

Read About the History of this Area: Keith Norman

Havana Bank robbers in 1933
Things were going bad for the Havana State Bank in the spring and summer of 1933. Havana is a small town in Sergeant County but had a bank in 1933 when the institution became a target of bank robbers.
Over a period of two months, the bank was robbed twice by the same trio of thieves. Reports of the incident come from the assistant bank cashier who was a witness, and victim, to both crimes.
She said that in the second incident, the crooks pulled up in front of the bank. One stayed in the car while the other two entered the bank building and pulled guns. When she was told to lie on the floor, she immediately recognized the voice as the earlier bank robber.

"We haven't as much money in the bank as we had the last time you were here," she was quoted in newspapers around the state as saying.
The bank robber, maybe he was a businessman or a bit of an economist, reportedly said, "I realize that."
The crooks cleaned out the bank of about \$800. This was well below the \$7,800 they'd taken during the April robbery.
Once they had the money, the crooks forced the assistant cashier to go with them and stand on the running boards of the getaway car. This was a common bank robber tactic to keep any local law enforcement officers from shooting at the car.
At the edge of Havana, which I can't believe was that far from the downtown bank, the

woman was released and the bank robbers fled.
The Sargent County sheriff's office investigated and did have some leads to work.
Witness reports said the car had Minnesota plates, was a relatively new Ford V-8 with red wheels and was believed to be headed south towards Britton, South Dakota.
I don't believe the Havana bank thieves were ever apprehended.
But we can assume they didn't rob the bank a third time.
After all, they only got 10% of their first haul in the second. They probably wouldn't have even broke even if they had robbed the bank a third time during the Great Depression.
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AREA EVENTS

- **September 19 (Friday): Thunder Varsity Football vs. Sargent County, at Kulm, 7:00**
- **September 24 (Wednesday): 4-H Steak Fry Fundraiser at the American Legion Events Center (see ad on back page)**
- **September 24 (Wednesday): Pie Social at the Ellendale Opera House, 2:00-4:00 (see ad on back page)**
- **October 2 (Thursday): Lunch & Learn at the Legion Events Center, 12:00-1:00**

Public Notices

KEYSTONE TOWNSHIP

Keystone Township will hold a public budget hearing on Monday, September 29 at 6:30 pm at the Monango Gym.

Sue Kinzler, Clerk
(September 18 & 25, 2025)

WEED MOWING NOTICE VALLEY TOWNSHIP

- All weeds and grasses along regularly traveled Valley Township road must be mowed on or before October 1, 2025, by the landowner or operator.
- Mowing must have a 14-foot minimum swath and a maximum stubble height of four inches.
- Failure to comply with this order will result in the cost of mowing being charged to the landowner or operator.
- Valley Township will charge \$300 per 1/2 mile (one side of the road).
- Any hay bales in Valley Township road ditches after October 31, shall be removed at the owner's expense.

BY ORDER OF THE VALLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dale Radermacher,
Clerk and Treasurer

(September 18 & 25, 2025)

NORTH DAKOTA STOCKMEN'S ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF BRAND RENEWAL

North Dakota livestock brands will expire on Jan. 1, 2026, in accordance with North Dakota Century Code 4.1-73-12. Present brand owners have the right to rerecord their brands. If a brand is allowed to expire, ownership interest of the brand will be lost and the brand may no longer be used.
In August, a renewal notice for each recording was mailed to the address on file in the brand recording office. If you have not received your notice or have questions about renewing a brand, contact the North Dakota Stockmen's Association at (701) 223-2522 or visit www.ndstockmen.org.

(September 18, 25 & Oct. 2)

PUBLIC COMMENTS Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Plan Amendment.

The North Dakota Health and Human Services is requesting public comments on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Plan Amendment. The amendment proposes a 5% increase in the standard of need, which will result in a 5% increase in possible benefit rates for TANF recipients. The current draft plan can be viewed online at www.hhs.nd.gov/applyforhelp/tanf.

A public hearing on this proposed plan amendment will be held by a virtual Teams meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. CT. Individuals can join the meeting using the following information:

- Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 210 365 643 502 5 Passcode: D2z5f34w
- Dial in by phone: +1 701-328-0950,,895832497# United States, Bismarck -- Phone conference ID: 895 832 497#
- Join on a video conferencing device Tenant key: teams@join.nd.gov Video ID: 113 435 712 2

Comments can also be submitted in writing and must be received by the conclusion of the public hearing on Sept. 18, 2024. Written comments may be submitted by email to applyforhelp@nd.gov.

ELLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 11, 2025

The Ellendale Public School Board met in regular session on August 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. with the following board members present: Michele Thorpe, Val Wagner, Kristi Gilbert and Cresta Miller. Absent was Jeff Goehring. Others present were Lana Norton, Cindy Rall and Allison Radermacher.
Mrs. Thorpe called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed visitors Brian Vance, Jason Elliott and Pam Cook. A card of thanks was shared from Cindy Rall. Changes to the agenda are as follows: Remove Old Business c. Annual Certificate of Compliance add Thunder Cooperative Agreement, New Business e. Virtual Learning Policy and f. ND/SD Open Enrollment Application. Wagner motioned, seconded by Gilbert to approve the agenda with the above-mentioned changes. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.
The consent agenda included the minutes, financial reports and bills as presented. Thorpe reviewed the bills

and the following bills were presented for payment:

July Payroll DD 634-635, 369-371, 7083-7109, 7137-7147 Ck#16110-16111, 16116-16117 \$ 194,556.58
27475 Central Business Systems 397.58 Managed Print Services
27476 Cole Papers 1,255.90 Supplies
27477 Commercial Lighting 580.49 Replacement Bulbs
27478 DPCU 648.73 Supplies
27479 DRN 1,542.26 Managed Services/Phone
27480 Ellendale City of 1,772.85 Water/Garbage
27481 Ellendale True Value 375.67 Supplies
27482 EPS Activity 40.00 Background Check
27483 Farmers Union Oil 5.24 Gas
27484 Gardyn, Inc 491.58 Membership/Cubes
27485 Hazelden 52,666.67 BARR Services
27486 J & M Elliott 2,700.00 July Owners Rep
27487 JAMF 1,122.00 Subscription
27488 Jarman's Water Systems 477.50 Softener Salt
27489 Kelvin 141.10 Supplies
27490 LEAF 448.00 Printer/Copier Lease
27491 Mackin 584.98 Library Books
27492 Menards 79.84 Shovels
27493 Mertz Lumber 105.39 Supplies
27494 Mid-American 2,205.00 Gym Floor Finish
27495 Colette Middlestead 1,097.49 July Coursework/Supplies
27496 NDCDE 229.00 Online Coursework
27497 NDCEL 175.00 Renewal
27498 NDPHIT 360.00 ACA Filing
27499 NDSBA Legal 312.00 June Legal Services
27500 NDSOS 500.00 25-26 Dues
27501 ND Attorney General 40.00 Background Check
27502 NDSC 365.00 Annual Membership
27503 Oakes Truck & Trailer 3,512.60 Repairs/DOT Certificates
27504 Olson's Pest Technicians 175.00 Monthly Services
27505 Petersen Repair 964.98 Bus Repairs
27506 Planbook 612.00 Subscription
27507 Quadiant Finance 199.86 Postage
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27509 School Specialty 126.04 Supplies
27510 SDI Innovations 1,003.55 Planners
27511 Seesaw Learning 1,030.00 Subscription
27512 Sheehan Strategic Solutions 4,130.00 S.A.V.E. Yourself Training
27513 Sourcewell 3,010.00 Licenses
27514 SRCTC 13,155.00 1st Qtr Assessment
27515 Sterling 22,680.36 Meraki/Li-

cense/Support
27516 Subscription Services 481.47 Magazine Renewal
27517 Supreme School Supply 30.01 Receipt Book
27518 Matthew Thorpe 600.00 Mowing
27519 Mike Thorpe 150.00 DOT Reimbursement
27520 Verizon Wireless 443.09 Hot Spot Billing
27521 Void
27522 Taylor Music 3,104.91 Music/Repairs
ACH MDU 3,408.17 Electricity
ACH Ellendale Public Schools 17.88 eFunds Fees
ACH TMS 50.40 Monthly Fee
Total \$130,194.65

It was motioned by Miller, seconded by Gilbert to approve the items on the consent agenda with the exception of the Transportation Report and Cash Flow Analysis as they aren't available until next month. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

EPS Spotlight:

- Aidan T. writing for the Dickey County Leader-appreciate the job he did interviewing Mr. Ringstad!
- Job well done Mr. Ringstad on the first all staff back to school professional development day.

