

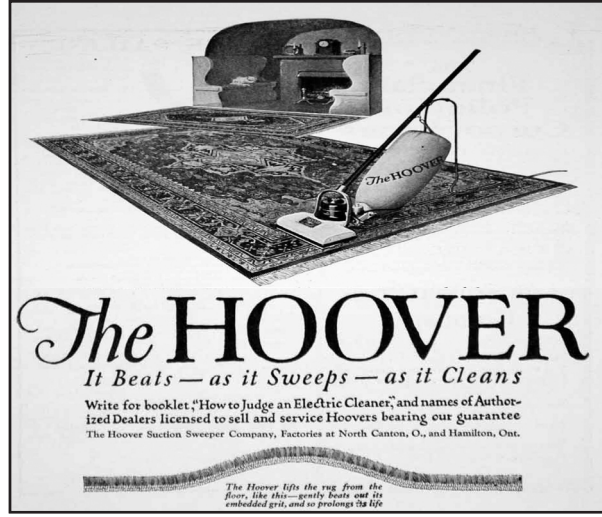
Read About the History of this Area: Keith Norman

Home repair class offered in 1926

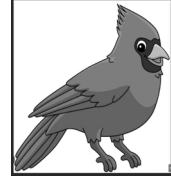
Saving money around the home is always a popular topic. In 1926, the North Dakota Normal and Industrial School in Ellendale offered a special class designed to do just that. The school offered a special "home mechanics" course designed to teach people how to fix their home appliances. The newspaper articles called the items "contrivances" rather than appliances. The fact the course was offered to men and women made it unique in the era. According to newspaper articles of the day, the students learned to repair electric irons, washing machines, vacuum cleaners and other contrivances that might be found around the home. Electric appliances were becoming common around the home. Many of these early electric devices had some reliability issues. Fixing them at home would save the homeowners some bucks. It beat the disposable society we live in today when it comes to household appliances. However, students of the class

were given additional ways to save money around the home. The class also included lessons on upholstering furniture, staining woodwork, painting walls and furniture and even "shoe cobbling." Image the money you could save if you could not only fix the electric iron and vacuum and then upholster the couch and paint the walls. And making the family's shoes would save the young family a fortune. The newspapers of the day pointed out one family cost-cutting skill that wasn't taught in class. "No mention is made of hair cutting," wrote the newspaper editors of the day. "... a time-honored method of reducing family expenditures." I think the men and women probably could figure out being a home barber. And doing a bad job just resulted in a family-wide bad hair day. Whereas messing up the repairs to the burn iron or vacuum cleaner could burn down the house.

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By the 1920s, electric vacuum cleaners were becoming a common item in American middle-class homes. Back then, prior to the era of "disposable" appliances, repairing such household items was a highly practical skill. The N.I. did its part in providing repair instructions. This 1921 ad explains the benefits of a Hoover electric vacuum to a generation to whom such appliances were a great novelty: "It is no longer considered Good Housekeeping to overlook, between semi-annual house cleanings, the continual accumulation of germ-breeding dirt in the depths of one's rugs. For a new standard of cleanliness, that of rugs kept totally free of dirt the year around, has been introduced by The Hoover. This efficient cleaner thereby minimizes the danger of sickness and repeatedly saves its moderate cost by preserving all rugs from wear. In one easy, rapid, dustless operation guaranteed to promote rug life, it gently beats out all the germ-laden, nap-wearing grit from beneath rug surfaces, electrically sweeps up stubbornness litter, erects trodden nap, revives colors and suction cleans. Only The Hoover does all this. Get a Hoover and live in an ever-clean home."



meaning of Cardinal: "of the greatest importance"

ELLENDALE AREA EVENTS

- April 27 (Saturday): Track Meet at Ellendale, J.H. & Varsity, 11:00 am
- April 27 (Saturday Noon): O.P.E.R.A. Annual Meeting - w. free lunch & talk by director of the N.D State Historical Society - everyone is welcome!
- May 4 (Saturday): Track Meet at Ellendale, J.H. & Varsity, 11:00 am
- May 7 (Tuesday): Arts Council Annual Meeting with talk by artist Melissa Gordan (meeting 6:30 pm, talk 7:00 pm) Everyone is welcome!
- May 9 (Thursday): Track Meet at Ellendale, JH, 3:00 pm
- May 10 & 11 (Friday & Saturday): Missoula Children's Theater Performances (7:00 Friday, 2:00 Saturday)

You're invited!

to the O.P.E.R.A., Inc. Annual Meeting Noon, Saturday, April 27 at the Ellendale Opera House

Enjoy a free lunch, hear about future restoration plans and listen to remarks from North Dakota State Historical Society Director Bill Peterson.

Public Notices

Record of Proceedings of the City Board of Equalization Fullerton City, Dickey County, North Dakota CITY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION DUTIES, COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES (North Dakota Century Code-Chapter 57-11)

57-11-01. Membership of board- Quorum-Meeting. The board of equalization of a city consists of the members of the governing body, and shall meet at the usual place of meeting of the governing body of the city, on the second Tuesday in April in each year. The executive officer of the governing body shall act as chairman, but in the executive officer's absence the governing body may elect one of its members to preside. A majority of the board constitutes a quorum to transact business, and it may adjourn from day to day until its work is completed. In case a quorum is not present at any time, the clerk may adjourn from day to day and publicly announce the time to which the meeting is adjourned.

57-11-02. Duties of auditor. The city auditor as clerk, shall keep an accurate record of all changes made in valuation, and of all other proceedings, and within ten days after the completion of the equalization of the assessment, shall deliver the assessments as equalized to the county auditor of the count in which the city is situated, with the city auditor's certificate that the assessments are correct as equalized by the city board of equalization. The assessment as equalized must be accepted by the board of county commissioners in lieu of all other assessment rolls for the property in said city.

