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# Harvey Picken, Minot's Ace Pilot

## DAKOTA GARDENER

March 18, 2022 — In aerial combat, an ace is a pilot who shoots down five enemy aircraft. One of North Dakota's ten aces came from Minot. His name was Harvey Picken.

Born in 1916, Picken graduated from Minot State Teachers College in May of 1940 and worked for the Great Northern Railway as a fireman, shoveling coal into locomotives. In December of 1940, Mr. Picken enlisted in the U.S. Navy to become a pilot.

By the time the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in December 1941, Harvey Picken had already earned his combat wings and was a Navy flight instructor in Florida. Wishing to transfer to combat status, Picken was instead assigned to aerial photography school in Hawaii.

As an aerial photographer onboard the aircraft carrier Intrepid in the South Pacific, Picken flew a Hellcat fighter plane. Being a photographer might sound like a safe job, but Picken was assigned to photograph enemy positions, and the Navy did not provide fighter escorts for photo

reconnaissance. That meant Picken had to protect himself. And what a good job he did. On September 13, 1944, Picken shot down his first Japanese plane. About a week later he became an ace in one day when he shot down five Japanese aircraft near Formosa.

Lieutenant Picken, in his Hellcat fighter, became an ace twice over, with a total of eleven enemy planes downed, thanks in part to his Hellcat, which was faster and better armored than the renowned Japanese Zero.

Picken flew photo and combat missions through the remainder of World War II in the Pacific, and he narrowly missed being killed by a kamikaze plane at Okinawa in 1945. The kamikaze made a direct hit on the Intrepid, hitting the pilot's "ready room" just after Picken had left. It was his closest brush with death during the war.

When the war ended, Harvey Picken, promoted to lieutenant commander, returned home to Minot where he went back to work with the Great Northern Railway. He later owned two

Minot restaurants, and, in 1971, went to Alaska to work on the oil pipeline.

Harvey Picken and his wife, Mary, retired in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where he died on this date in 1997, at the age of 80.

Interestingly, the aircraft carrier Intrepid, on which Harvey Picken served, is now a floating museum and National Historic Landmark in New York City. On this day, Datebook remembers the legacy of ace pilot Harvey Picken of Minot, who was one of the nation's "Greatest Generation" — those who served their country so nobly and so well during World War II.

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**District 3** - which includes the townships of 150-83, Rosemont, McGinnis, 149-83, Snow, 148-84 is currently served by Rod Stockdill of Garrison.

**District 5** - which includes the townships of Medicine Hill, 148-80, Lake Williams, Wise is currently served by Troy Presser of Turtle Lake.

Pick up a petition at the McLean Electric Cooperative headquarters in Garrison and secure 15 signatures of members from within your district. You can start circulating the petition right away, but it must be filed not less than 60 days before the annual meeting. Petitions for the 2022 director election must be filed with the McLean Electric Cooperative by April 22, 2022.

According to the bylaws, any member of McLean Electric Cooperative who is a member of this cooperative as a bona fide resident of the district he/she represents and is in no way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise can become a candidate for the board of directors. Directors shall be elected by the members at large at the MEC annual meeting on June 21, 2022, in Garrison.

Directors have a fiduciary responsibility to the cooperative. They exercise care, time, and responsibility in reviewing cooperative matters. Directors treat cooperative business as if it were their own. Directors devote a certain amount of time to the cooperative. At a minimum, a director attends each monthly board meeting. Directors learn about the industry as a whole by reading other materials and by attending state and national meetings. An understanding of the issues facing the industry is vital. To help directors with their responsibilities, training is offered through the electric cooperative's statewide organization. Courses cover director duties and liabilities, understanding the electric business, board roles and relationships, strategic planning, and financial decision-making. Directors currently serving the cooperative find the duty extremely rewarding.



