

PUBLIC NOTICES (CONTINUED)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA		STEELE COUNTY	
CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 9, 2026			
ATTENTION! READ BEFORE VOTING POLITICAL PARTY BALLOT			
In a Political Party Primary Election, you may only vote for the candidates of one political party. This ballot contains two political parties; one in each section. If you vote in more than one political party's section, your Political Party Ballot will be rejected; however, all votes on the No Party and Measures Ballots will still be counted.			
To vote for the candidate of your choice, you must darken the oval (●) next to the name of that candidate. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, you must darken the oval (●) next to the blank line provided and write that person's name on the blank line.			
MEASURES BALLOT			
Vote by darkening the oval (●) next to the word "YES" or "NO" following the explanation of each measure.			
Constitutional Measure No. 1 (Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007, 2025 Session Laws, Ch. 615)			
This constitutional measure would amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to requiring each resolution adopted by the legislative assembly proposing a constitutional amendment and each initiative petition and measure proposing a constitutional amendment be comprised of a single subject. The proposed amendment is summarized as follows: constitutional amendments would be limited to one subject. The Secretary of State shall not approve an initiative petition for circulation if the Secretary determines that the proposed amendment comprises more than one subject. Additionally, the legislative assembly is required to limit proposed amendments to the constitution to one subject.			
The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none.			
<input type="radio"/> Yes - Means you approve the measure summarized above. <input type="radio"/> No - Means you reject the measure summarized above.			
Continue voting other side →			
NOTICE: You may only vote in one political party's section.			
Official Ballot STEELE COUNTY June 9, 2026		All ballots, other than those used to vote absentee, must first be initialed by appropriate election officials in order to be counted.	
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married, had no family, and had nothing to live for, so he signed up. He said that he was one of Patton's boys, a sniper and machine gunner. In December of 1944, he said that there was a cook in one camp who seemed different than everyone else. He described him as quiet, yet he was easy to smile. Kravnik said that he, himself, never ate with the group of boys; he would come later after everyone was finished. This young kid soon learned his style and would always save some warm food for him. Kravnik called him "The Kid", but he knew his name was LeRoy.

Kravnik said that he would sit and talk quietly while eating. He described him as boyish in appearance, but he seemed so secure. LeRoy said that he didn't worry about going home; he felt he wouldn't make it. He said that he had an older brother in the Army whom he worried about, and that he hoped his brothers at home would never have to see war. Kravnik said that before the boys would go up front, the chaplain would have a prayer service. He said that The Kid never went to them, seemingly showing no interest. He didn't think it made sense. Then one day, he said that he went into the cook tent and saw him on his knees praying, with a small bible open in front of him. As soon as LeRoy heard Kravnik enter the space, he got up. Kravnik stated that he was beginning to understand.

He said that, then it happened. In his words, everything broke loose. The Germans came at them with everything they had. He described the grizzly scene and said that men and boys were crying, praying, shouting, and dying. He was pinned down with a shamble of 40 men in a little hollow. He had sent for help, but nothing was coming. Then he saw LeRoy with no helmet, crouched over and running, bringing a message, "Unable to support, make an orderly retreat."

Kravnik said that it wasn't just the 40 men with him. There were over a thousand of them scattered throughout a small area, scattered in little holes. He scribbled a message, "Get up here, bring the heavies," and gave specifics as to where it would be the least likely to encounter resistance. He told LeRoy that he didn't have to go, that he was the last one he wanted to send with the message. LeRoy still didn't seem frightened. Kravnik took his helmet off and strapped it onto LeRoy's head. He offered his pistol, but LeRoy refused to take it.

Kravnik told him that if he saw LeRoy's brother, he would tell him hello for him. The gunfire let up, and LeRoy got up and went out. Kravnik said that about 25 to 30 feet away, LeRoy was hit by machine gun fire and knocked flat. He ran out to get him, picked him up, and they fell back into the hole. He said that LeRoy had been struck in the stomach, chest, and left arm. He was talking, though, and told Kravnik that he could have his helmet back. He said that The Kid was bleeding badly. His last words

to Kravnik were, "Tell him hello."

Kravnik said that within 24 hours, they were back to pick up their dead. He helped carry out LeRoy's lifeless body, lifted his dog tags to see what his name was, and wrote it down. 18-year-old LeRoy Vigesaa died fighting for his country.

John Kravnik died shortly after sharing this story with Dr. Robert Vigesaa.

"Where LeRoy Vigesaa was killed wasn't just an unknown part of the huge Battle of the Bulge, but it was considered a vital area that was part of the first surprise attack by the German army on Dec. 16, 1944," said Kubischta. "Hosingen, Luxembourg, was a vital road junction, and there were very few roads through the thick forests. It was a key point to capture. The Americans only had 300 men holding this vital road junction and should have withdrawn. But they were ordered to hold Hosingen at all costs. They fought the Germans to a standstill for 2 and 1/2 days; they were outnumbered over 10 to 1, and refused to surrender. It slowed the German advance timetable down terribly. Finally, when the Americans ran out of ammunition, they surrendered."

Kubischta said that on Jan. 27, 1945, the Germans still held this vital road junction. They defended it at all costs, as it was the junction out of the country, as well as the way in

"It was basically the last battle of the Battle of the Bulge," he said. "From the history books of the 318th Infantry Regiment, it was a fierce battle to retake Hosingen from the Germans, and multiple aggressive attacks against heavy machine gun fire were necessary."

What Kubischta thinks is really interesting is that this story came full circle last year, and 80 years after his death, one of LeRoy's descendants stood at his grave and took pictures to send home.

"Last year, I was in touch with one of my Griggs County relatives, Randy Vigesaa," he said. "We were talking about our families, and LeRoy came up. He said his son, Sam Vigesaa, is a combat medic and is stationed in Europe. He was going to tell him that his relative LeRoy was buried in Luxembourg."

"Sam happened to have some time off from the Army and was very near the American cemetery where LeRoy was buried," said Kubischta. "Another generation of the Vigesaa family, who is this country's warrior, stopped and visited the grave of his ancestor, 80 years later."

Kubischta said that they also found out that LeRoy was part of General Patton's Army. Patton died in Europe after the war and wanted only a simple soldier's grave and to be buried with his men. The General is buried in the same cemetery as LeRoy Vigesaa.

"Memorial Day is not Veterans Day," said Kubischta. "People need to be reminded of what Americans have had to do to be able to have these 250 years of freedom."

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Notice is hereby given that NDCC 57-02-51 requires meetings for the various Steele County Boards of Equalization to be held on the following date:

2026 Tax Equalization Meeting Notice
COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

June 2nd, 2026, held at the Steele County Courthouse in the Commissioner Meeting Room. Meeting will be held at 10:30am, after the monthly Commissioner meeting. Each taxpayer has the right to appear before the appropriate board and petition for the correction of their assessment.

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