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Looking back at 2025

A year in review of the Leader-News

Editor's Note: This is the third part in a multiple-part series outlining the stories of the Leader-News in 2025:

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May 1
Antenniel Neumiller, a fourth-grade teacher at Washburn Elementary School, has been named McLean County Teacher of the Year.

Eighty-one years after he made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II, U.S. Army Pfc. Charles R. Reiser was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery on April 23 with full military honors.

During a meeting of the Mercer & McLean Counties Commission on Aging Board April 16, there was a lot of discussion about how best to approach the organization's balance of funds.

Under rainy skies, local Beautiful In and Out Girls – or better known as – BIOGirls chapter members capped off their 12-week empowerment program with a 5K run April 26, marking a significant milestone for the 20 participants and their five mentors.

The Wilton-Wing Miners softball team battled through a back-and-forth slugfest April 24, ultimately pulling off an exciting 11-10 victory over the Max-South Prairie Cossacks.

The Southern McLean varsity track and field teams traveled to Underwood where they place fourth and eighth overall at the Central McLean Meet.

The Washburn/Wilton-Wing/Center-Stanton Cardinals rode a late off ensive surge and a dominant pitching performance to a 4-0 shutout win over the Surrey Mustangs on April 26.

The Washburn/Wilton-Wing/Center-Stanton Cardinals broke open a tight game with a massive third-inning outburst, powering their way to an 8-1 win over the Hazen Bison on April 22.

The Wilton-Wing Miners softball team showed flashes of offensive power but couldn't overcome defensive miscues in a 15-5 loss to Heart River on April 22.

The Southern McLean varsity track team had several personal records set during the Bismarck Public School Distance/Relay Carnival.

Placing well within the top 10 teams, the Southern McLean varsity track and field are among top athletes at Badlands Conference Meet.

May 8
Spring cleaning gets a citywide boost as Washburn launches its annual Clean-Up Week. Residents can clear out unwanted household items through curbside pickup and designated drop-off locations. With clear guidelines, officials aim to streamline disposal while keeping the community tidy and environmentally responsible.

The Washburn-Wilton Speech and Washburn Drama programs celebrated their year with the annual Speech and Drama Awards Banquet on May 4. The event carried a distinct theme inspired by "Star Wars," marking the day with a "May the Fourth Be With You" celebration.

The American Legion Auxiliary has announced the winners of the Poppy Poster Contest and those winners are vying for a chance to win at the state level.

The Roughriders participated in the Carrington Kiwanis/Lions invite, bringing home fourth and sixth places overall in the teams division.

The Southern McLean varsity track and field time had top-two finishes at the Central McLean Invite last week.

The Washburn/Wilton-Wing/Center-Stanton Cardinals picked up a hard-fought 3-1 win on the road against Hettinger on April 29, powered by steady pitching, timely hits, and a flawless defensive effort.

The Washburn/Wilton-Wing/Center-Stanton Cardinals baseball team came up just short in a hard-fought matchup against Heart River on May 1, falling 7-4 at home despite a mid-game rally and solid efforts at the plate.

May 15
With an effort to enrich the community in mind, the Washburn Forestry Board is working to make a difference one tree at a time.

Science fairs have long served as a platform for students to explore ideas, apply research methods and develop problem-solving skills.

In a game that saw strong pitching and tight defense on both sides, the Washburn-Wilton-Center-Stanton baseball team broke

through late to earn a 4-1 victory over the visiting Hazen Bison last week in Washburn.

In a low-scoring, defensively driven contest, the Beulah Miners used a stellar performance on the mound and timely execution at the plate to defeat the Washburn-Wilton-Center-Stanton baseball team 4-0 May 6.

After competing against 16 other teams, the Southern McLean boys and girls varsity track team each placed second at the Parshall Meet.

In a back-and-forth contest filled with defensive miscues and momentum swings, the Washburn-Center-Stanton Cardinals came up just short against Mayville on May 10, falling 11-8 in a seven-inning battle.

The Washburn-Center-Stanton softball team was held hitless in a tough road outing against Harvey on May 7, falling 5-0 in a defensive battle that broke open late.

The Washburn-Center-Stanton Cardinals faced a relentless offensive surge from Grand Forks Central May 9, falling 30-4 in a shortened five-inning contest at home.

May 22
After a recent outbreak of measles in North Dakota, local county leaders and health officials have implemented policies in case a suspected measles case enters McLean County.

Perched atop a scenic stretch overlooking the Missouri River, River View Cemetery has long stood as a solemn landmark in Washburn's history. With its origins dating back to the early 1880s, the cemetery has been a resting place for generations, reflecting the town's deep-rooted past and strong community ties.
A Turtle Lake graduate will be receiving a scholarship from the WRT totaling \$3,000.

The Washburn Public School community gathered May 20 to celebrate the retirement of Judy Hyttinen and Sherry Kinnischtzke, two of its longest-serving staff members.

The Southern McLean varsity girls track and field team finished 30th overall at the North Dakota High School Activities Association Class B State meet

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