

# A Step Back in Time

## Troy Tescher

**100 Years Ago  
Sentinel Butte Review  
June 4, 1926**

After deliberating for 24 hours, the jury in the case of the State vs. Robert Sonnek reported that they were unable to reach a verdict and were discharged in district court at Manning. Sonnek was accused of butchering a pig belonging to H.B. Finneman, a neighbor residing near Golva, last November. At a preliminary hearing before Judge Stoddard at Beach in January, defendant's attorneys asked

for a change of venue and the judge ordered it tried in Dunn County.

Patterson's Orchestra of Dickinson will furnish the music for the rodeo to be held at the Elkhorn Ranch June 17 and 18, according to George Gardner, manager and director of the event. The orchestra will play at the Bowery dance to be held on the evenings of both days.

**75 Years Ago  
Golden Valley News  
May 31, 1951**

R.M. Miller has served as county agent

for the past five years and has accepted the secretary's post of the ND Stockmen's Association. Miller served in the Air Force in World War II and was a prisoner of war. His successor will be Walter Mattson.

Last year's champion crow killer, Bob Zinsli, was the first to report in the Golden Valley Wildlife Club's annual crow hunt, bringing in 28 on Tuesday. They pay out ten-cent bounty on each crow killed this year, with the feet as proof. North Dakota is also paying fifteen cent bounty on magpies, with the wings as evidence.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids

for the construction of a swimming pool will be received by the Golden Valley Memorial Park Association. Bidder will furnish all labor and equipment required to pour an approximate quantity of 290 cubic yards of concrete in place.

**50 Years Ago  
Golden Valley News  
June 3, 1976**

Doreen, Frank and Bob Morth, new owners of the Park Cafe in Beach, have announced grand opening for Sunday, June 6. Daily cafe hours will be 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The month of May was busy for the Harold Lang family with graduation for Mr. and Mrs. Hal Lang,

both graduating from NDSU; Neil Lang graduating from the National College of Business at Rapid City, SD; Kathy Lang from Mayville State; and Rosemary Lang, who graduated from Beach High School.

**25 Years Ago  
Golden Valley News  
May 31, 2001**

Theodore Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln, General George Armstrong Custer are only some of the historical figures students learn about in school. However, it is not often that students become part of history themselves. Five students from Beach High School have earned the privilege to be the Class of 2001

valedictorian, with one salutatorian. The students will be recorded in Beach High School history by having more than two valedictorians. Renae Bouldin, Nathan Dahl, Kathryn Hardy, LeeAnn Hauck and Mattie Heckaman have achieved valedictorian status and Thomas Hardy has earned the honorable position of salutatorian for the Class of 2021.

### Quote of the Week

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome."

- Booker T. Washington

# Click It For Coffee campaign

By Jordanna Garland

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, about 80% of North Dakota drivers wore a seatbelt in 2024. In rural communities, seatbelt usage is not as prevalent as it is in more urban cities, however, the risks and dangers on rural roads are still present; heavy trucks, work zones, impaired

driving. Vision Zero, an organization dedicated to preventing and eliminating traffic related deaths and injuries, partnered with Wild Vines Market in Beach to do their "Click It For Coffee" campaign on May 5.

Visitors of the drive-thru at Wild Vines had to wear their seatbelts in order to receive a \$5 off coupon for their order. Several community members stopped by during the hour long campaign to take advantage of this deal. Though, there were some who did not get the memo, pulling up to the window unbuckled. Thankfully, Sheriff Dey Muckle was there to remind them the importance of staying safe on the roads.

This is the second time Vision Zero has come to Beach. Last month during City

Government Week, Kelly Gillen, the Vision Zero coordinator for the west region of the state, shared helpful resources during the first "Click It For Coffee" campaign. Gillen explained that though the campaign is a statewide initiative, some of the more rural communities in the state become forgotten, so she thought that having an event in Beach would be a great opportunity to spread the message.

"I ran into Kim, the auditor... she said 'Hey, you should come to Beach' and I said 'I would love to come to Beach because Beach is in my area and I [don't] really have a contact there,'" Gillen said. "I got to meet the mayor and local leaders and we had a great time. I said 'Hey do you want to join the official May Click It For Coffee campaign?"



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SHERIFF DEY MUCKLE standing next to Vision Zero's Kelly Gillen at the Click It For Coffee day.

And Michaela said 'Yes, we'll do it again.'

Gillen spoke about how teenagers often forgo their seatbelt when driving, stating because there aren't many cars out on the roads in rural communities, they believe buckling up is not important. Combined with the fact that in town, the speed limit is 25 mph, teens can get into the mentality that a car crash won't happen because other cars are going slow. Gillen said that car accidents don't necessarily have to involve multiple cars. People can crash into a variety of things.

With the Beach 2026 Road Improvement project there will be many areas in town where construction members will be working. Being a safe and cautious driver is crucial when navigating the roads. Watch out for pedestrians, slow down when driving near traffic safety equipment and buckle up. According to Gillen, seat belt usage cuts the risk of critical injury and death by 50%.

"We know that seat belts work and they save lives. It's really easy...it takes a second," Gillen said. "I was young once, I remember

[thinking] you're invincible. You don't think anything would happen. Most times it doesn't, but if it does, seat belts are your first line of defense."


Not only does Gillen do the Click It For Coffee campaigns, she often goes into schools or community centers and explains the importance of being a safe driver and passenger. She mentioned that at all ages, everyone should know what they can do to make good decisions while being in a car.

More information about driver safety can be found on the Vision Zero website. Gillen's contact info can also be found by visiting the "Contact Us" page. "A lot of the times, the rural communities are kind of forgotten. You know, we talk a lot about the east side of the state or Bismarck or Fargo, so I love getting into the rural communities because all kids matter and all kids are important. There's definitely a different driving experience in rural America."



SHERIFF MUCKLE handed out coffees at the drive-up window.

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