

McLean County community calendar:

Events and activities to see and do

McLean County area food pantry February distribution and donation thrift store dates, times and locations:

- **Garrison: Garrison Area Resource Center & Food Pantry:** Noon-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Feb. 27.
- **Community Food Pantry serving Makoti, Parshall, Plaza, Roseglen, Ryder, White Shield and others in need:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 22, 181 Ellsworth St., Makoti.
- **Community Thrift Store serving Ryder, Makoti, Roseglen, Plaza, White Shield, Parshall and the region:** 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, 4-7 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, except holidays, 181 Ellsworth St., Makoti.
- **Max: Our Savior Lord's Food Pantry:** Noon-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Feb. 17, city hall, 215 Main St.
- **Turtle Lake: The Lord's Pantry:** 2-4 p.m. Feb. 13 and 10 a.m.-noon Feb. 22, Trinity Lutheran Church, 515 Kundert St.
- **Turtle Lake: Free Community Clothing Share & Exchange Store,** every Thursday, noon-6 p.m., 221 Main St.
- **Underwood: Community Cupboard of Underwood food distribution:** 10 a.m.-noon Feb. 8 and 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 20, 208 Lincoln Ave. Like us on Facebook (Community Cupboard of Underwood) for distribution dates, thrift store and other information.
- **Washburn: McLean Family Resource Center:** McLean County residents can contact the center, 701-462-8643, for an appointment to pick up baskets along with more information or assistance through the center's services, 205 Seventh St.
- **Washburn: McLean Family Resource Center Clothing Outlet:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 205 Seventh St.

- **Wilton: Wilton Food Pantry "mini" distributions** every Friday, 11:30 a.m. until gone. Full food distribution, 4-6 p.m. Feb. 20, Senior Citizens Center, 42 Dakota Ave.
- **Wilton: The (free) Clothes Closet,** 3-5 p.m. Feb. 20, First Presbyterian Church, 401 Dakota Ave.

Area food pantries often experience high needs for the following items: baked beans, pork and beans, canned fruit, tuna, chicken, vegetables, cereal, oatmeal, granola and breakfast bars, juice, macaroni and cheese, hamburger and tuna helper, pancake mix, syrup, pasta, spaghetti, Alfredo and pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, rice side dishes, soups and chili, and household items, such as body wash and soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoo and conditioner, toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Contact local food pantries for drop-off locations, information or a list of additional needs in your community.

February events:

- **Feb. 5:** McLean Ag Show, Garrison High School, sponsored by the Garrison FFA and FFA Alumni Association.
- **Feb. 15:** 45th annual Garrison Volunteer Fire Department Buffalo Feed, serving 4:30-8 p.m., followed by dance at 8:30 p.m. with music by The Thicketts. Tickets available from local firefighters and several Garrison businesses.
- **Feb. 15:** Evening Hike Series, Full Snow Moon Candlelight Hike, 6:30 p.m., Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison.
- **Feb. 24:** Preschool Story Hour, 10:30 a.m., Max Community Library.
- **Feb. 25:** Book Club, 7 p.m., Max Community Library.

Nonprofit organizations and communities throughout McLean County can contact Patricia Stockdill at stockdill.patricia@gmail.com or 701-337-5462 to submit community events. ■