

# Local Author Publishes Historical Book of the Oakes Area

“Connections to Home: Letters in a Time of War / Book I – 1962 Released

A new book, Connections to Home: Letters in a Time of War / Book I – 1962, has just been released and is now available at Sweets ‘n Stories in Oakes as well as on Amazon.

This is the first volume in a planned five-book series compiling letters from Oakes native David Wagner during his service in the U.S. Marine

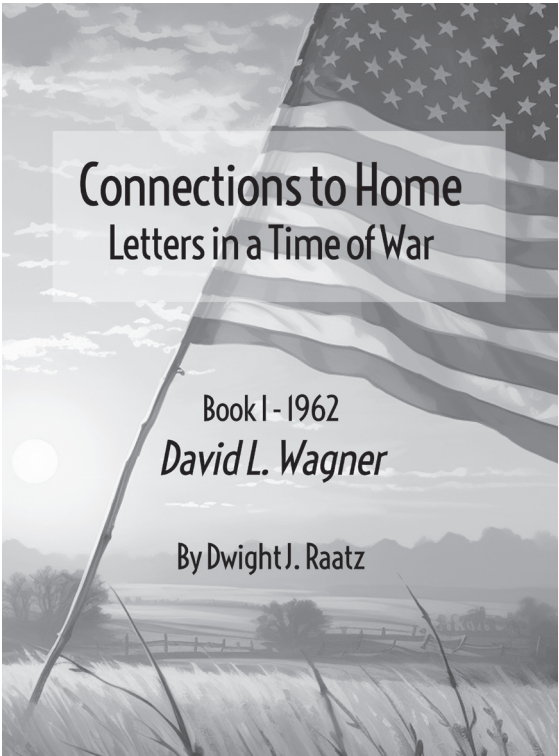
Corps from 1962 to 1966.

The second book in the series “Book II – 1963” will be released this Fall.

Many in the Oakes community will remember David. He grew up in the Oakes area, was a well-known farmer for much of his life, occasionally served as a substitute teacher at the local high school, and was a world traveler visiting 60 countries.

The book weaves together his personal correspondence with family and friends and includes historical context, sharing not only David's experiences but also a glimpse into many local, national, and world events during that time. Family, friends and many people surrounding the Oakes area will enjoy a trip back in time to catch a glimpse of life in 1960's America.

In addition to the letters,



the book includes interactive links to historical resources, including articles from the Oakes Times as well as other national and world publications, giving readers a broader sense of the era and the events that shaped it.

Author Dwight Raatz invites readers to learn more about the book series or reach out with questions at [www.raatz.com](http://www.raatz.com).”

-Submitted by Dwight J. Raatz

# God’s Little Lessons On Life: Friendship

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

-Psalm 86:5

Whoever loves his brother [believer] abides (lives) in the Light, and in him there is no occasion for stumbling or cause for error or sin.

-Isaiah 1:18

Your friend, and your father's friend, do not forsake.

-Proverbs 27:10

Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

-Galatians 6:2

Love Believes the Best

One of the nolest friendships in literature is that of Melanie and Scarlett in Margaret Mitchll's classic, *Gone with the Wind*. Melanie is characterized as a woman whoe “ always saw the best in everyone and kindly upon it.”

Even when Scarlett tries to confess her shameful behavior towards Melanie's husband Ashley, Melanie says, “Darling, I don't want any explanation....Do you think I could remember you walking in a furrow behind that Yankee's horse almost barefooted and with your hands blistered-just so the baby and i could have something to eat and then believe such dreadful things about you? I don't want to hear a word.”

Melanie's refusal to believe, or even hear, ill of Scarlett leads Scarlett to passionately desire to keep Melanie's high opinion. It is as Melanie had been her sword and her shield, her comfort and her streight.”

In two words, Melanie had been her true friend. A friend loves at all times and always believes the best. Is that the kind of friend you want to have? Is that the kind of friend you aspire to be?



**Jen Cuhel is turning 50 on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>!**

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Probate No. 11-2025-PR-21 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF DICKEY In the Matter of the Estate of ALICE LORRAINE FATLAND, Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be presented to Jodi Hoffman, personal representative of the estate, at P.O. Box 4421, Park City, UT 84060, or filed with the Court. Dated this 19th day of August, 2025 /s/ Jodi Hoffman Personal Representative P.O. Box 4421, Park City, UT 84060 P: 435-901-0805.

