

# SOLAR: Anderson says city not granting permits to install solar panels

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prospects (for installing solar panels) all over town now.

"There are several panels in town - I have them on my house."

New City Commissioner Matt Pedersen said Wednesday, "I'm a fan of renewable energy. Solar panels are becoming more popular and less expensive. I'm willing to support more research and look into it if we (the City Commission) would support it with any kind of incentives.

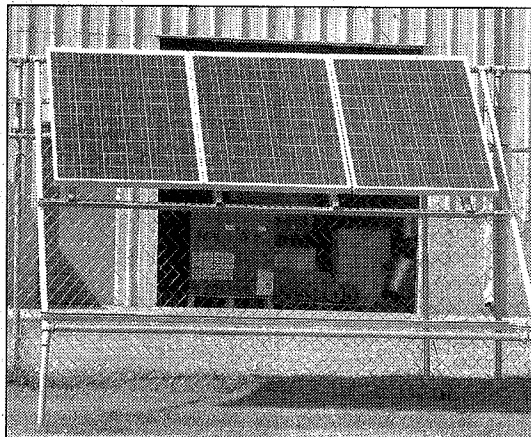
"They (solar panels) aren't all that beautiful, so there should be standards on where they are mounted. On personal wind turbines, I don't know if I would want them all over town."

City Commissioner Ken Evenson was fairly blunt in his views Wednesday. "They (solar panels) are an eyesore. It's not a pretty sight. I would say if an individual wants to do it according to the code, we couldn't stop them."

Evenson said commission members have talked about possibly adopting an ordinance governing alternative energy, but not recently.

He also said, "I do have a problem with people acting as advocates" for solar panels.

Commissioner George Dutton said Wednesday,



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These demonstration solar panels are on display at Enterprise Sales Co. on East Main Street.

day, "The concern (by city commissioners) was whatever is done now could set a precedent," and the city is researching what other communities in the state are doing.

"It's not that anyone opposes what he (Hanson) is doing, we just want to make sure it doesn't get out of hand. I'm reluctant to express an opinion, but we want to make sure it doesn't get to the point it becomes an eyesore. I am very supportive of the idea of coming up with

alternative energy sources.

"As a city, I don't think we have any ordinances allowing people to do it right now. I assume we must be allowing some solar panels right now."

Dutton added he does not want to see the city lose momentum in efforts to come up with rules.

Valley City is not granting permits to install solar panels.

Valley City building/fire Inspector Dave Anderson said Wednesday, "We haven't granted any permits (allowing the installation of solar panels) in the city."

Anderson said the two reasons for not granting permits are the city's electrical supplier, Missouri River Basin Electric, must agree on procedures for allowing an individual home to tie into the grid and how to accept the additional power, and Anderson must be satisfied.

He said solar panels must be bracketed so they can withstand a 90 mph wind, which is not available at this time through Enterprise Sales Co.

"Right now an ordinance is in limbo, as planning and zoning comes up with an ordinance allowing solar panels and wind turbines."

Until these concerns are met, "I will not sign off on a permit," Anderson said.

# PLAN B: Thomas, Will say they encourage parental involvement, abstinence

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senior high counselors to offer pregnancy testing and Plan B locally to students.

Valley City Junior High counselor or Al Sorensen said Wednesday the Valley City school system does not promote the morning after pill.

"The school has never been in favor of the morning after pill," Sorensen said. "We have never been any part of that." He said counselors have asked City-County Health for referral services to Jamestown, but that is all.

Said Will, "We've had many requests from young women who are ages 18 and over, so it isn't just about minors.

"Public health looks at what the needs of the public are. Because of many requests, we've decided this is a service we should provide," she said.

The City-County Health board approved the service at its May board meeting.

Thomas told City-County Health board members in May that the Plan B pill is approved for sale over-the-counter for anyone 17 and older and is available at local pharmacies. It can be used up to 110 hours after unprotected intercourse or in the event of condom failure, but is only approved for use up to 72 hours.

Plan B does not cause an abortion, but prevents ovulation. If a woman is already pregnant, the

Plan B pill does not cause harm to or abort the fetus, according to Thomas.

