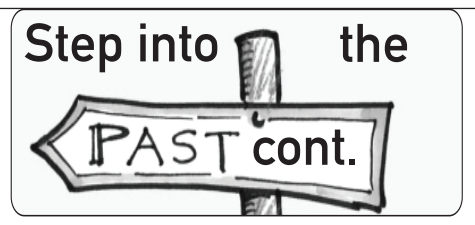

20 Years Ago (February 23, 2006)

• Eric Slivoskey became the TBC football coach and moved to Ellendale—Eric shared a touching story to the town about how God had worked throughout his life to get him here • Rick Hack is shown placing a weight to test a straw bridge at the Science Fair • The Grand Champions of the Science Fair were Carley Kinzler and Bridget Rekow, presenting "What Are You Breathing In" and "Aquatic Assailant" respectively • "The Ransom of Emily Jane" dinner theater by the Ellendale Historical Society will perform at the Fireside tonight • Thunder Wrestlers Evan Merkel, Thomas Mock, Brandon Hokana, and Sean Blumhardt placed at State Wrestling • "John Deere Days" was celebrated at the Rodney Larson farm in Fullerton ND—around 200 farmers and ranchers gathered to learn about the newest tractors at the event

10 Years Ago (February 25, 2016)

• Dollar General is confirmed to be coming to Ellendale, says city council—the building was the first Dollar General store in North Dakota • EHS choir students will perform "Pasta and Performers" for the community to fundraise money for the music department—at the event, people were able to listen to various small group pieces while dining over a plate of pasta • A new photographic exhibit is coming to the Opera House in March • An adult spelling bee was held at the public library, and included spellers Robin Smith, Joan Jones, John Beckius, Peggy Worthy, Mary Denison, Dave Thompson, Grant Crabtree, Kathy Ashby, Betty Jo Hvistendahl, champion Gwen Tatum, 2nd placer Ken Smith, 3rd placer Dan Pelletier, 4th placer Bernice Thielges, and Kim Miller—Sandy Ulmer, and Cindy Kronberg were moderators; Gwen Tatum won by correctly spelling "anthropomorphic" • Clayton Grueneich, Josh Fastnacht, Wyatt Nitschke, and Weston Ellington placed 5th, 5th, 7th, and 8th for the Thunder at State wrestling, respectively • Shown is Logan Schumacher winning the tip off for the 16-3 Cards team in the final game before Districts • The Lady Cards lost to MPB at Regionals to end their season, though Isabell Wedell, Kaitlyn Schmike, Josie Henningsen, Brooke Boehm, and Macy Young combined for 22 total rebounds

THE SCHOOLROOM

"Will you walk into my schoolroom?"
Said the teacher to the child;
"The place is very pleasant,"
And the teacher blandly smiled.

"To get into my schoolroom
You climb a little stair,
And you'll find much of interest
In books that I have there."

"Oh, no, no," said the little child,
And gave a nervous jerk,
"For I have heard that schoolrooms
Make children lots of work."

"You are weary," said the teacher,
"From enjoying too much play,
So come into my schoolroom now,
And rest awhile today.

I'll show you many reading words—
I'm sure you'll like their looks,
And tell you some the secrets
That are hidden in my books."

"Oh, no, no," said the little child,
Backing off with anxious fears,
"For I have heard who starts your school
Must keep on, years and years."

"Dear child," remarked the teacher,
"You could be wond'rous wise;
I see it in your noble brow,
And in your gleaming eyes;
You'll make a splendid pupil, dear,
And never fail to pass;
You can conquer all your lessons,

And maybe lead the class.
Subtraction, division, and fractions
Will be just fun for you,
And you'll be glad to spell hard words
Like isthmus and kangaroo."

Into the schoolroom went the child,
And there was set to work;
The lessons kept a-piling up,
And left no time to shirk.

The weeks they glided into months,
The years went by apace,
And when one book was waded through
Another took its place.

The lessons pushed the child along,
Through high school, into college,
And the teachers kept imparting
A wond'rous flow of knowledge.

So the child was educated;
This moral we would feature:
'Tis best for children to be snared
In the schoolroom, by a teacher.

--*Humorous Primary Readings*, Paine Publishing, Dayton, Ohio (1927)

This little volume, published 99 years ago, is part of Peggy Gilbert's family collection. It is filled with clever poems, all of which bring back a small taste of rural and city schoolrooms of an era long passed.

