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Kidder County Conducts Full-Scale Active Shooter Exercise at Steele School

Kidder County Emergency Management (KCEM) held a full-scale active shooter exercise last Wednesday at KC Public School in Steele.

The exercise marked the

culmination of a three-year preparedness cycle that included tabletop exercises in 2024 and 2025, along with numerous planning meetings over several months.

“This was a locally-driven effort,” said KC Emergency Manager Loren Lang, “but we had participating organizations from communities across Kidder County, neighboring counties,

state agencies, and personnel from both the Bismarck Fire and Police Departments.”

The primary goal was to prepare first responders, school staff, law enforcement, and

supporting agencies for a potential real-world active shooter incident. Law enforcement practiced rapid engagement and neutralization of the assailant, and participants applied critical life-saving skills, (See “Exercise” on Page 14)



Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, Ambulance Services from Kidder County and surrounding areas and KC District Health Unit along with Kidder County school staff participated in the Mass Casualty Training. We hope to never need this training but would rather be prepared.

Updated All-School Reunion Story

We are a few short weeks away from the All School Reunion in Steele. The letters went out (and a lot of emails too) as well as a lot of posting on Facebook at [Steele 2026 All Class Reunion](#) and the buzz is around town.

Registration will take place at the school on Friday, June 19 from 4-6pm. Current school staff will also be able to give tours at that time. The volunteer firemen will serve up a burger feed in Veteran’s Park on Mitchell at 5:30. The AmVets will host a street dance from 9pm to 1am.

On Saturday, registration will

again take place at the school from 9am to a little before 11 (because the parade will start at 11). The parade will go north from the ballfield thru Mitchell, and past the Golden Manor. This year’s Grand Marshall will be all past and present teachers and school staff. If you are one of those and want to be on a float, please let Rhonda (Heim) Binder know, let someone know at registration, or jump on the float at the school before the parade. We do know Pirate Field southeast of the track will be open before the parade to check out the new mound and home base area. The KC Museum (9am to 11am, 1pm-4pm) and the KC Library 10am-2pm) will be open and there will be food trucks downtown as well as Mad Moves, the Coffee Cup, and AmVets will all have food for us as well.

New news... after the parade, the Kidder County Swimming Pool will be hosting the “Dash to Splash 5K” on Saturday, June 20. The race

is scheduled to begin at 12:00 pm (right after the parade ends) and organizers are encouraging community members, reunion attendees, and visitors of all ages to participate in the fun-filled event. Participants are welcome to walk or run the course at their

own preferred pace, making the event enjoyable for all ages and activity levels. Registration details can be found on the Kidder County Swimming Pool Facebook page.

Following the race, participants will have the opportunity to win prizes throughout the afternoon. A cash raffle drawing will be held at 1:30 p.m., and door

prizes will be waiting for runners and walkers at the finish line. Organizers hope the event will provide a great opportunity for classmates, families, and friends to reconnect while enjoying an active and exciting weekend in the community. In addition to the 5K festivities, the Kidder County Swimming Pool will also (See “Reunion” on Page 11)



More scheduled for the All School Reunion
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