



Peter Bunde with twin daughters, Shelly and Shae caught up with friends in Powers Lake.

## Powers Lake

Peter Bunde and twin daughters, Shelly and Shae returned to Powers Lake for a weekend visit in September, 2025.

The Bunde family, Pete, Ginny, Jodi, Shae and Shelly lived in Powers Lake from 1973-1978 while Mr. Bunde was superintendent of Powers Lake Public Schools.

The visitors enjoyed their weekend stay at the Hygge Hotel. The highlight for the three was an opportunity to meet old friends and previous school colleagues at the Powers Lake Senior Center and the

Food Barn.

Bonnie and Todd Jorgenson and the Bundes spent time reminiscing at the county history museum and looking through scrap books from the 1976 bicentennial, a city-wide celebration of which Ginny served on the planning committee.

Peter currently resides in his hometown of McVile, Jodi and Shelly are in Jamestown, and Shae is in Bozeman, MT. Ginny passed away at age 72 in 2013.

The Bundes shared their many fond memories of Powers Lake and continue to cherish the friendships they formed during the years they called Powers Lake home.

## Bowbells

Mary Stepheny and Brenda Peterson enjoyed the visit of Bonnie Nielsen on Sunday in Minot.

Jack and Gen Aufforth to went to Tioga to watch grandson, Wyatt and his team play basketball.

Lee and Peggy Anderson, along with daughter, Elizabeth and her family flew to Minot Friday to spend President Day weekend with son, Robert and family. Four little boys ranging

in ages 3-6 provided a lot of memories during the weekend! Saturday, both families enjoyed the Discovery Center, playing in melted snow where they could find it, and a drive to a favorite playground. Sunday to the trampoline park, and after bowling, playground fun. Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with ice cream and cake. Monday checked in on Great Grandma Mary, Great Grandpa Bruce and Auntie Pat for lunch. One more early evening meal before they headed back to AZ, before a storm system hits ND.

## Senior Citizens Menus

### POWERS LAKE

Call 464-5630 by 8:00 a.m. the day of the meal  
**Friday, Feb. 20:** Lemon pepper cod.

**Monday, Feb. 23:** Chili.

**Wednesday, Feb. 25:** Bare-becue ribs.

### LIGNITE/COLUMBUS

Call day before to reserve or cancel a meal, 596-3563  
**Friday, Feb. 20:** Baked fish, cheesy hashbrowns vegetable blend, pineapple chunks.

**Monday, Feb. 23:** Baked chicken thighs, scalloped potatoes, green beans, mandarin oranges.

**Wednesday, Feb. 25:** Slo-

py Joe, macaroni and cheese, scalloped corn, fruit cup.

### BOWBELLS

Anyone over 60 who would like a meal delivered please call 377-2376  
**meals subject to change**  
**Friday, Feb. 20:** Salisbury steak patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, angel food cake with berries, dinner bun.

**Monday, Feb. 23:** Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, corn, applie pie.

**Wednesday, Feb. 25:** Chicken cordon bleu, baked potato, squash, peaches, dinner bun.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

A public notice is information informing citizens of government activities that may affect the citizens' everyday lives. Public notices have been printed in local newspapers, the trusted sources for community information, for more than 200 years. ----- North Dakota newspapers also post public notices that are printed in newspapers on [www.ndpublicnotices.com](http://www.ndpublicnotices.com) at no additional charge to units of government.

## Notice of Filing Deadline City of Lignite

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the City of Lignite is April 6th, 2026 by 4:00 p.m. The following positions are up for election.

City Council Members: Two (2) positions-4 year term

Mayor: One (1) position 4 year term.

A candidate for a city position must turn in a completed SFN 02704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interests to the City Auditor by the above deadline date and time.

All forms are available from the City Auditor or can be obtained online at [www.nd.giov/sos/electvote/elections/forms.html](http://www.nd.giov/sos/electvote/elections/forms.html)

Feb. 18 & 25, March 4 & 11, 2026

## City of Flaxton Council Proceedings

### Approved Minutes January 6, 2026

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kalmbach @ 7:30 p.m. Present were council members Justin Adamietz and Jeremy Ragle by conference call; Public Works Director, Barb Cron and City Auditor, Amy Ones. Absent was council member, Dan Snyder. Members of the public present were Colette Walker.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public comment.