## Love What You Do THE PELUSO REPORT

By Mike Peluso, Dakota Edge Outdoors

You definitely have to love what you do to be able to endure the pure punishment ice fishing can throw at you. Cold weather, heavy winds, and finicky fish are just part of the equation. Mix in some green clients, high expectations of magazine cover pictures and you have a recipe for disaster ... or at least frustration.

Either way, I always try to take everything in stride and if you know me, I'm extremely laid back; if you know me really well, you know I have a pretty long fuse and it takes a lot to rattle me or get me off my path. This winter has definitely tried to do all of the above! Sorry winter, you ran into the wrong guide.

Anyway, as tough as it has been at times on Devils Lake recently, it has actually made me work even harder. I don't play or coach hockey anymore, but that doesn't mean I'm not still competitive. Now, my opponents are the elements and the fish.

So, what are we finding right now on Devils Lake as far as the bite is concerned? If you keep grinding and working you will catch some fish. It's not easy and it's definitely what I call a guided bite; a spot on a spot type of deal and small windows when you need to be there. I've talked at length with some of my guide buddies and

we all agree there is plenty to eat in the lake for these fish.

Walleyes are still for the most part shallow in the early mornings and later evenings. A mix of buckshot rattle spoons, tungsten jigs with a full minnow, and the old school plain hook and minnow is working. Make sure you are set up before the sun starts to poke over the skyline. That feeding window is small!

Perch, well, they are shallow, they are in between, and they are deep. Why? Because freshwater shrimp know no boundaries and they are everywhere and that's what these perch are feeding on. When you stumble on a pod they are either biters or not. It doesn't take long for you to know if they are on or not. Small tungsten lures tipped with spikes seem to be doing well.

Again, I still have a few weeks left of ice fishing for the season, but for me it is winding down. I've really shifted my attention to booking these early spring river trips on the Missouri River near Bismarck. I'm also booking my trips on Lake Sakakawea for this summer. If you are thinking of a trip, get a hold of me so we can get you in!

Mike Peluso is a Dakota Edge Outdoors contributing writer and licensed ND fishing guide specializing in walleyes on the state's premier waters.

## HAT TIPS

Charleston



BY DEAN MEYER

Hello,

I am writing this from a motel computer in Charleston, SC. So if I get mad and you hear a crash, it is the hotel computer going through the nearby door. I don't have a lot of computer skills when I am working with a strange keyboard. To tell the truth, I don't have a lot of skills at anything. Other than making a pretty good omelet.

As I mentioned last week, I was taking my first wife on a vacation. To a place 20 degrees colder than southwest North Dakota. I posted pictures of Shirley on Facebook. We went on a harbor tour. She was dressed in a down-filled Carhart jacket and had her winter scarf wrapped around her neck. If she could have, she would have worn her wool lined mittens and her face mask. But you don't pack those

for a vacation to the south in the winter. My mistake. And actually, it was quite comfortable, if you stayed indoors.

The ad for the Hotel said "Ocean view rooms"! Wonderful. Even if it is a little chilly, it is nice to see the ocean. And maybe there is an ocean view. If you are higher up. And on the ocean side of the hotel. Our side looks down on the beautiful hotel pool! The ad didn't mention the pool was outside and closed because of the thin film of ice on the water. It wouldn't have been thick enough to play hockey, but it would have been good for a "polar plunge."

The food has been wonderful. And you know I like food. I mean I've had oysters on the half shell. Something my travel mates find completely disgusting. I try to explain that they are good, that even the oysters enjoy it, but to no avail. I've had salmon and flounder and shrimp and lamb and shepherd's pie. I've had lime key pie and Carolina Hurricanes and Sam Adams beer. I've had crab legs and crab souffle and shrimp and grits. I've had fried chicken on waffles and flat iron steak on

macaroni.

My brother-in-law has had hamburger and fries. Cheeseburger and curly fries. Mac and cheese. And beer. Lots of beer.

