



November Newsletter



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**Ellendale Civic
Association**



Light Parade Leads Annual Holiday Kickoff



The annual Ellendale Holiday Light Parade will take place at 6:00 p.m. on November 29th this year. This year's theme, "To Grandmother's House We Go" should give plenty of great ideas for floats.

This year, along with the traditional lighted floats, any form of winter transportation is welcome to take part in the parade, as well. Be it 4x4's, snowmobiles, snowplows, wagons, sleighs, sleds, skis, snow shoes or dog sleds, all are encouraged to take part. We're hoping that Jack Frost helps out with a nice dusting of snow to make travel easier!

Following the parade

will be the Wake Santa/Candy giveaway at the OPERA. Santa and Frosty will be there to hand out goodies to local kids along with other planned entertainment.

Plans are in the works for lots of fun activities this holiday season. These will include the traditional Festival of Trees at the courthouse. An entry form will be emailed out to all of the area businesses and everyone is encouraged to take part and decorate a tree. Please return the form to the Civic Office if you plan to take part.

The Tour of Homes is also planned, as is

the outdoor decorating contest. If you plan to enter your home or business in the decorating contest, please contact the Civic Office. An entry form will also be published in the Dickey County Leader as the time approaches.

Also watch for clues to the "Who's Frosty" contest to be published in the Leader.

The next meeting of the Holiday Planning Committee will be Nov. 1st at 12:00 noon at the Fireside in the back room. Anyone interested in helping to plan, voice ideas or volunteer is encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there!

Happenings and Hot Spots

Book Fair at the Ellendale Public School Library: 4:00—9:00	Nov. 4th
Presbyterian United Methodist Bazaar 8:30am-2:00pm	Nov. 6th
Daylight Savings Time Ends—turn your clocks back!	Nov. 7th
General Civic Assoc. Meeting, 12:00 p.m.	Nov. 9th
2010 Regional Volleyball Tournament (see story, page 3)	Nov. 8, 9 & 11th
Veteran's Day	Nov. 11th
Dakota Discussions "No Fear Shakespeare" 2:00 p.m. - Library	Nov. 21st
Community Thanksgivng Service (see story, page 3)	Nov. 24th
Nativity Exhibit at the OPERA (see story page 2)	Nov. 27-28th
Community Blood Drive at the Nazarene Church (pg. 3)	Nov. 29th

No Fear Shakespeare: The Two Sides of Hamlet

The second in a series of book discussions will take place Sunday, November 21 at 2 p.m. at the Ellendale Public Library. Author Lin Enger will be leading the discussion on “No Fear Shakespeare”. Books are available for loan at the Library.

“No Fear Shakespeare” is a unique book, as the story of Hamlet is told on one page

with a modern translation of the next. Mr. Enger has used this book in his classroom at Minnesota State University Moorhead and it is sure to be an interesting discussion.

This program “The Two Sides of Drama” is funded in part by a grant from the North Dakota Humanities Council and in part by local funding from the Ellendale

American Legion. The third session of the discussions is scheduled for December when the same book will be subject.



NATIVITY EXHIBIT AT OPERA HOUSE

There will be an exhibit of nativity sets at the historic Ellendale Opera House on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 27 and 28th. The public is invited to bring their nativity sets to share in this pre-Christmas event.

Hours to view this exhibit are 11-5 on Saturday and 1-5 on

Sunday. A delicious dessert and beverage will be offered. A free-will donation will be your admission.

If you would like to share your nativity set, please call Marilyn Burow at 349-3533 or 349-3178 or Jeanette Ruenz at 349-4329. The exhibit ends on the 28th at 5 p.m.

and you may take your set home at that time.



Remembering Those Who've Gone Before Us

The Presbyterian United Methodist Church will have Remembering the Saints Day on Sunday, November 7th at 10:00 a.m. Come remember and give thanks for your loved ones who have gone home

to God in years past. Anyone is welcome.

Call the church office at 349-4007 if you would like someone to be remembered during the service, when their name will be read.



Blood Donors Needed

There will be a Blood Drive in Ellendale on Monday, November 29th. It will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Church of the Nazarene.

Joan Hoffman will be the new coordinator, taking over for Myra Rada, who did a wonderful job

coordinating local blood drives for many years.

New donors are always needed and are encouraged to take part. Donors are asked to call Joan at 349-4642 to make their appointments.

Take part if you can and help save a life!



Community Thanksgiving Service

The Ministerial Association invites the community to a Community Thanksgiving Service at the Presbyterian United Methodist Church, at the corner of 5th Avenue and 5th Street N on Wednesday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Local ministers will lead the service. Each church is asked to bring something they are thankful for to be presented during the service. Come make a joyful noise to the Lord and give thanks for all God's many blessings!



Regional Volleyball Tournament

Ellendale will be hosting the 2010 Regional Volleyball Tournament November 8, 9 and 11th. The towns (schools) that will be participating will be determined at the District Tournament the week before.



The Tournament will be played at the Ray Ulmer Field house.

Let's get out there and support our Ellendale team!

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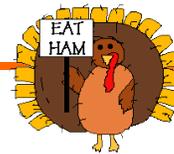
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Thanksgiving Gobbles –n– Grins

A Thanksgiving Blessing:

May your stuffing be tasty
May your turkey be plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
Have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious
And your pies take the
prize,
And may your Thanksgiving
dinner
Stay off your thighs!

Thanksgiving Night:

'Twas the night of Thanks-
giving, and I just couldn't
sleep.
I tried counting backwards,
I tried counting sheep.
The leftovers beckoned,
the dark meat and white,
but I fought the temptation
with all of my might.

Tossing and turning
with anticipation,
the thought of a snack
became infatuation.
So I raced to the kitchen,
flung open the door,
and gazed at the fridge
full of goodies galore.

I gobbled up turkey
and buttered potatoes,
pickles and carrots,
beans and tomatoes.
I felt myself swelling
so plump and so round,
'till all of a sudden,
I rose off the ground!

I crashed through the ceil-
ing - floating into the
sky, with a mouthful of
pudding and a handful of
pie.
But I managed to yell
as I soared past the
trees...

Happy eating to all!
Pass the cranberries,
please!

Johnny Carson

Thanksgiving is an emo-
tional holiday. People
travel thousands of miles
to be with people they only
see once a year. And then
discover once a year is way
too often.

Erma Bombeck, "No One Diets on Thanksgiving"

What we're really talking
about is a wonderful day
set aside on the fourth
Thursday of November when
no one diets. I mean, why
else would they call it
Thanksgiving?