

Dakota Attitude

Donald Tessier

Interview: March 17, 2014
County: Cass
City: St. Benedict



Playing Softball with Sister Grace

Donald was born in 1936 and grew up near Wild Rice, on the farm homesteaded by his grandfather. Donald attended all 12 grades at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy, the parochial school associated with St. Benedict's Catholic Church, the state's third-oldest Catholic church.

"When I was a junior in high school, we had a black nun [Sister Grace] that could hit that softball over the fence. I don't want to call her a tomboy, but she sure as hell could hit a softball. I made the comment once that Jackie Robinson may have broken the color barrier [as the first black Major League baseball player], but she could have broken the color barrier and also be the first woman in baseball. She could really hit a softball."

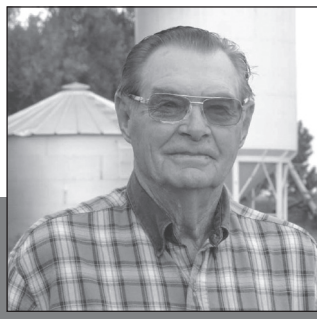
Sisters took in borders of families who wanted their children schooled in the Catholic tradition. The nuns were self-sufficient. "They had a little barn," Donald remembers. "They had three, four cows and little chickens, a multipurpose barn. I wish the thing was still there. Maybe I like old things, but I would like to be able to see that again. Well, the nuns had milk and eggs. There were two who did the laundry and farming. For high school, there were at least two teachers; for grade school four teachers, one for two grades.

"When I was growing up," Donald says, "there were 12, 15 in the first grade, but by the time I graduated from high school there were four of us. But the year before I think there were 11 or so." The high school closed in 1964, and in 1965 the final eighth grade class graduated.

Donald spent his work life on his dairy farm and working at the beet plant in the winter. "I retired slowly," he says. "I retired from milking in 1975, from the beet plant 15 years ago, when I turned 62, and retired from farming in 2006." Donald's first wife, Diane, died in 1995, a cancer victim. His second wife, Marjorie, died in 2011. He has two children. He now lives alone with his dog, Emma. "She is as healthy as a horse."

Walter Rademacher

Interview: August 21, 2014
County: Ward
City: Foxholm



"A Little Act of Kindness Goes a Long Way"

Since his birth in 1930, Walter Rademacher has only moved twice. "I was born just north of Lake Darling [on a] rented farm, and when I was six years old we bought the homeplace. Lived there until I got married [to Anna Haugen in 1952], and then we moved over here.

Haugen in 1952], and then we moved over here. "Me and my two brothers farmed together for 35 years. Each one had their own farm. We were busy. We didn't goof off. We had about 3,000 acres. We [filled] my silo and then we chopped the other brother's corn and we were all together." When asked about how the cooperative effort was working out, Walter said, "You're going to have some arguments, but you just forget, forgive. You just do it. There ain't very many families that can do that. Even with our children, we all got along good. We went to church together, ate together. Even go roller skating together. The whole family, we're always together."

The Rademachers have five children, 13 grandchildren, and at least eight great-grandchildren. Although Walter has been alone since Anna died seven years ago, he leads a comfortable life. He rides one of his nine bicycles in the evenings when he is not invited to a neighbor's home for a meal.

"I got a lot of good friends. And they're always inviting me out. Like the neighbors, tonight. She called up this morning: they got a roast in the oven. Wants me to come. I'm not a real good cook. That's why the neighbors always invite me down. So I make pie, and I take that along. I surprise them.

I made an apple pie for them. I always bring stuff. I buy flowers and give flowers away. Flowers and teddy bears. Hundreds of them. After [Anna] was gone—that's my hobby, you know.

"If you're kind to somebody, they're kind back to you. Like people that go hunting down here. So many farmers won't let anybody hunt. I don't have that problem. I tell these guys that don't have any land, 'Come on and hunt.' And we get along perfect. So I always said a little act of kindness goes a long way. It'll always come back to you in its special way."

