

# Oakes Times



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## COLUMN 1

**PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS:**  
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:  
1:30-5:30; Wednesday: 1:30-7:30;  
Friday: 1:30-3:30.

**POP TABS FOR RONALD MC-DONALD HOUSE** can be dropped off at the Oakes Times.

**FULLERTON TOPS,** 7:15 a.m. Wednesdays, Fullerton Elevator Meeting Room.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS,** 8:00 p.m. Mon., Wed. and Sat., 201 S. 5th St., Oakes.

**AL ANON,** 8:00 p.m., Mon. at 201 S. 5th St., Oakes.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** at Oakes Church of the Nazarene Mondays at 8:30 p.m.

**OAKES COMMUNITY CENTER** is open for walking 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**OAKES BONE BUILDERS** classes meet every Mon., Wed. and Fri. at the Oakes Senior Center at 10:00 a.m. Call Jen at 742-3509.

**BINGO AT THE SENIOR CENTER** every Monday at 1:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!

**CITY HALL HOURS:** Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Phone: 701-742-2137. On their website: oakesnd.com/CityAlerts you will find current Public Works Dept. notifications.

**PHOTOS WANTED!** CHI Oakes Hospital is looking for high resolution photos to redecorate the main lobby of the hospital. Photos can be emailed toalison.peterson@commspirit.org. Questions, call Alison at 742-3549.

**REPENT, REBOOT, RESOLVE!** A series of three presentations at St. Charles Catholic Church begins Sunday, February 25 at 1:30 p.m., and continues Monday February 26 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m.

## Call for disaster declaration

Sen. John Hoeven and Sen. Kevin Cramer and Congressman Kelly Armstrong urged President Biden to approve Gov. Doug Burdum's request for a major disaster declaration covering the severe winter ice storm that occurred across North Dakota from December 25-27. The declaration would unlock federal resources to support recovery and disaster mitigation in the affected areas, including Barnes, Cass, Dickey, Grant, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, Stutsman and Traill counties.

"The ice storm destroyed over 2,000 electrical poles, resulting in over 20,000 North Dakota residents being without power for days. Preliminary Damage Assessments indicate more than \$11.5 million in expected damages," wrote the delegation. "North Dakota continues to recover from the late December ice storm and is therefore requesting a major disaster declaration for 13 counties."

By Michael Standaert  
North Dakota News Cooperative  
Eligible voters across North Dakota favor major overhauls in how the state's Legacy Fund is managed and how its accumulating funds are used, a new North Dakota Poll conducted by the North Dakota News Cooperative (NDNC) found.

This includes changing where Legacy Fund investments are directed and increasing transparency over what's sometimes called "the people's fund."

According to the poll, 60% of eligible voters want Legacy Fund investments to be directed to development projects in North Dakota versus 18% who want the fund to continue to focus mainly on growing through a return on investment.

A majority of 68% of voters also want Legacy Fund investments to be made "within the state of North

## Oakes School Board votes to call special election, part 4

On Friday, January 12th, at the regular monthly board meeting of the Oakes Public School Board, members of the board voted unanimously to call a special election to approve the issuance of general obligation bonds for school building construction purposes. On March 14th, district voters will decide on a \$14.84 million plan to address critical facility challenges at our 100-year-old school building. If approved, this plan will provide our school with:

- New HVAC systems
- Accessible bathrooms
- Updated kitchen infrastructure
- Repaired underground plumbing

Visit OurSchoolOurFuture.org to learn more about the plan to maintain key infrastructure throughout our school building.

As a district, we have been and will continue to be committed to ensuring transparency about decision making and information pertaining to the proposed project. During the next two months, we will be sharing a series of facility questions and answers (FAQs) focused and guided by stakeholder input. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anna Sell, Oakes Public School Superintendent, at anna.sell@k12.nd.us or 742-3234.

**Why are windows essential to the new HVAC system?**

The existing heating, ventilation,

and air conditioning (HVAC) system serving the high school and both gymnasiums has exceeded its life expectancy and needs to be replaced. The windows in the high school are in poor condition, leading to drafts and air leaks. Some windows do not stay open, and some have been filled with metal paneling. Windows are essential to the overall HVAC system performance, providing improved insulation, temperature control, and ventilation. New windows will reduce the workload on a new HVAC system, resulting in reduced energy consumption, improved indoor air quality, and lower maintenance costs.

**What did the district evaluate in developing the proposed plan?**

The decision to ask residents to fund critical investments in our school was not taken lightly by the school board and district administration. The district was committed to an open and transparent process to develop a plan based on data, community input, and a clear vision of how investments from the community would be used to address critical infrastructure needs. The long-range facilities planning process included several assessments to collect data: 1) stakeholder listening sessions, 2) a demographic analysis, 3) an educational adequacy assessment, 4) a facility needs assessment, 5) two com-

munity surveys and 6) a community action committee. This data was used to rank facility priorities based on the level of need and provide a high taxpayer value for the investment.

**Did residents have input into the proposed plan for Oakes Public School?**

For nearly a year, the district worked hard to gather feedback from residents through several listening sessions, two community-wide surveys, community open houses, meetings out in the community, and a community action committee. In the fall of 2023, the district hosted several community meetings to discuss the facility's challenges, gain feedback, and develop a dedicated website for two-way communication with residents. Input received from residents through this process helped the district identify the highest priority needs of our school: a new HVAC system and windows in the high school, plumbing in the high school, ADA-compliant restrooms in the high school, and updated kitchen infrastructure and equipment. The proposed bond referendum would provide the funding to address these critical infrastructure improvements to best support our school's physical facility needs and provide a safe, healthy learning environment for students and staff.

## OPS Staff Spotlight... #WEAREOAKES

Submitted by Anna Sell, Superintendent

Name: Eleanor Steele  
How long have you been at OPS? 3 months.

What does your job entail?

Planning lessons, teaching math, correcting papers for standards, and celebrating with students and families when students learn and can show their progress.

What is the best part of your job at OPS?

Getting to work with families to help students have the math skills they need to accomplish their goals in life. I also love being a part of the Oakes community.

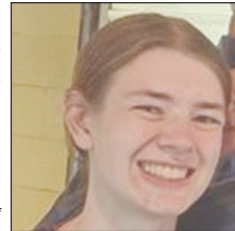
What piece of advice would you give our students?

Work hard and be kind to others. That will take you farther than you think.

What is something others don't know about you?

I love to bake when I have free time, muffins, bars, and quick breads mostly.

Who has been the biggest influencer in your life?



Probably my mom. She encouraged my interests and taught me what kindness looks like and pushed me to work hard, even to work hard on things I did not like.

If you could pick any superpower, what would it be and why?

Teleportation, because then I could visit friends and family without worrying about gas and travel time.

What does it mean to you to be a Tornado?

It means being a whirlwind of determination to get better and have fun while doing so.

## Harris opens her home to foster dogs



Darrien Harris, who lives on a farm outside of Oakes, has been fostering dogs for several months.

The dogs come from Doberman Rescue in Minnesota. They have a lot of dogs that need new homes, and they are in need of fosters.

Darrien fosters two dogs at a time, since she and her husband Mason have three dogs of their own. With their English bulldog, Doberman and German shepherd, she is kept busy every day. Darrien is from upstate New

York, and Mason grew up in Crete. They've been married almost six months. Their farm is a great place for the dogs to run and play. They have outdoor kennels so when they're gone, the dogs are not in little crates all day. The picture above is one of the dogs Darrien is now fostering. She says she enjoys training and walking the dogs.

It's a good thing that there are people like Darrien who are willing to give of their time and love to help rescue these beautiful dogs.

## Oakes program to help with recruitment and retention



Talent attraction and workforce recruitment continue to be top priorities for the state of North Dakota and locally, our employees are reporting challenges with finding and keeping employees for the open positions in Oakes.

Growing Small Towns, in partnership with Oakes Enhancement, Inc. and a few local employers, is piloting a program to help make relocating to Oakes easier. The new position of Relocation Specialist was designed to support our local employers with several key initiatives in the recruitment and retention efforts for newcomers. TJ Roney, a 2018 OHS graduate, started in this role on January 15.

During the recruitment phase, TJ will offer community tours to prospective employees/residents, tailoring the information to their interest areas. She'll get people the resources they need to make Oakes their home, including housing options, community groups/clubs to get involved with, and the contacts people need to know. Throughout their first year in Oakes, TJ will specifically work with newcomers to ensure they are finding their way in town. We often take for granted the difficulty people face when moving here with no connections other than their employer. When people plug into the community and find a general sense of belonging, they are far more likely to stay. We are excited to test out this idea and the state of North Dakota has already taken notice of it. This is a highly personalized approach to helping people choose Oakes; there are few decisions more personal than deciding where to live. If you are a newcomer or have recently employed a newcomer to Oakes, reach out to TJ to take advantage of these services. She can be reached at relocation@growing-smalltowns.org or 701.335.6494.

## Voters want more say on use of Legacy Fund

Dakota" instead of following the current policy of putting most of the money into investments out-of-state or in foreign countries. Just 6% favored the status quo. "These results leave no doubt. The people of North Dakota want major policy changes and they know what they want their sovereign wealth fund to be used for," said Trevor Smith, the Chief Research Officer of WPA Intelligence, the national research firm that conducted the survey.

Much of the consternation appears directed at the State Investment Board (SIB), the body responsible for administering the fund.

