



Growing together

Extension office supports new group

BY PHAIDRA YUNKER
Reporter

The McLean County Extension Agency will host a kickoff meeting for a new horticulture group at 5 p.m. Jan. 22 at the extension office located 611 Main Ave. in Washburn.

The gathering is open to anyone interested in plants, gardening or trees, offering a chance to meet other enthusiasts, exchange ideas and learn about plans for the upcoming season. Light refreshments will be available.

Kenzie West, administrative assistant with the Extension office, said the effort began when local resident Karla Klein reached out in midDecember seeking help to formalize a small horticulture group she had already started.

“The first meeting will help determine the group’s needs, an official name and future gatherings,” West said. The Extension office is assisting with organizing meetings, managing social media and spreading the word about the new group.

Turtle Lake-Mercer Honor Roll

CONTENT PROVIDED BY KURT ZIEBARTH, *Principal*

Semester 1 Honor Roll		
Highest Honors		
3.7 – 4.0 GPA		
Grade 12		
Aiden Hanson	Peityn Fiedler	Emily Britton
Carson Ravnaas	Kylar Hansen	Sienna Britton
Bridger Rittenbach	Ethan Hanson	Lily Christensen
Cheyenne Schumann	Kinli Holtan	Robert Ebach
Brooklyn Tomlinson	Chase Kinn	Clayton Fast
Inaia Way	Cooper Kittler	Makinlee Haas
Jacob Wolf	Griffin Kraft	Kenzee Hanson
Grade 11	Kendal Lelm	Kade Kelly
Zella Anderson	Jameson Meidinger	Hayden Lelm
Jonas Christensen	Soren Ravnaas	Kaylee Rust
Conner Fiedler	Kensley Ruffo	Helen Schlafmann
Emma Fischer	Kutler Rust	Jake Schumann
Vivian Schlafmann	Cambree Schlafmann	Thaddeus Voth
Charlie Sparrow	Gage Schlafmann	Luke Walcker
Grade 10	Grade 9	Grade 7
Jesper Anderson	Nora Fiedler	Elizabeth Britton
Jackson Blotter	River Fylling	William Grabinger
Case Christensen	Jenna Goven	Hensley Kelly
Layne Fast	Willow Johannes	Summer Kinn
	Rhett Laib	Iyla Kraft
	Kamdyn Rittenbach	Bridger Martin
	Grade 8	Parker Ruffo
	Reilly Blair	Hadley Ziebarth

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to take the time to come into town.”

The store receives one large truck each week from Fargo and five to six smaller deliveries throughout the week.

Competing with larger grocery chains and online shopping adds to the strain, but Faulkner said she works to meet customer needs.

“If there’s something we don’t stock, let me know, and I will get it in for you,” said Faulkner.

Main Street Market is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays. Lunch options include sandwiches and a salad bar on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, hot soup during the winter and a rotating “build your own bar” on Wednesdays.

The North Dakota Catalyst Grant

program was created with an initial \$2.5 million allocation from state lawmakers. According to the North Dakota Department of Commerce, eligible projects must demonstrate meaningful impact in areas such as economic development, health, housing, transportation or essential services. The program specifically highlights the importance of preserving rural grocery stores.

Grant funds are reimbursed only after a formal agreement is signed and eligible expenses are incurred. Awarded projects are typically expected to be completed within 18 months.

The city now awaits the outcome of its Catalyst Grant application, which will determine whether plans for a new Main Street Market can move ahead.

BACK IN THE DAY

Underwood

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20 years ago, Jan. 2006

First Security Bank President Dave Kjelstrup announced the sale of the bank in September and on Jan. 3, it became official. Davis Bankshares, which currently operates the First National Bank of McClusky, with branches in Goudrich and Mercer, is the new owner.

The search is over. Underwood has a new director of economic development. The Underwood Area Economic Development Committee has announced the hiring of Brian Ash.

The New Year’s Party sponsored by the Underwood Area Economic Development Committee surpassed all expectations according to those in charge. “It was a complete success,” said UAEDC President Diane Cottingham.

