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NORDAK NORTH PUBLICATIONS



McLean County Sheriff's Department calls for service Jan. 18 - 24

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Jan. 18

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 5:15 p.m. on U.S. Highway 83 near the intersection of N.D. Highway 1804 for speeding. Tanner Brierley, 28, of Burlington, was arrested for driving under the influence.

Jan. 19

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 12:45 p.m. on N.D. Highway 41 southbound near mile marker 42 for speeding. A search was conducted where marijuana paraphernalia was found, which was cited before the search began. A 25-year-old male of Minot was cited for drug equipment violation and speeding.

Deputies responded at about 5:45 p.m. to the Cenex in Wilton for a gas drive off. Deputies were able to get a hold of the subject who paid over the phone.

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 6:15 p.m. near the intersection of County Road 18 and U.S. Highway 83 southbound for speeding. A 32-year-old male of Minot was cited for speeding.

Jan. 20

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 5:30 a.m. on N.D. Highway 27 near the National Guard Training entrance. A PBT was performed on the driver show-

ing .10 percent. Landen Young Bird, 22, of Parshall, was arrested for driving under the influence.

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 9:15 a.m. on County Road 2 just west of Max. Brent Pozarnsky, 58, of Ruso, arrested for driving with a revoked license. The driver had two dogs with him in the vehicle, where deputies found housing until the man was released.

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 2:15 p.m. on N.D. Highway 1804 eastbound near mile marker 188. A 34-year-old male of Garrison was cited for driving without a license/license expired.

Deputies responded at about 3:15 p.m. to with Cenex in Wilton for a gas drive off. Deputies located the individual who took care of the bill.

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 3:30 p.m. on U.S. Highway 83 northbound near mile marker 149. A 47-year-old woman of Garrison was cited for failing to display tabs.

Deputies responded at about 8 p.m. to U.S. Highway 83 near mile marker 123 on a report of a wrong-way driver. Deputies were able to help the driver to the right side of the roadway. A 38-year-old male of Crystal, Minnesota, was cited for driving the wrong way.

Jan. 21

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 5:20 p.m.

on U.S. Highway 83 northbound near mile marker 125. A 63-year-old male of Washburn was cited for disregarding a stop sign and failing to use a turn signal. He was also given a warning for speeding.

Deputies responded at about 10 p.m. to Old Highway 83 near Grimsley's in Underwood. A 40-year-old male of Underwood was cited for disregarding a stop sign.

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Jan. 22

Deputies responded at about 3:30 p.m. to the Cenex in Wilton for a gas drive off. The driver was located and paid the bill.

Deputies performed a traffic stop at about 5:30 p.m. near the intersection of U.S. Highway 83 northbound and N.D. Highway 200. A 70-year-old male of Garrison was cited for having expired registration.

Deputies responded at about 6:15 p.m. to the Cenex in Wilton for a gas drive off. The driver was contacted and paid for the gas.

Jan. 23

Deputies responded at about 9:10 p.m. to U.S. Highway 83 southbound for a motorist assist. Upon stop-

Sheriff's cont. on 7



Two McLean Electric Cooperative Director Seats Up for Election

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A DIRECTOR?

This year, the two districts up for election are:

District 2, which is a three-year term, includes the townships of Douglas, Blue Hill, Gate, Roseglen, 149-86, 149-85, Saint Mary, 148-86, Blackwater, 147-88, 147-87, 147-86. Clarence Behles currently serves District 2. Clarence Behles is not seeking re-election.

District 7, which is a three-year term, includes the townships of Mercer, 146-80, 145-80, 145-84, 145-79, 144-80, 144-81, 144-82, 144-83, 144-84, 143-81, 143-80. Larry Gessele currently serves District 7. Larry Gessele is seeking re-election.

Pick up a petition at the McLean Electric Cooperative headquarters in Garrison and secure 15 signatures of members from within your district. You can start circulating the petition right away, but it must be filed not less than 60 days before the annual meeting. **Petitions for the 2026 director elections must be filed with McLean Electric Cooperative by April 13, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.**

According to the bylaws, any member of McLean Electric Cooperative who is a member of this cooperative as a bona fide resident of the district they represent and is in no way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise can become a candidate for the board of directors. Directors shall be elected by the members at large at the MEC annual meeting on June 16, 2026, in Garrison.

Directors have a fiduciary responsibility to the cooperative. They exercise care, time, and responsibility in reviewing cooperative matters. Directors treat cooperative business as if it were their own. Directors devote a certain amount of time to the cooperative. At a minimum, a director attends each monthly board meeting. Directors learn about the industry as a whole by reading other materials and by attending state and national meetings. An understanding of the industry's issues is vital. To help directors with their responsibilities, training is offered through the electric cooperative's statewide organization. Courses cover director duties and liabilities, understanding the electric business, board roles and relationships, strategic planning, and financial decision-making. Directors currently serving on the cooperative's board find the duty extremely rewarding.