

# 5<sup>TH</sup> Annual Shake, Battle & Roll Hosted at Lake LaMoure!

The annual “Shake, Battle, & Roll” fundraiser and social event was recently held on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, at Lake LaMoure. A total of 157 adults and kids, specifically lake lot renters, sub-renters, and their weekend guests registered for this 9<sup>th</sup> year of gathering together for a great cause. The “lakers” were ready and willing to support the recipients of the fund raiser - the LaMoure Fire Department and the LaMoure Ambulance. The result was a HUGE success as \$19,350.00 was the total amount raised! It was another record-breaking year! Each of these two service organizations will receive \$9,675.00!

With all the weekend storms this past summer, we were lucky the weather cooperated. It was ideal for taking part in the various outdoor games which the lake “hosts” prepared for everyone’s enjoyment.

Along with socializing, the afternoon was spent “battling” for the coveted stickers and “rolling” to five different lake lots, either by land or by watercraft. Delicious food was served by the hosts to all those attending.

Hosts at stop #1 were Bob, Robin, & Kylie Brattie & family, Jess Moch & family, Curt, Pam, Cody & Caroline Walker & family. They went “all out” and decorated with a “Circus Carnival” theme which was especially enjoyed by the children attending. There were clowns, popcorn, balloons, hot dogs and more! Connie Boe-Quandt had her cotton candy machine going non-stop for everyone's sweet tooth! A “get-acquainted blackout mixer” kept the crowd mingling while they tried their luck at various circus style games.

Kent & Lori Peterson and Chuck & Linda Peterson were hosts at stop #2. Hop scotch with a twist, ladder golf challenge, sponge buckets, and ball-in-the-tote games were played as everyone munched on an assortment of chips and fruit snacks. Connie Boe-Quandt organized and displayed a huge assortment of kids’ prizes for their selec-



tion. The youth attending also received giant icees along with a crocheted animal holder. The prizes were donated by the Lake LaMoure Association and Jim and Connie Quandt. Linda Peterson created fun props for a “pirate photo op.” Many pictures of kids and their families were taken.

We all headed east for lake stop #3 which was hosted by Davy & Julie Bellin, Bob & Liz Braun & family, Lori Gentzkow, and Zeb & Angela Mahin & family. Seasoned sweet corn and puppy chow were enjoyed by all. Challenging games here were Flyball Skeet, hatchet throwing and sticky golf-chipping. The games all look easy from the sidelines, but it's harder than it looks most of the time.

Lake stop #4 was next to Splitt's Landing and hosts were Dave, Deb, Lance, Cole, & Sydney Ehrlin and Jerry & Jonda Praska & family. An assortment of trail mix and snacks were enjoyed while crazy games of giant pong tube, human slot machine, and hot dog in the t.p. tube brought many laughs.

The Jake Jordahl Family and Cody & Laura Frauenberg Family were the hosts at the next destination. This was the last opportunity to gain a sticker for the score card. The dunk tank was a popular game IF

you weren't sitting on the tank! A delicious meal of pulled pork sandwiches, cookie salad, cole slaw, chips, dips, and an assortment of bars was served. Thank you to LaMoure Foods for furnishing the buns.

Following the main meal, the participants all ventured a little further north to Stu Good's lot. The battle was on to see who would be the winners of the two dice-shaking cash prizes. The high prize of \$200 was won by Parker Brattie, Lisbon and the low prize of \$200 was won by Cole Kelly, Oakes.

There were 3 raffle boards circulating around the area for this fundraiser event. 100 squares were available on each board for \$20 each. All three boards were completely filled! The \$500 Visa Gift Card winner was Scott Olson, West Fargo. The Gun Raffle Board had 3 guns to be given away. Jerry & Jonda Praska from Praska's Hardware Hank in Oakes donated a pistol which was won by Fawn Savey-Blixt, Oakes. A 22 Rifle was donated by Davy Bellin, LaMoure and won by Stu Good, LaMoure, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize was another pistol, won by Brooke Robert of LaMoure. The “Arndt I Cute” Minky Blanket Raffle Board had 2 adult-sized blankets to be given away. The winners could choose the design they wanted Tricia Arndt to create.

