

VCPS celebrates National Educators Week, May 6-10

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May 6th through the 10th celebrates National Educators Week. An entire week of celebration and recognition honoring the men and women that go above and beyond providing education for the students of our communities.

There is an old African proverb that says "it takes a village to raise a child." When it comes to education, that statement rings true and Valley City Public Schools is going to recognize that 'village' throughout the week.

Superintendent Josh Johnson says the week will be filled with activities. "We will do several different things," Johnson said. "We kicked off our celebration by serving carmel rolls to the staff on Monday. On Wednesday, May 8th we will be serving our staff a sandwich, chips and cookie lunch. On Thursday, May 9th we will recognize the 2024 Teacher of the Year and on Friday, May 10th we finish up the week with Dilly Bar treats Friday afternoon for all the staff/team members." In between all of that, Johnson adds, "We have asked our parents, students and media to help give shout outs throughout the week."

Johnson says this day, and the entire week, is not just about the teachers, "Educators Appreciation week is a little bit of a spin off from National Teacher Appreciation Day which happens towards the end of the school year." Johnson continues, "A few years ago we decided lets make that more than just simply about our teachers. Let's make it about all of our educators. Sometimes we lose sight on the supportive

roles that our staff play. We have office people, we have cooks, we have custodians, we have bus drivers, we have coaches, advisors. The intent is not to take anything away from our teachers but it is, instead, to recognize everybody."

Johnson says that the support staff is vital to the operation of Valley City Public Schools. "There is no way we could function as a school district without everybody's role in the day to day. From the point which students are picked up and dropped off for school by the school bus. We have traffic patrol in the parking lot. We have playground supervisors. Those are all things that happen before our students ever step foot into the building."

Then of course after the school day is done, many students stick around for extra curricular activities. Now these educators take on different roles. "For the elementary kids for our STEAM program, or its robotics after school, or a fine arts program like speech or music, theater or art," Johnson said. "And then you get into the athletic world and sometimes that doesn't

end until late at night. When you think about the total number of individuals it takes to be able to meet the needs of our kids in today's day and age it is pretty incredible when you step back and think about it. From the point in which get onto the bus or into our schools to the time that they leave."

We here at the Times-Record want to say thank

you to all of the educators at Valley City Public Schools. The 2023-24 school year is just about done. But there is no way the students could have made it through this year without the help and leadership provided by each and everyone of the incredible support staff at Washington, Jefferson, and Valley City Junior and Senior High Schools!

SUDOKU puzzle grid with numbers and instructions: HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Level: Beginner

ANSWERS section containing crossword and sudoku solutions.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Thick, as squirrels' tails; 6 Not so much; 10 Baby lions; 14 "So are we!"; 15 Ireland nickname; 16 Each, informally; 17 Corporate makeover, for short; 18 Grocery's sandwich section; 19 Film-rating org.'s former name; 20 Early a.m. hot beverage; 23 ___ day now (soon); 24 Borscht veggie; 25 Of roses, orchids...; 28 Assemble with thread; 29 Two-___ paper towels; 30 Finance degree: Abbr.; 31 Australian bearlike beast; 34 Soft French cheese; 36 Rove around; 37 Nap taken following lunch; 40 Street or avenue; 41 Food safety agcy.; 42 Evaluates; 43 Raggedy doll; 44 And so on: Abbr.; 45 Police officer; 46 Makes fun of; 48 Deliberately avoid; 50 Air quality org.; 53 Wee-hours guard guy

- AROUND THE CLOCK by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com; 56 STOP or YIELD building; 58 Historical periods; 59 Last but not ___; 60 Legal rights org.; 61 Chauffeur-driven car; 62 Stand up; 63 Salon colorings; 64 "Tender" beef; 65 Parcels (out); DOWN: 1 Thailand neighbor; 2 Apply to, as a liniment; 3 "Bedtime" reading; 4 Trumpet or bugle; 5 Toon bruin; 6 Narrow shelf; 7 Construct, as a; 8 Grain tower; 9 Cold's nasal-sound symptoms; 10 Brief movie role; 11 Highest in height; 12 "Constrictor" snake; 13 Masseuse's employer; 21 Just published; 22 Go by plane; 26 Subside gradually; 27 Tibetan priests; 28 Snow vehicle; 29 ___ colada cocktail; 31 Gold purity measure; 32 "Six ___ , half a dozen..."; 33 Leaning somewhat; 34 Variety of pear; 35 Fishing pole; 36 Harvest, as crops; 38 Discarded part of a pecan; 39 Unbreakable, as a rule; 44 Brain scan letters; 45 Shorten in length; 47 Nasal passage; 48 Hindu mentor; 49 Is wearing; 50 Letter sent online; 51 Out of style; 52 Starts a poker pot; 54 Half a sextet; 55 Medal of Honor recipient; 56 Feeling blue; 57 Frosty

