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CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

THE THRIFT STORE, Garrison Area Resource Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. THE THRIFT STORE, 181 Ellsworth St., Makoti, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

GARC COMMUNITY TALENT SHOW, GHS High School, 1 p.m.

OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY KITCHEN, Turtle Lake City Hall, Turtle Lake ND at 11:30 am to 1 pm.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

YOGA, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m.

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

THE WASHBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY invites you to join us Monday Mornings at 10:30 a.m. for our weekly children's story time Puppy Tales with Ichabod.

THE WASHBURN LIONS CLUB will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center. Meal will be served before the meeting. All are welcome to Join!

THE WASHBURN CITY COUNCIL will be holding their monthly meeting on Monday, February 12th at 6:00 PM. The public is invited to attend. Please note that our meeting times have changed from 6:30 to 6 pm.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

THE THRIFT STORE, 181 Ellsworth St., Makoti, 3-6 p.m.

THE WASHBURN AMERICAN LEGION VICTOR B. WALLIN POST #12 AND AUXILIARY will be meeting Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at the Memorial Building. There will be a 5:00 pm social, 6:00 pm catered dinner, with meetings to begin at 7:00 pm. Members, take your Valentine out to supper! New members are always welcome.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

VALENTINES DAY

YOGA, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m.

THE THRIFT STORE, Garrison Area Resource Center, 10 - 6 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, First Congregational Church-UCC, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Garrison Hospital cafeteria (enter through ER), 8 p.m. COMMUNITY CLOTHING SHARE-EXCHANGE at 221 Main St. in Turtle Lake has a clothing opportunity at no cost each Thursday from 12:00 -6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

TURTLE LAKE SENIOR CENTER 1:30 p.m. at Turtle Lake City hall.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

TURTLE LAKE WEIGH STATION ANNUAL MEETING will be February 17th @ 7pm at Weigh Station.

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD OF UNDERWOOD - FOOD PANTRY 10am - Noon Senior Commodities will be available. McLean County Residents in need are welcome. No referrals or pre-registration required. Address: 208 Lincoln Avenue Phone: 701-595-0320

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

CLASSICAL CONVERSATIONS Classical Christian Community will meet at the Washburn Public Library from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. For questions or more information, Please contact Katrina Winterberg (CC Washburn Director) at 701-989-2206 or Washburnareacc@gmail.com

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25



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OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY KITCHEN, Turtle Lake City Hall, Turtle Lake ND at 11:30 am to 1 pm.

SUPER SUNDAY SUPPER will be held at the First Lutheran Church, 709 5th Avenue, Washburn. Everyone is welcome to attend! Questions or Schedule a Meal Delivery: Call: Judy @ 701-220-4410 or Rhonda @ 701-315-0656. It is a free-Will Offering

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

COMMUNITY CLOTHING SHARE-EXCHANGE at 221 Main St. in Turtle Lake has a clothing opportunity at no cost each Thursday from 12:00 -6:00 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS:

WASHBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY - Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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. MCLEAN-MERCER REGIONAL LIBRARY - Riverdale Open Mon-Fri 8:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 5:00 GARRISON LIBRARY - open Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays-Thursdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Fridays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WE THE PEOPLE

BY DAVID ADLER

Freedom of the Press: The Essential Foundation of Democracy"

When the U.S. Supreme Court, in Richmond Newspapers v. Virginia (1980), in the words of Justice John Paul Stevens, "squarely held that the acquisition of newsworthy matter is entitled to constitutional protection," it was protecting under the First Amendment's Free Press Clause the essential foundation of our democracy.

The conception of the press as a pillar of strength for a free people who mean to govern themselves is as old as the republic itself. In 1765, in his acclaimed treatise, "A Dissertation on the Canon and Feudal Law," a youthful John Adams wrote: "Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people, who have a right . . . and a desire to know; but besides this, they have a right, an indisputable, unalienable, indefeasible, divine right to that most dreaded and envied kind of knowledge, I mean of the characters and conduct of their rulers."