Tricia donated the first blanket and it was won by Jeff Jordahl, LaMoure. The second blanket was won by Kris Piehl, Marion and she chose to have Axl Lesko be the recipient of her blanket. Axl gets to pick out his favorite blanket design for himself. Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you, to those who donated raffle board prizes and to all those who purchased squares.

A silent and live auction was held at the end of the action-packed day and brought in \$11,942.00!! Kelly Klein was the auctioneer and Tessa Klein was the clerk, donating their services to this event. Thank you, Kelly for making the auction fun and for encouraging bidder participation. It was amazing! A “frequent bidder” drawing for \$100 was won by Jill Wagner, LaMoure and she generously donated her winnings back to the event.

Giving isn't just about making a donation; it's about making a difference. Thank you to these businesses and individuals who contributed a monetary donation or gave items for the live and silent auctions: (LaMoure)-Good Oil, LaMoure Foods, Hi-Way Service Center, Inc., Ag Country Farm Credit Services, Valley Wealth Advisors-Carly Rott, Ground North Co., Harmsen's Greenhouse, Bank

North, LaMoure Drug Store, Valley Plains Equipment, Wildflowers-Tessa Klein, Farmers Union Insurance-Tatem Brandt, The Short Cut-Laura Frauenberg, LaMoure Parts Center, LaMoure County Chronicle-Art Hagebock, Grand Valley Co., LaMoure Credit Union, Other Bar, Agri Valley Insurance, Dennis & Davy Mowing, Double M Seeds-Mike Moser, Grandma Blue's Bakery & Café. (Oakes)-The Butcher Shop, Inc., Scoop's Liquor, The Mane Escape-Mercedes Bierman, Kustom Machine, Oakes Family Pharmacy, JQ Clothing, Starion Bank, Sweets & Stories, Heritage Insurance, Angry Beaver, Visto's/Carquest, Tara's Thrifty White Pharmacy. (Lisbon)-Hefty Seed Co.-Brian Weight, RDO Equipment Co., X-treme Car Wash. (Litchville)-CF Excavating, J\*A\*C\* Predator & Large Pest Control-Jarrett Christoferson. (Marion)-Brad's Body Shop. (Kulm)-Kulm Service Inc., Hometown Credit Union. (Verona)-James Valley Grain, Infinity Ag-Travis Wieman, Verona Tavern. (Gwinner)-Bobcat. (Fullerton)-Fullerton Farmers Elevator. (Jamestown)-Butler. (Fort Ransom)-The Fort Tavern & Steakhouse. (Fargo)-Scheels. Individual Donations-Kevin & Ruth Hodem, Craig & Sheila Bierman, Stu Good, Lori & Kent Peterson, Nick

& Cody Jacobson, Dale & Diane Muske, Barry & Beau Townsend, Jake Jordahl, Josh & Trista Shockman, Jim Larson, Bob & Robin Brattie, Chuck & Linda Peterson, Evelyn Good, Jerry & Brenda Ragan, Tom & Donene Larson, Rocky & Brenda Ballinger and Ron & Gayann Van Bruggen. Thank you to everyone! Your generosity reflects your support for these two service organizations.

Those who volunteered for “extra jobs” prior to and on the day of the Shake, Battle & Roll event include: Registration & Flyer Designer-Carly Rott, Flyer Distributors-Jake Jordahl, Dave & Julie Bellin and Bob & Liz Braun, T-Shirt Design/Orders-Gina Haugen & Lori Gentzkow, Sticker/Blackout Mixer Cards-Julie Bellin, Dice Score Cards and Frequent Bidder Recorder-Deb Ehrlin, Prizes for Kids-Connie Boe-Quandt, Auction Setup-Stu Good, Carly Rott, Lori Peterson, Linda Peterson, Brattie Family & Gayann Van Bruggen, and Dice Shaking-Ron Van Bruggen, Mercedes Bierman and Madison Bierman.

