

PUBLIC NOTICES

ELECTION FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ELLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Polls will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM DST in the south lobby at the Ellendale Public School. We will be voting for two (2) Directors to the Ellendale School Board.

One Director position representing the City of Ellendale –
Candidates are:
Lucas Van Zee – for a three (3) year term
Kristi Gilbert – for a three (3) year term

Candidate is Kaitlyn Kinzler – for a three (3) year term.

Ballots also provide a space for a write-in candidate. Absentee ballot applications are available at the EPS Business Office or can be found by visiting the North Dakota Secretary of State website. Any member of the school district may vote for the director position.

Lana Norton, Business Manager

(May 14, 2026)

One Director position representing the West Rural –

ELLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BIDS

Bid Release: The Ellendale Public School is accepting bids for two projects:

construction on a school parking lot in the NE corner of our campus at the intersection of 2nd Street North and 5th Ave E

installation of chain link fence to change the configuration of the playground.

The bid sheets and drawings of the project are available through the school office and at <https://www.ellendale.k12.nd.us/>. The deadline for bids is May 19, 2026

Jeff Ringstad, Superintendent
(May 14, 2026)

SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP

Spring Valley Township will hold a special meeting at 9:00 am on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at the home of the clerk to conduct the following business:

- Second reading, public hearing, and consideration on the following moratoriums for a period of two years:
 - renewable energy conversion development including but not limited to wind and solar
 - AI data and crypto mining centers
 - high voltage transmission lines
 - air carbon capture and underground carbon storage
 - carbon pipelines
 - nuclear powered electrical generation
 - nuclear and industrial waste disposal sites
 - renewable energy battery storage
- First reading and public hearing on a proposed moratorium on crew camps (temporary workforce housing) for a period of two years
- Public hearing and consideration on 2026 Revised Spring Valley Township Comprehensive Plan

The Zoning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will meet at the conclusion of the special meeting.
Matt Herman, Clerk
Spring Valley Township
(May 14 & May 21, 2026)

Ellendale Area Arts Council

The Ellendale Area Arts Council will hold its annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM. In addition to annual business matters, time will be devoted to reviewing the nearly 20-year history of the Arts Council, with special remembrance of the role Ken Schmierer played in the organization.

Ken Smith, Secretary
(May 14 & 21, 2026)

You're invited!

to the O.P.E.R.A., Inc. Annual Meeting
11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 23
at the Ellendale Opera House

A reception will be held at 3 p.m.
to officially name the Lobby & Gallery
as the Kenneth C. Schmierer Gallery

O.P.E.R.A., Inc. is an equal opportunity provider

(May 7, 14 & 21, 2026)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY WIDE STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2026-1 ELLENDALE, NORTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS GIVEN that City of Ellendale will receive separate sealed bids for the construction of the City Wide Street Improvements Project Special Assessment District 2026-1 project until Friday, May 22, 2026 at 2:00 pm Local Time. No bids may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for the bid opening. A notice of award is anticipated to be issued no later than thirty days from the bid opening date.

Bids must be addressed to and delivered by one of the following methods:

- Mailed or delivered to the office of the Owner: 55 3rd Ave S, PO Box 267, Ellendale, ND 58436

The work generally consists of:

- A city street improvement project including mill and overlay, cement treated base, patching, crack sealing, and chip sealing. Several alternatives will be considered to improve gravel roads to paved streets throughout the city.
- Qualifications:
 - To determine Bidder's qualifications to perform the Work, within five (5) calendar days of the Owner's request, Bidder shall submit written evidence of previous experience in performing similar work.

One contract(s) may be awarded based on the Owner's best interests. The award will be based on the lowest responsive, responsible bids on the Bid Schedules and Alternates selected by the Owner.

Contract Time:

- Construction must be substantially complete and ready for Owner's use and final inspection by June 1st, 2027.
- The Contractor shall pay the Owner \$2,500.00 for each day or part of a day that expires after the time specified for Substantial Completion of any construction schedule until the Work is substantially complete.

Funding Agency Requirements: N/A

Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at www.interstateeng.com or www.questcdn.com for a fee of \$37.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Bid Documents" tab and by entering Quest Project Number 10175569 on the "Search Projects" page. Paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Interstate Engineering, Inc. located at 1903 12th Avenue SW, Jamestown, ND for a fee of \$150.00 per set. For assistance and free membership

registration, contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com

The bidding and contract documents may also be examined at the office of Interstate Engineering located at 1903 12th Avenue SW, Jamestown, ND. Any technical questions or inquiries on obtaining paper copies of bidding and contract documents please contact Jacob Fandrich at 701-252-0234

Bidders must download the bidding documents from either QuestCDN or receive paper copies from the office of record to be a registered bidder and receive addenda and any other information issued by the Engineer or Owner. Addenda and other information will not be sent to Bidders that obtain copies of the bidding documents from other sources.

