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tractor from the Lehr shop and advised to have a minimum bid of \$1,500.

The board discussed a payment to Val Gross, as he helped the county out during an emergency road repair situation. Commissioner Batsch gave word for Gross to do the work, but commissioners agreed a special meeting should have been called to make the decision and going forward they all need to be contacted. State's attorney Grant Walker suggested to pay the invoice this time, but going forward, call a meeting and make a decision as a commission. Commissioners approved to pay Gross \$2.50/yard for the semi-processed gravel. Batsch noted although it was an extra \$1/yard, the county saved money in fuel savings and eliminated additional damage to the road.

Approved building permits included: Jenny & Lance Weigel, Napoleon - construct 60'x100 shop/storage, with living quarters; Rob Balzer, Streeter - construct building shop of 48'x80'.

The board approved the highway department workers to go back to 50-hour work weeks, now for springs work. The approval had several factors, such as no need to work a 50 hour work week if inclement weather, however a 40-hour work week is required for full-time employees. Any hours necessarily worked in excess of 50 hours per week must be authorized.

Commissioners discussed hiring election workers at an hourly wage of \$15/hour, but no action was taken at this time.

Commissioners discussed banking hours and said it is not allowed, as they've heard of a road worker trying to bank hours.

A restricted event permit was submitted and approved for the Napoleon Country Club to host a poker tournament.

The board talked about the hiring of a full-time highway worker. Schumacher suggested studying the budget first and see what the county is able to do; and question if they need a FT position, in place of a PT or temp position. All agreed to start the process of a possible hire. Wald said someone was interested a few months ago, but commissioners said they weren't in need of a FT position then.

The next regular meeting of the commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13 at 1:00 p.m.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
LOGAN COUNTY, NORTH
DAKOTA

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Margaret Fettig, Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will forever be barred. Claims must either be presented to Connie Schumacher, Personal Representative of this estate at PO Box 2, Napoleon, ND 58561, or filed with the court. Dated April 9th, 2026

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By Josh Becker

**The benefits of
Mycorrhizae fungi:**

The pros and cons of soil fungus almost never come up at the morning coffee table, but maybe they should... The plants, trees, and even our everyday lives would look drastically different without the fungal ecosystem in our soils. Certain fungi organisms attach themselves to plant roots and act as root extensions that are called Mycorrhizal fungi which form a critical linkage between plant roots and the soil. The word Mycorrhizae comes from the Greek words for fungus and root. These fungal organisms develop a mutually beneficial relationship between plant roots and the nutrients that live in the soil profile. In exchange for what the fungi offer, plants feed them with sugars produced through the photosynthesis process. It is estimated that this beneficial relationship is found on about 90% of all land plants around the world. A single square inch of soil can have miles of these fungus root extensions, called mycelium. This dense web of threads can improve plant health in different ways and can be characterized either agronomically by increased growth and yield or ecologically by improved fitness (i.e., reproductive ability). My-

corrhizae increase the absorption efficiency on the surface area of plant roots, especially in nutrient-poor or moisture-deficient soils. As a result, mycorrhizal plants are often more competitive and better able to tolerate environmental stresses than are nonmycorrhizal plants.

What are some of the specific benefits of mycorrhizal fungi?


Water and nutrient uptake: Mycorrhizal roots are able to use otherwise inaccessible water and nutrients better and more efficiently. The extremely small fungal threads are able to reach water trapped in small soil pores and can help improve plant growth and drought stress response. The threads can also access more nutrients in mineral deposits, soil aggregates and organic matter with pores too small for roots to grow into. Additionally, some forms of fungi are able to produce certain chemicals that break down soil compounds into forms that are easier for plants to absorb and use.

Pest and disease resistance: By improving water and nutrient uptake, especially phosphorous, fungi can improve plant health and aid in pest and disease prevention. Some fungi also protect plants from soil-borne diseases and pests by producing antibiotic compounds which activate other beneficial microorganisms in the root zones. By activating these plant defense genes, the plants can combat competing and harmful fungi and act as an armor layer around fragile roots.

Survival in harsh soils: Some mycorrhizal fungi can help plants tolerate soils with high or low pH levels, high salt content, low fertility or heavy metals. Exactly how this process works is not completely understood in current scientific literature. However, much of this increased ability may be due to the extra uptake of water and vital nutrients.

"Fungi are the interface organisms between Life and Death." -Paul Stamets

Have a great week and good luck at the morning coffee table.



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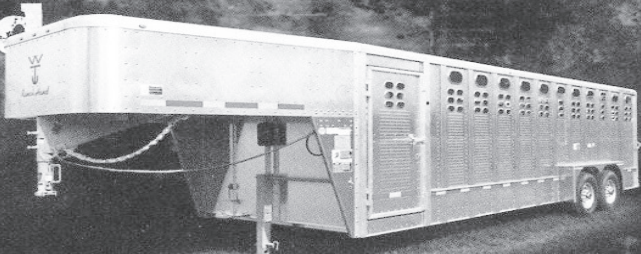
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