This includes a desire for SIB to publish a list of Legacy Fund investments on its website and/or elsewhere instead of requiring citizens to file a formal request for such documentation. A total of 84% of eligible voters want such a

list published, while 6% do not see a need for a published list.

"The voters want more transparency about the investments being made with their tax dollars," said Smith.

Eligible voters also appear in the dark about the work SIB does in managing the Legacy Fund, with 75% unfamiliar with how it manages the fund, compared to 17% who had some level of familiarity. The board is currently chaired by Lt. Gov. Tammy Miller.

"This is an important government board but it's a mystery to most voters," said Smith.

Support for more transparency spans the political spectrum, with self-identified Republicans, Independents and Democrats all supporting the publication of investments at levels exceeding 80%.

Independent voters, who make up a third of the electorate, support publishing the investments by

a margin of 88% to 5%. Additionally, voters with college degrees support this policy change by an 89% to 7% margin while those with a post-graduate degree support the change by a 91% to 3% margin.

"ND Poll results demonstrate that what the State Investment Board is doing and what the voters want them to do is emerging as an issue," said Steve Andrist, co-chair of the NDNC.

The Legacy Fund, sometimes called a sovereign wealth fund and sometimes a "rainy day" fund, was created by a constitutional amendment initiated by the state legislature and approved by voters in 2010.

The current overall value of the Legacy Fund stands at around \$3.8 billion.

A total of 30% of oil and gas gross production and oil extraction taxes on oil and gas goes toward

the fund each month. An average of over \$54 million has been deposited monthly over the past 12 years.

Since 2019, earnings from the Legacy Fund averaging around \$500 million have been transferred to the legislature each biennium, based on a 7% of the valuation of the fund over a five-year average, for use with fixed-asset investments, infrastructure projects and stabilization deposits with the Bank of North Dakota.

"Our new poll has discovered a major disconnect between what the voters want from their Legacy Fund and what their public officials are doing with it," said Jill Denning Gacke, an NDNC co-chair. "They are not making a connection with the Legacy Fund and their own lives or communities."

The poll provided one question directly impacting the lives of people across the state, asking

eligible voters whether the fund should be used for things like eliminating local property taxes in addition to focusing on a return on investments, with a margin of 59% to 17% in favor.

"These large margins tell me that the voters want the Legacy Fund to directly benefit themselves and their communities," Smith said.

Looking ahead to the 2024 general election, the poll shows that voter interest is increasing, with those planning to vote rising to 78%, up from 71% in the previous ND poll taken last November.

The new North Dakota Poll surveyed 500 eligible and likely voters between February 4-6, 2024 and has a margin of error of +/- 4.4%. North Dakota News Cooperative is a non-profit news organization focused on reporting on topics that impact the lives of North Dakotans and promoting news literacy.

## Public Notices

www.ndpublicnotices.com

### INITIAL RESOLUTION FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Oakes Public School District No. 41, Dickey, Sargent, Ransom and LaMoure Counties, North Dakota (the "School District"), that it is necessary and expedient for the School District to issue its general obligation school building bonds as hereafter described:

1. The maximum amount of bonds proposed to be issued is \$14,840,000.  
 2. The purpose for which the bonds are proposed to be issued is to provide funds, together with any other funds available for high school and gymnasium HVAC and window replacement, new ADA compliant restrooms in the high school, underground sewer piping replacement, kitchen infrastructure, electrical and plumbing improvements, and to otherwise improve, renovate, remodel, construct and equip school property and make site improvements to school property.

3. The assessed valuation of all taxable property in the School District as defined in N.D.C.C. Section 21-03-01, is \$248,304,835 as last finally equalized for the year 2023.

4. The total amount of bonded indebtedness of the School District, all issued for school building purposes, is \$220,000.  
 DATED: January 12, 2024, at a regular meeting of the School Board of OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41 Attest:

President, Business Manager  
 Board of Education  
 The governing body of the District acted on the foregoing resolution at a properly noticed meeting held in Oakes, North Dakota, on January 12, 2024, with the motion for adoption made by Brian Seyer and seconded by Rhonda Day, and the roll call vote on the motion was as follows:  
 Aye: Sheila Nagel, Monica Heimbuch, Brian Seyer, Rhonda Day, Sonia Meehl  
 Nay: none  
 Absent: none  
 Abstain: none  
 (Published in the Oakes Times February 8, 15, & 22, 2024)

### RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING INITIAL RESOLUTION FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Oakes Public School District No. 41, Dickey, Sargent, Ransom and LaMoure Counties, North Dakota (the "School District"), as follows:

1. This Board has heretofore adopted an initial resolution proposing the issuance of general obligation bonds of the School District in the principal amount of net to exceed \$14,840,000 for school building construction purposes to the electors. A special election in the School District will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the School District the question as to whether the initial resolution for general obligation school building bonds should be approved.

2. Pursuant to North Dakota Century Code, Section 15-1-09-13, the Board hereby designates one precinct for the election and one polling place.

3. The polling place for said election shall be:

Address  
 Oakes School District Central Office  
 Location  
 804 Main Ave. Oakes, ND 58474

The polls will be open at 7:00 a.m., Central Time, and shall remain open continuously thereafter until 7:00 p.m., Central Time.

4. The School Board authorizes the

administration to employ individuals to act as the election officers of said election. Said election officers shall count the votes cast at each election and shall sign and signed election returns to this Board for canvassing.

5. The Business Manager is hereby authorized and directed to cause typed or printed ballots to be prepared for use at said special election which ballots shall in and substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

6. The Business Manager is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of said special election by:

(a) causing a notice thereof to be published once each week for at least two weeks in the official newspaper of the School District, the first of such publications to be at least 15 days before the date of said election; and  
 (b) posting the notice of special election on the website of the School District prior to the date of said election.

Said notice shall state the date of the election, the polling place and polling hours, shall contain a complete copy of the initial bond resolution, a statement that the questions to be submitted at said election shall be whether said initial resolution shall be approved, and the estimated additional millage and equivalent dollar amount on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation for the first taxable year after all of the bonds are issued, and whether the limit of indebtedness of the School District shall be increased.

7. The election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code. After the votes are canvassed and within 24 hours after the polls are closed, the judges shall make their returns to the Business Manager of the School District, which shall meet on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, for the purpose of canvassing the returns, declaring the results, and taking such further action relative to the questions voted on as may then be determined appropriate.  
 DATED: January 12, 2024.  
 OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41 Attest:

Sonia Meehl Shannon Jepsom  
 President, Board Manager  
 of Education  
 The governing body of the District acted on the foregoing resolution at a properly noticed meeting held in Oakes, North Dakota, on January 12, 2024, with the motion for adoption made by Monica Heimbuch and seconded by Brian Seyer, and the roll call vote on the motion was as follows:  
 Aye: Brian Seyer, Sheila Nagel, Rhonda Day, Monica Heimbuch, Sonia Meehl  
 Nay: none  
 Absent: none  
 Abstain: none  
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### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON Thursday, March 14, 2024, a special election will be held in Oakes Public School District No. 41 of Dickey, Sargent, Ransom and LaMoure Counties, North Dakota, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the School District, the question as to whether the following Initial Resolution for the issuance of general obligation bonds adopted by the School Board of the School District on January 12, 2024, at a regular meeting of the School Board duly called and held, shall be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Oakes Public School District No. 41, Dickey, Sargent, Ransom and LaMoure Counties, North Dakota (the "School District"), that it is necessary and expedient for the School District to issue its general obligation school building bonds as hereafter described:

1. The maximum amount of bonds pro-

posed to be issued is \$14,840,000.

2. The purpose for which the bonds are proposed to be issued is to provide funds, together with any other funds available, for high school and gymnasium HVAC and window replacement, new ADA compliant restrooms in the high school, underground sewer piping replacement, kitchen infrastructure, electrical and plumbing improvements, and to otherwise improve, renovate, remodel, construct and equip school property and make site improvements to school property.

3. The assessed valuation of all taxable property in the School District as defined in N.D.C.C. Section 21-03-01, is \$248,304,835 as last finally equalized for the year 2023.

4. The total amount of bonded indebtedness of the School District, all issued for school building purposes, is \$220,000.  
 YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the School District intends to issue the \$14,840,000 general obligation bonds resulting in an additional millage of 51.24 mills, equal to \$51.24 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation for the first taxable year after all of the bonds are issued.  
 AND YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

That the polling place for holding the election will be:  
 Oakes School District Central Office  
 804 Main Ave.  
 Oakes, ND 58474

And you are further notified that the polls of the election will be open at 7:00 a.m., CT, and will remain open continuously thereafter until 7:00 p.m., CT, of that day, and that the election is to be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024.

DATED: January 12, 2024.  
 BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41 OF DICKEY, SARGENT, RANSOM AND LA MOURE COUNTIES, NORTH DAKOTA.

Anna Sell, Superintendent  
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### OFFICIAL BALLOT

March 14, 2024  
 OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41 OF DICKEY, SARGENT, RANSOM AND LA MOURE COUNTIES THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

QUESTION #1  
 Shall Oakes Public School District No. 41 of Dickey, Sargent, Ransom and LaMoure Counties, North Dakota, issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$14,840,000 maturing within a maximum of 20 years, resulting in an estimated additional millage of 51.24 mills, equal to \$51.24 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation for the first taxable year, for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other funds available for high school and gymnasium HVAC and window replacement, new ADA compliant restrooms in the high school, underground sewer piping replacement, kitchen infrastructure, electrical and plumbing improvements, and to otherwise improve, renovate, remodel, construct and equip school property and make site improvements to school property.

