Today we will be highlighting four new books.

In non-fiction there is Wandermore in North Dakota by Seth Varner, your ultimate guide to the Peace Garden State. The counties are listed along with some cities in each county, of which Ellendale is one. There are beautiful pictures of the North Dakota attractions and if you love North Dakota adventure this book is a must read.

James Patterson started a new series in 2022 called Doc Savage. We now have the first two books

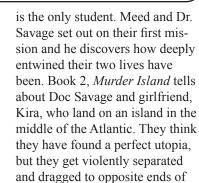


Savage an anthropologist from the University of Chicago. He finds himself enrolled in a school where his professor, Meed, is demanding and he

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**HOURS** 

Sunday and Monday - closed

Wednesday - 10 am to 2 pm

Tuesday - 10 am to 5 pm

Thursday - 2 pm to 7 pm

Friday - 9 am to 2 pm

For our MjFiction lovers we have A Cup of Christmas Tea by Tom Hegg which is about a young man's reluctant visit and sharing a cup of tea with his old great aunt. The sequel, A Memory of Christmas Tea tells of the nephew's memory of his precious great aunt and her legacy of love and leaving him with a sense of true giving.

The library has a new program called "Mom and Me" hosted by Holly Christensen on Wednesdays starting at 10:15 a.m. for moms with young children.

Once again the librarian and library board members wish to thank all of the patrons for their monetary and book gifts throughout the year.

## **AREA EVENTS**

- DEC. 19-JAN. 5: EPS WINTER BREAK
- Jan. 1 (Thursday): New Year's Day (YEA!)
- Jan. 6 (Tuesday): Basketball vs. South Border, Boys **VARSITY**
- Jan. 8 (Thursday): Basketball vs. Richland, Girls **VARSITY**
- Jan. 10 (Saturday): Ellendale Fire Protection DISTRICT RAFFLE DRAWING. 7:00 PM AT THE AMERICAN LEGION

# Poll: Inflation dents holiday spending spirit for many North Dakotans

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Herzog said value concerns among lower income and lower middle-income earners are probably impacting the numbers.

"Spending really hinges on where you fall economically," she said. "Our visit numbers are still up over last year, but people are being more cognizant of how they're spending money, particularly if they're feeling a pinch somewhere else."

Spencer said there's a natural selectiveness when it comes to spending as the cost of essentials rises.

"That pullback, particularly on discretionary items, has broader economic implications," Spencer said. "It affects local businesses first and can slow economic momentum if inflation remains elevated for an extended period."

The North Dakota Poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida

from Dec. 10-13 2025. A total of 625 North Dakota adult residents were interviewed statewide by tele-

The North Dakota Poll, sponsored by the North Dakota News Cooperative, is the only regular, nonpartisan statewide survey of eligible North Dakota voters and consumers.

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Seth Varner (a.k.a. "Wandermore") stopped by Ellendale for a few hours on a rainy April 16, 2024 morning to take photos of the town and have a bowl of creamy soup at the Nodak along with the Leader editor. Seth's curiosity, and the energy he put into his project is remarkable. Not only is he very interested in the places he visits, his enthusiasm has a way of rubbing off on the people he visits. Seth's documenting of life in the mostly rural upper Midwest signals a strong respect for the region that should be encouraging for people who live here.

**FORBES CITY COUNCIL** Regular Meeting November 10, 2025

Mayor Carl Kronberg called the regular meeting of the Forbes City Council to order on Monday, November 10. 2025. at 7:04 p.m., with members Mike Henning and Brandon Salberg, present, Dennis Schrum joined at 7:14 p.m.; Ty Bertsch absent. Also attending was Au-

A quorum was established. MSC, Henning/Salberg, to approve the 10-14-25 regular meeting minutes as read. Wolff reported a checking balance of 40,891.94 as of 10-31-25. MSC, Henning/Salberg, to approve financial re-

ditor Darci Wolff.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: City of Fargo 14.00; Dickey County Leader 107.01; Ellendale True Value 14.64; Gahner Sanitation 951.40; Hample Excavation 750.00; MDU 557.75; Starion Ins 743.00; WEB 802.50; D. Wolff 179.45; PAYROLL: 600.27. MSC, Schrum/Henning, to authorize payment of all bills totaling \$4,750.02 and authorize payment of any regular bills due before the next regular meeting.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS Water/Sewer (Schrum) – good.

