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Today In History

- 1732 – James Oglethorpe is granted a royal charter for the colony of the future U.S. state of Georgia.
- 1772 – The British schooner Gaspee is burned in Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island.
- 1798 – Irish Rebellion of 1798: Battles of Arklow and Saintfield.
- 1815 – End of the Congress of Vienna: The new European political situation is set.
- 1856 – Five hundred Mormons leave Iowa City, Iowa for the Mormon Trail.
- 1862 – American Civil War: Stonewall Jackson concludes his successful Shenandoah Valley Campaign with a victory in the Battle of Port Republic.
- 1863 – American Civil War: The Battle of Brandy Station in Virginia, the largest cavalry battle on American soil, ends Confederate cavalry dominance in the eastern theater.
- 1885 – Treaty of Tientsin is signed to end the Sino-French War, with China eventually giving up Tonkin and Annam – most of present-day Vietnam – to France.
- 1900 – Indian nationalist Birsa Munda dies of cholera in a British prison.



Cooper’s Corner

by Martha MacLeod



About a week ago we had several days of heavy smoke. That was a challenge for Cooper. He is a Shih Yzu and has a flat face. He has no snout so there is not a long nasal passage to help filter out smoke or dust or hayseed. Smokey days he stayed mostly inside on the couch.

He got his face some two thousand years ago high up in the mountain’s of Tibet where monks practiced breeding small dogs to look like little lions, not African lions but the lions of Chinese mythology. Only the Emperor could own a Shih Tzu. These dogs developed a personality to go with the Emperor. They are charming and have a mind of their own.

Once the smoke blew away we had some nice weather for awhile. Cooper enjoyed being outside.

Then one morning a lady with a ladder came knocking at the front door. It was Karen Sund who came to paint a few walls in the living room and front room. They were already a light beige so she painted three of the six walls a light blue. Now we have a two toned living space.

Cooper was fascinated. He couldn’t leave Karen alone. His face lit up and his white fluffy tail that sat up on his rump waved back and forth. He couldn’t keep his eyes off of her. He put his paws up on her shins and when she sat down he hopped into her lap. Then he wanted to get to her face but that was the limit. “No! I don’t want you to lick my face,” she told him so he went back down on the floor while Karen and I discussed where the paint was going to go.

Karen put out her drop cloths and Cooper followed behind walking on them. When she opened the can of paint he was right there too. “You sure are a nosy dog,” she laughed. “I remember the black toy poodle named Snickers. He sat on the other side of the room and stared at me the whole time I was here painting.

When Karen took her paint tray and roller and got up on the ladder Cooper backed off. This was a sight to behold. When she got down lower he was in her way checking things out. “You’re going to get blue paint on your cute little face,” Karen said to Cooper. But somehow he managed to stay one hair’s length away from the paint, or so I thought.

Karen finished putting on one coat of paint and after inspecting it we decided that covered perfectly. A second coat wouldn’t be necessary. So she packed up to go home. All the while Cooper was eyeing her every move. Then he watched her carry out the ladder and stood at the front porch window as she drove away.

We went back inside and then I noticed something. Cooper had a two inch stripe of blue on his white fluffy tail. “Cooper,” I said, “you have the cutest tail in the neighborhood.”

And so it is.



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City Council Meeting
May 13, 2025
The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center/Zoom with the following members present: Mayor Sitzler, Council: Harris, Day, Kelly, Hollingsworth and Mayer. Employees present: Chad Raatz, Lee Bredeson, Derek Toepke, Fallon Kelly and Zasha Johnson.
Minutes, Auditor and Court Reports: Hollingsworth moved, Day second to approve minutes, carried. Harris moved, Mayer second to approve police report, carried. Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to approve auditor reports, carried.
Building Permits: Bakke moved, Day second to approve building permits as listed, carried.
Lot A Hanslow Addition, New Mobile Homes
Lot 4 Block 2 Glenwood Addition, Fence
Lot 7-9 Block 5 Reko’s 1st Addition, Fence
Lot 5 Block 2 Vculek’s 1st Addition, New Home
S 30' of Lot 10 & N 40' of Lot 11, Blk 4, Reko’s 1st Addn, Deck
Gaming Site Authorization: Mayer moved, Kelly second to approve gaming site as listed, carried.
Oakes American Legion Club – The Legion Sportsbar
Bills: Mayer moved, Day second to approve bills, carried.

