

Step into the past

Memories from Decades gone by



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50 Years Ago (June 24, 1976)

The Ellendale Fire Department responded to a fire at the city's landfill site southwest of here Tuesday—the city's \$21,000 payload was accidentally set ablaze while repairs were being done on it • "Beards to be judged July 5 at Whitestone Bicentennial"—categories included trimmed, salt and pepper, sexiest, Van Dyke, and fullest • Guelph Bicentennial picnic and turkey BBQ to be held July 4 and LaMoure Bicentennial to be held July 2-4 • Students attending International Music Camp at the Peace Gardens include Wendy Hansen, Mitch Johnson, Carie Krovoza, Nona Martin, Juleen McFarland, Tina Rada, Douglas Robb, Renee VanderVorste, Dawn Van Garden, and Lisa Voegeli • Students DeLaine Baer, Wylva Ragutt, and Andrew Hadden awarded scholarships • Dan Demerit receives Juris Doctor degree from the University of Montana • Elected to DC Historical Society board are Jerome Kelsh and Don Glynn of Fullerton, Iver Tveit, Les Holmes, and Marion Mock of Forbes, and Irene Burnett, Beryl Jury, Ed Leiby, and Clara Wheelan of Ellendale

40 Years Ago (June 26, 1986)

The Monango Centennial is this weekend, featuring a MHS alumni meet up, pioneer dress judging, beard judging, a pancake breakfast, road races, a parade, an auction, square dancing, softball, a pageant, worship services, a tractor pull, band music, art in the park, and more—the planning committee was made up of Shelly Grueneich, Candy Middlestead, June Hatfield, Sharon Thayer, Judy Holmgren, Clara Fiechtner, Dorothy Long, Mrs. Frank Larson, Peggy Bechtold, DeeAnn Gall, Jeanne Johnson, Sherry Filbert, Jim Gusaas, Lowell Anderson, Vic Steinwand, Harley Jundt, Craig Larson, Del Bertsch, Marilyn Strand, Frank Larson, and Marilyn Burrow • Oakes Centennial to start July 3

30 Years Ago (June 20, 1996)

Construction on a corridor connecting EPS high school and elementary school buildings and a new music room is going swiftly • Michael & Lisa Carlsen purchase Holte Funeral Homes • Peggy Bechtold and Candy Middlestead shown with First Southwest Bank selling lemonade to raise money for the Main St. Park project

20 Years Ago (June 22, 2006)

Dean Torgerson joins Ellendale Implement • The Ellendale Area Community Foundation presented grants to Jeff Langley, Pat Lee, Lori Mattheis, Nicole Byerley, Tony Hanson, Myra Rada, and Lucy Grueneich, each representing an institution

10 Years Ago (June 23, 2016)

Tim Belmore, Eric Fuher, and Justin Meidinger elected to City Council • Ellendale Area Community Foundation presents grants to Joan Jones, Grant Crabtree, Jeff Glynn, Marlene Rasmussen, Michele Thorpe, Corey Gulke, Katie Petersen, Brad Knutson, and Don Flaherty (rep. institutions)

Opinion: two views on ND data center policy

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This isn't the billionaire-versus-locals story McFeely describes. It's about protecting property rights on both sides.

The seller's right to develop and the neighbor's right to have a say in what affects their property.

McFeely mentioned NDAs and how Minnesota is handling them. Those are complex questions that deserve serious examination with legal and policy counsel. How governments handle confidential business information, public records, and community access requires careful analysis. We're not taking a reflexive position either direction on that one. But we are committed to making sure local communities have the information they need to make decisions.

McFeely's right about one thing: When Bismarck wants something, local control suddenly becomes negotiable. When locals object, they get dismissed. That

pattern preceded data centers and it will outlast them.

But that's exactly why the coalition approach matters. When you bring together cities, counties, industry, and experts and say "let's figure this out together," you change the dynamic.

You're not asking communities to trust state politicians or to trust billionaires. You're asking them to use solid ordinances and their own judgment.

McFeely frames this as a choice between data centers or local power. That's the wrong question. North Dakota can welcome infrastructure that strengthens our economy while demanding genuine community input, transparent project evaluation, and local governance authority. We don't have to pick between progress and democracy.

North Dakota is capable of both.

Terry Effertz is executive director of TechND, a North Dakota technology trade organization.

Think about it: here are some things smartphones have replaced (either in part or altogether)

This week's Transitions column (page two) calls attention to how certain familiar devices and technologies can become more or less obsolete as they are replaced by newer ones. With that in mind, we again present this list: we hope it will inspire readers to think about the fast moving world we are living in, a world where many of our older ways and assumptions are quickly being challenged by a thing called artificial intelligence. To have the healthiest possible response to AI, we believe it is important to spend time thinking about it in terms of historical progression. We don't believe that either the benefits or harms of AI are inevitable, but we do think it's best to go forward with eyes open. We hope this list helps give some insights into our contemporary world.

