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Did You Know This About Easter?

Easter is a day of great joy for faithful Christians. Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is detailed in the New Testament. Easter is what's known as a moveable feast, which means it's not celebrated on the same date each year. Easter also is celebrated on a different day within Christian churches.

Orthodox Christians do not celebrate Easter on the same day as non-Orthodox Christians.

History.com notes Orthodox Christians follow the Julian calendar when determining when to celebrate Easter. Orthodox Easter will take place between April 4 and May 8, following the

first full moon after Passover. Non-orthodox Christians follow the Gregorian calendar, which was established by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582. Under the Gregorian calendar, churches determined Easter will be held on the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox.

These disparities are why Orthodox churches, which are primarily located in Russia, Greece, Cyprus, Romania, and Bulgaria, observe Easter on a later date than non-Orthodox churches.

In 2026, Orthodox Christians will celebrate Easter on April 12.



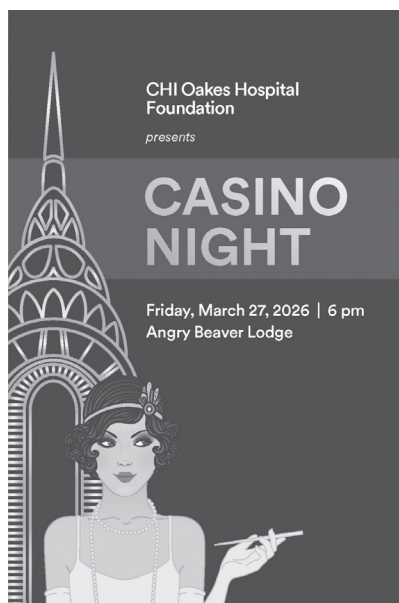
BRIAN SCHMITZ BENEFIT
 MARCH 28TH 5-PM
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 OAKES ND

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- *FREE WILL MEAL
- *LIVE AUCTION
- *SILENT AUCTION ENDS 8PM
- *RAFFLE TICKET DRAWING 8PM

To support Brian in his ongoing battle with pancreatic cancer.

OCH Casino Night has something for everyone!



The CHI Oakes Hospital Foundation's Casino Night fundraiser is all set for 6:00 pm on Friday, March 27, 2026, at the Angry Beaver Lodge in Oakes.

Come at 6pm and enjoy a stroll through the silent auction theme baskets and prizes that will be on display for you to bid on throughout the evening, and be sure to check out our new games this year:

Ring Toss: A fun twist on an old classic, purchase a set of rings to try your luck at some great prizes.

Plinko: Purchase discs to send down our Plinko board to win different leveled prizes!

We will also have a 50/50 Raffle, wine/liquor pull, and a raffle board for a meat bundle. The buffet will open at 6:30pm with delicious BBQ ribs and breaded cod on the menu.

The Games of Chance will get rolling at 7pm. All casino-style games will be played with "casino cash," play money that you receive with your admission ticket. This year we will have Blackjack, Roulette, Tenzi, Scratch off tickets, and Horse Racing games to try your luck

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HUDSON TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
 The Hudson Township Annual meeting will be held Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mary Ann Kunrath home.
 Ryan Forward, Clerk
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at. The Dealers for these games have years of experience and will give advice on how to bet or provide instructions on how to play. They are there to have fun and make it fun for all – no prior experience necessary!

The Hole in One Foundation will also have their "real money" blackjack table set up to play throughout the evening.

In lieu of the cornhole tournament we have done in the past, we will be trying a party pong tournament this year. Teams of two can preregister by texting or calling Denise Wagner at 701-710-0456. Entry fee will be \$40 per team, and you are able to register the night of the event too.

When you are done playing casino cash games, cash in your winnings for chance drawing tickets. Place the tickets in the bag of your choice to win a prize. Drawings for these prizes will take place at 10pm.

Topping off the event will be the Live Auction, featuring a wide array of items suited for everyone, including a Vortex Optics package, Wefest Package, a Coach Purse, and more! Casino games not your thing? Not ready to go home yet? Don't forget the Woofers, featuring some home-grown talent, will be playing their best mix of music as well.