Yes.....[ ]  
 No.....[ ]

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:  
 Voters desiring to vote in favor of the foregoing propositions should mark a cross (X) in the space opposite the word called and held, shall be approved:

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OAKES SCHOOL BOARD MEETING JANUARY 12, 2024 7 AM CENTRAL CONFERENCE ROOM

President Sonia Meehl called the meeting to order at 7 a.m.

Those in attendance were Board President Sonia Meehl, Vice President Monica Heimbuch, Boardmembers Sheila Nagel, Rhonda Day and Brian Seyer. Also in attendance were Superintendent Anna Sell, Business Manager Shannon Jepsom, Elementary Principal Greg Dobitz, High School Principal Jordan Lynch, Maintenance Dave Ehrlich. Also in attendance was Kirk Hamm from ICS, joining via zoom were teachers Kayla Meierotto, Becca Roberts, and Emily Petersen, joining from ICS were Lon Christenson and Eryn Sorenson, joining from Elliot and McMahon LLC were Marcia McMahon and Sue Daigard.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Sheila Nagel moved to accept the agenda, Brian Seyer second. Motion passed.

All visitors were welcomed. Superintendent Sell read a shoutout recognizing all winter activities and the famous Cowbell all winter activities and bringing the treasured Cowbell back to Oakes.

Student Outcomes-Goals and Goals: Progress Monitoring Goal #1-Reading. Elementary Principal Dobitz shared the Goal Progress Measures GPM 1.1 K-2 Learners and GPM 1.2 3-6 Learners

October, November, December board meeting time tracker was moved forward to next meeting.

OPS Board Self-Evaluation. Board members went through the objectives to determine how far the board has come in the objectives.

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Approve Seyer Plumbing Bill: Sheila Nagel moved to approve the Seyer Plumbing & Heating Inc. for \$91,433.

Rhonda Day second. Roll call taken. Motion passed 4-0 with Brian Seyer abstaining.

2024-2025 OPS District Calendar: Sheila Nagel moved to approve the 2024-2025 district calendar as presented. Monica Heimbuch second. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote taken; motion passed 5-0.

2024 School Board Election: Sheila Nagel made a motion to have Tuesday, June 4, 2024, as the regular school board election, with the canvassing to take place on Monday, June 17, 2024, at the Oakes Public School Central Conference Room, from 11 am-7 pm and to pay the workers \$10/hour. Rhonda Day second. Positions open are an in-town position and a rural, east of Highway 1 position. Roll call vote taken. Motion passed 5-0.

Future Meetings: Regular Meeting, Friday, February 9, 2024, at 7:00 am at SRCTC  
 Regular Meeting, Friday, March 15, 2024, at 7:00 am, Central Conference Room

Adjustment: There being no further business for the good of the order, President Sonia Meehl adjourned the meeting at 8:42 am.

Sonia Meehl, Shannon Jepsom, Business Manager  
 Bills Approved:  
 A & B Business Inc 4,751.33  
 Adobe 128.27  
 Ategra-Acres Bulk 128.99  
 Alard Trophy Co 164.25  
 Clene 125.21  
 Apple Computer 2,364.30  
 Aramark Uniform Services 242.32  
 Bakke, John 100.00  
 Barnes County North Public School 583.69

Believe Kids Fundraising 2,781.60  
 BK Custom T's & More 412.00  
 Bound To Stay Bound Books Inc 442.69  
 BSN Sports LLC 1,998.00  
 Carrington Public School 868.63  
 Casseys Business Mastercard 1,036.88  
 Caseys 77.76  
 Central Valley Health District 160.00  
 Charras & Tequila 100.80  
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## January Student Award of Excellence



Ann Muggli

The Southeast Region Career and Technology Center has selected Ann Muggli and Cristian Garza as the recipients of the January Student Award of Excellence.

Ann is a Junior at Oakes High School and is enrolled in Advanced EMT/Patient Care. She is the daughter of Scott and Cherie Muggli of Fullerton.

Cristian is a sophomore at Oakes High School also and is enrolled in Agriculture Education. He is the son of Jesse and Jamie Garza of Oakes.

The Southeast Region Career and Technology Center Award of Excellence is public recognition of two students each month for academic excellence, outstanding service, a positive work ethic, and achievements that are above and beyond the call of duty, all the context of the learning environment associated with Career and Technical Education opportunities. The Southeast Region Career and Technology Center Board, staff, and administration are all partners in recognizing the "Best of the Best" among our student body through the Award of Excellence.

The criteria for selection shall include but not be limited to the following: academic achievement, leadership, work habits, volunteers, citizenship, involvement, youth group participation, reliability, trustworthiness, and maturity.

Any student enrolled in a Southeast Region Career and Technology Center class is eligible for consideration and nomination by their instructor or instructors. This award is not grade point or grade level sensitive.

Nominations will be made by the faculty each month and approved by the Southeast Region Career and Technology Center Board of Education.



Cristian Garza

## Cooper's Corner by Martha MacLeod



Life of the Party

He was a clean and shiny little party animal. He is also the fastest and life of the party. He led his friends on a race "catch me if you can" and no one could quite keep up except for Orson. Cooper was running in circles and Orson discovered he could cut across the circle and pounce on Cooper. That led to a wrestling match while Vera and Rosie watched.

Last week Cooper had a play date in Minor with three other dogs. As soon as he went in, he was greeted by his best friend, Orson, the four year old Boston Terrier. Right behind Orson was Rosie, a tan standard poodle and Shepherd.

Cooper is nine months old now

Whenever I watch football on TV, I enjoy the ad for puppy bow which is on Super Bowl Sunday. Cooper is the perfect little quarterback. He has his own little football in the backyard where he plays "one dog football." He races around with the six inch football clenched in his mouth until he fumbles the ball. It falls out of his mouth and he scrambles to get it back. It slips and slides on the ground until he can get hold of it and then he looks at me. I'm his cheerleader. I shout "Go Cooper! You can do it!" and he starts the play over again. He's a real champion.

## How Did He Get In There?

Somehow three-year-old Ethan in Queensland, Australia managed to work his way into a claw machine via the chute through which prizes are dispensed.

In this case it was a Hello Kitty

plush toy machine.

Using hand gestures, Dad signaled his boy to stand far back in the machine's container allowing police to smash through the glass pane.

All's well that ends well. When the ordeal came to a successful

end, one of the police officers told Ethan, "You won a prize, which one do you want?"



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# OBITUARIES

## Nathan Ray

December 25, 1986 ~ January 20, 2024



Nathan Anthony Ray, beloved husband and father, son and friend passed away January 20, 2024.

Nathan's intense spirit and unwavering faith animated those around him.

Strength, generosity, intelligence - these qualities defined Nate. He exemplified a man who was devoted to his wife and children, and also someone who expressed his thoughts and emotions with honesty and authenticity. His unapologetic faith was at the core of his being, evident through his personal virtue, love and support for his parish family, loyalty to his many friends, and generous service to anyone in need. Nate's sacrificial love and devotion for his family and friends knew no bounds, and his presence in their lives will forever be cherished.

After completing his education at Central Cass in Casselton, ND in 2005, Nate pursued his passion for mechanics at North Dakota State College of Science, where he graduated in 2007 as a skilled diesel mechanic. He dedicated his professional life to Premier Service Center, where he thrived as a foreman and diesel mechanic, leaving an indelible, albeit mischievous, mark on his colleagues and the community.

Nate had a love for the outdoors including cooking, fishing, butchering, and riding motorcycle. It was his dream to build a homestead with his family and to live off the land. His talents extended beyond mechanics and troubleshooting; he was an adept blacksmith and a true grilling connoisseur, delighting his loved ones with his culinary prowess.

In this tremendous loss, let us remember Nate as a man who lived with passion, cherished his loved ones, and remained steadfast in his faith. His memory will forever be etched in our hearts, inspiring us to live our lives well before God, and to the fullest, just as he did.

Nate is survived by his wife, Sara; children, Charlotte, Thomas, Susanna, and John; parents, Brian and Karen Otteson; sisters, Brianna (DJ) Halverson, and Brooke Otteson; niece, Emersyn Halverson; grandparents, Virginia Pratschner, Neil and Karen Otteson, and Ron and Joan Ray; father and mother-in-law, Larry and Donna Baer; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jeremy (Christina) Baer, Emily (Justin) Jasper, Matthew (Katy) Baer, Ashley (Mike) Trujillo, Andrew Baer, Hannah (Ivan) Fisk, Philip Baer, Dominic Baer, and CelineMarie (Peter) Haynos; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and godchildren.

Nathan was preceded in death by his two unborn children, Molly and Germain; and grandparents, Ronnie Rowe and Leo Pratschner.

Funeral services were held in Fargo. Arrangements entrusted to Boulger Funeral Home and Celebration of Life Center, Fargo. To view the online guestbook, please visit [www.BoulgerFuneralHome.com](http://www.BoulgerFuneralHome.com).

