

Guelph News...

By Rose Sell

This last weekend being Memorial Day weekend means there were a lot of visitors to various cemeteries paying their respects to loved ones gone but not forgotten. The American Legion all around the area had their Honor Guard performing ceremonies to all those who served this country and have gone before us. It is a very powerful and moving event.

Bob and Judy were with Pat and Toni Kelly as they went to Bismarck especially to attend the reception for Grady Iverson's high school graduation. Since Grady's dad, Tom, is from the Guelph area, there were several well-wishers from here to help his celebrate.

Grama Jeanne was in Moorhead on Tuesday, the 26th, to attend granddaughter, Zoey Maley's final concert of the year. This is especially fun as it shows markedly how amazing this 5th grade Horizon Middle School orchestra has improved over the year.

Projects are being completed, silent and live auction baskets are in the processed of assembly and our museum rooms are getting a good cleaning as we prepare for our annual Turkey BBQ on Sunday, July 19th. Weekly we get asked for the date, which means people look forward to this event. Put it on your calendar or in your phone 'cuz ya don't wanna miss it!

Ben Franklin Middle School in Fargo held their spring band concerts on Thursday, May 21. Sue German met Andy and Kara Kalbus for the 6:00 pm

concert featuring the 7th grade bands and jazz band. Eli is a member of one of the concert bands and also plays in the jazz band. We are thankful for the wonderful teachers of these young musicians. It was an excellent concert!

Sue German spent the night with Matt and Aiden Kalbus, and was among the Fargo North fans at the EDC baseball tournament on Friday, May 22. The Spartans played their final game of the season, as they fell to the Red River team 2-0. Drew Kalbus and teammates had a very fine season.

The spring concert season came to a close with the Fargo North Jazz Band concert on Tuesday, May 26. Eli, in the 7th grade band from Ben Franklin, their 8th grade jazz band, the Spartan Jazz Ensemble, and Drew in the Broadway Jazz Ensemble all played. Broadway Jazz received a standing ovation - what amazing players and directors! We are so proud of all of them.

Country Rose Homemakers Club met on Thursday, May 28, to clean the Guelph Park, followed by their annual potluck supper and meeting at the Community Center. Plans were made for the club's participation in the Turkey BBQ on July 19.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
"Always work hard and have fun in what you do because I think that's when you're more successful. You have to choose to do it."

- Simone Biles

Conservation Corner

Provided by the James River SCD and Ellendale NRCS Office

In a matter of two quick weeks, thousands of trees were planted around Dickey County. For the most part, our planting went well. Now fabric will be installed at the planting sites. Please, if you planted trees this year - whether by hand or by machine - water weekly at a minimum! The hot dry weather greatly stresses new trees and can easily lead to tree death out without proper care.

Do not be tempted to fertilize new trees. Trees provided by Soil Conservation Districts are specifically grown in this region so that survivability is best. They are seed-sourced as locally as possible, which also increases hardiness of seedlings. Fertilizing can "burn" young tree roots that are not accustomed to the excess nutrients.

This year, we have had a record number of calls requesting trees and/or tree plantings well after our schedule was filled. A friendly reminder - please order the fall before! And if you are looking at our crew planting for you, we must know the fall before. This not only helps us out with plan-

ning and ordering, but cost-share deadlines often run a year before the actual planting. Also, the SCD only plants trees in the spring.

Planning ahead also allows us to assist with selecting trees most suitable for your site. We always start with a soils map. It is strange to think - but soils vary all over the county. So if you have had a hard time getting trees to grow in an area in the past, it definitely could be a soil issue. Sometimes the issue can be resolved by just changing species of tree. Other times, if soils are not suited, it's very likely trees will not grow well there period. One cannot "change" their soil type in a location by amending it with different substances. Soil types are based on the parent material deep underground.

Upcoming projects this summer include another round of Nights at the Nursery - dates are yet to be determined but watch for upcoming details. We look forward to greeting new and familiar faces to tour the property with you. We have a few projects we have been working on to

Submitted by Tokina McHarry, SCD District Business/Education Manager

show off! We will also be offering our Nature Explore Days in August, EcoEd in September, as well as the Grazing Logic event scheduled for September 3. Of course, we also will hold events as requested - if you have a group interested in something, reach out and see if we can assist!

Last but not least, have you checked out the Less Lawn More Life challenge? We have been promoting it on our Facebook page. This is a free 12-week event, where participants are given "mini challenges" each week, with the result being creating a small area of native plants in your yard. Again, it's free. Just enter your email. And it's one email per week. You can start anytime and catch up to the current week. Most challenges have a short video, just a few minutes long, and that it! It's easy, fun, and very informative. We highly recommend it.

Upcoming Dates:
June 10, 2026 - SCD Board Meeting, 9 am, Ellendale Service Center

June 19, 2026 - Office Closed, Juneteenth

For more information contact the James River Soil Conservation District and Ellendale NRCS office at 349-3653, ext. 3. Our field office is in Ellendale at 51 N. 1st Street. Also, remember to visit the James River Soil Conservation District Facebook page and our websites for more information - <http://www.jamesriver-scd.org/> and <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/nd/home/>. The NRCS is an equal opportunity employer, provider and lender.