Adams's insistence that the 'preservation of liberty" rests on the "general knowledge of the people," represented the

earliest version of our historic understanding of Freedom of the Press as the public's right to know. What is it that "we the people have a right to know?" Adams answered: "that most dreaded and envied kind of knowledge, I mean of the characters and conduct of their rulers.'

Adams anticipated James Madison's eloquent defense of freedom of the press which, in combination with freedom of speech, provided the essential protection for a republican system of government. The press, he believed, must have "the right of freely examining public characters and measures." It is only through close study and reporting on the means and measures of governmental policies, programs and actions, Madison explained, that the "sovereign people" can be sufficiently informed. Without information supplied by the press, the people, lacking knowledge, would be limited in their ability to scrutinize, critique and criticize governmental programs and actions. Without such knowledge, self-government would be but a pretense.

Critically, this historical understanding of the foundational role that freedom of the press plays in safeguarding the republic transcends political, partisan and ideological lines. Justice George Sutherland, surely one of the most conservative members of the Supreme Court, echoed the words of Adams and Madison. In a 1936 case, Justice Sutherland wrote, "The people are entitled to full information in respect of the doings or misdoings of their government; informed public opinion is the most potent of all restraints upon misgovernment." The informing function of the press, what may be described as the checking value of the "Fourth Estate," is indispensable to the maintenance of the republic. It has played a critical role, for example, in exposing governmental deceit in wartime — Vietnam and Iraq and governmental efforts to suppress the truth, as seen in the Pentagon Papers Case (1971) and the Watergate Tapes Case (1974).

It is precisely because "we the people" cannot attend the seat of government - state or national — to listen to debates on the great issues of our time or attend important trials that carry great significance for our democracy and the future of the nation, that we depend upon a free and independent press to provide accurate coverage of newsworthy events. We are reminded of Madison's fervent belief that the press must be free to "canvass the merits and measures of public men.

The press is an indispensable representative of the people, a fourth estate. It is for this reason, as Justice Potter Stewart noted in the Pentagon Papers Case, that the press plays a vital checking role in national security matters, particularly because expansive claims of presidential power face little challenge from a quiescent Congress and a deferential judiciary. So, he wrote, "the only effective restraint upon executive policy and power . . . may lie in an enlightened citizenry — in an informed and critical public opinion. For this reason, it is perhaps here that a press that is alert, aware and free most vitally serves the purpose of the First Amendment. For without

an informed and free press there cannot be an enlightened people.'

Freedom of the Press, Justice Hugo Black rightly said, was created for the governed, not the government. If an enlightened citizenry is integral to democracy, as a long line of American statesman, from Adams and Madison to Stewart and Black, have so declared, then the press must be not only free and unfettered but dedicated, energetic and aggressive in informing the American people. Madison, who was prone to romantic musings about the press, nevertheless captured its historic importance when he wrote in 1799: "To the press alone, chequered as it is with abuses, the world is indebted for all the triumphs which have been gained by reason and humanity over error and oppression."

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MCLEAN COUNTY SHERRIF'S OFFICE CALLS OF SERVICE JAN. 28 – FEB. 1

Jan 28

Deputies were dispatched at about 4 p.m. to the Visitor's Center at Audubon Refuge to help assist another agency. According to the calls of service, deputies were asked to help assist with a driver who was had a suspended license and to perform a search with consent. A 49-year-old male of Garrison was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Deputies were dispatched at about 2 p.m. to the 6000 block of D 11 Street Northwest in White Shield to assist another agency. Mercer County dispatch received a call from a reporting party south of White Shield stating a gray 4x4 Dodge pickup was driving through their yard. When deputies arrived, they spoke to the reporting party but the suspected truck had left the scene. Upon searching for the truck, dispatch received a call that a silver truck had rolled on its side and two females had exited the vehicle and were picked up by a third party. The truck owner then called dispatch stating he had been looking for the truck and was told it had been totaled. The truck was impounded and deputies searched for the two suspects.

