

## Looking back: our area's sports history is richer than we may imagine

### Historical corrections – Discus and girls basketball

Two errors came to our attention last week. A loyal reader and lifelong Cards fan let us know that the discus thrower we sent to state this year wasn't the first to achieve that accomplishment. In fact, Drew Thorpe is part of a distinguished line of Ellendale discus throwers that have earned a spot at the state tournament.

According to this reliable source, Palmer "Pete" Retzlaff, Charles "Chuck" Kurth, Ron Kosel and Warren Young have all achieved that honor, and there may be more. Our apologies for failing to notice this fact, one with which many older Cards fans are likely aware.

"The only thing new," President Truman once said, "is the history you don't know." This thought came to mind also when it was mentioned (if we heard correctly) at the commencement last week that EHS had no girls basketball until the 1970s. In fact, the 1921 Redbird—the first bound yearbook produced by the school—devoted a whole page to the girls basketball team.

The page records that the team had five wins and two losses, with especially strong performances in



The 1920-21 EHS girls basketball team appears on a two-page spread in the first EHS bound yearbook, the 1921 *Maroon and Black*, pages 66 and 67. That yearbook can be browsed or downloaded at [bit.ly/EHS1921](http://bit.ly/EHS1921).

the return games against Ashley and Lisbon. The team faced various challenges, including playing on non-standard floors, low ceilings, and even playing under "boys' rules" in one game. It notes that during the season, "they showed good improvement."

Alice Callan served as captain and center, Lucille Dockery played right forward, Mildred House was left forward, Helen Dunphy performed right guard, Isabel Schandemeier was left guard, Bernice Bishop served as running center, and Lois Fuller and Elizabeth Northrop were

substitutes. At the moment, we are unable to say when girls basketball was dropped, or why. Perhaps more investigation into the *Leader's* digital archives and the digital versions of the EHS yearbook will bring answers.

## AREA EVENTS

- May 28 (Thursday): Art in the Park Painting Party sponsored by Applied Digital at 6:00 pm
- June 2 (Tuesday): EPS School Board Election
- June 6 (Saturday) at 4th Annual Benedictine Foundation Golf Tournament, 9:00
- June 9 (Tuesday): Primary Election
- June 12 (Friday): Line Dancing class at South Park, 6:00 pm
- June 27 (Saturday): 2026 Fullerton Fest
- July 9-12 (Thursday--Sunday): 2026 Dickey County Fair & Rodeo

### EPS Day of Caring scenes at Evergreen Assisted Living (May 12)



## PUBLIC NOTICES

### FORBES CITY COUNCIL

#### Forbes City Council Regular Meeting April 15, 2026

Mayor Carl Kronberg called the regular meeting of the Forbes City Council to order on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 7:20 pm, with members Ty Bertsch, Mike Henning, and Brandon Salberg present; Dennis Schrum absent. Also present was City Auditor Darci Wolff and Linda Gross.

A quorum was established. MSC, Henning/Bertsch, to approve the 3-16-26 regular meeting minutes as read. Wolff reported a checking balance of 50,446.31 as of 3-31-26. MSC, Henning/Salberg, to approve financial reports. PAYMENT OF BILLS: City of Fargo 28.00; DC Leader 153.51; DC Tax Equalization 292.00; Gahner Sanitation 768.45; MDU 576.13; WEB 755.18; D. Wolff 51.22; PAYROLL: 1348.28. MSC, Bertsch/Henning, to authorize payment of all bills totaling \$3,792.77 and authorize payment of any regular bills due before the next regular meeting.

PATRON CONCERNS  
• Linda Gross presented several items for discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS  
• Water/Sewer (Schrum) – Henning reported there was a float issue and a skimmer is needed at the lift station.  
• Streets (Henning/Bertsch) – okay.

• Park (Salberg) – will be open in a couple of weeks.  
• Tree Dump (Bertsch) okay.

OLD BUSINESS  
• Mowing bids were received from Stormy Bertsch and Cory Koenig. MSC, Salberg/Henning, to accept the per time mowing bid from Stormy Bertsch for Park \$175, Ball Field \$105, City Hall \$75, Cemetery \$150, Lift Station \$70 and a one-time fee of \$200 for spring clean-up. ROLL CALL: Henning, Salberg, Schrum – ALL AYE; Bertsch – ABSTAIN. Trimming is to be done at the

earliest convenience after mowing as needed.

NEW BUSINESS  
• Discussion on cleaning up trees and straightening Park Street. Consensus was to send a certified letter to Mancel Brandenburger regarding the council's intent to remove trees on the east side of his property that are in the city right-of-way.  
MSC, Bertsch/Henning, to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.