- Streets (Henning/Bertsch) gravel
- cancelled until spring.
- Park (Salberg) closed; discussion about electric hook-up for campers
- will be held in the spring. Tree Dump (Bertsch) no rept.

• Henning stated that he has been hunting coyotes on family-owned ground south of Forbes if anyone has received complaints of hearing guns

COUNCIL CONCERNS

MSC, Schrum/Henning, to adjourn at

minutes subject to council approval Darci Wolff, City Auditor (December 25, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF **DICKEY. STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA** 

In the Matter of the Estate of LARRY J.

HEIER, Deceased.

### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

1. 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 CORA A. HEIER, personal representative of the estate, at 10776 82nd St. SE Oakes, ND 58474 or filed with the Court.

Dated this 24th day of November,

CORA A. HEIER

Fallon M. Kelly JONES and KELLY, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, P.C. P. O. Box 391

Lisbon, ND 58054-0391 Telephone: 701/683-4123 Email: fkelly@drtel.net

(December 11, 18 & 25, 2025)

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETI-TION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 

Bennett A. Lystad (#09425) blystad@vogellaw .corn VOGEL LAW FIRM PO Box 1077 Moorhead, MN 56561-1077 Telephone: 218.236.6462 Attorneys for Petitioner Court File No. 11-2025-PR-00030

#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF **DICKEY COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Estate of Gloria A. Valgren, Deceased.

[1] NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, by Cassandra Jahnke, its Financial Program Manager, NCG, has filed herein a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representa-

**PUBLIC NOTICES** 

[2] The hearing will be held on the 15th day of January 2026, at 10:30 a.rn., at the Courtroom of said Court at the County Courthouse in the City of Ellendale, County of Dickey, State of North Dakota. Any persons having an interest may file an objection stating why said Petition should not be granted. Such objections, if any, must be in writing, filed with the Court and copies served by mail on all interested persons.

[3] NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Bennett A. Lystad, Vogel Law Firm, PO Box 1077, Moorhead, MN 56561-1077, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, c/o Cassandra Jahnke, PO Box 477, Fergus Falls, MN 56538, as personal representative of the estate, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 12th day of December,

**VOGEL LAW FIRM** Bennett A. Lystad (#09425) Attorneys for Petitioner

> (December 18 & 25, 2025 and January 1, 2026)

### OPENING FOR ELLENDALE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

The City of Ellendale is looking to hire a Public Works Employee to oversee the following maintenance to keep the City in good working order and sound condition:

- Streets Alleys
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- Sewer system
- Landfill areas
- General maintenance of equipment Mowing
- Cutting and trimming trees
- Cemetery Perform a variety of manual labor
- duties which will include all maintenance, heavy equipment operations, snow removal and other duties as required. Ability to establish and maintain effec-
- tive working relationship with other employees, public officials and the public.
- The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 75 pounds or
- This job typically works 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday - Friday and will be required to be on call during scheduled evenings and weekends.
- Must be legally authorized to work in the United States. No sponsorships

considered A valid ND Driver's License is required

and the ability to obtain a Class B A high school diploma/GED is re-

- quired; the ability to pass and obtain all required ND State licensing and certification requirements when eli-· Successful applicants will be highly
- motivated and self-directed. Successful applicant will require a
- background inquiry.
- · Experience preferred; and essential that the public works employee be service oriented. Must live within 30 minutes of the city
- limits.
- Wages DOE

Applications/Resumes will be accepted until filled, please submit to City Hall (P O Box 267 - 55 3rd Ave S Ellendale ND 58436). Benefits included: BCBS - Health,

Vision, Dental, Retirement, Vacation, Sick Leave, On-Call pay, Overtime past 40 hrs, Garbage/Water discount if live in city limits

For further details, please contact Mayor Don Flaherty; Council Member Justin Meidinger or City Hall -701-349-



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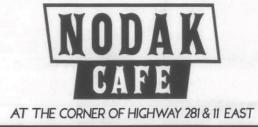
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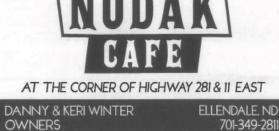
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