

Summer Reading Students of the Week



K-3rd Grade: Annika Midstokke

Friends of Fine Arts and Academics is proud to sponsor the Summer Reading Students of the Week. Each week when students attend Summer Reading, they can be chosen as a Student of the Week. The lucky winners receive Oakes Bucks from Friends of



4th and Older: Dominik Peterkovic

Fine Arts and Academics, and an Oakes Tornadoes sign to display in their yard for the week! Summer Reading is held from 10:00 am – 1:30 pm every Tuesday in June and July (with the exception of July 2) at the Oakes School and Public Library. Happy reading!

LIBRARY CORNER

REVIEWS SUBMITTED BY JEANINE PAHL

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The Teacher of Auschwitz
by Wendy Holden
Based on a true story. Twenty-seven-year old Fredy Hirsch risked everything to teach the imprisoned children of Auschwitz. As a teacher in the concentration camp Fredy was the bright spot in the student's lives. He risked his life every day to protect them from danger. But could he teach the students how to survive?

The Secret Daughter
by Kelly Rimmer
Finding out that she was adopted during her pregnancy shattered Sabrina's life. She knows about her "after", but what about her "before"? How could her birth mother give her up, and why did her adoptive parents keep it a secret all these years?
With a Vengeance
by Riley Sager

Anna Matheson lost six members of her family in 1942, twelve years later she is ready for retribution. Coyle, she lures the people she thinks are guilty to an overnight journey on a luxury train going to Chicago from Philadelphia. Expecting confessions, she was ready to hand the guilty parties over to the police, but before that could happen there was a murder. Anna needs to figure out who the murderer is before morning..

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We continue to have a generous collection of Large Print books from NDSL. Stop by and look! Bookworm Discovery Class - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the library. (Year round) Lego Lovers - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00. (September-May)

**FEDORCHAK FORUM:**  
**CONVERSATIONS WITH CONSTITUENTS!**

Join the statewide discussion with Congresswoman Julie Fedorchak. Julie will answer questions and discuss key legislative priorities in real time!

**July 21st at 6:00pm CT**

Scan the QR code or visit our website to sign-up to participate.

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**kids' corner**

**World FACT:**

Thailand, the United States and the United Kingdom often appear on lists that say they have a lot of this.

Answer: Traffic

**Creative Coloring**  
Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.



**Double Word Puzzle**  
Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

SREIT 1 2 3 4  
AFTS 5 6  
NRUTK 7 8 9  
RCSA 10

4 1 7 10 9 2 8 1 3 8 5 5 2 10

Answer: Stuck in traffic

**THIS DAY IN HISTORY**

**12**

**1851:** Isaac Singer is granted a patent for his sewing machine.

**1914:** The United Kingdom and the British Empire declare war on Austria-Hungary.

**1981:** The IBM Personal Computer is released.

**NEW WORD**  
**CONGESTION**  
a state of crowding or accumulation

**How they say that in...**

**English:** Traffic  
**Spanish:** Tráfico  
**Italian:** Traffico  
**French:** Circulation  
**German:** Verkehr

**Did You Know?**

Traffic officers enforce traffic laws and help manage the flow of traffic.



**Get the PICTURE?**



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Traffic cone

# Public Notices

**City Council Meeting June 10, 2025**  
The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Sitzler, Council: Hernandez-Waite, Day, Harris, Kelly and Hollingsworth. Employees present: Chad Raatz, Lee Bredeson, Fallon Kelly, Matt O'Brien and Zasha Johnson.  
**Engineer Report:** Reber presented an update on construction and timeline for the summer. Areas of concern were listed to review as punch-list items. The county does not have parcel information available on GIS and this information would be very helpful for the assessment process. The additional hours needed to gather and input the data would be included as part of the project engineering costs, this information will be included with GIS map of water, sewer and become property of the city. Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to complete the parcel information for GIS mapping, carried. Harris moved, Day second to approve contractor's application for payment to Bituminous Paving, carried. Harris moved, Day second to approve Moore invoice 002698, carried. Water plant improvements are in the design stage, will schedule a committee meeting in July.  
**Minutes, Auditor and Court Reports:** Day moved, Harris second to approve minutes, carried. Harris moved, Day second to approve police report, carried. Harris moved, Hollingsworth second to approve auditor reports, carried.  
**Building Permit:** Day moved, Kelly second to approve permits as presented, carried. Raatz was directed to make sure water flow would not be affected by the curb cut.  
1. Deck- Lot 2 & W1/2 Of Lot 3 Blk 11 Original Plat  
2. Driveway Curb Cut - N 75' Of S 230' Of W 150' & S 10' Of W 80' Of N 150' Of Outlot A Bittmans  
**Gaming Site Authorization/Gaming Permit:** Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to approve gaming site authorization for the Hole in One Foundation at The Angry Beaver Lodge and Harvest Inn, carried. Harris moved, Day second to approve 50/50 raffle permit for the Bear Creek Roughriders, carried.  
**Special Event Permit:** Harris moved, Day second to approve special event permit for Harvest Inn at Hockenberry Park, carried.  
**Annual Alcohol Licenses:** Harris moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve special event permits as listed, carried.  
1. Angry Beaver Lodge; On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor  
2. The Last Shot; On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings  
3. Shadow Lanes; On Sale for Beer Only plus Sunday Openings  
4. Scoops Liquor; Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings  
5. Harvest Inn, On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings

6. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to approve American Legion Sportscar; On & Off Sale for Beer & Liquor plus Sunday Openings including the south parking lot; requiring patrons to use the south door to access the outdoor area, not the front door, carried.  
**Bills:** Kelly moved, Harris second to approve bills except Parson's bill for light pole from accident, carried.  
Aflac 118.10  
Agtegra 33.00  
American Welding & Gas 40.86  
Aqua Pure 4,315.06  
Avid Hawk 200.00  
Bituminous Paving 137555.44  
Central Business Systems 203.04  
City of Fargo 42.00  
Dakota Improvement 6979.05  
Dakota Supply Group 735.44  
Dakota Valley Electric 338.00  
DRN 969.65  
Fabian Pest Control 210.00  
GS Services 900.00  
Information Tech 151.60  
Interstate Power Systems 2793.95  
John Deere Financial 152.40  
Jones & Kelly Attys. At Law 2360.00  
Linde Gas & Equip 166.17  
Millers Food 11.90  
Moore Engineering 19469.75  
Napa 841.45  
ND One Call 33.00  
NDPERS INS 20,127.72  
NDPERS-Retirement 9,938.26  
Newman Signs 2532.88  
OEI 11,181.01  
Oakes Fire District 500.00  
Oakes Times 2378.30  
Oakes Truck & Trailer 4866.31  
Otter Tail Power 7,685.03  
Parsons Electric 13433.00  
Pitney Bowes 164.97  
Praska's 891.74  
R2 Inc. 18500.00  
Rod's Cleaning 80.00  
Sheyenne Tooling 1127.50  
Starion Bank 2,407.04  
Stryker Sales 450.00  
Tornado Stop 2584.09  
Valley Plains 152.40  
Verizon 466.40  
Visa Credit Card-City 701.65  
Visa Credit Card-library 612.73  
Vistos 250.03  
Waste Management 15673.52  
West Side Auto 50.00  
Payroll Taxes 16,031.07  
Salaries 69,587.57  
**Visitors:** Dylan Hollingsworth on behalf of Oakes PTO presented drawings for new playground equipment at the school and explained they were soliciting donations to purchase the equipment and if the city would be able to donate. After discussion the council declined to donate.  
**Committee Reports:** Mayor Sitzler thanked Raatz for his community support and extra help with various project. Harris commended the police department on their work in the recent large situation. Kelly spoke with Raatz about finished the remaining water meters, they will make a large push to get them done in the next months. Sewer main on Juniper was televised and is inundated with tree roots, Dakota Improvement will make repairs. Kelly requested information on the recycling program and any contracts in place. The amount of recycling has drastically decreased since the service started, may no longer be finan-