Dickey County Public Transportation

Handicapped Accessible Vehicles

Ellendale:
Monday - Thursday
8:30am - 4:30pm
Oakes:
Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm
To Aberdeen:
The Third (3rd) Friday
of each month
If you need a ride, call:
742-3509

The McIntosh County Bus goes through Ellendale on their way to Aberdeen the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. If you would like to catch a ride call: 701-731-0072

Dickey County Senior Menu Ellendale/Oakes: 742-3509

Friday: Stuffed cabbage roll, mashed potatoes, asparagus, peaches

Monday: Chicken tenders, mac & cheese, coleslaw, fresh strawberries

Tuesday: Scrambled egg, cinnamon french toast with LoCal syrup, diced breakfast potatoes, blueberries and yogurt

Wednesday: Egg Roll Day - Beef broccoli stir fry, brown rice, vegetable egg roll with sweet and sour sauce, mandarin oranges

Thursday: Birthday Day - Beef Lasagna, applesauce, green beans, garlic toast, cake and ice cream

Welcome!

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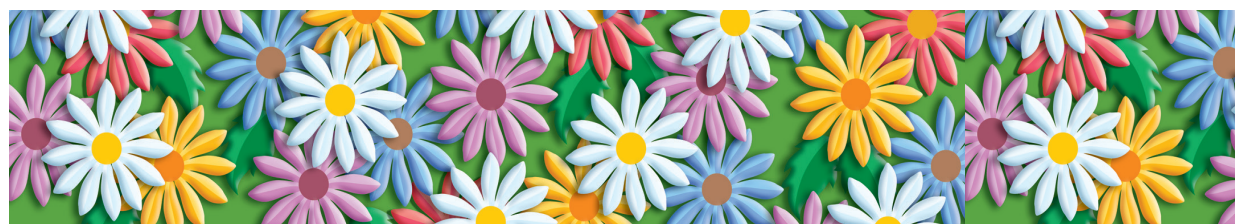
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DICKEY COUNTY PARK BOARD MEETING MARCH 3, 2026

Park Board Meeting March 3, 2026

Chair Kacey Holm called the Park Board meeting to order at 8:00 am. Park Board members Andi Schimke, Brandon Carlson, and Darrell Schrum were in attendance. Park Board member Bob Schmidt was in attendance via electronic means. Also in attendance were Commissioner Jerry Walsh and Applied Digital representative Emma Perrotti.

The meeting was turned over to Park Board Chair Schimke.

Holm made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18th meeting as presented. Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

Schimke requested an update from Schmidt on the widening of the beach. Schmidt will get that completed this spring once things warm up.

Sheriff's office joined the meeting at 8:05 via electronic means.

Board members reviewed the plat maps of the west county park. Discussion followed concerning where camping sites could be placed and therefore not put up for sale. Discussion included the need for dump stations and the need for parking for larger vehicles. The possibility of not selling all parcels to allow for camping spots was discussed. No motions were made.

Schimke updated the Commission on information received from ND Game and Fish concerning the dock at the beach. The dock was originally the handicap dock and moved to the beach. At the time, NDG&F informed the Park Board of the state of the dock. The dock was moved and continued to be used. NDG&F will not assist in putting a new dock in place. Schmidt and Schrum will look at the dock and report back to the Park Board at the next meeting.

Discussion followed concerning the remaining trees north of the dock that were not removed last fall. Schrum offered to remove the trees, as there are only 5 or 6 trees. Carlson made a motion to have Schrum remove the trees

by the dock that are on county property. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner John Hokana joined the meeting at 8:22.

Schimke stated that she had been contacted by Outdoor Heritage Fund representative Jordan Kannianen concerning the sale of the park property. Kannianen stated that Dickey County had received \$42,000 in grant money and are requesting the money be paid back. In reviewing where the money had been used, the money was not used in any of the areas that would be sold.

Schimke updated the Commission on erosion at the boat ramp that NDG&F representative Bob Frohlich had contacted Schimke concerning. Highway Superintendent Jeff Hagen quoted \$690 to fix the erosion. Schmidt stated that this erosion has happened before and has been fixed.

Discussion followed concerning mowing agreements for Wilson Dam and Pheasant Lake. Schimke will contact Fregein and Miller to see if they are willing to continue mowing. Mowing will run May 15th through October 15th with a total of no more than \$2,500 for each location.

Cleaning of the bathrooms were discussed. Lorena's Cleaning Service will clean both locations for \$450/month/location.

Schimke talked with the ND DOT representative Jay Praska concerning signing of the two parks on Highway 281 and State Highway 11. ND DOT would supply the posts needed and the county would have to purchase the signs, which is approximately \$1,600 for all the signs. Administrative Assistant Amy Mitteldeier will be asked to find a grant for the signs.

The next park board meeting is May 5th.

Carlson made a motion to adjourn at 8:55. Schrum seconded. Motion carried.