--Editor

AREA EVENTS

- **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**
- **Feb. 28 (Saturday):"Spoonful of Paradise" Annual Soup Cook-of at the Granary (Harvest Inn): judging starts at 5:00, stop in get a taste, and vote for your favorites!**
- **March 3 (Tuesday): Dickey County Zoning Meeting at the Fairgrounds Archery Building, 6:00.**

County Zoning Meeting Rescheduled

Notice: The County Zoning meeting that was scheduled for February 18 at the Fair Grounds Archery Building was postponed due to the storm. It has been rescheduled for March 3, 2026, at 6:00 in the same location. An official notice indicating the change of date is also included in the Times Leader section of this issue.

Why don't cardinals go south in winter?

We were curious about this so we asked Grok. Here's what that newfangled and sometimed notorious digital information digester and spitter-outer told us:

Diet flexibility — Cardinals eat seeds, berries, fruits, and insects. In winter, they switch heavily to seeds and berries (including from shrubs like dogwood, sumac, or backyard feeders), which are available even in cold climates without needing to travel south.

Adaptations for cold — They fluff feathers for insulation, shiver to generate heat, can lower body temperature slightly to conserve energy, tuck bills under wings, and roost in dense cover. They also form loose winter flocks (with other species like juncos or sparrows) for better foraging and safety, reducing territorial aggression.

No need to leave — Unlike true migrants (e.g., warblers or many thrushes), they don't face severe food shortages that force relocation.

Now, for all you (capital C) Cardinals who went to Arizona or Florida or some such warm place for the winter, what's your excuse? :)

FORBES CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
January 20, 2026

Mayor Carl Kronberg called the regular meeting of the Forbes City Council to order on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., with members Ty Bertsch, Mike Henning, and Dennis Schrum present; Brandon Salberg absent.

A quorum was established. MSC, Schrum/Henning, to approve the 12-15-25 regular meeting minutes as read. The checking balance as of 12-31-25 was 39,297.86. MSC, Henning/Schrum, to approve financial reports.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: DC Leader 46.11; FU Oil 216.29; Gahner Sanitation 946.06; MDU 676.32; ND League of Cities 150.00; ND Workforce Safety & Ins 250.00; WEB 774.89; D. Wolff 58.90; PAYROLL: 1348.28. MSC, Henning/Schrum, to authorize payment of all bills totaling $4,466.85 and authorize payment of any regular bills due before the next regular meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
- Water/Sewer (Schrum) – good.
- Streets (Henning/Bertsch) – good.
- Park (Salberg) – closed.
- Tree Dump (Bertsch) good.

OLD BUSINESS
- The Forbes Store decided not to renew their off-sale beer & liquor license.

NEW BUSINESS
- None

MSC, Bertsch/Schrum, to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

minutes subject to council approval
Darci Wolff, City Auditor

(February 26, 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).

Kentner Township

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

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

Ellendale Township

Ellendale Township will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Cenex Meeting Room.

Jerry Rekow
Ellendale Township Clerk
(February 26 & March 5, 2026)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND AND ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO THE MULTI-STATE LOTTERY

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Lottery, Office of Attorney General will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to N.D. Admin. Code article 10-16 related to the multistate lottery at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 27, 2026, at the North Dakota Lottery Office, 1720 Burlington Drive - Suite C, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504-7736.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the North Dakota Lottery at the above address or calling (701) 328-1574. Also, written comments may be submitted to the above address until April 7, 2026. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Lottery at the above telephone number or address at least five days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2026.
Thomas Lawler
Director, Lottery Division
North Dakota Office of
Attorney General

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)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO ORGANIZATION OF INSURANCE DEPARTMENT; LICENSING OF INSURANCE PRODUCERS, SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE PRODUCERS, AND CONSULTANTS; LICENSING OF ADMINISTRATORS; INSURANCE CONTINUING EDUCATION; INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANY SYSTEM MODEL REGULATION WITH REPORTING FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS; ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTING MODEL REGULATION; SURPLUS LINES; LINES OF INSURANCE; LIFE SETTLEMENTS; FIRE MARSHAL; AND SECURITIES ACT OF 1951.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Insurance Department will hold a public hearing to address proposed adoption of rules to the North Dakota Administrative Code at 10:00 am central time, on March 27, 2026, in the Sakakawea Room of the State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by viewing the website at www.insurance.nd.gov or calling (701) 328-2440. Also, written comments may be submitted to the North Dakota Insurance Department, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept 401, Bismarck, ND 58505 until April 6, 2026. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Insurance Department at the above telephone number or address at least seven days prior to the public hearing.

DATED this 13th day of February, 2026.
/s/ Jamie L. Struthers
Jamie L. Struthers #06485
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