

**REVIEW**

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ment project.

During the Jan. 8 city of Riverdale council meeting, councilmembers received a presentation from A.J. Tuck of Moore Engineering, who presented a proposal to provide preliminary engineering services for the streets improvement project.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is set to hold public hearings regarding a Basin Electric Power Cooperative application.

The Central McLean Cougars boys' basketball team put on another dominant performance Monday night, overpowering Kidder County 72-27 in a home matchup.

The Central McLean Cougars boys basketball team kept their dominant season rolling on February 8, cruising to a 69-35 road victory over Surrey.

The Central McLean Cougars girls basketball team capped off a near-flawless regular season in commanding fashion on February 7, defeating Our Redeemer's 58-28 at home in Underwood.

A long road trip didn't slow down the Central McLean Cougars boys basketball team as they rolled into Grant County/Mott-Regent's gym and delivered another dominant performance, securing a 68-32 victory Feb. 6.

**Feb. 20**

A chili feed raising funds for local Care Closets was deemed a "tremendous success" by organizers.

The Northland Health Centers established a chili feed fundraiser in support of the organizations Giving Hearts Day.

Portions of foundation will not be demolished in Underwood as part of the hardware store demolition as it was built under city sidewalks.

The McLean County jail will be adding a new service to help those individuals who might need assistance with interpretation.

The Garrison Troopers found themselves in a grueling battle on February 13, hosting District 8 rival Central McLean in a defensive showdown.

After a back-and-forth first half, the Troopers pulled away late to secure a 46-38 victory in front of their home crowd.

The NDHSAA Girls Basketball District 8 Tournament delivered three days of intense competition from February 14-17 at Washburn High School, culminating in a nail-biting 51-50 victory for Central McLean over host Washburn in the championship game.

Following the conclusion of the 2025 NDHSAA Class B Region 8 Tournament, the top individual awards were announced, recognizing the season's standout athletes and coaching performances.

**Feb. 26**

In honor of 100 days of the school year Turtle Lake-Mercer Elementary School held activities to celebrate the number 100.

The Turtle Lake Commissioners will be welcoming public comment at their March meeting regarding the potential to increase sewer rates.

The Big Idea Exchange is

coming to McLean County next week.

Ian Cramer has changed his plea to "guilty" in three charges filed against him in Burleigh County prior to a deadly pursuit involving a Mercer County Sheriff's Deputy.

Central McLean (Underwood/Turtle Lake-Mercer/McClusky) used a 29-6 run in the second quarter to take control, and the Cougars cruised to a 66-37 victory over Linton/Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock, Feb. 18, in Turtle Lake. The Cougars improved to 14-4 on the season, while LHMB fell to 12-6.

The Class B Region 4 Girls' Basketball Tournament began with excitement and suspense on February 24 in Killdeer, featuring two McLean County teams advancing into the semifinals.

**March 6**

On Saturday, March 1st, the McLean County Music Festival brought together young musicians from various schools to showcase their talents. The event featured students displaying their hard work and passion for music.

McLean County leaders held a special meeting Feb. 19 to open bids for gravel crushing and equipment for future projects.

A second public hearing for the proposed Basin Electric Transmission Line to be held by the North Dakota Public Service Commission has been Rescheduled.

With the conclusion of the NDHSAA Division B Region 4 Tournament, the Region 4 All-Region Team has been officially announced, recognizing the standout athletes who made the biggest impact throughout the season.

The Central McLean Cougars girls basketball team is headed to the big stage.

With their season on the line, the Cougars traveled to the Minot Auditorium on Saturday, March 1, and secured a hard-fought 67-57 victory over TGU.

The Central McLean Cougars boys basketball team is making a statement in the postseason.

**March 13**

The Central McLean Cougars Girls' Basketball Team entered the NDHSAA Division B State Tournament on March 6-8 as the third seed, carrying high hopes and a season's worth of determination into Jamestown.

The Underwood Education Association will now be recognized as an association to negotiate units on behalf of staff at the public school.

During last week's North Dakota Legislative session HB 1475 was brought to the floor and failed by a vote of 39 to 54. It only took 40 minutes.

With the NDHSAA Division B District 8 Boys Basketball Tournament wrapping up last week in Garrison, the spotlight turned to recognizing the athletes and individuals who made a significant impact this season.

The Central McLean Cougars took their first step toward a potential state tournament berth on March 10, kicking off the NDHSAA Division B Region 4 Boys Basket-

ball Tournament at St. Mary's High School.

