

Oakes Make Final '25-'26 Boys' Basketball Polls

A big win put the Oakes Tornadoes in the season's last poll. Also staying in are the Wahpeton Huskies. Oakes is fourth in Class B in the final boys ranking of the season and Wahpeton is fourth in Class A. Both polls were released Wednesday by the North Dakota Associated Press Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. Oakes defeated Hankinson on Tuesday 86-74 to win the District 1B championship for the second consecutive year. This is the first time that the Tornadoes have made the top five this season. Wahpeton is up a spot from last week and ranked for the fourth straight time. The Huskies, 16-5 and fourth in a very competitive Region 1 in Class A, will meet Northern Cass in a quarterfinal on Monday. Four Winds-Minnewaukan ended the regular season on top in Class A, as they were for the previous six weeks. Central

McLean is number one in Class B for the 11th straight week. NDAPSSA Class A & B Boys Basketball Polls – March 4, 2026
A Boys
 1. Four Winds-Minnewaukan 19-2
 2. Beulah 19-2
 3. Devils Lake 14-7
 4. Wahpeton 16-5
 5. Central Cass 16-5
B Boys
 1. Central McLean 22-0
 2. Our Redeemer's 21-1
 3. Ray 21-1
 4. Oakes 19-3
 5. Hankinson 19-3
 Submitted to NewsDakota.com by David Burrall

Oakes Police Report

2/1/2026
 8:43 PM - Citizen assist
2/2/2026
 12:26 PM - Mis-dial
 12:00 AM - Check fraud
2/3/2026
 3:43 PM - Prescription fraud
 4:08 PM - Investigation follow-up
 6:42 PM - Motor vehicle accident/Animal
 9:36 PM - Traffic stop / Equipment violation
2/4/2026
 7:42 PM - Traffic stop / Equipment violation
 9:17 PM - Traffic stop / Equipment violation
2/5/2026
 3:21 PM - Traffic stop / Speeding
 4:03 PM - Traffic stop / Speeding
 9:12 PM - Traffic stop / Speeding
2/6/2026
 3:41 PM - Follow-up / Investigation
 3:57 PM - Follow-up / Investigation
 4:05 PM - Follow-up / Investigation
2/9/2026
 4:27 PM - Traffic stop / Driving with suspended license
 7:58 PM - Medical assist
2/10/2026
 1:02 AM - Alarm call
 1:42 AM - Alarm call
 4:13 AM - Suicidal subject / Mental health / Medical assist
2/11/2026
 8:12 PM - Medical assist

2/13/2026
 8:51 AM - Follow-up / Investigation
 3:18 PM - Medical assist
 5:03 PM - Traffic stop / Speeding
 9:58 PM - Traffic stop / Failure to display current registration
 10:02 PM - Traffic stop / Careless driving
2/17/2026
 3:20 PM - Animal call
 4:45 PM - Animal call
2/18/2026
 9:22 AM - Motor vehicle accident
 9:28 AM - Motor vehicle accident / Assist other agency
 7:33 PM - Traffic stop / DUI arrest
2/23/2026
 3:00 PM - Alarm call
 5:59 PM - Follow-up
2/24/2026
 11:45 AM - Identity theft
 8:22 PM - Welfare check
2/25/2026
 9:18 PM - Domestic dispute
2/26/2026
 11:05 AM - Welfare check
 7:12 PM - Traffic stop / Equipment violation
2/27/2026
 7:29 PM - Traffic stop / Equipment violation
 11:30 PM - Traffic stop / Disregard stop sign

Cooper's Corner

by Martha MacLeod

Sickness and health Last week was taken up with the flu. I had it first. It was the latest variety called fungal flu. One characteristic was weakness. I tried five times to stand up from the side of my bed but my legs wouldn't hold me. There was fever and chills, pains in arms and legs and vomiting and diarrhea. Cooper stayed right beside me in bed. My Sweet Bobboo.



After a few days I felt better and came out of the bedroom. Then Judy got sick and I took care of her. About the second day of her sickness Cooper got sick. His normally bright eyes were dull and his white fluffy tail hung low. One day he threw up and then he had a loose bowel movement. All he wanted was for me to hold him.

The good news is we recovered. We thought we would bounce back but there was no bouncing back. We just needed rest. There is no medication for the fungal flu. When Cooper recovered he became "The Entertainer." We found some new hiding places for the hide and seek game. Judy had a strong paper mailing bag. She put a piece of Pup-Peroni in it near the bottom where Cooper could smell it. He shook the bag. He scratched at it with his paws. He lifted the bag up and thrashed it violently from side to side but the Pup-Peroni stayed inside. Finally, he pulled it and ripped the paper. He tore it one way and then the other. The bag was shredded when at last the bite of Pup-Peroni came out.

We laughed at Cooper who was the victor. He took the prized little tidbit, chewed it up and swallowed before snooping elsewhere for more treats. The game went on and turned into fetch.

Cooper used to play fetch only with yellow balls. Now he likes the orange balls that flew back and forth and bounced around the living room. Finally, he was out of breath and went to his chair by the window in the front room to rest.

Sunday started out cloudy but by afternoon the sun was out. It was a bit windy but Cooper and I enjoyed sitting on the deck. We heard geese quacking. At first I couldn't see them but when the snow geese appeared all white and shiny in the blue sky it was a magnificent sight.

I heard a frog croaking and blue jays called back and forth. When the wind let up toward evening we sat on the deck some more and another flock of geese passed just overhead. What a privilege to see these strong birds up close in flight. Their wings flapped rhythmically as they flew in their V formation honking "spring is on the way; spring is on the way."

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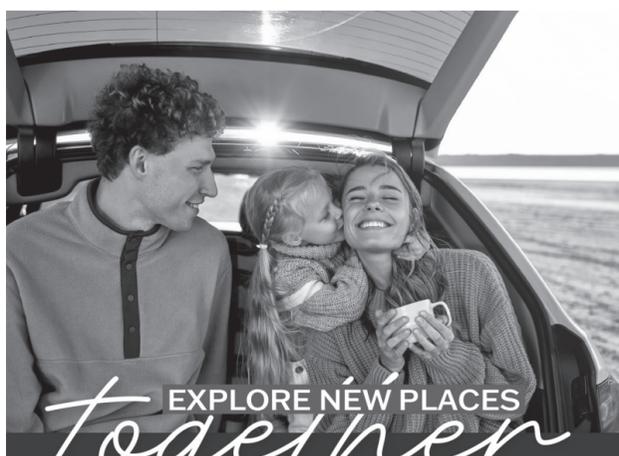


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 by Amy Jo Burns.

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Faithful of Heart
 by Tracie Peterson.

(Minnesota Legacy #1) Judith Stanford reluctantly travels to Minneapolis after her estranged grandfather demands she prove herself worthy of his inheritance, hoping his fortune could fuel her charitable work and that she might cross paths with Roman Turner, the only man who has interested her since her husband's death. But Roman, a doctor devoted to helping the poor, despises Judith's grandfather for ruining his family years earlier and is stunned to learn Judith is part of the family he can't forgive. As Judith digs into her grandfather's troubled legacy and works to set things right, she forms a plan for reparation, only to discover someone else has dangerous intentions for the

money, putting her hopes for a better future at risk.

Want to Know a Secret?
 by Frieda McFadden.

April Masterson is a popular baking influencer known for her perfect desserts but off-camera, she's hiding troubling secrets. Her son sneaking out at night, her private meetings with the soccer coach, and even something buried in her backyard all threaten to expose her. And someone is determined to make sure those secrets destroy her.

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