We have toured Civil War and Revolutionary War sites. We have walked miles in state parks where the first settlers in South Carolina carved out a meek and meager living. This morning we are headed for the first museum built in the United States. I have seen Fort Sumter and Fort Johnson. I have toasted the Union in Savannah and toasted the signers of the Declaration of Independence on Church Street. I have walked down market square and marveled at the cobblestone streets and the houses that predate a white guy being in the Dakotas.

But I am looking forward to seeing the wide open prairies of Dakota. Where you don't have to climb up on a hotel to see more than a quarter mile.

Right now, I am going to load my mates in our rented car and see if we can find that ocean everyone talks about. I know it has to be here somewhere. And I could run barefoot on the beach. If my toes aren't cold.

Later, Dean

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## FROM THE FRONT PAGES

Stories you may have missed in last week's BHG newspapers

### Sales and Use approves funding for Wally statue

Wally the Walleye will be getting a facelift.

Funding for the refurbishment of the Garrison statue was approved at the Garrison City Council's Sales and Use Tax Committee meeting last Monday evening.

The request for \$10,000, which was made by the Garrison Chamber of Commerce, received a unanimous vote from the committee members. The funding for this will come from the Community Development Fund.

— *McLean County Independent*

### Midwest Ag Energy gets tax exemption for five years

A five-year property tax exemption for an energy company was approved by the McLean County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday morning.

Jeff Zueger, CEO of Midwest Ag Energy, submitted the request for property exemption in January for the CO2 project the company is developing. During the tax exemption meeting, Zueger noted that he is requesting the same consideration that the county gave to Midwest Ag Energy's Blue Flint plant, located south of Underwood, when it came to property tax exemption.

— *Central McLean News-Journal*

### The only way is up for Lady Cardinals

An uneventful regional tournament loss to Shiloh Christian last week has hardly broken the spirit of Washburn girls basketball head coach Jarod Obering, who is sizing up this past season as a launching point for great things to come.

"The 2021-22 squad will be a year we anticipate looking back on and recognizing it as a turning point for our program," said the second-year coach. "It was a year that the girls genuinely connected and played for each other, even when our results at times didn't reflect that."

And while a 9-13 record may not elicit any feelings of unbridled euphoria among casual observers, diehard fans can attest to the strides the Cardinals have made over the past two years.

— *The Leader-News*

### One arrested in Beulah drug bust

An investigation is still ongoing after one person was arrested mid-week on drug-related charges within the city of Beulah.

According to Beulah Police Department Chief Frank Senn, a 40-year-old male was taken into custody early afternoon on Feb. 24 after police obtained a search warrant for the male's home.

"There is not a lot more I can say at this time," Senn said.

The male was arrested and incarcerated, however, was out on bond as of the morning of March 1, Senn confirmed.

— *The Beacon*

### Providing answers for CO2 capture questions

For the last several months, scientists, engineers and project managers associated with Basin Electric's CO2 sequestration project have been examining all the ins and outs of making sure any project is done right.

Now, the energy cooperative and representatives from these other groups are planning to present this information to the public locally, so they can understand the basics of the major happening that will be taking place in Mercer County.

The Great Plains CO2 Sequestration Project is a project designed to sequester and permanently store carbon dioxide from Dakota Gasification Company's Great Plains Synfuels Plant. The captured CO2 will be stored in the geologic formations of western North Dakota, which have been determined to be optimum for storage.

— *Hazen Star*

### Should students kiss goodbye to long summer breaks?

With the amount of learning loss that has happened because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, states like North Dakota that care about their students' educational success have started discussing what can be done to best help students.

One idea that was discussed with North Dakota lawmakers and State Superintendent Kirsten Baisler in January 2021 was extending the school year to a 10-month or 11-month year-round school. Though that idea has not been followed through on, there are some schools throughout the nation who have moved from an August to May calendar to a year-round calendar.

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# Should You Keep or Toss Foods Beyond the Package Date?

## PRAIRIE FARE

By Julie Garden-Robinson, food and nutrition specialist NDSU Extension

“Mom, I found some curry paste in my cupboard,” my son texted.

