Words For Thought...

By Editor Terry Schwartzenberger

Let's Light Up Napoleon

The Napoleon Business Association (NBA) is once again sponsoring a "Light Up Napoleon" event for the upcoming holiday season. (See ad on back page for details). The idea of having a lighting contest is nothing new, but it's probably been 20 years ago or more when the residents of Napoleon were all encouraged to do the same and hang Christmas decorations and festive lights. Once closer to Christmas, a crew of judges will canvas the streets to pick the best decorated homes and businesses which will be awarded NBA Bucks.

The local business group has once again resurrected the idea and expanded it to include area businesses. It's hard to believe that Christmas is less than a month away and now with the passing of Thanksgiving this week, things seem to get hectic and rushed, so now is the time to get your lights out of storage, check if they work, and put your artistic ability to work.

As the weather has been extra nice for this time of year, now might be the best time to plan what types of lights and decorations you may want to include in your decorating scheme. By doing so you are investing a bit in spreading the tone of the season and community spirit as well as taking some pride within the community you call your home. After all, once the sun sets for the day and folks take to the streets to view the bright displays, hearts will warm and smiles will adorn faces.

Here's wishing all the best who are or who will be doing their part to help in "Lighting Up Napoleon" this holiday season. And who knows if your work is rewarded as one of the community's best, your award may assist in taking care of the extra electrical charges.

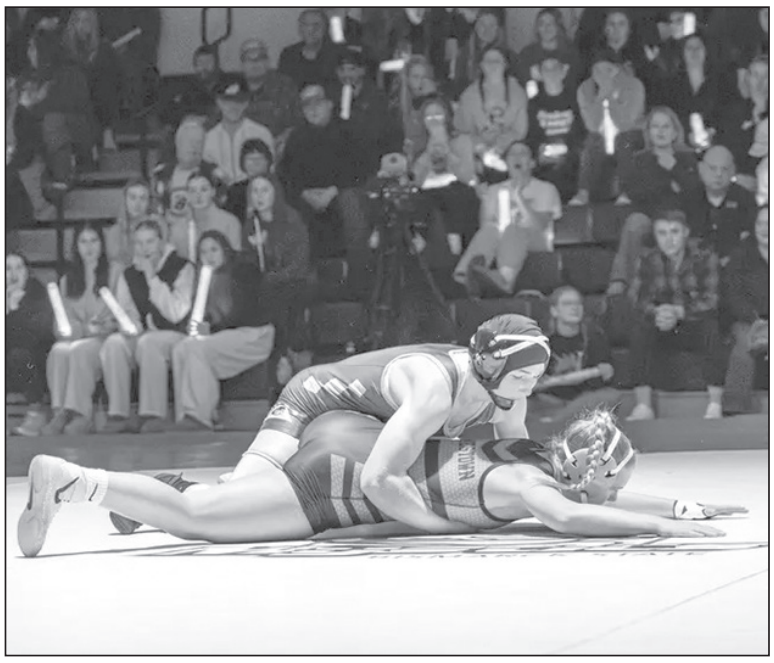
Here's What I Have To Say

. . . By Jessica Faye

Being Thankful

It's almost "turkey day"! Quite ironic I use that phrase, as I do not care for the traditional Thanksgiving dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and stuffing. I know some of you reading this right now are questioning if I'm a true American and with a German heritage?! It's true, I am, but if I was to plan the meal, I'd probably prefer ham, mac & cheese and spinach dip with veggies. Oooh, and of course I'd take the traditional pumpkin pie! That part I wouldn't skip, ha!

But, in all seriousness, I'd just be grateful for any meal and those I get to share it with. Plus, it's the time of year to look back and be thankful for the year; though there may be ups and downs, hoping everyone can look past the hardships and find the good in the situations presented to them. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours and here's hoping you can celebrate with friends and family; no matter what is served at the dinner table.



