

2nd Year Of The Youth Track Meet!



The Lions Club sponsored a Youth Track Meet for the second year. Seventy participants and countless volunteers made for a successful evening of running, hurdles, long jump and softball throw! The future of OPS Track and Field is bright! - Submitted by Becca Roberts

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ENACTING ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 1
Adopting the Revised Ordinances of the City of OAKES, North Dakota.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKES, NORTH DAKOTA:
Section 1. Revised Ordinances of OAKES. This ordinance and the ordinances hereby adopted shall be known and cited as the Revised Ordinances of OAKES.
Section 2. ENACTMENT. The Revised Ordinances of OAKES, consisting of Chapters One to Eighteen, both inclusive, an original copy of which has been authenticated by the original signatures of the City's chief executive officer and auditor and which original is on file in the office of the City Auditor, are hereby adopted as the Ordinances of the City of OAKES superseding any and all previous ordinances for the City of OAKES.
Section 3. EXISTING LICENSES AND PERMITS. All licenses and permits issued prior to the date on which this ordinance becomes effective shall continue in force for the remainder of the term for which the same were issued, without additional fees, but all licensees and permittees shall be governed by the provisions of the Revised Ordinances of OAKES for the remainder of the terms of said licenses and permits, in the same manner and to the same extent as if said licenses and permits had been issued under the provisions of the Revised Ordinances of OAKES.
Section 4. NEW LICENSES AND PERMITS. In the case of any license or permit not heretofore required and appearing for the first time in the Revised Ordinances of OAKES, such license or

permit shall be secured on or before the first day of the first month following the effective date of this ordinance, and the first fee therefore shall be pro-rated for the remainder of that term thereof on a monthly basis, provided, that the minimum fee for any such new license or permit shall be one dollar (\$1).
Section 5. INVALIDITY OF PART. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of these ordinances is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof. The governing body hereby declares that it would have passed these ordinances and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared invalid or unconstitutional.
Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage and approval, and without publication. (North Dakotan Century Code, hereafter N.D.C.C., Section, hereafter §, 40-11-09).
Doug Sitzler
MAYOR
ATTEST:
Zasha Johnson
CITY AUDITOR
CITY SEAL
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DAKOTA DATEBOOK: Double Article

1: Bringing Company B Home

DAKOTA DATEBOOK: Bringing Company B Home
August 21, 2025 – Welcoming troops home from an overseas war is not new to the citizens of North Dakota. Our National Guard men and women have served with distinction around the world. Sometimes getting them back home took some extra effort as well as the financial resources of North Dakota citizens.
In 1898, the 1st North Dakota Volunteer Infantry Regiment had been sent to the Philippine Islands during the Spanish American War. This unit consisted of eight companies from communities throughout the state. After serving a year it was time to come home. Departing in July on a Navy transport ship, they were scheduled to arrive in San Francisco in late August.
It was expected that once back in the United States, it was up to the troops to ante up for their way back to North Dakota. Here is where the citizens of the state opened their hearts and pocket-books for its citizen soldiers.
The Fargo Forum and Daily Republican News on this date in 1899 appealed to the citizens of the state to help with the expens-

es for the men in Company B to get from San Francisco to North Dakota.
To raise the money, badges were sold. For one dollar, a person purchased a badge that said "I Say Co. B Rides Free. What Say Ye?"
The article stated that "Every man, woman and child in Fargo, not only should have one to wear but see that every other one they meet has one pinned to their lapel." Although most of the soldiers were from Fargo, other communities also had men in Company B. Colonel Merideth from Casselton said "by all means bring the boys back on a free train. The patriotic citizens of Casselton will cheerfully assist in the work."
Another company, Company K, also sold badges. The Honorable L. A. Simpson from Stark County said "Stark County has a company and patriotic citizens... we'll do our share for Company K." In the end, thousands of dollars were sent to the boys of the 1st North Dakota Volunteer Infantry Regiment.
To all returning Veterans, we say "Welcome Home!"
-This Dakota Datebook is written by Dave Seifert

2: The Coal Crisis

August 22, 2025 – In 1919, coal operators came to an agreement with the Coal Miners of America. The agreement included pay increases and assurances that coal would be weighed accurately. The miners said they would never again dig three tons of coal for the price of two. But when the contract expired in 1922, operators were determined to roll back the gains made by the miners. When they refused to continue the terms of the 1919 agreement, union president John L. Lewis led 610,000 miners out on strike.
This was the first national coal strike. Immigrant miners from different ethnic groups banded together to support the strike. Immigrant fraternal societies supported strikers financially and expelled members who went to work as strikebreakers. When families were evicted from company-owned housing, miners who owned their homes took the homeless strikers in. Women and children joined the picket lines to prevent non-union workers from entering the mines. In some places, governors called out their National Guard units to keep the peace.
On this date in 1922, the Hope Pioneer reported that the coal situation throughout the Northwest was dire. For example, Minnesota's governor said that he could be sure of only half of the 400,000 tons of coal his state needed every day.
But North Dakota was in a much better position. The biggest mining employer was the Washburn Lignite Coal Company started by General William D. Washburn. Washburn built comfortable company towns at Wilton, Chapin, and Langhorn. He gave miners and their families a Christmas dinner each year, and all the children received presents. Employees could get ice from the company ice house. Washburn brought a doctor to Wilton. Employees paid \$1 per week for his services. Washburn also provided smallpox vaccinations to miners and their families. Miners even had the use of hot showers and a changing room so they could clean up before going home.
Washburn miners were the highest paid miners in the state. By the 1920s many of them owned automobiles. All these measures were designed to discourage workers from joining unions. Other owners followed suit, and the 1922 strike did not catch on in North Dakota. The newspaper reported that the North Dakota Lignite Operators Association pledged to double the output of the state's mines.
-This Dakota Datebook is written by Carole Butcher
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Final Approach
by Lynette Eason
Kristine Duncan is off duty when a group of friends sets off on a much needed vacation. A hijacker attempts to take control of the plane and Air Marshal Duncan jumps into action along with FBI Agent Andrew Ross. The investigation seems to add more layers at each step. Skills will be put to the test in order for justice to prevail.
For Richer For Poorer
by Danielle Steel
Designer Eugenia Ward started her own company at age forty and is now a well known name in wedding and evening gowns. With a downturn in the economy she despartely needs new investors. As a single mother of five, life keeps her busy, and a vacation at the beach is just what is needed. Adding to the tension is the fact that Eugenia's sister is due for twins near her daughter's wedding date and her future son-in-law has her questioning her daughter's judgement. Top that off with a make or break New York Fashion Week. The

only plus is that Eugenia meets succussful real estate developer Patrick Hughes. Will Eugenia be able to successfully pull it all together?
The List
by Steve Berry
Bent Walker has been hired by Southern Republic Pulp and Paper Company as its assistant general counsel. Unbeknown to Walker, the company is highly unorthodox and has policies only known by the three owners. Bozin, one of the owners, has had a charge of heart and decides to criminally implicate the other two. Walker is caught in the crosshairs of the bosses who now want him dead.
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