## Beverly Malmberg

November 6, 1933 ~ February 4, 2024



Beverly Rae Randol, daughter of Alton (A.C.) and Lillian (Knutson) Randol was born on November 6, 1933. The Randol family farmed in Glover and in the Bear Creek vicinity. Bev graduated from Oakes High School in 1951 and was active in the Drum and Bugle Corps. She worked in the bank following graduation. Bev married Stanley Duane Malmberg on July 20, 1954, at Webster, SD and following their marriage they farmed on the Malmberg family farm east of Oakes. Following raising her family, Bev managed the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Club and served as the President of the Auxiliary. Bev then took her management talents to the Oakes Golf Course. After the passing of her husband, Stanley, she moved off the family farm and into Oakes, where she loved to decorate for every holiday. Bev and Janet Burkhardt started a wallpapering business and completed jobs at several homes and businesses. She followed up that business by retiring after working for several years for nephew Dr. Mark Malmberg, D.D.S., as the receptionist.

Bev and the "Golden Girls" were some of Oakes High School's greatest cheerleaders over the years. She enjoyed going to all the activities and missed attending them in person. She loved the sporting events most and served as President of the Oakes Team Makers. Bev was an avid fan of the NDSU Bison and the Minnesota Vikings and Twins. Bev enjoyed organizing parties for the "Red Hats", "Widow Club", trips to Hankinson and love of lifetime supports.

In December of 2015, Bev became a resident of the Good Samaritan Society in Oakes following a stroke. She spent eight years as a resident and made many friends with the staff. In November of 2023, Bev turned 90 years old and had a wonderful celebration attended by many friends and family. Bev passed away on Sunday, February 4, 2024, at the Good Samaritan Society in Oakes.

She is survived by her three sons and a daughter, Stephen, Oakes, ND, Scott (Debra), New York Mills, MN, Lori (Perry) Tostenon, Montevideo, MN, and Michael, Lake Shore, MN; two granddaughters, Andrea (Adam) Mather and Erica (Zach) Peterson; three great-grandchildren, Alec, Scarlett and Parker; a sister-in-law, Carol (Casey) Randol; her best friends, Peggy (Rod) Rodningen, Janice Tolenhagen, and Maurice and Pat Orr; and several cousins, nephews and nieces.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, Alton (A.C.) and Lillian; husband, Stanley; son, Bradley; her in-laws, Martin and Mary Malmberg; brother, William; sister and brother-in-law, Darlene and Charles "Pete" Peterson; nephew, Warren Peterson; her dear friend, Arlene Meehl, and many other family and friends.

Visitation was held on Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. followed by her funeral at 2:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Oakes. Bev's service was live streamed on the Dahlstrom Funeral Home website [www.dahlstromfuneralhome.com](http://www.dahlstromfuneralhome.com) on her obituary page. Burial will be at the Oakes View Cemetery.



## Repent, Reboot, Resolve at St. Charles Catholic Church

Six Stone Jars Mission, featuring Deacon Ben Seitz, will be sharing a series of three 90-minute presentations starting February 25 at St. Charles Catholic Church in Oakes. Each of the three scriptural-based presentations is grounded in Catholic theology.

- "REPENT: Building a Life of Virtue" at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 25.
- "REBOOT: Finding Peace Through Mercy" at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 26.
- "RESOLVE: Living to Win!" at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27.

Recognizing that where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, the "REPENT" presentation on Sunday afternoon (1:30 p.m. on February 25) will open with a reflection on eternal life in heaven with Christ. It will then pivot to examine sin, the greatest threat to that eternal life. The root causes of sin will be explored by reflecting on the story of Adam and Eve and original sin. The session will conclude with an overview of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Monday evening, February 26 at 6:30 p.m., the "REBOOT" presentation will begin by proclaiming that the ultimate source of peace in our lives can only come from a personal encounter with Jesus. By reflecting on the parable of the Prodigal Son, we will come to understand the depth and breadth of God's mercy. The session will conclude with an overview of the Divine Mercy of Jesus, the ABC's of Mercy, and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Providing tools to develop a spiritual life plan will be the goal of the "RESOLVE" presentation on Tuesday evening, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. The session will focus on participation in the sacraments, listening to the Word of God, and developing a daily prayer life. A dynamic exhortation of the graces that are available through Jesus Christ and His Church will bring the session to its conclusion.

The presenter for all three sessions will be Deacon Ben Seitz. He holds a Master's degree in Theology from Catholic Distance University and was ordained in the Fargo Diocese in 2020. He currently serves at Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Parish in Fargo. He and his wife, Jennine, have five children and served 23 years in the US Air Force prior to settling in the Fargo Diocese.

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107 Ben Wagner fall over Luke Fultz (Larimore)	152 Zade Heier fall over Zander Dovenmuehler (HCV)
114 Joseph Potts (LLM) 12-6 decision over Jaren Nelson	160 Josh Meehl received a bye
121 Mathias Dahlstrom received a bye	172 Tate Thorpe received a bye
127 Kashden Wadeson (Lisbon) fall over Tucker Meierotto	189 Carter Placek received a bye
133 Zane Awender 9-0 major decision over Ethan Taxzarek (EEK)	215 Drew Anderson (Lisbon) fall over JJ Hagood
139 Case Awender fall over Michael Robbins (PCN)	285 Seth Irey (EEK) fall over Max Cline

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<p><b>Nazareth Lutheran Church Cogswell, ND</b> Pastor Dave Peterson Worship Service 8:30am; Sunday School following Worship Service</p> <p><b>Grace Lutheran Church</b> 821 Hickory Avenue Pastor Dave Peterson Oakes, ND 742-2528 10:30am Worship Service; 9:30am Sunday School; 9:45am Grounds for Grace coffee and fellowship before service; every 3rd Sunday the Grace Kids sing and we have noisy offering; During the Lenten Season, confirmation, students grade 7-9 are required to attend all Wednesday services</p>	<p><b>Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA, 8630 104th Ave. SE, Oakes 742-2696</b> Sunday Worship - 8:30am; Sunday School - 9:30am</p> <p><b>First Presbyterian Church, 6th and Ivy, Oakes</b> Sunday - Worship 10:00am</p> <p><b>St. John's Lutheran Church (LC-MS) 120 South 9th St</b> Pastor Chris Brademeyer <a href="http://www.stjohnsoakes.org">www.stjohnsoakes.org</a> (701) 742-2595 Sunday Service: 9:00am Sunday School: 10:15am Sunday Study: 10:15am Wed Confirmation: 3:30pm Thurs Bible Study: 9:00am Men Study: 4th Wed at 7pm LWML: 2nd Thurs at 2pm &amp;</p>	<p>3rd Wed at 7pm</p> <p><b>Oakes Methodist Church</b> Pastor Mark Britton 210 S 6th St, Oakes Office Phone 742-2925 Sunday - Worship 9:00 am Coffee and fellowship following the service.</p> <p><b>St. John's Lutheran Church, Verona, Pastor Bruce Baxter - 432-5688</b> Feb 18: 11am Worship; 10am Sunday School Feb 21: 6pm Soup Supper; 7pm Lent Worship at St. John's</p> <p><b>Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (CLC)</b> Tim Daub, Pastor 605-994-2145 <a href="mailto:pastordaub@hotmail.com">pastordaub@hotmail.com</a> Hwy 37 and Pine St</p>	<p><b>Hecla SD 57446</b> 9am: Sunday Service 10am: Bible Class/Sunday School</p> <p><b>Savo Apostolic Lutheran Church (Stataline Road)</b> Pastor Reino Maunu Sundays Worship Service- 10:30am; Communion-2nd Sunday of every month.</p> <p><b>Zion Lutheran Church</b> 420 1st St SE, Gwinner- Missouri Synod. 678-2401 680-2658 Cell <a href="http://www.zionwinner.org">www.zionwinner.org</a> Sunday-9am Sunday School for adults and children, 10am Divine Service, *Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month*</p>	<p>Wednesday-9am Pastor's Bible Study, 4pm Confirmation *The Lutheran Hour* radio program heard Sundays 7:30am on KFGO 790 AM, 4:30pm on KFNW 1200</p> <p><b>Southeast Baptist Church</b> 103 S. 8th, Oakes, 742-3699 Sunday Morning Service: 9:30am - 10:30am Sunday School (All ages): 10:30am - 11:30am Wednesday Devotion/Prayer Service: 7pm</p> <p><b>OCN-Church of the Nazarene</b> 11th and Ivy, Oakes Pastor Kelley Lovelace, 742-3193 Sundays: 9:00am - Sunday School, 10:00am - Worship Wednesdays: 6:30-7:45pm</p>	<p>- Kids' program (ages kindergarten - 6th grade), Youth Group (7th - 12th grade) Check us out at <a href="http://www.oakesnaz.com">www.oakesnaz.com</a> or "Like" us on Facebook!</p> <p><b>St. Charles Borromeo Church, Oakes 742-2418, Fr. Tim Schroeder</b> Feb 17: Mass - 5:30pm; Reconciliation - 4:30pm Feb 18: Mass - 8:30am; Reconciliation - 8am Feb 20: Mass - 5:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross Feb 21: Mass - 8:30am at Hospital; 5:30pm Supper; 6:30pm "Family Night" Feb 22: Mass - 6:30am ALSO: Check out our website at <a href="http://https://stcharlesoakes.org">https://stcharlesoakes.org</a> for homilies by Fr. Tim.</p>
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# 2024 National Career and "Celebrate Today,"

The Board, faculty, administration and students at Southeast Region ask that you join in celebrating National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month. This year's state theme is *Preparing Tomorrow's Workforce!* This is a time when we showcase CTE programs that prepare students to be college and career-ready and prepares them for high-wage, high-demand career fields and advanced college programs.

