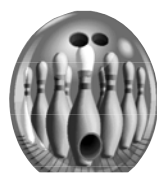


# Oakes Bowling Results

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## Mens League-Week 15 Results

Monday Men's Team Standings		High Game	
Angry Beaver Lodge	16 4	Tristan Nelson	252
Scoop's	11 9	Tyler Anderson	247
Tornado Stop	10 10	Mason Deering	233
Team 1	3 17	High Series	
		Tyler Anderson	623
		Tristan Nelson	613
		Dean Atkinson	581

Wednesday Men's Team Standings		High Game	
Gentzkow Trucking	16 4	Rory Gentskow	241
Harris Machine	15 5	Rory Gentskow	225
Visto's Carquest	13 7	Tyler Voightman	222
Carlson Farm	7 13	High Series	
Ludden Tavern	6 14	Rory Gentskow	637
Butcher Shop	3 17	Rory Gentskow	596
		Tyler Voightman	560

## Women's League- Week 15 Results

Thursday Women's Team Standings		High Game	
James Valley Grain	15 5	Dana Thorpe	200
Angry Beaver Lodge	13 7	Lona Hermes	191
B & B Garden	9.5 10.5	Mary Sautner	173
Monkey hut	8.5 11.5	High Series	
Last Shot	7 13	Dana Thorpe	496
502 Flair	7 13	Lona Hermes	494
		Mary Sautner	449

## Cooper's Corner

by Martha MacLeod



### Dog Sitter

There are times when an opportunity arises and you just have to do it. My niece, Delfina, lives in Daly City, a suburb of San Francisco. She just completed a year with her company and had sick leave benefits. But she had to take them before the end of the year. So my brother, Carl, in Nevada and I decided to go visit her. He drove down and I flew. After booking my flight I called Milnor to reserve a kennel for Cooper. No luck! They were full for the holidays.

Not sure what to do I heard that Johanna was good with dogs and that she came to the house. She came to visit us and arrangements were made. When she came back again a few days later Cooper began to suspect something was about to happen. She went home to get her overnight bag and Cooper got up on my lap. He was very sad as he started talking to me. The sound of his voice conveyed his message. "Don't go. Please don't leave me. I can't live without you," he cried. It was so sad it tugged at my heart. He curled up on my chest and we both felt the pain of the coming separation. When Johanna came back I took my small roller bag out to the garage. Cooper stood on the kitchen table looking out at me. I prayed for the best.

The next day while I was changing planes in Denver I called Johanna to see how things were going. She said he was fine and that he got into bed with her at night and slept beside her. I was relieved. I had only three

nights in a hotel in San Francisco so I knew we could hold out.

The visit with my niece was awesome. Carl drove us across the Golden Gate Bridge and we saw the boats docked in Sausalito and the cute little tourist shops all lined up. We drove to the Embarcadero and Pier 39 and saw the open air market and more shops for tourists. That was the first day.

The second day we drove to Pacifica and watched the waves come rolling in roaring like thunder. It was impressive. Then we drove south along Highway One to Half Moon Bay. It was all green. No white snow or brown fields. There were short stubby trees blown by the wind and bent over. There were tall evergreens with crooked branches and on the beaches was sand washed up to the road by powerful waves. It was spectacular.

Next morning I flew home getting to Oakes about noon on New Year's Eve Day. Cooper met me at the door. He jumped and jumped. He licked my face and he hugged and jumped some. I sat on the sofa and he climbed into my lap. It was a joyful reunion. Then Cooper began to talk to me. This time it wasn't so sad. In fact, he told me how awful it was that I left him and how he waited and waited for me. He kept talking until he got it all out. He was not happy that I went off without him. Johanna said that the day before I came home he went to her and cried with a tear in his eye. But that was past now.

Johanna packed up her overnight bag and left. But Cooper kept looking at the door. The rest of that day he wanted to be sure she wasn't coming back and that I wouldn't leave.

The next day was New Year's Day. We had a quiet morning and then we went for a ride. Once we had been in the car and spent some time together in the back yard Cooper settled down into our normal routine. Life is grand on Sixth Street North, Oakes, ND.

# LIBRARY CORNER

REVIEWS SUBMITTED BY JEANINE PAHL

**The Frozen River**  
by Ariel Lawhon. A gripping historical novel inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th century midwife who bucked the legal system. Martha has documented every birth and death in her community, one of which has recently been found dead. She is privy to everything that happens in her small town and comes up against a local doctor who undermines her documentation of the cause of death of this privileged gentleman.

**Track Her Down**  
by Melinda Lee. (Bree Taggart) Teenager Claire Mason returns

home from work to find her parents shot to death in their bedroom. Sheriff Taggart realized that this is not a burglary gone wrong, but an execution. Could Claire be the suspect, or the next victim?

**See How They Hide**  
by Allison Brennan. (Quinn & Costa Thriller #6) What are the chances that two people can be murdered at the exact same time and under the exact same circumstances? Better yet, they were murdered at the opposite sides of the country? Is there a link between the two victims? And why were they targeted?

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### City Council Meeting December 10, 2024

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Sitzler, Council: Day, Hernandez-Waite, Hollingsworth and Kelly. Employees present: Matt O'Brien, Lee Bredeson, Chad Raatz, Steve Bernston, Fallon Kelly and Zasha Johnson.

**Engineer Report:** Brandon Reber spoke about the water committee meeting regarding the updates needed at the water plant and discussed steps going forward to secure grant funding for a portion of the project. Reber will start the grant process. Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to approve invoice for street project, carried. Kelly moved, Day second to approve invoice for water plant assistance, carried.

