



Upper Loup Scoop

Upper Loup NRD

April 2019

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Calendar of Events

April

11	Board Meeting: ULNRD Office 7 PM CT
22	Earth Day
26	Arbor Day

May

9	Board Meeting: ULNRD Office 7 PM CT
16	ULNRD Learning Center Open House 4-6 PM CT
27	Office Closed: Memorial Day

June

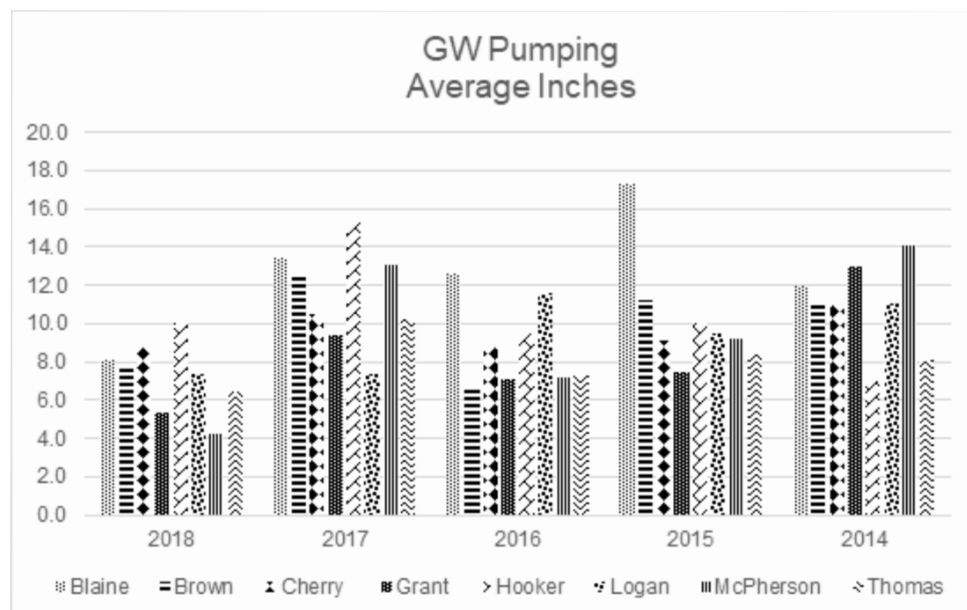
13	Board Meeting: ULNRD Office 7 PM CT
16-19	ACE Camp at 4-H Camp, Halsey, NE

Attention Cherry, Grant, Hooker, and Thomas County Irrigators



Flow meters are an important tool for your operation. Meters give producers information about the total amount of water applied for irrigation. The NRD also uses this data to determine the amount of water being withdrawn from the aquifer across the district. Effective groundwater management begins with accurate water use measurements. All active high capacity wells associated with certified acres, those with a pumping apparatus, must be equipped with a flow meter. Subdistricts 1-3 (Cherry, Grant, Hooker, and Thomas Counties) wells need to be metered by **May 1, 2020**. If you have recently installed a flow meter, please call us at 308-645-2250 so we can send a technician to inspect it.

2018 Groundwater Pumping by County



This graph depicts the average groundwater pumping by county from the last 4 years.

Chemigation Training and Permits

Before an irrigator can begin chemigation, state law requires a permit to be obtained from the local NRD on an annual basis. Permit fees through the ULNRD are as follows: Renewal Permit: \$30.00, New Permit: \$60.00, Special Permit: \$60.00 and Emergency Permit \$250.00. Inspections will continue to be made on a three year cycle; new and modified systems must still have an inspection prior to injecting fertilizer or pesticides. Renewal permits and fees are due in the office of the Upper Loup NRD no later than 4pm CT on June 1st.

If you plan to apply chemicals, you **MUST ATTEND** one of the courses and pass a written exam to be certified. Certification is good for four years. Area training dates: **April 9** at 9 am CT, **May 8** at 1 pm CT, and **June 6** at 1 pm CT. The location of these classes will be held at 402 W State Farm Road, North Platte, you may contact Chuck Burr at 308-696-6783 for more information.

ACE Camp Scholarships

The ULNRD is offering full scholarships to attend the annual ACE Camp to be held **June 16-19, 2019**. This year will be the Adventure Camp's **TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY**. ACE Camp is for students who have completed 6th, 7th and 8th grade in the 2018-2019 school year. To be qualified for a scholarship, you must reside in the ULNRD boundaries and you must also fill out a scholarship form that can be found on our website at www.upperloupnrd.org. A camp registration form must be completed along with the enclosed scholarship form. The camp registration form can be found on the back of this newsletter, on our website, or at the office. The form should be completed and returned to the ULNRD office. If you have any questions, please call 308-645-2250 or visit our Facebook page: Adventure Camp about the Environment. If you are 17 and have been to the camp inquire about becoming a volunteer counselor!

