

## —AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS—

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

**Lord's Pantry food distribution** is held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Turtle Lake from 2 -4 p.m.. No referrals or pre-registration required. All in need are welcome to received food at no cost.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**Community Cupboard of Underwood - Food Pantry** from 4 to 6 p.m.. McLean County Residents in need are welcome to food. No referrals or pre-registration required. 208 Lincoln Avenue, Underwood.

### WEEKLY

#### EVERY THURSDAY

**AA Meeting**, Turtle Lake Methodist Church on Thursday evenings at 7 pm.

**The Community Cupboard of Underwood Thrift Store** is open every Tuesday 1 - 5 pm. 208 Lincoln Ave. Underwood, ND

### AREA LIBRARY HOURS

**WASHBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY** - Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**UNDERWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY** - Monday, Wednesday and Friday -10 a.m. to 3 p.m. -Tuesday and Thursday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**TURTLE LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY** - Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**MCLEAN-MERCER REGIONAL LIBRARY**, Riverdale - Mon-Fri 8 a.m. -Noon & 1 - 5 p.m.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

#### Underwood-TL-Mercer Meals on Wheels

Sept. 12-18

**THURSDAY:** Tangy Meatloaf, Boiled Potatoes, Sicilian Blend Veggies, Fresh Pear, Wheat Bread

**FRIDAY:** Peach French Toast Bake, Scramble Egg, Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Local Syrup, Banana

**MONDAY:** BBQ Pork Ribs, Wild Rice Pilaf, Spinach w/ Garlic Butter, Corn, Fresh Orange, Cornbread

**TUESDAY:** Chicken a la Mourtarde, Brown Rice Pilaf, Savory Carrots, Watermelon, Dinner Roll

**WEDNESDAY:** Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Stir Fry Veggie Blend, Fresh Plum, Wheat Bread

*Meal Reservations/Cancellations - Please call at least one day in advance. The menu is subject to change. Served daily: Low-fat milk, Bread & butter. Suggested contribution is \$4 per meal. For those under 60 is \$11.35. Credit & debit cards are accepted by calling 748-2433. For meals call 442-3488. Frozen meals are available for evening, weekend & holiday closures.*



McLean County Sheriff's Deputies participated in last week's live shooter drill at Rainbow Energy alongside the Counties' Fire Departments and Paramedic Services to help better prepare the departments for the dangers their jobs pose. (Ethyne Williams-Calvert)

## Rainbow Energy hosts Emergency Live Shooter Drill

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Last Tuesday, September 3, Rainbow Energy hosted an emergency live shooter drill at

their facilities.

The event provided a valuable training opportunity for law enforcement and EMS personnel in McLean County, allowing them to practice and refine their response in

critical situations.

For a more detailed breakdown of the exercise, be sure to check the September 19 issue of the Central McLean News-Journal for in-depth coverage from the drill.

## Introduction to Useful Thinking

BY BILL PATRIE

I am grateful to the North Dakota Newspaper Association for this opportunity to share my opinions with rural people. This first opinion is really an introduction of me and what I want to share. When I was a 9th grader in Fessenden High School, the vocational agriculture instructor, Lowell Anderson suggested I participate in the FFA creed contest.

In those days, the creed started with "I believe in the future of farming."

Lowell suggested I talk to the speech teacher, Ron Anderson, and asked him to coach me on reciting the creed. When I memorized the FFA creed I was 14 years old and milking cows by hand with my mom, my dad, and my oldest brother.

I was innocent and believed things trusted adults told me. I believed in the idea of a Jeffersonian agrarian democracy. The image I had in my mind was a Rockwell painting of a farmer at a public meeting, an annual report sticking out of his jacket pocket, speaking intelligently about an important community concern. I wanted to be that person. I came to believe that farming was feeding the world. People worldwide depended on us, the farmers, for their very lives. I believed that farmers

were smart, and believed, like I did, in the life abundant, and enough honest wealth to help make it so.

Retired after a wonderful career of rural development, I am no longer innocent. But I am not cynical. I continue to believe in the goodness and honesty of the rural people of North Dakota. My experience growing up in Wells County convinced me there were people you could absolutely depend on.

The parts man at the International Harvester dealership and the Case dealership in Fessenden treated me, a long hair college kid home for the summer, with respect and got me the right parts. When my brother Loren and I were combining late, we asked the grain elevator operator in Bowdon if he would stay open for another load. He said, "I'll be here for you, give her heck boys."

People have been wonderful to me my entire life. When I was helping the Durum Triangle Development Corporation at Cando build a pasta plant, the Banker asked me "are you any damn good?" That pasta plant is still there 44 years later! I am grateful for that chance, and many others since then, to prove myself.

Thank you to all who have taken a risk and believed in me. Now it is my turn to believe in you. I have learned so much

from so many willing teachers, I want to pass that learning on to you. I want you to believe in the possible. I want you to understand the power of asking positive questions, of talking about what is working.

I will share how the second largest pasta plant in the United States came to life in Carrington. I will not feel sorry for you or join in blaming others for the fate of rural communities.

I testified before the House Agricultural Committee in 1995 during the making of the farm bill. I told the committee "This chandelier above me hangs by an ear of corn. And I think so the future of rural America hangs on whether or not we can cooperate. I represent a spirit of optimism and of hope based on the ability of farm families across this country to cooperate".

In the columns to come you will learn the disciplines and the mechanics of cooperation that has enormous power to make rural places thrive.

Nice visiting with you.

Bill Patrie is a retired planner and economic developer having worked in regional and statewide positions. He is the author of "Creating Co-op Fever" printed by USDA as a service bulletin, and "100 Stories of Hope" a book about his interviews with 100 people in poverty.



### WEATHER

Date	Max	Min	Precip
Sept 2	83	52	.00
Sept 3	89	60	.00
Sept 4	76	62	.00
Sept 5	69	47	.00
Sept 6	71	44	.00
Sept 7	82	46	.00
Sept 8	89	52	.00

Larry Dziuk

**Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary!**  
Married Sept. 19th 1964  
We Love you Mom and Dad!

Anyone wanting to wish them a Happy Anniversary can do so by sending a card or a little note to:  
**Ernie and Linda Schock**  
402 5th Ave W  
Turtle Lake ND 58575

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## Doug Auck's 80th Birthday Celebration

at the Rusted Rail in Underwood

Saturday, September 14th starting at 7p.m.

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