Shake, Battle & Roll has become an entertaining event for all ages. This group has a great time getting to know their lake neighbors while raising money for this worthwhile cause. We choose the LaMoure Fire Department and the LaMoure Ambulance as recipients of our fundraising efforts as these two organizations service the lake in case of an emergency. Each year, the dollar amount raised continues to grow. From our very first fundraiser 9 years ago, this event has raised a grand total of \$87,111.00!! In 2026, the goal is to hit the \$100,000 total for the 10 year anniversary. Would you be a part of that and volunteer to host at your lake spot? We need you if this event is to continue for a decade.

A HUGE THANKS to all those who support Shake, Battle & Roll!

-Article and Picture Submitted by Gayann Van Bruggen, Event Organizer

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2025  
The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Sitzler, Council: Hernandez-Waite, Hollingsworth, Kelly, and Day. Employees present: Matthew O'Brien, Lee Bredeson, Fallon Kelly and Zasha Johnson.  
Council Vacancy: Day moved, J. Hollingsworth second to appoint Dylan Hollingsworth to the vacant council position, carried.  
Engineer Report: Project has reached substantial completion with punch list items to be reviewed with contractor later this month. Day moved, Kelly second to approve contractors request for payment as presented by engineer, carried.  
Minutes, Auditor and Police Reports: J. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to approve minutes with correction to Mayor's name as noted, carried. Harris moved, D. Hollingsworth second to approve police report, carried. Harris moved, Day second to approve auditor reports, carried.  
Building Permits: Sidewalk removal, S 150' Of Outlot H Letter Outlots: after discussion of highway 1 right-of-way J. Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to approve removal of sidewalk up to highway 1 easement line, carried. Homeowners should contact ND DOT if they wish to remove additional sidewalk in easement area. D. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to approve Egress window, Lot 7 Blk 19 Washburn's Addn, carried. J. Hollingsworth inquired about how to handle a project that was already completed without obtaining a permit. Johnson will send a request to fill out the permit and pay any fees due.  
Game of Chance Permit: Harris moved, Day second to approve a raffle permit for DECA, carried.  
Tourism Funding Requests: Hernandez-Waite moved, Day second to approve request of \$3850.00 for the First Responder's Community Night out, carried. Day moved, Kelly second to approve \$2500.00 for Chamber Wine Walk and Oh Deer Shopping Weekend, carried.  
Bills: J. Hollingsworth moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve bills as presented, carried.

Affac	236.20
Agtegra	155.00
American Welding & Gas	80.99
Aqua Pure	4786.36
Avid Hawk	200.00
Bank of ND	414725.68
Bear Creek Flying	5060.25

City of Fargo	42.00
Code 4 Services	5547.56
Dakota Improvement	5142.50
Dakota Valley Electric	245.00
DRN	7783.13
Economy Oil	1004.70
Fabian Pest Control	105.00
Factset Research System	91.00
Fallon Kelly	8880.00
Geffdod Designs	585.00
General Irrigation	3780.00
Heritage Insurance	11.00
Information Tech.	175.85
Integrity Sales & Auction	200.00
James River Repair	255.83
Kustom Machine	86.95
Midwest Pest Control	138.00
Moore Engineering	235.00
Napa	423.07
ND One Call	25.50
NDPERS INS	23,184.66
NDPERS-Retirement	9,956.50
ND Water User	325.00
Newman Signs	285.46
Novak Electric	511.05
Oakes Area Chamber	2500.00
OEI	10,982.31
Oakes Times	597.21
Oakes Truck & Trailer	943.98
Otter Tail Power	7,711.28
Parsons Electric	10243.00
Praska	1892.35
Recycling Center	890.25
Rod's Cleaning	80.00
Starion Bank	2,420.55
Sweets N Stories	245.56
Tornado Stop	2343.66
Travis Mcpherson	1127.50
USA Blue Book	300.91
Visa-library	1008.97
Visa-City	1683.22
Vistos	361.99
Waste Management-Recycle	9214.82
Workforce Safety	250.27
Zacks Repair	45.00
Payroll Taxes	15667.02
Salaries	69864.85