Currently, anyone requesting the pill must get in touch with Thomas at Central Valley Health in Jamestown.

Plan B costs \$35 to \$50 over the counter, whereas public health can offer Plan B for \$12.50. Family planning services through Central Valley Health are on a sliding-fee scale based on income and family size. However, services are free to juveniles who don't have parental involvement.

Thomas and Will said they encourage parental involvement and consent with juveniles, and that parents discuss abstinence with them.

Will said if a person requesting Plan B comes into the office, a nurse counsels them about birth control methods and emotional stability. Goals are encouraged to visit with a supportive adult, hopefully a supportive parent, Will said.

"I'm very excited to extend our services into the Valley City area, especially to meet the needs of area residents to make it easier so they get these services," Thomas said on Wednesday.

"We also offer our services for sexually transmitted diseases, all forms of birth control, based on family income and family size. We encourage parental involvement and adolescent services," Thomas added.

# CHARLIE: Passed away in 1987

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to the opening Twins game, and he would always cheer against the Twins," recalled Jensen with a laugh.

Charlie passed away in 1987, and shortly afterwards, Jensen and former Legion coach Scott Radloff approached the Valley City park board about renaming what was then Hi-Line Park. It soon became Charlie Brown Memorial Baseball Field.

"That means a lot to all of us," Skretting said of the field being named after Charlie. "I

just wish they could have done that before he died."

So for the young generation, out-of-towners and anyone (like me) who didn't know, that's a little bit about who Charlie Brown was.

There isn't enough space in this column to describe the sports-loving man and all the stories I heard in a few short phone calls, but if you want more, ask around, everybody knew Charlie.

I just wish I could have known Charlie.

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# Reservoir has large fish kill

**Associated Press**  
COLUMBUS — Officials are trying to determine what killed thousands of fish at a popular reservoir in northwest North Dakota.

The fish in the Short Creek Dam reservoir died after a downpour in the Columbus area late last week. The water has turned dark and smelly, and some shoreline vegetation is black in color.

The Columbus Sportsmen's Club speculates that runoff raised the temperature of the water too high or that something was washed into the 108-acre reservoir. Short Creek flows through farm land and areas of oil development.

State water quality director Dennis Fewless says it will take a few weeks to complete testing of the water.

# BABE RUTH: Pitching and defense key

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tournament advance to the next stage — the four-team District 6 Tournament. If Valley City wins their first game Saturday, they just have to win one of the next two games to make the championship and advance on. Should they lose their first game, Valley City would have to win three straight games to advance.

"If you win that first one, it makes the whole tourney a lot easier to qualify," Lukes said.

That's why Valley City will throw top pitcher Jaden Keys in the opener, said Lukes. Keys leads the team with a 5-0 record on the mound and has struck out 48 batters in 35 innings pitched. He's second on the team in ERA (3.57) behind Chase Carpenter (2.26).

Keys and Carpenter were both key cogs on last year's squad that came up one win short of advancing to the district tournament. They're also two of six 15-year-olds that regularly start for Valley City. The difference this season has been that added experience and the addition of the some 14-year-old talent like Brett Stearns, who along with Brett Kohn has the team's top batting average of .440.

"We've got some young guys stepping up," Lukes said. "Brett Stearns stepping into that leadoff role and

getting on base, that's been huge. It makes the middle of our order that much better."

Valley City has eight batters hitting .344 or better, and five who have driven in at least 17 runs. Lukes said he has no worries about the offense heading into tournament play, and pitching and defense will be the key.

"I have confidence we'll hit the ball and get on base," said Lukes. "We've just got to throw strikes and make the routine plays."

## Dickey-LaMoure League Tournament Babe Ruth Baseball July 10-13, Ellendale Saturday, July 10

GM1: (4) Oakes vs. (5) Edgeley, 10 a.m.  
GM2: (3) LaMoure vs. (6) Ellendale, 12:15 p.m.  
GM3: (1) Lisbon vs. Winner GM1, 2:30 p.m.  
GM4: (2) Valley City vs. Winner GM2, 4:45 p.m.

