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CITY OF OAKES
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OAKES WATER TREATMENT
PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
MOORE PROJECT NO. 20210

General Notice
Owner is requesting electronic Bids for the construction of the project listed above.

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received and accepted via electronic bid (vBid) through Quest CDN until January 29, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. local time. Bids will be viewed and read via video/phone conference at 10:30 a.m. Mailed or hand delivered bids will not be opened or considered. Link for the video/phone conference is provided at www.mooreengineeringinc.com by clicking the Bid Information tab, or at www.Quest CDN.com .

The Project includes the following Work: Water Treatment Plant Improvements including controls, process and chemical room upgrades, well improvements, and other miscellaneous items.

Separate Bids will be received for the following Contracts:

1. General Construction
2. Electrical Construction

Digital project bidding documents will be available at www.mooreengineeringinc.com by clicking the Bid Information tab, or at www.Quest CDN.com. You may download the complete set of digital documents for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 by locating eBidDoc™ Number 10007392 on the website. Contact Quest CDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@Quest CDN.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information, and vBid online bid submittal questions.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Moore Engineering, Inc.
925 10th Ave E, West Fargo, ND 58078

Each bid must be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal and a Bidder's bond in a sum equal to 5% of the full amount of the Bid, executed by the Bidder as principal and by a surety, conditioned that if the principal's bid is accepted and a Contract is awarded to the principal, the principal, within 10 days after notice of the award, will execute a Contract in accordance with the terms of the Bid and the Bid bond, as required by law, and the regulations

and conditions of Owner.
ALL BID BONDS MUST BE ON THE BID BOND FORM INCLUDED IN THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS. The surety must be licensed to do business in North Dakota, and must be listed as a certified surety in the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Circular 570. A countersignature of a bid bond is not required. If the City of Oakes elects to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, and the lowest responsible bidder does not execute a contract within 10 days, the bidder's bond will be forfeited to the City of Oakes, and the City of Oakes may award the project to the next lowest responsible bidder.

Each bidder must possess a valid North Dakota contractor's license for the full amount of their bid, as required by N.D.C.C. § 43-07-07. Each Bidder MUST enclose a copy of their Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal, issued by the North Dakota Secretary of State, and each license or Certificate of Renewal must be valid and dated at least 10 days prior to the date set for bid opening, as required under N.D.C.C. § 43-07-12.

No bid may be read or considered if the bid does not fully comply with the requirements of this section and that any deficient bid submitted must be resealed and returned to the bidder immediately.

City of Oakes reserves the right to reject any and all bids and rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received.

The City of Oakes will not read or consider any bid that does not include a proper Bidder's bond and contractor's license or renewal, as described above, and does not otherwise fully comply with the requirements of N.D.C.C. § 48-01.2-05. The City of Oakes will reject any deficient bid submitted and return it to the bidder immediately. The City of Oakes reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: City of Oakes
By: Zasha Johnson
Title: Auditor
Date: January 13, 2026
(Submitted to the Oakes Times 1/15/2026, 1/22/2026)

NDSU Study Reveals \$6,600 Cost of Losing Only Six Inches of Topsoil

Losing six inches of topsoil could cost farmers more than \$6,600 in nutrients and organic matter, according to a new analysis by North Dakota State University researchers.

Topsoil is the most fertile layer of a soil, rich in microbial activity and essential for crop production. When it erodes, thousands of dollars' worth of nutrients and organic matter erode with it.

NDSU researchers' findings showed that the cost of direct nutrient loss and nutrient loss due to organic matter loss totals over \$1,100 for every inch of lost topsoil, or \$6,600 for a 6-inch layer.

These numbers show that soil erosion is an economic issue, not just an environmental one, says Naeem Kalwar, NDSU soil health specialist at the Langdon Research Extension Center. "Protecting topsoil from erosion is crucial. That layer is where farmers plant seed, and it is responsible for feeding the world."

Soil erosion, which is the loss of soil sediments or material, can happen due to wind, water and tillage. Tillage can worsen wind- and water-related erosion by loosening the soil. When topsoil erodes into roadside ditches, it pollutes the drinking water for humans and livestock.

"Farmers, ranchers and landowners will eventually have to pay to replace those nutrients," says Kalwar.

Kalwar set out to determine the value of an inch of topsoil in terms of replacing lost crop nutrients and organic matter. Researchers collected a 6-inch-deep sample of topsoil that had eroded into a roadside ditch from an adjoining field and sent

it to a soil testing laboratory for a comprehensive fertility analysis. Results showed appreciable quantities of essential plant nutrients and a significant amount of soil organic matter.

After calculating the cost of replacing the nitrogen, phosphorus, potash, sulfate-sulfur and iron present in the lost 6 inches of soil through commercial fertilizers, researchers determined the replacement cost to be \$2,541.22, or \$423.54 for every inch of lost topsoil. In addition, replacing nutrients associated with organic matter loss added another \$4,141.73, or \$690.28 per inch. Combined, the total cost is \$1,113.82 per inch, or \$6,682.95 for six inches.

While fertilizers can replace nutrients, rebuilding soil organic matter could take decades, even with the adoption of best management practices. A study at the NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center determined that soil organic matter increases by 1% after 27 years of consistent livestock manure applications. Based on that rate, replacing the 5.7% of organic matter lost from six inches of topsoil could take approximately 154 years, or nearly two lifetimes.

"Preventing erosion is far more cost-effective than trying to rebuild the soil," says Kalwar. "Simple practices like reduced tillage and cover crops can save thousands over time."

The full research report is available at ndsu.ag/erosion-cost. For research-based strategies to protect soil health and prevent erosion, visit ag.ndsu.edu/soilhealth.