Visitors: Bob Ubben expressed concerns about a tree on the highway 1 boulevard that is dying and poses a potential risk if it goes down. Day moved, J. Hollingsworth second to get bids for removal, carried.  
Committee Reports: Harris reported a new quote was received for insulating the City Shop, this one significantly lower than was previously quoted. Discussed options for funding the improvement which will include money from several departments. Harris moved, D. Hollingsworth second to approve insulation of the shop as quoted, carried. Kelly brought up the remaining water meters to

be replaced. Attorney Kelly will draft a letter to send to residents including a statement that service could be disrupted if meters are not replaced. J. Hollingsworth moved, Day second to send the letter to anyone who needs a new meter still, carried. Kelly also expressed thanks to the police officers for helping to cover public works duties during our staffing shortage. Recycling service was discussed, the cost to recycle items is higher than regular trash services and it puts more mileage and wear and tear on the truck driving to Wahpeton. The amount of recycling picked up has steadily declined over the years and alternative options were discussed. Cardboard dumpsters will still be available around town. Harris moved, Day second to discontinue recycling pickup by the City, carried. The sanitation portfolio will discuss the plan for ending services and what to do with the totes, plan will be discussed at the next meeting. J. Hollingsworth has spoken with Their Well about servicing the two wells, they are estimating \$15,000 for each well. Recently were informed that Rural Water will test hydrants for free, will pursue this going forward. A question was raised whether we could require alcohol establishments to have an electronic ID scanner for age verification. Several establishments recently obtained scanners and the Department of Health offers grants to assist with the purchases. Attorney Kelly will review ordinance and law and provide guidance.  
Unfinished Business: Main Avenue Lot bid was opened; business plan was reviewed and discussed. J. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to accept bids for Lots 6 & 7 Block 9 Original Plat, carried. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance: discussed small changes that had been made since last reading. J. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinances as presented, carried.  
New Business: Propane bids, two bids were received from Economy Propane & Agtegra Coop. J. Hollingsworth moved, D. Hollingsworth second to accept the Economy Propane bid, carried. Two tree removal bids were received for trees along Maple Ave & S 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Day moved Hernandez-Waite second to approve removal bid from GS Services, carried. One bid for removal of stumps was received, J. Hollingsworth moved, Day second to approve bid from Dakota Improvement, carried. Brent Larson has started the process of obtaining a CDL to assist with sanitation operations, Harris moved, D. Hollingsworth second to pay or reimburse any expenses or fees

incurred, carried.  
Announcements & Correspondence: D. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM. Published in the Oakes Times (9/4/2025,9/11/2025)  
  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 29, 2025  
The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Sitzler, Council: Day, Hernandez-Waite, Harris, Hollingsworth and Kelly. Employees present: Zasha Johnson, Brent Larson, Fallon Kelly and Chad Raatz  
Open Council Position: No appointments were made. A name was suggested and council will reach out to confirm interest in the position.  
Police Department Requests: Quotes were received for upgraded body camera packages and laptops. Discussed need for upgrades and how the systems will integrate with each other. Camera package is a 5-year contract that includes equipment upgrades and warranty. Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to approve 5-year camera package contract and purchase of three new laptops, carried.  
Preliminary Budget Hearing: Johnson presented the preliminary budget and discussed the new law limiting budget increases to 3%. The TIF District in the City is expiring in September causing the valuation of the TIF District property to be included in the 3% calculation worksheet, which increases the budget limit. Harris moved, Hernandez-Waite second to approve the preliminary budget of 100.55 mills generating \$572,021.42, carried. The final budget hearing was scheduled for Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Oakes Community Center.  
Ordinance Review & Update: Discussed the proposed ordinance updates and debated some changes and additions to be made. Hollingsworth moved, Kelly second to approve the first reading of the ordinance update as presented, carried.  
Kelly moved, Day second to adjourn the meeting at 7:23PM.  
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COMMISSION  
The Special Assessment Commission of the City of Oakes met on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 and on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 at the Oakes Community

