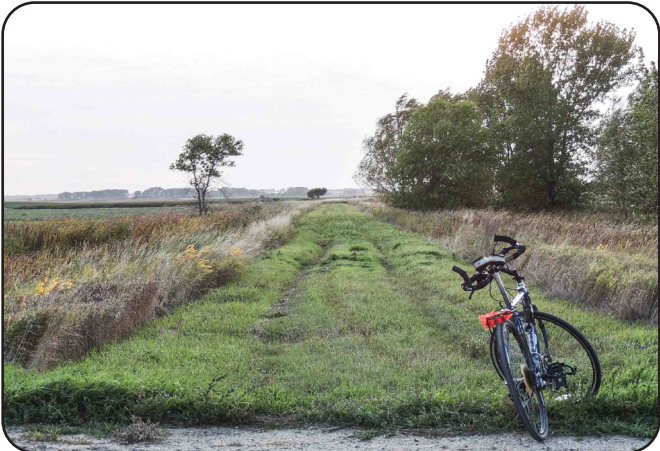


## First local excursion

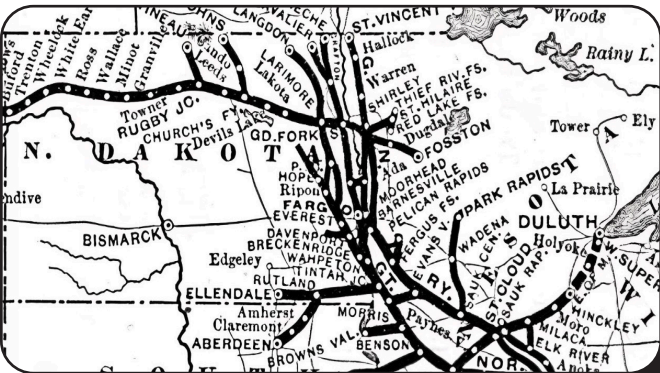
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**EXCURSION**  
**EXCLAMATIONS**  
**Dickey County Leader,**  
**June 17, 1887**  
 • Paxton [an Ellendale mer-  
 chant] was on hand, as usual, and  
 furnished the excursionists with  
 a splendid quantity of ice cream  
 and lemonade, and by the quantity  
 consumed, must have made it a trip  
 of profit as well as pleasure.  
 • Frank Dugar acted in the  
 capacity of general superintendent,  
 and informed the people that R-r-r-  
 r-r-utland was the next station.  
 • Steineau and Flemington each  
 asserted that they saw a sea-  
 serpent 110 feet long, but as one  
 declares he saw it before leaving  
 town, and the other that the ter-  
 rible monster is an inhabitant of  
 Sprague Lake, we think they must  
 have been mistaken.  
 • Some of the boys lost their  
 hats, but the gentlemanly hands  
 employed on the Manitoba took the  
 pains to look the lost property up  
 and return them to the owners.  
 The business men of Rutland are  
 made of the right kind of stuff, and  
 the showing that they have made in  
 this short time speaks well for the  
 future of that town. We expect to  
 hear good reports from them and  
 shall be disappointed if we do not.

At the right: this snippet from an  
 1889 Great Northern railroad map  
 shows the extension from Rutland to  
 Ellendale and Rutland to Aberdeen.



A remnant of a bygone era: This scene, looking west from  
 Silverleaf (seven miles east of Ellendale) shows one of the  
 more visible remains of the Manitoba/Great Northern rail line.  
 Squarely in the middle of this view, two miles west, is the OLS  
 Tubs plant located near the Maple River.  
 The Great Northern bridge across the Maple is located less  
 than 100 feet from the Highway 11 bridge. When the Maple is  
 low, several wooden posts from the bridge can still be seen  
 standing out of the water.  
 By carefully scanning on Google Earth, one can trace the  
 outlines of the route eastward all the way to Rutland. One can  
 also trace the Rutland to Aberdeen extension. Looking west  
 of Ellendale, Google Earth can reveal the route of the Great  
 Northern from Ellendale to Forbes. That extension was made  
 in 1905, when the east-west line finally crossed the north-  
 south Milwaukee line. (photo by Ken Smith)



