

A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank the Oakes Ambulance EMTs who transported our mom, Nadine Greenmyer to Oakes Community Hospital. Thank you also to OCH for the great staff and nurses who treated her with kindness and gentleness in last few days. Thank you also to Oakes Good Samaritan for the care

and compassion for almost 4 years at the nursing home. It does not go unnoticed and it's so greatly appreciated.

Blessings to you all:
Kevon (Karen) Greenmyer & Family
Lori (Wayne) Pritchard & Family
Paula (Spin) Brummund & Family

Oakes Crop Shop Talk set for March 17



The event will provide farmers an opportunity to engage with NDSU researchers and graduate students through demonstrations, presentations and a roundtable-style lunch.

Farmers, crop consultants, agriculture professionals and industry partners are invited to attend the Oakes Crop Shop Talk at North Dakota State University's Oakes Irrigation Research Site. The free event will be held March 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Graduate students and NDSU Extension specialists will present on research projects being conducted in Oakes. Graduate students will be presenting on topics such as evaluating biological products for the management of white mold of soybean, the efficacy of N fertilizer applications and the identification of tar spot on corn. Extension specialists will also provide updates on canola agronomy, fungicides for corn disease management and a demonstration of using the white mold predictive models integrated into the North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network.

"Several research programs from NDSU main campus spend a lot of time down in Oakes running research trials. This is an informal meeting that allows us to demonstrate what research is currently

being done to local farmers and stakeholders with the opportunity for them to give us feedback and opinions on any research topics that they would like to see at the Oakes Site," says Hope Becton, NDSU Research Assistant Professor of soybean pathology. "The main motivation behind this event is to strengthen ties with local communities and farmers to this NDSU Research Site."

Breakfast and lunch will be provided, and there will be an opportunity to interact with event sponsors. A moderated discussion on local farmers' suggested research objectives at the Oakes Irrigation Research Site will be led by Jeff Stachler, NDSU Extension cropping systems specialist.

For the event schedule and registration, visit ndsu.ag/crop-shop-talk26

Registration is encouraged. NDSU's Oakes Irrigation Research Site is located at 9251 ND-1, Robert Titus Research Farm, near Oakes, North Dakota.

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Dakota Datebook: Double Edition Hypnotist McEwen

March 4, 2026 – A traveling hypnotist came to Grand Forks in March of 1897 and mesmerized his audiences night after night in seven performances. The hypnotist, known as the "Great McEwen" or as "Professor McEwen," had a wonderful stage show in which he entertained large audiences with startling feats of mind control and suggestion, all done with care and good humor towards the subjects who volunteered.

Professor McEwen's performance was publicized in the Grand Forks Herald on this date, explaining how the hypnotist had been performing as a "mesmerist" across the nation for the past five years, and that he had recently been in Fargo for a week of performances, where he earned praise for his "amusement making powers."

And McEwen lived up to the hype. He induced two young men into a trance and had them imitate heavyweights in a boxing match with one foot fastened to the floor.

The hypnotist then put a strong young fellow into a deep trance, commanding him to become stiff and then placed him in a position where five men sat upon him like a park-bench. After awakening, the man said he felt fine.

Professor McEwen also hypnotized a dozen men and had them assume a rigid posi-

tion. He then stacked them like cordwood, crisscross, in a human woodpile.

Another night, the hypnotist induced a willing subject to pantomime that he was fishing. The audience howled as the angler pretended to bait his hook, cast, and catch imaginary fish.

The Great McEwen gave the hypnotic suggestion to a "score" of young men and boys to play a baseball game on the stage, pitching, catching, and fielding an imaginary baseball. One participant attempted to steal a base and got so enthused that he slid clear over the edge of the stage – head-first into an audience that went "nearly wild," because the "fun was so funny."

McEwen also put a volunteer into a deep sleep one night, and put him on display in a store window all the next day. He awakened him the following evening

We do not know if Professor McEwen used the classic hypnotic induction of "you are getting sleepy, sleepy." But we do know, from old newspaper stories, that it was a "week of wonder," when Mesmerist McEwen mystified, surprised and entranced his audiences in Grand Forks with his skill and showmanship.

Dakota Datebook written by Dr. Steve Hoffbeck

Public Notices

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BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The Bear Creek Township annual meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at Seasons. Jen Harris, Clerk, Bear Creek Township (Published in the Oakes Times February 26, 2026, March 5, 2026)

RIVERDALE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting for Riverdale Township will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at 810 7th St S in Oakes (Dickey-Sargent Irrigation office). Linda Visto, Clerk (Published in the Oakes Times March 5 & 12, 2026)

DIVIDE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Divide Township annual meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at the Shay Nelson residence. Election of Township Officers. Peg Nelson, Clerk (Published in the Oakes Times March 5 & 12, 2026)

CLEMENT TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Clement Township will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Kalli Bruhn, Clerk, Clement Township (Published in the Oakes Times March 5 & 12, 2026)

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Wright Township, Dickey County, North Dakota, that the Annual Township meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Joey & Trista Gemar residence. Purpose of the Meeting: Review and approval of previous year Annual Financial Report, elect one supervisor for a 3-year term, elect one Clerk/Treasurer for a 1-year term, set the annual budget and levy for the ensuing year, review/approve gravel, blading and snow removal contracts and conduct any other business properly brought before the electors. Trista Gemar, Clerk (Published in the Oakes Times March 5 & 12, 2026)

JAMES RIVER VALLEY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting for James River Valley Township will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2026 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the home of Allyn Reiser. Allyn Reiser, Clerk (Published in the Oakes Times March 5 & 12, 2026)

MAPLE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting for Maple Township will be held Tuesday, March 17th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of the clerk. Ruby Gramlow, Clerk (Published in the Oakes Times March 5 & 12, 2026)

Oakes Lions

2/11-2/17

Melinda Morlock	\$50
Linda Schloer	\$50
Harley Ptacek	\$50
Terry Engel	\$100
Brent Ptacek	\$100
Greg Donadson	\$50
Taydem Johnson	\$50

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Knights of Columbus Raffle 2/16-2/28

Jason Thompson	Oakes \$50	Natalie Erlandson	Oakes \$50
Emary Pahl	Oakes \$50	Lena Gebhardt	Oakes \$50
Jean Schmaltz	Oakes \$50	Neil Klapperich	Oakes \$50
Felix Krumm	Oakes \$50	Lindsey Courtney	Oakes \$50
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OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL BOARD OPENINGS

The annual election for the Oakes Public School district #41 will be held Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

The Directorships to be filled at this election are:
Three-year term from Rural West of Highway 1.
Three-year term from Rural At Large.

Individuals seeking to have their name on the ballot for this office will need to complete the required forms and file with the school Business Manager office before 4:00 PM, April 6, 2026.

The required forms may be obtained at the Oakes Public School Website under School Board or by obtaining forms from the Business Manager at Oakes Public School, 804 Main Ave, Oakes ND 58474 during regular business hours.

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