57-11-03. Duties of board- Limitation on increase- Notice. At its meeting, the board of equalization shall

proceed to equalize and correct the assessment roll. It may change the valuation and assessment of any real property upon the roll by increasing or diminishing the assessed valuation of any property returned by the and just to render taxation uniform, except that the valuation of any property returned by the assessor may not be increased more than twenty-five percent without first giving the owner or the owner's agent notice of the intention of the board to increase it. The notice must state the time when the board will be in session to act upon the matter and must be given by personal notice served upon the owner or the owner's agent or by leaving a copy at the owner's last-known place of residence.

PROCEEDINGS OF FULLERTON CITY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION The Board of Equalization met on April 3, 2024 at 6:30pm at Fullerton City Hall.

The following members were present: Mayor B. Peterson and Council members Glynn, S. Peterson, Hahn, and P. Peterson. Visitors present were Don Flaherty and Nicole Kempf of Dickey County Tax Equalization. Employee present Jessica Carlson.

Mayor B. Peterson turned the chair over to assessor Don Flaherty to lead. Flaherty provided an overview of changes in assessment for 2024. The changes and exemptions were discussed on lots and structures.

No comments or protests were received from the public.

P. Peterson moved, Glynn seconded to accept the adjusted values as presented in the Assessor Book, motion carried.

S. Peterson moved, P. Peterson second to adjourn the meeting at 6.48 pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of the proceedings of the Board of Equalization of Fullerton City, Dickey County, North Dakota.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of April, 2024. Jessica Carlson City Auditor (April 18, 2024)

FORBES CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting March 19, 2024

Mayor Carl Kronberg called the regular meeting of the Forbes City Council to order on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 7:01 p.m., with members Ty Bertsch, Mike Henning, and Dennis Schrum present; Linda Gross absent. Also attending was Auditor Darci Wolff and Hollie Kronberg.

A quorum was established. Motion by Henning/Bertsch to approve the 2-12-24 regular meeting minutes with the following correction: OLD BUSINESS: 2nd reading/adoptions of Amendment to Ord 862, Section 862.0204 should read "a penalty of \$100/dog shall be added to the license or renewal fee", NOT "to the license of renewal fee." (MC)

Wolff reported a checking balance of \$39,809.85 as of 2-29-24. Motion by Schrum/Henning to approve financial reports. (MC)

PAYMENT OF BILLS

FU Oil 50.00; Gahner Sanitation 759.83; Jaden Henning 50.00; Fallon Kelly 1,000.00; MDU 542.86; ND Dept Health 25.00; WEB 540.28; D. Wolff 103.35; PAYROLL: Wolff 600.27.

Motion by Henning/Bertsch to pay all bills totaling \$3,671.59, and authorize payment of any regular bills due before the next regular meeting. (MC)

PATRON CONCERNS • Hollie Kronberg came before the council to ask about starting a committee for annual 4th of July activities to keep people in town. She was given approval to move forward with this and will report back as things are planned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS • Water/Sewer (Schrum) – good. • Streets (Henning/Bertsch) – fairly good. • Park (Bertsch) – closed; most of branches picked up.

OLD BUSINESS • Discussion on Hazardous Pipeline Ordinance – Attorney Kelly has recommended us to wait due to the PUC ruling claiming the PUC has authority over all of ND in this matter.

• One mowing bid was received from Teagan & Mariska Olson Ballfield – 125.00. City Hall – 75.00, City Park – 150.00. Cemetery - \$150.00, Lagoon - \$150.00. Motion by Schrum/Henning to accept this bid. ROLL CALL: Henning, Schrum – AYE; Bertsch – ABSTAIN. (MC)

NEW BUSINESS • The deadline for election candidates to turn in their paperwork to the City Auditor is April 8, 2024 by 4:00p.m.

COUNCIL CONCERNS • Bertsch brought up dogs running loose. Motion by Schrum/Bertsch to send a written warning to Troy Anliker and to send a fine of \$50.00 to James Castillo. (MC)

Motion by Schrum/Henning to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. (MC)

minutes subject to council approval Darci Wolff, City Auditor (April 18, 2024)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO SEED CERTIFICATION STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota State Seed Department will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 10:00 am, on May 30, 2024, at 1313 18th St. N. Fargo, ND 58105.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the North Dakota State Seed Department, 1313 18th St. N., Fargo ND 58105 or calling 701-231-5400. The proposed rules may also be viewed on the State Seed Department web page, ndseed.com. Also, written comments may be submitted to 1313 18th St. N., Fargo, ND 58105 until June 10, 2024. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota State Seed Department at the above telephone number or address at least 5 days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2024. Kenneth J. Bertsch North Dakota State Seed Commissioner



When lawns turn green, we know spring is here

By John Wheeler, Fargo — One of the most noticeable changes in spring is the greening of lawns. Grass goes dormant in winter, but in spring, it does not immediately turn green and start growing until the soil warms up. Usually, grass begins to green up once the ground temperature at grass root level reaches 50 degrees, depending on the type of grass. Another factor is moisture in the topsoil. If the soil is very dry, then the grass won't turn green or grow until it rains enough.

There is a myth that grass requires lightning to turn green. This myth is founded on the concept that lightning strikes contribute to nitrogen fixation, which adds important nutrients to the soil. While true in principle, microorganisms in the soil do most of the nitrogen fixation. The first thunderstorm, coincidentally, often brings the first significant rain. Ireland, which rarely has lightning, has extremely green grass most of the year.

John Wheeler is Chief Meteorologist for WDAY Television.

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