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AUCTION LOCATION: Holiday Inn • Bismarck, ND

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**THE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD OF UNDERWOOD THRIFT STORE** is open every Tuesday 1 - 5 pm. 208 Lincoln Ave. Underwood, ND

**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.

<b>FEBRUARY 1</b> <b>SUNDAY BRUNCH</b> , Makoti Cafe, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. <b>RESCHEDULED HIDDENWOODS FISHING DERBY</b> , Hiddenwood Lake in Makoti, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. <b>YOUTH FELLOWSHIP</b> , First Congregational Church, 7- 8 p.m. <b>FEBRUARY 2</b> <b>THE WASHBURN LIONS CLUB</b> will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center. Meal will be served before the meeting. All are welcome to join. <b>WASHBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY CHILDREN'S STORY TIME</b> , Puppy Tales with Ichabod at 10:30 a.m. <b>BONE BUILDERS</b> , Garrison Senior Center, 10 a.m. <b>MAX LIBRARY STORYTIME</b> , Max Public Library, 10:30 a.m. <b>QUILTING</b> , St. Paul Lutheran	Church, 1 p.m. <b>GARRISON CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b> , Garrison City Hall, 7 p.m. <b>MAKOTI CITY COUNCIL</b> , Makoti Senior Citizen Center, 7 p.m. <b>FEBRUARY 3</b> <b>STORY TIME</b> , Garrison Public Library, 11:15 a.m. <b>THE THRIFT STORE</b> , 181 Ellsworth St., Makoti, 3-6 p.m. <b>ELEMENTARY FELLOWSHIP</b> , First Congregational Church, 3:30 p.m. <b>FEBRUARY 4</b> <b>STORY TIME</b> , Max Public Library, 10:30 a.m. <b>BOOK STUDY ON "THE SERVICEBERRY"</b> , 1st Congregational Church, 10:30 a.m. <b>THE THRIFT STORE</b> , Garrison Area Resource Center, 11- 5 p.m.	<b>STORY TIME</b> , Garrison Public Library, 11:15 a.m. <b>GAIA/BLFG ANNUAL MEETING</b> , The Cubby Hole, 5:30 p.m. <b>SNOW TOWNSHIP MEETING</b> , Totten Trail, 7: 30 p.m. <b>FEBRUARY 7</b> <b>WASHBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY</b> , Take your child to the Library Day, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. <b>COMMUNITY CUPBOARD IN UNDERWOOD</b> , 208 Lincoln Avenue food distribution 10 a.m. until noon. McLean County residents in need are welcome. No referrals or pre-registration required. <b>FEBRUARY 12</b> <b>THE LORD'S PANTRY</b> located at Trinity Lutheran Church in Turtle Lake from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. No referrals or pre-registration required. All in need are welcome to receive food at no cost.
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Christine Suter from C2Symultisport and Dave Clark from the Whistler Half Marathon would like to thank all of the walkers, runners, and volunteers who came out and participated in the Whistler Food Bank 5km Fun Run and walk in support of Whistler Community Services Society. We raised \$1,000 and donated over 800lbs of food! Thanks to everyone for supporting our community!

Christine Suter  
Whistler

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CRYPTO FUN

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Solve the code to discover words related to Valentine's Day.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 19 = E)

A. 24 7 19 14 19 12 9

Clue: Gift

B. 21 11 25 21 25 26 3 9 19

Clue: Confection

C. 7 25 5 3 12 21 19

Clue: Feelings of affection

D. 11 19 3 7 9 14

Clue: Love symbols

Answers: A. present B. chocolate C. romance D. hearts

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Valentine's Day.

ISSKSE

Answer: Kisses

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in Iowa on February 7, 1978. I have a twin brother with cerebral palsy, and as a child I wanted to give him my heart in a transplant. As a young actor, I gained recognition for my role on a TV show set in the 1970s. It led to many leading roles and a pranks show.

Answer: Ashton Kutcher

VALENTINE'S WORD SEARCH

C H E R I S H U R Q A D O R A T I O N C  
Q L C P O N R E P W Q P K M H D Q D T L  
A W W H F T C L R M T E U Q U O B A H G  
D R A C W A H S O F V E L V E T P S G V  
W B U G R R O O P H I F D I P U C E I V  
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P G M S K H O A S A F F E C T I O N E G  
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E A U O H P W I L S T R A E H V L P V A  
G O E L H T E F O B M H A D M I R E R N  
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G E N R T A C V K I B N G W B G N W P E  
N O E M H G T I M Q T N D H C E G T O K  
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

ADMIRER  
ADORATION  
AFFECTION  
BOUQUET  
CANDLELIGHT  
CARD  
CHERISH  
CHOCOLATE  
CUPID  
DEVOTION  
EMBRACE  
FLIRT  
HEART  
KEEPSAKE  
LETTERS  
LOVE  
PASSION  
PROPOSAL  
ROMANCE  
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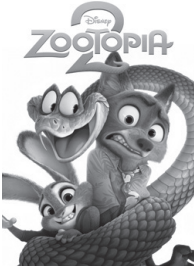
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**Feb. 6 & 7 ..... 7:30 pm**



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Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026  
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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?**

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

**WHERE?**

Garrison Rural Water District office  
1598 37<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Garrison, ND

**OPEN HOUSE CONDUCTED BY**

Garrison Rural Water District,  
and Ackerman-Estvold

This meeting is designed to allow for public input and to answer any questions about the project.

**NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS**

The Board of Commissioners, McLean County, North Dakota, will open sealed bids in the following categories in their office in the Courthouse at Washburn, North Dakota on Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

ITEM NO. 1 -- 9:00 A.M.  
Road gravel delivered on highways or in stockpiles. In the case of crushed gravel, bids will be for gravel crushed to 3/4" and measured on a ton and ton-mile basis. Successful bidder or bidders must supply a \$5000.00 performance bond after award of gravel crushing and must be available to perform work within 30 days of notice from Highway Superintendent.

ITEM NO. 2 – 9:15 A.M.  
The rental of machinery suitable for construction and/or maintenance of county highways and bridges. Bids to be submitted on an hourly or yardage basis with bidder furnishing operator, repairs, fuel, oil, insurance and all other incidentals.

Bids to be addressed to the McLean County Auditor and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope, either "BIDS FOR GRAVEL" or "BIDS FOR RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT".

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities or technicalities and to accept the bid or bids which appear in the best interest of McLean County.

Bid forms may be obtained by writing to the McLean County Highway Office (PO Box 1108) or the McLean County Auditor (PO Box 1108), Washburn, ND 58577.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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