

# —AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS—

## SUNDAY, MAY 3

Turtle Lake Hospital Auxiliary annual Salad Luncheon at the Turtle Lake High School Gym from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Salads, Sandwiches all you can eat. Adults \$8.00, Ages 3 to 9 \$4.00, all you can eat buffet.

## 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.

### May 4 through May 8

**MONDAY:** Oven Baked Chicken, German Potato Salad, Vegetable Blend and Mixed Fruit.

**TUESDAY:** BBQ Ribs, Hashbrown Casserole, Chuckwagon Corn, Cinnamon Applesauce and Cornbread.

**WEDNESDAY:** Cranberry Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Herbed Green Beans, Diced Mangos and Dinner Roll.

**THURSDAY:** Sausage and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Winter Fresh Fruit Salad and 2 Slices of Bread.

**FRIDAY:** Bacon Cheeseburger on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion and Pickles, Potato Wedges and Fruit Crisp with Topping.

## WEATHER

Date	Max	Min	Precip
Apr 20	76	31	.00
Apr 21	80	30	.00
Apr 22	85	44	.02
Apr 23	56	49	.00
Apr 24	48	27	.00
Apr 25	44	26	.00
Apr 26	61	24	.00

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# McLean County to hold hearing on Falkirk road closure request

## Commissioners to consider temporary section line closures for mining operations

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The McLean County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing May 5 on a petition from The Falkirk Mining Company to temporarily close several section line roads for surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

The hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m. at the McLean County Courthouse in Washburn.

Falkirk Mining Company, based in Underwood, has requested approval to temporarily close three section line roads located in Township 144 North, Range 84 West. The affected roads include the section line

road between the southwest quarter of Section 1 and the northwest quarter of Section 12, a road located on the quarter line between the northwest and southwest quarters of Section 12, and a road located between the east and west halves of Section 12.

According to the petition, the road closures are necessary to allow surface coal mining and reclamation activities to proceed. Following completion of those operations, Falkirk will restore the closed section line roads to conditions equal to or better than those that existed prior to the closures, to the extent required by the board.

The May 5 hearing will provide an opportunity for the public to offer testimony and submit evidence related to the request. Statements may be made either orally or in writing at the time of the hearing.

The petition and a map showing the affected section line roads are on file with the McLean County Auditor's Office and may be reviewed during regular office hours.

The public notice was issued by order of the McLean County Board of Commissioners and signed by County Auditor Beth Knutson and can be found with a full map in the April 23 and April 30 editions of the Central McLean News-Journal.

## ELECTION

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Voters are reminded to complete absentee ballot applications fully, including name, phone number, date of birth, identification used, ID number, residential address, mailing address and signature.

Signatures on ballot envelope affidavits will be compared to signatures on ballot applications. If signatures do not appear to match, the ballot could be rejected. If a ballot is rejected, the Auditor's Office will attempt to contact the voter to verify the authenticity of the signature.

Voted ballots should be returned early by mail, delivered in person or dropped off in the secure drop box located outside the main entrance of the McLean County Courthouse at 712 5th Ave., Washburn.

### Polling locations and voting hours

Polling locations across McLean County will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day.

#### Polling locations include:

Washburn Memorial Building, 805 Main Ave., Washburn (Vote Center)

Turtle Lake City Hall, 107 Egbert St., Turtle Lake (Vote Center)

Garrison City Auditorium, 15 Main St. S, Garrison (Vote Center)

Ralph Wells Community Center, 1104 Warrior St., White Shield (polling location for Precinct 280402 only)

The secure ballot drop box at the courthouse will be accessible 24 hours a day, but will close at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9.

Additional inperson voting opportunities

The McLean County Courthouse will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 30, and Saturday, June 6, for inperson absentee voting and voted ballot dropoff.

#### Important change for 2026

An important change for this election cycle is that, to be counted, all absentee ballots must be received by 7 p.m. on Election Day. Postmarked ballots received after the polls close will no longer be accepted.

**Central McLean County candidates filed for municipal offices**

Voters in Central McLean

County will see a mix of mayoral, city council, park board, school board and city commission races on the primary election ballot, with candidates filing in Coleharbor, Mercer, Riverdale, Ruso, Turtle Lake and Underwood.

All candidates listed filed as nonpartisan.

### Coleharbor

Mayor

No candidate listed at time of filing.

City Council (four-year term): Stetson Pedersen, Dickinson City Council – unexpired term:

No candidate listed at time of filing

### Mercer

Mercer voters will see races for mayor and city council.

Mayor (four-year term):

Kenneth Thomsen, Mercer City Council (four-year

terms): Daniel Gardiner, Mercer Gary Volochenko, Mercer

### Riverdale

Several candidates filed for Riverdale city offices.

Mayor

No candidate listed at time of filing

City Council (four-year

terms): Mike Dirk, Riverdale Toni Ganje, Riverdale Alicia Lacher, Riverdale Patricia West, Riverdale

Park Board – unexpired term (two-year term):

No candidate listed at time of filing

Park Board (four-year term): Gary Nordstrom, Riverdale

### Ruso

Ruso voters will decide races for mayor and an unexpired council seat.

Mayor (four-year term):

Aaron Miller, Ruso City Council – unexpired

term (four-year term): Terry Roloson, Ruso

### Turtle Lake

Turtle Lake will have races for commission leadership and park board positions.

Commission President (four-year term):

Chad Wiege, Turtle Lake

City Commissioner (four-year terms):

Tim Britton, Turtle Lake

Katherine Gann, Turtle Lake

Angelique Terranova Nakkén, Turtle Lake

Park Board (four-year terms): Randal Anderson, Turtle Lake

Jerome Huelsman, Turtle Lake

Isaac Sondrol, Turtle Lake

### Underwood

Underwood voters will have races for city commissioner, park board and school board seats.

City Commissioner (four-year terms):

David Edwards, Underwood Barbara Lynn Humes, Underwood

School Board – City (three-year terms):

Brian Fransen, Underwood Alix Ruff, Underwood

School Board – Rural (three-year term):

Sarah Ness, Coleharbor

**McLean County candidates filed for countywide offices**

Voters across McLean County will see several countywide and district-specific races on the primary election ballot, with candidates filing for commissioner seats, elected county offices and special district positions.

All candidates filed as nonpartisan.

### County Commission

Commissioner – District 1: Steve Cottingham, Underwood

Commissioner – District 3: Steven Lee, Mercer

### Elected county offices

County Auditor: Beth Knutson, Washburn

State's Attorney: Ladd Erickson, Washburn

Recorder: Jeidi Anderson, Turtle Lake

Sheriff: Jerry "JR" Kerzmann, Garrison

### Other county positions

Director, Garrison Diverion Conservancy District:

Gerard Goven, Turtle Lake

Official county newspapers

The following newspapers have filed to serve as the official county newspapers:

LeaderNews, Washburn Independent, Garrison