and Ada Bertolino, qualified for the national competition in Florida.

FFA has also stayed busy, and fifteen students will be attending the state competition in Bozeman. Our younger students have stayed busy with our Friday program by skiing and indoor rock climbing and also participating in the family literacy night. We also have a dozen students signed up to compete in the state NASA competitions in Bozeman later this spring for the third year!

Other individual spotlights include Nate Weber and TJ Chirrick, who were both All-State Selections in basketball this year. Gus Kosel, Thommy Howard, and Elizabeth DeVries rounded out the All-Conference Selections. Additionally, Chase MacArthur and Taylor MacArthur were selected for Honorable Mention Selections.

### Levy Update

The school will run a general mill levy during this spring's elections. We will again be asking for \$95,000, which is the same request as last year. This money will simply be going to pay the bills, and we continue to do our best to offer competitive wages. With sunseting of many federal grants in the previous school year and one other this year, we will be also sharing the cost by cutting around \$150,000 in other expenses, such as cutting a school counselor position, other staff cuts in the previous years that will not be refilled, significantly cutting staff training budgets, and by budgeting forward in prior years. This was done by using grant moneys to store significant large ticket consumables items, such as custodial purchases, classroom text and workbooks that are on auto ship. Additionally, we used grant funds to save local revenue by prebuying technology licenses for school-based online programs in future calendar years.

Without this levy passing, we will see a significant impact on student programming in the upcoming year and more staff cuts. We will likely need to cut one or two teachers past the counselor position. This will significantly reduce our ability to support the students of this great community. Additionally, we would likely see cuts to program offerings and significant increases in participation costs for many program offerings.

The mill levy cost to a local taxpayer is \$41.07 on a \$100,000 home per year, costing \$123.20 on a \$300,000 home per year. A fair estimate of your new **monthly** cost would be multiplying your home's value by 0.000,034,225.

All of these are estimates as milage is adjusted slightly every summer. For example, we projected we would not increase our permissive levies last year and keep everything the same, but in fact, due to changing local taxes, we dropped our milage by 15 mils, permissively saving the local taxpayers about half of this year's general mil levy. Please consider all of this when voting in May!

Alex Ator,

Superintendent of Roberts Schools

# History on St. Patrick's Day

## By Faith Pitts

St. Patrick's day is on March 17th each year. We celebrate St. Patrick's day to honor St. Patrick the patron saint of Ireland and to celebrate the Irish heritage and culture. At the age of 16, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland by Irish pirates. When he escaped 6 years later, he stayed in Ireland and was credited for bringing Christianity to his people. He later died on March 17, 493. On March 17, 1601, the first St. Patrick's day parade was held. Ever since then St. Patrick's day celebrations have been growing.

Fun Facts on St. Patrick's Day St. Patrick' was not Irish, He was born in Roman Britain. St. Patrick used the shamrock to preach about the holy trinity. St. Patrick's color is blue, not green. Chicago began the tradition of dyeing the Chicago river green on St. Patrick's day. St. Patrick's real name is Maewyn Succat. There are no female leprechauns. The first St. Patrick's day parade was held in the US. St. Patrick's day is held on the day he passed away.

# Facts about March Madness

## By Lilly Hyvonen

The first men's tournament was in 1939  
Overshadowed for two decades by the national invitation tournament  
The NCAA tournament gradually began to draw the top teams and more television income  
By the time UCLA began its record run of seven consecutive titles in 1967, the tournament was firmly established as the premier college basketball postseason championship series in the United States.  
It had increased from 8 teams in 1939 to 64 teams in 1985  
In 2001 they added a play in game  
In 2011 they added three opening games to the field making 68 teams  
The first women's tournament with 32 teams in 1982

# School Board Candidates

We have one school board position that is up for election this year and there are two individuals who have filled out an application to run. The election will be held on **Tuesday, May 6th** at the **ROBERTS FIRE HALL** from 12:00 pm—8:00 pm

I am **Debbie Hill** and I am running for the open position on the Roberts Public Schools School Board. I have lived in the Roberts Community since 2004. I am a native resident of Carbon County, graduating from Red Lodge High School. I am married to Gordy Hill, a lifelong resident of Roberts and a long-time board member of the Roberts Community Foundation. However, we did move away as our careers mandated for several years. Even though I retired from my thirty-two year teaching career, the last six of which were in Roberts, I still consider myself an educator. I just can't seem to "let it go". I want to be involved and help wherever I can. If I were to be voted by the community to serve on the school board I promise to give my best effort in being an advocate for the school, the students, and the community. It is my heartfelt wish to promote academics, accountability, and responsibility for all those involved in the Roberts School Family which definitely includes not only the students, but the parents and the community. I feel that transparency is essential. My educational career would be the basis for what I feel I could add to the school board in making sound decisions. I thank you in advance for giving me consideration when you are voting.

