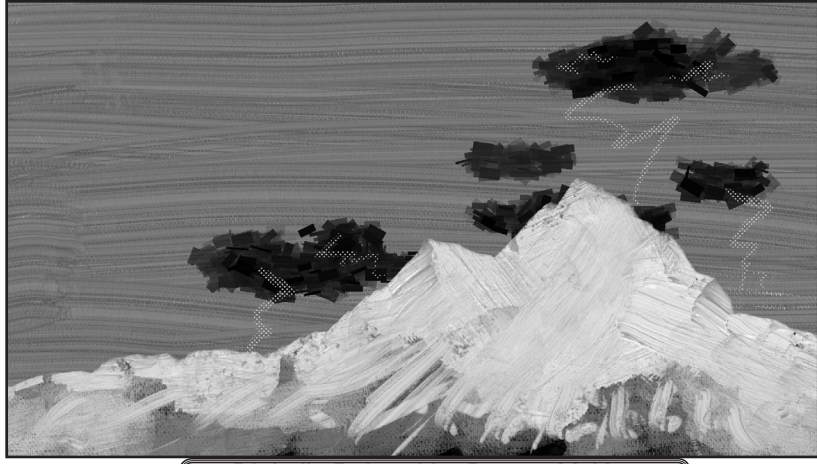


“Lost Within” Local Concept Showing on March 24



Digitally Painted by Bryson McKown

I have received permission to hold a public showing of my concepts, outlines, and premise for my writing project (Lost Within) in The Oakes Public Library. Personally provided coffee, lemonade, and cookies are customary to all who participate in viewing. Questions are encouraged as conversation will help this project become a reality.

The Showcase will open at 4:00 pm, start at 4:30 pm, and Q&A conversation will continue until the end when the library closes at 5:30 pm. Please feel free to ask any questions; As a creative endeavor, it is subject to changes and new ideas.

Some examples of these concepts and images will be displayed to make conveying more streamlined. Yet nothing is concrete or set in stone asides the theme, genre, and message.

Idealistically, my hope is this project can make way through all the ropes to become a film, whether by my hands or lending it to another's. That's why I would appreciate the community's impression for feedback.

Written by Bryson McKown



Oakes Enhancement, Inc. Seeking Candidates for Part-Time OEI Development Director/Liaison

Oakes Enhancement, Incorporated (OEI) is a non-profit 501(c) 4 organization which has been in existence since 1989. Their mission is to create an environment that stimulates commercial, industrial, residential, educational growth and development while enhancing the quality of life in the greater Oakes (ND) trade area.

The Economic Development Director/Liaison position is designed to execute programs, projects, and initiatives for a positive impact on the community.

Candidates would be working directly with businesses and industries, be they new or existing, understanding their needs, challenges, and how to move forward into the future.

Seeking out funding and incentive programs, connecting projects with lenders and grant resources, tracking project progress and outcomes are Candidates should have organizational skills, be self-motivated, be able to multi-task and possess people skills. Experience in economic development, banking, business, nonprofit, or related fields preferred. Valid drivers license required for occasional local travel.

See full description with details at: OakesND.com/jobs.php
If interested, please submit a cover letter and resume to Audrey O'Brien at aobrien@drtel.net putting ED Position in the subject line. The cover letter should be addressed to the OEI Board of Directors.

Public Notices

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CPEC Public Comment Period
Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. intends to seek financial assistance from USDA Rural Utilities Service(RUS) for the rebuild of an existing distribution substation. The proposed project consists of rebuilding the existing substation directly adjacent to the existing substation on property owned by Central Power. This property is located in the SW1/4, Section 8, T130N, R59W, Dickey County, ND. The location is 3/4 mile west of the intersection of 110th Avenue SE and 92nd Street SE. If implemented, the proposed project will convert Central Power's property at the site which is actively tilled. In accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and USDA Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy, the purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this proposed conversion or effect and request comments concerning the proposal, alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts, and methods that could be used to minimize these impacts. The public comment period is 14 days from the date of this publication. Please submit comments or questions via email to: rus-publiccomments@usda.gov (Submitted to the Oakes Times 03/12/2026, 03/19/2026)

City Council Meeting February 10, 2026

The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Council: Kelly, D. Hollingsworth, Harris and Hernandez-Waite. Employees present: Matt O'Brien, Chad Raatz, Fallon Kelly and Zasha Johnson.