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For the past 105 years, one could only imagine what Hazel Miner and her siblings actually went through on that tragic day when she lost her life saving her two siblings during a spring snowstorm on March 16, 1920.

Soon, however, the 15-year-old girl from Center, known as "the Angel of North Dakota,"

**March 20**

It has been brought to the attention of the McLean County Extension that there is a growing need for the expansion of facilities in the county.

Two McLean County Sheriff's Office deputies were given promotions, while a third employee received a recognition for experience.

Two CHI St. Alexius Health facilities in McLean County will be receiving devices through a statewide grant initiative.

A Turtle Lake health center received a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota to help transform the health and well-being by addressing social determinants of health affecting communities.

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As the dust settles on the 2024-25 North Dakota High School Activities Association Division B Region 4 Tournament, the top performers from the season have been recognized for their efforts and achievements.

The Central McLean Cougars' remarkable 2024-25 basketball season came to an end Saturday night in Minot after a tough 60-36 defeat against Westhope/Newburg in the State Qualifier round.

A Turtle Lake-Mercer student has been recognized for "superior academic achievements" and received a national honor by the National Society of High School Scholars.

**BACK IN THE DAY**

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Jackie Scott was only 9 years old on Jan. 5, and for the occasion, her mother, Mrs. Don Scott, entertained her friends and classmates at a party after school.

Miss Karen Koenig returned to Williston to resume her teaching duties after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Koenig.

**85 years ago, Jan. 1941**

At the regular meeting of the Underwood Fire Department, Bill Schuh was elected chief, succeeding his brother, Dave, who has been chief of the department for the past several years. J.O. Wenger was elected assistant chief; Virgi Adams, secretary; and J.O. Henricks was re-elected treasurer.

Believe it or not – but Mrs. Lloyd Haugen found her mother's wedding ring, which was lost over 15 years ago. Her mother is Mrs. Ormal Brewster. The ring was found in a feather tick that was given to Mrs. Haugen when she was married. The ring was probably lost while Mrs. Brewster

was stuffing the tick.

**92 years ago, Jan. 1934**

Eight state departments have moved from downtown offices into the new North Dakota Capitol building. The railroad commission is prepared to begin moving into the new building Monday.

An epidemic of surprise parties struck this community. Several ladies engineered a joint surprise party on Mrs. Marie Trayer and Miss Edith Ericson, whose birthday fell together. Saturday night a jolly crowd gathered at the Henry Becker home to honor Mrs. John Schuh. On Monday the Chas McLaughlin home was the scene of another surprise party in honor of Mrs. Frank Eisemann, whose birthday fell on that day.

The First Security Bank of Underwood has complied with the federal regulations and has been admitted as eligible for government insurance on all deposits up to the amount of \$2,500.

The interior of the Chevrolet garage is being remodeled.

**PUBLIC NOTICES****Underwood Ambulance District and Underwood Fire District Annual Meetings**

The Underwood Ambulance District and the Underwood Fire District will hold their annual meetings January 14, 2026, 7:00 pm at the Ambulance/Fire Building, 208 Grant Ave. Debby Swanson, Secretary/Treasurer

(Jan. 1 & 8, 2026)

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**Mercer City 2026 Election Notice**

Beginning January 1st 2026, Petitions/Certificate of Nomination (SFN 2704 & Statement of Interests (SFN 10172) will be available at the Mercer City Hall Office during our regular office schedule of: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Office will be closed on all US Holidays. Beginning January 1st, 2026 the aforementioned documents may also be downloaded from our website at: [mercercitynd.org](http://mercercitynd.org)

The positions that are on the June 2nd ballot:

One (1) position as Mayor (2-Year Term) 4 Signatures needed  
Two (2) positions on the City Council (4-Year Terms) 3 signatures needed  
Dates to Remember: Earliest day to begin circulating petitions: Thursday, January 1, 2026

Earliest day to file petitions: Friday, January 2, 2026

Last day to file petitions: 4:00 pm, Monday, April 6, 2026

2nd Tues, day in June - Primary Election Day: Tuesday, June 9, 2026

(Jan. 1 & 8, 2026)

**Dan Foster, LCSW**

He's right here.

  
**Coal Country Community Health Center**

**Prayer to the Blessed Virgin**

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendour of Heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God; Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (Make request). There are none that can withstand your power.

Oh, Mary, conceived without sin,  
pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times)

Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your hands. (3 times)

Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you in full. Thanks