Jan. 29

Deputies responded at about 10 p.m. to N.D. Highway 83 southbound between mile marker 119 and 120 on a report of a crash. A caller stated she saw a driver going the wrong way down the highway heading north in the southbound lane. They reported the vehicle being a white truck, which they saw new mile marker 117. A short time later, dispatch received a second call stating a wrong-way driver struck his vehicle on the passenger side between mile marker 120 and 119. There were three occupants in the vehicle. A third call to dispatch stated a white truck was in the middle of the road near mile marker 120 where the driver was holding his neck and wanted to leave, but the reporting party had the keys. It was discovered a third vehicle was involved in the crash and first responders were needed for extraction. Three people were taken to Sanford Health, including the driver of the white truck.

Deputies responded at about 5:30 p.m. to N.D. Highway 83 southbound just north of Underwood on a report of a wrong-way driver. According to the reporting party, a red pickup truck was heading southbound in the northbound lane. Deputies were unable to locate the vehicle.

Deputies responded at about 5 p.m. to 800 block of Bear Root Avenue in McLean County to assist another agency. A female was detained after finding her in the crawl space under the house. Tribal officers took custody of the female.

Jan. 30

stop just before 8:30 p.m. to Highway 200 eastbound near mile marker 203 for a headlight out. A 32-year-old male Turtle Lake was cited for failing to provide proof of insurance.

Deputies responded at about 9 a.m. to the 1000 block of 49^{th} Avenue Northwest in Garrison on a report of an abandoned vehicle. The reporting party stated a vehicle was at the intersection of McLean City 15 and McLean City 2 on an approach that could have been involved in a crash. However, no one was around the vehicle. The vehicle was impounded after deputies were unable to make contact with the owner of the vehicle. Later, contact was made and the driver admitted to the crash. A 30-year-old male of Garrison was cited for failing to report a crash.

Feb. 1 Deputies were dispatched at Deputies performed a traffic about 11:30 p.m. to the Main Street

Market in Turtle Lake on a report of a crash. A customer at the market said they had their vehicle backed into. A citation was issued for improper backing.

Deputies performed a traffic stop just before 11 a.m. on N.D. Highway 83 northbound near mile marker 117. A citation was issued for driving under suspension.

Deputies performed a traffic stop just before 10 a.m. on Highway 200. A 22-year-old of Garrison was issued a citation for no insurance and driving under suspension.

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 10:30 a.m. on N.D. Highway 83 near mile marker 128 in Washburn for tinted windows. A search was performed on the vehicle where drug paraphernalia was found. A citation was issued to a 20-year-old male of Devils Lake for possession of paraphernalia for marijuana.



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DAKOTA DATEBOOK

Red River Valley University

BY MERRY HELM

February 5, 2024 — In his poem, "Reborn," Bishop Ralph Spaulding Cushman wrote:

Deaf, dumb, and blind, I walked His earth,

I breathed His air, a thankless clod,

Until that blessed summer's

night When my dead soul found life and God!*

It was on this day in 1891 that the North Dakota Methodists founded a private school in

Wahpeton, the Red River Valley University. It was a school that would move several times before settling into its final phase.

Classes at Red River Valley University opened in 1893 with 85 students. From the beginning, RRVU struggled financially, so in 1905, RRVU made a historic move by affiliating with a state school, UND at Grand Forks, where it was renamed Wesley College.

Sixteen years later, Wesley College established a branch, the School of Religion, on the campus of the North Dakota Agriculture College in Fargo. Course offerings included the history, literature, philosophy and psychology of religion.

