

# August Newsletter

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## Park Work Coming Along Nicely

Brandenburger Park is one of the first sights visitors to our town see. Centrally located, it is the centerpiece to our downtown area.

Many of us had noticed that the park was looking a bit neglected in the early summer. Consequently, we were happy to see the volunteers diligently working away to clear weeds and garbage that had collected there.

Lori Mattheis of the Ellendale Park Board has been spearheading the cleanup efforts. She and her band of volunteers have cleared away the weeds in preparation for planting grass, moved the rose bushes into the middle of the park to make it easier to seed the

grass and generally spruced up the area.

Lori is hoping, as the budget allows, to complete the pavers/boards around the rose bushes, as well as to install a sprinkler system to help care for the grass and flowers. Plans are also in the works to replace the missing flags for the flagpoles in the Park, so that they may fly proudly over the newly beautified "Brandy Park".

The recent work at Brandenburger Park is coming along nicely and everyone is encouraged to help out if they can give an hour or two of time. If you would like to volunteer, please call 349-3252 to add your name to the schedule, or you may

email Lori at:

[lmattheis@ellendale.k12.nd.us](mailto:lmattheis@ellendale.k12.nd.us).

Volunteer workers are always needed and very much appreciated at Brandenburger Park. Even when no special work time is scheduled, weeds are still growing in the rose and bush sections. All it takes is someone with gloves and a little time to stop by and pull some weeds.



## AREA EVENTS

"Strictly Murder" at the OPERA	Aug 6,7,8
Applefest Committee Planning Mtng at Fireside	Aug 4 at Noon
Civic Association General Meeting-Fireside @ Noon	Aug 10
New York! New York! at the OPERA	Aug 28
Applefest	Sept 25-26

## Community Blood Drive

The Community of Ellendale will be having a Blood Drive on August 9th at the Nazarene Church from 11:30 - 5:30. To make an appointment call

Myra at 349-4068. Your help will be much appreciated by the members of our community who may need blood to sustain their life. Thank you.





## Come Fly With Us! AppleFest 2010

Excitement is growing as plans for the 2010 AppleFest are firming up! An air show will take place on Saturday at the airport, with a supper following.

Many of the AppleFest events locals have come to expect will be going on

prior to the air show, along Main Street; with a pet show, Little Miss and Mr. contest, bingo, inflatable games, a parade, foot race and vendors just a few of the many planned.

On Sunday, a truck pull will take place at the Fair-

Grounds, along with several other activities which are still in the planning stage.

There's still time to volunteer to help with AppleFest this year. The next AppleFest planning meeting will take place on August 4th, 12 noon at the Fireside.

### Dickey Rural Networks' wireless service is the perfect fit!

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## FreeLife® to Attend ESPYs

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Watch for new product announcement in Sept.! Contact Joan Hoffman 701-349-4642 for more information.

## Whitestone Hill Battlefield Historic Site Events

Friday, August 25 is the annual Education Day for area school children at Whitestone Hill Battlefield Historic Site located 28 miles northwest of Ellendale. Stations of varying interests are available for the children's interaction. Anyone is welcome to attend the activities this day.

The Annual Sunday program at the site will be on Sunday, August 29, starting

at 2:30 p.m. This year's entertainers are The Radio Stars and Prof. Tom Isern. Admission to this program is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00(K-12) with pre-school free. Tickets are available at the gate.

The Radio Stars group, composed of Merrill Piepkorn, Gregg Temple, R.P. Sell and Loy Larson, play western and cowboy music as well as sing. They have

been and will be once again performing at Hostfest in Minot this fall.

Professor Tom Isern is a noted song writer, story teller and entertainer who has visited Ellendale several times in the last few years. He is a history professor at NDSU and enjoys his visits to our town and in particular its history.



**NEW YORK!**

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A very special music program is planned for Saturday August 28 at the Ellendale Opera House Auditorium.

**NEW YORK! NEW YORK!** will feature local artists singing songs from the Big Apple shows and productions, plus a lot more. Watch for more details later this month.

## Will You give this to my Daddy?

As a Company, Southwest Airlines is going to support 'Red Fridays.' Last week I was in Atlanta, Georgia attending a conference. While I was in the airport, returning home, I heard several people behind me beginning to clap and cheer. I immediately turned around and witnessed one of the greatest acts of patriotism I have ever seen.

