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**POP TABS FOR RONALD
MCDONALD HOUSE** can be
dropped off at the Oakes Times.

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

**ALCOHOLICS ANONY-
MOUS,** 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 6:30 p.m.

**OAKES COMMUNITY CEN-
TER** 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: Mon-
day-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Phone: 701-742-2137. On their
website: oakesnd.com/City
Alerts, you will find current Public
Works Dept. notifications.

**FIRST TUESDAY AT TWO
SOCIAL** meets at Sisters Kitch-
en April 2.

Dickey County Commissioners meet

The Dickey County Commis-
sioners met in regular session
on March 19 at the county court-
house. The meeting was called to
order and roll call was taken,
with Commissioner Roberts be-
ing unavailable and the pledge
being said.

The minutes of the previous
meeting were reviewed and cor-
rections made before approval
voted on. No corrections were
made to actions taken or motions
made at the previous meeting.

Vouchers were presented for
consideration and payment. Dis-
cussion was held on a bill re-
ceived from Stutsman County Jail
for people that had been detained
and or arrested. In the first three
months of this year Dickey Coun-
ty has already spent \$14,160 to
house people requiring detain-
ment. The Dickey County Sher-
iff's Department is responsible for
this expense no matter where in
the county these people were ar-
rested. The bills were approved
for payment as presented.

Ludden Sportsmen's Club has
created a boat landing just south
of the old Riverside Bldg and
have an Eagle Scout proposing
a covered lunch area at the land-
ing. A grant has been applied for
to cover a part of the cost but it
requires commission approval
and a signature. The commission
approved the request and Chair-
man Walsh to sign.

The lot across from the court-
house and an old van have been
approved for sale. A minimum
for the lot on the books is \$3,592
but if anyone is interested they
should contact the auditor or trea-
surer's office.

There was time for the commis-
sion to discuss a county detention
center saving fees and providing
income to the county. A detention
center was previously considered
but not acted on. I had previously

done research on the topic and
found some very surprising facts.
Most of the detention centers are
simple structures that happen to
be very profitable to the coun-
ties they are in. Faulk county in
SD has their unit in the middle of
town and even has meals pro-
vided by their senior center which
helps their numbers for state aid.
The commission approved my
continued research on the topic.

McIntosh County has request-
ed services from our current
county State's Attorney, however
this requires approval by Dickey
County. Conversation was held
with many questions asked, es-
pecially concerns of where the
county would be in the priorities.
A decision was tabled until the full
council was in attendance.

Tax Assessor, Don Flaherty,
addressed the commission with
Homestead Credit and Veteran
Credit applications. All were ac-
cepted. The deputy assessor has
accepted the position of auditor
for the city of Ellendale. The po-
sition will need to be advertised
soon.

Polling locations were dis-
cussed. The city hall, Armory,
in Oakes as it has been in the
past and a new location in Ellen-
dale, the Nazarene Church were
agreed on. Much consideration
was given to the handicap and
parking ease in both cities.

The building for the Sheriff's
Dept was discussed again, along
with a vacant pole building ad-
joining the county property on the
north side of Ellendale. The pole
building has damage and would
require repairs before it could be
usable but could be very usable
for county maintenance equip-
ment among others. It was sug-
gested the weed board may be
able to move to that site leaving
the current building open for the
Sheriff's Dept. and impound area.

It was voted to make an offer for
the pole building and approxi-
mately one acre of land it is on.
A decision on what to do with the
building will be a continuing dis-
cussion.

Jeff with the Highway Depart-
ment reported that the new Load
Pass Program is starting. This
will allow truck load permits to be
submitted electronically. Commis-
sioner Carlson stated that the
county gravel roads that he has
traveled seem to be in good
shape while it was noted that
some of the township roads are
still questionable. Townships
wishing grading contracts with
county should be coming soon.
The winter had been kind to the
maintenance crew.

ND DOT has funds that are
being awarded for road repair.
Highway 3 east of Oakes does
not have any paving planned for
it this year. The commission has
planned Dust Pods for the road
which should cut the dust from
traffic.

Sheriff Estes reported that his
department has received word
that the new vehicle ordered is
ready to be shipped. Quotes for
the outfitting of the vehicle had
been received and he had decid-
ed to use Code 4, a company out
of Pelican Rapids, MN that has
been used in the past and has
done good work for them. The
2019 old squad car will be taken
to them to be decommissioned so
that equipment can be reused on
the new vehicle. The car itself will
be kept by the county for use.

There being no further busi-
ness to discuss the meeting was
adjourned.

This report is prepared by my
own account and does not repre-
sent the Oakes Times or commis-
sion.

Thank you,
Cindy Bagley

OPS Staff Spotlight... #WEAREOAKES

Submitted by Anna Sell,
Superintendent

Name: Roxane Miller
How long have you
been at OPS? 24 years.

What does your job en-
tail?

3rd Grade Teacher,
Track and Volleyball
Coach.

What is the best part of
your job at OPS?

The best thing about
working at OPS is I get
to work where my kids
are every day. I love be-
ing able to build relationships
with my students, athletes who
I coach, and having fun with my
working family.

What piece of advice would
you give our students?

When life knocks you down get
back up. Surround yourself with
people who are good to you and
good for you.

What is something others don't
know about you?

