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## EARLY DEADLINES:

**The Leader-News, Central McLean, and the XTRA will have EARLY DEADLINES for the Christmas issues.**

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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## Candidates Sought for County Boards

McLean County residents interested in being considered for appointments to a variety of county boards have until December 29, 2025 to submit letters of interest.

A total of 11 positions that expire on various boards or commissions on December 31, 2025. The positions are listed below.

According to County Auditor Beth A. Knutson, to be eligible for consideration for appointment to any of the positions, interested individuals must submit a letter of interest for the position that includes a short background statement. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age and in some instances must reside in a specific commission district or geographical area of the county.

**Planning & Zoning Commission:** One 3-year unexpired term expiring 12/31/2028. This position is for the Underwood area and is currently vacant.

**McLean County Water Resource Board:** One three-year term expires. Applicants must reside in the County's Second Commission District for the three-year term. The current member is Shannon Jeffers of Garrison. Mr. Jeffers is eligible for reappointment.

**McLean County Weed Control Board:** One four-year term expires. The position is from the Turtle Lake area. The current member is Dalen Schaefer of Turtle Lake. Mr. Schaefer is eligible for reappointment.

**Dakota Central Human Services Zone Board-** One three-year term expires. The current member is Senator Howard Anderson of Turtle Lake. Senator Anderson is eligible for re-appointment.

**McLean County School Reorganization Committee:** One three-year term expires. The current member is member is Marshall Maxwell of Turtle Lake. Mr. Maxwell is eligible for reappointment.

**County Officials Seeking Re-Appointment:**

- Tax Director/Land Use Administrator/Veteran's Service Officer-Todd Schreiner
- E-911 Coordinator- Richard D. Johnson
- County Highway Superintendent- Jim Grey
- Emergency Manager-Noelle Kroll
- Clerk of Court-Gwyn Bosch

Letters of interest can be mailed or delivered to:

By Mail: McLean County Auditor  
P.O. Box 1108  
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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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**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. This will be our Christmas food basket, curbside only pickup.  
**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**, Makoti, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.  
**THE THRIFT STORE**, Garrison Area Resource Center, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**THE THRIFT STORE**, 181 Ellsworth St., Makoti, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.



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**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**, St. Paul Lutheran, 9 a.m.  
**WHITE SHIELD HOLIDAY BAZAAR**, Ralph Wells Community Center, 12- 6 p.m.  
**VETERANS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**, Old Scout Veterans Bldg- White Shield, 1 p.m.  
**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3 p.m.  
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**BONE BUILDERS**, Garrison Senior Center, 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.



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**DECEMBER 23**  
**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.

**DECEMBER 24**  
**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 27**  
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McLEAN COUNTY

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### ONE STOP SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

White Shield was the place to be on Sunday. Over 100 vendors filled Ralph Wells Jr Community Center for the 2nd Annual White Shield Holiday Bazaar. The White Shield Market Facebook page stated: "Everything you need to check off your Christmas shopping list. Come ready for good vibes, holiday cheer, unity and community, the White Shield Way."

Central McLean

# News-Journal

### FOUR-DAY FOCUS

Every school day at Turtle Lake-Mercer Public School Superintendent Sheila Schlafmann stands in the foyer, greeting arrivals with a smile. The routine comes as the district reflects on its first semester on a four-day school week, 66 days in. To compensate for the shortened week, students now attend classes for longer hours, ensuring the district meets all state-required instruction time. The change has drawn attention from families, staff, and other districts across North Dakota.

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More than 60 years after coming to Hazen to start up a grocery store in town, Dalles Krause, Sr. is able to look with pride at how his store grew as a business, a gathering place of friends and neighbors, and a significant part of the life of the community. "Well, I think what I try to hang my hat on is that I wanted people to think that it was their grocery store," he said. "We named it Krause's SuperValu, but in reality, I wanted it to be my employees' store, my customers' store, and my community's store."

# BEULAH BEACON

BEULAH, NORTH DAKOTA, 58523

### BEULAH COUNCIL CLARIFIES SNOWREMOVAL RULES, SEEKS BIDS FOR PARKING LOT

The city of Beulah addressed questions it received about snow removal on sidewalks and a city parking lot. During the council meeting at city hall, Dec. 1, Ward 2 Council Vice President Adam Baker told fellow council members he believes the city worked out some snow removal issues since the first snow. Baker said there was confusion with businesses about removing snow from the sidewalks. "I think we got it ironed out," he said. "Businesses can hire out who they want to shovel."

# Center Republican

### LOCAL LEGEND GOES NATIONWIDE

After premiering in Bismarck and all across the state of North Dakota this past fall, "Hazel," a feature movie based on the legendary Hazel Miner, will be making its national digital premiere Tuesday, Dec. 23. According to a University of Mary press release, the movie, which was distributed by Samuel Goldwyn Films, will be released on video-on-demand starting Dec. 23 across Apple TV, Amazon, Google Play/YouTube Movies, Fandango-at-Home, Versant, Vubiquity and DirecTV/AT&T, with an exclusive streaming window on Angel Studios beginning Dec. 18.

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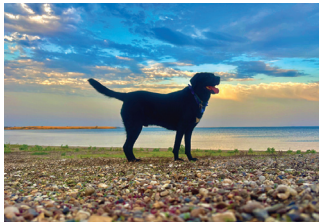
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