

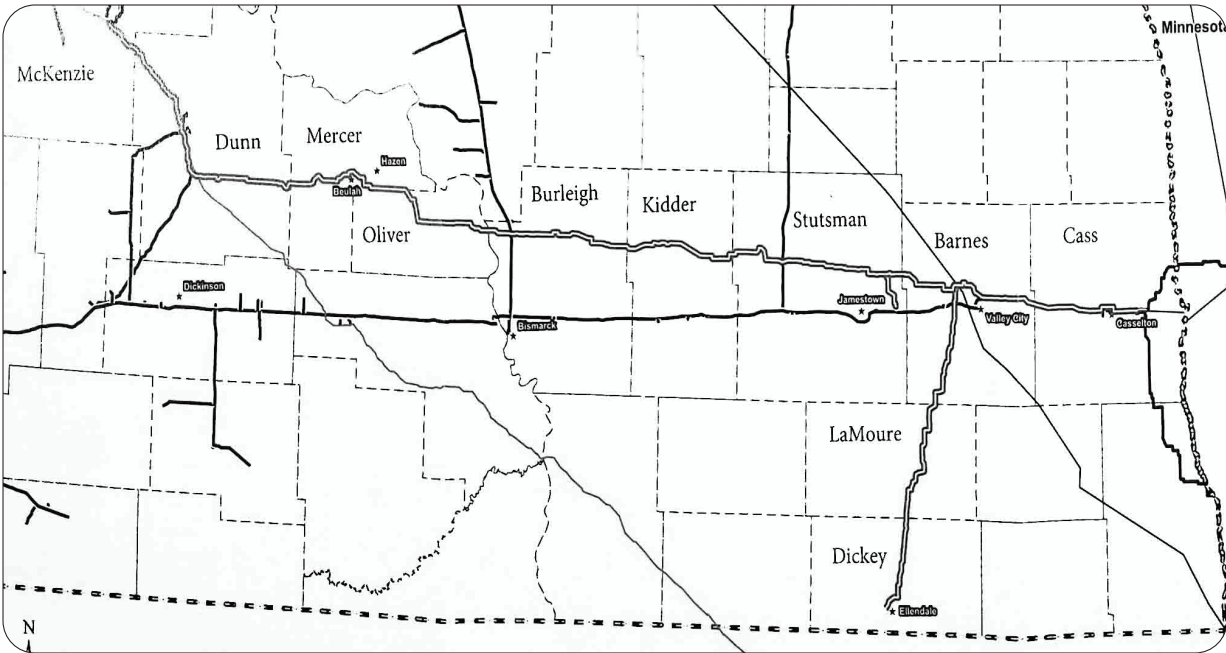
WBI Energy to host open house at PUMC Church in Ellendale

Next Tuesday (February 24) at 5:00 to 7:00 PM, area residents can visit the Presbyterian United Methodist Church in Ellendale to learn details about the planned Bakken East Pipeline project. This line is intended to bring natural gas from western to eastern North Dakota, with a leg stretching through Barnes, LaMoure and Dickey Counties to Ellendale.

As discussed previously in the *Leader*, a similar project was proposed nearly 60 years ago, but never came to fruition. Given high demand for gas, and developments in western North Dakota in the past two decades, WBI Energy Transmission, which is connected to MDU Resources Group, is proposing this new project.

A letter from WBI provides some key details about the project: regarding its plan "to build, own, and operate the Bakken East Pipeline Project in North Dakota."

WBI Energy, headquartered in Bismarck, North Dakota, operates approximately 3,800 miles of natural gas transmission pipeline in North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Minnesota. It is planning to expand its current pipeline system to serve new power generation, industrial facilities, and local distribution company demand in central and eastern North



Proposed route for the Bakken East Pipeline: graphic provided by WBI Energy Transmission

Dakota. WBI Energy has been operating natural gas facilities in North Dakota for nearly 100 years, serving multiple industries and local distribution companies throughout the state. In 2024, WBI Energy constructed the Wahpeton Expansion Project, installing approximately 60 miles of pipeline from Mapleton to Wahpeton and installing new natural gas delivery stations near Kindred and Wahpeton. Additionally, in 2021, it constructed the North Bakken Expansion Project, installing approximately 62 miles of

pipeline from Tioga to a new interconnect southeast of Watford City. The current design of the Project consists of approximately 350 miles of new mainline pipeline in McKenzie, Dunn, Mercer, Oliver, Burleigh, Kidder, Stutsman, Barnes, and Cass Counties, approximately 9 miles of lateral pipeline in Stutsman County, and approximately 82 miles of lateral pipeline in Barnes, LaMoure, and Dickey Counties. The current design also includes construction of two greenfield compressor stations in Barnes, LaMoure stations, addi-

tional compression at three existing compressor stations, and various measurement and interconnection facilities. The map above provides an overview of the planned pipeline route.

