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# NEWS FROM THE VALLEY

THE **VALLEY BUS** NEWSLETTER

## NEW HIRES

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| <b>DRIVERS</b><br>Tyler Peterson<br>Marcelous Morgan<br>Jack Carriles<br>Luis Perez<br>Percival Araujo | <b>PARAS</b><br>Keimiah Bacon<br>Bonnie Lee<br><br><b>NCOL</b><br>Wijesinghe Karunaratna<br>Antonio Larosier |
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## BIRTHDAYS OF APR

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| Courtney Scherer<br>Sandy Sims<br>Brandon Allen<br>Charlemy Surpris<br>Salomie Brisbane<br>Sarah Martinson<br>Jayla Anderson<br>Evan Peterson<br>Heidi Hauger<br>Gretchen Raney<br>Brian McLaughlin<br>David Cooper<br>Breanne Drewlow<br>Emmanuel Freeman<br>Garfield Logan<br>Sheridan McKeever<br>Alyssia Welch<br>Tata Kiadii<br>Aron Hiatt<br>Doris Sirleaf<br>Lucas Shipman<br>Teah Thomas<br>Kimberly Jenson<br>Mahamoud Youssouf<br>Gary Ramee<br>Mujo Sefer<br>Janet Olmstead<br>Jamie Beaton<br>Jennifer Cummings<br>Marie Surpris |
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## INTRODUCTION

**This month, we're highlighting a small but important update to North Dakota traffic law that may impact how you approach roundabouts—and what it means for us as professional drivers at Valley Bus. While the law has shifted, our commitment to safe, consistent driving practices remains the same.**

**We're also excited to reintroduce our Employee of the Month recognition. In this issue, we'll be celebrating team members who go above and beyond in their roles and help set the standard for what it means to represent Valley Bus every day.**

**Let's take a look at what's new, what stays the same, and who's leading the way.**

*- Danny M*

FARGO

**APR 3.....NS: HOLIDAY**  
**APR 6...SCHOOL IN SESSION-MAKE UP DAY**

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FARGO

**APR 3.....NS: HOLIDAY**  
**APR 6...SCHOOL IN SESSION-MAKE UP DAY**

GRAND  
FORKS

**APR 3-6 ..... NO SCHOOL [HOLIDAY BREAK]**  
**APR 15...../ EARLY RELEASE DAY - MS/HS @ 1:00 PM; ES @ 1:30 PM**  
**APR 29...../ EARLY RELEASE DAY - MS/HS @ 1:00 PM; ES @ 1:30 PM**



## ROUNABOUT SIGNALING UPDATE: WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

In August 2025, an update to the North Dakota Century Code clarified how drivers are expected to signal when navigating roundabouts—and notably, removed the requirement to signal when exiting.

This change has created some understandable questions for drivers across the state.

Under the updated guidance, drivers are not required to signal when entering a roundabout, while circulating, or when exiting. While signaling is still encouraged as a best practice, it is no longer mandated by state law when leaving a roundabout.

Even without a legal requirement, signaling remains a valuable tool for safe, predictable driving. Using your signal when exiting a roundabout helps pedestrians determine when it's safe to cross, gives other drivers clearer insight into your intentions, and reduces hesitation and sudden movements. In short, signaling may not be required, but it still improves overall traffic flow and awareness.

At Valley Bus, our expectations go beyond minimum legal requirements. As professional drivers, we operate under Defensive Driving principles, with annual refreshers designed to reinforce the safest possible habits behind the wheel.

For that reason, Valley Bus policy continues to require signaling when exiting a roundabout. This standard is upheld because it ensures clear communication with surrounding traffic, adds an extra layer of protection for students and pedestrians, helps account for the size and operation of our buses, and reflects our commitment to consistency and professionalism in every situation.

While North Dakota law no longer requires signaling out of a roundabout, Valley Bus drivers are still expected to do so—not because we have to, but because it is the safest way to operate.

### EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH!

## FARGO

**RODNEY VAN BRUGGEN**  
**JONATHAN HIGDON**

## GRAND FORKS

**JUAN VADILLO**