Under the directorship of Walter Lee Airheart, the School of Religion enrolled its first four students in 1921. By 1929, just eight years later, there were 253 students attending. That winter, Airheart and 16

Fargo businessmen organized

Ella, the Window Smasher **BY JIM DAVIS**

the Fargo School of Religious Education, a private corporation that proposed to provide religious education at NDAC that was nonsectarian and non-denominational. They went looking for private contributions, and in 1936, a donation from Mr. and Mrs. S. Fred Knight allowed the School to construct a new building across the street from NDAC on land leased from Wesley College.

In 1996, the building was demolished to make way for the

windows at the Fargo Women's

New Alumni Center.

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February 6, 2024 — According to the newspaper accounts, Ella O'Keefe appears to have been a likeable person who spent most of her time traveling from place to place on transportation furnished by local or county authorities. It appears that Ella had a problem. When despondent, she manifested her depression is a peculiar wayshe smashed windows.

Ella the Window Smasher was well known in North Dakota cities and on this date in 1896, she was on her way to Moorhead courtesy of the cities of Bismarck and Jamestown. After a brief episode in Bismarck, the Burleigh County authorities decided there was a need to send her, unescorted, to Jamestown.

Her arrival in Jamestown was reported in the Jamestown Daily Alert where she "stopped in her progress up Fifth avenue and expressed an intense desire to smash the windows in the stores of Strong and Chase," but she was prevented from doing so by parties who had accompanied her from the depot.

Hospitals have many windows and rather than being institutionalized at the state run hospital in Jamestown, Ella soon found herself on her way to Minnesota, that being the easiest and cheapest way of removing her from the community.

Upon her arrival in Fargo, Ella was arrested—as the year before she had attempted to break all the

Depression Script BY JIM DAVIS

Home. After her arrest, it was learned that she had more or less escaped from an institution in Fergus Falls, thereby beginning her journey from town to town. The Fargo Police Chief secured a ticket for her to Wahpeton after she claimed that her real name was Marie O'Brien and she had a brother living at that location. After 1896 Ella drops from sight in North Dakota but one can only hope that she was able to find help.

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February 9, 2024 — With recent mortgage foreclosures in the housing market, we can perhaps more readily relate to the events that transpired in the Great Depression of the 1930s. With continual drought and low commodity prices, farmers across North Dakota were losing their farms to taxes and mortgages; but the State Legislature on this date would reintroduce an ancient practice to remedy this situation.

Alfred Dale, State Treasurer, recommended the use of script. Many farmers and merchants, lacking available cash, had already adopted forms of barter to exchange goods and services, but Mr. Dale now proposed a form of script to allow farmers to repay their loans and at the same time obtain negotiable script to purchase other items and expand the economy.

This is how it worked. The farmer would sell one thousand bushels of wheat at 35 cents a bushel, then take his check for \$350 to the Bank of North Dakota to pay on his farm loan. The bank would credit the payment and then issue the farmer an additional \$350 in negotiable bonds of \$1, \$5 and \$10 values—in essence giving him 70 cents a bushel for his wheat, a form of currency inflation.

These bonds were then usable for any purchase at face value, but at each transaction, the handler affixed a stamp purchased from the Bank of North Dakota equal to 3% of the value of the bond.

After the bond has passed through thirtyfour transactions, the full value of the bond has been reached and the Bank of North Dakota was out nothing, while at the same time, the farmer had met his taxes and mortgage payments.

The State Legislature adopted House Bill 265, but somewhat modified the script to Self-Liquidating Tax Certificates and revenue stamps based on the amount of unpaid taxes in each county. It was also noted that it was the patriotic duty of all public employees to accept at least 15% of their salary in self-liquidating tax certificates.

Although it was too late for many farm owners, the use of script temporarily halted tax sales and allowed thousands to remain on their farms. It would be an ironic twist for some of these individuals, since it was land script instead of homesteading that had allowed them to obtain their parcels originally.

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One (1) Turtle Lake Director (Bryon Fylling running as incumbent)

- One (1) Steele Director (Ben Kleppe running as incumbent)
- One (1) Hazelton Director

*Anyone interested in filling one of the above listed positions, please contact one of the nominating committee members below: Jody Horner • 701-321-1235 Ben Kleppe • 701-426-9210

or obtain a Board of Director application form from Chris Duchsherer at the DFC Napoleon Office: 701-754-2252 ext. 112.