“It’s three years past the date on the package. Can I use it?” he asked.

He added “LOL” (laughing out loud) at the end of his text.

I am sure he knew my answer.

“Throw it,” I replied.

I think I texted him a bug-eyed cartoon.

I don’t like the idea of throwing food, but after three years, both quality and potentially safety could be issues.

He had offered to make me curry next time he comes home. I will be checking his food package dates. I’ll text him that with an “LOL.”

I’m not sure if my two young adults conspired to ask me questions that day.

“Mom, is it OK to eat yogurt that’s a week past its date? It looks and smells OK,” my daughter asked.

“Yes, you can eat it,” I replied.

In fact, yogurt is fine one to two weeks beyond the date, if stored at refrigerator temperature.

My kids must be spring cleaning their cupboards and

refrigerators, I thought to myself.

Taking stock of the food you have on hand is a good practice. Plan your meals taking into account the food you have on hand so you are not surprised by food past the product date.

Use your senses, except taste, to help you decide what is safe to consume. Remember the most dangerous microorganisms and their toxins have no off-aromas or flavors.

Food product dates help guide us to the best quality, but food dates are not required on most packaged foods. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is working with the food industry to standardize “Best if Used By” on product packages.

With the exception of baby food, you can use most food a while beyond the date on the package as long as it is stored safely.

To avoid food waste, be a scientist and monitor temperature and time of your refrigerated and frozen products.

Refrigerators should maintain food at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and freezers should keep food solidly frozen at 0 degrees Fahrenheit.

Food in your freezer will remain “safe” to eat as long as it remains solidly frozen;

however, you might not want to eat the food due to quality losses.

Freezer-burn is a quality issue. Freezer-burned food is dehydrated and may have off-colors, off-flavors and a grayish, leathery texture.

While you probably won’t get sick eating freezer-burned food, you won’t get any compliments from your family on the tasty meatloaf.

To avoid freezer burn, place meat products in airtight packaging such as freezer bags or overwrap with butcher paper or heavy aluminum foil. Vacuum packaging also extends freezer life.

Be sure to list the date of purchase on the package.

For pantry foods, such as dry goods and canned goods, write your date of purchase on the front and then rotate your stock as you put away groceries or organize your cupboards. Put the oldest food in the front of your cupboard so you use it first.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), you can store canned acidic food (tomatoes, fruit) for about 18 months and canned low-acid food (vegetables, beans) for five years. The Canned Food Alliance suggests a rule of thumb: use all canned food within two years of purchase.

We at NDSU Extension have many food safety resources, including a “Food Storage Guide” and a “Food Freezing Guide.” Visit [www.ag.ndsu.edu/food](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/food) and search the titles online.

If you use apps on your mobile device, download the “FoodKeeper App” from USDA. See [www.foodsafety.gov/keep-food-safe/foodkeeper-app](http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep-food-safe/foodkeeper-app) to learn more.

Take a look at your cupboards and refrigerator. You might have the makings for this recipe, which is courtesy of the Canned Food Alliance ([www.mealtime.org](http://www.mealtime.org)). You could swap in your favorite type of canned beans. The recipe called for dry white wine, but you could use vegetable or chicken broth in its place.

Tuscan-style Pasta with Cannellini Beans

1 pound ziti or penne pasta or other pasta

1/4 cup olive oil

5 large garlic cloves, finely chopped (or 5 teaspoons minced garlic, available in jars)

1/4 pound curly escarole, sliced or 1 small bunch arugula or 4 ounces spinach

1 16-ounce can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed, reduced sodium

1 14 S-ounce can diced tomatoes with juice, undrained,

reduced sodium

2/3 cup dry white wine or broth (chicken or vegetable)

Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced

Parmesan cheese (if desired)

Cook pasta according to the package directions. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add garlic and cook until slightly browned (less than a minute). Add escarole, arugula or spinach, stirring occasionally until wilted, about 2 minutes. Add beans, tomatoes with their juice and wine or broth. Simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Season to taste with salt and pepper; stir in basil and heat through. Drain pasta and toss with the sauce. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese if desired.