- address books
- airline tickets
- alarm clocks
- answering machines
- asking strangers for directions
- audio cassettes
- bank branches
- barometers and altimeters
- beepers
- bills
- boarding passes
- brochures
- business cards
- calculators
- calendars
- camcorders
- cameras
- car keys (for many newer models)
- cash
- cassette players
- catalogs
- cd-roms
- cds
- checks
- compact mirrors
- compasses
- cookbooks
- coupons
- diaries
- dictionaries
- DVDs
- encyclopedias
- fax machines
- film rolls
- fitness trackers
- flashlights
- floppy disks
- flyers
- foreign phrase-books
- GPS devices
- grocery coupons
- handheld game consoles
- hotel room keys (at some hotels)
- instant cameras
- instruction manuals
- invoices
- itineraries
- keys
- landline phones
- letters
- levels (small bubble type)
- library cards
- loyalty cards
- magazines
- magnifying glasses
- mail
- maps
- memos
- money
- mp3 players
- newspapers
- notebooks
- offices
- pagers
- parking meters
- parking permits
- pay phones
- pedometers
- phone books
- photo albums
- photocopiers
- planners
- playing cards
- portable cd players
- portable speakers
- printed photos
- printed airplane boarding passes
- radios
- receipts
- remote controls
- rolodexes
- rulers
- sale bills
- scanners
- shopping lists
- slide projectors
- slide viewers
- takeout orders by phone
- tape decks
- tape measures
- thermometers
- tickets
- timers
- train bus and plane schedules
- translators
- travel guidebooks
- tv remotes
- tv's
- typewriters
- VCRs
- VHS tapes
- voice recorders
- walkie talkies
- wallets
- watches
- yellow pages

AREA EVENTS

- June 27 (Saturday): 2026 Fullerton Fest
- July 4 (Saturday): 4th of July--come to Forbes for parade and fireworks!
- July 5 (Sunday): Community church service at South Park, 10:00 AM, bring lawn chairs, pot luck to follow
- July 9-12 (Thursday--Sunday): 2026 Dickey County Fair & Rodeo
- July 17 (Friday): Choice Bank Annual Picnic, on West Main Street, 11:00-1:00

PUBLIC NOTICES

ELLENDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
The Ellendale Fire Protection District will hold its annual budget meeting June 29, 2026 at 8:00 pm at the Fire Hall in Ellendale.
Mike Thorpe
Fire Chief
(June 18 @ 25, 2026)

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS (NDDOT)
The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will receive bids for the construction of the following project(s):
Job No.: 24832
Project No(s): NH-9-999(558)
Length: 0
Type: WEIGH-IN-MOTION (WIM) CALIBRATION
County(s): DICKEY, BILLINGS, BOWMAN, BURKE, CAVALIER, MCKENZIE, MCLEAN, RAMSEY, RICHLAND, & WELLS Cos.
Location: 2026 WEIGH-IN-MOTION (WIM) CALIBRATION - VARIOUS LOCATIONS STATEWIDE

Bids will be received via the Bid Express on-line bidding exchange at www.bidx.com until 09:30AM, July 17, 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
(June 25, 2026)

CITY OF ELLENDALE - NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held on the 13th day of July, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Auditor's office as to whether to grant a variance or conditional use permit at 208 3RD Ave. SW (street address), with the following legal description, Lot 2, Block 3 of Bell's Addition to the City of Ellendale, Dickey County, N.D. (legal description) to permit CHANGING THE CURRENT MINIMUM OF 12.5 FEET SIDE YARDS TO BE REDUCED TO 5 FOOT SIDE YARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE, which would otherwise not be in compliance with the surrounding residential zoning. The nature, scope and purpose of the proposed variance is to allow a CHANGING THE CURRENT MINIMUM OF 12.5 FEET SIDE YARDS TO BE REDUCED TO 5 FOOT SIDE YARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE not otherwise permissible by city ordinance at said address. A copy of the proposed resolution granting the variance has been filed with the City Auditor for Ellendale, and is available at this time up

to the public hearing during the regular business hours of the City Auditor's office.

The public is invited to come to the City Auditor's office before said public hearing and review the proposed resolution granting the variance. The public is also invited to attend and participate at the public hearing, which has been set for the 13th day of July, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Auditor's office.

If a protest against the proposed variance is signed by the owners of 20% or more:

1. Of the area of the lots included in such proposed change, or
2. The area adjacent, extending 150' (45.17 meters) from the area to be changed, excluding the width of streets, the variance shall not become effective except by favorable vote of 3/4th of all the members of the governing body of the City. Provided, however, that protest in writing must be filed with the City Auditor prior to the time set for the public hearing as set forth herein.

(June 25 & July 2 2026)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

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 Article 33.1-15 at the following time and location:

2nd Floor Meeting Room 223
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
4201 Normandy Street
Bismarck, ND 58503
August 11, 2026
1:00 pm CST

The public may review the proposed rule changes and provide comments. To request a copy of the proposed changes, contact the Department's Indoor Air Quality Control Program:

Mail: North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND 58503

Email: waste@nd.gov
Phone: 701-328-5166

Written or oral comments must be received by July 30, 2026 to be fully considered. Comments may be submitted by mail, email or phone using the contact information above.

Anyone who plans to attend the hearing and needs accommodations related to a disability should contact the Department at least two days before the hearing. There will be real time public streaming of the public hearing through a Microsoft Teams meeting. No testimony will be accepted through the Microsoft Teams meeting. Information concerning listening access by telephone or through Microsoft Teams can be obtained by calling (701)328-5166 or can be found on the Department's website at: https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2026.
Charles R. Hyatt, Director, Division of Waste Management



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