

### Transitions column

An editor's response to industrial developments in our area

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3. Ellendale, like most towns, has gone through periods of rapid change. I think often of the great fires of 1907 and 1916, which forced the rebuilding of much of the town; I think of the great postwar boom, when Ellendale faced a serious housing crisis, spurring rapid housing construction and the plating of a new part of town—Bell's Addition, on the west side, to keep up. Other additions could be mentioned as well.

And I think of the tragic January 1970 fire that burned down the two main buildings on the UND-Ellendale Branch campus, which led to the closing of the college as a state institution, and the welcoming of Trinity Bible College in 1972. All of these were huge adjustments for the town, and all of them involved what Mayor Flaherty has called "growing pains."

4. North Dakota has a long history of transient workers. A century before the oil booms of the 1980's and 2000's, massive influxes of workers came to harvest and thresh grain. In a time of fast town growth, large numbers of workers came to work construction. In the early years of the century, Ellendale hosted small armies of laborers to build the Dickey Hotel, First National Bank (Starion), the new City Hall, Farmers National Bank (now the Coleman Museum), the Opera House and the County Courthouse. After

the great 1916 fire destroyed every building between First National Bank and City Hall, a new influx of workers came to rebuild.

"Ellendale will never be the same again"

In the post World War II boom, lots of new names and faces appeared, and lots of new youngsters filled the schools and the churches. But Ellendale adapted, and thrived. Knowing human nature, I'm sure there were those who pined for the "good old days" and worried that the town would never be the same. Of course, they were right about that. The town was not the same. But the people adapted.

It could truly be said—as it was said in reference to current developments here—that "Ellendale will never be the same again." The data center is bringing lots of changes. Some of these changes are temporary, some are permanent. Some are quite different in their nature than the changes mentioned above. Some are widely welcomed, some are not.

At the Rollag/WMST's Pioneer Press last September I bought a stack of cute signs, which I've been putting in the window at the Leader. One of them says "If you choose not to find joy in the snow, you will have less joy in your life but still the same amount of snow." I like that. It reminds me of the serenity prayer that we often print on our church page.

One could also say, if you choose not to find joy in the changes that are happening in our area, you will have less joy in your life, but still (or mostly) the same amount of changes.

### SNIPPETS FROM PAGES PAST:

PREPPING FOR FIELD WORK WITH HORSES  
(DICKEY COUNTY LEADER, MARCH 18, 1926)

## How About Your Harness?

Before long you will be starting the Spring work. And you don't want to be delayed by finding at the last minute that your harness needs repairing. So...

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The pages of the Dickey County Leader from the 1920's are full of automobile ads, and also some tractor ads. However, the shift away from horse-powered farming was still far from complete, as suggested by this draft harness ad. Dickey County's first "horseless" farm (the Pazandak farm near Fullerton) went fully mechanized only in 1916.

NOTE: The misspelling of "Ellendale" in this ad is not an AI glitch; it was the printer's mistake. Oddly enough, several sequential issues ran the ad without correcting the error.

## AREA EVENTS

- Mar. 16-29: TBC GO Trip Week and Spring Break
- Mar. 20th & 21st (Fri. & Sat.): State Archery Tournament at Minot - Contact Travis Anliker (701-535-0030) for more information
- Mar. 22-29: EHS Close-Up Trip to Washington, D.C.
- Mar. 23 (Monday): 2:00pm - 3:00pm EPS 4th Graders Visit Nursing Home, 5:00pm Elementary Wrestling Tournament @ Edgeley
- Mar. 24 (Tuesday): 1st Cardinal Varsity Track & Field Meet @ NSU
- Mar. 26 (Thursday): 5:00pm Girls 5th and 6th Grade Basketball vs. EKM @ EPS
- Mar. 27 (Friday): EPS Casper Carnival, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Mar. 28 (Saturday): Community Easter Egg Hunt @ 9AM, Girls 5th and 6th Grade Basketball vs. LLM @ LaMoure, Varsity Track & Field at NDSU
- Mar. 29 (Sunday): Palm Sunday
- Mar. 30 (Monday): Varsity Track & Field at NSU, 5:00pm Girls 5th and 6th Grade Basketball @ Oakes, 6-8:00pm DC Health District Free Inter-

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**CITY OF FULLERTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Wednesday, February 11, 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 & Dory Loyd

Minutes & Reports, DH moved, PP second to approve minutes and reports as presented, carried.