Makes eight servings. Without added salt, each serving has 350 calories, 8 grams (g) fat, 12 g protein, 57 g carbohydrate, 6 g fiber and 190 milligrams sodium.

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# Gearing up for Spring Pike on the Fly

## DAKOTA EDGE

By Nick Simonson, Dakota Edge Outdoors

Like any new adventure in the outdoors, fly fishing takes best when bolstered by early and frequent success. No other species provides more heart-stopping strikes, wrist-jolting runs, and a sense of accomplishment out of the gate for new fly rodders than the northern pike.

That early and oft-occurring spring excitement they bring makes them the perfect target for first timers on the fly rod. It doesn't take much more than a moderately strong rod and a few flashy flies to get started and catch fish. What follows is a primer for the region's premier early season pursuit on the long rod.

### A Strong Combo

Most pike can be managed on an eight-weight fly rod, and its relatively stout nature allows for it to pull double duty for smallmouth and largemouth bass when the spring run of northerns tapers off and those species kick into high gear. While the reel is often the

second thought when it comes to a fly-fishing combo, one with a reliable drag mechanism is key in managing the run of bigger fish, so investing in a model that's a level or two up from basic is not a bad idea when it comes to turning bigger fish in spring.

If adventures on the long rod are likely to be for pike only, or include muskies as well, consider upping the capacity of the rod and reel to a ten-weight combo. Line to match the reel is a given and both floating line and sink-tip options will get an offering in front of staging spring northerns. A weight forward, eight-weight floating line (written as WF8F) or weight forward, ten-weight floating line (WF10F) is a good start, with various sinking options providing choices when pike are a bit deeper.

Considering though that most spring pike are up in the shallows or staging just off them in tributary creeks and warming bays, a floating line will get the job done. The weight-forward nature of

such a line allows even novice casters to get those bigger pike streamers out to where the fish are and turns them over for a natural presentation as soon as they hit the water. When considering a leader to bring it all together, those with a wire shock tippet and a metal clip for attaching flies at the end will prevent bite-offs, are easy to use and typically aren't too distracting to aggressive springtime pike.

### Keep Flies Simple & Flashy

With the rod, reel and line selected, a handful of bright, flashy flies will work for northerns in spring. Remember that these are early-season pike – not scrutinizing bonefish on clear Caribbean flats – and they aren't terribly picky. When considering those first flies to buy or craft, think of what pike tend to slam on standard tackle: spoons, big twister tails, large bucktail spinners and the like. None of those standard offerings are especially detailed.

None of them look like anything in particular. They

simply trigger that reaction strike that spring pike are known for. The same should be considered when picking out flies or crafting them at the vise. Keep it simple, keep it big and keep it flashy.

Favorite flies include simple offerings such as bunny leeches consisting of a tied and wound strip of rabbit fur. Lefty's deceiver is a bucktail and feather combination that has accounted for more pike on the fly rod than I can now remember. Larger Clouser minnows tied on hooks from 1 to 4/0 are a simple bucktail offering that also gets down in the column. Bright color combinations like red-and-white, orange-and-white and chartreuse-and-white provide great attractor patterns, and a couple darker flies in black or purple for those cloudy spring days are good to have as a backup as well.

While the flies can be extremely detailed and well put together when they hit the water, after a fish or two, most pike streamers start to look

the same – long, injured and giving off the appearance of an easy meal. Stick to the rule of five inches or more in length, a fishy form with brighter colors, and relative ease of castability.

### Take It To 'Em

From there, the rest is just pike fishing. Find those channels where northerns run in spring, target feeder creeks and warming bays, hit those dams that block upstream migration, and its likely pike will be there for the plucking. Time it right and the angling can be non-stop and provide incredible practice when it comes to casting and laying into the powerful sideways strip-style hookset that is required to drive a hook into the bony beak of a pike and the rod angle and drag management needed to bring them in.

