

**YORKTOWN TOWNSHIP**

Yorktown Township will hold their annual meeting March 17, 2026 at 1:00 PM. Meeting will be held at the home of Mike Beethe. Election will be held for clerk, and 2 supervisors.  
Mike Beethe  
Yorktown Township Clerk  
(March 5 & 12, 2026)

**PORTER TOWNSHIP**

Porter Township will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 17, beginning at 9:00 AM at the Lacina Farm Shop.  
Alana Lacina  
Porter Township Clerk  
(March 5 & 12, 2026)

**HAMBURG TOWNSHIP**

Hamburg Township will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 9:00 AM at the Petersen house.  
Ginger Petersen  
Hamburg Township Clerk  
(March 5 & 12, 2026)

**SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP**

Spring Valley Township will hold its annual meeting and election on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at the home of the clerk. One supervisor will be elected. Polls will be open from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. The annual meeting will be called to order at 8:00pm. The board of supervisors will meet following the annual meeting to conduct any business to come before the board.  
In addition to normal annual meeting business, placing moratoriums on renewable energy conversion development, high voltage transmission lines, AI data and crypto mining centers, air carbon capture and underground carbon storage, carbon pipelines, nuclear and industrial waste disposal, and renewable energy battery storage sites will be considered.  
Matt Herman, Township Clerk  
(March 5 & 12, 2026)

**WHITESTONE TOWNSHIP**

Whitestone Township will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the home of Frank Kaiser. We will be approving the budget, electing a supervisor for a three-year term and conducting other business.  
Frank Kaiser  
Whitestone Township Clerk  
(March 5 & 12, 2026)

**ELLENDALE TOWNSHIP**

Ellendale Township will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Cenex Meeting Room. An election will be held for one supervisor.  
Jerry Rekow  
Ellendale Township Clerk  
(February 26 & March 5, 2026)

**KENT TOWNSHIP**

The annual meeting of Kent township will be held at 7:00 PM Thursday, March 19, 2026 the Jim and Diane Henningsen residence. Election of officers will be held and any other business to be brought to the board.  
JoDel Henningsen  
Kent Township Clerk  
(March 5 & 12, 2026)

**New food guidelines**

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Freezer and cooler space would also likely need to be increased if more whole foods and cooking on site is required, she said.  
Michelle Wagner, child nutrition program director at Bismarck Public Schools, said costs have "definitely gone up" due to manufacturers having to reformulate products to meet the last guidelines focused on reducing sugar, sodium and increasing the use of whole grains.  
Wagner also said the complexity of the guidelines and keeping within the parameters makes it harder to do more cooking from scratch.  
"Does this count for two meats and two grains? Does this count for, you know, half a cup of vegetables?"

she said of the questions she has to ask. "Do we have to add a breadstick? Do we need to take something out because we're over our calories now?"  
Schools processing raw beef would also need grease traps, and most don't have those, Wagner said.  
Wagner uses a nutritional analysis program that helps, but even things like ranch dressing, ketchup and other condiments have to be factored in, largely because of their higher sugar and sodium content.  
Schools also need to meet minimum and maximum calorie requirements for each day and for each week, as well as meet vegetable subgroup categories throughout the week.

*Recipe of the Week*

This week the *Leader* introduces a new feature to brighten your week. Peggy Gilbert, who has served more delicious meals to the public than anyone we are ever likely to meet, will be sharing some of her favorites. This space will also share heritage recipes and things from the large trove of historic North Dakota and South Dakota recipe books that belong to the Coleman Museum. Happy cooking! (and eating!)



*Hot Chocolate syrup*

- 1 1/4 cups white sugar.
- 3 tbs cocoa.
- 1/2 cup whipping cream

*Stir in the whipping cream. Cook slowly on medium heat, and add a splash of vanilla.*

*A late note from Peggy about a dear friend, Lauri Uecker (May 18, 1968 - February 15, 2026):*  
I said my final good bye to my friend Lauri today! I knew she had lots of friends and the church overflowed with them! With tears, laughter and so many memories!  
Every age group was represented, as Lauri was an all around nice person!  
She was kind, friendly and had

the gift to carry on a conversation with anyone!  
At 57, her kids shouldn't have lost their Mom, the grandkids their Grandma or all of her besties—their dear friend! We all needed more time!  
After the funeral I heard a song by the Oak Ridge boys called "Brand New Star" and we all know that's true! Rest in Peace Lauri Hasz Uecker, you will be so missed!

**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.

**AREA EVENTS**

- Mar. 6 (Friday): Elementary Wrestling Tournament at 5:00pm vs. Oakes @ Oakes High School
- Mar. 9, 10, 12, 14 (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Sat.): Boys Varsity Basketball Regionals @ Valley City State University
- Mar. 12 (Thursday): Elementary Wrestling Tournament at 5:30pm vs. TBD @ Ellendale Public School
- Mar. 13 (Friday): St. Helena's Fish Fry
- Mar. 14 (Saturday): Pi Day at Opera House, 2:00 to 5:00 PM
- Mar. 16 (Monday): 5:00pm Elementary Girls Basketball vs LLM @ Ellendale Public School
- Mar. 16-29: TBC GO Trip Week and Spring Break
- Mar. 28 (Saturday): Community Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr. 5 (Sunday): New Life AG Easter Egg Hunt

**SNIPPETS FROM PAGES PAST**  
EPS SIXTH GRADER HELEN HERMAN'S STORY OF COFFEE

(DICKEY COUNTY LEADER, FEBRUARY 25, 1926)

"The Autobiography of a Cup of Coffee"  
The first thing I knew, I was living in my little red house with my twin sister. My house was a red berry about as large as a cherry, and hung on a tree.  
One day our house, with many others from the same tree, was gathered and laid out in the sun to dry. After we had dried, they took us to a great big roller made of either iron or wood and that crushed our wrapping off. When that was done our red house got hard and crushed off easily.  
Then we were dried in the sun again and put into large bags and loaded on a ship. We were tossed about on the water a long time. When we reached America we were put into an oven and roasted. My! How hot we were! It seemed like hours had passed when the oven door finally flew open and

we were taken out. We were packed into cans and had a long ride in sort of a house that rumbled along over steel tracks. Sometimes a whistle would blow so loudly, we would almost jump out of the can. Sometimes we would stop with a jerk and men would call out strange names. One man said something about a train, so I suppose we were riding on one.  
Soon we were on a shelf in a store. A pretty lady bought the can which was my home. She put some of us into hot water after crushing us to fine pieces. After we were in the hot water a while, we were poured out into a cup and here I still am.  
My journeys have been long but happy.  
—Helen Herman, sixth grade, Ellendale Public School.

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