New Business  
Dori Loyd is taking over Family Way under the new name Ranch House Redemption - Still in progress

Water meters are currently being replaced as needed

Bills: PP moved, BP second to pay bills as listed, carried:

MDU	\$462.52
Waste Management	\$892.80
James Valley S&G	\$290.00
Workforce Safety	\$250.00
Jordan Shoneman Ink	\$35.92
True Value	\$51.02
Agtegra	\$693.81

SP moved, JG second to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan Shoneman  
City Auditor

(March 19, 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)

### 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)

### VALLEY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL

Valley Township will hold its annual meeting and election on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the Hildenbrand farm shop. Polls with close at 2:00 pm.

There will be an election for one Township Supervisor, one Clerk and one Treasurer.

Any other business for Valley Township will be transacted at that time.

Dale Radermacher,  
Valley Township Clerk/Treasurer  
(March 19 & 26, 2025 )

### 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 & 19, 2026)

### ELDEN TOWNSHIP

Elden Township will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, March 23rd, 2026 at the Farmers Union Meeting Room, 51 N. 1st St, Ellendale, ND. Use the east doors. Election of officers will be held, there will be a vote on continuing the excess mill levy, and any other business to come before the board will be discussed.

Judy Wedell, Clerk  
(March 12 & 19, 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 & 19, 2026)

### VALLEY TOWNSHIP ZONING

Valley Township Zoning Commission will be holding a public meeting on April 6, 2026, at 5:00 pm at Jason Hildenbrand's farm shop. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and consider the adoption of a comprehensive plan for Valley Township.

Jason Hildenbrand  
Valley Township Chairman  
(March 19 & 26, 2025 )

### NOTICE OF PETITION FOR A NAME CHANGE

In District Court, Dickey County, State Of North Dakota in the matter of the petition for change of name of Else Talulla Mosbrucker

1. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition in the above-entitled court requesting an Order changing the name of Else Talulla Mosbrucker to Sirius Talulla Waabigan.

2. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that thirty days after publication, the Petitioner intends to file a petition requesting entry of the Court's Order changing the Petitioner's name.

Any objection to granting this name change must be given in writing to the address listed below within 30 days of this publication. The written objection must also be filed with the Court. If no objections are given the Court may respond to the Petition without further hearing.

Dated this 9th Day of March, 2026.  
Else Mosbrucker  
601 2nd St. N.  
Ellendale ND 58436  
(March 19, March 26 & April 2, 2026))

### Van Meter Township

Van Meter Township will hold its 2026 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00pm at the American Legion Events Center.

Mitchell Merkel, Township Clerk  
(March 19 & 26, 2026)

### REQUEST FOR MOWING BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Ellendale, North Dakota is accepting bids for the mowing, trimming and upkeep of the Ellendale City Cemetery located ½ mile east of Ellendale.

Duties include mowing of grass and trimming around objects and buildings of the Ellendale City Cemetery. Bidder will also be responsible for general maintenance and appearance of the cemetery. The grass shall be mowed approximately every 10 days during the main growing season. The grass shall be evenly cut to a length not to exceed 3-4 inches, and trimming will be done after every mowing. Late summer mowing will be done on an as needed basis. Special attention to mowing will be done on holidays and special events such as Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, etc. (weather permitting). Bid specs are available at City Hall. Bid as total cost for each month. Must be 18 or older to bid. For further information contact James Monroe, City Supervisor at 701-535-0051.

Sealed bids are to be submitted to the City Auditor at City Hall, 55 3rd Ave S by 4:00 pm Friday April 10, 2026. Bids to be opened at April 13, 2026 City Council Meeting. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Nicole Gunn City Auditor

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Lauri Uecker

KELLY JANE SWENSETH  
ND Attorney No. 06909  
Swenseth Law Office, PLLC  
418 4th Avenue NE  
Devils Lake, ND 58301  
kelly@swensethlawoffice.com  
701.662.5058

Probate No. 11-2026-PR-00009  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT DICKEY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA  
In the Matter of the Estate of Lauri Uecker, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to N.D. Cent. Code § 30.1-19-01 that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate. All persons having claims against the deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice, otherwise the claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Scott Uecker, as Personal Representative of the Estate or filed with the Court.

Dated: 3/9/2026

Scott Uecker  
9359 96th Street SE  
Ellendale, North Dakota 58436

Kelly Jane Swenseth  
Swenseth Law Office, PLLC  
418 4th Avenue NE  
Devils Lake, North Dakota 58301  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
(March 19 & 26 and April 4, 2026)

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