The Southeast Region Career and Technical Center (SRCTC) has a vision to be the leader in best practices of Career & Technical Education in North Dakota. We as a center are fully committed to providing cost effective CTE opportunities to our local schools. CTE is a valuable aspect of an educational experience that prepares our students for the future. It should not matter if our students transition to a post-secondary school, trades/technical school, military, or to the world of work, each need skills to enable them to be productive citizens. CTE courses and student organizations provide opportunities for our students to not only learn specific technical skills but the industry desired soft skills that are required to become better leaders.

The Southeast Region Career/Tech Center with locations in Wahpeton

and Oakes has provided CTE program opportunities for the students of southeast North Dakota since 1973. Member schools of the SRCTC include Campbell-Tintah, Edgeley, Ellendale, Fairmount, Hankinson, Kulm, Lidgerwood, Lisbon, Milnor, Oakes, North Sargent at Gwinner, Richland #44, Sargent Central at Foran, Wahpeton and Wyndmere.

One thousand nine hundred students from Southeast Region schools attend classes on-site in Center programs, or take part in career/tech classes through the Greater Southeast ITTV Network. SRCTC is the largest career/tech center in North Dakota from both a geographic and student enrollment standpoint.

The center is governed by a fifteen member school board including Neil Planteen, Sargent Central, Chair; Kris Beck, North Sargent, Vice-Chair; Michelle Nelson and Lisa Graves, Wahpeton; Matt Asp, Hankinson; Sheila Nagel, Oakes; Ben Loll, Campbell-Tintah; Marcus Grefre, Fairmont; Sadie Siemieniowski, Lidgerwood; David Puetz, Wyndmere; Val Wagner, Ellendale; Mark Qual, Lisbon; Chad Fyre, Milnor; Dereck Beito, Richland #44 at Colfax; and Amanda Huber, Edgeley. The Center office staff includes: Jodi Smart, Executive Administrative As-

stant; Janel Saylor, Business Manager; Dan Spellerberg, Director; Eileen Vculek, Administrative Assistant; and Randal Brockman, Assistant Director. With a regional service focus, monthly school board meetings for the Center are held over the ITTV Network. The State CTE Director is Mr. Wayne Sick and Asst. State Director is Mark Wagner.

One of the cornerstones of Career and Technical Education is to help young people determine their future college and career plans. Students taking CTE courses in high school have the opportunity to explore a variety of career and college pathways and make informed choices helping students be Choice-Ready-this includes post-secondary, military, or the workforce!

Students have a higher achievement rate of earning the North Dakota Scholarship. In fact, students from SRCTC have a scholarship attainment rate of 38.14% in 2023 as compared to a statewide average of 22%, in earning this important \$6,000 scholarship!

Work-based learning opportunities are a cornerstone of what we provide for our students. Students who are enrolled in CTE classes can participate in cooperative work experience programs where they work

at area businesses, can earn school credit and are also in paid employment relationships, which greatly increase their technical and interpersonal skills. This past year, students in the Agriculture Education SAE and Work-Based Learning programs earned over \$2,318,265!

It's a proven fact, students who take two or more CTE classes in high school have higher reading and math scores on state assessments and have a higher graduation rate. In addition, the ability to take the abstract and frame knowledge in the context of applied situations greatly improves student success in higher education. The Southeast Region Career/Tech Center's primary focus is to meet the educational needs of students in courses and programs in the career preparation arena. This includes classes that prepare students for work, 2-year degrees, 4-year degrees, advanced degrees and the careers that go along with all these educational pathways. The programs and courses offered include:

- Introduction to Agriculture (9th Grade) ½-1 Cr
- Foundations of Agriculture (10th Grade) 1 Cr
- Agriculture III/IV 2 Cr
- Agriculture Electives 1-6 Cr
- Botany & Horticulture 1 Cr

- Automotive Technology I 2 Cr
- Diesel Technology I 2 Cr
- Welding Technology I 2 Cr
- Welding Technology II 2 Cr
- Entrepreneurship 1 Cr
- Construction Technology I 2 Cr
- Construction Technology II 2 Cr
- Emergency Medical Technician 1 Cr
- Patient Care Technician 1 Cr
- Health Science Careers 1-3 Cr
- Marketing 1-2 Cr
- Restaurant Mgt. & Chef Training 1-2 Cr

- Sports & Entertainment Marketing 1 Cr
- Cyber Security/Mobile Applications 1 Cr
- Work-Based Learning/ (Coop/SAE) 2 Cr

- AG EDUCATION AND THE FFA
- Ag Education has the most students enrolled of any Center program with over 700 students involved. Instructors include Calista Heley and Brady Coleman, Wahpeton; Desi Severance, Wyndmere; Cassidy Bishop and Audra Montgomery, Lisbon; Jeff Bugstad, Lidgerwood; Tony Boehm, Richland #44; Tanner Zetocha, North Sargent; Cameron Young and Cheyenne Ketterling, Edgeley; Kulm; Cohl Ringle, Hankinson; and Brooke Kunz and Anna Kem-

mer, Oakes. With financial assistance from the ND State Department of Career and Technical Education, the Center continues its efforts to purchase high quality instructional equipment that can be shared by all nine Agriculture Education Programs. Currently, all programs have greenhouse facilities. Oakes, Edgeley, Wahpeton, and Richland programs planted and care for orchards producing fresh produce for classroom use. Major areas of instruction include metals, welding, woods, food science, animal science, plant science, small animal care, electricity, plumbing, horticulture, landscape design, light construction, entomology, commodity marketing, leadership development and community involvement.

**AUTOMOTIVE & DIESEL TECHNOLOGY**  
The Wahpeton Automotive & Diesel Technology Programs operate through a cooperative arrangement with the ND State College of Science. NDSOS Auto Instructor Michael Bitz and NDSOS Diesel Instructor Tom Bakewell provide area students' instruction. We also have auto instructors Michael Marquette in Oakes, and Joe Weigel in Edgeley/Kulm. All programs are ASE/NATEF certified.



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## Southeast Region CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Students complete a comprehensive curriculum that covers steering and suspension, chassis, engines and drivelines, air conditioning, electronics, brakes, front-end and tire work, drive ability as well as general preventive maintenance. Students compete annually at the state and national levels in the SkillsUSA contests. These courses are dual-credit certified programs. Mr. Marquette and Mr. Weigel also offer Automotive Essentials, an introductory course for students in owning and maintaining their vehicles.

**WELDING TECHNOLOGY**  
The Welding Technology Program operates through a cooperative arrangement with the ND State College of Science. NDSOS Welding Instructor Robert Cade provides area students' instruction. Students complete a comprehensive curriculum that covers SMAW and GMAW, with an emphasis on manufacturing. Students compete annually at the State and national levels in the SkillsUSA contests. This course allows dual credit for Manufacturing 110 & 123.

**AREA GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING PROGRAM**  
The Southeast Region Career/Tech Center Guidance staff includes Ashley Michael at Campbell/Tintah;

Danielle Luebke serving Hankinson K-12; Haley Lauff serving Wyndmere; Kim Quast serving K-12 in Lidgerwood and Fairmount; Daisy Canfield serving Wahpeton High School; Darci Weber serving K-12 in Milnor; Rhonda Weigelt serving North Sargent and Ed Wentworth serving Oakes High School. The Center's Guidance Program is built on a philosophy that counselors work in the school classrooms as well as working with small groups and individual counseling services. Included in these services are personal, social, emotional, crisis, career and educational planning. A major component of the Guidance Program is assisting students with post-secondary options and related scholarship and financial aid opportunities. **SRCTC Counselors have assisted the SE North Dakota class of 2023 to qualify for \$714,000 worth of ND State Academic and CTE Scholarships to attend ND Colleges and Universities.**

**CHEF TRAINING AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT**  
The Center continues to strive to meet the needs of area businesses and students through contemporary programs and opportunities. Mr. Jerry Prante is the Chef Training Instructor in Wahpeton, and Mrs. Anna

Kemmer teaches out of our Oakes kitchen. This program is designed with a focus on food preparation, food quality, sanitation, food service business management and general restaurant operations. Students learn skills that lead to excellent part and full time work while they attend college, to prepare for life-long careers in the food service industry or to be knowledgeable consumers. Courses also offered by Mrs. Kemmer at the Oakes Center are Nutrition & Food Prep and Baking & Pastry Science.

**HEALTH SCIENCE CAREERS**  
Health Sciences is the program of choice for students with career interests in one of the many fast growing health care industry areas. Students complete CPR Training and Red Cross First Aid certification, anatomy, physiology, and primary care as part of the core curriculum. In addition to lab and classroom instruction, students have career exploration experiences through the extended classroom program. The Health Careers Instructor is Mrs. Lisa Keaveny. Students use on-line companion software, e-books, video conferencing and numerous lab activities in this comprehensive medical related career preparation program. Numerous students also earn

their Certified Nurse Assistant Certification and Mrs. Keaveny also teaches dual credit health classes affiliated with NDSOS. Students are also able to enroll in EMT Training, Advanced EMT, and Patient Care Technician classes via ITV. Those classes are taught by Mrs. Cary Wertz, Registered Nurse and Certified EMT Instructor. These classes allow South-east ND Students to serve on our rural ambulance crews!

