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NEWS FROM THE VALLEY

THE VALLEY BUS NEWSLETTER

NEW HIRES

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| SHANE LANCASTER DRIVER | CASSANDRA HANSON DRIVER | PAUL ALDIN DRIVER |
| VINCENT WHEEL JR. DRIVER | FARTUN ABDULKARIM PARA | ARON HEAT PARA |
| KATRINA JOHNSON PARA | DONNA JOHNSON PARA | SENECA COATES PARA |
| CAROL HAMILTON PARA | JUSTE CHOUINARD PARA | RUDOLPH ROBERTS DRIVER |
| EVAN PETERSON DRIVER | PORTER KNITSON DRIVER | MICHAEL JALLAN DRIVER |
| VERONICA DEAZ PARA | JADA DELANEY PARA | ADAM MORTON PARA |
| | ANTONIO TORRES DRIVER | |
| ALEXANDER CHARCHENKO DRIVER | PARWEEN SYLVANI PARA | |

BIRTHDAYS OF OCT

- Hussein Shallal
- Shamsudin Mohamed
- Riley Golden
- Kimberly Wick
- Abdisamad Ali
- Laurore Surpris
- Rya Tezera
- Paul Templeton
- Brittany Solberg
- Brandi Powell
- Peter Jones
- Tyler Tracy
- Johanna Heier
- Richard Gutierrez
- Sandra Devereaux
- Timothy Nundahl
- John McLaughlin
- Elias Bastardo
- Roy Jacoby
- Bradley Rust
- Bruce Bork
- Cassandra Hanson
- Loree Berg
- Amy Miller
- Robert Medhus
- Adrian Allard
- Kathleen Kehm
- Daryl Scott
- Leah Bensley



INTRODUCTION

At Valley Bus, every driver plays a crucial role in keeping our roads safe and our operations compliant. From maintaining a clean driving record to reporting dangerous stop-arm violations, your attention and follow-through make a real difference. This month, we're highlighting two key reminders: first, to report any non-parking tickets promptly so we can stay in step with DOT regulations; and second, to complete stop-arm violation reports thoroughly, helping law enforcement identify offenders and reduce future incidents. Your dedication keeps our students safe and our community strong – thank you for your commitment to safety every day.

- Danny M.

FARGO

Oct 10.....NS: Vacation Day
Oct 13.....NS: Holiday

WEST FARGO

Oct 17.....Professional Learning - NO SCHOOL

GRAND FORKS

***Oct 3..... *Elementary School - NO SCHOOL - PT Conferences (all day)**
****Oct 10..... **Middle School - NO SCHOOL - PT Conferences (all day)**
Oct 13.....Indigenous Peoples' Day (school is in session)
Oct 15...../ Early Release Day - MS/HS @ 1:00 pm; ES @ 1:30 pm
Oct 17..... ☒ NO SCHOOL (Admin Convention)





Stay in the Driver's Seat: Report ALL Tickets

At Valley Bus, safety and compliance go hand in hand. One of the most important steps in maintaining your eligibility to drive is keeping your driving record transparent. Even in your personal vehicle: if you receive any kind of ticket other than a parking ticket, you must inform our Safety Department as soon as possible. The best way to do this is by providing a copy of the ticket to our Safety Manager, Sue Jensen.

Why is this important?

The Department of Transportation (DOT) closely monitors every driver's Motor Vehicle Record (MVR). Violations such as speeding, failure to yield, distracted driving, or other moving infractions can impact your CDL or eligibility to drive for Valley Bus. Even minor tickets may lead to review under DOT regulations and our company's insurance requirements. Failing to report a ticket promptly could lead to unexpected issues with your driving status or disqualification from certain routes.

What to do if you get a ticket (non-parking):

1.  Make a copy or take a clear photo of the ticket.
2.  Email it to Sue Jensen at sjensen@valleybusllc.com.
3.  You can also reach her at 701-373-0278 (office) or 701-200-8684 (cell) during her office hours (9 AM – 1:15 PM).
4.  Include a brief note with the date, location, and type of ticket.

Remember, we're here to support you—reporting a ticket doesn't automatically remove your driving privileges, but not reporting it can. By staying proactive and transparent, you help keep our team compliant, safe, and on the road with confidence. Thank you for doing your part to keep Valley Bus rolling safely every day!

Help Us Stop Stop-Arm Violations!

In recent weeks, Valley Bus drivers have reported 14 stop-arm violations to our local police departments. Each of these reports represents a driver who took the time to speak up and protect the safety of our students – thank you for your diligence and quick action!

Every report makes a difference. When violations are submitted with accurate details – such as license plate number, vehicle color, make/model, location, and time – law enforcement has a much better chance of identifying the driver and taking action. These reports also help raise awareness in our communities and support efforts to reduce future violations.

Your eyes on the road are our greatest defense. By taking a few extra moments to fill out the stop-arm violation form completely and accurately, you're helping us build safer roads for every child and driver in our care.

 Remember:

- Report every violation as soon as possible
- Include as many details as you can recall
- Submit to your dispatcher or safety team promptly

Together, we can continue to protect our students and hold violators accountable. Thank you for being the first line of safety out there every day!