

Dickey County

Senior Menu

Ellendale: 349-4513

Oakes: 742-3509

Friday: SURPRISE!! Cook's Choice

Monday: Beef Stuffed Pepper, Brussel Sprouts w/bacon, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit Cocktail.

Tuesday: Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw, Fresh Strawberries.

Wednesday: Ground Beef Stroganoff, Seasoned Egg Noodles, Vegetable Blend, Apricots.

Sorry For the inconvenience but the May Senior Lunch Menu Cannot be updated until we receive the new menu.

-Oakes Times -

**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 (3) Monday
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

REQUEST FOR BID: 14 PASSENGER BUS

Request for Bus Bid: Ellendale Public School is advertising for a new 14 passenger School Bus. Specific bid specifications can be found on the Ellendale Public School Website under 14 Passenger Minibus Bid. If interested: submit sealed bid clearly marked "Bus Bid" on the outside of the envelope. The bid should include the amount, name, contact information and signature of the company submitting the bid. Submit bid to: Lana Norton, Business Manager, Ellendale School District, PO Box 400, Ellendale, ND by 3:00 PM, Wednesday, April 23, 2025. For questions, call the school at (701) 349-3232.

The school district reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**OAKES GOOD SAMARITAN
NURSING DEPARTMENT**

NURSING STAFF: full time RN night time/day nurse
with \$20K sign on bonus and full time LPN nights for
\$15K bonus.

Call 701-742-3274 for more information



Rental assistance is available
Great Plains Housing Authority
 rental assistance can help put
 money back in your pocket to
 better afford groceries, medical
 expenses, and more! Contact
 GPHA to apply at 701-252-1098
 or apply online at:
WWW.GREATPLAINSHA.COM
 Available only to residents in Stutsman, Foster,
 Eddy, Wells, Logan, Dickey and Sargent Counties.
 300 2nd Ave NE – Suite 200 | Jamestown, ND 58401



O/SC/E FFA

PLANT SALE

SRCTC Greenhouse (Behind the Vocational Center)
924 7th St S Oakes, ND 58474

OPENING MAY 3RD
Open weekdays 9-4:30 p.m.
(or by appointment)

*Bedding, Plants, Succulents, Hanging
Baskets, Vegetables & More*

Contact: Mrs. Kemmer:
218-640-1117

DAKOTA DATEBOOK: Red River Flood of 1882

Written by Jim Davis

It's springtime in the Red River Valley of the North. It's a time when nervous crowds congregate on the riverbank to stare anxiously at the dark and sullen river. The muddy water forms eddies and swirls that quickly disappear as the river laboriously carries away the runoff of the melting snow that had formed a glacial-like carpet across the valley floor.

On this date in 1882, the people at Pembina were anxiously watching the river. Although the river was ice-free to the south, there was still major flooding – as witnessed by those on the steamer *Selkirk*, which had braved the debris-infested waters to bring passengers and freight to the city, and with them the much anticipated news.

The Red was on a rampage,

and few towns along the river, from Fort Abercrombie on the south, to Winnipeg on the north, had escaped its wrath. More than 100 houses had been set afloat in Fargo and much the same happened on the east side of the river at Moorhead. Shanty Town at Grand Forks was wiped out, and flood waters lapped at the doors of businesses on Main Street. Most of the bridges on the Turtle, Forest and Park Rivers had been washed away. The town of Acton in Walsh County was knee deep in flood water. The Grand Forks stagecoach attempted the run to Pembina, but in three days got only as far as Joliette when it was forced to turn back.

So far, the community of Pembina had remained dry, as the Pembina River was still ice

covered, but everyone wondered what their fate would be. So, they turned to the town's oldest resident for his prognosis. While he had not witnessed the catastrophic flood of 1824, Charles Cavalier had seen the floods of 1852 and 1861 and he believed the townspeople had nothing to worry about.

After decades of watching the river, he believed the Red would recede before the Pembina River could add to the threat. Reassured that the worst of the great flood of 1882 would pass them by, they could now enjoy the warming days of the season and listen to the tuneful warble of wild geese as they saluted spring in the Red River Valley.

