

Trains brought the materials that built our towns

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A person in Ellendale could even buy an entire house from either of these companies, and have all of its components shipped here by rail. Ellendale and the farms in Dickey County had many such homes, and some most likely still exist. If you live in one of them, or know of one, please let us know.

Several years ago we were informed by our friend John Wheelihan that trains from Aberdeen continued to ship liquor to Ellendale long after it was declared illegal; it was done "on the sly." John even had a receipt, dated 1905, indicating a case of liquor delivered from Aberdeen to Ellendale.

A very different--and obviously more important cargo, was necessary to keep pioneers warm in the winter. "About forty car-loads of coal are now in the engine coal house," reported the Sept. 22, 1882 *Leader*. Coal deliveries were frequent, especially during the fall. Of course, the railroads themselves ran on the black stuff, so they were always carrying it, often both in the tender car and in a trailing car.

Farm machinery and supplies were another essential, and rail cars carrying farm implements were a common sight. The Dugard and Larson store advised readers in the Sept. 29, 1882 edition that after seeing the "Grand De Tour Plow" at the Minneapolis fair, they had ordered a car load of them, and they would be available soon.

Keystone, a town platted east of Monango which had vied for the county seat before the railroad by-passed it and it vanished, was home to an implement dealer called Taylor & Fearon. The proprietors ran an ad in the March 23, 1883 *Leader*. The editor graciously added a note saying that the firm had "several car loads of farm machinery on the way, and farmers will find them fine fellows to deal with."

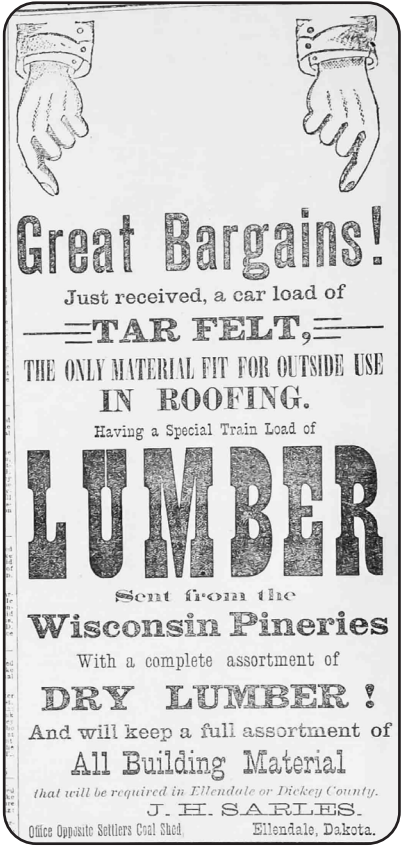
In the first few years, the newspaper would often note the arrival of particular immigrants. "On Saturday," reported the Dec. 1, 1882 *Leader*, William Gregory, David Craig, and William Cathcart arrived from Quebec, Canada with a car load of household and other goods, and will locate near Ellendale."

While horses and draft animals subsisted largely on local grass and hay, special feeds were also available: "Oats and Feed, sold by the car load at special rates" advertised the Ellendale Feed Store, in the Dec. 8, 1882 *Leader*.

Building materials were always in high demand in the pioneer years. The March 22, 1883 *Leader* featured an ad from F. S. Dugar, proclaiming in capital letters "NAILS, HARDWARE, STOVES, MACHINERY, WAGONS, TARRED PAPER, PLOWS. Each word was on its own line, and was followed by the phrase "by the carload."

It would take a great deal of time and space to identify--category by category and item by item--all the various goods shipped by rail to frontier towns. Railroads were the lifeblood of the towns as well as the countryside. The infrastructure that allowed the movement of people and material goods around the region and around the country was even more central to American life in the 19th and early 20th centuries than the internet is today.

By the late 20th century, improved highways, including an extensive federally funded interstate system, had displaced a great deal of transport for the goods once exclusively carried by rail. But even in towns like Ellendale, where the railroads were ultimately discontinued, it takes only a little imagination to understand how vital these connections were to the life, health and the very existence of the community.