Dear Members of the Roberts Community,

My name is Tim Swansborough, Jr. I am running for the Roberts School Board in the upcoming election.

I graduated from Roberts High School in 1999. I attended Wyoming Technical Institute (Wyotech) to earn my associate's degree in autobody and upholstery. I returned from college in 2000 and started my business, Swannie's StoveBolt Kustoms, while helping my father run a small ranch on the East Bench. I married Michelle Swansborough in 2003. We have two girls, Abigail (11<sup>th</sup> grade) and Tabitha (8<sup>th</sup> grade), who both attend Roberts School. I am currently serving on the Roberts Community Foundation, and I also have coached in Roberts. I am very proud of our little school. It would be an honor to serve on the school board and help make decisions for the future of the school.

I would sincerely appreciate your vote of support!

Tim Swansborough Jr.

# RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS!!!

As the school year winds down inventory must begin. Please check your homes for ANY school library books & return them.



Fines will be sent out beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Last day to checkout books will be  
**Thursday, May 1st**

All books and fines must be in by Thursday, **May 15**

Thank you. Mrs. Pitts

## Rocket Science

The NESSP Artemis ROADS III student challenge NASA teams have been working hard on their mission objects all year. They have been calculating the amount of food it would take to sustain astronauts on the moon and designing greenhouses in order to grow that food. They are excited to go to Bozeman on May 20th to present their findings to the NESSP and NASA representatives.



## NASA MOVIE NIGHT

The NASA Teams present...

A movie night that is out of this world!!  
Movie: 1996 Space Jam (PG)  
Time: 5pm  
Date: Thursday April 24th  
Cost: \$5.00  
Includes: Snacks and drinks

**FFA Plant Sale  
& Community  
Breakfast  
Saturday  
May 10**

**SPRING SPORTS  
AWARDS BANQUET  
TUESDAY, MAY 20TH**

**FFA AWARDS BANQUET  
MONDAY, APRIL 14 @ 6:30**

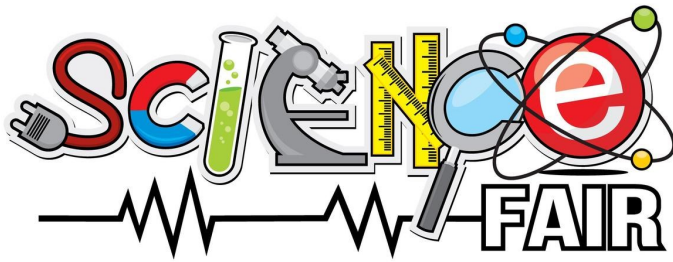
**ATTENTION ALL INCOMING  
KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**

## Kindergarten Roundup



**Friday, May 2nd— 9:00-12:00.  
Please contact the school to sign up**

All children 5 years old or those turning 5 before September 10th are invited to join.



Date: May 1st  
 Time: 2pm- 6pm  
 Place: Lower gym



## Spring Art Shows at Carbon County Arts Guild

The student art exhibitions at the Carbon County Arts Guild are coming up.  
 k-8 Exhibition April 5-27, with the opening reception on Sunday April 13, 2-4pm.  
 High school Exhibition May 3-18, with the opening reception on Sunday May 4, 2-4pm.

## EASTER EGG HUNT & Bake Sale

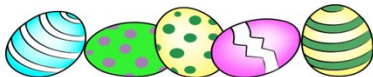


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 BPA

**Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 Bake Sale 9:00 - 11:00 am

**Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 am**

Where: Langagers' Lawn (next to the old Y-Stop)



## BPA News

Great things are happening with the Roberts School Chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA). BPA students traveled to Billings March 10 -11 for the Montana State Conference. Ada Bertolino, Charlotte Kosel, Abigail Swansborough, and Gus Kosel all placed within the top ten in the State in their competitions. Ada placed 2nd in Legal Office Procedures, and Charlotte placed 2nd in Business Law and Ethics, and 5th in Legal Office Procedures. Charlotte and Ada will be traveling to the BPA National Conference in Orlando, Florida this May.

The annual Roberts Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale will be on April 19 on Langager's Lawn across from the school at 10 AM. Come early for the bake sale beginning at 9 to get the good stuff, and don't be late for the Easter Egg Hunt!

Mark your calendars for the Roberts School Bingo Night, Carnival, and silent auction to be held May 2 from 6-9PM. All proceeds go to Roberts School BPA. Bring the family for an evening of fun and to help raise funds for our National trip!





Literacy Night was a big success. We had over 30 students with their parents and young siblings attend!! A big thank you to the Roberts Community Foundation for sponsoring the event!! We loved seeing all the students in their pirate gear and narrating the halls of Roberts as they embark on the journey of literacy.