**MARKETING/BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY**  
Marketing/Business Education provides students with an overview of marketing occupations. It covers human relations, personality in business, business math and communications, point of sale operation, change making, employee cooperation, career opportunities, product knowledge, consumer buying motives and personal selling. We have two instructors: Mrs. Renee Langenwaller in Wahpeton, and Ms. Amber Johnson in Oakes. Using projects and on-line simulations, students acquire an understanding and appreciation of marketing activities. Current technology will be used to acquire information and to complete the projects. Throughout the course, students are presented with problem-solving

situations for which they must apply academic and critical-thinking skills. Courses also offered by Ms. Johnson at the Oakes Center are Entrepreneurship, School-Based Enterprise and Sports Marketing.

**CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY**  
This year's Construction Technology classes are building a new home that features 1,492 ft. of main floor living space and will be ready for occupancy in June of this year. This new 4-bedroom home serves as a great "hands-on" learning project for students with an interest in the Construction trades and will be located and available for purchase in the Westdale Development Lot #6, 18th Ave. North. The instructor is Mr. Aaron Stone. Business partners include: Riverside Building Center, Hills Cabinetry, Wahpeton Ace Hardware, Storms Electric, Bernstein's Plumbing, and Schmitt's Plumbing & Heating.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**  
The student youth organizations that are associated with Career and Technical Education programs serve as a critical piece of student's development in the areas of leadership development, competitiveness, interpersonal and social skill devel-

opment. These groups include the FFA, SkillsUSA, HOSA, FCCLA and DECA. There are few places in public education that better prepare students for future roles in service clubs, public office or community leadership positions. A new instructional component in Ag Education is the implementation of Community Development classes that focus on hands-on, civic minded projects and activities as well as community and public organization service projects actively engaging young people in the community at large.

**NEW AND EXCITING!**  
The SRCTC is excited about our expansion projects that will provide our schools the opportunity to provide added resources to enhance meeting the needs of our ever-changing workforce. If we are to be a leader in CTE and prepare students for the most current In-Demand Occupations, we need to better equip our staff to ensure they do their best with the resources provided. We are looking forward to our new course offerings in Edeley with the addition of classroom, culinary kitchen, and adequate lab space for Auto and Agriculture for the fall of 2024.



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# Dakota Gardener: Planning your garden



By Emily How, NDSU Horticulturist  
My 2023 garden mission was to make my husband enjoy gardening. He's a city boy from San Antonio, Texas, who until recently was unaware that pickles came from cucumbers. My work was cut out for me! How do I make someone who has never gardened enjoy the time and labor-intensive process?  
As it turns out, it was easier than I expected. Planting varieties that I knew he would enjoy

and eating and want to harvest was the key. With the pleasant weather we have had the last couple of weeks, the itch to start planning a garden has set in for both me and my husband. We cracked open the seed catalogs and started flagging everything that looked good or interesting. Seed catalogs are a fun way to start planning your garden. My husband, the new gardener, prefers a seed catalog with bright colorful pictures of the different

varieties. I prefer something that goes into detail about disease resistance, germination time and flavor profile. Together, we created a substantial list. Armed with our list of plants to grow this year, we can design our garden in a way that makes the most sense. For a new gardener, the idea of planning a garden can be intimidating. Flipping through the catalogs can be overwhelming and it can be hard to choose what to grow. If you are unsure, start small or have fun with a themed garden. These gardens create an element of fun when introducing gardening to a beginner and they can help beginning gardeners decide what to plant. A common themed garden is a pizza garden. In this garden, you would grow plants that would be used on a pizza like tomatoes, onions, eggplant and basil. When it is time to harvest everything, you can enjoy a garden-fresh pizza. Another variation is a salsa garden, where peppers, tomatoes and various herbs are grown to make fresh salsa. To plant a salsa-themed garden, consider these plants: Peppers such as jalapeno, bell pepper and habanero  
Tomatoes  
Onions  
Tomatillos  
Herbs like cilantro, chives and garlic  
To plant a salad-themed garden, consider these plants: Mixed greens like spinach, lettuce, kale or cabbage  
Tomatoes  
Onions  
Peppers  
Cucumbers  
Carrots  
Radishes  
Herbs like parsley and dill  
Nothing gets a novice gardener more excited than watching their tomatoes slowly grow on the vine or harvesting their first zucchini.  
The 2023 garden season started with me dragging my husband to the garden but ended with him telling me how we should improve our garden for the 2024 season. As it turns out, contacting his county NDSU Extension agent was a little too easy. Happy planning and dreaming of what the 2024 gardening season will bring. Please remember that your county NDSU Extension agent is available to help if you ever have questions about gardening, lawns or trees.

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The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

# Prairie Doc... Fundamental Functions: Ear, nose, throat

By Debra Johnston, MD  
I confess that occasionally even doctors get squeamish. Or perhaps more honestly, this doctor does. My personal list has gotten pretty short, but one of the things that still makes me squirm is something I nevertheless frequently recommend to my patients.  
So what is this mysterious and rather ominous medical recommendation? Nasal saline irrigation.  
The practice of rinsing the nose out with liquid probably originated centuries ago in India, and it remains part of spiritual ritual as well as traditional medicine around the world. However, it isn't something I learned about in medical school. Western medical research into it began in earnest perhaps 25 to 30 years ago.  
How does this rather torturous sounding practice help? It physically removes germs, allergens and irritant particles, it loosens thick mucous, and it helps the cilia — the tiny hairs lining our airways — clean things out.  
Although the practice is generally safe for almost everyone, there is one very important caveat. Your equipment must be clean, and the solution used prepared with sterile or distilled water, to prevent a very rare, but highly deadly, infection.  
When I tell someone I think they should flush a cup or so of salt water into one nostril and out the other one, and then do it again from the other side, they usually react with dismay. I freely admit that the idea sounds pretty awful, and that it makes my toes curl every time I suggest it. Then I tell them a story.  
I first recommended this for a patient who was all of seven years old. Her horrible allergies and chronic sinus problems triggered frequent asthma attacks. She had a collection of inhalers and pills from the allergist, her dad had torn up the carpet, and the family dog was bathed twice a week and banished to the back yard. Parents, child, and doctor were all a little desperate. When I rather hesitantly suggested nasal saline irrigation, her mom was willing to try it.  
A month later, my little patient came dancing down the hallway, announcing with glee "Dr. Deb, Dr. Deb, I love my Netti Pot!" The simple act of regularly rinsing the allergens and irritants out of her nose had improved her symptoms so much that she could play outside with her dog. Now I tell my reluctant patients that if a literal child can do it, we can borrow some of her courage and try it too.  
If you suffer from chronic sinus problems, or even just the next time a cold or allergies has you stuffed up and miserable, ask your doctor if you should grit your teeth and give it a try.  
Debra Johnston, M.D. is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices family medicine in Brookings, South Dakota. Follow The Prairie Doc® at [www.prairedoc.org](http://www.prairedoc.org) and on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show providing health information based on science, built on trust for 22 Seasons, streaming live on Facebook most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

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# NDSU Extension getting it right in sunflower production webinar



NDSU Extension crop specialists will share sunflower research updates and production recommendations during the Getting It Right webinar. (NDSU photo)

Farmers and crop advisers searching for research-based sunflower production recommendations should plan to participate in the Getting It Right in Sunflower Production webinar on Tuesday, Feb. 27 starting at 8:30 a.m.

Research updates and rec-

ommendations to help farmers make production decisions for the 2024 growing season will be the focus of this educational event, which is organized by North Dakota State University Extension cropping systems specialists Greg Endres and Anitha Chirumamilla with sup-

port from the National Sunflower Association.

During the event, NDSU Extension crop specialists will discuss sunflower topics including: hybrid selection, plant establishment, soil management and plant nutrients, plant protection – insect, weed and disease management, and markets.

Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions after the presentations. The presentations will be recorded and archived at [www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/ag-hub/getting-it-right](http://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/ag-hub/getting-it-right). Certified crop adviser continuing education credits will be available for attending the live event.

There is no participation fee, but preregistration is required at [www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/ag-hub/getting-it-right](http://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/ag-hub/getting-it-right). All who preregister will receive emailed instructions and a Zoom link to join the webinar.

The final Getting It Right crop production webinar for this winter will focus on canola and is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12. Pre-register at [www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/ag-hub/getting-it-right](http://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/ag-hub/getting-it-right).

# NDSU NDSU Crop Pest Identification and managements school set

North Dakota State University (NDSU) Extension and the NDSU Department of Plant Pathology has set the 2024 Crop Pest Identification and Management School (formerly Eastern Crop and Pest Management School) for Feb. 27 and 28 at the Fargodome in Fargo, North Dakota.

The school is geared towards first- and second-year crop scouts and will cover multiple topics including disease identification, insect identification and herbicide symptomatology in wheat, barley, corn, soybeans, dry beans, canola and sunflower.

Each topic will feature an interactive session that includes traditional instruction accompanied by a hands-on identification and learning opportunity.

"The program has been developed to address both insect and disease pests on a crop-by-crop basis," says Andrew Friskop, NDSU Extension plant pathologist. "Attendees will walk away with a better awareness of pest problems in Northern Great Plains crops, and tips on how to identify insects and diseases in the field."

