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EVERY TUESDAY

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.

EVERY FRIDAY

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

MARCH 21

WASHBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY will have a Harry Potter Escape Room from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. call 701-462-8180 to reserve a time slot.

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.

MARCH 22

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

MARCH 23

JOIN WASHBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY at 10:30 a.m. for story time Puppy Tales with Ichabod.

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.

MARCH 24

ELEMENTARY FELLOWSHIP, First Congregational Church, 3:30 p.m.

BINGO FOR BOOKS, Bob Callies Elementary School, 6:30- 7:30 p.m.

FFA BANQUET, Garrison Auditorium, 6 p.m.

ADULT AND TEEN CRAFT NIGHT, Garrison Public Library, 7 p.m.

MARCH 25

TODDLER TIME, Garrison Auditorium, 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

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.

MARCH 26

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.

MARCH 27

ST. EDWIN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, 906 Northgate Road in Washburn Lenten Fish Fry 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Free will offering. (suggested donation of \$15 per plate)

ST. EDWIN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, 906 Northgate Road in Washburn Easter Egg Hunt. Registration 10 a.m. Egg Hunt at 10:15 a.m. for ages 0-12.

MARCH 28

THE LORD'S PANTRY located at Trinity Lutheran Church in Turtle Lake from 10 a.m. to Noon. No referrals or pre-registration required. All in need are welcome to receive food at no cost.

MARCH 29

SUPER SUNDAY SUPPER 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 709 5th in Washburn. Free will donation. Call Judy at 701-220-4410 or Rhonda at 701-315-0656 with questions or for meal delivery.

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TURTLE LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY - Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Candidates Sought for County Boards

McLean County residents interested in being considered for appointments to the following county boards have until March 31, 2026 to submit letters of interest.

A total of 5 positions that are currently vacant on various boards 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 three-year unexpired term expiring 12/31/2028. This position is for the Underwood area and is currently vacant.

McLean County School Reorganization Committee:

One three-year unexpired term expiring 12/31/2028. This position is currently vacant.

McLean County Special Assessment District Board:

One six-year unexpired term expiring the first commission meeting held in April of 2027.

One six-year unexpired term expiring the first commission meeting held in April of 2029.

One six-year term expiring the first commission meeting held in April of 2031.

Letters of interest can be mailed or delivered to:

By Mail: McLean County Auditor

P.O. Box 1108

Washburn ND 58577

By Email: baknutson@nd.gov

By Fax: 701-462-3542

On or before 4:30 PM, Tuesday, March 31, 2026.
(Mar. 12 & 19, 2026)



Two McLean Electric Cooperative Director Seats Up for Election

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A DIRECTOR?

This year, the two districts up for election are:

District 2, which is a three-year term, includes the townships of Douglas, Blue Hill, Gate, Roseglen, 149-86, 149-85, Saint Mary, 148-86, Blackwater, 147-88, 147-87, 147-86. Clarence Behles currently serves District 2. Clarence Behles is not seeking re-election.

District 7, which is a three-year term, includes the townships of Mercer, 146-80, 145-80, 145-84, 145-79, 144-80, 144-81, 144-82, 144-83, 144-84, 143-81, 143-80. Larry Gessele currently serves District 7. Larry Gessele is seeking re-election.

Pick up a petition at the McLean Electric Cooperative headquarters in Garrison and secure 15 signatures of members from within your district. You can start circulating the petition right away, but it must be filed not less than 60 days before the annual meeting. **Petitions for the 2026 director elections must be filed with McLean Electric Cooperative by April 13, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.**

According to the bylaws, any member of McLean Electric Cooperative who is a member of this cooperative as a bona fide resident of the district they represent and is in no way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise can become a candidate for the board of directors. Directors shall be elected by the members at large at the MEC annual meeting on June 16, 2026, in Garrison.

Directors have a fiduciary responsibility to the cooperative. They exercise care, time, and responsibility in reviewing cooperative matters. Directors treat cooperative business as if it were their own. Directors devote a certain amount of time to the cooperative. At a minimum, a director attends each monthly board meeting. Directors learn about the industry as a whole by reading other materials and by attending state and national meetings. An understanding of the industry's issues is vital. To help directors with their responsibilities, training is offered through the electric cooperative's statewide organization. Courses cover director duties and liabilities, understanding the electric business, board roles and relationships, strategic planning, and financial decision-making. Directors currently serving on the cooperative's board find the duty extremely rewarding.



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Deadline: March 31, 2026



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COIN SHOW

Capital City Coin Show April 11, 9-5, April 12, 9-4 Bismarck Eagles Club 313 N 26th St Bismarck, ND 58501

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HAVE a news release or other information that needs to reach all ND newspapers? ND Newspaper Association can help! One call does it all. 701-223-6397.

