

McLean County has five board appointments open

Those interested have until March 31 to give interest

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McLean County Commissioners are looking to fill five positions by appointment in the coming weeks.

According to a notice published March 19, the county is seeking people of interest for the following positions:

- Planning and zoning commission: one three-year unexpired

term expiring Dec. 31, 2028 for the Underwood area.

- McLean County school reorganization committee: one three-year unexpired term expiring Dec. 31, 2028.

- McLean County special assessment district board: one six-year unexpired term expiring the first commission meeting in April 2027; one six-year unexpired term expiring the first commis-

sion meeting in April 2029; and one six-year term expiring the first commission meeting April 2031.

In the notice, Auditor Beth Knutson said to be eligible for consideration for appointment to any of the positions, interested individuals must submit a letter of interest for the position that includes a short background statement.

"All applicants must be at least

18 years of age and in some instances must reside in a specific commission district or geographical area of the county," the notice stated.

Letters of interest can be sent or delivered to the auditor before 4:30 p.m. March 31 at:

P.O. Box 1108

Washburn, ND, 58577 Or emailed to baknutson@nd.gov or by fax at 701-462-3542.

Way Back in Wilton

Compiled by Shelly Wallace from the files of the Wilton News and the Washburn Leader

100 Years Ago March 26, 1926

The warm weather that had prevailed over the past two weeks has put the ground in excellent condition, and farmers already started their spring work.

The ice broke on the Missouri River on Monday, and Painted Woods Lake rose about a foot above the first floor of the pavilion. This is the earliest in fifteen years or since the spring of 1910. Some of the families along the river had to move out for a day until the water level lowered. Sunday, March 21, was the first day of spring. (Wonder if they remembered to balance their eggs!)

Dr. Howard A. Kelley of John Hopkins University said, "I feel I can safely say that the medical profession views with alarm the tremendous growth of habit-forming drugs, particularly narcotics, heroin, morphine, cocaine and their congeners." Rev. Headen will speak on this subject Sunday evening at the Presbyterian Church. Why not take the boy to hear him? It is an important subject for America's youth just now.

90 Years Ago March 13, 1936

Laura Aase of Bismarck has an ad in this issue of The News announcing the opening of a

Beauty Parlor at the Wilton Hotel on Wednesday of next week. Laura Aase is manager of the California Wave Nook Beauty Parlors of Bismarck.

Wilton Mutual Store bargains this week are: sweet pickles, 8 oz. for 14 cents; sweet midget pickles, oz. for 17 cents; IGA spaghetti, 2 boxes for 17 cents; Swansdown cake flour, box for 24 cents; vinegar, 32 oz. for 19 cents; and salmon, 1 lb. for 29 cents.

80 Years Ago March 21, 1946

We have orders for two sets of sales bills for farm sales to be held in the first part of April. Fred Wagner, who lives 10 miles north of Wilton, will be the first one on Tuesday, April 2. He lives on State Highway 41. Mr. Wagner sold his farm to William Wanner of Mercer and plans to move to town; he has not been in good health and decided to retire. Robert Patzer, who lives 10 miles north of Regan, plans on a sale for Tuesday, April 9. He sold his farm to his son-in-law, Bart Fitzgerald, who has operated a café in Washburn. He has purchased the Gottlieb Nigrin house in the southwest part of Wilton, and he and Mrs. Patzer will move in after the sale.

A baby girl was born on Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. George Laib at the St. Alexius

Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Berg of Wilton, a baby boy, at the St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck Sunday afternoon.

Speten Bros. specials are potatoes 10 lb. for 34 cents; two-lb. cellophane bag of mixed nuts 85 cents; raisins, four lbs. 56 cents; and tomato juice, one quart, 14 oz. 28 cents.

70 Years Ago March 23, 1956

Rev. Sterling Alam has resigned as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and accepted a call to Grand Lake, Colo., as co-pastor in the parish of the Eternal Hills.