Center. Commissioners present were Ken Schulz, Dana Grosgebauer, and Mark Malberg.  
The Commission proceeded to complete the determination of the particular lots and parcels of land within Street Improvement District No. 2023-01 especially benefitted, and the assessment of benefits against each such parcel of land.  
Commissioner Ken Schulz moved the adoption of the following resolution:  
WHEREAS, the members of the Special Assessment Commission have reviewed the property within Street Improvement District No. 2023-01 which may be subject to such special assessments, and have determined from such inspection the particular lots and parcels of land which in the opinion of the Commission will be especially benefitted by the construction of such work for which special assessments are to be made, and have assessed against each such parcel of land such sum not exceeding the benefits as may be necessary to pay its just proportion of the costs of such work including all expenses incurred in the making of special assessments, and publishing notices with reference thereto and the per diem of the Commission; and  
WHEREAS, said Commission has caused to be made a complete list of the benefits and assessments setting forth each lot or improvement, and the amount assessed against each such lot or tract of land; and  
WHEREAS, said list has been completed and there has been attached to said list of assessments a certificate, signed by all members of the Special Assessment Commission, certifying that the same is a true and correct assessment of the property therein described, to the best of their judgment, and stating the several items of expense included in the assessment;  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:  
1. The Special Assessment Commission has determined the particular lots and parcels of land which in the opinion of the Commission will be especially benefitted by the construction of such work for which such special assessments are to be made.  
2. The Special Assessment Commission has assessed against each such parcel of land such sum not exceeding the benefits as shall be necessary to pay its just proportion of the costs of such work, including all expenses incurred in the making of special assessments and publishing necessary notices

with reference thereto and the per diem of the Commission.  
3. The Commission has caused to be made a complete list of the benefits and assessments setting forth each lot or tract of land assessed, the amount each lot or tract is benefitted by the improvement, and the amount assessed against each such lot or tract of land; that each of said lots or tracts of land is hereby assessed the amount shown on said assessment list.  
4. The list has been completed and there has been attached thereto a Certificate signed by all of the members of the Special Assessment Commission certifying that the same is a true and correct assessment of the property therein described to the best of their judgment and stating the several items of expense included in the assessment.  
The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Mark Malberg. On roll call, the following commissioners voted in favor of said Resolution: Ken Schulz and Mark Malberg, and Dana Grosgebauer. No one voted against the Resolution so the motion carried and the Resolution was duly adopted.  
It was moved by Commissioner Ken Schulz and seconded by Commissioner Mark Malberg that the assessment list for Street Improvement District No. 2023-01 be published pursuant to N.D.C.C. 40-23-10, and that the following notice be published in the official newspaper of the city: Please Take Notice that the Oakes Special Assessment Commission shall meet and hold a public hearing on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Oakes Community Center in the City of Oakes to hear objections made to any assessment by any interested party, his agent or attorney. Also that said notice shall be sent to the newspaper for publication and mailed via certified mail to all public utilities within the city limits no later than August 29, 2025 for two publications in the paper on September 4, 2025 and on September 11, 2025. On roll call, Ken Schulz, Mark Malberg, and Dana Grosgebauer voted aye, no one voted nay, so the motion carried.  
There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried that the meeting adjourn.  
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