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will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at the Washburn Memorial Hall.

SOCIAL HOUR STARTS AT 5 WITH THE MEAL SERVED AT 6:30.

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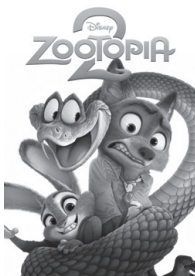
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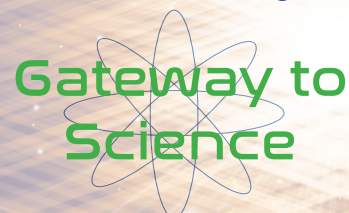
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EVERY THURSDAY
AA MEETING, Turtle Lake Methodist Church on Thursday evenings at 7 pm.
COMMUNITY CLOTHING SHARE-EXCHANGE at 221 Main St. in Turtle Lake has a clothing opportunity at no cost each Thursday from 12:00 -6:00 p.m.

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

JANUARY 25
TURTLE LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE FEED 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Turtle Lake Fire Hall. Free will offering. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, First Congregational Church, 7- 8 p.m.

JANUARY 26
COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at St. Edwins Catholic Church in Washburn. Call 701-460-0668 for more information or questions.

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.

JANUARY 27
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 RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS ANNUAL MEETING, Garrison Fire Hall, 6 p.m. social with supper and meeting to follow

TEEN AND ADULT CRAFT NIGHT, Garison Public Library, 6:30 p.m.

JANUARY 28
STORY TIME, Max Public Library, 10:30 a.m.
BOOK STUDY ON "THE SERVICEBERRY", 1st Congregational Church, 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 31
WASHBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK ART Flower Vase Craft 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Supplies provided, craft take ½ hour to make.

WASHBURN AMBULANCE ANNUAL EMERGENCY SERVICES BANQUET. Washburn Memorial Hall, social at 5 p.m. and meal at 6:30 p.m.

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PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

WHY?

To discuss the proposed pump station and reservoir project for the Garrison Rural Water District. The project consists of constructing a wood framed building with metal panel exterior, process piping, pump controls and a 125,000-gallon glass-fused-to-steel tank. Proposed improvements include water piping off Hwy 37 and a new fire hydrant.

WHEN?

Monday, February 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE?

Garrison Rural Water District office
1598 37th Ave NW, Garrison, ND

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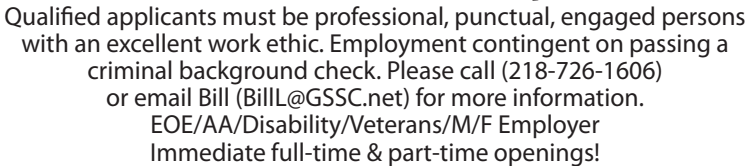
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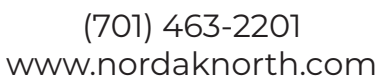


Answer: Shoot

Answer: Alicia Keys

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

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