

Read About the History of this Area: Keith Norman

Working your way through the Great Depression

The spring of 1934 brought discussion of work relief programs going on in Dickey County.

The Civil Works Administration already had a project going at Silverleaf but that was nearing completion and it was announced that those workers, and any others added to the rolls, would then move on to smaller projects all around the county.

Working for the CWA was limited to those who qualified for and were eligible to receive government relief.

The plan called for men to work on road and other construction projects, registered nurses on relief were assigned to nursing duties providing care for workers and others in the community and women were assigned to sewing projects.

In all the cases, CWA work payed cash wages and replaced whatever relief the person or their family may have been receiving.

The CWA wages were set by county. Dickey County workers received a wage of 50 cents per hour for unskilled labor while skilled workers made 80 cents per hour.

Evidently it was good to live in Dickey County because its CWA wage was well above other counties. For example, LaMoure County CWA workers were paid 30 cents per hour for unskilled work and

May Use CWA Aid to Beautify Battlefield Site

Fourteen CWA workers in Whitestone township will begin work on the site of the Whitestone Battlefield shortly, providing approval by the state office is given to the project, submitted this week by the local civil works administration, Chairman Litts said yesterday

This work contemplates the building of a road three quarters of a mile long, winding through the grounds, and lined with native rock on either side. It would precede the work of plotting and tree planting, to follow later by the CCC, which will also include the building of a dam to raise the level of the lake

Another project for the beautification of the battle site, referred to some time ago in these columns, contemplates the building of a stone structure to serve as a museum and home for the caretaker. While much of this work is scheduled for the CWA, some donated labor also is anticipated, and funds are to be raised in various ways by backers of the project.

60 cents per hour for skilled labor.

Adjusted for inflation, the unskilled Dickey County worker making 50 cents per hour in 1934 was making the equivalent of about \$12 per hour today.

There was another program of interest to the farmers of Dickey County.

During the previous winter, the federal government purchased and supplied hay and feed grain to farmers in need around the county. This included about \$1,700 worth of hay and about 3,000 bushels of wheat. The grain was bought from local elevators providing some cash flow to them and then provided to farmers who used the grain to keep their livestock alive through a tough winter.

Farmers worked off their feed bill owed to Uncle Sam at the rate of 45 cents per hour for the farmer and 25 cents per hour for a team of horses.

It seems kind of fitting that in 1934, horses were expected to work off their feed bill even if the hay and grain was provided under a federal economic recovery program.

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AREA EVENTS

- April 18 (Good Friday): Easter break, no school
- April 18 (Good Friday): Community Good Friday service at New Life Church, 12:30
- April 19 (Saturday): Forbes Easter Egg Hunt, at the American Legion Hall in Forbes, 10:30 AM (see ad on front page)
- April 21 (Monday): Easter break continued, no school
- April 26 (Saturday): Track & Field Varsity meet at the Ellendale complex 11:00
- April 26 (Saturday): Bob & Gwen Tatum Memorial Service at the Ellendale Church of the Nazarene, 11:00
- May 3 (Saturday): Track & Field Varsity meet at the Ellendale complex 11:00
- May 3 (Saturday): TBC graduation at the fieldhouse.
- May 5 (Monday): auditions for Missoula Children's Theater production of Rumpelstiltskin, 3:30-5:30
- May 8 (Thursday): Track & Field JV meet at the Ellendale complex, 3:00
- May 9 & 10: Missoula Children's Theater production of Rumpelstiltskin at the south gym, Friday's performance is at 7:00, Saturday's at 2:00
- May 13 (Tuesday): Fine Arts Pop Concert, south gym, 7:00

Public Notices

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF DICKEY
SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Civil # 11-2025-PR-00007

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
E. JOANNE BROKAW, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed co-personal representatives of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Kevin T. Brokaw, Mary Jo Fries, Lynn A. Brokaw and Gregory J. Brokaw, co-personal representatives of the estate, by and through their attorney, Brian L. Bergeson, at PO Box 2196, Bismarck, ND 58502-2196 or filed with the Court.