Motion J. Adamietz, second J. Ragle to approve the December 2, 2025 regular council meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion J. Adamietz, second J. Ragle to approve the financial report and bills as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Overdue utility accounts and bulk water activity were reviewed.

Sean Weeks representing Ackerman Estvold was absent from the meeting, therefore there was no engineering report presented.

B. Cron presented the Public Works report. Total hours worked for the month of December were 78.00. Tasks completed include the following: snow removal & completion of the 2025 water use & sales annual report.

Motion J. Ragle, second J. Adamietz to designate both Dacotah Bank & Ameriprise Financial as the depositories of public funds for the City of Flaxton. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2026 city election. There are (2) four-year term positions up for election which are currently held by Justin Adamietz & Jeremy Ragle. The deadline for filing to have a candidate's name listed on the ballot is April 6, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m. The election will be held June 9, 2026.

Discussion was held on 2026 pay increases for city staff positions. For council reference, Auditor Ones stated that the 2026 "Cost of Living Adjustment" (COLA) published by the Social Security Administration is 2.80%. Motion J. Adamietz, second J. Ragle to

## City of Portal Financial Statement of All City Funds

Fund #	Fund Name	Period Ending December 31, 2025		Transfers out	Expenses
		Receipts	Transfers in		
100	General Fund	\$199,707.41	\$18,944.16	\$170,000.00	\$81,603.32
101	Equipment Fund	\$0.00	\$25,000.00		\$0.00
201	Municipal Highway Fund	\$30,647.00	\$8,500.00		\$20,056.49
206	Emergency Fund	\$897.77			\$0.00
208	Fire Reserve Fund	\$1,789.60		\$4,724.16	\$2,991.84
211	Legacy Highway Fund	\$5184.11			\$4,277.42
212	Flex Transportation Fund	\$184.11			\$4,826.40
402	Infrastructure Fund	\$0.00	\$136,500.00		\$101,035.35
404	New Gas Lines	\$0.00	\$601,227.29		\$14,091.99
405	Sewer Relocation	\$0.00	\$52,135.20		\$52,135.20
501	Water Fund	\$53,988.32			\$26,450.05
502	Sewer Fund	\$33,056.72		\$6,800.00	\$27,254.52
503	Garbage Fund	\$41,479.45		\$7,420.00	\$29,354.00
504	Gas Fund	\$121,554.59			\$141,012.03
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS		\$1,145,944.88	\$188,944.16	\$188,944.16	\$505,091.61

Kaydee Smith, Auditor  
February 18, 2026

## Burke Central School Board Proceedings

### Thursday, January 8, 2026 Official Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Kurt Koppelsloen. Also, present board members are Chris Bly, Kaydee Smith, Mercedes Sandberg; Thomas Warman, Supt.; April Warman, Business Manager; and Jacob Tobin, BCEA-teacher. The agenda was previewed.