With a spring of exciting pike fishing on the fly rod, a whole new world of angling is opened, and even the most novice long-rodder can record some great memories.

## OUR OUTDOORS

### Young Anglers



BY NICK SIMONSON  
DAKOTA EDGE OUTDOORS

In the dreamsicle light of dusk on the backwater bay, I led a line of young anglers out onto the snow-covered water in hopes that a few willing crappies would fill the couple of hours between our afternoon of sledding and a planned pizza dinner back at the cabin.

The line, however, was longer this time as my oldest son and the three kids of two of my wife's friends joined me. Among them was my godson, Gavin, and his younger brother, Lincoln, now three years older than when I had last seen them and five years older than when we had last fished together.

That pairing was my first trial run as an ice fishing mentor, as Gavin then at age five, and I, sought crappies and bluegills on the ice of a small farm pond west of where I used to live, and his brother joined us for a couple winters thereafter before I moved away. In the fading sunset, I eyeballed a spot along the channel's bend against the near shoreline and punched a hole, calling out to Gavin to grab the Vexilar and asking if he remembered how to use it.

Assuring me he had plenty of experience since our last fishing trip together, he yelled out a depth of 18 feet as I created a couple more slushy cones in a nearby line and he noted a rise up the channel edge. We popped the hubs out of the

oversized thermal tent and set it up, punching holes for bobber rods and kicking out the legs of the bench seat the younger anglers would join us on. After sliding the shack into place, I set about adjusting the bobber stops on an assortment of rods, keying the dangling minnows to a foot off the bottom in the hole just outside the shack, about the right height from memory from previous seasons spent fishing the bay.

I had hoped the success would be similar but was happy just for some ice time with old students and new ones. With each slide of the string and adjustment of foam, Gavin was there to take the rod from my hand and deploy it inside the blue-sided tarp house for the already antsy younger anglers waiting for the evening to begin.

"Remember when I used to do that for you," I asked him as I handed another rod over, recalling our times on the hardwater of southwestern Minnesota, "and I remember when you made the switch from the float to the Vexilar, watching my spring bobber for a hit from those crappies," I continued as he chuckled in recognition, running the last of the combos into the icehouse. Making certain my son and his newest angling buddy Kaiden had their bobbers in place, lights properly hung and illuminating the shack for our efforts, I sat next to Gavin and dropped the transducer down alongside his line and set my jig in the adjacent hole.

Despite the change in location, the crowd of young anglers with us, and the astounding growth of a kindergartener into a teenager, it all felt so familiar as together we watched the screen and a fish rolled in below my jig and the small spoon he was working. Taken back in

time, I recommended a jiggle and pause presentation as the fish rose and I reminded him to watch the tip of his rod as the line engulfed his stalled lure on the screen. The last eyelet jumped, and before I could say "get him," Gavin set the hook on the fish below. A green-and-gold crappie came up the hole and he lifted it for the rest in the house to see and completed for me the memory reborn as reality a half decade from our last fishing trip.

While the crappie wasn't quite the foot-long slabs we had come to expect from what he and his brother now refer to as "the secret pond," it was perhaps the most significant fish of the season for me as the realization that the young angler I had mentored had now become a mentor to others, a solid right-hand-man on the ice when I would likely need to call on him again, and ultimately, a capable sportsman in his own right. Pushing through the finicky fish that remained, together with Lincoln we helped the two younger ice anglers stave off boredom as we passed the puck of the Vexilar around and showed them the fish moving below, but frustratingly not biting. Up until we received the dinner bell text from the cabin, together we passed on information, experience, and sometimes just the silly stories we had in days gone by of wet boots, stuck trucks, and wild fishing.

The fact that Gavin told more stories than I did, and the lone crappie he pulled up was enough to make it one of the most memorable outings of the year, if only for the chance to experience the coming full circle of my efforts and the enduring hope that it will continue turning ... in our outdoors.

