

From the desk of  
**Napoleon Public  
School Superintendent**  
*Mr. Richard Bjerklie*  
‘HAT TRICK’

•There will be no school on Monday, January 19, as our staff will be participating in a professional development day in Linton. During this time, our team will have the opportunity to learn from guest speaker Joe Beckman and collaborate with grade-level teachers and paraeducators from neighboring schools. Staff from Linton, Ashley, Gackle, HMB, Wishek, and Strasburg will all be in attendance for this valuable day of learning and collaboration.

•Joe Beckman is an international speaker, author, and youth motivator whose work focuses on reclaiming human connection and inspiring people of all ages to build stronger relationships, find resilience, and live with purpose. He is known for energetic and heartfelt presentations delivered in schools, conferences, and leadership events around the world, where he uses humor and authenticity to connect with audiences and

encourage deeper engagement with others. Beckman has spoken in over 2,000 schools and impacted more than a million people through his live events, videos, and best-selling books like Just Look Up and Just Look Back, with a mission centered on helping individuals improve self-worth, confidence, joy, and interpersonal connection in an increasingly isolated world.

•Tuesday, Jan. 13: GBB vs LaMoure – Litchville - Marion; Thursday, Jan. 15: GBB @ Wishek, BWR @ North Sargent; Friday, Jan. 16: BWR @ Rugby, BBB @ Medina; Saturday, Jan. 17: BWR @ Rugby; Monday, Jan. 19: NO SCHOOL, GBB vs Ellendale (Parent’s Night)

*Of course, life is tough. And then it’s awesome. And then you’re sad. And then happy. And then it’s lunch time. Your challenge is not to create a perfect life, but rather to thrive in the inevitable imperfection of it all.*  
~ Craig Harper

## PSC Approves Battery Storage Facility

The ND Public Service Commission voted unanimously last week to approve NextEra Energy’s proposal to build the Emmons-Logan Energy Storage project in south central North Dakota, known as Emmons-Logan Energy Storage, LLC.

The plan calls for NextEra, a Florida based company, to build 186 battery storage units that would span about 10 acres in Emmons County, near an operational wind farm owned by NextEra, about 3 miles west of the Logan County line. The \$181 million project is permitted for about 24 acres and expected to be operational by the end of 2026.

Battery storage technology collects excess power from the electric grid when production is higher than demand. The batteries then send the power back onto the grid when demands rise.



# Fredonia

Kathy Schlecht • 647-2408

**KULM NEWS**

Gary and Eileen Hoffman of Ashley were Friday afternoon visitors in the home of Audrey Fregien.

Rick and Kathy Schlecht visited with Steve and Sandi Rupp in Edgeley on Saturday afternoon.

Lauren and Robin Hehr of Fredonia were last Sunday supper guests in the home of Gordon and Kathy Irion.

Randy Schlecht of Montpelier was a Saturday afternoon visitor in the home of Rick and Kathy Schlecht.

Rick and Kathy Schlecht were callers in Jamestown on Wednesday and Friday for doctor appointments. Wednesday Cecelia Steinmewtz accompanied them.

Patty Weispfenning hosted Christmas at her home on Christmas Day, December 25, 2025. Guests were Bill and Kari Buchholz, Ty Buchholz, of Fredonia, Levi Buchholz of Mayville, Jayden and Brooke Gross of Wishek, David and Stacy Herrmann of Kulm, Dawson Herrmann of Wahpeton, McKenzie Herrmann of Fargo, Prudy Buchholz of Wishek and Al and Stephanie Roehrich of Bismarck.

Sunday afternoon Donkey Basketball was held at Kulm School Gym. It was well attended and there were many laughs and I am guessing some sore muscles on Monday.

Have a great week, sounds like we will have more nice days in the next week.

## Boys’ Wrestling

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Grunefelder won by fall over Riley Love (May-Port-CG) 4-16 (4:47); Grunefelder won by decision over Ethan Taszarek (EEK) 17-7 (7-1); Grunefelder lost by fall to Cruz Reinke (Lisbon) 12-1 (5:20); Grunefelder lost by medical forfeit to Zade Heier (Oakes) 14-6; (med. for.); Grunefelder and Kale Hase (Harvey-Wells County) 10-4 (DFF). **6th place.**

**160-Daniel Van Zyl**, NGS (0-2) lost by fall to Ethan Drake (Hillsboro-Central Valley) 1-2 (1:19); Van Zyl lost by fall to Nai Kur (Northern Cass) 4-13 (1:44).

