



McLean County community calendar:

Events and activities to see and do

McLean County area food pantry April distribution dates, times and locations:

- **Community Cupboard of Underwood food distribution:** 10 a.m.-noon April 13 and 4-6 p.m. April 25, 208 Lincoln Ave. Like us on Facebook, Community Cupboard of Underwood, for food pantry distributions, thrift store and other information.
- **Community Food Pantry serving the communities of Ryder, Makoti, Roseglen, Plaza, White Shield, Parshall and those in need:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. April 27, 181 Ellsworth, Makoti.
- **Community Thrift Store serving the communities of Ryder, Makoti, Roseglen, Plaza, White Shield, Parshall and the region, 181 Ellsworth, Makoti. Store hours:** 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, 4-7 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, except holidays.
- **Free Community Clothing Share & Exchange Store:** Noon-6 p.m. every Thursday, 221 Main St., Turtle Lake.
- **Garrison Area Resource Center and Food Pantry:** Noon-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. April 25, Garrison.
- **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, Wednesday and Friday, and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. first Saturday of every month, 205 Seventh St., Washburn.
- **Our Savior Lord's Food Pantry, Max:** Noon-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. April 15, City Hall, 215 Main St., Max.
- **The Lord's Pantry, Turtle Lake:** 2-4 p.m. April 11 and 10 a.m.-noon April 27, Trinity Lutheran Church, 515 Kundert St., Turtle Lake
- **Wilton Food Pantry, Wilton:** "Mini" distributions every Friday, 11:30 a.m. until gone. Full food distribution, 4-6 p.m. April 18, Wilton Senior Citizens Center, 42 Dakota Ave., Wilton.

Area food pantries often experience high needs for the following items: baked beans, pork and beans, canned fruit, tuna, chicken and 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, 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.

The McLean Family Resource Center is sponsoring Greater Access for Groceries throughout April, providing free gas cards to help pay travel expenses to pick up food baskets during the month. Contact the center at 701-462-8643 for more Greater Access for Groceries information and to schedule an appointment to get the food basket.

April activities:

- **April 6:** Taste of Washburn, 4-7 p.m., Washburn Memorial Hall. Sponsored by the Washburn Area Improvement Association, with local businesses and organizations serving a variety of menu items. \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Children 5 years of age and younger free.
- **April 8:** National Lineworker Appreciation Day.
- **April 13:** Maple Sugaring Day, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fort Stevenson State Park Guardhouse Interpretive Center, Garrison.
- **April 30:** Operation Round Up grant application deadline. More information about the program and application is available on McLean Electric Cooperative's website, www.mcleanelectric.com, clicking "Grants & Scholarships," then "Operation Round Up Program" as well as the Facebook page.

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