Filing deadline is Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024

Election will be during DFC's Annual Meeting • March 26, 2024 No nominations will be taken from the floor



The Thrift Store Hours: Wednesdays 10-6 Saturdays 10-1 Distribution Day 12-7 will donations support the GARC Food Pantry

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District 6 Republican ANNUAL MEETING

> Sunday, February 25th **Upham American Legion Hall**

Social and registration at 3 p.m. Delegate and Endorsing Conventions at 3:30 p.m.

> We will endorse candidates for D6 House and Senate and select delegates to the 2024 State NDGOP convention. \$20 Membership dues Freewill offering Chili Feed

For more info contact Reed Kramer at (701) 537-4703

NOTICE

6 ton per axle not to exceed 65,000 pounds load restrictions are imposed on all McLean County asphalt roads in McLean County except CR#18 to Great River Energy Plant.

6 ton per axle not to exceed 65,000 pounds road restrictions are imposed on all other McLean County roads except McLean County Highway #16 extending 7 miles south of Riverdale to the Fischer Industries (Sand and Gravel) Plant.

Restrictions shall begin Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 9:00 AM and shall continue until removed by the Board.

By the Board of McLean County Commissioners

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NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS

The Board of Commissioners, McLean County, North Dakota, will open sealed bids in the following categories in their office in the Courthouse at Washburn, North Dakota on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

ITEM NO. 1 -- 9:00 A.M.

Road gravel delivered on highways or in stockpiles. In the case of crushed gravel, bids will be for gravel crushed to 3/4" and measured on a ton and ton-mile basis. Successful bidder or bidders must supply a \$5000.00 performance bond after award of gravel crushing and must be available to perform work within 30 days of notice from Highway Superintendent.

ITEM NO. 2 – 9:00 A.M.

The rental of machinery suitable for construction and/or maintenance of county highways and bridges. Bids to be submitted on an hourly or yardage basis with bidder furnishing operator, repairs, fuel, oil, insurance and all other incidentals.

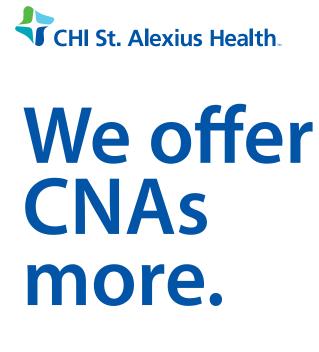
Bids to be addressed to the McLean County Auditor and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope, either "BIDS FOR GRAVEL" or "BIDS FOR RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT".

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.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Beth A. Knutson, County Auditor



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Back at it

BY JILL DENNING GACKLE

Just like Cher, I'll call it my to pursue writing again. Never Say Goodbye Tour.

I'm back. Not necessarily because there was a public clamoring. There were more crickets than clapping. Some of you probably didn't know I ever left.

If I could sing, I would have a concert to show I'm back, but instead I'll just write it.

I'm calling myself a freelance storyteller who is doing occasional stories in the McLean County Independent.

When I officially retired in March 2022 after a couple of years of being unreliable, burnt to a fiery crisp and admittedly with one foot out the door, it was time. It felt good to not have to think about sharing

story ideas with an editor, coaching how best to craft an idea and keep the fires lit under everyone's feet to assure readers of a valuable product. It was definitely someone else's turn.

But as time went on, I heard of stories that I wanted to write. Although I'm busy, I missed interviewing interesting people about hobbies and passions and then turning it into stories worth telling. And hopefully worth reading.

Before approaching the Independent staff with the proposition, I already had two story ideas stuck in my head that needed to be shared. When the third one landed in my lap - "The Fly in the Buttermilk" story of the former Garrison resident, one of the first blacks in the state - I knew I couldn't ignore the nudges

Just like Cher, I can't give it up. Writing is therapeutic for me. People's stories are fascinating. It's always been interesting to me to learn what makes people do what they do and I hope you find the same.