## Cards XC off to a running start at Orriginals Meet

Story & photos by Grant Crabtree

The 2025 Cross Country season opened on Saturday,  
 August 23 at the "Orriginals" Invitational at Parkhurst  
 Recreation Area north of Jamestown. The meet saw 42  
 teams compete consisting of 15 Class A schools and 27  
 from Class B, and a total of 785 runners across six dif-  
 ferent races.  
 Ellendale had eight runners in the boys' 5K and three  
 in the boys' 3K. In the 5K, Eli Wagner was the first Car-  
 dinal to cross the finish line in a time of 19:24. That put  
 him in 74th place among the 197 competitors and 19th  
 among Class B. Max Lematta was the next EHS finisher  
 with a time of 21:29, followed by Sam Reis at 22:25.  
 For Reis it was a two-minute nine second improvement  
 over his time at this meet last year. Kaden Larson, who  
 was last an XC runner in junior high, returned to the  
 sport his senior year and came in with a nice 22:50.  
 Ethan McBride was next at 23:06, followed by Gage  
 Miller's 23:41, and Landon Schmidt crossed the line in  
 23:49. Samuel Hawker set a new personal record with  
 a time of 23:53 which is not normally easy to do during  
 the first meet of the season.  
 Overall, the Cardinals finished 24th in the team stand-  
 ings and 11th among Class B teams. Ellendale was  
 without two of their 5K runners for this meet – Aidan  
 Thurber and John Blondo.  
 In the junior high 3K, Alex Lematta was Ellendale's  
 top finisher clocking in at 14:01 which was two minutes  
 faster than last year's Orriginals meet. Noah Klipfel had  
 his second-best time ever at the distance with a time of  
 14:28. Ashtin Gonzalez made his Cardinal XC debut at  
 Jamestown with a time of 17:30. Two JH runners, Dax  
 Cotter and Owen Seelye were unable to participate.  
 Ellendale has a total of 15 runners on the team this  
 season consisting of two seniors, five juniors, three  
 sophomores, three 8th graders, and two 7th graders.  
 The Cards are at the Lisbon Invitational on August 28,  
 followed by a trip to Carrington on September 2.



## City of Ellendale Special Assessment Report

STREET IMPROVEMENT	12	2	\$17,595.36
DISTRICT NO. 2025-1	13	2	\$20,356.72
Ellendale, North Dakota	14	2	\$20,356.72
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LIST AND	1	3	\$55,980.96
NOTICE OF HEARING	2	3	\$50,255.64
OBJECTIONS TO LIST	3	3	\$18,181.87
The undersigned Special Assessment	4	3	\$1,538.72
Commission of the City of Ellendale, in	5	3	\$1,489.09
the County of Dickey and State of North	6	3	\$1,489.09
Dakota, by its duly appointed, qualified	7	3	\$1,489.09
and acting members, has assessed the	8	3	\$3,772.32
benefits of Street Improvement District	9	3	\$4,268.67
No. 2025-1 of the City of Ellendale to lots	10	3	\$4,268.67
or parcels of land in the district accord-	11	3	\$3,871.59
ing to the cost thereof, as certified by the	12	3	\$1,489.09
City Auditor and as such Commission	13	3	\$1,489.09
has made and caused to be made, the	14	3	\$1,538.72
following assessment list:	15	3	\$3,176.69
	16	3	\$3,573.78

LOT / BLOCK/ PROPOSED ASSESS- MENT	ELLENDALE ACRES FOURTH ADDITION	
1 1	\$125,702.70	
1 4	\$17,595.36	
2 4	\$1,489.09	
3 4	\$1,439.45	
4 4	\$1,439.45	
5 4	\$1,439.45	
6 4	\$1,439.45	
7 4	\$1,439.45	
8 4	\$1,489.09	
9 4	\$1,489.09	
1 5	\$17,595.36	
2 5	\$16,422.34	
3 5	\$16,422.34	
4 5	\$16,422.34	
5 5	\$16,422.34	
6 5	\$16,422.34	
7 5	\$17,595.36	
Lot 1 Exc. E 244' 6	\$82,580.85	
E 244' of Lot 1 6	\$70,381.41	
2 6	\$114,721.70	
3 6	\$114,721.70	

LOT / BLOCK/ PROPOSED ASSESS- MENT	ELLENDALE ACRES FOURTH ADDI- TION – REPLAT OF BLOCKS 2 & 3	
1 2	\$22,901.31	
2 2	\$20,356.72	
3 & 4 2	\$36,679.78	
5 2	\$17,595.36	
6 2	\$23,537.47	
7 2	\$26,082.04	
8 2	\$26,082.04	
9 2	\$23,537.47	
10 2	\$17,595.36	
11 2	\$17,595.36	

We hereby certify that the above and  
 foregoing list is a true and correct as-  
 sessment of the property in the forego-  
 ing list to the best of our judgment, and  
 that several items included in such as-  
 sessment are as follows, to-wit:

Construction, Water, Sewer	\$ 46,000.00
Construction Road Improvements	725,000.00
Change Order No. 2	182,240.00
Design Engineering	85,000.00
Construction Engineering	40,000.00
Legal, Rounding, Publication, Adminis- tration Fees	24,575.45

TOTAL TO BE ASSESSED:  
 \$1,102,815.45

Take notice that pursuant to law, the  
 Special Assessment Commission of the  
 City of Ellendale, North Dakota, will meet  
 on September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at  
 City Hall, 55 3rd Ave S, in Ellendale, ND,  
 to hear any and all objections which may  
 be made to any assessments contained  
 in the foregoing list by any interested  
 party, his agent or attorney.