Carole (Ritter) Christianson Sharff

Interview: March 13, 2014
County: Cavalier
City: Clyde



Fulfilling Her Dream Despite a Club Foot

Much of Carole Ritter Sharff's childhood and adulthood has been spent in and out of hospitals. Born in 1942 on a farm near Clyde, Carole says, "I was born with a club foot. It was rotated all the way around, so it was the bottom of my foot looking up. When I was three years old, I had my first surgery in Fargo, and they put like a sheep's cord in the back of my leg to lengthen the foot so it would come back. My mother had to massage it and keep working it. Then I was in a cast. Subsequently, there were additional surgeries. The latest about 22 years ago.

"I always wanted to be a nurse. I just liked the way that they worked and how they treated you in the hospital. It was just kind of a dream of mine. When I graduated from high school, I said I wanted to go to [nursing] school, but my dad said, 'Carole, I don't know if your foot will take it [as a nurse].' He kind of talked me out of it."

Carole worked for a dentist, married, and later divorced. Then she decided to fulfill her lifelong dream. "I was like 36 years old when I went to [nursing] school.

"I worked 10 years in Devils Lake on a medical floor and loved it, just loved it, and then they had a layoff. I moved down here to Fargo, and got a job at Merit Care. First it was St. Luke's and then Merit Care [now Sanford], and I was there for 23 and a half years in the heart department. I loved working with the patients. The patients always came first."

Referring to her days back in Clyde, "The farm was the greatest. The kids were really down to earth when they came off the farm. Lot of good memories.

"You know, I did everything I ever wanted to do in my life with the foot the way it was. I played basketball. We took second in state. I never held back. I did everything." Including fulfilling her nursing dream.

(Editor's Note: The following profiles of North Dakota residents were collected by author James Puppe between 2004-2018, covering 617 subjects and 113,000 miles. He has given permission for his book to be serialized in North Dakota Newspapers at no charge. To find out how you can read the entire collection of Dakota Attitude profiles go to dakotaattitude.com.)

LEGALS

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO LICENSING OF ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM INSTALLERS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to North Dakota Administrative Code chapter 33.1-21-01 regarding rules for licensing of current and future onsite wastewater treatment system installers at the following time and location:

2nd Floor Conference Room
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324
May 14, 2026
1:30 PM CDT

A copy of the proposed rule amendments may be requested by writing the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Deputy Director, 4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324 or calling (701) 328-5210. Written comments on the proposed rule amendments may be submitted to the above mailing address and received by May 25, 2026.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department at the above address or telephone number below at least five days prior to the public hearing. The NDDEQ will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. To request accommodations or language assistance, contact the NDDEQ Non-discrimination/EJ Coordinator at (701) 328-5150 or deqEJ@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

There will be real time public streaming of the public hearing through a Microsoft Teams meeting. Information concerning listening access by telephone or through Microsoft Teams can be obtained by calling (701) 328-5210 or can be found on the Department's website at: <https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx>.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2026.
Karl Rockeman, P.E.
Deputy Director
Department of Environmental Quality

LEGALS

LEGALS

City of Sanborn
City Meeting
February 11, 2026

Present: Julie Franklin, Charlie Brandenberg, Nick Hoffart, Linda Korf, Dustin Meyer, Vickie Lura, Bob Podoll on the phone.

Meeting called to order by Charlie @ 7 PM minutes read motion to approve made by Vickie 2nd by Linda M/C unanimously.

Old Business: Waiting on information on the water tower.

New Business: Permit for J&L Bar, Fire Department smoker, motion to approve made by Vickie 2nd by Linda M/C unanimously.

About 13,000 gallons drained out, to prevent in water tower freeze. Reviewed water bills.

Reviewed Balance sheet and Financials motion to approve made by Nick 2nd by Vickie M/C unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Nick 2nd by Linda M/C unanimously.

Submitted by Julie Franklin Auditor Bills: Bank F Visa \$42.93, BEK \$140.76, BRW \$2014.94, Bridge Snow Removal \$2,700, D Meyer \$115.24, Fargo Lab \$ 14, J Franklin \$11.83, MDU \$173.93, Ottetail \$1090.03, RVS \$640, Sanitation Spec. \$1626, Team Lab \$1033.50, Wages \$1073.56 being published subject to governing body's review revision.

