

Read About the History of this Area: Keith Norman

Horses and gophers in 1900

It appears there wasn't a lot happening in Dickey County in early January of 1900. Reports from the old newspapers don't have any major crimes or disasters to report. Many of the fraternal lodges were electing officers and reorganizing for the new year. For example, the Knights of Pythias lodge in Ellendale held a big event in the first week of January for its members with many of the Knights from Monango coming down to help install the new officers. And new year feasts were common with an oyster supper at Merricourt considered a success with \$16 in proceeds for some unnamed charity or cause. Not every event went smoothly, with a planned "surprise" party in Whitestone Township hampered by the fact the intended host was not home "so the surprise was on them," according to the Jan. 2, 1900 edition of the *Dickey County Leader*. There were some near tragedies, including a runaway team of horses at Ludden. There was no one in the sled or wagon when the horses decided to take a quick trip through the countryside on their own. A local Ludden resident mounted his own horse and chased the team three miles before bringing them to a stop in "the approved cowboy style," according to the *Leader*. The newspapers even grew a little philosophical as they rang in the year 1900 by

noting, "The horseless carriage has come, the wireless telegraphy is being threatened but we have very good reasons for believing the armless courtship will never become very popular."

There was also a runaway in Fullerton. This time, the owner of the wagon and team was still on board when the animals took off running. The driver managed to get the team under control without injury, although his hat wasn't found for two days.

And the Dickey County Treasurer announced that they would pay the first batch of "gopher warrants" issued the summer before in the county.

There was a bounty on gophers back 125 years ago in an effort to control the rodent population. If the county didn't have enough cash on hand, it issued warrants that could be cashed in at a later date when the county's bank balance was a little stronger.

Times were different a century and a quarter ago.

But here is wishing you good luck in 2025 and may your hat be found after every runaway and your gopher warrants all be cashed in.

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Snippets from pages past: ND Senator endorses Peruna

U. S. SENATOR ROACH Says Peruna, the Catarrh Cure, Gives Strength and Appetite.



Ads for patent medicines, often with endorsements from well known public figures, were an ordinary feature of newspapers in the late 19th century. One of the most widely advertised was Peruna, a type of cold medicine. An ad in the January 9, 1900 *Leader* announced that "Honorable W.N. Roach, United States senator from North Dakota, personally endorses Peruna, the great catarrh cure and tonic. In a recent letter to the Peruna Medicine Company at Columbus, Ohio, written from Washington DC, Senator Roach says: *"Persuaded by a friend, I have used Peruna as a tonic, and I am glad to testify that it has greatly helped me in strength, vigor and appetite. I have been advised by friends that it is remarkably efficacious as a cure for the almost universal complaint of catarrh."*

Public Notices

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DICKEY COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of ROGER M. BOBBE, Deceased NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Court File No. 11-2024-PR-00024

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the attorney listed above, to Mark Bobbe as Personal Representative of the Estate at 9557 - 80th Ave SE, Forbes, North Dakota 58439, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 2024

Mark Bobbe
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Roger M. Bobbe, deceased
9557 - 80th Ave SE
Forbes, North Dakota 58439

First publication on the 26th day of December, 2024.
(Dec. 26, 2024, Jan. 2 & 9, 2025)

SUMMONS
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF DICKEY
SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Justin A. Gemar and Tricia M. Gemar

Plaintiffs
vs.
School District Number Two (2) of Wright Township, its unknown heirs and/or assignees and all other persons unknown claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the property described in the Complaint,
Defendants

CASE NO. 11-2025-CV-00009
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED
DEFENDANTS:

[1] You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action, which is herewith served upon you, by serving upon the undersigned an answer or other proper response within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE
[2] You are hereby notified that the purpose of this action, among other things, is to determine the title and adverse claims to the lands hereinafter described and that the action affects the following described land situated in the County of Dickey, State of North Dakota, to-wit:

A tract of land commencing at the Northwest corner of the NE1/4 of Section 32, Township 132 North, Range 61 West; thence South 12 rods; thence East 16 rods; thence North 12 rods; thence West 16 rods to the place of beginning. and no personal monetary judgment is sought against you.

Dated: January 3, 2025

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(January 9, 16 and 23, 2025)

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING ELLENDALE CITY COUNCIL December 19, 2024

6:30 pm - City Hall and Zoom Virtual
This meeting was held at City Hall and virtual Zoom Meeting option was also available.

Council members in attendance: Belgarde, Lee, Denison, Meidinger, Langeliers and Crabtree. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Absent: none
City Employees present: Police Chief Knutson, Auditor Kempf; Attorney Kelly, and PW Monroe via Zoom.

Others attending: Jo Anne M. Ybaben, Esq., Ken Smith, Betty Hamar, Candy Middlestead, Andrea Mireles, and David Witkin via zoom with a separate sign in sheet for in person attendees.