**M/S/C: Bly/Smith** to accept the Consent Agenda.

1. Business Manager's Report  
2. Approval of Bills and Minutes  
a. December 11th Minutes

**Superintendent/Principals/Athletic Director Reports:**

1. Superintendent  
2. High School Principal

**New Business:**

1. Approve Lorie Fitchner resignation.

2. Approve RO Units in apartments.

**M/S/C: Bly/Smith** to approve Lorie Fitchner resignation.

**M/S/C: Bly/Smith** to table the RO Units for the apartments until February to gather more information.

Calendar: Thursday, February 12, will be our next board meeting at 7 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**BILLS: GENERAL FUND:** Advanced Business Methods \$1,096.35; Amazon Capital Services 331.50; Leon Brackey 347.90; Burke County Tribune 149.57; City of Lignite 602.50; Cullinan Water Conditioning 155.00; Dacotah Paper Co. 2,289.74; Renae Evensvold 150.45; Jarek Hansen 359.50; Kyle Hennix 255.10; Shannon Holter 151.90; Journal Publishing Inc. 113.80; Kenmare News 168.00; Lignite Oil Company Inc. 2,683.32; Montana Dakota 2,804.72; ND Center for Distance Education 4,351.00; NDCEL 300.00; NDSBA 78.00; Northern Plains Special Ed 2,689.40; Northwest Communications 204.91; Pearce & Durick 71.25; Roughrider Area Career & Tech Center 300.00; Frank Vega 267.90; Verizon 413.90. TOTAL: \$20,335.71.

**HOT LUNCH FUND:** Cash-Wa Distributing of Fargo LLC \$8061.64. Dept. of Public Instruction 87.51. TOTAL \$ 8,149.15.

**ACTIVITY FUND:** Amazon Capital Services \$45.90. TOTAL: \$45.90.

Kurt Koppelsloen, President  
April Warman, Business Manager  
February 18, 2026

## City of Portal

### Council Proceedings

#### Meeting date: February 10, 2026 Unapproved Minutes

A regular meeting of the Portal City Council was held at the Community Center in Portal, ND on February 10, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Mayor Lisa Smith. Members of the City Council present were Kenneth Evenson, Lorie Fitchner, Tamara Rudland and Auditor Kaydee Smith. Members absent were Dustin Degenstein. Citizens present were Sheriff Throntveit, and over Teams were Patrick Samson and Larry Oswald with MDU.

There were no public comments. Sheriff Throntveit states the town has been quiet.

Patrick talked about the close out documents for both CDBG projects. A special meeting will be held at the Community Center on Feb. 23rd at 6:00 pm for final payments. A repayment plan for the \$75,000 to be paid to MDU for construction oversight and labor on the distribution sight for either 2 years interest free or make a one time payment. Auditor will look at the budget and will discuss more at March's meeting. Patrick and Larry leave the meeting at 5:29 pm.

Motion was made by T. Rudland, and seconded by K. Evenson to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2025 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by K. Evenson, and seconded by T. Rudland to approve the financials as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Auditor informs council that Jerry's

Transfer has increased to \$28 for picking up water samples and FDHU will start charging \$7 for shipping water samples. Summer help was discussed; a notice will be put in the paper.

Council is still reviewing Planning and Zoning.

A discussion about the fire department was held.

A discussion about the future of the Park Board was held. Mayor Smith steps down to meet quorum. Motion was made by T. Rudland, and seconded by K. Evenson to remove Harvey Fitchner and Lorie Fitchner and add Auditor Kaydee Smith to the City of Portal – Portal Memorial Park Board bank account at First State Bank & Trust. All in favor, motion carried. Smith takes back her position as Mayor.

The Floodplain Management Ordinance was discussed; Auditor will contact attorney for assistance.

Auditor updates council that FDHU has mailed out 2 letters to two property owners for nuisances and the city received 2 letters back from FDHU for the city to move ahead to remove or abate the nuisance as the conditions have not been met and hearing was not requested.

Auditor Smith presents council with year-end transfers and the financial statement for 2025.Motion was made by T. Rudland, and seconded by L. Fitchner to approve the amendments to the 2025 Budget as presented.

The council discusses the 90- day delinquency notices.

A brief update about the elections was held.

February 23, 2026 at the Community Center in Portal, ND at 6:00 pm is a special meeting.

March 3, 2026 at the Community Center in Portal, ND at 5:15 pm is next regular meeting.

Motion was made by T. Rudland, and seconded K. Evenson to adjourn the meeting 6:03 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills: Jan: EFTPS \$923.78; Dacotah Bank 10.00, 10.00, 10.00; Dacotah Credit Card 831.38; Fasken 1440.05.

Feb.: Ackerman \$2062.50, BC Sheriff 400.00; BC Tribune106.24; Circle Sanitation2413.00; First District Health 30.00; Jerry's Transfer 28.00; Lignite Oil 419.46; MDU (Utilities) 3082.22; MDU Contract 409.00; NCC 206.21; Sandberg 1400.00; Dacotah Credit Card 333.73.