I grew up on a farm and loved
it. I grew up with a big family with
4 brothers and 1 sister. Not so fun
fact: We had a goose on our farm
and that thing chased me every
time I came outside. I did not like
that goose at all.

Who has been the biggest in-
fluencer in your life?

My mom. she has had some
roadblocks and terrible things that
have happened in her life. She is
the strongest person I know. She
always has a positive outlook on
life, kept her faith and did every-
thing she could to take care of
us and show her love. She is the



reason I work so hard every day
and that I put love along with pas-
sion into everything I do.

If you could pick any superpow-
er, what would it be and why?

My superpower would be
speed because I always feel like
I have so much to do. I also feel I
have missed out on some family
things and time with my kids. If I
had speed, I could get everything
done and still have time for ev-
erything else.

What does it mean to you to be
a Tornado?

Being a Tornado to me is like
having another family. I feel that
I have been blessed to work and
know many wonderful people
here in Oakes. This was my first
teaching job and there is noth-
ing I'd rather do than teach and
coach. I love getting the chance
to see my students/athletes grow
up to be amazing people. The
community is great and I have
met many really caring individu-
als who would help anyone in
need, always.

A look at the Oakes business community

As the Oakes Area Cham-
ber of Commerce Director, I re-
ceive many phone calls asking
questions about our community,
events, places to stay and much
more. Recently I had a phone
call from a lifelong resident in
Oakes, and she asked if I was
aware of the number of women
who own businesses in town. In
all honesty I responded with I bet
it is quite a few! She said she sat
down and came up with a list and
would I be willing to look at it?
Absolutely I would look at it!

After digging into the business
directory, I am proud to say that
Oakes has at least 50 women
who are sole proprietors or part-
ners in the Oakes business com-
munity! So, congratulations to
all these amazing women who
decided to take a chance in the
small-town business world. Busi-
nesses are only as successful as
the people who support them and
most of these women if asked,
would say their families are a big
part of their success. So, thank
you to all those people who sup-
port our small-town businesses
and the successful women, men,
and families behind those doors.

All the doors on Main Street in
Oakes have one thing in common,
they are open for business. At a
recent city council meeting Mayor

Harris stated that when he drove
down Main Street, he counted
32 different businesses and not
a single main street building was
unoccupied! Oakes you need to
be proud of that fact. We truly are
a thriving community with a vast
business foundation. I often tell
people that you can just about
get everything you need in our
little town. I have heard people
say, "Well I can get it cheaper in a
bigger city" but do you really? By
the time you add the hours trav-
eling in the car, gas, fighting big
city traffic and barely getting to a
handful of stores, and eating out,
is it really cheaper?

When you support our local
businesses, you are supporting
so much more than the cheaper
priced items at the big box stores.
Most Oakes business owners are
local people who live, work, send
their kids to our school, support
the community in various ways
and choose to bring a quality of
life that only comes with being in
a small town. Money is important
no doubt but so is living in a safe,
friendly, progressive small town
so the next time you are compar-
ing and debating about prices –
really compare the price.

Kausha Magill
Oakes Chamber Director



Whitestone Hill among new features on new ndtourism.com interactive map



by Ken Smith,
Dickey County Leader

One of the main missions of the
North Dakota Department of Tour-
ism is to get the word out about
the variety of attractions that are
worth visiting in a state that is of-
ten thought to have nothing but flat
prairie. To help with this, they have
produced a colorful, user friendly
interactive map that makes it easy
to scan the state for places to visit.

According to a press release,

the Ndtourism.com home page
"is designed to be your first stop
for planning your perfect North
Dakota getaway. The interactive
map allows you to explore the
state by region, theme, or specific
interests. Whether you're seek-
ing outdoor adventures, histor-
ical sites, cultural experiences, or
family-friendly fun, the map makes
it easy to find what you're look-
ing for."

Among the six categories of at-

tractions (National Parks, Lakes
& Rivers, State Parks, Tribal Na-
tions, Historic Sites, and Scenic
Byways, several are close by for
residents of Dickey and LaMoure
County. Whitestone Hill has re-
cently received 14 new interpre-
tive panels, making it much easier
to understand what happened at
one of the region's most important
historic sites. When the interactive
map was initially launched, it con-
tained old information about Whit-

estone, but this was updated last
week after the Leader contacted
ND Tourism. Also, the Chan San
San Scenic byway, which follows
the James River from Adrian to
south of LaMoure, is included on
the map. This byway is one of the
best kept secrets in the state.

Historical sites profiled on the
map include Fort Buford Missouri
Yellowstone influence Center,
Chateau de Mores and Visitor's
Center, Fort Clark, Double Ditch
Indian Village, Huff Indian Village,
Menoken Indian Village, ND Heri-
tage Center and State Museum,
Former Governor's Mansion,
Camp Hancock, Welk Homestead,
Stutsman County Courthouse,
Fort Totten, Gingras Trading Post,
Pembina State Museum, Ronald
Reagan Minuteman Missile Site,
Fort Abercrombie, and Whitestone
Hill.

All of these places hold a wealth
of historical background, and can
be highly educational for people of
all ages. Combined with the other
features identified on the map,
they make a great starting place
for people interested in getting out
and exploring. Warm weather is
coming soon if not here already,
so it's time to plan! Go to the fol-
lowing site, and scroll down to find
the map: ndtourism.com



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