

Reminiscing...

(Looking back over past Ozone issues by Linda Sherman)

75 years ago – July 12, 1951

Dr. Anton Zukowski, Ukrainian D.P. doctor, who has been serving his internship in St. John's Hospital, Fargo and St. Aloysius Hospital, Harvey, the past two years has passed his State Medical Board examinations and will set up a private medical practice at Steele. Temporary office will be in the Steele Ozone building. He is reported to have rented the F. L. Haibeck residence.

Dean Armstrong, son of Hugh Armstrong formerly of Steele, was injured after the bucking horse at the Mandan Rodeo threw him and stamped on his back. He was released from the hospital Wednesday.

Cpl. Wayne Burkett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burkett, is now stationed at Elgin Air Force Base, FL.

The state director of Selective Services for North Dakota has announced that registrants contributing to agricultural production from the July and August Induction calls is postponed. It is believed that such action will greatly alleviate the labor problems which are always contingent to a bountiful harvest such as is the prospect within this state during the coming few months.

Keith W. Foye, son of postmaster and Mrs. Clifton G. Foye, has been promoted to Credit Supervisor for the International Harvester Co in St. Paul-Minneapolis and

will report to the Billings, MT headquarters.

Special: Norge 8 cubic foot Self-D-Froster refrigerator at Tappen Hardware. Fred Job, Prop.

Beverly Burkett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burkett, and Robert Johnson, son of Mrs. Golda Johnson, were chosen from the local Luther League to attend a Leadership Training School at Jamestown College in July.

Deaths – Mrs. Helena (Hanson) Richardson, 79, Minneapolis, MN, formerly Driscoll; Paul G. Parkins, 51, Steele; Mrs. Anna Jensen, Jamestown, mother of Mrs. F. Wm. Bertelsen of Parshall, formerly of Steele.

50 years ago – July 14, 1976

Bicentennial Feature- Pictured: Warren Heeler and Jim Clark standing on a 10 bundle team threshing outfit on the Olaf Newland farm in Driscoll in 1911.

Major (retired) Gordon DeKrey, son of Mrs. Florence DeKrey of Tappen, received a baccalaureate degree from Wayland Baptist College's Sheppard Air Force Base after 23 years of on-duty and off-duty education. While in the Air Force he served in a number of capacities from being a pilot to being the commanding officer of three different organizations. The last three years prior to his retirement he served as an instructor pilot with the 80th Flying Training Wing at Sheppard.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. has asked the ND Public Service Commission to raise residential electric rates approximately 15 percent, which would increase minimum monthly residential electric bills 31 cents.

Five new teachers have been hired for the Dawson-Steele School faculty. Wanda Scoville will replace Connie Sprynezynatyk as home economics teacher. Verdella Schnabel returns to replace Mary Allen in the teaching of basic skills and the pre-school program. Gerald Schiele will replace Richard Allen as business education teacher. Allen Kary will be the new music instructor. Hired to replace Jerry Rempfer is Jim Wahl teaching senior high English.

Deaths - Elvin T. Swanson, 75, Steele; Olga (Olson) Lundeen, 76, Tuttle.

25 years ago – July 11, 2001

The city plans to build a three-sided bunker with cement floor for grass clippings. When the clippings reach an amount sufficient for a load, they would be hauled to a field or pasture land and spread. This is similar to what Linton and other communities have in operation.

Open House – Fanta Enterprises & Real Log Homes, Neil & Becky Fanta. ¼ mile south of exit 208, Dawson.

Miranda Vlaminc of Tuttle and Lindsey Behm of Beulah pooled their beef fitting skills and livestock know-how and beat out 19 other teams in the seventh annual Fitting/Showmanship Contest at the ND Junior Beef Expo in Williston. In the Simmental show Miranda had the reserve champion for DSR, Desert Riches.

Anne M. DeKrey has been awarded the Hazel McBride \$1000 Scholarship at Valley City State University. She is the daughter of Tim and Lynn DeKrey of Steele.

Janna M. Benson, daughter of Dave and Kathy Benson of Steele, received the Reykjalin/Hatling Scholarship valued at \$500 from Valley City State University.

At the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star of North Dakota's 107th annual session in Bismarck the Steele Eastern Star chapter was awarded the "Pinnacles of Light" award for accumulating 1813 hours of volunteer service to the community.

Deaths – Merry (Whipple) Rosene, 85, Valley City, mother of Elaine Erdelt, Steele; Beulah L. (Hirchert) Erman, 85, Lodi, CA, formerly Robinson; Magdalina (Sukut) Jerke, 86, Jamestown, formerly Tappen; Ludwig (Louie) Gruebele, 75, Pettibone; Oliver Arno Laine, 78, Napoleon.