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-65.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Otter Tail Power Company Case No. PU-23-342 2023 Electric Rate Increase Application NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING On November 2, 2023. Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) filed a Notice for Change in Rates for Electric Service under North Dakota Century Code Section 49-05-05 and North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-09-02-01. OTP proposes a \$17.36 million or 8.43% increase in its annual North Dakota electric revenues. The proposed rates would affect OTP's service to all of its retail electric customers in North Dakota. Interim rates subject to refund were approved on December 13, 2023. Public Input Sessions will be held June 20, 2024, at 12:00 pm Central Time and June 20, 2024, at 5:30 pm Central Time in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. A Public Hearing is scheduled to begin July 29, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Central Time in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

City of Sanborn City Meeting March 13, 2024 Present: Charlie Brandenberg, Bob Podoll, Dusty Meyer, Linda Korf, Vickie Lura, Nick Hoffart Meeting called to order by Charlie @ 7:PM, minutes read motion to approve made by Vickie 2nd by Linda M/C unanimously. New Business: 1. Dogs at large send out letter to Brenda Shank about dogs loose, all dogs are to be on a leash and needs to supply vet records. 2. Utilities bills late fee will go to \$25 a month on the 15th motion made by Bob 2nd by Nick M/C unanimously. 3. Water meters repair on meters or replaced after frozen will be charge to home owner. 4. Check with Frank on Clean up. 5. Curb stop is bent at Sue Hoffart. 6. Light pole at Aubrey LaRocque needs to be put back up, contact Ot-tetail 7. Bid from L&S trucking motion to approve made by Bob 2nd by Linda M/C unanimously. 8. Permit for Sheyenne Valley Flag Corp Nick made a motion to approve 2nd by Linda M/C unanimously. Review bills balance sheet and financials motion to approve made by Bob 2nd Vickie M/C unanimously. Motion to adjourn made by Vickie 2nd by Linda M/C unanimously. Bills: BF Visa \$32.59, BC Highway \$135, BEK \$44.47, BRW \$1447.20, Dalstad & Ryan \$263, Fargo Lab \$14, Kathy Nelson \$450.75, Ottertail \$910.40, MDU \$110.87, Sanitation Spec \$1626, Sweeney Control \$540, T record \$54, Valley Officeworks \$145.98, Wages \$999.69, being published subject to the governing body's review revision. Submitted by Julie Franklin: Auditor (May 7, 2024)

1. What is the value of OTP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota? 2. What is OTP's rate of return on its property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota? 3. What is a just and reasonable rate of return on OTP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota? 4. What rates and charges are necessary to provide a just and reasonable rate of return on OTP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota? 5. Are OTP's rate schedules designed in such a manner that they result in a basis of charge to its customers that is just and reasonable without undue discrimination?

The public is encouraged to view the Public Input Sessions electronically via https://psc.nd.gov/public/meetings/live.php or listen telephonically via 1-888-585-9008 with room code 671-872-185. The public is also invited to appear and participate in the Public Input Sessions at the State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota. The Commission will receive public input through the following methods: • In-person • Virtually/Video Conference - The public may provide input via video conference at the following link during the public input sessions. https://meet.goto.com/506590997 • Written - Written public input may be submitted through email via ndpsc@nd.gov or by mail addressed to: Executive Secretary, 600 East Boulevard Ave, Dept 408, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480 • Telephonic - The public may provide input over the phone by calling 701-328-4081 to be placed on a list. On June 20, 2024, the Commission will call you back during the designated public input session. Petitions to Intervene are governed by North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-02-05. However, the Commission encourages anyone wishing to become a party to this proceeding to file a Petition to Intervene as early in the process as possible to allow, if granted intervenor status, full participation in prehearing filings and other actions. Consequently, anyone wishing to become a party should file a Petition to Intervene by May 20, 2024. A Petition to Intervene does not need to be filed to participate in the Public Input Sessions. For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance. Issued: April 29, 2024 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Sheri Haugen-Hoffart, Commissioner Randy Christmann, Chair Julie Fedorchak, Commissioner (May 7, 2024)

City Meeting April 10, 2024 Present: Charlie Brandenberg, Bob Podoll, Nick Hoffart, Linda Korf, Julie Franklin, Vickie Lura, Dusty Meyer Meeting called to order by Charlie at 7pm, minutes read, motion to approve made by Bob 2nd by Vickie M/C unanimously. New Business 1. City clean up May 6, 2024 2. Mowing bids 1, Charlie Brandenberg, motion to approve made by Linda 2nd by Bob M/C unanimously 3. Nick made a motion to allocate prairie dog fund for drainage, door for Shop, and road in front of fire hall, 2nd by Vickie M/C unanimously 4. Put ad for bids on drainage clean out. Review financials balance sheet and bills Bob made a motion to approve 2nd by Nick M/C unanimously Motion to adjourn made by Vickie 2nd by Linda M/C unanimously Bills: BF Visa \$47.05, Tax Equalization \$788, BEK \$44.30, BRW \$1792.05, Fargo Lab \$14, J Franklin \$103.85 Job Service \$28.35, MDU \$101.54, Ottertail \$938.88, Sanitation Spec \$1626 US Treasury \$516.38, USDA \$1538, Wages \$992.76, being published subject to the governing body's review revision. Submitted by Julie Franklin Auditor (May 7, 2024)

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