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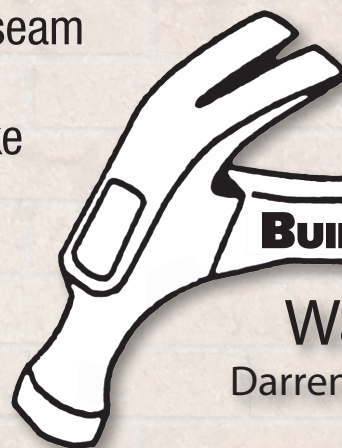
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THE THRIFT STORE, 181 Ellsworth St., Makoti, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FULL SNOW MOON HIKE, Fort Stevenson State Park, 6-7 :30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, First Congregational Church-UCC, 7 p.m.

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.

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

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

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

MONDAY, MARCH 4

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

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A walk in the woods

I took a walk in the woods last week with a colleague of mine, along with some graduate students. We were at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. Have you ever been there? It's a fascinating place.

Of course, to me, any forest is fascinating.

What is a forest, anyway? It's a simple question, but the answer isn't quite so easy. This is actually how I start out my introductory forestry class each time that it's taught. What's a forest? Is it just a bunch of trees? If yes, how many? There are dozens of definitions of "forest," and though many of them are similar, some are very unique.

The definition that we use in class is that a forest is "an ecosystem dominated by trees, but also consisting of associated flora and fauna, covering a considerable area." An ecosystem dominated by trees. I like that phrase, because it states very simply what makes a forest unique – trees are the main component. Yes, there are shrubs and grasses and forbs – associated flora. Yes, there are deer and insects and birds – associated fauna. But the main component of a forest is the trees.

Admittedly, the phrase "covering a considerable area" is rather vague. Certainly 50 acres is considerable. How about 10 acres? Or even one acre? Is a single-row shelterbelt considered "considerable?"

None of the standard definitions of forest agree on how big a tree-dominated ecosystem must be to be a forest. Some definitions say five acres while another says 10. One of the definitions lists only a single acre as being necessary to be considered as a forest. So, we leave that part of the definition vague. The area must be "considerable."

The specific forest we walked through at Knife River is about 80 acres. It's considerable.

I looked up at the forest canopy, the collection of individual tree crowns that consist of branches, and during summer, the leaves that produce food during photosynthesis. At Knife River,

this particular canopy was in rough shape, having been damaged repeatedly by wind storms in recent years. There was a lot of debris on the forest floor.

I looked down, trying to find new tree seedlings coming up. There were very few, and those that managed to establish showed signs of being browsed by deer. This forest serves as a deer yard in winter, providing shelter from temperature extremes and howling winds. But the hungry animals also nip at any food that the forest might provide. It's a tough place for trees.

While I look at the trees and the shrubs, my colleague Shawn looks at the herbaceous plants, the ones that don't have woody stems or roots. This includes grasses, sedges, wildflowers and other forbs. Even in winter, he was able to identify a number of plants. The guy is amazing.

Unfortunately, many of the plants he identified were non-native, invasive species, including brome grass and dame's rocket. The brome grass makes it hard for new trees to establish. It forms a dense canopy of its own, shading the soil and taking up any available moisture.

We took our walk in the woods to help us come up with ideas on how to regenerate the forest. The park managers want to establish new trees and we want to figure out how to best do that, even with all the challenges this site presents. We're actually pretty excited about the project, but I have to admit that I'm a bit apprehensive at the same time. It won't be easy.

Nevertheless, we'll give it our best shot. And we'll continue to walk in the woods, and observe, and learn. Have you taken a walk in the woods this winter? What have you seen?

By the way, is a single-row shelterbelt considered a forest? Actually, no. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, for a shelterbelt to be considered a forest, it must be at least 120 feet wide, 360 feet long, and cover at least one acre. Is that "considerable?"

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We have the following ship dates scheduled to ship cows and bulls, Monday March 4th, and Monday March 18th. As always, have them there by 11 am. Call Darin @ 701-315-0144 with any questions, also follow us on Facebook.

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Applications will be accepted in the McLean County Auditor's Office until **4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 28, 2024**, filling **two (2) or more positions** as a full-time **Jailer/E-911 Dispatcher I**. Starting salary is \$42,117.50 annually with opportunities for additional pay. A full benefit package is offered including employer funded health insurance (low deductible for both family and single); paid North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) defined benefit (pension) retirement; annual leave and sick leave; and access to excellent vision and dental insurances. For further information on the position or to obtain a McLean County job application, interested individuals may contact Lori by phone at (701) 462-8541; via email at lfoss@nd.gov; or visit www.mcleancountynd.gov/employment. Résumés may be included with the application, but will not be accepted in place of an official application.

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Duties of the position include answering and routing phone calls, maintaining administrative financial accounts and reports, preparing mailings, ordering supplies and publications, assisting Extension Agent in preparing for meetings and events and other duties. Applicants are required proficiency in MS Office software (Word, Excel, Publisher, Outlook, and PowerPoint.) Qualifications include a high school diploma, secretarial experience preferred, pass a criminal background check, have the abilities to take initiative, prioritize, multi-task, time-management and work independently as well as have excellent communication and organizational skills.

For application and information contact the Sheridan County Auditor's office, PO Box 439, McClusky, ND 58463 or phone (701) 363-2205. You may also contact the NDSU Extension Sheridan County office, phone (701) 363-2242 or email sarah.crimmins@ndsu.edu.

The Extension Office is located on the third floor of the Courthouse in McClusky. Applications must be returned by Friday, March 1st, 2024, 4:00 pm. The position is open until filled. Sheridan County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all applications.

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Applications and a complete job description can be picked up at 907 Main Avenue, Washburn or www.washburnnd.com, or by contacting the City Office at (701) 462-8558. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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The new team member must **live within 60 minutes travel time** of Washburn. The successful candidate will operate heavy equipment (primarily motor graders) in road construction, snow removal, bridge projects, maintenance and other repair projects. To view the complete job description or to apply, visit our website, www.mcleancountynd.gov/employment.

If filled at the **EO III level** the starting salary is **\$57,769.46 or \$27.77 per hour**; if filled at the EO II level the starting salary is \$ 50,981.82 or \$24.51 per hour. There is no cost to the employee for participation in ND Public Employees Retirement System pension retirement program or the low deductible, health insurance.

Preference will be given to applicants with prior experience in operation and routine maintenance of construction equipment. High school diploma and class A North Dakota Driver's License with tanker and air brake endorsement is **REQUIRED** on the first day of work. For further information, contact Lori Foss by phone at (701) 462-8541; via email at lfoss@nd.gov; or visit www.mcleancountynd.gov/employment. Résumés may be included with the application but will not be accepted in place of an official application.

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