Dakota Datebook written by Jim Davis

Life's Outtakes: A Sense of Community

By Daris Howard

Besides being a group of people living in the near vicinity of each other, the dictionary defines community as "a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals." This definition took on a different meaning during Covid.

Here in the farming community of Idaho where I live, the harvest season has a short window. Equipment is running from before sunup to after sundown, and many people are involved. Lots of people who have other jobs during the rest of the year end up working on sorting crews, driving a truck, or running farm equipment. It is exhausting work.

Usually, the harvest is well underway when the first frost hits. Then the weather warms, and everything kicks into overdrive for a couple of weeks, because all the crops need to be harvested before harder frosts come and destroy them.

But one year was different. The harvest was in full swing when the first frost hit, but that frost was followed by even harder frosts in quick succession night after night. Potatoes could not be harvested because the weather was too cold.

Generally, with the first frost, the potatoes in the ground are well protected by the soil. But with the continued hard frosts, the ground froze deeper and deeper, and along with it, more and more potatoes were destroyed.

When a break in the weather finally came, farmers found that the top layers of potatoes were mushy and useless. Not only was the harvest season now drastically shortened, but the amount of work to separate the bad potatoes from the good had exponentially increased the labor needed to harvest the potatoes that could be saved.

The wonderful people of this valley, seeing the plight of their neighbors whose livelihoods depended on that harvest, came together, most as volunteers for no pay, to help get those crops in. There were people from all walks of life—bankers, merchants, and teachers—lots of good neighbors and friends. Though some of the harvest was lost, much of it was saved.

During the Covid pandemic, I saw that sense of community again, but on an even wider scale. Social media groups were formed where people could ask for help. In many of them, there are more people asking how they can help than there are those asking for help.

It was heartwarming when I saw a mother, who had sick children and needed to stay home with them, ask for someone to pick up cough medicine for her child. The response was almost immediate, with multiple offers of help. Soon the desperate mother had what she needed, but only after the caring person had gone to numerous stores to find one

That had the medicine in stock. Though I have read about places that were price gouging, I saw the opposite. Neighbors shared food, toilet paper, and other essential items without any thought of being repaid. And right around me, I saw more people out mowing and taking care of the yards of elderly people to help protect them from what could be deadly for them.

I watched those I love suffer from this illness. But I also saw concerned family, friends, neighbors, and even strangers, joining in fasting, prayer, and love for those afflicted with the virus.

I had a chance to do some of these things myself, and I have never felt a stronger sense of community, of belonging, and of being part of something greater than my own small world.

And that sense of community spread even wider, beyond those who live close together. I watched on social media as people sent out words of encouragement, songs of thanksgiving, and bits of humor to brighten someone's day, giving a feeling of oneness between us that often seems lost in today's world.

And all that I saw and experienced still gives me great hope in humanity, that despite the hardships of the current times we will come out of this better and more united, with a true sense of community.

GUELPH NEWS... *by Rose Sell*

All are invited to the nondenominational services held at the Guelph Community Church at 10AM each Sunday with Pastor Scott Townsend officiating. Continue to celebrate the glory of the risen Christ.

Yes, the time has arrived! Our annual SPRING FLING begins on FRIDAY, APRIL 25th from 5PM-8PM and SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH from 9AM-2PM. Our facility is filled with vendors in the gym as well as rooms with all manner of restored & repurposed pieces along with gift ideas everywhere. See you there!

The sympathy of the community goes out to the family of Julie Dunn/German/Sadler who passed away April 6th at the home of her daughter Jessica Guthridge in Oklahoma. Her funeral will be in Killeen, TX on June 16th. Julie & the late Jim German raised their 5 children (Janeen, Janell, Jim, Jessica & Jarrett) on a

arm in the Guelph area.

Larry & Jeanne Thorpe returned from their getaway in Florida on Monday, April 7th, having spent time with Larry's sister, Pat, and hanging out on the beach.