## Harvey Picken, Minot's Ace Pilot

### DAKOTA DATEBOOK

March 18, 2022 — In aerial combat, an ace is a pilot who shoots down five enemy aircraft. One of North Dakota's ten aces came from Minot. His name was Harvey Picken.

Born in 1916, Picken graduated from Minot State Teachers College in May of 1940 and worked for the Great Northern Railway as a fireman, shoveling coal into locomotives. In December of 1940, Mr. Picken enlisted in the U.S. Navy to become a pilot.

By the time the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in December 1941, Harvey Picken had already earned his combat wings and was a Navy flight instructor in Florida. Wishing to transfer to combat status, Picken was instead assigned to aerial photography school in Hawaii.

As an aerial photographer onboard the aircraft carrier Intrepid in the South Pacific, Picken flew a Hellcat fighter plane. Being a photographer might sound like a safe job, but Picken was assigned to photograph enemy positions, and the Navy did not provide fighter escorts for photo reconnaissance. That meant Picken had to protect himself. And what a good job he did. On September 13, 1944, Picken shot down his first Japanese plane. About a week later he became an ace in one day when he shot down five Japanese aircraft near Formosa.

Lieutenant Picken, in his Hellcat fighter, became an ace twice over, with a total of eleven enemy planes downed, thanks in part to his Hellcat, which was faster and better armored than the renowned Japanese Zero.

Picken flew photo and combat missions through the remainder of World War II in the Pacific, and he narrowly missed being killed by a kamikaze plane at Okinawa in 1945. The kamikaze made a direct hit on the Intrepid, hitting the pilot's "ready room" just after Picken had left. It was his closest brush with death during the war.

When the war ended, Harvey Picken, promoted to lieutenant commander, returned home to Minot where he went back to work with the Great Northern Railway. He later owned two Minot restaurants, and, in 1971, went to Alaska to work on the oil pipeline.

Harvey Picken and his wife, Mary, retired in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where he died on this date in 1997, at the age of 80.

Interestingly, the aircraft carrier Intrepid, on which Harvey Picken served, is now a floating museum and National Historic Landmark in New York City. On this day, Datebook remembers the legacy of ace pilot Harvey Picken of Minot, who was one of the nation's "Greatest Generation" – those who served their country so nobly and so well during World War II.

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Weston Berg  
870-0956

## ESTATE SALE

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44-46-XT 58577

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**STEVE'S PLUMBING Service, LLC** in Garrison, ND is looking for a Full-Time Apprentice or a Licensed Journeyman Plumber. Competitive wages and benefits D.O.E. Call 701-460-7471, email a resume to szach@restel.net

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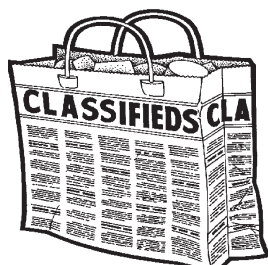
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We have the following ship dates scheduled to ship cows and bulls, Monday March 21st, and Monday April 4th, and April 18th. As always, have them there by 11 a.m. Call Darin @ 701-315-0144 with any questions.

43-TFN-E-X 58577

## MISC. FOR SALE

USED ALUMINUM PRESS Plates. 23 x 35, two for \$1 available at the McLean County Independent, Garrison. 463-2201.

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HAVE YOU BEEN in a relationship where you were emotionally or physically battered? Call McLean Family Resource Center, 701-462-8643 24/7, Washburn. The office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. EEOC compliant.

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- Elementary Principal
  - Elementary Teachers
  - Speech Pathologist Teacher
  - Bus Driver - w/CDL
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  - High School Science Teacher
  - Middle School Football Coach & High School Football Coach
- Contact: Wayne Fox,  
Superintendent  
743-4350 ext. 2205



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34-9-E-PD 58577



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### NOW HIRING!