10 years ago – July 6, 2016

4-Hers have placed recycling bins at the fairgrounds and rodeo grounds this year to collect aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Proceeds from "Recycling at the Fair" will go this year to the

Kidder County Affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which is a book gifting program that mails a brand new, age-appropriate book to enrolled children every month from birth until five years of age.

Work is progressing on the Pifer's Auction House in Steele, an approximately 5500 sq. ft. facility. The company, based in Moorhead, consists of professionals in the field of land management, auction, and real estate and is the 4th largest of its kind in the country. It is not uncommon for them to sell 50,000 acres a year.

Monica Fitterer has received a ND 4-H Foundation John DeKrey Jr. and Hannah DeKrey \$750 Scholarship. She is the daughter of Alden and Connie Fitterer of Tuttle and a 7 year member of the Kidder County Farmerettes and Willing Workers 4-H Club.

North Dakota is the only state in the nation that continued to grow younger in 2015, per the US Census Bureau. North Dakota's median age declined from 34.9 to 34.6 between July 1, 2014 and July 1, 2015.

Deaths – Joseph Kalberer 87, Bismarck, formerly Hazelton; Eileen J. (Gutknecht) White, 92, Hurdsfield.

5 years ago – July 7, 2021

Cortney Kartes, originally from Harvey, is the newest employee at the KC Courthouse with the three titles of Disaster Emergency Manager, 911 Coordinator, and Risk Manager.

As Head of Maintenance and Grounds for the Kidder County Courthouse, Clare Heinze keeps the courthouse in tiptop shape. When things slowed down for many during the height of the COVID pandemic, Clare was busy inside the locked doors cleaning and disinfecting every room.

New this year at the Kidder County Fair is the street dance on Friday evening, featuring October Road. Participants for the dunk tank in the park will be Local Law Enforcement – Deputy Bill; County Commissioner – Charlie Dronen; Fire Department – Chief Phillip Porter; and possible Surprise Guests– including Misty Iszler.

The North Dakota 4-H Foundation awarded Calli Mack the John DeKrey Jr. and Hannah DeKrey Scholarship. She is the daughter of Cory and Nikki Mack of Pettibone and a ten year 4-H member of the Kidder County Farmerettes and Willing Workers 4-H Club.

Kayelin Mock and Trevor Simmers will participate in the National Clay Target Tournament in Mason, Michigan with 1800 other student athletes. In only their third year, the KC High School Clay Target Team took 9 student athletes to the State Tournament. Participating team members were Trevor Miller, Wyatt Miller, Kayelin Mock, Trevor Simmers, Carson Kartes, Levi Svanes, Ma-

son Whitman, Andrew Schmidt, and Leo Mock. Head Coach is Chris Bruner and Assistant Coach is Jake Zink.

At the State 4-H Hippology, Quiz Bowl, and Demonstration Competition Alea Kramlich took first place with her presentation titled "Branding 101" explaining the branding registration process and how to brand your horse.

Deaths – Eugene F. Kemmet, 87, Wahpeton, formerly Dawson.

1 year ago – July 9, 2025

Lake Isabel Park Superintendent Chance Schaffner and Lake Association President Allan Fuller are working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to clean up the Lake Isabel public area after storm damage. They are arranging a volunteer work night for Friday.

The American Legion of New Salem (who run the gaming out of Wolff's Bar), JKM AmVets of Steele, Strom Sanitation, and Shipley Electric sponsored the Dawson 3rd of July festivities. The doughnut eating contest between the Steele and Dawson Fire Departments, sponsored by the ND Farm Bureau, was won by Dawson's team with ringer Pastor Jake DeBoer.

The Driscoll Men's Club, TnT Tavern, and Topp's Motel sponsored the kids' games at Driscoll's 4th of July celebration. Inflatables were sponsored by Strom's Sanitation and Steele's JKM AmVets.

Deaths – Retired Rev. Frederick "Fritz" Adolph Mutterer, 96, Plover, WI, former Lutheran pastor in Tappen.



North Dakota weather is like a toddler: unpredictable, dramatic, and somehow always sticky.

I don't snore. I dream I'm a motorcycle.

I'm great at multitasking. I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once.

I don't need inspirational quotes. I need coffee that works like a motivational speaker.

Thank You

Dawson Rural Fire District would like to thank everyone for supporting our burger feed and raffle on July 3rd.

Winners were:
 \$500 - Todd Bosch
 \$300 - Dave Heaton
 \$250 - Shelly Feist
 \$150 - Bonita Jangula
 \$100 - Mandy Stiefel
 \$100 - Siera Nipstad
 \$100 - Deb Abbott
 \$100 - Dale Lang
 \$50 - Dale Lang
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 Thank Again!

Thank you to all that supported our Bingo on July 3rd. We had an awesome turnout!

Dawson Lutheran Church (little church in the hall)



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