Submitted by Naeem Kelwar

Oakes Boys Basketball Team's Impressive Scores!

1. VS Glen Ullin/Hebron: W 70 - 50 (Away)
2. VS Leola-Frederick: L 54 - 65 (Away)
3. VS Ellendale: W 48 - 36 (Home)
4. VS Linton/HMB: W 69 - 36 (Home)
5. VS Aberdeen Roncalli: W 66 - 54 (Away)
6. VS Napoleon/G-S: W 60 - 34 (Away)
7. VS Edgeley/Kulm/Montpelier: W 69 - 53 (Home)
8. VS Lisbon L 54 - 56 (Away)

Scores posted by ndhsaanow.com

The Varsity Boys Basketball are doing amazing with their performance with a crystal clear show of their games won and also scoring no less than 60 points expect 3 outliers.

By numbers alone they have started a very outstanding



record and personally I believe they will continue their streak until the end. If momentum is kept along with that intensity they have shown so far, I wouldn't be suprised at the oppurtunity of being the 2026 state competitors.

Not to say that other teams are going to blow over at the sight of our tornadoes. Although there isn't much you can do when a wedge of a team is spinning straight to you on the court.

-Written by Bryson Mckown

Tornadoes GBB Couldn't Overcome Bulldog's Lead

The Oakes Tornadoes were unable to come back after falling behind early to the Sargent County Bulldogs losing by a score of 49-24.

The game started with the Bulldogs going 8/14 from the field in the opening quarter while allowing Oakes only 4 field goals. Karleigh Kadoun scored 10 in the opening frame as well to give Sargent County a 21-8 lead. The Bulldogs slightly extended their lead in the 2nd quarter as neither team was able to score too much as the lead would extend to 28-13 at the half.

There would be no changing in score differential as neither

team could get a solid foothold in the 3rd quarter with a score of 34-19. The Bulldogs would lock it up the 4th going on a 15-5 run in the quarter to win the game 49-24.

The Tornadoes shot 11/33 unofficially with Aliyah Friedt leading the way with 12 going 6/10. Sargent County went 19/49 unofficially with Karleigh Kadoun leading the Bulldogs and all around scoring with 15 going 5/13 from the field and 2/4 from the line.

Aliyah Friedt was named Bank North Player of the Game.

Submitted to NewsDakota by Ricky Klaverkamp

Oakes Police Report

12/01/2025 – 2:26 PM:

Motor
Vehicle Accident / Assist
Other Agency
6:34 PM: Misdial
12/02/2025 – 1:48 AM:
Traffic Stop –
Equipment Violation
12:58 PM: Assist Other
Agency – Narcotic Violation
3:31 PM: Abandoned
Vehicle
4:22 PM: Traffic Stop –
Tinted Windows / Suspicious
Activity
4:45 PM: Traffic Stop –

Disregarding Stop Sign

12/03/2025 – 6:19 AM:
Domestic Dispute
5:30 PM: Domestic Dispute/
Civil Standby
12/04/2025 – 11:28 AM:
Medical Assist
5:25 PM: Domestic Dispute
12/05/2025 – 6:26 PM:
Traffic Stop – Exhibition
Driving
8:22 PM: Traffic Stop –
Exhibition Driving
10:05 PM: Traffic Stop –
Exhibition Driving
10:37 PM: Traffic Stop –

Narcotic Violation

12/06/2025 – 5:27 PM:
Traffic Stop – City Ordinance
Violation/Truck Route Violation
5:41 PM: Traffic Stop –
Equipment Violation
12/09/2025 – 9:09 AM:
Motor Vehicle Accident
11:46 PM: Alarm Call
12/10/2025 – 8:46 PM:
Traffic Stop – Equipment
Violation
12/11/2025 – 3:50 PM:
Traffic Stop – Speeding
12/12/2025 – 9:08 AM:
Abandoned Vehicle
5:35 PM: Animal Call
8:14 PM: Misdial
12/13/2025 – 11:19 AM:
Welfare Check
12/14/2025 – 2:15 PM: Drug
Violation
12/15/2025 – 12:00 AM:
Disorderly Conduct
5:39 PM: Medical Assist
12/16/2025 – 6:33 PM:
Misdial
12/18/2025 – 12:29 AM:
Domestic Dispute
3:08 PM: Medical Assist
12/19/2025 – 4:16 PM:

Traffic Stop – Driving Without
a License

12/20/2025 – 10:57 PM:
Alarm Call
12/21/2025 – 10:00 AM:
Medical Assist
12/22/2025 – 6:39 PM:
Medical Assist
7:11 PM: Medical Assist
12/24/2025 – 7:20 PM:
Suspicious Activity
8:01 PM: Traffic Stop –
Disregarding Stop Sign
12/25/2025 – 1:25 PM:
Medical Assist
12/26/2025 – 9:10 PM:
Medical Assist
12/29/2025 – 12:44 PM:
Injury Motor Vehicle Accident
8:58 PM: Forgery Complaint
12/30/2025 – 8:23 AM:
Medical Assist / Investigation /
Crime Report
2:44 PM: Welfare Check
2:59 PM: Search Warrant
12/31/2025 – 11:02 PM:
Alarm Call
11:50 PM: Traffic Stop –
Improper Equipment / Minor in
Possession

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LEVI BACHMEIER
DPI SUPERINTENDENT

January 16, 2026 | 12:30 pm
Oakes Public Schools
Central Office Conference Room

Levi Bachmeier, the new Superintendent of the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, is coming to Oakes! This meeting is open to the community, including parents and any other interested residents. Come and hear about Levi's plans for North Dakota public schools.