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# McLean County Sheriff’s Department calls for service Dec. 3-5

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**Dec. 3**  
Deputies responded at about noon to the area behind Garrison High School on a report of a motor vehicle crash. It was reported a student had slid on ice and hit another vehicle. No injuries were reported and “not much damage.” Upon arrival, deputies noted the intersection was “pretty icy” and they weren’t sure people would be able to come to a stop.

**Dec. 4**  
Deputies responded at about 7 a.m. to U.S. Highway 83 southbound near mile marker 128 for a motor vehicle crash – under \$4,000 in damage. It was reported there was a vehicle in the southbound lane with a small fire behind it. Deputies said the bearings got hot, and with snow packed in the wheel well, there was no longer a fire. It was also noted, the driver didn’t hit anything.  
Deputies responded at about 10:30 a.m. to Railroad Street in Wilton for a parking complaint. A written warning was issued for vio-

lating parking laws.  
Deputies responded at about 6:30 p.m. to the 300 block of Inaanii Drive near White Shield on a report of a hit-and-run crash after it was reported someone hit their mailbox and fence. Tribal police took over the call.  
Deputies responded at about 9:30 p.m. to N.D. Highway 41 northbound about 5 miles south of Mercer for a motorist assist after a driver reported their vehicle in the ditch. A passerby helped deputies get the vehicle out.  
Deputies responded at about 10 p.m. to the intersection of N.D. Highway 1804 and Sweet Grass near White Shield for a motorist assist. Deputies stated they found a vehicle in the ditch they were going to help. Tribal officers noted they helped the vehicle earlier.

**Dec. 5**  
Deputies responded to a wire fraud complaint at about 8 a.m. near the 500 block of Eggert Street in Turtle Lake. A reporting party called dispatch asking if they had warrants. The reporting party stated they were contacted by someone claiming to be the FBI and had them

wire transfer \$24,000. Deputies are investigating.  
Deputies responded at about 10:30 a.m. to U.S. Highway 83 near Underwood on a report of an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. A 63-year-old male of Turtle Lake was given a verbal warning for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.  
Deputies responded at about 3:15 p.m. to U.S. Highway 83 northbound near mile marker 120 after a vehicle failed to move over for an emergency vehicle. A 73-year-old female of Hazen was cited for not moving over for the emergency vehicle.  
Deputies responded at about 4:30 p.m. to U.S. Highway 83 northbound near mile marker 115 after a vehicle failed to move over for an emergency vehicle. A 60-year-old male of Minot was cited for emergency vehicle – failed to yield.  
Deputies responded at about 7:45 p.m. to U.S. highway 83 near mile marker 126 for a motorist assist. A reporting party reported a vehicle in the median by the Shell station in Washburn, and it looked like the driver was attempting to push the vehicle out.

## Parks posts open Washburn board discuss staffing needs

**BY PHAIDRA YUNKER  
REPORTER**

The Washburn Park Board met Dec. 10 at Washburn City Hall to discuss staffing needs for the coming year and to elect officers for the next term.  
Board members Kit Bauman, Alex Hair, Judy Beaudry, Dana Brandt and Brock Treybig were present. The board reviewed the upcoming vacancy of the city groundskeeper, Kris Duvall, who is expected to leave the position in July. Members discussed preferred qualifications for applicants, including certification for applying herbicides, insecticides and fertilizers.  
“See if you can push for someone who has

chemical certification,” Bauman said.  
Bauman noted that such certification would allow the groundskeeper to correctly apply fertilizers and herbicides as part of routine maintenance. Members discussed it would be ideal for a new hire to begin while Duvall is still employed so that adequate training can take place.  
The board also discussed outreach for a new baseball coach for the upcoming season. Notices will be placed in The Leader-News and on Facebook after the start of the new year.  
Officers were selected for the new term. Brandt was elected president, Treybig was elected vice president and Beaudry was elected secretary.

## Wiggle room

Library selected for compost program

**BY PHAIDRA YUNKER  
REPORTER**  
The Washburn Public Library is gearing up for a new kind of indoor activity. One that wiggles.  
The library has been se-

lected to participate in a national wormcomposting education program run by Let’s Go Compost, a nonprofit focused on expanding access to hands-on sustainability projects. The worm bin has already arrived, though the

worms themselves will have to wait for warmer weather before they can be safely shipped.  
“We’re excited to welcome Washburn into our growing  
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