Approximately \$2,600 has not been accounted for through the McLean-Mercer County Council on Aging. That money was earmarked for the Underwood Meals on Wheels program. Underwood seniors allege that there was mismanagement of funds of the program and how it was being operated.

Three Comets hit double digits on the hoops court Tuesday night as the Comet girls easily turned back Golden Valley 54-32 as the Comets resumed post-holiday hoops action. Jessica Anderson, Bethany Holm and Cassidy Blotske scored 15, 13, and 10 points, respectively.

30 years ago, Jan. 1996

A water quality analysis showed that mining operations have not affected the quality of Underwood’s water supply according to a report from the Public Service Commission.

While the quality has not been affected, the amount of water supplied by some of the wells connected to the city system has diminished because of mining operations east of Highway 83.

The Get Away held a going out of business sale before closing the doors. The business supplied entertainment in various forms – from video games to art and included craft sales. The building, formerly housing the Rose Theatre, is now for sale.

40 years ago, Jan. 1986

Jennie Eide celebrated her 98th birthday with an open house at the Underwood Senior Center. Hostesses were Elida Westby, Minnie Stadick, Helen Stockert, Delilah Freborg, Jean Paulson and Char Anderson.

Turtle Lake Community Hospital announced a cooperative arrangement with the Harvey Hospital. Three physicians will be coming from Harvey to work as chief with staff, Dr. Rabino-vitch, on a consulting basis.

Our weather has been more spring-like than winter-like the past week or two, but now there are high winds, and it has turned cloudy. The nice weather helped shorten the winter.

Susan Koenig was honored when sev-

eral ladies brought early birthday greetings to her. Enjoying cake and ice cream with Susan were Esther Radke, Martha Koenig, Rose Koenig, Hannah Schuh, Karen Johannes and DeLayne Weisz.

55 years ago, Jan. 1971

Underwood High School students, Crystal Berg and Wilma Lockwood, were accepted to perform in the 1971 All-State Band and Chorus at Valley City State College. Crystal will sing second soprano in the 100-voice chorus, and Wilma will play tuba in the 100-piece band.

Ten Underwood students have been chosen for All-County and, which will play at the McLean County Basketball Tournament. They are Steve and Brenda Werre, Marilyn and Connie Boger, Tom Repnow, Larry Wohl, David Saylor, Carl Seamon, Allen Anderson and Wima Lockwood.

Sergeant Leroy Mertz, son of Mrs. Inga Mertz of Underwood, received the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service at Tuy Hoa AB Vietnam. He was presented with the medal at Fortuna Air Force Station, N.D., where he now serves the unit of the Aerospace Defense Command.

65 years ago, Jan. 1961

P.J. Paulson has resigned his position as manager of the McLean County Dairy Co-op, effective Feb. 5. It is understood that for the present, Alvin Knodel, secretary treasurer of the co-op, will also serve as manager. The plant has grown from a small operation out of two frame buildings on city property north of Highway 83, to a modern pasteurization plant here and a butter plant at Turtle Lake. Each year the plant at Turtle Lake has an output of more than a half million pounds of butter.

Spring can’t be too far away, as Henry Johannes reports that while he and Otto Kesselring were fishing on the Wolf Creek arm of the Garrison Reservoir, they sighted a large flock of geese heading north. Mr. Kesselring says he has an enormous number of ducks feeding in his cornfield, and a flock of ducks has been feeding across the river all winter.

85 years ago, Jan. 1941

North Dakota farmers raised 98 million bushels of wheat in 1940 and put nearly 60 percent of it under the loan program, the state AAA committee announced. Unofficial figures put North Dakota first in the nation for the number of bushels under the 1940 loan program. The loan program has already succeeded in boosting the cash price of wheat. In August, when harvest began on a good crop, wheat was bringing 76 cents on the Minneapolis market. Now it is up to around 90 cents. The cooperative effort of AAA farmers throughout the state and nation in holding their wheat off the market contributed to this 14-cent rise, according to AAA officials.

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