(April 17, 2026)

City of Sanborn
City Meeting
January 14, 2026

Present: Julie Franklin, Charlie Brandenberg, Bob Podoll, Linda Korf, Vickie Lura, Nick Hoffart on phone.

Visitors: Jim Olson Blue Water Consulting.

Meeting called to order by Charlie @ 7PM, minutes read motion to approve made by Bob, 2nd by Vickie M/C unanimous.

Jim Olson to talk about repainting the water tower and putting in a Gridbee Submersible Mixer to prevent freezing will be tabled until more information on pricing.

Old Business: Moore Engineering was the one that did the painting contract done on the tower.

New Business: NONE Review water bills.

Review Financials Balance sheet motion to approve made by Bob 2nd by Linda M/C unanimously.

Review bills motion to approve made by Bob 2nd by Linda M/C unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Vickie 2nd by Linda M/C unanimously.

Submitted by Julie Franklin Auditor Bills: CBS \$394, BEK \$140.96, Blue Water \$740, Fargo Lab \$14 Job Service \$3.18, Workforce safety \$250, Sanitation Spec \$1626 Brandon Lettemaier \$1000, MDU \$142.49, BF Visa \$14.70, BRW \$2158.75, D Meyer \$99.16, Ottetail \$34.56 Wages \$985.83, being published subject to governing body's review revision.

(April 17, 2026)

City of Sanborn
City Meeting
March 11, 2026

Present: Julie Franklin, Charlie Brandenberg, Bob Podoll, Linda Korf, Dustin Meyer, Vickie Lura, Nick Hoffart on phone.

Visitor: Tab Parkhurst Meeting called to order by Charlie @ 7PM minutes read motion to approve with changes made by Vickie 2nd by Linda M/C unanimously.

Tab asking permission on permits for the band and pickup pull on the 4th July Bob made a motion to approve the permit and waive the cost 2nd by Linda M/C unanimously.

Check on insurance for the city and Fire dept for the 4th of July.

CD is due, motion to stay at present term motion made by Vickie 2nd by Bob M/C unanimously.

City clean up check with Frank for June.

Review water bills and city bills. Review balance sheet and financials, motion to approve made by Bob 2nd by Linda M/C unanimously.

Motion made to adjourn made by Vickie, 2nd by Bob M/C unanimously. Submitted by Julie Franklin Auditor Bills: BF Visa \$56.91, BEK \$140.86,

LEGALS

BW Consulting \$740.40, BRW \$2108.96, D Meyer \$96.48, Fargo Lab \$14, J Franklin \$19.32, MDU \$138.28, ND Tax \$5, Ottetail \$994.05, Sanitation Spec \$1626, Sweeney \$540, Wages \$916.58 being published subject to the governing body's review revision.

(April 17, 2026)

City of Sanborn
City Meeting
April 8, 2026

Present: Julie Franklin, Charlie Brandenberg, Bob Podoll, Linda Korf, Vickie Lura, Dustin Meyer, Nick Hoffart

Meeting called to order by Charlie @ 7 PM, minutes read, motion made to approve by Bob with corrections 2nd by Vickie M/C unanimously.

1. City clean up checked with Frank, will be June 4th.

2. Table Moore Engineering on water tower.

3. Contact Blue Water Consulting.

4. Mowing bids, 3 were open and the lowest bid went to Penny Drouillard motion to approve city lots, made by Vickie 2nd by Linda, check with Richard on Sign area if he wants to mow, that area motion to approve by Linda, 2nd Bob, Charlie will do the lawn-groom motion by Nick 2nd Bob M/C unanimously.

5. Burn pile need the roads fence.

6. Holes in streets dump crushed rock find someone to fill

Review water bills

Review financials and balance sheet, motion to approve by Bob 2nd by Vickie M/C

Motion to adjourn made by Bob 2nd by Vickie M/C.

Submitted by Julie Franklin Auditor Bills: BF Visa \$14.70, BEK \$140.87, BRW \$1867.40, D Meyer \$96.48, Fargo Lab \$14, Farmers Union \$27.15, MDU \$123.98, Ottetail \$1008.66, Sanitation Spec \$1590, Wages \$1027.39 being published subject to the governing body's review revision.