Keep exploring on young adventure seekers!!



## Roberts FFA Chapter

The Roberts FFA Chapter was very busy during February and March. **In February**, the chapter made and sold valentines flower arrangements and held a community and school staff breakfast on February 18<sup>th</sup> as part of National FFA Week activities. The chapter also had members compete in contests in Miles City (Zach Fetz & Molly Mitchell in Floriculture) and Billings (Owen Wallila, Colt Holdbrook, Kelby Langager, Madison Matlick in District Horse Evaluation) and members attend an Ag Business Seminar (Lilly Hyvonen & TJ Chirrick in Columbus).

**In March**, members competed at Columbus (Thommy Howard, Owen Wallila, Timmy Cooper, Taylor Koch, Gus Kosel in District Ag Mechanics) and at Red Lodge (Nate Weber, Elizabeth Devries, Arianna Medina, Madison Matlick in District Livestock Evaluation). Most of these students and others (15 members total) will be competing in the state level contests and attending sessions at the Montana FFA State Convention on April 1 -5<sup>th</sup> in Bozeman, MT on the campus of Montana State University.

The other big events for the chapter will be **the FFA Awards Banquet on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in the lower gym at 6:30 pm**. Parents and community members are invited to attend. A taco dinner, desert and drinks will be served. The final big event of the school year will be our annual **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, (\$5) in conjunction with our annual Flower Sale on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm**. We will be selling hanging baskets and individual flowers (flowers include Petunia, Coleus, Dahlia, Gazania, Alysum, Snapdragons, Moss Roses, Pansy, Lobelia and a small selection of house plants) and a variety of tomato plants and colored bell peppers and small sweet peppers. Thank you to the Roberts community for all you due during the year to support the Roberts FFA Chapter.

## Roberts Track Schedule 2025

updated		3/25/2025				
Date	Day	Host	Location	Level	Start Time	Bus
3/10/2025	Monday	First day of	Roberts			
4/3/2025	Thursday	Columbus	Columbus	JH	9:00 AM	7:15 AM
4/4/2025	Friday	Joliet/Park City	Laurel	HS	10:00 AM	8:15 AM
4/8/2025	Tuesday	Railyard	Laurel	HS	3:30 PM	1:45 PM
4/10/2025	Thursday	Laurel	Laurel	JH	9:00 AM	7:15 AM
4/11/2025	Friday	Red Lodge	Laurel	HS	10:00 AM	8:15 AM
4/15/2025	Tuesday	Beartooth In-	Red Lodge	HS	3:30 AM	2:00 PM
4/17/2025	Thursday	Shepherd	Blgs Skyview	JH	9:00 AM	6:45 AM
4/22/2025	Tuesday	RLHS Invita-	Red Lodge	HS	3:30 PM	2:00 PM
4/24/2025	Thursday	Red Lodge	Red Lodge	JH	9:00 AM	7:30 AM
4/25/2025	Friday	Park City	Laurel	JH	TBD	TBD
4/26/0205	Saturday	Harlo/Park City	?	HS	10:00 AM	TBD
4/29/2025	Tuesday	Midland	Laurel	HS	4:00 PM	2:15 PM
4/30/2025	Wednesday	Tri-Valley	Laurel	JH	TBD	Not on Sched-
4/30/2025	Wednesday	Tri-Valley	Laurel	HS	TBD	TBD
5/3/2025	Saturday	Al Walker Invi-	Laurel	HS	10:00 AM	8:15 AM
5/6/2025	Tuesday	Absarokee	Absarokee	JH	TDB	TBD
5/9/2025	Friday	5-C/6-C Dis-	Laurel	HS	8:30 AM	6:45 AM
5/15/2025	Thursday	Southern B/	Laurel	HS	9:30 AM	7:45 AM
5/22/2025	Thursday	B/C State	Missoula	HS	Travel Day	TBD
5/23/2025	Friday	B/C State	Missoula	HS	TBD	TBD
5/24/2025	Saturday	B/C State	Missoula	HS	TBD	TBD

# YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!!

## ORDER FORM

**PRICE \$25**

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**PAYMENT AND ORDER**

**FORMS ARE DUE TO FRONT**

**DESK BY MAY 23RD.**

# APRIL MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
BREAKFAST	3/31 Cereal	4/1 Sausage Biscuit	4/2 Popart	4/3 Bagels
LUNCH	Soup & Sandwiches	Taco Salad	Chili Frito Pie	Hot Ham & Cheese
BREAKFAST	4/7 Cereal	4/8 Oatmeal	4/9 Muffins	4/10 Cinnamon Swirl Toast
LUNCH	Scalloped Potatoes & Ham	Burrito Bowl	K-6 Uncrustables 7-12 Chicken Caesar Wrap	Biscuits & Gravy
BREAKFAST	4/14 Cereal	4/15 Mini waffles	4/16 Biscuits & Gravy	4/17 Bagels
LUNCH	Popcorn Chicken & Waffles	Fajitas	Italian Dunkers	Corn Dogs
BREAKFAST	4/21 NO	4/22 Cereal	4/23 Breakfast Casserole	4/24 Breakfast Burrito
LUNCH	School	Walking Taco	Breakfast for Lunch	Cheeseburgers
BREAKFAST	4/28 Cereal	4/29 Pancake on a stick	4/30 Yogurt Parfait	5/1 Oatmeal
	Chicken Parmesan	Nachos	Grilled Cheese & Tomato soup	Shepherd's Pie

# MAY MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
BREAKFAST	4/28 Cereal	4/29 Pancake on a stick	4/30 Yogurt Parfait	5/1 Oatmeal
LUNCH	Chicken Parmesan	Nachos	Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup	Shepherd's Pie
BREAKFAST	5/5 Cereal	5/6 Popart	5/7 Mini Waffles	5/8 Cinnamon Swirl Toast
LUNCH	Pulled Pork	Taco Soup	KFC Bowls	Sweet & Sour Chicken
BREAKFAST	5/12 Cereal	5/13 Yogurt	5/14 Egg Mc Muffin	5/15 Bagels
LUNCH	Chicken Strips	Tacos	Spaghetti	Sub Sandwich
BREAKFAST	5/19 Cereal	5/20 Pancake on a stick	5/21 Muffins	5/22 Sausage Biscuit
LUNCH	Hot Dogs	Burritos	Pizza	Chicken Sandwich
BREAKFAST	5/26 NO	5/27 Cereal	5/28 Yogurt Parfait	5/29 Breakfast Burrito
LUNCH	School	Walking Taco	Mac & Cheese	Cheeseburgers
BREAKFAST	6/2 Cereal	6/3 Cooks Choice	6/4 Cooks Choice	
	Cooks Choice	Cooks Choice	Cooks Choice	

**IMPORTANT DATES.....**

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|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--|
| 4/2-4/25 | State FFA—Bozeman                 | 5/1       | Science Fair                                     |
| 4/3      | JH Track @ Columbus               | 5/2       | BPA Carnival & Bingo                             |
| 4/3      | Parent Teacher Conferences        | 5/2       | <b>Kindergarten Roundup</b>                      |
| 4/4      | HS Track @ Laurel                 | 5/3       | HS Track @ Laurel                                |
| 4/7      | <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b>                | 5/6       | <b>School Board Election &amp; Mil Levy Vote</b> |
| 4/8      | HS Track @ Laurel                 | 5/6       | JH Track @ Absarokee                             |
| 4/10     | JH Track @ Laurel                 | 5/7—5/11  | BPA Nationals—Orlando                            |
| 4/11     | HS Track @ Laurel                 | 5/8       | <b>ROBERTS CLEAN UP DAY</b>                      |
| 4/12     | <b>6C PROM</b>                    | 5/9       | Southern C District Track                        |
| 4/14     | Track Pictures                    | 5/10      | FFA Community Breakfast & Plant Sale             |
| 4/14     | FFA Awards Banquet                | 5/13      | FFA Animal Farm                                  |
| 4/15     | HS Track @ Red Lodge              | 5/16      | Southern C Divisional Track                      |
| 4/16     | Laurel Career Fair                | 5/20      | Spring Sports Awards Banquet                     |
| 4/17     | ACT for Juniors                   | 5/20      | NASA Competition in Bozeman                      |
| 4/17     | JH Track @ Skyview                | 5/23-5/24 | State Track @ Missoula                           |
| 4/19     | BPA Bake Sale & Egg Hunt          | 5/26      | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> —Memorial Day                   |
| 4/20     | Easter                            | 5/29      | Spring Concert                                   |
| 4/21     | <b>NO SCHOOL</b>                  | 6/1       | Graduation                                       |
| 4/22     | HS Track @ Red Lodge              | 6/2       | Elementary Field Day                             |
| 4/24     | JH Track @ Red Lodge              | 6/3       | Kindergarten Graduation                          |
| 4/24     | NASA Movie Night                  | 6/3-6/4   | Semester Tests                                   |
| 4/25     | <b>Pictograph Cave Field Trip</b> | 6/4       | <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>                        |



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**SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION and MIL LEVY VOTE**  
**MAY 6TH 12:00-8:00 pm AT THE FIREHALL.**  
**SEE CANDIDATE AND LEVY INFORMATION INSIDE**