NHS 2024 graduate, Alexis Schneider, wrestles for the BSC Mystics girls' wrestling team, who hosted their inaugural dual last Thursday at BSC, against the University of Jamestown. Here, **Alexis Schneider** tops **Nora Houglum** (UJ) and Schneider won in a TF 10-0 1:55 at 131 lbs. BSC women's wrestling team was introduced earlier this year and began their first season of existence this fall.The teams' final scores were: BSC-33/UJ-15. *submitted photo*

Do You Remember

50 years ago
December 3, 1975

Miss Pamela Wentz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wentz, Napoleon, was named Miss Farmers Insurance Group of North Dakota.

45 years ago
November 26, 1980

Bonnie Preszler of Braddock was one of two 4-H members who were state winners with their 1980 4-H projects and won a trip to the 59th National 4-H Congress in Chicago as their prize.

Dave Sperle, a senior defensive back, was named to the all-South Central Conference football squad, and Jacque Reis, a junior running back was given honorable mention.

40 years ago
November 27, 1985

A new addition to Napoleon's business section, C & W Jewelry & Gift opened in the space north of the post office (formerly housing Diane's Boutiques). Carol and Whitey Buchholz owned the store which carried fashion jewelry, gifts, toys and some electronic equipment and novelties.

35 years ago
November 28, 1990

Gackle's girls' basketball team carried out their coach's plan to perfection and tripped up the Napoleon Imperials for the Region 5 title, 45-42 in overtime. The win also earned the Orioles their first ever trip to the state Class B girls basketball tournament.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Case No. PU-25-236
Otter Tail Power Company/Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
345kV JETx Transmission Line Siting Application
NOTICE OF TECHNICAL HEARINGS

On August 8, 2025, Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed joint applications for a certificate of corridor compatibility and for a route permit concerning approximately 92 miles of double circuit capable 345 kV electric transmission facility and associated facilities in Dickey, LaMoure and Stutsman Counties, North Dakota.

The Commission has determined that two technical hearings will be held and scheduled as follows.

January 8, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. Central Time at the Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol, Ground Floor, 600 East Boulevard Ave, Bismarck, ND 58505.

January 9, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. Central Time at the Pioneer Room, State Capitol Judicial Wing, Ground Floor, 600 East Boulevard Ave, Bismarck, ND 58505.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Will construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility at the proposed location produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Is the proposed facility compatible with environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will construction, operations, and maintenance of the facility at the proposed location minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

The technical hearings will permit the parties to present evidence, examine witnesses, and cross-examine witnesses. Due to time restrictions and the limited scope of this technical hearing, there will likely be no opportunity for public input during the technical hearings. Members of the public wishing to provide public input are encouraged to attend one of the public hearing dates listed in the Notice of Filing and Notice of Public Hearings already issued by the Commission for this matter.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille

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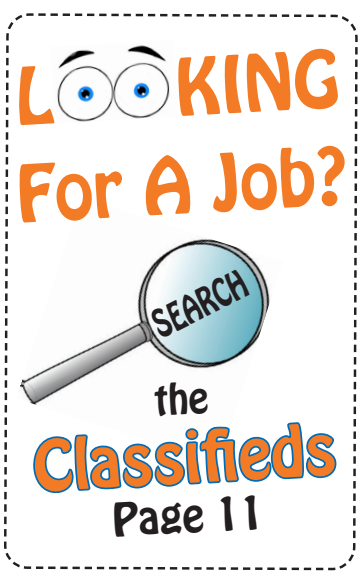

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Dec. 7-K of C Bingo
Dec. 13-Santa Day
Dec. 14-Lion Turkey Bingo
July 31 & Aug. 1 -All School Reunion/ Napoleon Community Days

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Clark Haas, Observer

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Tues., Nov. 18	46	33	
Wed., Nov. 19	46	33	T
Thurs., Nov. 20	41	23	

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November this year..... .05
Normal Jan. 1 to Nov. 30 ..19.08
Year to date..... 22.42

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