CHI St. Alexis Health Turtle Lake has the following positions available:

**RN/LPN, Nursing Facility**  
\$5,000 Employment incentive.

**Radiology Technologist**

**Part-Time Clinic Nurse**

**Nurse Aide**

Experience preferred but not required.  
Contact Brenda 701-448-2331 ext 207.



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## HELP WANTED - MECHANIC & TIRE TECH

McLean County Implement/NAPA is looking for an experienced **mechanic** to perform diagnostics on vehicles and semi trucks, do the required service repairs and general maintenance work. Salary is dependent on experience. Must have own tools and a valid drivers license. Benefit package including medical allowance, savings plan, paid holidays, sick leave and time off. Bonuses paid on performance. Call 701-462-3366 to apply or send a resume to [sales@mcleancoimp.com](mailto:sales@mcleancoimp.com).

McLean County Implement/NAPA is looking for an experienced **tire technician** to be able to change repair and balance tires from lawn mower to semi truck/trailer size, including smaller implement and skid steer tires. Machines are supplied. Light mechanic duties would be a plus. Salary is dependent on experience. Valid drivers license is required. Benefit package including medical allowance, savings plan, paid holidays, sick leave and time off. Bonuses paid on performance. Call 701-462-3366 or send resume to [sales@mcleancoimp.com](mailto:sales@mcleancoimp.com)

McLean County Implement  
Box 250  
Washburn, ND 58577

Or email to: [sswanon8889@gmail.com](mailto:sswanon8889@gmail.com)  
or phone at 701-462-3366.



## HELP WANTED

CHI St. Alexis Health Garrison Hospital & Nursing Facility

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**HELP WANTED**  
**Garrison Public Schools**  
is accepting applications for  
**Full-Time Custodian**  
We are seeking applications  
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Starting pay is \$15/hour plus  
full benefits and leave time.  
The hours are 2-10 p.m.  
with duties in both buildings.  
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To apply, please submit an  
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• **Maintenance Supervisor**  
• **Rec Supervisor**  
• **Pool Supervisor**  
**Deadline: Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
(Competitive pay, benefits available)  
Email resume to: [garrisonparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:garrisonparksandrec@gmail.com)

**HELP WANTED**  
CHI St. Alexis Health Garrison has  
the following positions available:  
**RN/LPN -  
Nursing Facility**  
**\$5,000.00  
Employment Incentive**  
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• **Event Coordinator**  
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**SE1/4 Section 21-152-86**  
**Total Acres:** 156 Acres +/-  
**Minerals:** Seller to reserve all oil, coal, gas and all other  
minerals the seller may now own of record.  
**Terms:** Cash, with 10% down as earnest money upon  
completion of bids and balance payable within 45 days.  
**Bids:** Written bids, accompanied by a cashier's check or certi-  
fied check for \$5,000 payable to Haugen Farm Realty, Inc., will  
be accepted until 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. The top  
5 bidders will have the right to orally raise their bids at 10:00 a.m.  
on Friday, March 18, 2022. Seller will furnish updated abstracts.  
Seller will pay the 2021 real estate taxes and all prior years.  
Buyer will pay the closing fee. The seller reserves the right to re-  
ject any and all bids and to modify the oral bidding requirements.  
**Information:** Bids may be submitted to and  
further information, along with bid forms, may be  
obtained from Ryan Haugen, Haugen Farm Realty,  
Inc., 3108 S. Broadway, Ste. I, Minot, ND 58701,  
(701) 839-1451, or from our website at  
[www.haugenfarmrealty.com](http://www.haugenfarmrealty.com).  


## McLean-Sheridan Rural Water District

### HELP WANTED

McLean Sheridan Rural Water District is looking for  
one **Water Distribution Operator**. This position would  
require travel in a 50+ mile radius of the water plant  
located north of Turtle Lake. Responsibilities would  
include skilled maintenance, repair and construction  
work on potable water treatment and distribution  
system of the Water District. This position would be  
full time with scheduled on call periods.  
Pay will depend on experience. Apply in person at  
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