



BACK IN THE DAY

Underwood

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20 years ago, May 2006

Students get childcare renovations off to a bright future. Rooms now glisten with a beautiful shiny new coat of paint in preparation for the fall opening of the Comet Kids Childcare Center. Committee members, Tonja Iverson, Katie Heger, Claudia Stromberg-Tauer and Doreen Schaff were on hand May 5 to lend a hand as the Underwood High School freshmen painted the interior of the former clinic building.

Amanda Cottingham, a recent graduate of the University of Mary, is now a realtor for Bianco Realtors, along with her duties as an insurance agent for Cottingham Insurance Agency.

Sarah Knutson, B.A. elementary education, has been listed among the graduates from Jamestown College.

Nathanael McCleery, Riverdale, B.S., elementary education, has been named to the list of students to graduate from MSUM.

The Underwood Community Economic Development is hosting a community meeting on May 17 at the city hall. The UAEDC and city officials will field questions about the proposed one and a half-cent sales tax and home rule charter, and county officials have been invited to discuss the proposed new county jail.

The lady Comets had a beautiful day for their golf tournament May 8. Coming in with the low score for U-TL-M was Bethany Holm with a score of 110, Cassidy Blotske, 116; and Ciara Edwards, 117.

The boys were in Garrison for a triangular with Garrison and Washburn May 4. Individual scoring had Blake Walker charting the low score for the Comets with a 43, followed by Ross Hartley and Jeremy Brandle tying with a 47, and Tyler Clark, 48.

Rhett Nostdahl qualified for the state meet by placing third in the mile open at Shiloh.

The Underwood Civic Club held their 26th Annual Customer Appreciation meal May 3. Approximately 350-400 people attended.

30 years ago, May 1996

The Underwood High School class of 1996 will receive their diplomas on May 19. Three class members maintained a 4.0 GPA and they share valedictorian status, Heather Tiefenthaler, Justin Levey and Matthew Potter. Holly Gefroh is the salutatorian.

Luella Burrowes retired as school cook after 22 years in that position. "It's the kids that make the job of school cook worthwhile," said Burrowes.

The drug stores in Turtle Lake, Underwood and McClusky are in the process of being sold. But don't expect any major, sudden changes. Howard Anderson, owner of the three stores,

says it will be gradual transition of ownership over the years. Mark Malzer, formerly of Max, is returning to McLean County to gradually buy into the stores.

Members of the Underwood High School 2-mile relay team qualified for the state track meet: Bonnie Nostdahl, Angie Strasser, Shayla Strasser and Jessica Cottingham, Nostdahl and S. Strasser also qualified for the 800-meter run.

40 years ago, May 1986

Charles Finneman resigned as head basketball coach but will retain his teaching duties. Shirley Wohl, third grade teacher, is retiring, and Vicki Leidholm, first grade teacher, resigned to take a position with a different school system.

Three Underwood High School musicians won star awards at the state music festival, Rebecca Larson for a flute solo, Rebecca and Kari Larson for a flute duet, Marnie Gazdik for a flute solo. Gazdik was also selected as one of the 10 outstanding performers from the 1,000 entries.

The Underwood boys and the Washburn girls were the team winners at the first McLean County track meet held in Underwood. The surface on the new track was rated by a couple of coaches as among the best they have competed on this year.

Athletes from six special education Olympic teams earned fistfuls of ribbons at a track meet in Turtle Lake. Among the local winners were Joel Ford, Larry Sullwold, Reese Brabandt, Bradley Stiefel, Matt Saylor, Shaun Kaufman, Stacy Anderson and Wendee Faul.

Former librarians, Paulette Scheer, Pam Dewald, Lenore Zietz, Doreen Radke and Esther Thomsen, were honored as the library celebrated its anniversary.

50 years ago, May 1976

The Underwood Public School announces their honor students for 1976. They are co-valedictorians, Nancy Busch and Kathy Lenzen, and salutatorian, Tim Leidholm.

Other members of the class are Arlene Aldinger, James Bartz, Tamara Boger, Susan Boots, Denise Flath, Nathaniel Galarneau, Doreen Heger, Darlene Hultberg, Debra Olson, Shirley Repnow, John Saylor, Russell Scheer, Rick Wilke and Bob Zietz.

Two of the four proposed housing developments in the city came nearer to being a reality at the commission meeting Monday night. Whitey Mees, Bismarck developer, approached the commission with the necessary information and plans to prepare bid letting for the sewer and water.