Spring Trivia

1. This flower's sap contains sharp crystals that protect against grazing animals.

- A) Lily B) Daffodil
C) Rose D) Tulip

2. Bats are pollinators. **True or False?**

3. Bees can recognize human faces. **True or False?**

4. What does *equinox* mean?

- A) Winter's End B) Spring Day
C) Short Night D) Equal Night

5. What plant is related to the potato and has poisonous black or red berries?

- A) Chokeberry B) Buckthorn
C) Nightshade D) Winterberry

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Spring Trees Available

The Upper Loup NRD is still selling trees for the spring planting season. There are trees available to suit all your needs. These trees will be bare root. The ULNRD has a variety of hardwoods, conifers, as well as shrubs available. Trees and shrubs will be sold in bundles of 25 and cost approximately \$25/bundle. To purchase trees please contact the ULNRD office at ulnrd@upperloupnrd.org or 308-645-2250.



ULNRD Welcomes New Board Directors

The Upper Loup NRD has welcomed two new board directors. Representing Sub-District 2 is John Kraye of Mullen. Graduating from Mullen High School and later Kearney State, John has lived in Mullen his whole life. As a rancher, hay, and seed stock producer John has been a part of the FSA Board, Rural Fire Board, Mullen Community Foundation Board, and NE Cattlemen Sandhills Affiliated Board.

Representing at-large is Patrick Wright of Mullen. Patrick was raised 10 miles Northwest of Mullen. He graduated from the South Dakota School of Mines with a BS in Geological Engineering. He stayed in the petroleum industry for 20+ years and retired in 2000 where he returned to the family ranch.



Noxious Weed Spraying

The legal description of a noxious weed is any plant designated by a federal, state or county government as injurious to public health, agriculture, recreation, wildlife or property. More commonly they are defined as a plant that grows out of place and is competitive, persistent, and pernicious.

Regardless of which weed you are trying to manage, it's important to continue yearly management as skipping a year can cause the noxious weed to re-infest rapidly. Persistence is the key to any successful weed control program.

In Nebraska, you are legally required to control noxious weeds on your property. The common noxious weeds on the Nebraska State list include: plumeless thistle, musk thistle, diffuse knapweed, spotted knapweed, Canada thistle, leafy spurge, purple loosestrife and saltcedar. Fortunately, not all of these weeds are found in our district. To help with the battle of those found in our area (leafy spurge, Canada thistle, musk thistle), the Upper Loup Natural Resources District provides cost share funds for BOTH fall and spring treatment to landowners in the NRD area. Funds are available to cover 50% of the cost of approved chemicals up to \$500 per landowner. Applications can be found on our website or you can contact our office.

Projects in Progress

No Till Drill Rental

The ULNRD has 2 no-till drills available for rent: a 10 foot Great Plains minimum till drill and a 20 foot HayBuster No Till Drill. For more information and to set up an appointment, please call Jake at 308-645-2250. The drill rental prices can be viewed on our website at www.upperloupnrd.org/drill-rental/

Static Water Levels

Jake will be out checking static water levels this spring! Say hi if you see him!

Learning Center Open House

ULNRD will be hosting an open house to showcase the new Learning Center facility on May 16th from 4-6pm CT.

Pesticide Training

Producers wanting to purchase and apply restricted use pesticides on their properties must obtain private applicators licenses. Trainings cost \$40 per person. Local trainings will be held: April 3rd in Valentine and April 9th in North Platte. Private licenses can also be obtained by completing a self study course. This course will cost \$75. For more information visit pested.unl.edu

Flowmeter Inspection

If you had a flowmeter that required maintenance please remember they need to be up and running by **May 1, 2019**. Contact our office when they are fixed so that we may inspect them.

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Registration Form for 2019 ACE Camp

Deadline is May 31, 2019

Camp Cost: \$215

Camper's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

NRD District: _____

To find your NRD District

visit: <https://www.nrdnet.org/nrds/find-your-nrd>

Have you contacted your NRD about a scholarship?

Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Adult Size T-Shirt (Please circle one): S M L XL

Name of School you attend: _____

2018-2019 Grade Level: _____ Male/Female: _____

Food Allergies : _____

Parent Signature: _____

TO: POSTAL CUSTOMER

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Spring Trivia Answers

1. Daffodil 2. True 3. True 4. Equal Night 5. Nightshade