Moving thru the terminal was a group of soldiers in their camos. As they began heading to their gate, everyone (well almost everyone) was abruptly to their feet with their hands waving and cheering.

When I saw the soldiers, probably 30-40 of them, being applauded and cheered for, it hit me. I'm not alone. I'm not the only red-blooded American who still loves this country and supports our troops and their families.

Of course I immediately stopped and began clapping for these young unsung heroes who are putting their lives on the line everyday for us so we can go to school, work and home without fear or reprisal.

Just when I thought I could not be more proud of my country or of our Service men and women, a young girl, not more than 6 or 7 years old ran up to one of the male soldiers. He knelt down and said 'hi...' The little girl then asked him if he would give something to her daddy for her... The young soldier, who didn't look any older than maybe 22 himself, said he would try and what did she want to give to her daddy. Then suddenly the little girl

grabbed the neck of this soldier, gave him the biggest hug she could muster and then kissed him on the cheek.

The mother of the little girl, who said her daughter's name was Courtney, told the young soldier that her husband was a Marine and had been in Iraq for 11 months now. As the mom was explaining how much her daughter Courtney missed her father, the young soldier began to tear up. When this temporarily single mom was done explaining her situation, all of the soldiers huddled together for a brief second... Then one of the other servicemen pulled out a military-looking walkie-talkie. They started playing with the device and talking back and forth on it.

After about 10-15 seconds of this, the young soldier walked back over to Courtney, bent down and said this to her, 'I spoke to your daddy and he told me to give this to you.' He then hugged this little girl that he had just met and gave her a kiss on the cheek. He finished by saying 'your daddy told me to tell you that he loves you more than anything and he is coming home very soon.'

The mom at this point was crying almost uncontrollably and as the young soldier stood to his feet, he saluted Courtney and her mom. I was standing no more than 6 feet away from this entire event.

As the soldiers began to leave, heading towards their gate, people resumed their applause. As I stood there applauding and looked around, there were very few dry eyes, including my own. That young soldier in one last act of selflessness turned

around and blew a kiss to Courtney with a tear rolling down his cheek.

We need to remember everyday all of our soldiers and their families and thank God for them and their sacrifices. At the end of the day, it's good to be an American.

**RED FRIDAYS** ----- Very soon, you will see a great many people wearing red every Friday. The reason? Americans who support our troops used to be called the 'silent majority'. We are no longer silent, and are voicing our love for God, country and home in record breaking numbers.

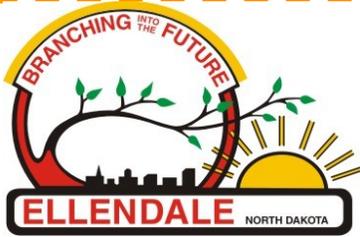
Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect starts this Friday - and continues each and every Friday until the troops all come home, sending a deafening message that.. Every red-blooded American who supports our men and women afar will wear something red.

By word of mouth, press, TV -- let's make the United States on every Friday a sea of red much like a homecoming football game in the bleachers.

If every one of us who loves this country will share this with acquaintances, co-workers, friends, and family. It will not be long before the USA is covered in RED.

**The first thing a soldier says when asked 'What can we do to make things better for you?' is.....We need your support and your prayers. Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example.**





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# GARDENING GIGGLES

**Gardening requires lots of water - most of it in the form of perspiration.**

- Lou Erickson

**A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill**

**except for learning how to grow in rows.**

- Doug Larson

**I have no plants in my house. They won't live for me.**

**Some of them don't even wait to die, they commit suicide.**

- Jerry Seinfeld

**God made rainy days, so gardeners could get the housework done.**

**Bulb: potential flower buried in Autumn, never to be seen again.**

- Henry Beard



**When all the chores are done, the avid gardener will invent new ones.**

The real meaning of plant catalog terminology:

"A favorite of birds" means to avoid planting near cars, sidewalks, or clotheslines.

"Grows more beautiful each year" means "Looks like road kill for the foreseeable future."

"Zone 5 with protection" is a variation on the phrase "Russian roulette."

"May require support" means your daughter's engineering degree will finally pay off.

"Moisture-loving" plants are ideal for landscaping all your bogs and swamps.

"Carefree" refers more to the plant's attitude than to your workload.

"Vigorous" is code for "has a Napoleonic compulsion to take over the world."

"Grandma's Favorite" -- until she discovered free-flowering, disease-resistant hybrids.