If you have any story ideas particularly stories of people please let me know or Editor Tyson Matthews. We want to continue to give you what you need to know to stay engaged with your community.

And if you haven't renewed your subscription, now is the time. Your community needs a thriving newspaper and your subscription keeps staff paid and the presses running.

Only about 10 percent of counties have a mutual agreement a newspaper's revenue comes from subscriptions or copies sold at the counters, which makes advertising the key. If you want more pages of news, then it takes more advertising. There's nothing like a paid product – or the free shopper going to every home - to bring your message into many, many households.

Thanks for reading. And thanks for letting me start my comeback tour.

Jill Denning Gackle is a retired journalist who isn't tired of writing. She is the co-chair of the North Dakota News Cooperative, a fairly new venture working to dig into stories that matter to North Dakotans while also promoting news literacy. She can be reached at jilldg@restel.net.

McLean County giving funds back to Mercer County for law enforcement coverage

BY KELLI AMELING, ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

to help each other when needed.

McLean County officials have

unanimously agreed they would not

accept a check for law enforcement

coverage for Mercer County,

and noted the funds should be

used through the Mercer County

County Commission meeting, Auditor Beth Knutson told

commissioners the county received

a check from Mercer County

for law enforcement coverage of

the county while Mercer County

mourned the loss of one of their

accepting the money," Knutson told

"(The county) doesn't feel right

In addition, it was noted all

During the Jan. 9 McLean

Sheriff's Department.

own deputies.

commissioners.

Initially, Knutson told commissioners the discussion was to give the money to Deputy Paul Martin's family. However, due to laws, that cannot be done. So it was determined the county wanted to return the check so the Mercer County Sheriff's Department could use it within their office.

Commissioners unanimously agreed returning the check was the right thing to do and all county leaders also noted the partnership among neighbor counties for law enforcement.

"We appreciate the thought - but it is something their department can use," Knutson said.

Law enforcement coverage

Deputy Paul Martin, 53, of Beulah, died in the line of duty Dec. 6 after being involved in a pursuit. Martin was standing behind his patrol vehicle when the vehicle being sought struck Martin's patrol vehicle, pushing it into him.

The vehicle was being driven by Ian Cramer, 42, of Bismarck - the son of North Dakota Sen. Kevin Cramer.

While the county mourned the loss of Martin, surrounding communities came together to show support for Mercer County through numerous efforts, including the McLean County Sheriff's Department who stepped in and help with coverage during the difficult time.

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Industrial Commission awards grants and loans in latest Clean Sustainable Energy Program grant round

The North Dakota Industrial Commission, consisting of Gov. Doug Burgum, Attorney General Drew Wrigley and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, ing grants and \$153 million in loans during the latest grant round for the Clean Sustainable Energy program. The Clean Sustainable Energy Program was established in 2021 to advance the commercialization of lowemissions technologies for North Dakota's energy industry and is funded by a combination of oil tax revenue and state-owned

mineral royalties. The eight approved Clean

Sustainable Energy Program projects included: A \$7 million grant to Scranton

Holding Company to support a low-carbon pig iron production facility in McLean County, ND A \$2.5 million loan to Wellspring Hydro to support an oil field produced water recycling facility in Williams County, ND

A \$3.3 million grant to the Energy and Environmental Research Center and Marathon

The North Dakota Game and

Fish Department's annual Earth

Day Patch Contest is, in part, an

effort to heighten awareness about

the environment in North Dakota

develop a patch design using five

colors incorporating an aspect of

Earth Day such as environmental

awareness, respect Earth, water quality, wildlife, or habitat

The contest is open to studentsin

grades kindergarten through

twelfth. Winners are chosen from

three grade categories (K-4, 5-8

conservation in North Dakota.