Each bid will be submitted on the basis of a cash payment for work. Each bid must be accompanied by a Bidder's Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the Owner. All bonds shall comply with the appropriate provisions of the North Dakota Century Code, as amended. The bid bond and a copy of the contractor's license or certificate of renewal shall be in a separate envelope attached to the outside of the bidding documents. All bids must be sealed.

There will not be a pre-bid conference.

No bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to Bond and Licenses, and any deficient bid submitted will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately.

The Owner retains the right to reject any or all of the bids submitted and to waive any informality in any bid and to hold all bids for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from said date of opening bids and to hold the three low bids and bid securities for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from said date of bid opening, and to accept the bid which is in the best interests of the Owner, and to reject the bid of any party who has been delinquent or unfaithful in the performance of any former contract with the Owner.

Dated April 27, 2026.
City of Ellendale, North Dakota

By: _____
Don Flaherty, Mayor

Publication Dates
Dickey County Leader: 4/30/26, 5/7/26, 5/14/26
Jamestown Sun: 4/30/26, 5/7/26, 5/14/26

AREA EVENTS

- 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 at 1:00, reception following at Opera House at 3:00 pm
- May 25 (Monday): Memorial day
- June 2 (Tuesday): EPS School Board Election
- June 9 (Tuesday): Primary Election
- June 27 (Saturday): 2026 Fullerton Fest

Celebrating Our Wetlands

By Ron Wilson, North Dakota Outdoors

Created more than three decades ago, American Wetlands Month is a celebratory nod to the importance of these often overlooked but highly productive ecosystems.

While American Wetlands Month is celebrated in May, wetlands are a vital part of North Dakota's fabric no matter what the calendar reads.

"Wetlands are incredibly important to North Dakota, not only for wildlife species, but also for humans in the state," said John Palarski, North Dakota Game and Fish Department migratory game bird management supervisor. "And really, wetlands are a big part of what makes the state incredibly unique. The Prairie Pothole Region runs through the majority of North Dakota, which is really highlighted by the density of wetlands that we have."

Wetlands provide a number of benefits for wildlife, particularly waterfowl and other shorebird species, and humans as well.

"Regarding the human population, wetlands are fantastic for flood mitigation, increasing water quality and cycling through nutrients," Palarski said. "They provide a whole host of benefits to humans that go largely unseen but are important to North Dakotans nonetheless."

Palarski said wetlands are the habitat backbone in North Dakota.

"In North Dakota, wetlands are the foundation of which all other things really derive from. In spring and summer, wetlands provide the foundation for waterfowl and shorebirds nesting and breeding in the state," he said. "As we move through summer and into fall as things start to dry up again, they also provide some excellent habitat for deer and pheasants. And during winter, wetlands surrounded by cattails provide thermal refuge for these animals and others as well. Wetlands are probably the most critical habitat type we have in North Dakota."

While Palarski said North Dakota has its share of big, permanent wetlands, many of which are waters that anglers like to fish, the bulk of the wetlands in the state are temporary.

"They undergo a wet and dry cycle, which is important for maintaining fertility of these wetlands," he said. "Often, by August and September, they're actually dry. But in spring and early summer, they provide a lot of value for migrating waterfowl and nesting waterfowl that we have in the state. Temporary wetlands are productive for the invertebrates favored by nesting waterfowl. Because raising a brood of ducks is energetically taxing, those bugs and invertebrates provide a whole host of nutrients for our nesting waterfowl and helps increase production."

Over time, North Dakota has lost a little over half of its wetlands, and that rate of loss has actually been speeding up in recent years.

"Considering the threats with urbanization, development and agriculture, there are a lot of demands in North Dakota and wetlands have declined largely in part to a lot of those factors," Palarski said. "Wetlands are incredibly important to have on the landscape. It's important for people to realize, too, that just because a wetland is dry, it's still a wetland. When the rains do return, when we get a lot of snow in winter, they provide a lot of value for wildlife."

If you drive up to one of North Dakota's many wetlands during American Wetlands Month, or other times of the year, it's only a guess what you'll find.

"The really cool thing is that you actually don't know what you're going to see. There's a whole host of species that you could encounter, such as waterfowl and many different shorebird species," Palarski said. "Wetlands, like the unexpected wildlife species you may encounter, are unique and are a big part of what makes our state so special."

CITY OF ELLENDALE

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO VACATE ALLEY

Please take notice that a Hearing will be held at the City Hall in Ellendale, ND, on a Petition that has been filed for the purpose of vacating all of 14th Avenue within Davis Green Acres Addition, which portion of 14th Avenue includes a street and cul-de-sac between or adjacent to Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 of said Davis Green Acres, all in the City of Ellendale, Dickey County North Dakota. Hearing is set for the 8th day of June, 2026 at 6 o'clock p.m. at the City Hall in Ellendale, ND and the public and those interested are invited to attend and participate.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2026.
CITY OF ELLENDALE

By: _____
Nicole Gunn, Auditor
(April 30, May 7, 14 & 21)



B.C. Dawg is not a retriever, but he's proud of his uncle, who somehow inherited the ability to fetch ducks, even live ones.

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