**172-Ayden Mann**, NGS (7-5) received a bye; Mann lost by fall to Eli Lyons (Lisbon) 15-2 (1:50); Mann won by fall over Luke Person (Fargo South) 1-4 (3:18); Mann lost by fall to Nathan Hubsch (Webster Area) 12-6 (1:11).

**215-Andre Doll**, NGS (13-6) won by major decision over Zachary Ward (Lisbon) 5-6 (16-4); Doll won by fall over Dominic DeFoe (Thompson) 4-11 (1:33); Doll lost by fall to Ryer Muske (Valley City) 20-2 (4:15); Doll won by decision over Madden Schwab (Lisbon) 7-5 (8-4); Doll lost by fall to Johnathan Smith (Deslacs-Burlington) 25-2 (3:36).

**285-Hendrik Van Zyl**, NGS (1-8) lost by fall to Seth Irey (EEK) 13-3 (0:16); Van Zyl lost by fall to Scott Robinson (West Fargo) 2-2 (1:03).

# Napoleon

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Mike Sheldon of Sabin, MN was a house guest of Seb. Bitz while he spent time in Napoleon. He also visited with Dale Regner of Ypsilanti, MI who was here as a house guest with his brother, Victor Regner. All did some ice fishing while here.

Dallas Hammond of Hillsboro attended the funeral of his uncle, Allan Hammond last Wednesday. He also visited with his father, Bob Hammond and his brother, Dustin.

The funeral for Ida Doll was held Monday at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church with Fr. John Kizito and Deacon Allan Baumgartner officiating. All of Ida’s children and many of her grandchildren and great grandchildren, along with many relatives and friends were in attendance. Among those in attendance were: Isadore Gross, Kintyre, Kay Rau and Marci Horner, Wishek, Duane Leier, Braddock, Leo Schmidt, Hazelton, Paul and Sherry Doll, Hazen, Marvin and Karen Doll, Elgin and Pius and Cindy Bitz, Bismarck.

Allison Marlow, Claire, Peyton and Clark of Redfield, SD spent the weekend with their grandparents and great grandparents, Andy and Lorraine Piatz and uncle, Lee Piatz.

Among those attending the Evangeline Mueller funeral at Wishek on Friday were Jody and Dawn Horner, Debbie Sperle and Mary Schneider.

Corrine Piatz, Bismarck spent the weekend with her mother, Ann Piatz and brother, Nick Piatz.

## Worship At The Church Of Your Choice

- Kintyre Trinity Lutheran Church**  
SUNDAY–  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
**Napoleon Trinity Lutheran Church**  
SUNDAY–  
9:30 a.m. - Worship

**St. Philip Neri Catholic Church - Napoleon**  
**Rev. John Kizito**  
Weekday Masses: Tues., 7:00 p.m., Wed., Thurs., & Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. Mass  
SUNDAY–  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
**Nazareth Congregational Fredonia**  
**Pastor Bernie Jasken**  
SUNDAY–  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Salem Evangelical Church Napoleon**  
**Pastor Juwle Nagbe**  
SUNDAY–  
8:30 a.m. Worship

**St. Francis de Sales Steele**  
**Father Peter Sharpe**  
SUNDAY–  
9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd, & 5th  
11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th  
**St. Paul’s Church Tappen**  
SATURDAY–  
4:00 p.m. 1st, 4th, & 5th  
SUNDAY–  
9:00 a.m. 2nd  
11:00 a.m. 3rd
- St. Mary’s Church Medina**  
SATURDAY–  
4:00 p.m. 2nd & 3rd  
SUNDAY–  
9:00 a.m. 4th  
11:00 a.m. 1st & 5th

**Crossroads Church 199 Helen St. - Streeter**  
**Pastor Charles Gray**  
SUNDAY–  
5:30 p.m. Services

**Seventh Day Adventist Lehr**  
**Pastor Mike Garcia**  
SATURDAY–  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. Sabbath School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Lehr Community Church Lay Leader Val Wagner**  
SUNDAY–  
10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Sunday School

**Hope Ebenezer Church Streeter**  
**Pastor Juwle Nagbe**  
SUNDAY–  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school

**Emmanuel Lutheran Gackle**  
**SAM Joel Zenker**  
SUNDAY–  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship

**St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church**  
**Rev. Thomas Marcis Napoleon**  
SUNDAY–  
2:00 p.m. Worship

### St. Jude Novena

To St. Jude, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in Miracles, near kinsman and Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need.

To you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to who God had given such great power to come to my assistance.


Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make known your name and cause you to be involved. St. Jude, Pray for us and all who invoke your aid.

Amen

Say three (3) Our Fathers, three (3) Hail Mary’s and Glory Be.



Publication must be promised. My request has been granted.

Say this Novena on nine (9) consecutive days.



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