DON'T FORGET! Our GUELPH COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE which follows our Spring Fling. This will be FRIDAY, MAY 2ND from 5PM-8PM and SATURDAY, MAY 3RD from 9AM-2PM. If you're not familiar with this event, you will find tables & bleachers in the gym laden with something for everyone. Donations can be dropped off Tuesday & Wednesday from 10AM-2:30PM. If those times don't work for you contact: Rose Sell (710-0409); Madella (210-2529); Jeanne (710-0888); Geri (710-0703)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving." - Amy

Chuck and Sue German spent the day Saturday, April 5, at Andy and Kara's home in Fargo. They got to see Olivia in her prom dress, had lunch together, and celebrated Eli's 21st birthday. When they returned home that night, they attended the benefit feed at the Ludden Tavern for Matt Claeys and family.

Chuck and Sue German spent the night with Rachel and Ben in Grand Forks on Friday, April 11. That night they all attended the Red River High School's musical, "Hometown", especially to watch Apryl perform. It was an outstanding performance by high schoolers – unbelievable singing, choreography, lighting, and technical effects. Apryl has been in 13 productions of the drama/music department throughout her high school career.

Saturday, April 12, Chuck and Sue

Dickey County Commissioners Meeting, April 1, 2025

**Commissioners Meeting
April 1, 2025**

Chair Brandon Carlson called the meeting to order at 9:25 am. Commissioners John Hokana, Jerry Walsh, Kacey Holm, and Marke Roberts were also present. Auditor Sheppard was also present. The media was not present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. States Attorney Kim Radermacher, Dick County Sheriff's Office, Applied Digital representative Andrea Mireles, and resident Cindy Bagley were also present via electronic means.

Additions to the Agenda
 Auditor/Treasurer combining offices
 County Park
 Bower's Tree service

Holm made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18th and March 27th meetings, as revised. Walsh seconded. Motion carried.

Holm made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Roberts seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Janitor Scott Peterson and Bower's Tree Service representatives Scott Bower and Alex Bower joined the meeting at 9:35. A. Bower presented a quote for the removal of the ash trees from the courthouse lawn. Discussion followed concerning the treatment of the trees versus the removal of the trees. There is a treatment that is available that needs to occur every other year. Bower's recommendation is the removal of the trees.

Bower stated that the city has agreed to allow them to take the trees to the dump at no charge. The quote is given in sections but do not have to be completed at the same time. If the Commission

would commit to the project, the price of which is guaranteed until completed. Walsh made a motion to commit to the quoted amount and complete section 1 in 2025, using the LATCH funds. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda is to discuss whether the County should consider purchasing real property adjacent to the property the County currently owns, and which contains a gravel pit that has been regularly used by the County in the past. The contents of this discussion may be withheld in an executive session. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code section 44-04-19.1(5), which states in part: "attorney consultation" means any discussion between the members of a governing body and its attorney in instances in which the governing body seeks...to receive its attorney's advice, strength and guidance on the legal risks, advantages, and weaknesses of an action of a public entity which, if held in public, would have an adverse fiscal effect on the entity; as well as North Dakota Century Code section 44-04-19.1(9), which states in part: "a governing body may hold an executive session...to discuss a negotiating strategy or provide non-binding instructions to its attorney...relative to contracts, which are currently being negotiated or for which negotiation is reasonably likely to occur in the immediate future and which would have an adverse fiscal effect on the bargaining unit or litigating position of the public entity if held in an open meeting.

At this time, a motion would be in order to discuss the next topic in executive session rather than in an open meeting. Is there such a motion? Roberts made

ed. Any discussion on the motion? I call the roll. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

The executive session will be reconvened, and all members of the governing body are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. Any collective decision, collective commitment, or other final action by the governing body must occur after it reconvenes in an open meeting, unless final action is specifically required by law to be taken during the executive session. The prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not apply to providing guidance or instructions to our attorneys or negotiator.

We will now ask the members of the public who are attending the meeting to leave the room. We anticipate adjourning the executive session, and reconvening the open portion of the meeting at approximately 10:30 am.

The minutes will show that the executive session was adjourned at 10:59 am. The public was invited to return to the meeting after a short break and we are now back in open session.