Rules for this public hearing were announced to keep order.

Public meeting called to order at 6:34 PM

Members of the audience spoke for/against the annexation of Applied Digital. Further discussion held.

City Attorney Fallon clarified that the council can vote on the matter during the hearing, it does not have to be at the special meeting immediately following.

Denison moves to approve the annexation. No second, motion fails.

Meidinger motions Denison seconds to table the annexation until next council meeting- to possibly come up with a committee in order to discuss this matter further. Roll Call vote to table: Denison, Crabtree, Meidinger, Belgarde, Langeliers, Lee - Yes. Motion to table approved.

Next meeting: Regular City Council Meeting January 13, 2025
Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.
(Minutes subject to corrections and approval at the next regular meeting.)
(January 9, 2025)

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 19, 2024 8:07 pm - City Hall and Zoom

Mayor Flaherty called the meeting to order at 8:07 pm in person and via Zoom Virtual Meeting.

Council members present: Mayor Flaherty, Lee, Meidinger, and Belgarde, Denison, Crabtree and Langeliers.

Absent: None
Others present: Auditor Kempf, Deputy Auditor Landrie Schmidt and Attorney Kelly.

Agenda: Due to decision made at public hearing, no longer will have second reading of Annexation Ordinance nor variance for commercial activity. Will also be postponing discussion of utility billing increase, and sales tax distribution until January 13, 2025 regular city council meeting.

Sewer Issue: Brought to our attention by Doug Muckey. Building on his property, by where his concrete plant is located, it was discovered that it is not currently connected to the sewer system. Discovered in the last three weeks. This matter will be investigated and the conclusions will be brought back to the council. Council needed to be made aware of the situation.

Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm.

Donald Flaherty, Mayor
Nicole Kempf, Auditor
(Minutes subject to corrections and approval at next regular meeting.)
(January 9, 2025)

AREA EVENTS

- January 11 (Saturday): 8th Annual Ellendale Fire Protection District Raffle & Chili Cookoff, at the new American Legion building--Chili feed, 4:00, Raffle drawing, 7:00
- January 13 (Monday): Ellendale Public School building project informational meal and meeting--meal 5:30, meeting 6:00 (see front page for details)
- January 20 (Monday): Martin Luther King Jr. Day

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

The City of Ellendale is looking to hire a Public Works Employee to be responsible for the following maintenance to keep the City in good working order and sound condition:

- Streets
- Alleys
- Water system
- Sewer system
- Landfill areas
- General maintenance of equipment
- Mowing
- Cutting & trimming trees
- Cemetery

- Perform a variety of manual labor duties which will include all maintenance, heavy equipment operations, snow removal and other duties as required.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationship with other employees, public officials and the public.
- The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 75 pounds or more.
- This job typically works 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday - Friday and will be required to be on call during scheduled evenings and weekends.
- Must be legally authorized to work in the United States. No sponsorships considered.
- A valid ND Driver's License is required and the ability to obtain a Class B CDL.
- A high school diploma/GED is required; the ability to pass and obtain all required ND State licensing and certification requirements when eligible.
- Successful applicants will be highly motivated and self-directed.
- Successful applicant will require a background inquiry.
- Experience preferred; and essential that the public works employee be service oriented.
- Must live within 30 minutes of the city limits.
- Wages DOE

Applications/Resumes will be accepted until filled, please submit to City Hall (P O Box 267 - 55 3rd Ave S - Ellendale ND 58436).
Benefits included: BCBS - Health, Vision, Dental, Retirement, Vacation, Sick Leave, On-Call pay, Overtime past 40 hrs, Garbage/Water discount if live in city limits
For further details, please contact Mayor Don Flaherty; Council Member Justin Meidinger or City Hall -701-349-3252.

NOTICE OF HEARING

The City of Ellendale hereby gives NOTICE that the question of whether to annex into the City of Ellendale the following real estate, will continue to be heard at a hearing, which is a continuation of the hearing that commenced December 19, 2024, and was tabled on that date. The continued hearing shall take place on the 13th day of January, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ellendale City Hall or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

You may view the previously published legal description and maps of Lands to Be Annexed Into The City of Ellendale, North Dakota at City Hall during regular business hours.

At said hearing, the city council shall continue to discuss and determine whether to approve the proposed annexation. In the event that the City Council approves by majority vote the proposed annexation, the territory described in the resolution shall become part of the city as of the date of the second reading of an ordinance is filed and recorded with the county recorder, which ordinance shall also be published in the regular course. These proceedings are being made upon the City's receipt of a petition as set forth in North Dakota Century Code Section 40-51.2-03, et seq. and said annexation shall become effective upon passage of an ordinance of annexation consistent with the same, all as set forth in North Dakota Century Code Chapter 40-51.2

(January 2, 2025 & January 9, 2025)

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