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Ellendale Community Blood Drive is Monday, August 5, 1:00-6:00

Once again, Vitalant staff and local volunteers will be greeting donors to a blood drive at the Church of the Nazarene. To schedule an appointment, contact Allyssa at 701-349-4348, or go to donors.vitalant.org to sign up. Drop ins are also welcome, though a waiting period may be involved, as lots of Ellendale area people will be doing their part and showing up to help keep the blood supply stable.



Visitors from across the Pacific



Editor's Note: Just about every week, people from far away places come through our little Dakota towns, mostly without much public notice. Last week Ellendale had visitors from Australia and Hawaii. In both cases they were "bucket list" visits, motivated in part by a desire to get to every state in the US. Thanks to Resa Russell at City Hall for writing up the account of the Australian visitor.

July 21, 2024--Ellendale City Hall had a surprise visitor from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

On an ordinary Wednesday morning in Ellendale, a gentleman came calling at City Hall to inquire about our local police station. He said he was looking for one of our police officers so he could trade police officer patches.

As he waited for an officer to meet with him, he explained his travels to his audience of two. He said he had been to every state in America except Rhode Island, Minnesota, and North Dakota. From Ellendale he planned to travel to Bismarck going through Ashley, Strasburg, Napoleon, and Linton, hoping to add to his traded patches collection. He plans to travel to Minnesota to continue adding to his collection and fly out of Chicago to get back to Brisbane. Bryan Eaton said he teased his wife, telling her he didn't miss her too much because the GPS voice in his car sounds just like her. He added that the only difference between the GPS voice and his wife is that GPS doesn't tell him he is driving too fast or following too close! The time difference gave him a special opportunity to celebrate his anniversary two times. Bryan commented that his anniversary was on Tuesday in Brisbane, while in America it would be Wednesday. He chuckled as he shared that of course his wife was expecting two gifts because of that fact.

When Police Chief Brad Knutson arrived on the scene, he was pleased to welcome Bryan and trade a local officer patch. This trade gave Bryan his first North Dakota police officer's patch. After a brief visit, Bryan headed off to visit with Sheriff Chris Estes and see if he could trade a second patch to represent ND in his collection. The staff at City Hall sent Bryan on his way with wishes of a safe journey and invitations to visit if he is ever in our area in the future.



Tour of former tree nursery showcases cover crops, plant & tree diversity

Story & photos by Ken Smith

"With the government idea of establishing a forestry nursery here, Oakes gains a reputation as tree country. Forty acres on the Alfred Johnson Farm has been set aside as a nursery plot and a five-year lease taken thereon. At present a large crew of men are at work here, planting an establishing headquarters. This week a carload of 733,000 trees will arrive from the Mandan nursery."

--Oakes Times April 29, 1938

On July 15, 2024, a few dozen men and women—most wearing cowboy hats common to ranchers or duck billed caps common to farmers—spent two hours seeing and learning of the results of recent conservation efforts, and other efforts that have been underway for 85 years.

The location was "The OI Nursery," a place that borders on both sides of Highway 1 on the south side of Oakes. During its early history, land here nurtured tens of millions of trees that were transplanted into shelterbelts around the nation. Today that land is nurturing a revitalized interest in conservation management.

Few motorists who pass by are even aware of the place. But for the attendees of the July 15 "Prairie Restoration and Cover Crop Field Day," the 180 acres offered encouraging insights into the possibilities for ecologically sound as well as productive management of rangeland and cropland in the region.

The tour was led by Tokina McHarry, Education and Outreach Manager for the James River Soil Conservation District (JRSCD). Ducks Unlimited, Milbom Seeds, and the North Dakota Natural Resources Trust were Co-sponsors, along with the JRSCD.

As the two-wagon people mover carried attendees past multiple paddocks lined with tree fences, the 180 acres was obtained by JRSCD two years ago after having been unmanaged for a number of years. By taking ownership, JRSCD saved the acreage from



Attendees roamed several fields seeded with plant varieties formulated to help regenerate soil, stop erosion and provide nutritious forage. Two new signboards on the acreage east of the highway provide educational insights into the natural ecology of North Dakota prairie.

potentially being cleared for monocropping, and preserved it as a unique area for experiments and demonstrations in conservation management.

Portions of acreage on the west side of the highway are essentially experiments in cover crops and plant diversity. Portions are currently being managed by conservation partners Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever. Those organizations are devoted to preserving and expanding ecologically rich lands where game birds and other wildlife can flourish. They do not see themselves as in competition with ranchers and farmers, but rather as demonstrating methods that can lead to win-win situations for wildlife, livestock and landowners. "What is good for the cow is good for the ducks," said

one representative from one of these organizations.

