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A Word from our Health District

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month



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March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness about one of the most preventable, and treatable forms of cancer when detected early. Colon cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers among both men and women. Dickey County Health District is encouraging individuals to schedule routine screenings to detect colorectal cancer early or even prevent it altogether by identifying and removing precancerous polyps.

Who Should be screened?
Any adults that are at risk should begin regular colorectal cancer screening at age 45. Individuals with a family history of colorectal cancer or certain medical conditions may need to begin screening earlier. Talk to your healthcare provider about which screening option is right for you.

Know the signs and symptoms
While colorectal cancer may not cause symptoms in its early stages, warning signs can include:

- Change in bowel patterns
- Blood in stool
- Persistent abdominal discomfort
- Unexplained weight loss
- Fatigue or weakness

Prevention matters. Take action this March.
• Colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable – especially when caught early. This March, take the time to learn your risk, talk with your healthcare provider, and encourage friends and family members to get screened.

By raising awareness and promoting screening, we can save lives in our community. Dickey County Health District will assist individuals in receiving a Cologuard Test by calling our office at 701-349-4348.

AREA EVENTS

- 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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Special Meeting Ellendale City Council March 2, 2026

5:30 pm – City Hall and Zoom Virtual

This meeting was held at City Hall and virtual Zoom Meeting option was also available.

Mayor Flaherty, via zoom, called the special meeting to order at 5:30 pm with Council members in attendance: Belgarde, Lee, and Crabtree in person; Meidinger, and Denison via zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Absent: Langeliers
City Employees present: Auditor Gunn
Others attending: None

First Reading Competitive Bidding Requirements: Updating our ordinances to reflect the North Dakota's maximum requirement for competitive bidding. Anytime the state changes their maximum amount, City of Ellendale's maximum amount would adjust to match the state's. Belgarde moves, Lee seconds to approve first reading of this ordinance. Roll call: Belgarde, Crabtree, Lee, Denison, Meidinger, yes. Absent: Langeliers. Motion carries.

EMS Building Change Order: Drywall in bathroom needs to be changed to install Formica hard top. Change order would be \$5,294.00. Denison moves, Lee seconds to approve the change order. Roll call vote: Crabtree, Lee, Denison, Meidinger, Belgarde--yes. Absent: Langeliers. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM

Donald Flaherty, Mayor
Nicole Gunn, Auditor
(Minutes subject to corrections and approval at next regular meeting.)

(March 12, 2026)

ELLENDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Ellendale Fire Protection District Inc. will hold its annual meeting 7:30pm March 23rd, 2026 in the meeting room at the Firehall.

EFPD Secretary
(March 12 & 19, 2026)

FULLERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fullerton Fire Department will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday March 25th at 7:00 pm at Fullerton City Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Christy Peterson, Sec/Tres.
(March 12 & 19, 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)

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, Clerk
(March 5 & 12, 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
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- 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.

ALBERTHA TOWNSHIP

Albertha Township will be holding their annual meeting on Wednesday March 25 at 2:00 PM at the home of the clerk. Election of officers and any other business will be held.

The Equalization Meeting will be Wednesday, April 15, 2:00 PM at the home of the clerk.
Bette Wagner, clerk
(March 12 & 19, 2026)

ELM TOWNSHIP

Elm Township will hold their Annual Meeting Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 pm at the Ellendale American Legion and Event Center, 82 Main Street, Ellendale.

Jeff Goehring
Clerk
(March 12 & 19, 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)

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)

POTSDAM TOWNSHIP

Potsdam Township will hold its annual meeting Monday March 23, 2026 at 7:30 pm at the Kent Scallon residence, 8359 79th St. SE, Merricourt, ND PM. Election of one supervisor and any other business is on the agenda.

Mark Sheppard, Clerk
(March 5 & 12, 2026)

ALBION TOWNSHIP

Albion Township will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 10:30 AM at the home of Mark Bobbe.

Justina Zundel, Clerk
(March 12, 2026)

GRAND VALLEY TOWNSHIP

Grand Valley Township will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 9:00 AM at the home of Bruce Reinke.

Justina Zundel, Clerk
(March 12, 2026)

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