

PUBLIC NOTICES

ELLENDALE TOWNSHIP

Ellendale Township will hold a business meeting at the Farmers Union Community Room, Wednesday, January 21, 2026, to discuss township business.

Jerry Rekow, Township Clerk

OPENING FOR ELLENDALE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

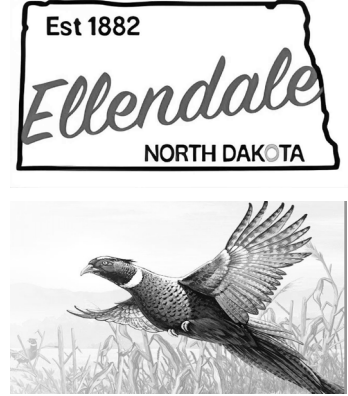
The City of Ellendale is looking to hire a Public Works Employee to oversee the following maintenance to keep the City in good working order and sound condition:

- Streets
- Alleys
- Water system
- Sewer system
- Landfill areas
- General maintenance of equipment
- Mowing
- Cutting and 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.



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Eligibility requirements for the Primary Residence Property Tax Credit:



- Must own a home in ND and reside in it as your primary residence
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Application Deadline: April 1, 2026
Apply Online: www.tax.nd.gov/prc

Coal in North Dakota: lots of consumers still buy it, but it's fading as a utility-scale heat source

Buying Coal

By Peggy Gilbert

I rode with a friend last week to the Center Coal Company at Center, ND and experienced the loading and buying of coal! Whether you need the finer ground stoker or lump coal you can buy it there. You can even buy a baggie full for Christmas stocking too!

Each trailer, truck, pick-up or semi is first run over a scale and weighed, one at a time, then taken to the location for loading.

The trailer ahead of us pulled under a telescopic chute or discharge chute which was lowered down close to the trailer and the stoker coal was discharged onto it. The trailer was then pulled back over to the scale for weighing and purchasing.

We pulled up next to the lump coal pile and a skid steer loaded the black lump coal into the box of the pickup with its extension sides and we again ran across the scale for weight and purchase. It was just short of 2 tons!

Lump coal this year is \$55.75 per ton and stoker coal is \$52.75 per ton.

Coal is used by about 3 percent of North Dakotans for heating, with stoker being the most popular as it is augured into the coal burning stove while the lump has to be shoveled and hauled. My friend uses it along with wood as a source of extra heat in an outbuilding used



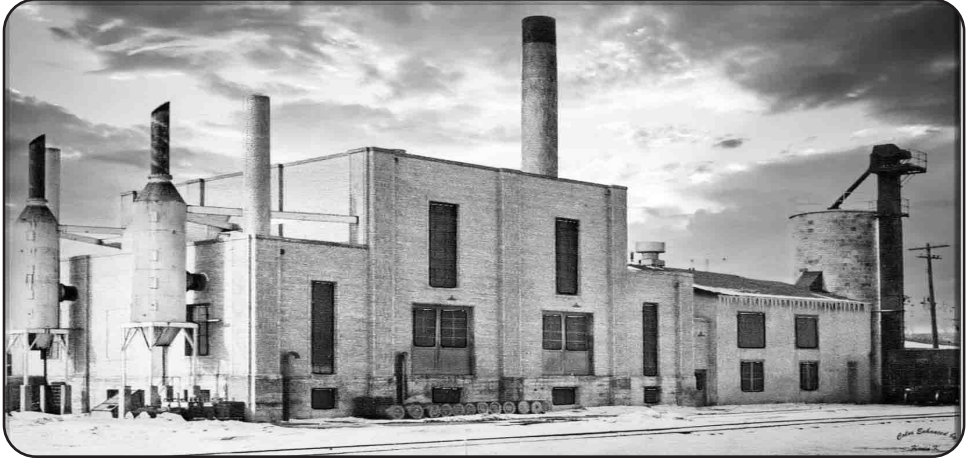
Above, at Center, North Dakota, a small skid steer loader is ready to fill a pickup. with chunk coal. Stoker coal, with the consistency of gravel, loads from a chute. At top right, NDSU Minard Hall's elegant front hides a large heat plant, which this year will no longer use coal as fuel. At bottom right, a view of Ellendale's power plant in 1949, not long after one of several major upgrades. The plant was opened in 1914 and ceased operations in 1986. It was demolished in 1989. (photos by Peggy Gilbert, Ken Smith and via Coleman Museum).

to house sick animals, storage and a home for the live-in "house" cats! Another experience for this old retiree!

Coal heating at NDSU, UND and Ellendale

By Ken Smith

Folks who've spent much time on the NDSU campus in the wintertime will be familiar with the tall stack on the heat plant behind Minard hall, and will have likely



breathed in some of its coal fumes. Like most coal burning heat plants, it was modified multiple times over its long life to reduce emissions, but coal dust was never entirely eliminated from the Minard building, even after an extensive renovation was completed in 2013.

As of this winter NDSU is in the process of phasing out its coal-fired heating systems. Historically, the plant relied on coal as the primary

fuel for its steam boilers, with natural gas and fuel oil as backups.

A recent video tour documents the "last coal-fired boiler" at NDSU—a 1978 Zurn coal stoker boiler—as a piece of "industrial history" before it's gone. Its replacement with natural gas will mark the end of coal use for campus heating. bit.ly/ndsucoal

In terms of its heating system, the University of North Dakota in

Grand Forks is ahead of NDSU. UND replaced its over 100-year-old coal-fired steam plant with a new, more efficient facility fueled by natural gas, completing the changeover in 2020.

It is reported that the new plant has significantly reduced emissions and operational costs, while still supplying the large network of steam pipes that keep the campus buildings warm.

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