(April 17, 2026)

VALLEY CITY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS Tuesday April 07, 2026

President Carlsrud called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Members present: President Carlsrud, Commissioner Gulmon, Commissioner Bishop, Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Magnuson, City Administrator Crawford, City Attorney Martineck, Finance Director Klein

Pledge of Allegiance
MAYOR FOR THE DAY - Elsie Jorissen

Congratulations to Ms. Elsie Jorissen on her winning essay for Mayor for a Day Contest. Elsie is a 3rd Grade Student in Mrs. Breckheimer's Class at Jefferson Elementary.

GOVERNMENT WEEK PROCLAMATION

Proclaim April 6 - 10, 2026 as City Government Week in Valley City **Department of Water Resources Presentation (Director of DWR, Reice Haase)**

Approval of Agenda
No Changes

Approval of Consent Agenda
Motion to approve by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Gulmon. Roll Call: Magnuson-Yes; Erickson-Yes; Gulmon-Yes; Bishop-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion Passed

Resolution
Approve amendment to Resolution 2523, A resolution establishing rates and fees for solid waste services. Motion to approve by Commissioner Gulmon, seconded by Commissioner Magnuson. Roll Call: Erickson-Yes; Magnuson-Yes; Gulmon-Yes; Bishop-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion Passed

New Business
Approve Valley City Tourism Grant for City of Valley City for \$93,000 for shared use walking path to be paid \$46,500 in 2026 and \$46,500 in 2027, motion to approve by Commissioner Bishop, seconded Commissioner Magnuson. Roll Call: Gulmon-Yes; Bishop-Yes; Magnuson-Yes; Erickson-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion Passed

Approve Valley City Image Enhancement Grant for \$5,800.00 for Mobility Plus Rehab LTD for signage (\$2,000) and fencing (\$3,800). Motion to approve by Commissioner Magnuson, seconded by Commissioner Bishop.

LEGALS

Roll Call: Bishop-Yes; Magnuson-Yes; Erickson-Yes; Gulmon-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion passed

Approve Request for Funds for the Single-Family Home Buyer Assistance Program by the VCBC Development Corporation in the amount of \$60,000 from City Sales Tax dedicated to Economic Development.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Magnuson, seconded by Commissioner Gulmon. Roll Call: Magnuson-Yes; Erickson-Yes; Gulmon-Yes; Bishop-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion Passed

Approve Request for Funds for Single Family Home Buyer Assistance Program by the VCBC Development Corporation in the amount of \$20,000 from the City's Enterprise Fund.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Gulmon. Roll Call: Erickson-Yes; Gulmon-Yes; Bishop-Yes; Magnuson-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion Passed

Approve Changes to Employee Policy and Procedure Manual Regarding Overtime and Holiday Pay.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Magnuson, seconded Commissioner Gulmon. Roll Call: Gulmon-Yes; Bishop-Yes; Magnuson-Yes; Erickson-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion Passed

Adjourn
Meeting was adjourned at 5:39pm

(April 17, 2026)

ORGANIZE AMBULANCE DISTRICT TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE HOPE AMBULANCE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC MEETING TO ORGANIZE THE HOPE AMBULANCE DISTRICT WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026 AT 6:30 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING, STEELE AVE., HOPE, ND.

THE HOPE AMBULANCE DISTRICT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES LOCATED IN STEELE AND BARNES COUNTY.

STEELE COUNTY CITIES OF HOPE AND LUVERNE

STEELE COUNTY TOWNSHIPS OF MELROSE, HUGO, WILLOW LAKE, CARPENTER, COLGATE AND BROADLAWN

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING TOWNSHIPS LOCATED WITHIN STEELE COUNTY, ND

PRIMROSE; SECTION 27-34 SHERBROOKE; SECTION 25-35 EDENDALE; SECTION 3-6, 7-10, 15-36

RIVERSIDE; SECTION 13, 21-29, ½ 31-36

BARNES COUNTY CITY OF PILLSBURY

BARNES COUNTY TOWNSHIPS OF BALDWIN AND ELLSBURY

JULIE MINDT
BARNES COUNTY AUDITOR

SUE PARKMAN
SEC/TREAS

(April 3, 10 & 17, 2026)

VALLEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Regular School Board Meeting Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 5:30PM- LOCATION: Central Office Conference Room

AGENDA:

1. Call Meeting to Order and Recognition of Audience

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Recognition of Students and/or Staff Members

4. Public Comment

5. Approval of Agenda

6. Consent Agenda
A. Review and Consider Approval on Payment of the Bills
B. Review and Consider Approval on Previous Board Minutes
i. March 18, 2026 (Regular Meeting)
C. Receive the Financial Report
i. General Fund- March 2026
ii. Health Fund- March 2026

7. Continuous Improvement (i.e. Accreditation, Board Development, District Goals, and Strategic Plan)
A. None
B. Reports
A. Committee Reports
i. Negotiations
ii. Facilities
iii. Finance
C. Superintendent Report
B. School Facility Project 2028 Report

LEGALS

9. Items for Discussion and Possible Action
A. Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Agreement with Construction Engineers
B. School Construction Loan (Bank of North Dakota)- Loan Closing Date
C. Open Enrollment Applications and Tuition Agreements
D. District Facility Maintenance Plan for 2026-2027 (First Reading)

E. Teacher Resignation

10. Next Meetings Date/Time
A. Special School Board Meeting- TBD (Teacher Negotiations)
B. Regular School Board Meeting- Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 7:00 AM

11. Adjourn

12. A virtual link for this meeting is available upon request by contacting the district offices at 701.845.0483 ext. 0 or emailing courtne.d.lyter@k12.nd.us at least 1 hour prior to the beginning of the board meeting.

(April 17, 2026)

Valley City Public Schools
460 Central Ave N
Valley City, ND 58072
Phone 701.845.0483
www.hiliners.org

Valley City Public School District
April 17, 2026
Request for Proposals (RFP) for Copier Lease

The Valley City Public School District #2 Valley City, (Barnes County), North Dakota, is requesting sealed bids for a five-year lease for copiers beginning July 1, 2026.

Years 1-2: Seven (7) Copiers
Years 3-5: Four (4) Copiers
Or

Maintain three (3) of our current copiers for two (2) years
Five-year lease on four (4) copiers
Vendors should provide flexible lease pricing that reflects the reduction in equipment after year two.

Specifications
Proposals should include the following: Print, copy, scan, and fax capabilities
Network compatibility with district systems

Secure printing features
Maintenance and service agreement (including toner, parts, and labor)
Response time for service calls
Monthly copy/print volume allowances and coverage rates
Pricing Requirements

Proposals must include:
Monthly lease cost for:
Years 1-2 (7 copiers)
Years 3-5 (4 copiers)
Cost per copy (black & white and color)

Any additional fees (delivery, installation, training, etc.)
Buy out options at the end of the lease
Detailed specifications may be obtained by contacting Jackie Cordie, Business Manager, at 701-845-0483 or jackie.cordie@k12.nd.us.

Proposal should be submitted by the deadline and are to be labeled "Copier Lease" and addressed to:
Valley City Public Schools
Attn: Jackie Cordie
460 Central Ave N
Valley City ND 58072

Or via e-mail: jackie.cordie@k12.nd.us
Bids are to be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026

Bids will be opened and reviewed (at VCPS Central Admin Office) at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026, and presented to the board at the following school board meeting.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any informalities, irregularities or defects in any proposal should it deem to be in the best interest of the Valley City Public School District to do so.

(April 17 & 24, 2026)

What if America didn't NOTICE?

Public notices help expose:

- fraud in government!
- dishonest businesses!
- unfair competitive practices!

and much more in your local newspaper!

Participate in Democracy
Read your Public Notices

Barnes County Commission Tuesday, April 21, 2026 8:00 A.M. Barnes County Courthouse

Commission Chambers - 2nd Floor (Approximate times - subject to change)

8:00 Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance / Agenda corrections & additions

8:05 * Public Comment

8:15 Highway Department - Culvert Bid Opening
8:30 Planning & Zoning - 3 Variances
8:45 Marilyn Henderson - Board

(April 17, 2026)