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Ellendale Chamber of Commerce holds first "Lunch and Learn" event

By Aidan Thurber

Last Friday, the Ellendale Chamber of Commerce hosted special guest Randy McPherson over lunch at the American Legion. This was the first of the many planned to come "Lunch and Learn" events for the community. Chamber president Bryan Jacobsen said this event is planned to take place four times a year once every season. For the fall segment, special guest Randy McPherson came to talk to the attendees about business, while Dulce's generously served delicious dishes of food to those in attendance.

Randy McPherson is a serial entrepreneur who has started and built numerous companies that collectively have generated billions of dollars in revenue. He came to speak to us about the "Number 1 Key to Success." His son, Aaron McPherson, recently attended and graduated from Trinity Bible College.

Randy begun by telling us about a dream he had when younger: the dream to one day have a business so big it was shown in a national business magazine. As it turned out, he did achieve that dream with his



huge auto company, but not in the way he expected. At a point in his career, he was working with difficult people and his company was forced to declare bankruptcy. He lost 13 million dollars in one single day, and this was the story that made the national newspaper. A dream come true, but not how he dreamed it. Thankfully, he was able to bounce back with other successful auto companies, and he credits God with giving him the wisdom to manage them well.

He left the audience with two primary points. If you wish to be an entrepreneur, you must (1) be prepared and ok with some level of failure—it is inevitable, and (2) you must have a mindset that you will work harder than you would if working for an employer.

Randy also gave away a Mathews bow from the company his brother started and built, which is now the largest bow and arrow company in the world. The winner of the raffle was high school senior Joshua Meyers. All this reinforces the reality that big things can happen from small beginnings.

Randy also gave out a crisp \$100 bill to whoever brought the most guests, which was EHS teacher Mrs. Martin, and he plans to give a generous scholarship to a student recruited by the Chamber to attend TBC.

Randy and Susan McPherson have been involved with Christian higher education for approximately 40 years. They currently serve as Co-Chairs to Trinity Bible College and Graduate School's President's

Visit Randy's website: WWW.RANDYM-**CPHERSON.ORG**



Photos by EHS Cards

Cards place #1 at Groton meet: Thurber tops EHS & personal records

By Grant Crabtree

The unseasonably warm weather that has been experienced during the 2025 Cross Country season hit its peak at the Steve Grode Memorial Invitational in Groton as temperatures hit 88 degrees on September 29th. Fortunately, cloud cover, low humidity, and moderate winds made conditions feel slightly cooler.

Despite the less-thanideal conditions, Ellendale's Aidan Thurber had his best 5K performance of his stellar career, breaking his own

school record with a time of 16:43, a full 34 seconds better than his previous best time. It is the 7th fastest 5K time by a North Dakota Class B runner so far this season. Thurber's effort made him the first-place medalist, easily outpacing his nearest competitor by 1:14.

The Cardinals had three of the top eight runners in the field of 10 schools which led to Ellendale placing first in the standings. John Blondo claimed 6th place with a time of 19:35 with Max Lematta breaking the 20-minute barrier for the first time at 19:53, good for

Like Thurber and Lematta, Landon Schmidt also set a new personal record by running 20:24. Sam Reis and Samuel Hawker were the next two EHS runners to finish with Reis running 21:05, just nine seconds short of his PR, and Hawker was 14 seconds from a new best with his 21:23.

Kaden Larson and Dax Cotter ran 22:27 and 22:29, respectively, followed by Gage Miller at 23:47, and Ethan McBride's 24:12. The Cards were dealt some bad news regarding their #2 runner Eli Wagner who is expected to be sidelined due to a foot injury for the next few weeks. It is hoped that he will be able to return in time for the State Class B Meet on October 24. Likewise, following the Groton meet it was decided that Gage Miller will be taking some time off to rest a heel injury that has been bothering him for some time. In the JH/JV 3K division at Groton, Alex Lematta

finished in 6th place running a time of 13:33, an improvement of 1:25 over last year at this meet. Noah Klipfel showed an even greater improvement finishing in 14:44, taking 1:51 off his prior effort at this venue. Owen Seelye ran 15:34, and Ashtin Gonzalez completed the course in 16:34.

The team had its second meet of the week on October 4 traveling to the Granny Run at Grand Rapids Memorial Park Country Club. The runners finally got a break in the weather as they were greeted with



The Cardinal Cross Country team starting the race off strong. Many of the runners were determined to get a new PR that day, even amidst the heat. At right, it's thumbs up for Aidan Thurber, who is still pursuing new record times. (photos by Karen Thurber and Grant Crabtree)

temperatures around 70 degrees with light winds. The meet had six teams participating, Edgeley-Kulm, Ellendale Enderlin, LaMoure/Litchville-Marion, Lisbon, and Medina-Pingree-Buchanan.



