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to his left arm, part of his back and stomach in a tractor fire at his farm east of Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Sayler observed their golden wedding anniversary June 19 at the Methodist Church in Underwood.

Miss Julie Ann Berg and Eugene Glenn Love were united in marriage June 12 in the Augustana Lutheran Church of Underwood.

As if the rain and hail storm didn't damage the August B. Sayler farm home enough last Friday, a small twister is reported to have visited the farm Wednesday morning and completely wrecked the garage on the farm.

Gift certificate winners last Saturday included Mrs. Anna Clark, \$20; Mrs. Adolph Hoff and Albert C. Sayler, \$10. Jake Hepper's name was also drawn for a \$20 certificate, but he was out of town.

80 years ago, July 1946

A.R. Johnson has returned from Minneapolis and reopened his barber shop on Main Street next to Underwood Meat Market.

Mrs. Carl Lang passed away at her home here Monday afternoon.

Friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Payne to surprise them for their 24th wedding anniversary.

In a transaction that took place here last week, Art Busch bought the building, equipment, stock and goodwill of the Park Service station from James Haskins. Art is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Busch.

The Underwood Method-

ist Church was the scene of a lovely summer wedding June 13, when Miss Mabel Busch became the bride of Robert D. Bontrager. Miss Busch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Busch.

Marion Schafer is now employed at the Outlaw Trading Co.

Effective June 24, the local passenger train changed time. Train No. 257 northbound arrives here at 7:47 a.m., train No. 260 southbound is due here at 2:50 p.m.

82 years ago, July 1934

The directors of the Farmers Elevator and Mercantile Company of Underwood have engaged W.C. Adams of Coleharbor to succeed Horace Cummings as manager of the company.

The McLean County Sunday School Association will hold its annual convention in Asbury Tabernacle at Washburn Sunday.

One of the Bottleson's Plymouth Rock hens laid a red, white and blue egg in honor of the 4th of July.

The interior of Evander Drug store is being rearranged. Several of the booths that occupied the center of the room have been moved to the side in the space formerly occupied by the cigar and candy display cases. The change offers much more room and will allow for better displays of goods.

A. L. Maxwell, deputy beer commissioner for this district, was a visitor here Tuesday.

Miss Viola Tauer, who is a student nurse at St. Alexius Hospital, is spending her vacation at home.

Commission approves road equipment purchase, Falkirk road closures

McLean County also names camp host, approves police contracts and denies liquor license transfers over delinquent taxes

BY KELLI AMELING
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The McLean County Commission approved the purchase of a road groomer, authorized temporary road closures for Falkirk Mining operations and denied two liquor license transfers during its May 5 meeting at the McLean County Courthouse.

Highway Superintendent Jim Grey told commissioners that while some neighboring counties have begun lifting seasonal load restrictions, saturated road conditions remain a concern in McLean County.

Grey said shoulder work is progressing well and that road reclaimers are operating properly after adjustments were made. He also requested authorization to purchase a road groomer, saying the equipment would provide an effective alternative when a motor grader is not the best tool for a project.

Commissioners approved the purchase with a cost not to exceed \$25,000, noting the expense falls within the highway department's budget.

Grey also presented plans for traffic-calming improvements at the Douglas Bay Cabin Site. After meeting with cabin owners, he recommended locations for speed bumps, signs and reflectors that comply with North Dakota Century Code requirements. The

commission approved the proposed placements and installation.

The commission approved a salary adjustment for Jesse Feist following his promotion to detective with the South Sakakawea Narcotics Task Force. Feist's salary was increased to \$61,108.53, a 3.04% increase, effective May 1.

Commissioners also selected Sara Wheeler as the 2026 camp host for Sportsmen's Centennial Park after reviewing two letters of interest.

Among financial matters, the commission approved transfer-of-funds resolutions for the Domestic Community Health Services Zone and the county's sweep account. Commissioners also accepted a pledge of securities report from TruCommunity Bank for the period ending April 30. The report showed public deposits totaling \$26.24 million backed by pledged securities of approximately \$26.29 million.

