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»» AGENDA ««

8:00a - Registration

9:00a - Welcome

9:15a - Barry Fisher

 **10:15a - Break**

10:45a - Matt Powers

 **12:00p - Lunch**

1:00p - Producer Panel

Ryan Beer

Ron Kessel

Kelly & DeAnna Lozensky

 **2:30 - Break**

3:00p - Closing - Barry Fisher

3:30p - Q&A - Darrell Oswald, District Mgr
Burleigh County SCD

 **4:00p - Ice Cream Social**



Barry Fisher

Fisher Soil Health, LLC
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Barry and his wife, Michael, practice soil health on their cash crop and livestock operation in West Central Indiana.



Matt Powers

Matt teaches permaculture, farming and regenerative gardening to youth, families, schools and adults all over the world through his online courses, videos and books.

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

JANUARY 19
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.
AMERICAN LEGION MEETING, Legion Hall- Garrison City Park, 7 p.m.

JANUARY 20
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.
GARRISON SCHOOL BOARD, GHS Boardroom, 7 p.m.
MAX SCHOOL BOARD, Max School Library, 6 p.m.

JANUARY 21
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.
JANUARY 22
COMMUNITY CUPBOARD OF UNDERWOOD, 208 Lincoln Ave food distribution from 4 to 6 p.m. McLean County residents in need are welcome. No referrals or pre-registration required.

JANUARY 24
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With a post on Facebook, Alex and Brandi Hamphill announced that the Pour Choices Bar and Grill will be closed indefinitely.

The post read, "We will be closed indefinitely. Thank you for all the friends and family we have made that have stuck by us and believed in us."

The McLean County Independent reached out to the Hemphills and they chose to not elaborate.

Central McLean
News-Journal

MARKET MAKEOVER

When talk began about the possibility of Turtle Lake losing its only grocery store, city leaders moved quickly to look for solutions. That search led them to the North Dakota Catalyst Grant, a statewide program aimed at supporting rural and tribal communities.

Now, the town is waiting to learn whether its application will be approved. The city submitted its materials before the Jan. 7 deadline, but Mayor Dianne Zenker said officials have not been told when decisions will be announced.

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The McLean County Fair Board reviewed its projected budget, discussed entertainment options and addressed several infrastructure needs during its Jan. 8 meeting at Underwood City Hall.

Board members present were Dennis Erickson, Amanda Huettl, Darcy Klain, Arica Levey, Schell, Mariah Tomlinson and Ashley Wooley. Extension agent Sarah Bedgar also attended.

BEULAH BEACON

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BEULAH SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION PLANNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION

Plans to hold a human trafficking awareness and prevention presentation this spring are underway by the Beulah Public Schools' administration.

BPS Superintendent Carl Blackhurst updated the schools' Board of Education at a regular meeting Jan. 9, stating BPS is looking to hold an awareness presentation much like the one Hazen Public Schools held last year that included state officials, including the Bureau of Criminal Investigations.

Center Republican

SIX CS STUDENTS NAMED TO NDBDA
JUNIOR HIGH ALL-STATE BAND

Six students from Center-Stanton Public Schools were recently named to the North Dakota Band Directors Association's Junior High All-State Band.

Students include Oakley Hendrickson, trumpet, who earned first chair in her respective group; Natalie Erhardt, oboe; Claire Erhardt, clarinet; Kamri Kitzmann, clarinet; Lennon Hanson, euphonium; and Briella Hintz, euphonium.

The Junior High All-State Band Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, March 13-14 at Mandan High School. Hanson said the All-State Band will work with guest conductor Myra Rhoden from Georgia. That Saturday, the group will perform a public concert at the new Mandan High School auditorium at 3 p.m.

Hazen Star

DON'T GET PLAYED:

ADAPTING TO FRAUD THREATS IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD

When it comes to fraud and threats to your personal and financial accounts, it is almost difficult to know where to begin.

Technology, finance and the online world are all places that are constantly evolving and ever in flux. This means the tools and strategies that scammers use to target people, and the tools and strategies organizations, businesses and agencies use to combat these scams, also change continually.

In the midst of these changes, it is important for people to take charge of their own accounts, taking the time to make sure transactions are made and recorded correctly.

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to a cozy cabin.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 21 = E)

A. 20 23 16

Clue: From a tree

B. 12 18 15 21 17 20 7 24 21

Clue: Produces light and warmth

C. 12 23 15 21 6 3

Clue: Grouping of trees

D. 1 23 23 20 21 11

Clue: Made of warm fabric

Answers: A. log B. fireplace C. forest D. woolen

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to a cozy cabin.

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Answer: Chalet

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actress born in California on January 19, 1982. I started my career at age 4 in a hot dog commercial. I gained fame for portraying the middle sister on a popular TV series about a widower and two other guys raising three young daughters in San Francisco.

Answer: Jodie Sweetin

LOG CABIN WORD SEARCH

K P P H H E Y C D R I Y Y M E R H C C T
E X A O A E G H W B O L O D G E C H A S
A S L O N H M I U G Y P A L A E W E S Y
L N L M N G W N S H R K A R B O R E B P
H E I O L O I K R S Y I T O O T N F D M
T H C D G C O I E M M H V D E K W K B M
C H M A A S N N L F X L S R D C F D H I
O M Y P L X N G T N O T C H I N G O N X
R V C R U P H E N H O U T T M B M R R S
N E A I C P E F A V D X S F R E V E E D
S R B A E W P R E A U U E H S A U B T H
E U I H B X S V I K R P E T R R A M N E
D I N C O E W N H F X Y E Y S R B I A G
G E B G M L F O R X P A I A N U H T L W
B P H N W H E W O M D S R W W G L X W O
N H B I D S N T T D N G R D X V K R N R
O C W K W D F T N O P A O E P A N T R Y
W R S C B U N E Y A D I L S E G H F X M
B O Y O H X V I E E M S L B M W I O V K
U P E R E K M X C M D H W E Y K M L O X

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

ANTLERS
AXE
BEAR RUG
CABIN
CEDAR
CHIMNEY
CHINKING
FIREPLACE
HEARTH
HOMESTEAD
LANTERN
LODGE
LOFT
LOGS
MANTEL
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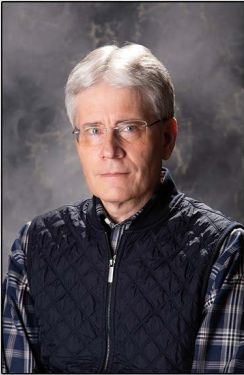
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