

Rural life and the rural school

kids' classroom performance was often public: Howard Bohle's is a case in point

When studying late 19th and early 20th century schooling, a feature that quickly jumps out is that the names of individual students--of all ages--regularly appeared in newspapers, along with information about their attendance, academic performance and class rankings. This publicity leveraged a good deal of community social pressure on students to perform, and upon parents to push their children to pursue their studies diligently. In 1896 the Ellendale Public school published a large sheet with the names of all the individual students, and their rankings in various subjects. It can be viewed at bit.ly/epsrankings1896

In the mid-to-late 20th century, the practice of publishing potentially negative information about students was largely abandoned, owing in part to new philosophies about privacy and individual dignity. While it lasted, though, teachers and school boards and commissioners found such reports--both positive and negative--a useful tool to nudge pupils toward good behavior and academic achievement.

Of course, teachers and administrators were almost always happy to report on positive achievements of individual students. The "Forbes Public School Notes" from 1928 and 1929 are a case in point. We have found several that mention Howard Bohle, whose military experience is recounted in this week's feature article.

The Forbes School Notes published in the April 12, 1928 *Leader*, noted that "The following won prizes in the reading contest for March: Hilda Martin, second grade, Howard Bohle and Marvin Wendland, first grade."

The same column in the December 13, 1928 edition mentioned that "*Verda Smith, Arthur Schmitt and Howard Bohle are doing some*

"Teachers open the door. You enter by yourself."
--Chinese Proverb



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special reading as they are a little ahead of their class. Howard has had perfect reading lessons every day for two months, and Arthur and Verda have had perfect lessons almost every day."

In the March 14, 1929 *Leader*, the Forbes School Notes indicated that Howard Bohle was among the students who "have been neither absent nor tardy during the past month."

Whether or not performance in first and

second grade necessarily predicts success later in life, it is notable that Howard seems to have done quite well in his early years. The intelligence and dedication needed for that would eventually lead him to becoming the responsible pilot of a B-17, which in World War II was the second largest American bomber, after the B-29.

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AREA EVENTS

- May 26 (Monday): Memorial Day
- May 28 (Wednesday): Community Blood Drive, at the Ellendale Church of the Nazarene, 12:30 to 6:00
- May 30 (Friday): Concert in the Park: African Drummer Hamzat Amoussa Koriko, 6:30
- June 3 (Tuesday): election for EPS school board member--polls open from 8:00am to 7:00pm in the school lobby
- July 10-13 (Thursday - Sunday): Dickey County Fair

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
DICKEY COUNTY, STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of Louise M.
Werre, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said Decedent are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Whitney M. Irish, Vogel Law Firm, PO Box 1077, Moorhead, MN 56561-1077, Carolyn Sepe, 1734 Princeton Ln, West Fargo, ND 58078, as co-Personal Representative, Melody Barnes, 905 Tidal Pond Dr, Groveland, FL 37436, as co-Personal Representative of the Estate, or filed with the Court. Dated this 21st day of April, 2025.
/s/ Carolyn Sepe_____
Carolyn Sepe, co-Personal Representative
/s/ Melody Barnes_____
Melody Barnes, co-Personal Representative
(May 15, 22, & 29, 2025)

NOTICE OF ZONING AMENDMENT
5.0702-Floodplain Management.

Pursuant to N.D.C.C. Section 40-47-04(2), the City of Ellendale hereby gives notice that zoning regulations in the form of amended zoning ordinances to the floodplain management within the city, set forth in Ordinance 5.0702 have been amended and adopted after a public hearing that was, after proper notice by publication, held on the 12th day of May, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 55, 3rd Ave South, Ellendale, ND 58436. The property involved includes the entire area of the City of Ellendale zoned in all zoning categories for areas that fall within the special flood hazard areas shown in the Federal Emergency Management Agency published Flood Insurance Study for the City of Ellendale, dated June 18, 2024 as overlaid onto the zoning map of Ellendale and its additions located at City Hall. The nature, scope and purposes of the proposed changes were to come into compliance with federal FEMA requirements for qualification of property owners to qualify for purchase of flood insurance. The zoning amendments (amended ordinance Section 5.0702) are available for public inspections during the City's regular business hours at the auditor's office at 55, 3rd Ave. South, Ellendale, ND 58436.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
(May 22, 2025)

PORTER TOWNSHIP

Porter Township will hold a special meeting to discuss zoning on Friday, May 23rd at 8:00 am at the Lacina Farm Shop.

Alana Lacina, Clerk
(May 15 & 22, 2025)

ELLENDALE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 12:30 to 6:00

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