cially feasible to continue. Returning to bailing cardboard was also discussed. Day also commended the police department for their handling of the recent situation; it was a long case with many departments involved. Hollingsworth stated the garbage truck tires need to be replaced, will move forward with that soon. He also asked about ordinances regarding shipping containers, policy is in place with several requirements that need to be followed. Construction roll-off containers on City streets were also questioned, the weight of the container and duration it sits there can cause damage to the asphalt. A letter will be sent to the post office regarding their construction roll-off that has been placed there for months with work no longer happening. Johnson will start researching and working on grants for the spotlight, reaching out to Wastyn & Associates for any needed information. A letter will be sent to a resident that was recently discovered to have ducks on their property asking them to remove the animals. Hernandez-Waite discussed several alleys that have trees hanging over them and are causing issues with driving vehicles. Letters will be sent to the property owners identified as having overgrown trees. Two old, non-working, lawnmowers are stored in cold storage at the community center, two individuals submitted bids to purchase the mowers. Harris moved, Day second to accept the highest bid, carried. Chief O'Brien informed the council that Tim Jordan will once again be assisting the police department during Irrigation Days.  
**Unfinished Business:** The state recently passed legislation allowing cities to adopt an ordinance allowing golf carts on city streets. There are several requirements including operation by a licensed driver, no driving after dark and not exceeding 15 mph, among others. Kelly moved, Hollingsworth second to amend Chapter 9 of the city ordinances to include 9.2005 Golf Carts on City Streets, carried with Day voting Nay. This will be considered the first reading of the amendment, a second reading will take place at the July council meeting.  
**New Business:** The state passed legislation requiring government bodies to provide opportunity for public comments at meetings. Each entity must have a policy addressing this opportunity. F. Kelly presented a resolution for the city of Oakes policy. Hollingsworth moved, Day second to approve the resolution as presented, carried. Harris moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve property tax exemptions for Lots 7-9 Block 5 Reko's Addn. for licensed daycare services, carried. Harris moved, Day second to approve resolution for Auditor's bond of \$1,958,500.00, carried. A request was made to purchase the empty lots on the 400 block of Main Avenue, council agreed to put the lots up for bid using the same requirements from the 2024 bid request. A street light pole near Burlwood was damaged in a traffic accident 2024, Parson's Electric recently received the new pole and had it installed. F. Kelly drafted a letter to the party that caused the damage demanding payment to the city for the cost of replacement, council directed F. Kelly to send the letter.  
**Announcements & Correspondence:** Chamber invite to the dedication of Union Square, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

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Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to adjourn the meeting at 7:34

MAYOR ATTEST  
(minutes subject to correction and approval at the next regular meeting)  
(Published in the Oakes Times July 17, 2025)

**Amendment of Chapter 9 OAKES Revised Ordinances Addition of Section 9.2005 "Golf Carts on City Streets"**  
WE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKES, NORTH DAKOTA, do hereby amend Chapter 9 by adding section 9.2005 as follows:  
Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of OAKES, DICKEY County, North Dakota, that the Ordinances be amended by adding section 9.2005 to read as follows:  
9.2005 Golf Carts on City Streets  
1. In addition to the provisions of North Dakota Century Code Section 40-05-22, as amended, and subsequent amendments thereto, the following rules and regulations shall govern the operation of golf carts within the City limits as follows:  
a. Because operators of golf carts will have to drive on public streets within the City, all operators must be licensed motor vehicle drivers within the State of North Dakota.  
b. Golf carts may be operated within the City of OAKES only for the purposes of daytime travel and may not be operated within the City at night.  
c. The speed limit for golf carts within the city is 15 miles per hour.  
[] Golf carts may not be operated on any federal, state, or county highways in the city, except for the perpendicular crossing of those roadways.  
[] Golf carts that are operated on the city streets in accordance with this ordinance are exempt from the title, registration, and equipment provisions of title 39 of the N.D.C.C. However, all golf carts operated upon the city streets shall be insured and the operator shall provide proof of the same upon request by law enforcement. No golf cart shall have upon it more people than the golf cart is designed to carry as determined by the manufacturer and there is a presumption that every golf cart is limited to 3 human passengers which presumption may be rebutted by the person cited with violation of this ordinance by presenting a manufacturer's certified statement regarding the same.  
2. Penalties – Every person convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor.  
Be it so ordained this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.  
CITY OF OAKES  
Doug Sitzler, Mayor  
(Published in the Oakes Times, July 17, 2025)

**SUDOKU**

No. 760 Easy

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|   |   |   | 2 |   | 7 |   |   |   |
|   | 6 | 3 |   |   |   |   | 2 |   |
| 6 |   |   |   | 3 |   | 2 |   | 5 |
|   |   |   |   | 6 |   |   |   |   |
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Previous solution - Very Hard

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| 8 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 9 |
| 2 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| 5 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| 6 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 5 |
| 9 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 2 |
| 4 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 6 |

To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely.

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