HELP WANTED

GARRISON RURAL WATER DISTRICT is looking for part-time summer help.

The applicant would be helping the Operation Manager with locating curb stops throughout the District. He or she will need to learn and become efficient with GRWD's GIS software. The applicant will be completing maintenance of rotating valves and installing curb stop boxes. The candidate needs to be able to lift 50 pounds. The hours per week the individual works is negotiable, minimum of 24 hours per week. The individual may be asked to mow lawn. A driver's license is mandatory, and the applicant needs to be 16 years old or older.

HELP WANTED

White Shield School

SPRING COACHES needed for the 2026 Spring Season

SPORTS:	START DATE:
Elem Track	March 15 th
JH/HS Track	March 2 nd
JH/HS Boys Golf	April 6 th
Elem Boys Basketball	March 5 th
Elem Girls Volleyball	March 5 th

For questions please call, text or e-mail:
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CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to Halloween. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 15 = O)

- A. 3 25 11 8 10 23**
Clue: A scare
- B. 21 15 22 23 17 16 14**
Clue: Disguise
- C. 21 9 20 26 7**
Clue: Sweets
- D. 26 15 15 25 1 14 6 6**
Clue: House alert

Answers: A. fright B. costume C. candy D. doorknob

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Halloween.

SWIETHC

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Answer: Witches

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in Canada on October 23, 1976. I debuted in a Canadian-produced teen soap opera. I've appeared in many roles since then, including a green-clad superhero and a disfigured, foul-mouthed antihero. Today, I'm a married father of four and close friends with a wolverine.

Answer: Ryan Reynolds

FRIGHT NIGHT WORD SEARCH

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

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

WORDS

- BATS
- BLACK CAT
- CANDY
- COBWEB
- COSTUME
- GHOST
- GHOUL
- HAUNTED
- JACK-O'-LANTERN
- MONSTER
- MOON
- OCTOBER
- PUMPKIN
- SCARY
- SKELETON
- SPIDER
- SPOOKY
- TRICK OR TREAT
- VAMPIRE
- WEREWOLF
- WITCH
- ZOMBIE



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ATTENTION

City of Garrison Residents

Survey Dates: March 23-26

To continue the work of developing an inventory of the water service line materials on the system, the next phase of the process will involve onsite verifications. Moore Engineering is working to document these service line materials, and you will see them throughout the City of Garrison over the course of the next couple of weeks. A portion of their job includes a visual inspection of the service line as it enters the building.

Why is this Survey Important?

This inventory is part of a nationwide initiative and the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality requests that residents and property owners in the City of Garrison cooperate. This initiative will allow water providers to document the presence (or absence) of lead service pipes in their systems. We appreciate your cooperation!

Our goal is to work as a team with the City of Garrison to identify as many of the service lines (on both sides of the curb stops) as possible to reduce the future effort of staff for reporting and user outreach. The more services we can identify under this workorder from the state, the less work for City of Garrison staff in the future.

Don't want a Visit, Complete the Survey on your own.

For those that have previously completed the survey themselves, you can disregard. If we have your water service line information, Moore will not need to visit your residence.

If you would like to complete the survey on your own, please visit www.ndwaterpipes.com. The online survey take approximately 5 minutes to complete and, if successfully submitted, we will eliminate the need for a Moore Engineering employee to enter your property for documentation.

To complete the survey, you'll need a coin, magnet, and smartphone. The website will guide you step-by-step on how to locate and identify your properties water service pipe.



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OLIVER COUNTY LAND AUCTION
Thursday, April 9th, 2026 at 5 PM CT
Offering: 160 Acres (+/-)
Land Location: From Hannover, ND – 6 mi W on County 34 then ½ mi S
Auction Location: Cobblestone Hotel in Beulah, ND
Sellers: Leonard & JoAnn Schramm Becker Family

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
SE4 of Sec. 22-142-86
Tillable Acres: 116.74 or 73%
Pastureland & Other Acres: 43.26 or 27%
Soil P.I.N.: 77.85
2025 Taxes: \$650.31



Auctioneer's Note:
This productive quarter consists of approximately 73% tillable acres, currently utilized as hayland. There is no developed water located on this parcel. The Becker land offers good access, situated just ½ mile off 21st St SW (also known as the Hannover Road). There will NOT be online bidding available for this auction. If you are unable to attend please send a personal representative or call us 24 hrs. in advance to register for phone bidding. Please visit our website for photos, video, and additional information. Subject property is currently enrolled in the CREP (comes out in 2032). Wind Turbine Contract expires May 16, 2027. Carbon Capture Contract remains with the surface rights. For more information contact Todd Becker (701) 425-7820



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