Kaydee Smith, City Auditor  
February 18, 2026

## Amended Flood Plain

### Management

#### Ordinance Chapter 17 Article 9 City of Columbus, ND

6.1 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

(1) Violation of the provisions of this ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements, including violations on conditions and safeguards established in connection with grants or variances or conditional uses, shall constitute a misdemeanor. Any person who violates this ordinance or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall be punished in accordance with the Ordinance Violation Fee Schedule approved in resolution by the City of Columbus concerning Warnings, Fines, and Penalties for violations, misdemeanors, and infractions of the Columbus City Ordinances, and in addition shall pay costs and expenses involved in the case. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

(2) Nothing herein contained shall prevent the City of Columbus from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

THE CITY OF COLUMBUS

Christopher Kihle, Mayor

Sandy Raines, City Auditor

First Reading: February 2, 2026  
Second Reading & Adoption: March 2, 2026

Publication Dates:  
February 18 & 25, 2026  
Burke County Tribune

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You Are Invited to Help Plan the

120<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

Celebration for Columbus!!

Monday, Feb. 23 - 5:30 pm

Columbus Community Center

If you can't make it but want to be part of the planning

EMAIL OR TEXT

cityofcolumbus@nccray.com or 701-334-3152

THANK You! Thank You! Thank YOU! THANK You!

The Bowbells Senior Citizens would like to thank the community for donating to our reroofing project this fall. We appreciate all the donuts you helped make, sell and purchase.

You also gave to the "Twice Blessed" program where your donation was matched, doubling your gift.

We also received a very generous grant from AgCountry Farm Credit Services.

When all these monies were added together, we received \$25,500.

Due to your generosity, we now have a new roof, thank you. We appreciate the community's support for all our activities.

ATTENTION

BARLEY GROWERS

The North Dakota Barley Council election for Burke County will take place on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 12:00PM (CT) at the Burke County Courthouse Community Room, 103 Main Street, in Bowbells, ND. Election will be held in conjunction with the Crop Marketing Outlook with Dr. Frayne Olson which will begin at 11:00 AM. In case of inclement weather please reach out to Dan Folske at Burke County Extension for a ZOOM link.

ELECTION

Each person, landlord, tenant, husband and/or wife who planted Barley in 2025 or intends to plant Barley in 2026 and who has not claimed any barley tax refund within the past year (except for duplicate payments), are eligible electors and can be candidates.

For more information contact the North Dakota Barley Council at 701-929-0123.

ATTENTION

CORN GROWERS

The North Dakota Corn Utilization Council election for Burke County will take place on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 12:00PM (CT) at the Burke County Courthouse Community Room, 103 Main Street, in Bowbells, ND. Election will be held in conjunction with the Crop Marketing Outlook with Dr. Frayne Olson which will begin at 11:00 AM. In case of inclement weather please reach out to Dan Folske at Burke County Extension for a ZOOM link.

ELECTION

A Voting Producer is a person who plants, or causes to be planted a Corn crop in which the person has an ownership interest, with the intent that upon maturity the crop will be harvested in the next available or immediately preceding growing season. Producers have to reside in Burke County and have not requested a Corn refund during the preceding year.

For more information contact the

North Dakota Corn Utilization Council at 701-566-9322.

ATTENTION

DRY PEA & LENTIL GROWERS

The North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Council election for Burke County will take place on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 12:00 PM (CT) at the Burke County Courthouse Community Room, 103 Main Street, in Bowbells, ND. Election will be held in conjunction with the Crop Marketing Outlook with Dr. Frayne Olson which will begin at 11:00 AM. In case of inclement weather please reach out to Dan Folske at Burke County Extension for a ZOOM link.

ELECTION

Any person who has not applied for a refund for at least three years, plants or causes to be planted a Dry Pea or Lentil crop in which the person has ownership interest with the intent that upon maturity the crop will be harvested is entitled to vote or can be a candidate.

For more information contact

the North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Council at 701-355-4458