Engineer Report: Josh Roehrich informed council the GIS map developed during the street project was completed and presented final invoice, Kelly moved, D Hollingsworth second to approve invoice 7447, carried. WTP improvement project bids were opened February 5th, the low bidder was CC Steel, D. Hollingsworth moved, Hernandez-Waite second to award bid contingent upon DWR Cost share agreement being approved, carried. Water commission will meet February 12th for final review of cost share application. Kelly moved, D Hollingsworth second to approve Moore invoice 7253, carried. D Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to approve Moore invoice 7212 for water plant assistance, carried. Geotechnical work completed on sewer main on Main Ave, no unsuitable materials were detected, engineers will continue developing plans to correct the issue. Door-to-door visits were completed last week for Lead Line survey, reported favorable results and cooperation.

Minutes, Auditor and Court Reports: Kelly moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve minutes, carried. D Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to approve police report, carried. Kelly moved, D Hollingsworth second to approve auditor reports, carried.

Game of Chance Permit: Hernandez-Waite moved, D Hollingsworth second to approve permits as listed, carried.

Oakes Archery, 50/50 Raffle

- Stronger Together Foundation, Raffle 225.00
- Lovelace Benefit, Raffle Boards Building Permit; Kelly moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve permit For Lots 7, 8 & S 1/2 Lot 9 Blk 9 Washburns Addn, detached garage, carried.
- Bills: D Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to approve bills as presented, carried.
- Aflac 591.64
- AHR Construction 714.00
- Aqua Pure 1489.40
- Avid Hawk 225.00
- Cheryl Jongerius 60.04
- City of Fargo 28.00
- Column Software 104.88
- Computer Express 3600.00
- Dakota Improvement 7412.50
- Dakota Valley Electric 1202.00
- DRN 724.13
- Economy Oil 1010.90
- Economy Propane 1877.85
- Fabian Pest Control 105.00
- Heritage Insurance 1305.00
- Information Tech 207.80
- John Deere Financial 1491.74
- Jones & Kelly Atty's at Law 1510.00
- Midwest Pest Control 138.00
- Moore Engineering 88,822.20
- Napa 450.68
- NDPERS-Ins. 23,192.98
- NDPERS-Retirement 10,011.70
- ND One Call 6.30
- OEI 13,480.09
- Oakes Times 764.46
- Oakes Truck & Trailer 2,252.54
- Pitney Bowes 91.29
- Prairie Printing 360.00
- Praskas 472.81
- Rod's Cleaning 80.00
- Sanitation Products 973.69
- Starion Bank 2,407.04
- Sweets & Stories 80.75
- Sweeney Controls 1,961.25
- Tornado Stop 3,980.16
- Verizon Wireless 688.50
- Visa-Library 270.67
- Visa-City 1,425.57
- Vistos 896.59
- Waste Management 9,485.46
- Workforce Safety 5,734.99
- Zacks Repair 220.40
- Salaries 14,748.18
- Payroll Taxes 65,531.47

Committee Reports: Auditor will put out additional job advertisements on the radio and job service. Brent Larson will be attending the water conference in Fargo and plans to take level one test at the end of February.

Unfinished Business: Kelly moved, D Hollingsworth second to approve 2nd Reading of Flood Plain Ordinance Update, carried. Notice of Assignment was received from the clerk of court. Waiting for hearing to be scheduled in regards to writ of mandamus received from attorneys for Great Plains Oil.

New Business: City of Oakes needs to appoint a new member to the county JDA Board, bring suggestions to the next meeting.

D. Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to adjourn the meeting at 6:24PM. (Submitted to the Oakes Times 03/19/2026)

2026 SUMMER BUS TOURS

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Cooper's Corner

by Martha MacLeod



High wind advisory Last week two weather events were forecast. The first was a high wind advisory issued several days in advance. It finally arrived on Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, exactly as predicted. We saw the trees begin to move and the wind chimes bounced around. It wasn't until we shut the tv off and got ready for bed that we noticed how forceful the wind was.