**Minutes, Auditor and Court Report:** Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to approve minutes, carried. Kelly moved, Day second to approve auditor reports, carried. Day moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve police department report, carried.

**Special Event Permit:** Day moved, Hollingsworth second to approve special event permit as presented, carried.

Angry Beaver Lodge @ Growing Small Towns

Bills:	Kelly moved, Day second to approve bills as listed, roll call approved
Aflac	118.10
American Welding	80.32
Aqua Pure	3103.36
Avid Hawk	200.00
AW Diesel	353.88
Bituminous Paving	16582.99
Central Business Systems	175.53
City of Fargo	168.00
Computer Express	400.00
Dakota Improvement	1102.50
Dakota Valley	623.00
Derek Toepke	789.79
Dickey County Recorder	20.00
DRN	917.57
Economy Oil	796.53
Fabian Pest Control	105.00
General Irrigation	79.00
Information Technology	130.10
John Deere Financial	24250.96
Kustom Machine	179.54
Mertz Lumber	365.23

MFOA	40.00
Moore Engineering	65538.37
Napa	900.40
ND Dept of Enviro Quality	
	37.87
NDPERS-Insurance	20123.18
NDPERS-Retirement	8,066.37
ND Sewage Pump Lift Station	1560.00
Nelson Auto Center	29766.00
Northern Truck Equipment	
	784.50
Novak Electric	1254.10
Oakes Area Chamber	2613.00
OEI	13068.30
Oakes Times	257.50
Oakes Truck & Trailer	417.78
One Call	4.50
Ottertail	7495.75
Pitney Bowes	164.97
Praska's Hardware	465.31
Rods Cleaning	80.00
Schwan Welding & Boiler Repair	840.00
Starion Bank	2,407.04
Sweeney Controls	420.00
Sweets & Stories	94.33
Thein Well	370.00
Tornado Stop	2200.37
Verizon	487.89
Visa-library	284.63
Visa-city	647.83
Vistos Carquest	262.51
Waste Management	11789.41
Salaries	53384.90
Payroll Taxes	12556.06

Hollingsworth moved, Day second to approve any last-minute bills up to \$1,000.00 that are received before year end, carried.

**Committee Reports:** Kelly reported on the spotlight on Highway 1, he and officer Sitzler contacted a representative from Mobotrex. They were able to change the timing of the spotlight and will monitor the new settings to determine if they are sufficient. Also, discussed getting an annual inspection done on the control panel. Kelly moved, Day second to approve annual inspection, carried. The landfill use agreement for contractors that have full time access was reviewed, Hollingsworth moved, Day second to begin using the agreement, carried. The public works crew is still having issues with the sand truck after multiple attempts to fix the problems.

Kelly moved, Hollingsworth second to have Kustom Machine look at the truck to determine if they could make repairs, carried. A streetlight near Burlwood was damaged due to a car accident, Parson's electric will be reaching out with an estimate to replace the light pole. Chief O'Brien informed the council that Officer Toepke completed firearms training and is now certified to qualify the other officers. First Noel event was a success, 44 kids benefited from the program. The rain gutter was installed on the south side of the building, now the ceiling in the meeting room will need to be repaired. Street signage around town was discussed, several signs are damaged or aged. Inquired if Moore Engineering was aware of any standards for placement or analysis used to determine what type of sign is appropriate at intersections. Reber will research and provide any information he finds. There is a pickup in cold storage from an accident, the case has cleared the court system. Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to direct Attorney F. Kelly to take necessary action to sell/auction the vehicle, carried. The state has announced that all first responders must order their new radios by March of 2025. It was asked if there are city funds that could be utilized by all first responder entities, such as Prairie Dog Funds or Sales Tax Funds. F. Kelly will review the ordinance in relation to use of sales and lodging taxes. A full review of City Ordinances was discussed, F. Kelly has completed this process for other cities in the past, he will provide an estimate of cost as this is outside the scope of his regular monthly duties. The John Deere Loader one year warranty is almost up, they reached out regarding an inspection to ensure there are no issues that could be covered before the warranty ends. Kelly moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve the payloador inspection, carried.

**Unfinished Business:**  
One bid for the City owned lots was received and opened, the bid for \$7,000 included a contingency that water and sewer service lines be made available to the lots if not already available. The business plan is for office and retail space on the ground floor with one or

two apartments on the second floor. Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to accept the bid, motion failed. After discussion Hollingsworth moved, Day second to accept the contingent bid with a City contingency as follows: bidder must apply and obtain a building permit by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 and commence construction by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 upon penalty of reverter to the City, carried. Remaining SLFRF (ARPA) funds must be obligated by December 31<sup>st</sup>, Day moved, Kelly second to obligate the funds to the street improvement project, carried.

**New Business:** Employee Appreciation: Day moved, Hollingsworth second to present full and part-time employees with Oakes Bucks in appreciation of their work throughout the year, carried. Cost of Living adjustments were discussed, Mayor Sitzler inquired about annual reviews, at this time they are not done as previous councils determined any employee issues are dealt with at the time they occur and to not wait to address them during an annual review. This council would like to revisit that in 2025 and possibly reinstate annual reviews. Hollingsworth moved, Day second to approve a 4% cost of living adjustment for 2025 for all employees, carried.

**Announcements & Correspondence:**  
City Hall Closed Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup>.  
(January 9, 2025)

Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM.  
(January 9, 2025)

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