Scholars Celebrated

Area students recognized for academic excellence

BY PHAIDRA YUNKER
Reporter

The Washburn Memorial Hall was filled April 27 as families, teachers and community members gathered for the 63rd annual Masonic Scholarship Honor Banquet, hosted by Fellowship Lodge No. 122. The lodge, part of the worldwide fraternity of Freemasonry, is a service-oriented organization whose members focus on community support, charitable work and personal integrity. Each year, the local lodge recognizes area students for academic achievement, leadership and sustained excellence.

Master of Ceremonies Mac Beaudry led the program, which opened with an invocation from Melissa Rothe, First Lutheran Church's coordinator of student ministries. A meal prepared by Masons and their spouses followed, with thanks extended to the Washburn Lions Club and Victor B. Walen Post No. 12 for their support. The evening then moved into the presentation of honor certificates, gold honor certificates and the Tuntland Scholarship.

Underwood High School recognized senior honorees Aiden Hanson, Kaden Lemm, Carson Revnaas, Bridger Rittenbach, Cheyanne Schumann, Brooklyn Tomlinson, Inaia Way and Jacob Wolf, with Hanson, Lemm, Rittenbach, Way and Wolf noted as four-year recipients. Sophomore Gage Ellis was also listed among Underwood's honorees.

Turtle Lake-Mercer's list of students filled several pages of the program. Seniors and upperclass honorees included Annelise Bates, William Berquist, Kiara Fredrick, Cassidy Job, Jace Kirchmeier, Hayden Risty, Tucker Schacher, Chayse Schafer, Aubrey Steinert and Emma Vesey, with Bates, Job, Kirchmeier, Risty, Schacher, Schafer, Steinert and Vesey earning four-year distinctions. Additional honorees included Kaleb Benning, Caiden and Kennady Cleveland, Carter Geiger, Ruby Greff, Parker Hrubby, Lydia Hutzenbiler, Claire Leidy, Colton Schuh and Harper Willett. The program also recognized Tessa Miller, Madeline Risty, Taylor Rohrich and Stella Rust; Madisyn Biesterfeld, Kyle Boone, Hayden Clausen, Erin Conoly, Roger Grothe, Kylie Job, Ava Kirchmeier, Sophia Krush, Addison Leifson and Levi McGregor; and Bree Banning, Ty Earsley, William Krush, Colton Nielson and Kinsley Septem.

Younger Turtle Lake-Mercer hon-

orees included Shailah Aban, Emma Adolf, Gavin Haraseth, Sally Heger and Aubrey Reed, with Adolf, Haraseth and Heger earning four-year recognition. Brimley Blotske, Laken Chandler, Michael Hauler, Kannon Hunt, Mason Skachenko and Morgan Snyder were also listed, along with Lainy Haraseth, Natalie Heger and Aryah Ross. Junior honorees included Zella Aderson, Jonas Christensen, Conner Fiedler, Emma Fischer, Vivian Schlafmann and Charlie Sparrow. Sophomore and freshman honorees included Jesper Anderson, Jackson Blotter, Case Christensen, Layne Fast, Peityn Fiedler, Kylar and Ethan Hanson, Kinli Holtan, Chase Kinn, Cooper Kittler, Griffin Kraft, Kendal Lemm, Jameson Medinger, Soren Ravnaas, Kensley Ruffo, Kutler Rust, Cambree and Gage Schlafmann, and freshmen Nora Fiedler, River Fyelling, Jenna Goven, Willow Johannes, Rhett Laib and Kamdyn Rittenbach.

Washburn High School's honorees included freshmen Claire Fischer, Parker Jacobson, Maggie Jennings, Beckett Kadmas, Hannah Klabunde, Mia Meisel, Elizabeth Neumiller, Chevelle Obering, Kamryn Romandia, Amelia Swanson and Oscar Wood. Jacobson, Neumiller, Obering, Romandia and Swanson were recognized as four-year recipients. Additional Washburn students honored were Aubrey Gardner, Emily Beehler, Haylie Bentz, Kalyn Braasch, Aubrianna Feist, Tanner Fiedler, Dylon Fischer, Sadie Goven, Brooke Knutson, Autumn Langley, Joshua Laning, Ethan Retterath, Dehmay Ternes and Donald Winter Jr. The program also listed Kesia Boeshans, Kathryn Hendrikson, Noah Holznagel, Mae Jennings, River Kjestrup, Wyatt Koble, Easton Kugler, Breanna Laning, Alina Sadykova and Vivian Weber, along with Chloe Erber, Presley Levey, Axton Meadows, Daniel Neumiller, Rebecca Scheresky, Porter Snyder, Jaxon Solomson, Elizabeth Tibike, Addison Vaagene and Dovavin Vetter.

The banquet closed with Rothe's benediction, sending students into the final stretch of the school year with certificates in hand and a roomful of applause behind them. For many, especially the four-year honor recipients, the evening marked the culmination of years of steady work recognized by their schools and community.

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