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OPS REORGANIZATIONAL REGULAR SCHOL BOARD MEETING

July 8, 2025 7 AM Call to Order: Superintendent Anna Sell called the meeting to order at 7 AM. School Board Members present were Monica Heimbuch, Sheila Nagel, Patti Carlson, Brian Seyer and Ryan Rosendahl. Also in attendance was Superintendent Anna Sell, Business Manager Shannon Jepson and Elementary Principal Greg Dobitz. Joining via Zoom were High School Principal Jordan Lynch and Sue Deigaard from Elliott and McMahon. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Superintendent presented the agenda. Sheila Nagel moved to approve the agenda. Monica Heimbuch Second. Motion passed. All visitors were welcomed, and a thank you card was read from Kathy Warren. Organization of Board for the 2025-2026 School Year: Oath of Office. Business Manager Shannon Jepson delivered the Oath of Office. All Board Members present participated. Election of Officers: Superintendent Sell called for nomina-

tions of School Board President. Sheila Nagel moved to nominate Monica Heimbuch. Brian Seyer second. Roll call taken. Motion passed 5-0. Newly elected school board President Monica Heimbuch called for nominations for the Office of Vice President. Ryan Rosendahl moved to nominate Sheila Nagel as Vice President. Patti Carlson second. Roll call taken. Motion passed 5-0. Student Outcomes-Goals: Goal Progress Monitoring Goal #2-Math GPM 2.1 Percentage of K-2 Learners Above 50% on STARS. Currently 71% of these students are above the 50th percentile in STARS. This is on track to meet our goal.GPM 2.2 Percentage of 3-6 Learners Above 50% on STARS. Currently 69% of these students are above the 50th percentile in STARS. This is not on track to meet our goal. Superintendent Sell presented plans for moving forward in response to this data. GPM 2.3 Percentage of 7-10 Learners Above 50% on STARS. Currently 76% of these students are above the 50th percentile in STARS. This is on track to meet our goal. Patti Carlson moved to accept the GPM as reported. Brian Seyer second. Motion passed. Quarter 2 Time tracker: In the previous quarter, OPS board spent 2.32% of the board's meeting time on Student Outcomes. This was due almost entirely to the Negotiations Committee meetings and the OPS Building Committee meetings time. Sheila Nagel moved to accept the time tracker. Patti Carlson second. Roll call vote. Motion passed 5-0. Board Quarterly Self-Evaluation: Goal 1. We were at 12. It is believed we are currently at 12 and next quarter we will be at 12. Goal 3 We were at 13. It is believed we are currently at 13 and next quarter we will be at 13. Goal 4 We were at 16. It is believed we are currently 16 and next quarter we will be 20. Goal 5 We were at 4. It is believed we are currently 15 and next quarter we will be 15. Goal 6 We were at 6. It is believed we are cur-

rently at 6 and next quarter we will be at 6. Brian Seyer moved to approve the Self Evaluation. Ryan Rosendahl second. Motion passed 5-0. Consent Agenda Patti Carlson moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Sheila Nagel second. Roll call vote taken. Motion passed 5-0. The consent agenda included Approve June 23, 2025 meeting minutes, Approve June bills, Accept Monitoring report for Guardrail \$3 Effective Instruction, Appoint Anna Sell as Federal Program Representative, Appoint Jamie Franks and Ed Wentworth as our Section 504 Coordinators, Appoint Jamie Franks and Ed Wentworth as our Homeless Liaisons, Appoint Anna Sell as our Title IX Coordinator, Appoint Anna Sell as our Civil Rights Compliance Officer, Appoint Anna Sell as our Sheyenne Valley Special Education Unit Board Representative, Appoint Sheila Nagel as our Southeast Region Career and Technology Center Board Representative, Authorize the District to Join the North Dakota High School Activities Association, Designate the Oakes Times as the Official Newspaper, Designate Starion Bank, Bank North, First Community Credit Union and Edward Jones as Depositories with Anna Sell, Shannon Jepson and the Oakes School Board President as Authorized Signers, Set the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Oakes School Board as the 3rd Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 AM at the Oakes Public School Central Office Conference Room, Approve the Pledge of Assets, Approve 2025-2026 Fee Schedule, Approve 2025-2026 Board Agenda Calendar, Approve 1st Reading of New Policy FCBD-Student Custody, Approve Correction to the 2025-2027 OPS Negotiated Agreement. Reports No action was taken. Reports received were Business Managers Report, Superintendent's Report, SRCTC June Board Meeting Minutes, SVSEU June Board Meeting Updates, June Time Trackers, Committee Reports Items for Discussion and Possible Action: Approve 2nd Reading of the 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget. The budget was revised with more current figures. It was

noted that the high school counselor's expenses were included in two different places. Tax Levy incomes were adjusted using numbers of collections through June 30, 2025. Brian Seyer moved to accept the amended Preliminary Budget. Patti Carlson second. Roll Call vote taken. Motion passed 5-0. Approve Superintendent's Recommendation for Bus Purchase. Brian Seyer moved to purchase a bus. Ryan Rosendahl second. Roll Call taken. Motion passed 5-0. Future Meetings Regular Meeting, Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 7:00 AM Special Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 6 PM (Annual Retreat) Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 7:00 AM Special Meeting, Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 7:00 AM (Tax Levy Hearing) Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 7:30 AM (Tax Levy Approved & 25-26 Budget Finalized) Adjournment There being no further business for the good of the order, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 AM. Monica Heimbuch, President Shannon Jepson, Business Manager Bills Paid:

701 APPAREL	213.00
A & B BUSINESS INC	5,025.05
ALZHEIMERS ASSOCIATION	
MN-ND CHAPTER	982.34
AMAZON	670.03
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AW DIESEL SERVICE INC	5,748.58
BOUND TO STAY BOUND BOOKS INC	1,245.47
CASEYS BUSINESS MASTERCARD	
	431.48
COLE PAPERS INC	2,973.63
CONKLIN, DEBRA	92.50
CRANE MERCHANDISING SYSTEMS INC	17.90
DAKOTA PLAYGROUND INC	19,616.00
DAKOTA SHIRTS-N-CAPS	400.00
DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS	150.00
DEMCO INC	92.96
DICKEY RURAL NETWORK	
	1,218.33
DOLLAR GENERAL	220.83
ECKROTH MUSIC COMPANY	170.00
ECONOMY PROPANE	214.50
EDPUZZLE PRO TEACHER	12.50
ELDRIDGE PUBLISHING CO	27.85

ELLIOTT & MCMAHON LLC	1,000.00
EVENT BRITE	330.00
EVERSPRING INN AND SUITES	2,564.05
EXXON MOBIL	94.69
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	813.87
FRONTIER BUILDERS SUPPLY	119.67
GEMAR, RANDA	92.50
GREATHER SOUTHEAST ITV CONSORTIUM	12,300.00
HAMPTON INN	110.00
HAY, KATHIE	92.50
HEIMBUCH, MONICA	36.72
ITHREEG MEDIA	75.00
JDG HOLDINGS, LLC	3,084.57
JGE INC	163.15
JUNKER, BRUCE	92.50
KELLY TOM	
CONSTRUCTION	1,600.00
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	224.96
LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	93.97
LEARN WELL EDUCATION	643.50
LEINEN, JESSICA	32.40
MARZANO RESOURCES	2,940.00
MCGUIRE, JESSICA	35.83
NAGEL, SHEILA	158.60
NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM	80.00
NDSOS	500.00
NORTH DAKOTA CENTER FOR DIST.	936.00
NORTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	5,500.00
NORTH DAKOTA DRIVER AND TRAFFIC SEA	255.00
NORTH DAKOTA EDUCATORS SERVICE COOPERATIVE	400.00
NORTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL AA	43.00
NORTH DAKOTA SAFETY COUNCIL	45.00
NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASN	1,657.50
OAKES CITY OF OAKES PARK AND RECREATION	3,670.00
OAKES TIMES-NORDMARK PUBLISHING	307.11
OAKES TRUCK AND TRAILER CENTER	3,510.05
OTIS ELEVATOR	322.50
OTTER TAIL POWER	7,547.79
PARTS SUPPLY	233.87
PERMA-BOUND	39.18
PETERSEN, EMILY	255.43
PIONEER DRAMA SERVICE INC,	14.00
PLUNKETTS PEST CONTROL INC	239.43
POPLERS MUSIC STORE	47.96

PRASKAS HARDWARE INC	244.56
QUADIENT LEASING USA INC	224.01
SCHIELER, ELIZABETH	40.04
SELL, ANNA	240.80
SEYER, BRIAN	104.67
SHELL OIL	132.97
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submitted by Shannon Jepson,Business Manager

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ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT August 5, 2025, 6 PM

Call Meeting to Order: President Monica Heimbuch called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Those in attendance were President Monica Heimbuch, Vice President Sheila Nagel, Board Members Patti Carlson, Brian Seyer, Ryan Rosendahl, Superintendent Anna Sell, and Business Manager Shannon Jepson. Pledge of Allegiance, Pledge was recited. Introductions were made. Facilities Council Members Patti Carlson and Brian Seyer gave a recap of the Facilities Committee meetings and progress. Be Legendary Grant has been awarded for another year of training. 25-26 Budget The Business Manager presented another draft of the budget using the Association of Counties spreadsheet and the spreadsheet presented by Dr Lech. Board Committees: President Heimbuch talked about the committees and assignments. Other: Superintendent implementation plan has been completed by the Superintendent. The Standard of Effort Report has also been completed by the Superintendent. Cognia midcycle has been completed. Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm -Monica Heimbuch, Board President Shannon Jepson, Business Manager

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(Twin Lights #1)  
by Fern Michaels.

Michaels is introducing a new series, Twin Lights, including siblings Madison Taylor and her younger brother, Lincoln. Set in the Jersey Shore area, the two have led a privileged life, most recently inheriting a marina from their late uncle. Upon arrival they find that the property is very dilapidated and further investigation finds a corpse floating under their dock.

House on the Harbor (LP)  
(Birch Harbor #1)  
by Elizabeth Bromke.

The Hannigan siblings are undertaking the task of dividing their late mother's estate. Not realizing that their mother had changed the will, eldest sister, Kate, learns of a family secret that could change the family dynamics. Can four siblings come to terms with the things of

the past?

Echoes Fade  
by Jeff Carson

Fans of C.J. Box will enjoy this novel. Detective David Wolf is in the midst of a mountain lion attack when there is a robbery at a billionaire's restaurant. Wolf pursues the thieves and finds the case much more complicated and deadly than was previously believed. Killers are likely in plain sight, but who are they? Figuring that out will be no easy task.

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