Aflac	177.15	RDO	251.64
Agtegra	2143.88	Rod’s Cleaning	80.00
American Welding	80.64	Starion Bank	2,407.04
Avid Hawk	200.00	Sweets & Stories	67.14
Aqua Pure	3020.86	Tornado Stop	4500.45
B&K Murphy	910.32	Verizon	428.68
City of Fargo	258.00	Visa Credit Card-City	2162.24
Computer Express	261.98	Visa-library	892.97
Corner C Store	56.59	Waste Management	8,207.24
Dakota Valley Electric	514.00	Wastyn & Associates	1250.00
DRN	971.19	Payroll Taxes	22,557.07
Dakota Supply Group	2903.18	Salaries	97,546.59
Dean Schmit	1750.		
Fabian Pest Control	105.00	Committee Reports: Hollingsworth reported there are still problems with one of the wells, hoping it will hold out until the water plant project is approved. He asked city crew to take a look at the culvert flares in the various drainage areas around town, some are dented/ crushed and accumulating debris. The fire department will be checking hydrants around town to make sure there are no issues or damage. Day reported that the police are responding to numerous mental health calls and the lack of options in these scenarios is challenging. Kelly presented a quote to trade in our Bobcat and purchase a new model, it will include a 5 year warranty, Kelly moved, Hollingsworth second to purchase Bobcat, carried. One bid was received to trim or remove trees in the boulevard that are potentially hazardous, Kelly moved, Day second to accept bid	
Heritage Ins.	866.00		
HR Collaborative	50.00		
Information Technology	151.60		
John Deere Financial	251.64		
Kustom Machine	52.77		
Lexipol	391.24		
Midwest Pest Control	63.00		
Moore Engineering	34200.86		
NDPERS INS	20,127.72		
Municipal Services	1200.00		
Napa	563.33		
Novak	156.25		
ND Dept. of Health Chemistry	652.52		
NDPERS RETIREMENT	14,925.28		
OEI	12,612.61		
Oakes Times	330.37		
Oakes Truck & Trailer	24.00		
One Call Concepts	20.35		
Otter Tail Power	10,308.73		
Praskas	344.34		

from GS Services, carried. There are dead evergreen trees in the cemetery, Dakota Improvement quoted \$400 to remove them, Mayer moved, Harris second to proceed with the removal, carried. The landfill has some areas that need to be cleaned up with heavy equipment, Dakota Improvement estimated it would cost approximately \$2000 to have them complete the work, Day moved, Hollingsworth second to authorize the cleanup, carried. The City received three applications for summer help, all three will be hired. There are sewer issues in two areas of town, city crew will work with Moore Engineering to make a plan after getting the lines televised.
Engineer Report: Reber & Roehrich discussed street project change order 3, Day moved, Kelly second to approve as presented pending communication with the new property owner of Huebner Trailer Court, carried. Timeline for construction was discussed, microsurfacing will be first, the week of May 27th. Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to approve Moore invoice 002012, carried. Funding agreement for water plant improvement project was received from the state, Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to sign the agreement, carried. Two invoices from Moore were presented for water plant assistance, Day moved, Hollingsworth second to approve invoices, carried. Reber gave a brief overview of developing a GIS webmap for the City, the committee will review options.
Unfinished Business: One bid was received from Milnor Township for the 2011 140m motorgrader. Bid amount was \$115,200, Kelly moved, Mayer second to accept bid and sell the motorgrader, carried. Kelly moved, Harris second to purchase 1975 CAT grader from Dakota Improvement for \$7,000, carried. Landfill hours have been debated and will continue with historical schedule for the summer season, 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 8am-2pm.
New Business: Official Paper Designation, Harris moved, Hollingsworth second to designate the Oakes Times as the official paper of the City of Oakes, carried. In 2010 the council added a line item charge to utility bills for payment of the Main Avenue improvements, this loan was paid off and the charge are no longer needed, Day moved, Hollingsworth second to remove the charge from the bills going forward, carried. A quote was received from Dickey Rural to install security cameras at the City Shop and Water Treatment Plant. Discussed possibility of adding cost to the upcoming water plant improvement project. Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to move forward with the shop and wait on water plant

until the upcoming improvement project, after further discussion Hollingsworth amended his motion to move forward with the installation of all cameras at the City Shop and Water Plant immediately, Kelly seconded the amended motion, carried. Assessor Rodningen submitted an invoice for excess work for inspection of properties including mileage, Harris moved, Day second to approve Assessor’s invoice, carried.
Announcements & Correspondence: An anonymous letter was received regarding golf carts being driven on City streets. Attorney F. Kelly explained ND century code for golf carts and presented options available. Officer Toepke asked Attorney F. Kelly about options for ticketing offenders; F. Kelly directed him to speak with the Dickey County State’s Attorney for guidance. No action was taken at this time. Auditor Johnson asked members to think about individuals that may be willing to join the City Tree Board, the city must have a board in place to qualify for Tree City and various grants. Mayer moved, Day second to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.
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