DATED this 19th day of August, 2025.  
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT  
 COMMISSION  
 Lori Young, Donald Middlestead, and  
 Scott Young

(Published August 28, 2025)

STREET IMPROVEMENT	12	2	\$15,781.70
DISTRICT NO. 2025-2	13	2	\$18,422.15
Ellendale, North Dakota	14	2	\$18,422.15
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LIST AND	1	3	\$50,660.91
NOTICE OF HEARING	2	3	\$45,479.68
OBJECTIONS TO LIST	3	3	\$16,307.76
The undersigned Special Assessment	4	3	\$1,538.71
Commission of the City of Ellendale, in	5	3	\$1,489.08
the County of Dickey and State of North	6	3	\$1,489.08
Dakota, by its duly appointed, qualified	7	3	\$1,489.08
and acting members, has assessed the	8	3	\$3,772.31
benefits of Street Improvement District	9	3	\$4,268.66
No. 2025-2 of the City of Ellendale to lots	10	3	\$4,268.66
or parcels of land in the district accord-	11	3	\$3,871.58
ing to the cost thereof, as certified by the	12	3	\$1,489.08
City Auditor and as such Commission	13	3	\$1,489.08
has made and caused to be made, the	14	3	\$1,538.71
following assessment list:	15	3	\$3,176.68
	16	3	\$3,573.77

LOT / BLOCK/ PROPOSED ASSESS- MENT	ELLENDALE ACRES FOURTH ADDITION	
1 1	\$113,756.75	
1 4	\$15,781.70	
2 4	\$1,489.08	
3 4	\$1,439.44	
4 4	\$1,439.44	
5 4	\$1,439.44	
6 4	\$1,439.44	
7 4	\$1,439.44	
8 4	\$1,489.08	
9 4	\$1,489.08	
1 5	\$15,781.70	
2 5	\$14,729.59	
3 5	\$14,729.59	
4 5	\$14,729.59	
5 5	\$14,729.59	
6 5	\$14,729.59	
7 5	\$15,781.70	
Lot 1 Exc. E 244' 6	\$74,068.76	
E 244' of Lot 1 6	\$63,126.79	
2 6	\$102,896.66	
3 6	\$102,896.66	

LOT / BLOCK/ PROPOSED ASSESS- MENT	ELLENDALE ACRES FOURTH AD- DITION – REPLAT OF BLOCKS 2 & 3	
1 2	\$20,724.92	
2 2	\$18,422.15	
3 & 4 2	\$33,052.46	
5 2	\$15,781.70	
6 2	\$21,300.61	
7 2	\$23,603.38	
8 2	\$23,603.38	
9 2	\$21,300.61	
10 2	\$15,781.70	
11 2	\$15,781.70	

We hereby certify that the above and  
 foregoing list is a true and correct as-  
 sessment of the property in the forego-  
 ing list to the best of our judgment, and  
 that several items included in such as-  
 sessment are as follows, to-wit:

Construction, Water, Sewer	\$ 375,500.00
Construction Road Improvements	397,600.00
Design Engineering	95,600.00
Construction Engineering	45,000.00
Contingency	70,000.00
Legal, Rounding, Publication, Administration Fees	13,584.55

TOTAL TO BE ASSESSED:  
 \$997,284.55

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 COMMISSION  
 Lori Young, Donald Middlestead, and  
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(Published Aug. 28 & Sept. 4, 2025)

## Area Church Schedules

<b>Church of The Nazarene</b> Pastor Kelly Riggan Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m. Wednesdays: Youth Group 6:00 p.m.	<b>Zion Lutheran Church, Ellendale</b> Pastor - Rev. Paul O.S. Preus Divine Service - 9:00 a.m. Bible Class - 10:30 a.m.	Saturday Mass - 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays at 8:30 a.m. 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10:30 a.m.	<b>First Baptist Church</b> Pastor Glenn Raynor Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship -10:00 a.m.
<b>Presbyterian United Methodist Church, Ellendale</b> Pastor Becca Hafner Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m.	<b>Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Forbes</b> Pastor Brandon Woodruff Worship Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.	<b>St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Fullerton</b> Father Patrick Parks Sunday Mass - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. 2nd and 4th Sundays at 8:30 a.m.	<b>New Life Assembly of God Church</b> Pastor Kevin Libby Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Kids 6:00 p.m. & Youth 7:00 p.m.
<b>Apostolic Lutheran Church (State Line Road)</b> Pastor Reino Maunu Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Services 2nd & 5t Sundays	<b>Christ The King Lutheran Church, Ellendale</b> ELCA pastors from Christians in Action Services Sunday 11:15 a.m	<b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church - 400 Main</b> Pastor Michael Garcia Saturday Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m. Saturday Worship - 11:00 a.m.	<b>Zion Lutheran Church, Edgeley, ND</b> Pastor Brandon Woodruff Sunday worship 10:30, Bible study following LWML Bible Study, 2nd Wednesday of each month, 2:00 p.m.
<b>Fullerton Union Church</b> Pastor Luke Platkowski Sunday Worship 9:30	<b>St. Helena's Catholic Church, Ellendale</b> Father Patrick Parks Confession - Saturday 3:30 p. m.		

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