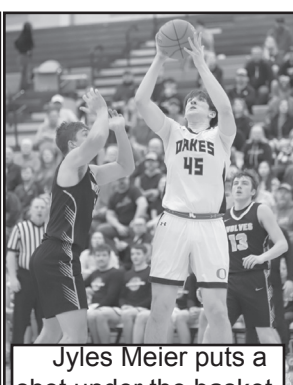
Tickets cost \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door the night of the event. The ticket includes casino cash, buffet, and live music by the Woofers. All proceeds raised from this event will go toward the Patient Equipment Needs fund. This year, we will be raising funds to upgrade equipment and furniture in our patient rooms. In the past, funds raised at Casino Night have been used to purchase recliners for patient rooms, upgrade patient beds, purchase an ultrasound machine for Pain Management, upgrades to our Operating Room and upgraded Laboratory Equipment.

Tickets may be purchased at the hospital, our website www.oakeshospital.com, Angry Beaver Lodge or by calling 701-742-3291. Like our Facebook Page - CHI Oakes Hospital Clinic for more updates as we get closer to the event!

Tornado Boys Fall To Kidder County, Season Ends with 19-4 Record



Beau Thorpe queues up a three-pointer



Jyles Meier puts a shot under the basket

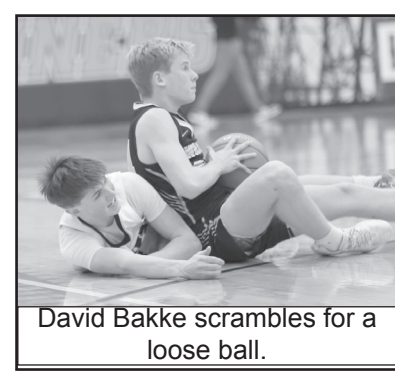
The Oakes Tornadoes boys' basketball season ended abruptly on Monday, March 9, with a 45-50 loss to the Kidder County Wolves in the opening round of the Region 1 Tournament at the Valley City Public Schools Hi-Liner Activity Center.



The Tornadoes huddle before the opening tip-off

Kidder County came into the regional tournament as the number four seed out of district two. The Wolves ousted the Tornadoes in the opening game of the regional tournament, setting the stage for the day, as all four District 2 teams won their first-round matchups against District 1 opponents. Edgeley/Kulm/Montpelier defeated Sargent County in game two, Linton/HMB beat Wyndmere/Lidgerwood in the third game, and Medina-Pingree/Buchanan toppled Hankinson in the nightcap. In semi-final action on Tuesday, March 10, EKM defeated Kidder County and MPB beat Linton/HMB.

On Thursday, Linton/HMB beat Kidder County for third place. In Thursday's championship, MPB held on to defeat EKM, with MPB earning a trip to the state tournament. Second and third-place finishers Linton/HMB's and EKM's hopes are still alive as they will play in the State Qualifier round at the SHAC in Fargo on Saturday. EKM is scheduled to play North Star at 5:00 and Linton/HMB will face off against Nelson County at 7:00. The winners of both games will also earn a place in the state tournament in Minot March 19-21.



David Bakke scrambles for a loose ball.

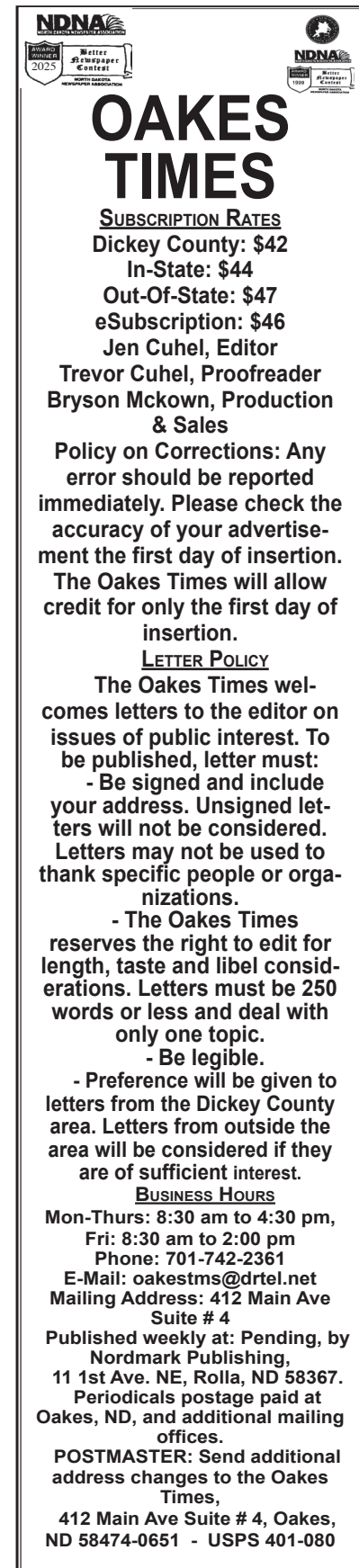
The Tornadoes' Beau Thorpe and Jyles Meier were named to the All Region 1 team. Hankinson's Raeshaun Earl was honored as the Senior Athlete of the Year and Ellendale's Brian Vance was named Coach of the Year.

