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Turtle Lake Rural Fire Protection District annual meeting.

Held at Turtle Lake Fire Hall
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Saturday February 28th.

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 37th Ave NW, Garrison, ND

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Weekly

EVERY TUESDAY
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EVERY THURSDAY
AA MEETING, Turtle Lake Methodist Church on Thursday evenings at 7 pm.

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

EVERY FRIDAY
CELEBRATE RECOVERY, New Life Church: 519 Borchardt Ave., Underwood, ND 58576, 6:30pm starting in March, Contact: 701-707-9852

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WASHBURN LIONS CLUB PANCAKE AND WAFFLE BREAKFAST at the Washburn Memorial Hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free will donation.

FEBRUARY 16
WASHBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY will have ND Author RubyAnn Stiegelmeier at 10:30 a.m.
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.
RYDER COMMUNITY CENTER ASSOC., Ryder Community Club, 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 17
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.

FEBRUARY 18
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.

FEBRUARY 19
COMMUNITY CUPBOARD OF UNDERWOOD, 208 Lincoln Ave food distribution from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. McLean County residents in need are welcome. No referrals or pre-registration required.

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WASHBURN Super Sunday Supper from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Free will offering. Question or to schedule a meal delivery call Judy at 701-220-4410 or Rhonda at 701-315-0656.

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Agriculture Education Instructor / FFA Advisor

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Position Summary

Washburn Public School is seeking a dynamic, student-centered Agriculture Education Instructor that will inherit a comprehensive agricultural education program aligned to North Dakota Career and Technical Education standards. The successful candidate will provide engaging classroom instruction, supervise experiential learning opportunities, and serve as the advisor for the local FFA chapter. This position includes extended contract options to support FFA activities, Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) visits, and program development.

Primary Responsibilities

Instructional Duties

- Develop and deliver high-quality agricultural education curriculum aligned with North Dakota State CTE standards.
- Teach a variety of agriculture-related courses which may include, but are not limited to:
 - Introduction to Agriculture, Animal Science, Plant Science, Agricultural Mechanics, Agribusiness, Natural Resources / Environmental Science, Food Science, Horticulture
- Differentiate instruction to meet the needs of diverse learners.
- Integrate leadership, career readiness, and employability skills into instruction.
- Utilize data to monitor student progress and adjust instructional strategies.
- Maintain a safe and organized classroom, laboratory, and shop environment.

FFA Leadership and Advisement

- Serve as advisor for the Washburn FFA Chapter.
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- Prepare students for Career Development Events (CDEs), Leadership Development Events (LDEs), and other competitions.
- Supervise student participation at district, state, and national FFA events.
- Support student leadership development and officer team training.
- Maintain compliance with local, state, and national FFA guidelines.

Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program

- Assist students in developing and maintaining individualized SAE projects.
- Conduct SAE supervision visits as required by state CTE guidelines.
- Maintain appropriate documentation and records of student SAE progress.
- Encourage community partnerships that support student experiential learning.

Program Development and Community Engagement

- Maintain and promote a strong agricultural education program aligned with community and industry needs.
- Establish and maintain partnerships with local agricultural businesses, organizations, and post-secondary institutions.
- Assist with program recruitment and student retention efforts.
- Maintain equipment, facilities, and inventory related to the agriculture program.

Extended Contract Responsibilities

Extended contract days will support:

- FFA event supervision and travel, SAE site visits and evaluations, Summer leadership and training activities, Curriculum development and program planning, Equipment and facility maintenance, Student recruitment and community outreach

Qualifications

- Valid or ability to obtain North Dakota Teaching License with Agriculture Education endorsement.
- Strong knowledge of agricultural industry practices and emerging technologies.
- Demonstrated ability to work with students in classroom, laboratory, and shop settings.
- Ability to supervise students during travel and extended activities.
- Strong communication, organizational, and leadership skills.
- Ability to build positive relationships with students, staff, parents, and community partners.

Preferred Qualifications

- Previous FFA advising experience. Experience supervising SAE programs. Agricultural industry or related work experience. Experience managing agricultural mechanics or shop-based instruction.

Physical Requirements

- Ability to lift, carry, and operate agricultural and shop equipment. Ability to work in indoor classroom/shop environments and outdoor agricultural settings. Ability to travel and supervise students during extended hours and overnight events.

Compensation and Benefits

- Salary based on district negotiated agreement. Extended contract days compensated according to district guidelines. Benefits package includes health insurance, retirement, and professional development opportunities.

Application Process

Applicants should submit:

- Letter of interest, Resume, Teaching license or documentation of licensure eligibility, Three professional references

Apply at: <https://fs8.formsite.com/SFewFt/vkkubmxcl/index.html>

Contact Dr. Penny Veit-Hetletved with questions at 701-462-3221 or penny.hetletved@k12.nd.us.

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McLEAN COUNTY

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A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH?

Garrison's economic development association and community betterment entities joined forces last week for the first time, holding combined annual meetings. When the two meetings adjourned, those attending were left optimistic that with a little work, the indoor skating rink in northeast Garrison could fill a much needed void in Garrison. It's hoped that building, along with an old church along Trooper Avenue, could accommodate a variety of events and practices.

Central McLean

News-Journal

'FROM SEED TO SIP ... THAT'S WHAT MADE IN AMERICA MEANS'

In a commercial filled with Clydesdales, a soaring eagle and sweeping farmland, a McLean County farmer helped Budweiser tell its story to more than 120 million viewers. "American Icons" is Budweiser's newest commercial highlighting 150 years of the brand being in America, which is celebrating its 250th birthday this year – showcasing a bald eagle, the famous Budweiser Clydesdales and Brian Fransen, a local farmer representing all of America's agricultural community from his farm in Coleharbor.

THE LEADER-NEWS

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TOOKE NAMED TO WILTON COMMISSION

The city of Wilton commission has appointed a new commissioner to its board. During the city meeting held Feb. 4 at the city hall in Wilton, Jim Tooke was named to the Wilton Commission board. According to meeting minutes, Tooke was one of six people who submitted letters of interest for the open commission seat. During the Jan. 7 Wilton Commission meeting, held at city hall, Wilton leaders opted to fill an open commission seat by appointing an individual.

BEULAH BEACON

BEULAH, NORTH DAKOTA, 58523

WITH AN EXPECTED \$1M IN REPAIRS, BEULAH CITY OFFICIALS WEIGH IN ON OPTIONS WITH WATER PARK

Some major decisions will have to be made soon regarding the repairs to the city of Beulah's water park.

As reported last summer, the water park was losing more than 10,000 gallons of water every day it was open, with the culprit most likely being multiple leaks in the piping system. The expected cost of repairs is around \$1 million.

"There are a lot of tough decisions to be made about it," said Ward 3 Councilman Kameron Plenis, who is also the only city official with a certified pool operator license. "A lot of it is going to depend on when it warms up, when we can take a good look at how it fared through the winter."

Center Republican

ERIC CASSON RESIGNS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Eric Casson, one of three council members for the city of Center, has resigned. Towards the end of the city's regular council meeting Monday, Feb. 7, Casson stood up from his seat and read aloud a written statement, starting with a request that Mayor John Lee resign.

Hazen Star

TERNES EARNS 100TH WIN AT EAST-WEST TOURNAMENT

One Hazen wrestler reached a milestone achievement in his high school wrestling career recently, earning his 100th win in his varsity career during the East-West Tournament in New Salem on Jan. 31.

"That was one of the goals for me this season," Josh Ternes, a sophomore and member of the Beulah- Hazen boys wrestling team, said. "It feels good to get it."

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