The board approved 2027 police protection contracts after hearing that contract rates were increased by 2% and had been reviewed by Chief Deputy Sheriff Richard Johnson and Sheriff J.R. Kerzmann.

During a public hearing, commissioners considered a petition from The Falkirk Mining Company seeking temporary closure of three section line roads affected by

surface coal mining operations in Township 144 North, Range 84 West.

Following the hearing, the commission approved the petition, finding that the closures are necessary for mining operations, do not deprive adjacent landowners of access to their property and provide a public benefit. Under the resolution, Falkirk must continue to provide farmers access to their land, restore the roads after mining activities are completed and notify the county when restoration work is finished.

The commission also received and filed April fee reports showing \$10,037.90 collected by the recorder's office and \$1,339.64 collected by the sheriff's office.

Gaming site authorizations were approved for Washburn American Legion Post 12 at Painted Woods Golf Course and American Legion Post 91 at Totten Trail. The authorizations cover various charitable gaming activities from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

In other business, commissioners denied two liquor license transfer requests for Bar 701 in Garrison after learning the business property is three years delinquent on real estate taxes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m. Commissioner Steve Cottingham was absent.

STORMS

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placed both McLean and Sheridan counties under severe thunderstorm warnings as storms crossed central North Dakota. Communities including Washburn, Wilton, Wing, Regan and areas near Westfield were included in the warning area.

According to Anglin, the severe weather followed an earlier round of storms Saturday that brought strong winds to the area. While no official severe wind or hail reports were received from McLean County during that event, wind speeds were estimated between 50 and 60 mph.

"Tornadoes cannot be assigned an Enhanced Fujita rating until damage surveys are completed," Anglin said. Because no damage had been reported as of Monday, the National Weather Service had

not yet classified the tornado's strength.

The weekend storms were part of a broader severe weather pattern affecting much of central North Dakota, with forecasters warning of the potential for damaging winds, large hail and isolated tornadoes.

Looking ahead, Anglin said additional thunderstorms remained possible before cooler temperatures arrived, with more chances for showers and storms expected heading into the Independence Day weekend.

This version should fit the Central McLean News-Journal better because it puts the Riverdale-Underwood tornado and southern McLean impacts in the first paragraph rather than leading with McClusky.

Underwood School Board honors retirees, approves monthly bills

Reception recognizes departing educators and board member prior to May meeting

BY KELLI AMELING
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The Underwood School Board recognized two retiring teachers and a departing board member during a reception held before its regular meeting on May 28.

Board President Michael Heger called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. with board members Brent Charging, Amanda Haseleu, Sarah Ness and Tania Eichhorst in attendance. Superintendent Todd Benson, Principal Kyle Hunt and Principal Hope Rush also attended. Board members Donald Robinson and Sarah Gunkel were absent.

The board approved a consent agenda that included minutes from the April 30 regular

meeting and a May 14 special meeting, along with monthly financial reports and bills.

Among the largest expenditures approved from the general fund were payments of \$28,300.50 to Amplify, \$10,560 to CREA, \$11,800.21 to Minot High School and \$8,640 to Software Unlimited Inc. Utility and operational expenses were also included, as well as payments for transportation, professional services and educational programs.

The board approved food service fund expenditures totaling several thousand dollars, including purchases from Kemps and Pan-O-Gold Baking Co. Student activity fund payments included expenses related to academic testing, athletic programs, awards, li-

brary furnishings and student activities.

The district's monthly bills also included payments to local vendors, utility providers and educational organizations.

No additions were made to the meeting agenda, and business was conducted through the consent agenda.

The meeting followed a reception honoring staff and leadership members whose service to the district is coming to an end. While the minutes did not identify the retirees by name, the event recognized two retiring teachers and a board member leaving the board.

The board's actions were approved unanimously through the consent agenda. No additional motions were recorded in the portion of the minutes released by the district.

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