Darci Wolff, City Auditor  
(minutes subject to council approval)

(May 28, 2026)

### FORBES BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

#### Forbes City Board of Equalization Regular Meeting April 16, 2026

At Forbes City Hall. The following board members were present: Mayor Carl Kronberg, Ty Bertsch, Mike Henning. The following Assessors were present: Director of Equalization Don Flaherty, Deputy Director of Equalization Kasie Kinzler. Patrons: Linda Gross.

Mayor Carl Kronberg called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and turned it over to Assessor Don Flaherty to lead.

Discussion on Parcel #11077000, Christ & Linda Gross, New Construction Exemption, due to City of Forbes Resolution adopted on 9-14-09

MSC, Henning/Schrum, to approve the assessment book as presented. Flaherty declared the equalization meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Darci Wolff, City Auditor  
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(May 28, 2026)

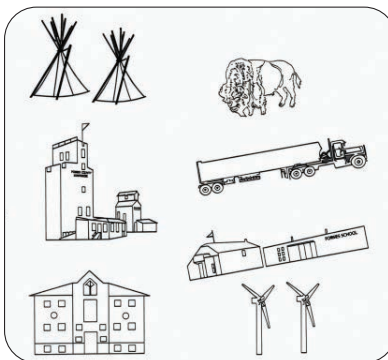
### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Court File No. 11-2026-PR-17  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DICKEY COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of Steven Orwig, Deceased  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be presented to Cyndal Glynn as Personal Representative of the Estate at P.O. Box 189, Ellendale, North Dakota 58436, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 5th day of May, 2026.  
/s/Cyndal Glynn  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Steven Orwig, deceased  
P.O. Box 189  
Ellendale, ND 58436  
(May 28, June 4, & June 11, 2026)



Graphic from the Forbes Centennial book, 2005 (cover)

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC - HAYING BIDS

Dickey County is offering Blocks 2 and 3, approximately 15.50 acres of the county property at Pheasant Lake to rent for cutting of grass to for the purpose of haying/baling and bales will need to be removed from the land by July 1st or be subject to forfeiture. A copy of the map is available in the Auditor's office. Sealed written bids will need to be dropped off with or sent by mail to Dickey County Auditor, PO Box 215, Ellendale, ND 58436 and received by no later than June 1st at 4:30 pm. Please mark on the envelope "Haying Bid". Bid opening will be Tuesday, June 2nd at 10:00 am in the Commissioner

Room at the Dickey County Courthouse.

Terms: The successful bidder shall be responsible for all costs associated with the mowing of the area. Rent must be paid in full upon acceptance of the successful bid by the Dickey County Board of Commissioners.

The Dickey County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept the bid that is to the advantage of and is in the best interest of Dickey County. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

(May 28, 2026)

### The North Dakota Game and Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations and changes for the 2026-2027 Deer Hunting Proclamation.

Apply online at [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov). The deadline for submitting online applications is June 3, 2026.

SEASON	OPENS	CLOSES	AREAS	RESTRICTIONS
DEER BOW	September 4 12:00 noon (CT)	January 3	Statewide	Residents - Any deer is legal. No unit restrictions. Nonresidents - Restricted to species of deer described on license. No unit restrictions. Orange clothing required of all bow hunters during regular gun season.
DEER GUN	November 6 12:00 noon (CT) 16 1/2 Day Season	November 22	All units	Restricted to type of deer and unit described on license. Type of deer includes species and whether antlerless or antlered (at least one visible antler). Note exception for white-tailed deer hunters in units 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E. Orange clothing required.
MUZZLELOADER	November 27 12:00 noon (CT)	December 13	Statewide	Restricted to white-tailed deer only and type of deer described on license. No unit restrictions. Orange clothing required.
YOUTH DEER	September 18 12:00 noon (CT)	September 27	Statewide	11-, 12- and 13-year-olds – Any antlerless deer is legal. No unit restrictions. * 14- and 15-year-olds – Any deer is legal. No unit restrictions. * Hunting units 4A-4F, a special license is required to hunt mule deer. These licenses are valid only in the unit specified on the license. Orange clothing required.
SPECIAL DEER-BOW HERD REDUCTION	September 4 12:00 noon (CT)	January 3	See Proclamation	Restricted to any-antlerless deer as described on license.

#### SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR

- The 2026 North Dakota deer hunting season is set with 39,100 licenses available, 3,200 less than last year.
- A total of 750 muzzleloader licenses will be available in 2026, 56 less than last year.
- A total of 240 nonresident any deer archery licenses available, 60 less than last year.

A complete 2026 deer hunting proclamation is available from the North Dakota Game & Fish Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, (701) 328-6300 or online at [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov).

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