It howled around the house and became gusts that roared. Once we shut the lights out Cooper sat by the window looking out. The little Shit Tzu was really unnerved by the blustery conditions outside. Shadows moved eerily as the trees swayed in the wind and he began to bark.

He has a very unusual bark. He can vocalize two things at once. He starts out with a low sounding grrrr and once he gets that going he barks on top of that. He thought he saw animals outside where there were none. He got so worked up we let him outside.

Cooper sat on the deck looking out over the back yard. The wind blew his ears and the fur on his face back so that his eyes looked like little slits. His white fluffy tail that usually sits on top of his rump was behind him. Judy and I joked that we should put weights on him to keep him from blowing away. Cooper loved it. He looked so happy with his nose up in the air.

Eventually he went down the steps to the ground and ran to the back fence. He was barking but the wind was so loud it sounded like he was a block away. When he finally came back inside his fur was fluffed up like he'd been under a blow dryer.

Cooper went back to looking out the window. He calmed down and the house was quiet but the rumble of the wind roared all night long.

When we got up next morning the neighbor's trampoline in the backyard next to ours was flipped upside down.

The weather outlook was for two events: the high wind advisory and then two days later for snow. Sure enough, after the wind the snow came as predicted.

Cooper is very attuned to the outdoors. He watches everything and went from one window to the next keeping track of the storm. He heard the dog next door bark and wanted out. So we let him go. Snow had begun to accumulate on the deck and he slipped and slid through it on his way to the back yard. He had a good time leaping around in the snow and running over the rock garden. When he came back inside he had little snow balls clinging to the fur on his belly. His chin was full of snow and so was the fur on his upper body. What did he do then? He came into the kitchen and shook himself all over. A wintry mix flew all over the kitchen. I laughed. It's fresh clean snow, I said to myself. It'll dry in a minute.

The next morning Cooper looked out the kitchen window and there by the back fence was a big pheasant cock. First time I've seen that in town. Of course, Cooper got all excited. By then there was nearly five inches of snow. He ran to the back fence and the pheasant flew up and down the alley. With the combination of high wind and snow that pheasant no doubt blew into town for shelter.

And so it is.

LIBRARY CORNER

REVIEWS SUBMITTED BY JEANINE PAHL

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Bloodlust by Sandra Brown.

Detective Mitch Haskell is obsessed with avenging his wife's murder, which he blames on a killer named Roland Malone and the elusive drug kingpin known as Oz. His fixation leads to reckless behavior, landing him in mandatory therapy with Dr. Dylan Reede. As Mitch closes in on the criminals, he and Dylan develop a dangerous attraction. When Dylan is discovered to hold crucial information about Oz's operation, both she and Mitch become targets, putting their lives and careers at risk.

The Bookstore Diaries by Susan Mallery.

Jax loves being in control, but the only thing she truly manages is the Painted Lady Bookstore, the old Victorian home she inherited. Her ex is getting engaged for the wrong reasons; her sister Ryleigh wants to move away to find a husband, and the contractor Jax hires to help—hoping he'll distract Ryleigh—ends up being interested in Jax instead. When an accident wipes the names off the store's lockboxes where townspeople keep their private diaries, Jax and her team must read them to figure out who they belong to. As secrets and scandals come to light, chaos takes over the bookstore. Jax soon learns that letting go of control—especially with the “wrong” guy, might be just what she needs.

When Justice Comes by Colleen Coble.

(Tupelo Grove #3) Hez Webster and his fiancée, Savannah, are ready to adopt her nephew, Simon but suddenly two other people file for custody, each hoping to use Simon for their own benefit. At the same time, Hez and Savannah face threats from a company Hez once defeated and from the powerful Willard family, both holding grudges. As they fight through complicated family-law battles and uncover dangerous secrets, their trust in others and in each other is tested. With time running out, Hez and Savannah must face their pasts and protect Simon. The question is: can they keep their future family together, or will their enemies tear them apart?

We continue to have a generous collection of Large Print books from NDSL. Stop by and look!

Bookworm Discovery Class - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the library. (Year round)
Lego Lovers - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00. (September-May)

Library hours are Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 1:30 to 5:30, Wednesday 1:30 to 7:30, Friday 1:30 to 3:30.

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