Hokana made a motion to authorize Carlson and Holm as representatives of Dickey County to proceed to purchase the property up to the agreed upon price during executive session. Roberts seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Clerk of Court Andi Schimke, KLJ Engineer Bryan Tykwinski, Dickey County Sheriff's Office, and resident Cindy Bagley joined the meeting via electronic means. Highway Superintendent Jeremiah Hagen, Lorraine Township representatives Keith Hauck, Keith Kronberg, and

representative Brad Retzlaff joined the meeting at 11:05.

Roberts made a motion to open the gravel bid hearing. Holm seconded. Motion carried.

Two bids were received for gravel hauling for 2025 as shown below:

Dakota Improvement – Section 2 only
0 through all miles \$0.28/ton/mile
Loading \$0.70/ton

Retzlaff Trucking – Section 1 and 2
0 through 9 miles \$3.00/ton/mile
10 through all miles \$0.30/ton/mile
Loading \$0.70/ton

Roberts made a motion to accept Retzlaff Trucking's bid for section 1 and Dakota Improvement bid for section 2. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Holm made a motion to close the gravel hauling bid opening. Walsh seconded. Motion carried.

Hauck spoke with the Commission concerning the state of 74th Avenue and amount of traffic on that road since the purchase of the land by Webster Scale. Lorraine Township is requesting that at the county take over 74th Avenue on Highway 11 to the State Line. The traffic on the road is more than the township can bear. Lorraine Township is requesting that the road be turned into a county road. Radermacher stated that joint powers agreement between the township and the township may be an option. Hauck stated that Webster Scale has been willing to assist with the maintenance of the road. Discussion included many townships that have requested the same assistance. Tykwinski stated that the road may be a good option if the flexible funding program that is offered to counties and townships. Tykwinski stated that the road may be a good option if the flexible funding program that is offered to counties and townships. Tykwinski stated that the road may be a good option if the flexible funding program that is offered to counties and townships.

minski will work with the township to get their application filled out and filed with the ND DOT within the required timeline. The Commission stated they were not opposed to assisting with extra blading to get the road back in shape until the flexible funding assists with the project. Hauck asked the Commission for advice on an agreement with Webster Scale. Webster Scale would like to widen the road on the west side. Commission reminded Hauck that the road needs to meet the standards set by DOT. Commission stated that Lorraine Township needs to sit down with Webster Scale and work out a documented system that works for both parties. Roberts made a motion to double the amount of blading through the summer, charging at the regular price. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Hagen presented a utility permit from Dakota Valley Electric to bore power lines under County Road #8 at the intersection of County Road #8 and 83rd Street. Holm made a motion to approve the utility permit. Walsh seconded. Motion carried.

Hagen presented four township blading agreements with Van Meter, Whitestone, Keystone, and German Townships. The price on the contracts was discussed. The Commission would like to look at two year agreements next year. Holm made a motion to sign the Van Meter, Whitestone, Keystone and German Township agreements. Walsh seconded. Motion carried.

Hagen presented two Load Pass contracts for Porter and Whitestone Townships. Holm made a motion to sign the contracts with Porter and Whitestone Townships. Roberts seconded. Motion

Kedish House Executive Director Kristi Gilbert joined the meeting at 12:00 via electronic means.

Walsh discussed the issue of finding someone to mow at Pheasant Lake. Walsh suggested that maybe the Highway Department could assist with this issue, if need be. The second advertisement will be in the paper for Pheasant Lake, as Wilson Dam has been covered.

Tykwinski reminded the Commission that the bid opening for Divide Township project is Monday, April 7th at the highway shop. The County Road #8 chip seal project bid opening is April 21st at 11:00 at the highway shop.

Sheppard presented the beer and liquor license applications received by the Kulm Country Club. Hokana made a motion to approve the applications. Roberts seconded. Motion carried.

Sheppard presented a gaming permit from the Forman Golf Association for gaming at the Oakes Golf Course. Hokana made a motion to sign the authorization. Hokana seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Wonada Lematta joined the meeting at 12:15. Walsh presented a few handouts on possible changes for the combining of the Auditor and Treasurer's offices. Discussion followed concerning hiring a county manager and making all positions appointed. The county manager would oversee all offices. This will be discussed further at the April 15th meeting. Discussion was tabled until the April 15th meeting.

Hokana made a motion to adjourn at 12:40.