The entourage spend about half an hour in one field particularly rich in plant life. Amid waist high and shoulder-high growth, they enjoyed discussing with one another and identifying some of the approximately 50 varieties of plants seeded there. This was followed by a water infiltration demonstration, showing how healthy, structured soil with rich plant life above and below the surface acts like a sponge, receiving and holding precipitation that quickly runs off and erodes soil that lacks these qualities. Cover crops and restoration seeding, it was explained, rebuilds soil structure, preserving the land and making it drought resistant and productive, particularly for grazing.

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**Steak Fry
American Legion
Events Center
August 7, 5:00
To raise funds for
the Ellendale
Historical Society**



2024 Dickey/LaMoure County Relay for Life Telethon & Carnival is Wednesday, September 18th

Submitted

New Changes...Same Powerful Event...Supported by You!

It's the 2024 Dickey/LaMoure County Relay for Life Telethon & Carnival, Wednesday, September 18 at The Edge, LLC, 1420 N 8th St in Oakes. Join our Honorary Survivors JoDel Henningsen, Nick Schmitz, Connie Lynde Vangarven, and Ben Nelson and take in all the new exciting events at this year's Dickey/LaMoure Relay for Life event!

KDDR The Tornado will be broadcasting live as we kick off our day with the 5th Annual Relay for Life Telethon. Teams will

be answering your calls to 701-742-2009 hourly starting at 7:30 am and collecting your donations to help reach our goal! For every \$5.00 donated, a luminaria in honor or in memory will be displayed on our inside/outside walking track.

"New this year" from 4:00 - 7:00 pm, teams will be hosting booths both inside and out of the building with carnival games of chance for you to try your luck! For a small donation, be a winner at the ring toss, fishing pond, cake & dessert walk, dart board and more!

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Concerned for safety and land rights, CO2 pipeline opponents rally outside ND Capitol

Editor's Note: The Summit Carbon Solutions CO2 pipeline has been a matter of great interest to many in this area, as one leg of the pipeline is planned to route through Dickey County. The *Leader* does not take a position on the controversy, but seeks to inform. This article is of particular interest, as one of the individuals discussed is a local resident and *Leader* reader.

By Peyton Haug - Forum News Service Bismarck — More than 30 people gathered outside the North Dakota Capitol on Saturday, July 27, to raise awareness of their opposition to a carbon pipeline proposed by Summit Carbon Solutions that would traverse North Dakota and four other states.

Organized by the Dakota Resource Council, participants held signs reading phrases like "No CO2, no eminent domain" and "Safety first" while listening to speakers share personal experiences with the ongoing permitting and land-acquisition process.

"I have heard again and again from landowners that signed with Summit that they regret signing their easements, but they feel bullied and threatened into being able to speak out, so I will be speaking out for them today," Zach Cassidy of the Dakota Resource Council told those assembled.

Cassidy went on to describe how safety, environmental health and property rights are issues central to the pipeline's opposition. He then introduced speakers CarolLee Carruth, a farmer adjacent to the route, Dustin Gawrylow of the Dakota Watchdog Network and Turtle Mountain member Tracey Wilkie, who is endorsed by the state's Democratic-NPL Party to run for a seat on the Public Service Commission, which has authority over pipelines.

Service that she has safety and property rights concerns. She believes her family wouldn't survive if the pipeline ruptured, referencing the disaster tied to a different carbon pipeline in Mississippi.

"If our government of North Dakota is going to start letting private companies take whatever land of ours because they want to start a company or build a pipeline, we have lost property rights. Any company can say, 'This is for the good of the people.' This is anti-American," Carruth said.

She received applause and intermittent shouts of 'Amen' from the crowd as she described rejecting easement offers and being "threatened" with eminent domain by the company.

Those who do not sign voluntary agreements to allow the pipeline to cross their land could face the use of eminent domain, where a court orders landowners to set aside a piece of their land for a greater public good. A landowner would still be compensated if eminent domain is used.

Sabrina Zenor, Summit Carbon Solutions' director of corporate communications, provided a statement to Forum News Service

Friday in response to the scheduled rally: "Summit Carbon Solutions values transparency, working with landowners on an individual basis, and have signed voluntary easement agreements with 82% of the route. We are committed to addressing landowner concerns, aiming for

100% voluntary agreements. Our commitment remains pro-farmer, pro-business, pro-ethanol, and essential for advancing American energy. We acknowledge and aim to improve farmers' incomes through our pipeline project."

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Garbage Pick Up		Garbage Dumpster Pick Up					
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