

# Words For Thought...

By Editor Terry Schwartzberger



## Happy 4<sup>th</sup>

This weekend Americans from coast to coast will be celebrating the 4th of July holiday. This upcoming weekend will be filled with fireworks, hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon and you can't forget apple pie and all the fixings. All truly summer American staples. This year is a milestone year in the fact that Saturday will mark the 250th anniversary of the when the founding fathers of this country signed the Declaration of Independence.

This year marks the semiquincentennial of that historic document which marked the first step towards independence from the influences of other countries. By best guess estimates, the United State of America has 350 million people and it is hoped that as many as possible take the time to reflect on the countries history and upon possibly what lies ahead in the democratic processes of this land of the free and the brave.

If you are into lighting fireworks in celebration of that milestone, you still have a few days remaining to do so. If you are one who just wants to sit back and watch a great fireworks display, plan now to look to the west of Napoleon around dusk on Saturday, July 4th. The sky should be ablaze with colorful fireworks. A group of local fireworks enthusiasts who are being backed with funds from the Napoleon Future Leaders (NFL gaming proceeds) will offer a show like no other in the past 20 plus years. This show should be a good one for folks of all ages. It's also nice to see the many businesses, buildings and homes throughout the community which have some form of decoration for the upcoming holiday.

If you are playing with fire when lighting fireworks, remember to do so in a safe manner. Happy birthday America, as well as a great 4th of July to all.

Henry Schnabel, Montevideo, MN: "Most names I still recognize are on the back page! Still look forward to the Homestead."

Marianne Barta, West Salem, WI: "Always a joy to read the Homestead."

Jacqueline Adkins, Valrico, FL: "Thank you so much Terry, Christine, Jessica and staff for the weekly "present" my mother Lorraine Reis gifted us with as our wedding gift 43 years ago. We look forward to it and love it."

Arlyce Vogel, Sioux Falls, SD: "Your work and your joyful personalities are seen and appreciated by everyone who reads the Homestead."

Ken Horner, Bismarck: "Wow another year gone by, time to renew. Hi Christine class of 59 and to the rest of your gang."

## Minutes of Logan County Commissioners

**SPECIAL MEETING  
Board of Logan County  
Commissioners  
Napoleon, ND  
June 22, 2026  
(unofficial or subject  
to approval)**

A special meeting of the Board of Logan County Commissioners was called to order at 12:59 pm in the Auditor's Office located in the Logan County Courthouse by Chairperson John Wald. Present were Commissioners Bryan Batsch (via phone) and Blanche Schumacher, Auditor Jody Kristiansen, and Jessica Wald representing the Napoleon Homestead. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Schumacher motioned, seconded by Batsch, to approve all vouchers proposed for payment except the Farmer's Union Insurance voucher. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The following is a list of the vouchers with invoices attached which were authorized for payment by the Board:

- 16655-(NDAA)—Annual tax director membership.....50.00
- 16656-Quill, office supplies .....282.15
- 16657-Heying Handyman Services, install fire ladders & bathroom fan repair.....320.00
- 16658-Amanda Hayen, reimburse for banners for courthouse.....21.59
- 16659-US Records Midwest, zippered plat envelopes.....834.77
- 16660-Quadient Leasing, postage machine lease.....353.19
- 16661-Thomson Reuters-West, online software subscription for state's attorney.....199.63
- 16662-Quadient Financing, postage for several offices .....2,326.00
- 16663-Allied Energy, lp heating fuel Gackle shop...672.00
- 16664-Dustin Hammond, reimburse for hotel & supper for Valley City conference..132.00
- 16665-JHL Truck Service, 2007 KW clutch work.....4,205.34
- 16666-Mac's Hardware, cable ties, nuts, bolts & elbow fitting.....42.45
- 16667-Wallwork Truck Center, air spring assembly, hose & o ring .....1,611.82
- 16668-PYE Barker, Napoleon shop fire extinguisher inspection.....354.00
- 16669-Istate Truck Centers, hood latch & freight.....67.18
- 16670-Montana Dakota Utilities, Lehr shop electricity .....63.57
- 16671-Johnsen Trailer Sales, orange flags with grommets .....156.05
- 16672-Rhonda Ost, mowing

- Lehr shop.....220.00
- 16673-Don Wolfe, excavator rental for emergency road repair .....300.00
- 16674-Logan County Auditor, Farm to Market & Federal aid roads gravel & repairs .....22,004.00
- 16675-Jon Starkey, Canvas board salary.....18.75
- 16676-Office of Attorney General, March thru May 2026 SCRAM fees.....460.00
- 16677-Laura Henry, reimburse for meal during conference..18.25
- 16678-Carmen Rath-Wald, primary election board salary.....217.50
- 16679-Pamela Gross, primary election board salary .....255.00
- 16680-Rebeca Hulme, primary election board salary .....52.50
- 16681-Connie Schumacher, primary election board salary .....266.25
- 16682-Carol Behrens, primary election board salary .....184.35
- 16683-NDACS, 2026 County Superintendents of Schools dues .....50.00
- 16684-Bridger Rivinius, primary election board salary .....357.30
- 16685-Gackle Coop Oil Co., official travel, shop supplies & bulk fuel Gackle shop.....1,041.98

Conrad Jangula was billed for loading & hauling of gravel for an approach to access pasture. Commissioner Batsch informed him that he wouldn't be responsible for payment as the county provides approaches. Commissioner Schumacher provided the tax statement insert that is approved annually by the Board. It states that the county will provide one approach per farmstead residence and as this wasn't for a residence, the county should not be covering the cost. The matter was tabled and Chairman Wald requested Auditor Kristiansen provide Batsch with the document and that he speak to Jangula about the bill.

Wald motioned, seconded by Schumacher, to authorize the Chair's signature on a release of claims pertaining to an insurance claim involving one of the patrol vehicles while assisting McIntosh County. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 pm. John Wald, Chairperson Board of Logan County Commissioners

Attest:  
Jody Kristiansen  
Logan County Auditor

## Here's What I Have To Say

... By Jessica Faye



July is usually one of the hottest months of the year, at least here in ND, so it's a good thing July is also deemed national ice cream month. In our house I'd say every month is ice cream month, as we all love the sweet treat and it is probably one of the most devoured desserts.

Whenever asked what my favorite food is, one answer is always ice cream, even though some don't consider it a "food," it's still one of my favorites. If I was to choose my top three flavors it would be a dark chocolate rocky road, sea salt caramel cashew or a fresh strawberry ice cream with pineapple.

I've come across some wild flavors of the decadent dessert but while browsing online I found a site that deemed the wildest flavors in each state. Now I'm jealous that I didn't think of this job; combining two of my favorite things: traveling AND ice cream! Maybe they need a second opinion, taste tester or a follow-up article on the choices.

The list has a little bit of everything: savory, spice, out-of-the-box and some downright bizarre flavor combinations!

North Dakota's craziest ice cream offered is said to be dill pickle. I could see this being ok, maybe a bit refreshing on a hot day, but nothing I'd crave as an every day kind of treat.

Others I read that intrigued me were: Tennessee's - Pop Rocks; South Dakota's - blueberry goat cheese; Florida's - tequila almond; and New Hampshire's - white chocolate habanero.

Then, on the other spectrum, some made me wince in disgust at the thought of them, such as: Texas's - asparagus water; New York's - horseradish; and Minnesota's - cardamom black pepper. Very interesting and worst a test!



Napoleon Pee Wee Kamden Puklich winds up to pitch the ball to an Ashley Aces player last week in Napoleon.

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