J.H. Sarles was one of several high-volume lumber dealers that capitalized on the immense demand for building materials in 1880s Ellendale. This ad appeared in the June 1, 1883 edition of the *Leader*. To view a compilation of similar ads that appeared in the first ten years of Ellendale's existence, go to bit.ly/ads1882-92

AREA EVENTS

- August 18 (Monday): EPS 2025-26 Open House: 6th grade + new middle school orientation, 5:30-6:00 (north gym). Freshman orientation 6:00-6:30 (north gym), 5th grade parent band meeting 6:6:30 (band room)
- August 20 (Wednesday): Back to School at EPS
- August 22 (Friday): Varsity Football: EEK vs. Harvey Public School at Edgeley, 7:00
- August 23 (Saturday): Community Carnival at Benedictine, 12:00-4:00
- August 28 (Thursday): 12th Annual Herman G. Johnson Lecture at TBC— 7:00 at Block Chapel
- September 7 (Sunday) — "Trains to the Plains" illustrated lecture by historian Randy Entzminger from Gackle, ND— 2:00 at the Opera House
- September 12-14 (Friday-Sunday): Ellendale Days (formerly Applefest)— details upcoming

Public Notices

Civil # 11-2025-PR-0007

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KIM BROKAW, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed co-personal representatives of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Kevin T. Brokaw, Mary Jo Fries, Lynn A. Brokaw and Gregory J. Brokaw, co-personal representatives of the estate, by and through their attorney, Brian L. Bergeson, at PO Box 2196, Bismarck, ND 58502-2196 or filed with the Court.

Dated this _28th_ day of March, 2025.

Kevin T. Brokaw,
Co-Personal Representative
Mary Jo Fries,
Co-Personal Representative
Lynn A. Brokaw,
Co-Personal Representative
Gregory J. Brokaw,
Co-Personal Representative

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(August 14, 21 & 28, 2025)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D.A.C. ARTICLES 71-02 & 71-08 REGARDING ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS PARTICIPATION IN NDPRS RETIREMENT PLANS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 1600 East Century Avenue Suite 2, Bismarck, North Dakota. The rules relate to the participation of elected county officials in North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPRS) retirement plans.

These rules are emergency rules with an effective date of July 31, 2025.

A copy of the proposed rules may be requested by writing to PO Box 1657, Bismarck, ND 58502, e-mailing NDPRS-info@nd.gov, or calling 701-328-3900. Written comments on the proposed rules can be mailed to PO Box 1657, Bismarck, ND 58502 or emailed to NDPRS-info@nd.gov. Oral comments can be submitted by calling 701-328-3900. Comments received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 22, 2025, will be fully considered. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System at the above telephone number or address at least seven days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 31st day of July, 2025.
Rebecca Fricke
Executive Director

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO LICENSING OF ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM INSTALLERS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to North Dakota Administrative Code chapter 33.1-21-01 regarding rules for licensing of current and future onsite wastewater treatment system installers at the following time and location:

2nd Floor Conference Room

North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality

4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324

September 5, 2025

1:00 PM CST

A copy of the proposed rule amendments may be requested by writing the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Deputy Director, 4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324 or calling (701) 328-5210. Written comments on the proposed rule amendments may be submitted to the above mailing address and received by September 16, 2025.

These rules are emergency rules with an effective date of August 1, 2025.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department at the above address or telephone number below at least two days prior to the public hearing. The NDDEQ will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. To request accommodations or language assistance, contact the NDDEQ Non-discrimination/EJ Coordinator at (701) 328-5150 or deqEJ@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

There will be real time public streaming of the public hearing through a Microsoft Teams meeting. No testimony will be accepted through the Microsoft Teams meeting. Information concerning listening access by telephone or through Microsoft Teams can be obtained by calling (701) 328-5210 or can be found on the Department's website at: <https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx>.

Dated this 31st day of July, 2025.

L. David Glatt, P.E.
Director, Department of Environmental Quality

HELP WANTED Full-Time Seasonal -- City of Ellendale

Full-time seasonal help wanted from June 2025 through October 30, 2025. This individual will have a work schedule of 40 hours per week Monday through Friday. Offering \$20.00 per hour.

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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO BUSINESS REGISTRATION NAME AVAILABILITY STANDARDS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Office of the Secretary of State will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 10 am on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at the Office of the Secretary of State conference room at the North Dakota State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained at sos.nd.gov, by writing the Office of the Secretary of State, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 108, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, or calling 701-328-3660.

Written comments may be submitted to the address above or by email at sos@nd.gov until the comment period closes at 12 noon on September 28, 2025.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Office of the Secretary of State by calling 701-328-3660 at least four days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2025

Sandra McMerty
Deputy Secretary of State



SEPTEMBER 12-14, 2025



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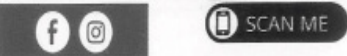
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