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The South Dakota Genealogical Society Conference/Annual Meeting Announcement

Tasha Wesby Tietz, also known as the "Graveyard Girl," is the keynote speaker at the South Dakota Genealogical Society Conference and Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at the Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Other presentations will be "Organization Tips of Your Genealogy Records," by Yvonne Haefner, "Military Research in South Dakota," by Virginia Hanson, and "Pick an Apple from the

Tree," by Jody Weigel. The conference is open to the anyone who registers to attend. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the program begins at 9:00 a.m. A meal is included in the registration for those who register by March 23rd. More information on the conference and how to register can be found on the South Dakota Genealogical Society facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/sdgenealogy/>.



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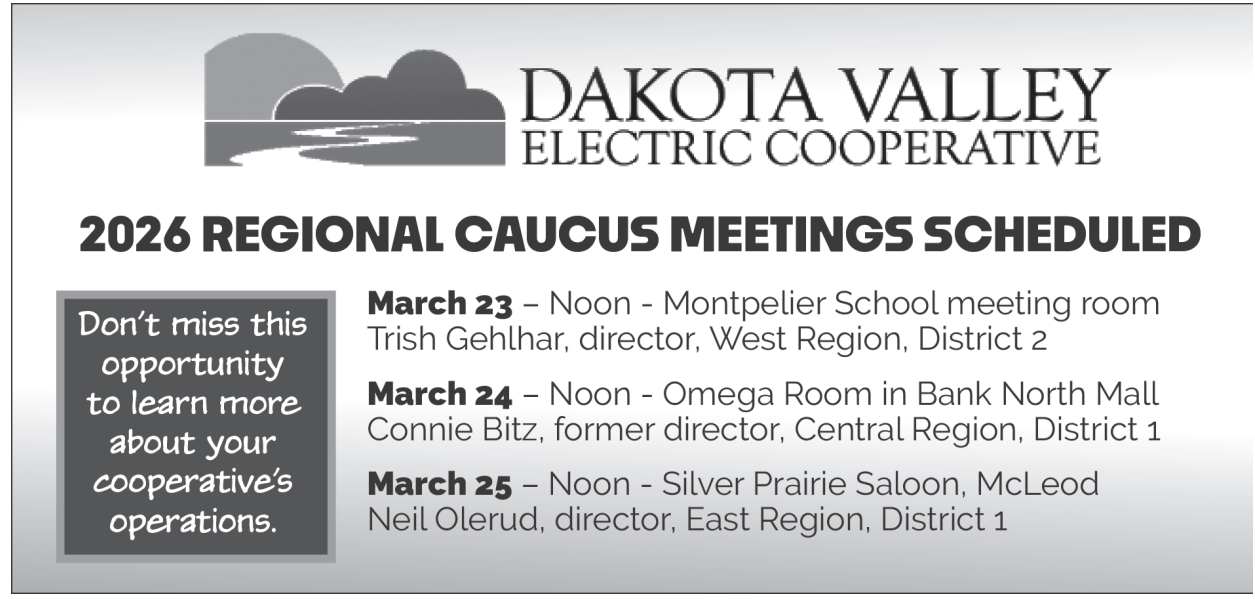
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March 23 – Noon - Montpelier School meeting room
 Trish Gehlhar, director, West Region, District 2

March 24 – Noon - Omega Room in Bank North Mall
 Connie Bitz, former director, Central Region, District 1

March 25 – Noon - Silver Prairie Saloon, McLeod
 Neil Olerud, director, East Region, District 1



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