(June 4, 2026)

DICKEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MAY 5, 2026

Commissioner Meeting May 5, 2026

Chair Kacey Holm called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Commissioners Jerry Walsh, John Hokana, Brandon Carlson, and Marke Roberts were also present. Auditor Sheppard and States Attorney Radermacher were also present. The media was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda
JDA guideline clarification
Leak on roof and damage on lower level of Courthouse update
State line pods project
Home Rule

Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes from April 21 as amended. Walsh seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Carlson made a motion to approve the vouchers as submitted. Hokana seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Commission discussed the report of the power being shut down in the city of Ellendale starting at 4:00 pm Wednesday May 6th. There were mixed messages as to who would be affected. With the amount of computer equipment that could be affected by the power cut, Carlson made a motion to close the courthouse at 4:00 pm. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Sheppard reported to the Commission on what was discussed at the 5-County meeting on April 29th concerning combining with the five counties and using the 911 call center in Richland County. The presentation from Richland County has been shared ahead of time and is on file at the Auditor's office. Roberts stated he would want to see a more complete plan before any consideration. The discussion included how it would affect fire and ambulance as well. Sheppard will contact Richland County to answer the question about fire and ambulance. De-

pending on the information given, the Commission will consider if Richland County should present to the Commission at a different meeting.

Treasurer Wonada Lematta joined the meeting to discuss with the Commissioners a letter received from US Fish & Wildlife, requesting permission to access county property to count ducks and to allow their use of ATVs. Because of liability issues, Carlson made a motion to not allow them access to county property. Roberts seconded. Roll call was Carlson yes; Holm yes; Roberts yes; Walsh no; Hokana no. Motion carried.

Walsh spoke with the Commission concerning JDA loans and how they should be overseen. Walsh stated at the JDA meeting that there was a discussion concerning granting money and/or interest buy downs, versus granting a loan. The conversation to define the interest buy down or the possibility of paying a considerable sum off the current loan and therefore reducing their loan payments, instead of the money used for purchasing items needed for the business. Sheppard stated that she was told that counties cannot do interest buy downs legally. Discussion included the need for clear written guidelines for the JDA board. Sheppard and Radermacher will check into this with the South Central Dakota Regional Council to find out how they oversee interest buy downs.

Tax Director Don Flaherty and Recorder Schmidt joined the meeting at 10:00, along with Balcony Technology Group, Inc. representatives Alex McGee, Jason Hargrove, and Austin Talty who were on electronic means. Schmidt informed the Commission that this product would be helpful for the tax and the Recorder's offices. Flaherty stated there may be other uses for the product that other offices could use as well. The system will use blockchain to cross-index the information that is in the current DocuPro system, which

will be required by the state of North Dakota so the county will be ahead of the schedule. Flaherty stated that this product would replace the PAT system that Dickey County currently uses to complete ag land valuations and pays an outside vendor for rural parcel splits. In 2027 the county would need to pay for the PAT software and the Balcony. In 2028, it would only be paying for Balcony. Schmidt stated that there will be daily exports to Balcony and will be managed in her office, along with the other exports they complete every day. Radermacher stated that the contract has been reviewed and the requested changes will be made. The plan is to have a revised contract in hand for the next meeting. No action was taken.

KLJ Engineer Bryan Tykwinski, Highway Superintendent Jeff Hagen, and DES/911 Coordinator Charlie Russell joined the meeting at 10:34.

The meeting went into a short recess from 10:40 to 10:45.

Roberts made a motion to open the abatement hearing. Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

Flaherty stated he had six applications for homestead credit, all for the tax year of 2025 and coverage of 100%.

Roberts made a motion to approve all applications. Hokana seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Carlson made a motion to close the abatement hearing. Walsh seconded. Motion carried.

Home Rule in Dickey County was discussed. Sheppard located information received from other counties in North Dakota and forwarded the information to Radermacher and the Commissioners. No action was taken.

Hagen presented the contract with Maple Township for the maintenance of Co Road 3C on a 50/50 basis. Carlson made a motion to sign the contract. Roberts seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Hagen presented LoadPass contracts for James River Valley, Porter, and Keystone Townships. Walsh made a motion to sign the contracts. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Hagen presented a permit application from Ellingson Drainage to bore under the road in Whitestone Township. Roberts made a motion to approve the application, pending the receipt of a check to pay the fee. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Discussion followed concerning the use of DustPods on the State line road this summer. Hagen stated that he is down one staff so it may be hard, but he is looking for a new employee. The project will be harder until a new employee is hired.

Tykwinski updated the Commission on the state of Prairie Dog money at the state level. Tykwinski also stated that the bid opening for the County Road 12 project is set for November 13th at this time.

Tykwinski presented the construction engineering for the culvert project on 86th Street north of Oakes. Roberts made a motion to sign the contract. Carlson seconded. Roll call was Roberts yes; Holm no; Carlson yes; Hokana yes; Walsh yes. Motion carried.

Carlson made a motion to adjourn at 11:57.

(June 4, 2026)