

—AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS—

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Midsummer Classic Car and Bike Show will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in Underwood.

The Lord's Pantry, located at Trinity Lutheran Church in Turtle Lake, open from 2 to 4 p.m. No referrals or pre-registration required. All in need are welcome to receive food at no cost.

WEEKLY

EVERY TUESDAY

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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.

JULY 6 THROUGH JULY 10

MONDAY: Salisbury Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Fruit Cup, Bread

TUESDAY: Roast Beef w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas w/ Fresh Dill, Peaches, Dinner Roll

WEDNESDAY: BBQ Meatballs, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Kiwi & Strawberries, Bread

THURSDAY: Sweet & Sour Chicken over Rice, Seasoned Broccoli, Veggie Egg Roll

FRIDAY: Turkey CA Wrap, Sweet Potatoes, Creamy Cucumber Salad, Berry Crips

WEATHER

Date	Max	Min	Precip
Jun 22	75	56	T
Jun 23	69	55	.90
Jun 24	68	48	.00
Jun 25	78	49	.00
Jun 26	71	55	.00
Jun 27	77	60	.25
Jun 28	85	58	.11

Larry Dziuk



PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Best In Class Preschool Program Underwood Public School has opened a second new Five Day/Full Day Program for 4 year olds due to the increased demand.

Cost will remain at \$260/month.

Reserve your child's spot now.

Program starts Aug. 18, 2026.

For more information contact Hope Rush at hope.rush@underwoodschool.org or 442-3274.

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Turtle time

Slow down for a weekend of big fun

BY PHAIDRA YUNKER
Reporter

Turtle Days 2026 is shaping up to be one of Turtle Lake's biggest summer celebrations yet, bringing a full weekend of new activities, familiar traditions and hometown pride to town July 10-11.

Held each July, Turtle Days has become a homecoming for residents, alumni and families who return to Main Street to reconnect and celebrate the community's identity.

"Turtle Days has always been about celebrating who we are as a community," said Brenden Bergquist, president of the Turtle Lake Chamber of Progress. "This year's expanded schedule reflects the energy, creativity and commitment of the people who make Turtle Lake such a special place."

Friday Night

The festival opens Friday evening with food, fellowship and local tradition.

Northland Health Centers will serve a community meal

at 5 p.m., offering a warm start to the weekend. At the same time, Tru Community will host Taco in a Bag for families and visitors arriving in town.

The Ryan Rauhauser Memorial Softball Game begins at 7 p.m., honoring a beloved community member through friendly competition. County Road 7 will perform at 9 p.m., closing out the night with live music.

Saturday Highlights

Saturday brings a full day of activity throughout Turtle Lake.

The Turtle Days Parade begins at 11 a.m. on Main Street, featuring floats, local organizations, classic vehicles and community groups. Food vendors will be set up nearby throughout the day.

At noon, riders will gather at the Tippy Turtle for the Side by Side Run, a scenic social ride that continues to grow in popularity.

The annual street dance returns at 9 p.m. with Tripwire headlining on Main Street.

AllWeekend Features

Visitors can stop by the Turtle Lake-Mercer Champions & Awards Hall at the old elementary building, where decades of local achievements and community history are on display.

"As a local business owner, it's incredible to see how Turtle Days continues to grow," said Jill Britton, owner of the Tippy Turtle. "We're thrilled to host the Side by Side Run and to be part of a weekend that brings so many people together."

More Details

A full schedule of events and updates can be found on the Turtle Lake Chamber of Progress Facebook page or at participating businesses.

Turtle Days 2026 invites residents, alumni and visitors to celebrate community pride, local support and the people who make Turtle Lake a place worth coming home to.

Commission extends load restrictions, approves zoning requests

McLean County also authorizes Falkirk permits, approves special event licenses and rejects subdivision plat amendment

BY KELLI AMELING
Associate Publisher

The McLean County Commission voted to keep seasonal load restrictions in place until at least June 1 and approved several zoning requests during its May 19 meeting at the McLean County Courthouse.

Road Superintendent Jim Grey presented certified road miles from organized townships for commission approval and provided an update on county road conditions. Grey said recent rainfall had slowed blade work and recommended that load restrictions remain in effect until roads have had more time to dry.

Commissioners authorized Grey to lift the restrictions when conditions warrant, rather than requiring additional board action.

Grey also reported that the county's recently approved road groomer is being delivered at no cost because the vendor already has another delivery scheduled in the area.

The commission approved three permits requested by The Falkirk Mining Company to install 12-inch high-density polyethylene pipe 12 feet underground to convey water from mining pits.

Commissioners also addressed a request from the North Dakota Public Service Commission for documentation related to a temporary road closure approved earlier this month. The board formally accepted an alternate route presented by Falkirk Mining during the May 5 pub-

lic hearing on the road closure request.

Chairperson Curt Olson raised concerns about vehicles parking along a roadway near the baseball field in Garrison during games. Olson said a citizen reported that parked vehicles create difficulties for farm equipment and pose safety concerns as children walk between cars and into the roadway. Commissioners discussed the matter but took no formal action.

The board approved two previously submitted special event permits for Bar 701 of Garrison after the establishment paid three years of delinquent real estate taxes. Earlier this month, commissioners denied liquor license transfer requests because of the unpaid taxes.

Additional event approvals included a special events liquor license transfer for The Riverboat Saloon during the ranch rodeo at the North Dakota 4-H Camp as part of Washburn's Riverboat Days celebration on June 6 and a special event permit for the Falkirk Mine Fishing Tournament at Sportsman's Centennial Park in Garrison on June 13.

Land Use Administrator Todd Schreiner and Assistant Director of Tax Equalization Elizabeth Patterson joined the meeting as commissioners considered several Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations.

The board approved a setback variance request submitted by Michael and Maria Wanzek involving prop-

erty adjacent to the Stutes Blue Lake Subdivision in Wise Township. Commissioners also approved a setback variance for Jeffrey and Holly McElwain involving property in the Snake Creek Cottage Site in Malcolm Township.

In addition, the commission approved a conditional use permit requested by Joshua Thompson for four acres in Government Lot 1 of Section 7, Township 149 North, Range 82 West. The property is owned by Jeremy and Karen Thompson.

Commissioners denied a request to amend the plat of the Raging River Subdivision. Olson had requested removal of an easement to prevent future development north of an existing road. Schreiner advised that legal review by the state's attorney would be necessary regarding the proposed changes. Following discussion, the commission voted to deny the amendment request.

Auditor Beth Knutson also presented a five-year service award certificate for Deputy Auditor Diane Blumhagen. Later in the meeting, Olson recognized Blumhagen for her service and noted that her final day with the county would be May 27.

Commissioners also reviewed a list of property owners with more than \$4,000 in delinquent real estate taxes. The listing is available for public inspection in the Auditor's Office.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. after commissioners approved routine vouchers for payment.