Two Wilton youth were confined in St. Alexius Hospital and two others escaped minor injuries in a car accident eight miles south of Washburn Tuesday night. According to Highway Patrolman Jack Sibley, the northbound car left the road on the east side and rolled several times in the ditch. Julian Uravich, driver, was undergoing x-rays Wednesday morning, and Duane Baranyk was described as fair. The other two escaped injuries, and they were James Kabylnik and Harley Sundquist.

60 Years Ago March 24, 1966

Spec. 4 Keith Morris, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Morris, Regan, had a close brush with death from a sniper's bullet while serving with the U.S. 25th Division near Saigon in Vietnam the first week in February. His scalp was creased by the bullet while he was assisting in the effort to secure an area around the 25th's base camp near Cuchi, 25 miles northwest of Saigon. Their assignment was to clean the snipers out of the area, and they progressed at the rate of about a quarter of a mile a day. An abandoned Viet Cong trench as shelter from the snipers for 48 hours, until artillery support could help them retrieve their wounded and dead comrades.

The Wilton School Board at their meeting last Friday passed a resolution to start proceedings for the purpose of bonding for a new high school building. A public educational and informational meeting will be called by the school board at a later date at which time the plans will be explained.

50 Years Ago March 25, 1976

In a ceremony that climaxed

the annual Burleigh County Farm Institute at Wing last Saturday, Wing became one of the 10,000 Bicentennial communities throughout the nation. Harris Crimmins was emcee for the event. Others on the platform were Emma Olson, president of the Wing Bicentennial Committee; Della Koski; and Harold Williams. Other members of the committee are Ann Schwartz and Mayor Lindy Lein.

Mrs. John Meyer and Curtis Hedstrom were high winners at the last card party of the season at the clubhouse on Saturday evening. Low went to Mrs. Curtis Hedstrom and Willard Backman. Dale Gill won the door prize and Mrs. Walter Coleman, the traveling prize. Hosts were the Willard Backman's, Norman Toss-eth's and Dale Gills.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ulrich and daughters, Cari and Sara of Moorhead, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Spitzer and daughters Brenda, Pam and Colette, and Miss Ikoko Goto were Sunday dinner guests at the Edmund Spitzer home and celebrated the birthdays of LaVonne, Brenda and Joyce.

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the banks and in the trees of those riparian areas where tom turkeys are starting to strut with the season's onset, cardboard boxes and plastic wrap form unnatural lean-tos against their trunks. Even in the dirt and grit of the cement gutters of any neighborhood are countless items of litter which left unchecked can quickly end up downstream, or with time, in an ocean thousands of miles away. Perhaps worse, they can be ingested by or tangled around the bodies of birds, turtles, fish and other creatures who certainly deserve a better fate. If you've seen just one animal impacted by a six-pack ring, a discarded wad of monofilament, or the handle of a plastic bag, you know that potential impact becomes terribly real. That's why this spring, no matter where you are as a hunter, angler, conservationist, or perhaps just a citizen who likes seeing robins, foxes, frogs, and other wildlife - on a walk in town, out hunting in the country, or casting

that first line on a favorite water - you have an opportunity, and I'd say the responsibility, to pick up trash when you find it in those spaces that draw you outside and bring you spring joy. One or two pieces make an impact; a couple grocery bags worth does even more; a full 13-gallon trash bag and things really get going. Join a road cleanup, a river cleanup, or simply recruit your kids or friends to police the neighborhood as the season settles in. A pair of rubber gloves and a receptacle is about all that's needed to make short work of what last season has left behind once the snow is gone. In the process, the immediate area and those downstream will be better off and ultimately, so will the health of our wildlife and the quality of your hunting and fishing experiences that are to come in the next few weeks, and years down the road...in our outdoors.

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Miner Minute

Prom	Mar. 28	Softball: Varsity Game vs TBA (Home)
Basketball: Boys Elementary Game vs TBA (Home)	Apr. 1	Track: JH Meet vs TBA (Home)
Golf: Boys JV Match vs TBA (Home)		Track: Varsity Meet vs TBA (Home)
Golf: Boys Varsity Match vs TBA (Home)		Volleyball: Girls Elementary Match vs TBA (Home)

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