Dated this 28th day of March, 2025.

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(published April 10, 17 & 24, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
DICKEY COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Court File No. 11-2025-PR-00009

In the Matter of the Estate of Jonathon W. Pahl, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Dated this 6th day of April, 2025

/s/ Kimberly Massine
Kimberly Massine
Personal Representative
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Attorneys for Personal Representative
(published April 17, 24 & May 1, 2025)

Elden Township

Elden township's Tax Equalization Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22nd at the Farmers Union Meeting Room in Ellendale at 5:30 pm. Please use the east door.

Jasmine Smith, Clerk
(April 17, 2025)

Valley Township

Valley Township will be holding a special meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 8:00 AM at Hildenbrand's farm shop. There will be a vote on zoning and a vote to retain legal council.

Dale Radermacher
Valley Township Clerk
(April 17 & 24, 2025)

Mowing Bids for Fairgrounds

The Dickey County Fair Board is seeking mowing bids for the fairgrounds. Bid should include mowing, trimming, and weed mitigation. Interested parties should specify price per mowing session. Please mail bids to:

Dickey County Fair Board
PO Box 445
Ellendale, ND 58436

Please note "Mowing Bid" on the outside of the envelope. Bids must be received by April 30, 2025.
(published April 17 & 24, 2025)

WEATHER TALK

Cardinals are out again, but they have been here all winter

Fargo April 9, 2025— Northern Cardinals, with their cheerful, "What Cheer!" song, are one of the most striking songbirds in our area. The males are bright red (cardinal, really!) and the females are a muted brown with red highlights. Most cardinal habitat maps show their range as mostly south and east of our area. However, cardinals have taken to and thrived in expanding towns and cities around the eastern Dakotas and western Minnesota.

Cardinals do not migrate, but do tend to hunker down in winter and are not seen very much. However, early spring brings out mating pairs, aggressively singing out their territorial boundaries while searching for nesting material and food. Most cardinal pairs mate for life, but not all of these relationships last a lifetime.

Those first warm spring afternoons are only briefly warm: early season warm days are also quite windy.

Fargo, April 13-- Warm weather in the spring is a great deal different from warm weather in summer. Those first few afternoons in the 70s always feel luxuriously warm following our long Northern Plains winters. However, these days are usually warm for only a few hours following rather chilly mornings. More often than not, our early season warm days are also quite windy.

Warm weather in summer is average rather than the exception, and so a lot less special. However, most warm days in summer are warm for most of the day; not just a few hours. Even the early morning hours can be pleasantly warm in summer. The difference is that most warm days in spring are inherently not as warm as in summer. Low humidity combined with sunshine on bare, black soil can

cause afternoon temperatures to suddenly spike on an otherwise cool, spring day.

All the spring things will be here soon

Fargo, April 11 — The winter was mild. The spring, so far, has been largely dry and warmer than average. However, the weather has been somewhat disappointing of late. The warmest part of March, relative to average, was the early part. April has been colder than average to date. Last week brought a snowstorm. Nevertheless, spring will be here soon. Leaves are appearing on trees all across Iowa and southern South Dakota, and will likely be doing so here in the next week or so, which is about average.

Tulips and daffodils are already beginning to appear in sunny spots, and soon there will be more. Lawns, presently brown with frost still in the ground, will soon begin to green as the sun warms the soil to around 50 degrees. Crabapple trees in eastern North Dakota and western Minnesota typically bloom around the first week of May, and there is no reason to suspect they would be late this year. Daily weather will do what it does, but spring will not be stopped!

John Wheeler is the chief meteorologist for WDAY-TV.

Willie B.C. likes it when the leaves come on the trees in the spring, although it can make the squirrels harder to see. The squirrel in this scene happens to be a friendly one, but most squirrels hide when they see a furry newspaper reporter with four legs approaching.



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