WBI is holding open houses at the following places: Casselton (Feb. 23); Ellendale (Feb. 24), Jamestown (Feb. 25), Bismarck (Feb. 26; Beulah (March 10); Killdeer (March 11); and Watford City (March 12). A list of locations and times can be accessed at: bit.ly/wbiopenhouse

AREA EVENTS

- **FEB. 19 (THURSDAY): MOVIE NIGHT AT THE AMERICAN LEGION ("OVER THE HEDGE") DOORS OPEN AT 6:00, MOVIE STARTS AT 6:30 (SEE NOTICE ON FRONT)**
- **FEB. 19, 20, 21 (THURS., FRI., SAT.): GIRLS AND BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING STATE TOURNAMENT @ FARGO DOME, TBA**
- **FEB. 21 (SATURDAY): CARDINAL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL DISTRICTS DAY 1 @ TBA**
- **FEB. 24 (TUESDAY): WBI PIPELINE PROJECT OPEN HOUSE AT PUMC, 5:00 TO 7:00 (SEE ARTICLE ON THIS PAGE)**
- **FEB. 24 (TUESDAY): GIRLS 5TH AND 6TH GRADE BASKETBALL, FIRST PRACTICE**
- **FEB. 23, 24, & 26 (MON., TUES., THURS.): CARDINAL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL REGIONALS @ JAMESTOWN CIVIC CENTER, TBA**
- **FEB. 27 (FRIDAY): OPEN HOUSE AT THE COLEMAN MUSEUM, 4:00 TO 6:00 (SEE STORY ON PAGES 1 & 3)**
- **FEB. 27 + MAR. 2 & 5 (FRI., MON., TUES.): CARDINAL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL DISTRICTS DAYS 2-4 @ JAMESTOWN CIVIC CENTER**

KENTNER TOWNSHIP

Kentner Township will hold its annual meeting Friday, March 6th at 2:30 pm, at the Miller Farm, 9429 95th St SE, Ellendale.

Theresa Miller, Township Clerk
(February 19 & 26, 2026)

CITY OF FULLERTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, January 7, 2026
5:00 p.m.

The City Council met at 5:00 pm at Fullerton City Hall. Present: D. Hahn, B. Peterson, S. Peterson, J. Glynn, P. Peterson & J. Shoneman.

Minutes & Reports, SP moved, DP second to approve minutes and reports as presented, carried.

New Business
Cemetery has no active CDs – set one up for 6 months for \$20,000 at Edward Jones – PP moved, DH second to Approved

Bills: PP moved, DH second to pay bills as listed, carried:
MDU \$491.00
SEWU \$130.93
Waste Management \$883.48
James Valley S&G \$405.00
2025 DC Real Estate Tax \$1.80
ND One Call \$1.56
Office Supplies \$78

PP moved, BP second to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Schoneman
City Auditor

(February 19, 2026)

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The Ellendale Public School Board will be holding the annual school board election on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

We will be voting for Two (2) director positions. One (1) Ellendale City, for a three-year term, which is presently held by Kristi Gilbert and One (1) West Rural, for a three-year term, which is presently held by Jeff Goehring.

Anyone wishing to file as a candidate must do so with the Ellendale School Board Business Manager, Lana Norton, no later than March 30, 2025 at 4 PM.

Lana Norton, Business Manager
Ellendale School Board
(February 19 & 26, 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
- Water system
- 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 effective working relationship with other employees, public officials and the public.
- The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 75 pounds or more.
- 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 CDL.
- A high school diploma/GED is required; the ability to pass and obtain all required ND State licensing and certification requirements when eligible.
- 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 –701-349-3252.

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE ELLENDALE CITY ELECTION

The Election for the City of Ellendale will be held Tuesday, June 9, 2026, in conjunction with the Dickey County Primary Election. Petitioners have until 4:00PM April 6, 2026 to turn in their petitions to be placed on the City Election ballot.

City Offices to be filled at the June Election are:

- Mayor: (1) Position (4 Year Term)
- City Council Member (3) Positions (4 year terms)
- City Park Commissioners (2) Positions (4 year terms)

A Candidate for a city office must turn in a completed SFN 2704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interests to their City Auditor at City Hall located at 55 3rd Ave S, Ellendale ND, Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 5:00PM, by 4:00PM April 6, 2026. All forms are available from either your City Auditor or can be obtained on-line at <http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/elections/forms.html>.

Nicole GunnCity Auditor
(February 19 & 26, 2026)

If you're thinking about changing jobs, think about one that can change you.

CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE SPECIALIST WANTED

AgCountry Farm Credit Services is looking for a Customer Experience Specialist in LaMoure, ND to assist in facilitating the customer journey through the loan process.

A servant's heart and great attitude will be important as you establish strong relationships by providing exceptional service to our customers and teammates.

Requirements include computer proficiency, attention to detail and 1-2 years of related work experience.

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- 6 weeks paid parental leave
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