Undergraduate students at NDSU also have the opportunity



Attendees of NDSU's Crop Pest Identification and Management School will have a better awareness of pest problems in Northern Great Plains crops, and tips on how to identify insects and diseases in the field. (NDSU photo)

to receive one classroom credit for their participation in the school and passing of a final exam on February 28.

A total of 9.5 continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered

to Certified Crop Advisers (CCAs) who attend the event.

To register for the event and view the detailed agenda, visit [ndsu.edu/crop-pestschool](http://ndsu.edu/crop-pestschool).



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# NDSU Bison Strides program wins three regional awards



NDSU Bison Strides program assistant Jessie Moe, quarter horse Cutter and associate program director Emily Dillard win awards from PATH International for their work in equine assisted services. (NDSU photo)

North Dakota State University's Bison Strides Equine Assisted Services Program recently won three regional awards from the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) International in Region 6, which encompasses centers in North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Bison Strides provides services for people with physical,

cognitive, emotional, behavioral and mental health diagnoses, partnering them with horses to meet individual goals.

Cutter is a 15-year old palomino quarter horse gelding who has spent the last six years helping individuals become physically stronger, grow in their confidence and find independence. He is one of 10 horses at Bison Strides and was named the 2024

PATH International Region 6 Equine of the Year. This award is given annually to a hard-working, wise equine who represents the heart of the equine-assisted services industry.

"We call Cutter our unicorn horse because he is so unique in his abilities to meet the needs of participants in every one of our programs," says Erika Berg, Bison Strides program director and associate professor of animal sciences at NDSU.

Cutter is loaned to Bison Strides by Keith Johnson, a rancher from Sharon, ND.

"Owning a horse like Cutter has been a blessing to me and my family," Johnson says. "I've been fortunate the last few years to hear from families of people he has helped. It was emotional for me when I heard he had won this prestigious award. To have people I don't even know recognize the value he has for the work he does is really special."

Cutter's riders and families have the best things to say about him.

Kelli and Daniel Leeman's son, Teddy, began riding Cutter at age 4.

"Cutter is the reason that our child is physically so much stronger and willing to try difficult things," Kelli Leeman says. "We cannot articulate how special Cutter is to our family. He is truly a treasure!"

Terry Heley says that Cutter has had a life-changing impact on her 21-year-old daughter McKenna's emotional intelligence, adding that riding and taking care of Cutter has given McKenna a sense of pride.

Bison Strides participant Ellis Weiss says that Cutter has given her a sense of confidence and helped her not to feel afraid.

"Cutter makes me feel happy!" Weiss adds.

The PATH International Region 6 Equine Caretaker of the Year award honors an outstanding representative of the equine caretaker community. Bison Stride's program assistant, Jessie Moe, was selected as the 2024 recipient of this award.

"Jessie is simply an incredible human being who recognizes the importance of giving outstanding care to our horses," Berg says. "Without them, we have no program, and she works hard to ensure the horses are healthy and happy."

Emily Dillard oversees the equine-assisted learning program at Bison Strides and was selected as the 2024 PATH International Credentialed Professional of the Year. This award is given to individuals who are compassionate, creative teachers and leaders, and critical to a program's success.

"As a school psychologist and dean of students at Explorer Academy, Emily has an exceptional understanding of social-emotional learning and the role horses can play in teaching these essential skills to youth," Berg says.

"We are grateful for the knowledge and enthusiasm she brings to this program area."

Bison Strides participated in Giving Hearts Day on Thursday, February 8, to raise funds that will help maintain the health and care of Cutter and his herdmates, support program development and implementation, and provide financial assistance for participants in need. Bison Strides also raises dollars to provide equine assisted services for veterans free of charge. Learn more about Bison Strides on Facebook or Instagram, online at [www.bisonstrides.org](http://www.bisonstrides.org), or by contacting Erika Berg at [erika.berg@ndsu.edu](mailto:erika.berg@ndsu.edu) or 701-231-9611.

## GUELPH NEWS... by Rose Sell

Nondenominational services continue to be held at the Guelph Community Church at 10:00 a.m. Sundays with Pastor Scott Townsend officiating.

**A LITTLE MORE HISTORY:** A question was asked last week as to who were the elevator managers in Guelph over the years since it's inception in 1887. The information is a bit sketchy since Guelph didn't have its own newspaper. The rails were laid in 1887 and the North West Elevator Company came to build shortly thereafter to the new townsite.

It seems Silas R. Dales was probably the first manager because he was referred to as the general postmaster, grain buyer and lumber merchant of Guelph. The next reference to a manager was Lewis Osher of Hecla. Then in 1910 Mr. C. Ward of Ellendale was in charge. In 1912 Mr. Russel Harden purchased the elevator and brought his family to Guelph to live in the C.A. Newman home. The very next year Marshall-McCartney of Oakes bought the elevator and Mr. Rob Smith was the agent.

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Anderson was manager for two months before Harry Peterson of Barnard was hired in 1923. In 1926 Mr. H.J. Newman took over as manager until resigning in 1950 when Mr. Ted Steinkogler took over. In 1958 Harold Bauer was hired. Ralph Gelling of Barnard was hired in 1960 with his son Vern as second man. Vern then took over in 1963. Jorgen Sorum replaced Vern with Cliff Seelye as second man. Jack Hayenga was hired as second man in 1969. In 1970 Russell Tvetter came in as manager. During his tenure Kurt Berg, Johnny Moore and Randy Schlenker worked as 'second man'.

Then in 1981 Russell left and Larry Hlavecek was hired. He was only here for one year as his abilities were quickly noticed and he was hired away, bringing in Jeff Strickertz from LaBolt, SD, 1983. This is as far as the 'Guelph Book' goes so further research is indicated to bring you up to date.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "Don't ask yourself what the world needs, ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

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Werner, Samantha Karol, Mandan, TR: Speeding (6-10 mph over), Plea, 1/30/24 Guilty.

Grueneich, Isabel Jain, Ellendale, TR: Failure to yield

at intersection, Plea, 1/30/24 Guilty.

Eddins, Dalton Ray, Ashley, TR: Failure to wear seatbelt, Plea, 1/31/24 Guilty.

Hamard, Fridoon, Kildier, TR: Speeding (6-10 mph over), Plea, 1/30/24 Guilty.

Hogan, Sean Rey, Mandan, TR: Speeding (6-10 mph over), Plea, 1/31/24 Guilty.

Buttke, Kenton Keith, Oakes, TR: Exhibition driving, Plea, 2/1/24 Guilty.

Kelsen, Shaena Rylee, Fargo, TR: Speeding (6-10 mph over), Plea, 2/2/24 Guilty.

Regalado, Luis Felipe, Oakes, TR: Driving without a license, Plea, 2/1/24 Guilty.

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**Wednesday:** Tomato soup, ham sandwich on wheat with lettuce, tomato and onion, coleslaw, pineapple.

**Thursday:** Stuffed bell pepper with tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, warm apple slices.

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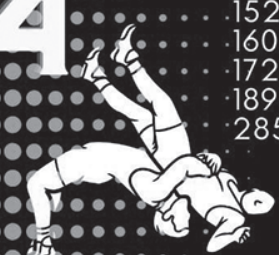
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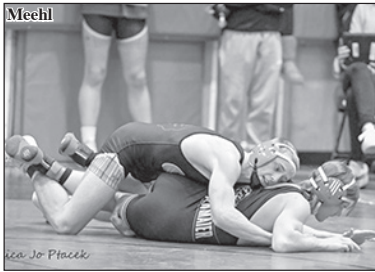
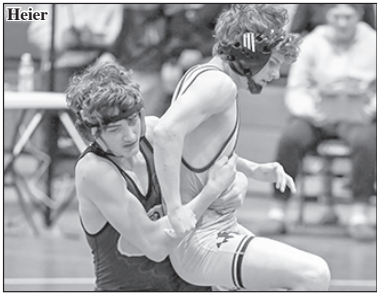
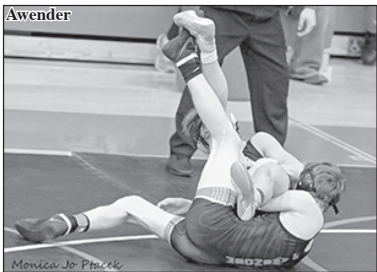
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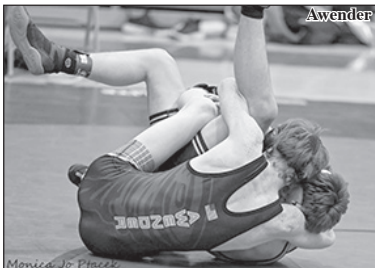
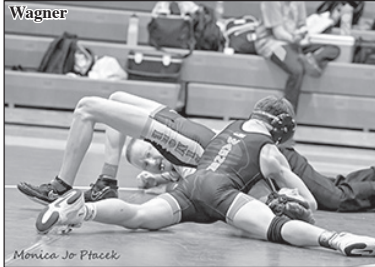
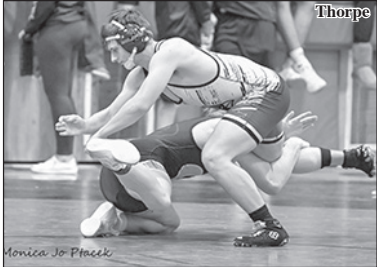
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## Heart Health - Love Your Ticker

February is heart health month. The human heart is the body's hardest working muscle and Jamestown Regional Medical Center's upcoming JRMU is designed to help you take care of it.

