

Snippets from pages past: Disastrous Fire Sweeps Western Part of County; New Chevrolets available (DICKEY COUNTY LEADER, APRIL 1926 -- 100 YEARS AGO)

Four Thousand Acres Swept In Gale-Driven Blaze Last Thursday PROPERTY LOSS IS VERY GREAT

Shortly after noon last Thursday a prairie fire which is thought to have had its origin from a burning strawstack on the Henry Klettke farm about eight miles west of Merricourt swept the foothills, the flames being fanned by the high wind, and burned over an area of about four thousand acres to a point about the same distance south of Merricourt at the graded road near the Hafey farm, before it was checked.

Many farm buildings, some live stock and an enormous amount of hay was burned and a large acreage of pasture and hay land swept over, the fire burning so deep that according to reports it will be of little value for a couple of years. The entire countryside turned out to fight the flames and at two o'clock Friday morning the flames were finally under control, about two hundred men were on the fighting line.

On the Martin Fuher farm all the buildings except a granary were burned. The

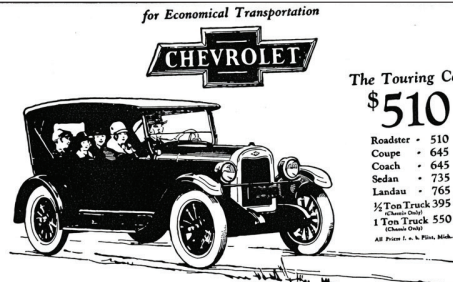
Raymond Rall family, who had only this spring moved there from Canada, lost all of their personal effects and household goods, saving nothing except the clothing which they wore.

On the Philip Rall place, a granary, chicken house and hog house with several head of hogs burned. Harvey Larson lost his barn and granary, the barn at the school house near the Henry Olson farm was destroyed, and Emil A. Nelson's barn and hog house were burned according to the reports which have reached this office. At most every place where buildings burned there was some loss of live stock.

But for the courageous fighting, a great many more buildings would have been burned in many instances, say those who have viewed the burned territory, it seems almost a miracle that some of the buildings were saved.

There is no way of estimating the loss, and nothing is known here concerning whether or not those who suffered the loss of their buildings carried insurance.

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AREA EVENTS

- Apr. 16-17 (Thursday and Friday): Spring College Days @ TBC
- Apr. 25 (Saturday): EPS Prom
- Apr. 27 (Monday): 7pm TBC Spring Choir Concert
- May 1 (Friday): 10am - 5pm Lazy Daisy Boutique 5-Year Anniversary Celebration
- May 2 (Saturday): 9am, 8:30am check-in, DC 4-H 5k Fun Run @ DC Fair Grounds, 11am Track & Field Meet @ Ellendale Track Complex
- May 8 & 9 (Fri. & Sat.): Missoula Children's Theater EPS Performance - 7:30pm Fri., 2pm Sat.
- May 10 (Sunday): Mother's Day
- May 17 (Sunday): EPS Graduation Ceremony
- May 21-23 (Thurs., Fri., Sat.): Cardinal State Track Meet @ Bismarck
- May 23 (Saturday): Ken Schmierer memorial at PUMC, reception following at Opera House

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will receive bids for the construction of the following project(s):

Job No.: 24815
Project No(s): SS-9-999(556)
Length: 0

Type: MAINTENANCE OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER (ATR)

County(s): DICKEY, BENSON, BURLEIGH, CASS, MCKENZIE, & WALSH Cos

Location: VARIOUS US/STATE HIGHWAYS - VARIOUS DISTRICTS

Bids will be received via the Bid Express on-line bidding exchange at www.bidx.com until 09:30AM, May 08, 2026. Bids will be opened at that time at the NDDOT building on the capitol grounds in Bismarck and the bid results will be distributed and posted online at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/bidinfo.htm> approximately 30 minutes after bids are opened.

The proposal forms, plans, and specifications are available on the NDDOT website at <http://www.dot.nd.gov> and may be inspected at the Construction Services Division, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota.

All bidders not currently prequalified with NDDOT must submit an online Contractor's Prequalification request to the Department at least ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening. The online application can be found on the NDDOT website at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/contractors.htm>

NDDOT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technicalities, or to accept such as may be determined in the best interests of the state.

For disability/language assistance, call 701-328-2978.

Requested by:
Ronald J. Henke, P.E., Director
North Dakota Department of Transportation

(April 16, 2026)

YOUNG TOWNSHIP

Young Township will hold its annual meeting on Friday, April 17th, 2026 at 7:00 AM at Eric Giesler's barn.

Genien Gahner, Clerk
Young Township
(April 9 & 16, 2026)

ELLENDALE TOWNSHIP TAX EQUALIZATION MEETING

Ellendale Township will hold its tax equalization meeting at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 16, in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Dickey County Courthouse.

Jerry Rekow, Clerk
(April 9 & 16, 2026)

VALLEY TOWNSHIP - SPECIAL MEETING

On May 4, 2026, Valley Township will hold a special meeting at Hildenbrand's Farm shop at 8:00 AM. The topic to be discussed will be the adoption of a comprehensive plan. There will be a public comment period before the township supervisors vote on the adoption of the comprehensive plan.

Jason Hildenbrand - Chairman, Valley Township
(April 16 & 23)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO LICENSING OF ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM INSTALLERS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to North Dakota Administrative Code chapter 33.1-21-01 regarding rules for licensing of current and future onsite wastewater treatment system installers at the following time and location:

2nd Floor Conference Room
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324
May 14, 2026
1:30 PM CDT

A copy of the proposed rule amendments may be requested by writing the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Deputy Director, 4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324 or calling (701) 328-5210. Written comments on the proposed rule amendments may be submitted to the above mailing address and received by May 25, 2026.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department at the above address or telephone number below at least five days prior to the public hearing. The NDDEQ will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. To request accommodations or language assistance, contact the NDDEQ Non-discrimination/EJ Coordinator at (701) 328-5150 or deqEJ@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

There will be real time public streaming of the public hearing through a Microsoft Teams meeting. Information concerning listening access by telephone or through Microsoft Teams can be obtained by calling (701) 328-5210 or can be found on the Department's website at: <https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx>. Dated this 2nd day of April, 2026.

Karl Rockeman, P.E.
Deputy Director
Department of Environmental Quality

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.

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