

A happy day: EACF distributes 2025 grants

Ellendale, ND – Smiles were on lots of faces last Wednesday, as board members of the Ellendale Area Community Foundation handed out checks to help fund fifteen local community projects. The total amount dispersed in the 2025 grant round was \$40,310. Recipients were as follows:

- Ellendale Park Board: Tennis/Pickleball Courts--\$7,000
- Ellendale 4H Archery Club Tournament Equipment Purchase--\$5,000
- Ellendale Community Ambulance: Ambulance Replacement--\$5,000
- Ellendale Fire Protection District: Interior Attack Fire Nozzles--\$4,500
- O.P.E.R.A. Inc.: 2025 Gallery Exhibits/Entertainment--\$3,000
- O.P.E.R.A. Inc.: Annex Renovation--\$2,500
- Ellendale Area Arts Council: Kid's Art--\$2,000
- Ellendale Area Arts Council: Summer Concerts--\$2,000
- Friends of the Dakota Prairie Walking Trail--\$2,000
- Fullerton Fest: 2025 Fullerton Fest--\$2,000
- Ellendale Police Department: Squad Car Decals--\$1,610
- Ellendale Country Club: Greens Sanding--\$1,500
- Dickey County 4-H: Ellendale Buzz Garden--\$1,000
- Ellendale Public Library: For The Love Of Reading--\$700
- Caring Hearts Community Resource Center: 4th Ann Karlee Ortman Memorial Angel Tree--\$500



Left to right: Lana Norton (EACF), Chad Durheim (EACF), Becky Tatum (Ellendale Public Library), Jeff Glynn (EACF), Justin Meidinger (Opera House & Summer Concerts), Monica Mertz (EACF) Lori Young (EACF), Brad Knudson (Ellendale Police Dept.), Aaron Tschosik (EACF), Breana Kiser & Ginger Peterson (Dickey County Extension) and Grant Crabtree (Ellendale County Club). Photo by Ken Smith



Other grants that didn't get into the first photo were photographed separately. Left to right: Lana Norton (EACF), Jeff Glynn (EACF), Monica Mertz (EACF), Paul Wedell (Ellendale Fire protection District) Kerry Waldo (Ellendale Park Board), Lori Young (EACF), Aaron Tschosik (EACF) and Chad Durheim (EACF). Photo by Ken Smith

AREA EVENTS

- July 2 (Wednesday): Lions Club Steak Fry at the Ellendale Legion Hall (6:00 to 7:00) (see ad on page 2)
- July 4 (Friday): Forbes 120th July 4 celebration
- July 5 (Saturday): Forbes All-School Reunion—Museum Dedication program at 3:00 pm
- July 6 (Sunday): Community Worship Service at South park, 9:00 followed by pot luck brunch
- July 10-13 (Thursday - Sunday): Dickey County Fair (see next Leaders for details)

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.

You're invited!

to the O.P.E.R.A., Inc. Annual Meeting
5:30 p.m., Saturday, July 12
at the Ellendale Opera House

Enjoy free hors d'oeuvres and refreshments and hear about upcoming restoration plans for the historic Ellendale Opera House.

O.P.E.R.A., Inc. is an equal opportunity provider

Forbes to celebrate 140 years on July 4 & 5

Watch for Details on FB sites: **THE FORBES STORE**

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We invite you to bring your float to the PARADE
And bring your chairs - enjoy the day!

JULY 4TH 120TH FORBES CELEBRATION
July 5TH Forbes ALL-School Reunion
(If your letter doesn't arrive, please contact Phyllis Anliker)
Shimmin-Tweet Museum will be open both days - (Times Posted)
July 5th 2:00Museum Dedication Program

To everyone reading this, wherever you may be: The people of Forbes cordially invite everyone to join in the celebration of their 140 years as a town. The little community on the South Dakota border is a youngster compared to Ellendale, having organized simultaneously with the extension of the Great Northern Railroad from Ellendale in 1905.

As has long been the tradition, Forbes will host Dickey County's best July 4 parade, and it will begin on the south side of town at 10:30. Anyone who would like to join in with a float is encouraged to do so. You may contact Lori Brandenburger or Bobbi Jo Salberg if you need details. Also as traditional, the great Forbes Fireworks display will begin at dusk.

Joan Tviet Hoffman, who for many years has worked with loyal volunteers to preserve and honor the heritage of the Forbes area, noted several features of the community that the public should know.

The Presbyterian Church, which now houses the museum of the Cou-teau Hills Historical Center, was built in 1906 and has stood proudly there ever since. It has a history of serving our community, including as a Youth Center.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Ellendale will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of (621 3rd St N.) Lot 12, Block 10 ELC Addn, Ellendale, ND. Bids must be marked "Lot 12, Block 10, ELC Addn., Ellendale, ND" on the outside of the envelope AND contain the bid amount, intended purpose and time-frame for completion.

- Property must be developed with new construction complying with intended purpose; all applicable zoning and building codes; and construction must begin within 1 year of signing a Purchase Agreement; AND the said construction shall be completed within 2 years from the date of approved Building Permit.
- Garage on property must be made secure within 12 months of purchase date.
- Minimum bid of \$500.00 per 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.
- A Quitclaim Deed will be issued upon successful completion of all Purchase Agreement terms.
- Bids must be received at City Hall at 55 3rd Ave S by 4:00 PM on July 14, 2025. Bids will be opened at 6:30 PM that evening during the regular City Council meeting.
- The top and best bidders for said parcel shall have the opportunity to increase bids for the parcel through competitive oral bidding, following the bid opening during council meeting.
- 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 for any parcel, the City reserves the right to alter any and all terms for a future sale of such parcel.
- 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.

(June 19 & 26, 2025)

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