"Love Your Ticker: Cracking the Code to a Healthy Heart" will be held on Thursday, February 22 from 11:00 a.m. to noon at the Two Rivers Activity Center.

The free class will be presented by JRMU Clinical Exercise Physiologists Madeline Ranum and Sydney Ellingson. The pair

will discuss the medical center's cardiac rehabilitation program, which helps individuals make positive lifestyle changes to diet, exercise and tobacco use after a heart disease diagnosis. JRMU also recently relaunched its clinical supervised exercise program, Good Medicine. Good Medicine is held at the TRAC and provides a more social setting to share some common health goals with other attendees.

"A healthy heart is essential to overall health and longevity," said Ranum. "Our JRMU classes aim to empower people in our community to take control of their wellbeing through education and lifestyle changes. We look forward to sharing practical tips people can start using right away to strengthen their heart health."

The presenters will provide an overview of the key factors that impact heart health, including

warning signs of heart issues and risk factors like high blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and get recommendations tailored to their individual needs and goals.

JRMU classes empower community members to make positive changes and invest in their health. Join us on February 22 and take advantage of this free opportunity to learn more about heart health.

To RSVP for "Love Your Ticker: Cracking the Code to a Healthy Heart," visit [jrmcu.com/uv](http://jrmcu.com/uv) or call (701) 952-5301. Jamestown Regional Medical Center offers virtual and in-person learning opportunities throughout the year. Called JRMU classes, these events help individuals make informed choices about their health. All events are set for 11 a.m. at TRAC and include a light lunch.

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## LIBRARY CORNER

### REVIEWS SUBMITTED BY JEANINE PAHL

**Bakerita: 100+ No-Fuss Gluten-Free, Dairy-Free, and Refined Sugar-Free Recipes for the Modern Baker**  
by Rachel Corrons

Amazing gluten-free, grain-free and refined sugar free desserts from the famous Bakerita blog. Recipes include breakfast treats such as scones, as well as pies, cheesecakes, cookies and more.

work after being a victim of attempted murder by her ex-husband. It appears the ex has come back to finish his job, but with help from coworker and detective James Cross Lanie hopes to get to the bottom of this nightmare.

**Teacher**  
by Freida McFadden

(Thriller) Happily married Eve teaches math at the local high school. Last year the school was the center of a student-teacher affair with one student, Addie, at its center. Everyone knows that Addie is trouble, and Addie would do anything to keep her secrets undercover.

We continue to have a generous collection of Large Print books from NDSL. Stop by and look!

**Double Take**  
by Lynette Eason

(Lake City Heroes #1. Christian Suspense Thriller with Mystery and Clean Romance) Physician Assistant Lanie Jackson is back to

Bookworm Discovery Class - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the library.

742-3234-Ext. 151 (WE ARE FOLLOWING SANITATION PROCEDURES)

**Lego Lovers - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00.**

Library hours are Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 1:30 to 5:30, Wednesday 1:30 to 7:30, Friday 1:30 to 3:30.

During the winter months the Oakes Public Library board has decided to follow the plan of the Oakes Public School. Snow days at the school will also mean a snow day for the library.

HOURS: MON, TUES & THURS 1:30-5:30PM, WED 1:30-7:30PM, FRI 1:30-3:30PM. PLEASE FOLLOW THE OAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY ON FACEBOOK FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.

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## WELCOME KALEB SELL

Vice President and Loan Officer

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## Oakes Police Report

### CFS SUMMARY 1/1/2024 - 1/31/2024

1/1/2024 12:46pm Accident Property/Assist Other Agency;	1/16/2024 6:09pm Follow-Up;
1/1/2024 4:16pm Traffic Stop/Expired Registration/Narcotic Violation;	1/16/2024 8:32pm Traffic Stop/Exhibition Driving/Tinted Windows;
1/2/2024 8:16pm Motorist Assist/Vehicle Unlock;	1/18/2024 1:36am Domestic Dispute;
1/3/2024 3:26pm Traffic Stop/Driving With Suspended License;	1/18/2024 6:06am False Fire Alarm;
1/3/2024 5:38pm Welfare Check;	1/18/2024 8:15am False Fire Alarm;
1/3/2024 5:56pm Welfare Check;	1/18/2024 2:13pm School Safety Check;
1/4/2024 3:40pm Traffic Stop/Speeding;	1/19/2024 4:10am Domestic/Assist Other Agency/Aggravated Assault;
1/4/2024 2:23pm Warrant Service/Assist Other Agency;	1/21/2024 3:03am False Fire Alarm;
1/5/2024 8:57pm Traffic Stop/Violation Of Traffic Control;	1/21/2024 6:19pm Traffic Stop/Disregard Stop Sign;
1/6/2024 5:05pm Harassment;	1/21/2024 8:46pm Traffic Stop/Equipment Violation;
1/6/2024 7:04pm Traffic Stop/No Headlights;	1/22/2024 8:52am Gross Sexual Imposition;
1/6/2024 9:47pm Traffic Stop/Speeding/No Drivers License;	1/22/2024 6:04pm Vehicle Unlock;
1/7/2024 7:42am 911 Hangup;	1/23/2024 11:47am Medical Assist;
1/7/2024 2:08pm Medical Assist;	1/23/2024 11:20am Mental Health/Drug Violation;
1/7/2024 2:54pm Traffic Stop/Expired Registration/Narcotic Violation;	1/23/2024 12:13pm Medical Assist/Mental Health;
1/7/2024 5:24pm Traffic Stop/Equipment Violation;	1/23/2024 3:25pm Traffic Stop/Speeding;
1/7/2024 5:55pm Traffic Stop/Seat Belt Violation/Failure To Use Turn Signal;	1/23/2024 12:00am Harassment/Disorderly Conduct;
1/7/2024 7:16pm Traffic Stop/Violation Of Traffic Control Signal/Active Warrant Out Of State No Extradition;	1/23/2024 7:06pm Traffic Stop/Equipment Violation;
1/8/2024 5:44pm Domestic/Child Custody Dispute;	1/24/2024 7:28pm Civil Dispute;
1/9/2024 9:00am 911 Misdia;	1/24/2024 7:54pm Civil Dispute;
1/9/2024 7:54am Motor Vehicle Injury Accident/Assist Other Agency;	1/24/2024 9:13pm False Fire Alarm;
1/9/2024 8:22pm Motor Vehicle Accident;	1/25/2024 4:01am 911 Hangup;
1/10/2024 10:28am Motorist Assist/Direct Traffic;	1/25/2024 4:17am Traffic Stop/Disregard Stop Sign;
1/10/2024 3:38pm Traffic Stop/Speeding In School Zone/Narcotic Violation;	1/25/2024 10:53am 911 Misdia;
1/10/2024 4:42pm Domestic/Civil Dispute;	1/27/2024 11:44am Motorist Assist/Vehicle Unlock;
1/10/2024 5:12pm Bad Checks;	1/27/2024 12:00pm Citizens Assist;
1/11/2024 5:22pm Theft;	1/27/2024 7:25pm Traffic Stop/Assist Other Agency;
1/12/2024 3:42am Alarm Call;	1/28/2024 8:28pm Accident Property/Hit And Run;
1/12/2024 9:20am Welfare Check;	1/29/2024 8:37am Medical Assist;
1/13/2024 2:47am 911 Misdia;	1/29/2024 2:17pm Medical Assist;
1/13/2024 2:39am Fire Call;	1/29/2024 6:48pm Traffic Stop/Care Required Warning;
1/13/2024 6:05am Fire Call;	1/30/2024 1:34pm False Fire Alarm;
1/15/2024 11:51am Suspicious Vehicle;	1/30/2024 2:22pm Disorderly Conduct;
1/15/2024 2:56pm Theft Report;	1/30/2024 3:21pm Motorist Assist;
1/15/2024 4:28pm Welfare Check;	1/30/2024 4:19pm Traffic Stop/Speeding;
1/16/2024 9:35am Alarm Call;	1/30/2024 4:30pm 911 Misdia;
1/16/2024 2:18pm False Fire Alarm;	1/30/2024 5:43pm Traffic Stop/Seat Belt Violation;
1/16/2024 3:31pm Gross Sexual Imposition;	1/30/2024 6:30pm Traffic Stop/Violation Of Traffic Control Signal;
	1/31/2024 6:54pm Animal Call;
	1/31/2024 12:00am Vehicle Unlock

### What's Happening:

**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>:** Join us at 11:00 am for a Valentine's Day craft.

**Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Danielle Dinger, with NDSU Extension, will be here for her monthly talk and presentation starting at 11:00 am.

**Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>:** Birthday Dinner Day!!! Join us for lunch as we celebrate those with February birthdays. Cake and ice cream will be served.

**Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>:** BUS to Aberdeen. Please sign up by 1:00 pm on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> for fun and shopping! The fare for this trip is \$10.00.

**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>:** Dickey County Public Health District is offering foot care at the Oakes Senior Center. Call them at 349-4348 to schedule an appointment. There is a \$20.00 fee for this service.

**BINGO:** Every Monday after lunch at 1:00 pm - join us for lunch then stay and play for prizes!

**Bone Builders:** Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:00 am. Open to EVERYONE!