Aidan Thurber picked up another first-place finish, his fifth of the year, traversing the course in a time of 17:42 and outdistancing the second-place finisher by 1:08. John Blondo placed third running 19:14, just 8 seconds off his all-time best. Max Lematta was the next Cardinal to finish coming in at 20:27, a 33 second improvement over his time at Granny last year. Sam Reis set a new personal record by running 20:52. Landon Schmidt ran 21:06, followed by Samuel Hawker at 21:12. Hawker suffered a side-stitch during the race but still managed to come within three seconds of his best time. Kaden Larson was also very close to a PR, coming up four seconds short with a 21:35. Right behind Larson was teammate Dax Cotter who did set a new PR at 21:36. Ethan McBride was next with 22:45, and Alex Lematta made his debut at the 5K distance coming in with a 22:52, becoming the twelfth EHS runner to qualify for State.

Ellendale finished first in the team standings with 33 points, with Lisbon next at 62.

Ellendale's three contestants in the JH/JV 3K all set PRs in their final race of the season. Noah Klipfel established a new best at 13:30; Ashtin Gonzalez new mark improved to 14:30; and Owen Seelye was right behind at 14:31.

The Varsity 5K runners now move into the postseason with the North Dakota Class B East Region in Cooperstown on October 11 and conclude the year October 24 with the State Class B Meet at Parkhurst Recreation Area north of Jamestown.

Prairie Public eliminates staff positions due to state, federal funding loss

FARGO, N.D. – Prairie Public has eliminated 12 staff positions in response to the rescission of federal funding to public broadcasting, and the reduced allocation of funds from the State of North Dakota.

Seven employees were laid off, and five additional open positions were eliminated.

"The loss of federal and state funding has resulted in approximately a 25% reduction in our revenue," said Prairie Public President & CEO John Harris. "Like most every public media organization in the country, we were forced to make hard choices - that included the difficult decision to part with valued members of

The eliminated positions affect nearly every department of the organization, and represent about an 18% reduction in staff.

Some of Prairie Public's programs or services may be reduced or eliminated as the station evaluates job functions and redistributes responsibilities among remaining staff.

"Amid the hardship, we remain committed to serving our communities as best as we can," Harris said.

"We have members in every county in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota, and also in eastern Montana and Manitoba, Canada. Our communities' passion for Prairie Public has been encouraging this year – and their continued support will be critical for us to move

Prairie Public will continue to provide educational programming, deliver national content from PBS and NPR, and will maintain its transmitters across the region to broadcast over-the-air in North Dakota, northwestern Minnesota, eastern Montana, and in Canada via cable channels.

About Prairie Public

Prairie Public, a nonprofit public media organization and member station of PBS and NPR, provides content and services utilizing television, radio. and digital platforms. Prairie Public is headquartered in Fargo, North Dakota, and serves the state of North Dakota, northwestern Minnesota, and southern Manitoba. For more information, visit prairiepublic.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS - ELLENDALE ACRES

The City of Ellendale will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of Lot 2 Block 6 of Ellendale Acres, Dickey County North Dakota.

- Bids must be marked "Bid for property within Ellendale Acres- Commercial #1" on the outside of the envelope AND contain the bid amount for Lot 2 Block 6, along with the intended purpose for development of the property and a proposed timeframe for completion.
- Property must be developed with new construction complying with the declared intended purpose and all applicable zoning and building codes and building permits. Additionally, a building permit must be submitted within 18 months of signing a Purchase Agreement; AND the said construction shall be completed within 24 months of the approved building permit.
- Minimum bid of \$2,400 total for the 1 lot.
- Successful bidder will enter into a purchase agreement with the City.
- The property will be forfeited and shall revert back to the city without further action if purchaser fails to fulfill all Purchase Agreement terms and the terms set forth in this call for bids.
- A Quitclaim Deed will be issued upon successful completion of all Purchase
- Bids must be received at City Hall at 55 3rd Ave S by 4:00 PM on October 29 2025. Bids will be opened at 6:00 PM that same evening during the meeting of the City Council, as the case may be.
- The best and/or highest bidders, selected in the sole discretion of the city council, shall have the opportunity to increase bids through competitive oral bidding, following the bid opening during the council meeting. Prospective bidders should be prepared to present information justifying why they are the best bidder if there are competing bids. The highest bidder may not be chosen if the Council does not believe the high bidder is the best bidder.
- The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive any bid irregularities in its sole discretion. If no bids are accepted, the City reserves the right to alter any and all terms for a future sale of such lots.
- In the sole discretion of the City, the Purchase Agreement may be in the form of a Contract for Deed with terms substantially similar to the blank form example, a copy of which may be reviewed at City Hall prior to the written bid submission deadline
- Purchase agreement must be signed within 30 days of bid opening

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The City of Ellendale will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of Lot 3 Block 6 of Ellendale Acres, Dickey County North Dakota

- Bids must be marked "Bid for property within Ellendale Acres- Commercial #2" on the outside of the envelope AND contain the bid amount for Lot 3 Block 6, along with the intended purpose for development of the property and a proposed timeframe for completion.
- Property must be developed with new construction complying with the declared intended purpose and all applicable zoning and building codes and building permits. Additionally, a building permit must be submitted within 9 months of signing a Purchase Agreement; AND the said construction shall be completed within 18 months of the approved building permit.
- Minimum bid of \$2,400 total for the 1 lot
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