

—AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS—

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Community Cupboard of Underwood, 208 Lincoln Ave food distribution from 4 to 6 p.m. McLean County residents in need are welcome. No referrals or pre-registration required.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Underwood City Commission meeting at 6 p.m. at the City Hall.

WEEKLY

EVERY TUESDAY

The Community Cupboard of Underwood Thrift Store is open every Tuesday 1 - 5 pm. 208 Lincoln Ave. Underwood

EVERY THURSDAY

AA Meeting, Turtle Lake Methodist Church on Thursday evenings at 7.

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.

AREA LIBRARY HOURS

WASHBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY - Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

UNDERWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY - Monday & Wednesday -9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 9 am-12 pm

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

MCLEAN-MERCER REGIONAL LIBRARY, Riverdale - Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Noon meals are provided for those 60 and over. Call a day in advance to reserve or cancel a meal. 748-2493 for Hazen, Beulah, Stanton, Zap and Golden Valley. 448-2472 for Turtle Lake and Mercer. 734-6426 for Wilton and Washburn. 442-3488 for Underwood and Garrison. Milk, bread and margarine are served daily. Suggested contribution of \$4.00 per meal. Full cost of the meal is \$11.61. Frozen meals are available for weekends and holiday closures.

April 20 through April 24

MONDAY: Italian Pasta Bake, Seasoned Zucchini, Relish Tray with Ranch, Mandarin Oranges and a Bread Stick.

TUESDAY: Savory Beef Tips over Noodles, Winter Squash, Grapes and a Dinner Roll.

WEDNESDAY: French Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Pears and a Dinner Roll.

THURSDAY: Lasagna, Green Beans, Cantaloupe, Pears and a Bread Stick.

FRIDAY: Deconstructed Stuffed Pepper, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pears and Wheat Bread.

WEATHER

Date	Max	Min	Precip
Mar 30	47	27	.00
Mar 31	34	21	.00
Apr 1	31	26	.03
Apr 2	33	28	.00
Apr 3	31	26	.50
Apr 4	45	27	.00
Apr 5	43	27	.02

Larry Dziuk

Ambulance Annual Banquet

---OPEN TO PUBLIC---

Come meet your local Underwood Ambulance EMS members during their Annual Banquet.

April 19, 2026

6:00 pm

208 Grant Ave Underwood, ND

(April 9 & 16, 2026)

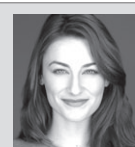
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McLean County approves Falkirk mining petition after public hearing

Commission authorizes limited surface mining activity near county roads following March 17 hearing

BY KELLI AMELING
Associate Publisher

The McLean County Commission approved a petition from The Falkirk Mining Company following a public hearing held March 17 at the McLean County Courthouse in Washburn.

Chairperson Curt Olson opened the public hearing at 9 a.m. to consider Falkirk's request to conduct surface coal mining operations within 100 feet of public road rightsof-way at several locations in the county. The petition was submitted pursuant to North Dakota Century Code and North Dakota Administrative Code governing surface mining operations near public roads.

The areas included in the petition are:

The east side of a section line road located north of U.S. Highway 83 near the section line between the northeast

quarter of Section 17 and the northwest quarter of Section 16, Township 146 North, Range 82 West.

The east side of the section line between Section 30, Township 146 North, Range 82 West, and Section 25, Township 146 North, Range 83 West.

The east side of the section line between Section 31, Township 146 North, Range 82 West, and Section 36, Township 146 North, Range 83 West.

Commissioners noted the required notice of hearing had been properly served and published in accordance with state law. It was also determined that the commission has jurisdiction over the petition and the affected public roads and rightsof-way.

Falkirk Mining representative Adam Ourada told the commission that he had received no comments or concerns regarding the petition prior to the hearing. Follow-

ing discussion, the commission found that the interests of both the public and affected landowners would be protected under the terms of the request.

The resolution approved by the commission allows Falkirk to conduct surface mining operations — excluding actual coal removal — within 100 feet of the specified road rightsof-way.

Commissioner Steve Lee moved to approve the resolution as presented, with a second by Commissioner Steve Cottingham. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote, with Lee, Cottingham and Olson voting aye.

The approved resolution, along with the petition and affidavits of publication for the notice of hearing, will be filed with the McLean County Auditor.

Wrong person named in DUI report

Sober driver listed as individual with charges filed

BY KELLI AMELING
Associate Publisher

Editor's Note: This story is running as a correction to information published April 2. The newspaper strives for accuracy in its reporting, and the writer takes responsibility for inaccurately reporting the wrong name previously and regrets the error.

In the McLean County calls of service report in the April 2 edition of the Central McLean News-Journal, the wrong person was listed as the individual who received a driving under the influence charge. Deputies performed a traffic

stop at about 3:07 a.m. on N.D. Highway 27 near the National Guard Training entrance after it was observed going 74 mph in a 65-mph zone.

Upon approaching the vehicle, deputies observed the driver having difficulty bringing up insurance information on the vehicle. While speaking to the driver, deputies also observed slurred speech, bloodshot and watery eyes and they could smell alcohol coming from the vehicle.

When asking the driver if they had been drinking, the passenger stated they had been before the driver stated they were drinking earlier in

the night.

The driver was asked to perform a field sobriety test to make sure she was OK to drive. Once it was performed, the driver was asked to do a breath test, which she agreed to do. The preliminary results showed she had a 0.100% level. A chemical test, which was conducted at 4:21 a.m., showed 0.079%.

Samantha Mendoza, 21, of New Town, was arrested for driving under the influence.

Mendoza was taken back the scene to gather her belongings where she called for a sober driver, Landen Young Bird, to pick her up.

Zoning hearing set for Rainbow Energy request

COMPILED BY KELLI AMELING
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The McLean County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing 1:30 p.m., April 20, in the conference room on the ground floor of the McLean County Court-

house in Washburn.

The hearing will consider a zoning change request submitted by Rainbow Energy Center, LLC, of Bismarck. The request involves approximately 60 acres of land located in Section 18, Township 145 North, Range 82 West.

According to the notice, the applicant is seeking a zoning change to allow for the continued use of power generation in McLean County. All interested parties will have an opportunity to provide testimony at the hearing.

SCHOOL

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human resources and payroll functions. She continues to train with CREA on accounts payable.

Benson also reported the district is still awaiting final government approval for its new HB1 music and band teacher. In the meantime, the program is being covered by substitute teachers. Benson added staff evaluations for Principals

Hope Rush and Kyle Hunt and Facilities Manager Brent Sanders will be completed over the next month.

Principal Jackie Rush reported the latest round of the district's TSI grant has been approved by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction. The district's second round of funding will focus on a K8 math curriculum.

Rush also noted that the Student Engagement Survey was completed in February and accounts for 33% of the district's TSI score.

Election matters

The board discussed the upcoming June election and voted to combine with McLean County for the June 2026 election.