Students who participate will

and beyond.

Petroleum to support the expansion and production of sustainable aviation fuels at its Dickinson, ND refinery

A \$2 million grant to Dakota Lithium for a demonstration facility producing low-carbon, long-duration lithium-ion batteries in Grand Forks, ND

A \$17 million loan to Packet Digital to support its battery

manufacturing facility in Fargo, ND

A \$9.5 million grant and a \$8.5 million loan to Cerilon to further support construction of a natural gas-to-liquids production facility in Williams County, ND Additionally, the Commission accepted the recommendation of the Clean Sustainable Energy Authority (CSEA) and approved the following fertilizer projects for forgivable loans:

A \$75 million loan to Prairie Horizon for a fertilizer production facility in Stark County, ND A \$50 million loan to NextEra Energy Resources for a fertilizer production facility in Stutsman County, ND The fertilizer loan

Earth Day Patch Contest

was authorized by House Bill 1546 during the November 2023 special session, which also directed the CSEA to forgive the loan "upon completion of construction of the fertilizer production facility."

The forgiven loan will be paid from the Strategic Investments

and Improvement Fund, which receives its funding from oil tax revenue and royalties from state owned minerals.

The projects approved today represent an exciting new chapter for our state," the Commission said in a joint statement.

"By leveraging state energy tax dollars and private sector investments, we can address the rising regulatory burden that our industries face while ensuring that our energy portfolio remains resilient and reliable. We commend the Clean Sustainable Energy Authority for thoroughly vetting the many great applications we received, and we thank the applicants for their investments in North Dakota.

FROM A CERTAIN POINT OF VIEW Everybody Loves a Hero **BY HUNTER KAMRATH**

One of my best friends and I have a unique tradition. Oftentimes when we meet, we find ourselves looking for history books at Barnes and Noble. One December afternoon, I found a book on George Washington called "The Return of George Washington: Uniting the States 1783-1789" by Edward J. Larson. I was very intrigued and decided to buy it since I consider Washington to be my very favorite United States President. In honor of the fact that Presidents day is just around the corner, I would like to focus on Washington's road to becoming our first president and why I think he is a true inspiration to us all.

I was not disappointed when I read the book. The book opens with the immediate aftermath of the Revolutionary War. An entire nation is in a state of shock as the General who led the army to fight for Independence is now retiring. It is believed that some of the many reasons for this was that Washington became rather uncomfortable as many wanted him to become king, and Washington was very against the notion of the newborn nation to be just like the nation that just was ruling over them, Great Britain. Another reason was the declining health of the founding father. It was noted in the book that he was often sick, suffering from several headaches and many toothaches, just to name a few of the health issues that were facing our future president.

Our Nation was in rough shape during the first few years of Washington's retirement. At the time, the United States' constitution was the Articles of Confederation, but it was quickly realized by the founding fathers that it could never work. Historians have come up with multiple reasons why it failed, but the simplest explanation was that the Government was too weak and unable to enforce any laws.

It was decided to write a new constitution in 1787. Each of the original 13 colonies were asked to bring delegates to a convention to draft a new constitution. To no one's surprise, the state of Virginia desperately wanted George Washington to be one of the representatives for their state. He was not very interested, wanting to continue his retirement at his home in Mount Vernon and hear about the happenings via the local newspaper and the letters he received from friends like Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. Seeing how rough of shape the young nation was in, he finally agreed to attend.

It took several long months, but a constitution would be drafted. And once again, George would go back to Mount Vernon as now it was time to hope that the states would want to ratify the constitution. After a long process, this would eventually be the case. Once again, his time away from the public spotlight wouldn't last long. The constitution called for one man to become a President of the country. As you can imagine, the country once again looked to George. Once again, he wasn't so thrilled wanting to stay retired, but eventually he was hesitantly willing to agree to run for the office, and he won all 13 states in the first presidential election easily becoming our very first president. To this day, he is still considered by many to be the best president in our country's history.