Wagner and Ringstad reported on the annual SE Region Career & Tech board meeting.

Ringstad provided James River Special Education Unit updates and reported on school construction.

It was motioned by Gilbert, seconded by Miller to authorize Mr. Ringstad to approve the Flaherty/Bagley property Closing Statement once demolition and fill/compaction have been satisfactorily completed. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Ringstad presented information regarding the Ellendale Acres TIF Project. Discussion was held. Miller motioned, seconded by Wagner to authorize Mr. Ringstad to submit a statement declining Ellendale Public Schools participation in the Ellendale Acres TIF. Ringstad was also directed to consult the school attorney. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Ringstad provided staffing updates and reported on his attendance at superintendent and finance meetings. The district was also informed of the cancellation of the ND CLIMBS Grant.

Rall provided a written report including: legal clarification requires students to pay for in-house NDCDE courses, though enforcement is paused this year; the Pledge of Allegiance will be recited during 1st hour; ND COUNTS PD is required for grades 4-8 this year; human trafficking prevention education will be

provided in grades 6, 10, and 12; a formal Virtual School policy is being developed; a new state-developed Engagement Survey will be used; tech updates include new stage mics, pending lighting and switch installs, and a new server; a Homeland Security grant was submitted, with camera installation planned for fall.

Radermacher reported on projected enrollment and new staff. Schedule changes at EES include shifting 3rd-5th recess to after lunch and moving 4th-5th math/reading to the morning. At MRC, classroom groupings were adjusted due to staffing, with full-time aides added and 8th graders taking NDCDE courses. Preschool will continue at EPS under the same setup as last year.

Norton reported that EPS has received several donations for the addition, including \$15,562.25 from the Ellendale Peeewe Wrestling Club and \$1,650 from the Class of '75 for the wrestling room; and \$1,000 in memory of Lenny Grimm, \$821.84 from the Class of 2025, and \$500 from Nickie Frigen in memory of Don and Carol Frigen for fitness center equipment. NDPHIT has also updated its participation agreement regarding contract terminations.

Vance reported on coaching openings. Fall sports are underway and Hudl streaming cameras are fully installed, with support from local businesses donating to help cover costs.

The board reviewed the committee assignments for the 25-26 school year.

Wagner moved, with a second by Gilbert, to set the 2025-2026 instrument rental fee at \$25. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Wagner moved to remove the Title Assurances from the table, seconded by Miller. Miller then moved to approve the assurances as presented, with a second by Wagner. The motion carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

Miller moved to remove the 25-26 EEK Athletic Cooperative Agreement from table, seconded by Wagner. Wagner then moved to approve the 25-26 EEK Athletic Cooperative Agreement as presented, with a second by Gilbert. The motion carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

The school board policy review will be done in September.

Gilbert motioned, seconded by Wagner to authorize Mr. Ringstad to approve the 25-26 Dr. Roy Lynde Field Lease Agreement once it is returned with the discussed changes. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Wagner, seconded by Gilbert to approve the City Bus Stops for 2025-26 School Year as presented. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Gilbert, seconded

by Miller to set September 10, 2025 at 6:45 PM as the Public Input Tax Meeting. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 25-26 revenue budget.

Milled motioned, seconded by Wagner, to approve first reading of the Virtual Learning policy with the following changes:

2 b. Household members cannot serve as a proctor.

It be presented for adoption at the next regular board meeting. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Gilbert motioned, seconded by Miller to approve the open enrollment application from the Frederick Area School District without transportation for the 25-26 school year. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Wagner moved, seconded by Gilbert, to approve payment of the Braun Intertec invoice for \$14,668.05 and the Soil Technologies invoice for \$7,215.50 from the building fund, as well as the Olaf Anderson Construction invoice for \$67,797.00 using loan proceeds. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Input Tax Meeting Wednesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:45 p.m.
Next School Board Meeting is Wednesday, September 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Since there was no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Lana Norton, Business Manager
Formally Approved by the Board

(September 18, 2025)



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