## Sunday, July 11

GM5: Loser GM1 vs. Loser GM4, noon  
GM6: Loser GM2 vs. Loser GM3, 2:15 p.m.  
GM7: Winner GM3 vs. Winner GM4, 4:30 p.m. (Semifinal)  
GM8: Winner GM5 vs. Winner GM6, 7 p.m.

## Monday, July 12

GM9: Loser GM7 vs. Winner GM8, 5:30 p.m.

## Championship

GM10: Winner GM7 vs. Winner GM9, 8 p.m.

## Tuesday, July 13

Second Championship Game, 7 p.m. (if necessary)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISSOLVE A CORPORATION

Bell-Core, Inc., of Oriska, North Dakota, filed a Notice of Intent to Dissolve with the Secretary of State of North Dakota on May 7, 2010. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BELL-CORE, INC. IS IN THE PROCESS OF DISSOLVING. Assets remain for the benefit of its creditors. All persons or entities having a claim against Bell-Core, Inc. are required to present their claims within ninety days after the date of this notice when first published, which was June 17, 2010. Claims must be presented to Jack Dwyer, Kennelly & O'Keeffe, Ltd., P.O. Box 2105, Fargo, North Dakota, 58107-2105.

(June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2010)

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SEIZED PROPERTY NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO,  
FIREARMS & EXPLOSIVES (ATF)

Any person claiming an interest may file a petition for remission or mitigation of forfeiture or file a claim with the undersigned on or before the last date to file; otherwise the property will be forfeited & disposed according to law. Mail to: BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS & EXPLOSIVES, ATTN: SEIZED PROPERTY, 99 NEW YORK AVENUE NE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226. Otherwise, the property will be administratively forfeited pursuant to 19 USC 1608 and will be disposed of according to law.

THIRD NOTICE  
DEADLINE TO FILE CLAIM 08/8/2010  
AGENCY CASE NO. DATE SEIZED  
STATUTE CODE, PLACE SEIZED  
ASSET ID, ASSET DESC,  
APPRAISED VALUE

NORTH DAKOTA  
778015-09-0101; 03/11/2010; 18 USC 924(d); West Fargo, ND; 10-ATF-009980; Taurus 83 Revolver CAL: 38 SN: KD434023; \$150.00; 10-ATF-009987; 6 Rds CCI Ammo CAL: 38; \$0.60;

The property listed above is NOT for sale. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives DOES NOT have information concerning the sale of property. Violation Codes; 26-53...Properties Were Seized For Violation Of Title 26 USC Chapter 53; 26-75...Properties Were Seized For Violation Of Title 26 USC CHAPTER 75; 18-44...Properties Were Seized For Violation Of Title 18 USC Chapter 44; 18-40...Properties Were Seized For Violation Of Title 18 USC Chapter 40; 49-11...Properties Were Seized For Violation Of Title 49 USC Chapter 11

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
North Dakota Telephone Company,  
Midcontinent Communications  
Interconnection Agreement  
Amendment  
Application  
Case No. PU-10-309

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT  
June 30, 2010

On June 25, 2010, North Dakota Telephone Company (NDTC) entered into an interconnection agreement, amendment with Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) pursuant to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The agreement amendment sets forth terms and conditions under which NDTC will provide interconnection services, local number portability, ancillary services and wholesale services for resale to Midcontinent in the New Rockford, North Dakota exchange. The agreement was filed with the Commission on June 25, 2010.

On June 25, 2010, Midcontinent filed a request for approval of the interconnection agreement in less than 90 days pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1).

This agreement was filed under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Act requires that any agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration be submitted for approval to the Commission. Under 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission may only reject an agreement adopted by negotiation (or a portion of the agreement) if it finds that:

1. the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement; or  
2. implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

In addition, under 47 U.S.C. Section 253 the Commission may include, in its review, state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry. The Commission will receive written comments on this agreement until August 13, 2010.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
Tony Clark, Commissioner  
Kevin Cramer, Chairman  
Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner

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