What I love about this story is how much of a hero Washington is and how inspiring this story can be. Several times he had to make sacrifices to do what he felt was right for the good of the country even though it took away from the quiet life he now desired at Mount Vernon. He easily could have become the king of the country, but he didn't. He knew the country could never thrive under that kind of government. He also could have been president until the day he died, but he knew that it wouldn't be right to hold the power of office for too long and resigned after serving two terms or eight years in the office.

"Everybody loves a hero. People line up for them. Cheer them. Scream their names. And Years later, they'll tell how they stood in the rain for hours just to get a glimpse of the one who taught them to hold on a second longer. I believe there's a hero in all of us that keeps us honest, gives us strength, makes us noble and finally allows us to die with pride. Even though sometimes we have to be steady and give up the thing we want the most, even our dreams." – Rosemary Harris as Aunt May Parker in the 2004 film "Spider-Man 2".

BSC recognizes Fall 2023 graduates

Bismarck State College is pleased to recognize the students who have completed the coursework to graduate in Fall 2023. Fall graduates are eligible to participate in BSC's 84th Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 10, 2024, at the Bismarck Event Center.

Ginger Goven, Wilton, N.D., graduate with an Associate in Arts

and 9-12). Each winner will receive an outdoor kit, which includes a pair of binoculars and field guides. The grand prize patch design winner is chosen from one of the three winning age categories.

In addition, the grand prize winner will have their design displayed on the recognition patch, be featured in North Dakota OUTDOORS and on the Game and Fish website. Contest entry deadline is March 1.

The grand prize-winning design will be used on a patch to be given out to the members Earth Day Patch Contest of school groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H clubs, outdoor clubs and community groups that participate in Earth Day cleanup projects in North Dakota throughout the year.

Contestants are urged to get their communities involved in Earth Day projects on publicly owned or managed lands in or near their communities.

Details about the contest can be found on the department's website at gf.nd.gov. For additional information, contact Sherry Niesar, Earth Day Patch Contest coordinator, at 701-5273714 or email sniesar@nd.gov.

Karoline Hiatt, Washburn, N.D., graduate with an Associate in Arts

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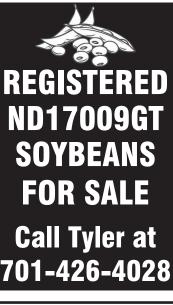
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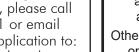
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 Maintenance of all City owned properties including but not limited to: mowing, tree trimming, painting, snow removal, cleaning, organizing etc.

 Maintenance of all City owned equipment including but not limited to: mowers, loaders, pickups, dump truck and attachments to loader and sanders. This includes record keeping to support maintenance history. Maintenance of water related facilities

and working with Southwest Water Supply personnel as needed. Flushing all fire hydrants twice a year and making any necessary repairs to hydrants.

• Maintenance of the City sewer system which requires checking the lift stations and keeping a daily log, maintaining the stations, checking and cleaning the station basket, flushing City sewers periodically and assisting with any repairs as needed.

 Maintenance of the City's lagoon system with special attention paid to management of weeds, mowing and transferring liquids between cells for eventual discharge.

 Daily upkeep of Civic Center furnace during winter months, hauling coal, checking mechanical rooms, sump pump supervision, light fixture and bulb replacement, bathroom fixture repairs and any other general maintenance of the building.

 Clean and organize the City maintenance shops.

 Keep current inventory on all tools and equipment.

 Put up and take down holiday decorations, repairing when needed.

 Mow around the southwest water storage tank and northeast water tower. Assist with

draining for cleaning or maintenance is also required.

 Haul recycling trailer to Bismarck for emptying.

 Assist property owners and contractors in finding property pins, measuring lots and

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 Supervise and assist Park Board seasonal personnel as needed.

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 Assist school, pool, 4-H arenas and roads, set up and tear down of City events as needed. Assist with all repairs to City owned water and sewer mains locating such lines for

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