



Words For Thought...

By Editor Terry Schwartzberger

Loss To The Family

When one marries, the family tree grows. With that growth also comes extended and expanded family members, which has brought tons of joy over the years. And like most things, there are tons of good times and some not so good times.

Last week was one of those not so good weeks as we said goodbye to my mother-in-law who was nearly 88 years old. Many of the readers of this column have experienced the death and dying experience and if you haven't, you will at some point in your life.

This column isn't meant to brag or complain about how good or bad of a person my mother-in-law was, but it is meant to touch on how good the vast majority of people in small, rural North Dakota are.

By that I mean, check out the social media posts anytime there is a family death. There are all types of well wishes and inspiring comments by people who genuinely care. Be it a prayer, a wishing you well comment, assisting with routine chores around the farm, or by dropping by goodies. All great acts of kindness.

The question I raise is: why does it take death or a major injury before we, as respectable, well natured people, do something kind? We, meaning me included, should be doing well intentioned, good things for our neighbors and friends all the time. The world would be a much better place for all.

We all know and realize how comforting and heartwarming good acts of kindness are in times of distress - let us all keep up the good works. For the most part, we all have ingrained into our lives to do good.

It is too bad that it takes a death or something similar for all of us to realize and accept all the good that so many folks have to offer.

Rest in peace Grandma Donna, and thanks for allowing this writer to witness first hand all the good, friends and family have to offer in life changing situations. Folks of this area continue your great works of caring for your family, friends and neighbors.

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Owner is requesting Bids for the construction of the project listed above.

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received and accepted via electronic bid (vBid) through Quest CDN until March 26, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. local time. Bids will be viewed and read via video/phone conference at 2:30 p.m. Mailed or hand delivered bids will not be opened or considered. Link for the video/phone conference is provided at www.mooreengineeringinc.com by clicking the Bid Information tab, or at www.QuestCDN.com.

The Project includes the following Work: City Wide Chip Seal

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Each bidder must possess a valid North Dakota contractor's license for the full amount of their bid, as required by N.D.C.C. § 43-07-7. Each bidder MUST enclose a copy of their Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal, issued by the North Dakota Secretary of State, and each license must be valid and dated at least 10 days prior to the date set for bid opening, as required under N.D.C.C. § 43-07-12.

No bid may be read or considered if the bid does not fully comply with the requirements of this section and that any deficient bid submitted must be resealed and returned to the bidder immediately. City of Napoleon reserves the right to reject any and all bids and rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received.



Glenn Burkle, West Fargo: "Thank you."

Thomas A Schneider, Mandan: "Look forward to getting the paper each week. Congratulations to Bryce Schneider for taking state in his wrestling weight class. Thank you for a good paper, Terry and staff."

Robert Wald, Bismarck: "Hi Terry and staff! Enjoy the weekly news! Keep up the good work!"

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Here's What I Have To Say

... By Jessica Faye



Although many things can now be emailed or sent online, we still try and teach the kids about mailing letters. It's good to know: how to write a letter, how to address and stamp an envelope and how mailing a letter or package works.

The kids have drawn pictures or written letters to family in the western part of the state since they were little, then we walk to the mail box and they know to put the flag up to let the mail carrier know we've got mail to go.

Last week our second grader drew a picture for some cousins and got it ready to mail. Instead of walking to our mailbox, I had some groceries to get so we hopped in the vehicle and headed downtown. I told him we could stop at the post office and he could throw it in the box there. He suddenly got so excited and I was questioning why? I never thought about how we usually don't stop at the actual post office and none the less, use the blue collection box sitting outside. He noted that he had never put a letter in the blue box and asked if I'd show him how. I never once would have thought this would be exciting, but he had never used it and was looking forward to it.

As he grabbed the letter and ran to the blue box, he opened it, set the letter on and the door

flap suddenly shut, dropping his letter in the bucket at the bottom-no longer visible for us to see. Then, of course, had to open the little door flap just to see if we really couldn't catch a glimpse of the letter at the bottom; then had a few questions on who opens it and how they get the letters out and ready to mail.

Then, I got to thinking and I'd guess my older two have probably only mailed a letter through the blue collection box maybe one or two times and the youngest probably hasn't at all yet. I never thought mailing the letter would have brought us joy, but seeing him smile and wanting to learn about the mail system, also brought me joy.

Did you know there are around 124,000 iconic blue collection boxes around the nation?! And, they weren't always blue! Before 1970 (when blue became the norm), they were green, red, then white, then green again and finally in 1955 they were red, white and blue.

Well, now we all learned a few new facts, plus I now have a new appreciation for dropping off mail in the blue collection box - but, by the sounds of it, I will now always have a helper that wants to help do the mailing. Glad his cousins and grandparents enjoy receiving letters because I'd guess they will be getting more soon!

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Owner: City of Napoleon
By: Colleen Fettig
Title: Auditor
Date: March 4, 2026
(3-4, 11 & 18)

PUBLIC NOTICES YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

School Board Election 2026
Notice is hereby given by Brandi Wald, Business Manager of Napoleon Public School District 002 that on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 annual elections will be held for the purpose of electing two school board members.

Any candidates for election as a member of the school board shall file with the Business Manager no later than 4:00 PM on April 6, 2026 in accordance with the NDCC 15.1-09-08. A candidate must also file a Statement of Interest as required by section 16.1-09-02.

Purpose of election is to elect Two At-Large Board Members for a Three-year term. School board members whose term expires are Taylor Grunefelder and Corey Schumacher.

Brandi Wald
Business Manager
Napoleon Public
School District 002
(3-4)

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Mar. 3-Private applicator pesticide training
Mar. 10-Stop the Bleed
Mar. 16-Legion Auxilliary
Mar. 18-Napoleon Lions
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Protein 14	5.24	5.40
Protein 15	5.49	5.65
Protein 16	5.74	5.90
Winter Wheat-		
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Protein 12	--	4.49
Protein 13	--	4.79
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