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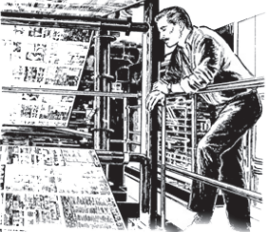
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**EVERY TUESDAY**  
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**EVERY THURSDAY**  
**AA MEETING**, Turtle Lake Methodist Church on Thursday evenings at 7 pm.  
**COMMUNITY CLOTHING SHARE-EXCHANGE** at 221 Main St. in Turtle Lake has a clothing opportunity at no cost each Thursday from 12:00 -6:00 p.m.  
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**WASHBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY STORY TIME** Puppy Tales with Ichabod at 10:30 a.m.  
**BONE BUILDERS**, Garrison Senior Center, 10 a.m.  
**NORTHWEST LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION** Annual Meeting, Montrail County South Complex, 10 a.m.  
**MAX LIBRARY STORYTIME**, Max Public Library, 10:30 a.m.  
**QUILTING**, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1 p.m.  
**MAX FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION**, Max Civic Center, 4- 5:30 p.m.

**DECEMBER 16**  
**WASHBURN AMERICAN LEGION VICTOR B. WALLIN POST #12** and Auxiliary meeting. 5 p.m. social, 6 p.m. dinner and meeting at 7 p.m. New members always welcome!  
**JOIN TRUCOMMUNITY BANK** in Washburn for their customer appreciation open house for refreshments and holiday cheer from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
**STORY TIME**, Garrison Public Library, 11:15 a.m.  
**THE THRIFT STORE**, 181 Ellsworth St., Makoti, 3-6 p.m.  
**ELEMENTARY FELLOWSHIP**, First Congregational Church, 3:30 p.m.  
**PRIZE BINGO**, Ralph Wells Community Center, 5 p.m.

**DECEMBER 17**  
**STORY TIME**, Max Public Library, 10:30 a.m.  
**THE THRIFT STORE**, Garrison Area Resource Center, 11- 5 p.m.  
**STORY TIME**, Garrison Public Library, 11:15 a.m.

**DECEMBER 20**  
**COMMUNITY CUPBOARD OF UNDERWOOD**, 208 Lincoln Ave food distribution from 10 a.m. to noon. McLean County residents in need are welcome. No referrals or pre-registration required.

**DECEMBER 22**  
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**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-Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Fridays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**WILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**- At the Senior Citizen Center June 4 thru August 15 on Wednesdays 1 p.m.-3 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**MAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY**-Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9-12 & 12:30-4:30



# From the Front Pages

## McLEAN COUNTY Independent

www.nordaknorth.com Established May 19, 1905 McLean County's Official Newspaper

### A LEGACY OF LENDING

Mike Youngs has worked at TruCommunity (formerly Garrison State Bank and Trust) a little over 17 years, but soon he will be retiring, but don't think you won't see his face around town though. "December 11th is my last day in the office," Mike said. "My official last day is December 31st due to accumulated vacation."

## Central McLean News-Journal

### DISTANT DUTY

For more than five years, Courtney Blotske has been the steady hand behind Underwood's city finances, juggling payroll, utilities and building permits with the precision of a problem solver. Now, she's trading the familiar rhythms of her hometown for the wide open spaces of Wyoming.

## THE LEADER-NEWS

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### MCLEAN COUNTY RECEIVED CLEANEST RATING FOR AUDIT

McLean County received the cleanest rating a county can receive for its 2023 audit report. During the Nov. 25 McLean County Commission meeting, North Dakota Legislative Auditor Jared Mack presented the state's findings for the fiscal year ending December 2023, which gave McLean County an unmodified opinion.

## BEULAH BEACON

BEULAH, NORTH DAKOTA, 58523

### MOVING FORWARD WITH MAIN STREET PROJECT PART TWO

After a public hearing was held regarding the Northside Street Improvement District No. 27 project, the Beulah City Council opted to move forward with the plans. During the council meeting held at the city hall Dec. 1, the meeting was paused to hold a public hearing regarding the improvement district.

City engineer Jerod Klabunde, of Moore Engineering, told council with the selection alternative C of the plan, the city underwent a 30-day public protest process where citizens had time to submit any protests to the plan. There were zero protests submitted.

## Center Republican

### CITY CONTINUES TO SEARCH FOR VIABLE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATES

After conducting interviews with two applicants, the city of Center is still searching to find a viable candidate to fill the vacancy of the Square Butte Creek Golf Course superintendent position.

With new flooring being installed at the Betty Hagel Memorial Civic Center, council held a special meeting at Oliver County Courthouse Monday, Dec. 9, and discussed an update on the search to fill the position, which became vacant at the end of July when Hannah Hoffman stepped down. The city rehired Brent Isaak on a temporary basis to fill the position for the remainder of the season. Isaak had been the superintendent for the past 33 years, retiring last year, which is when Hoffman was hired.

At the special meeting, Councilwoman Lisa Gusewelle made the motion to hire Caiden Dauphinas, however, both Councilmen Eric Casson and Troy Hatzembihler voted against it.

## Hazen Star

### FBLA TRIO BRINGS SERVICE AND FUN TOGETHER

Three young women from Hazen High School are thinking outside the box in finding ways to bring kids and youth of all ages together, with activities that they all can enjoy that are positive and beneficial to the wider community.

Caitlin Dronen, Taylor Huber and Haydn Wolf started "Students in Service" this year. Their goal is to provide regular times of fun activities that allow people to come together and be part of something bigger.

# EARLY DEADLINES:

The Leader-News, Central McLean, and the XTRA will have

**EARLY DEADLINES** for the Christmas issues.

All advertising and content must be submitted for the December 25th issue of the Leader-News and Central McLean News-Journal by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 9:00 A.M.**

The Dec. 29 issue of the XTRA will have a deadline of **5:00 P.M.ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND.**

All advertising and content must be submitted for the January 1st issue of the Leader-News and Central McLean News-Journal by **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT 10:00 A.M.**

The Jan. 5 issue of the XTRA will have a deadline of **5:00 P.M.ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH.**

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