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## South Park Students Celebrate 'Read Across America' Week

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'Read Across America Day' is celebrated annually and coincides with Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2. First contrived by the National Education Association (NEA) in 1997 'Read Across America Day' has grown in scope and popularity. Originally, the idea was to inspire children and teenagers to enjoy reading and to read more. However, the campaign has grown to incorporate additional goals. 'Read Across America' strives to educate everyone about the benefits of reading. In the words of the NEA, its purpose is to "create and celebrate a nation of diverse readers."

Today, the celebration has bloomed throughout America as a fun week of reading activities

for schools, as well as other organizations too. Activities include guest readers, mystery readers, book clubs, book tasting, book scavenger hunts, and more.

The celebration at Belle Fourche South Park Elementary was organized and orchestrated well.

Second grade teacher Kelsey Ruzicka, a member of the South Park 'celebration committee' was responsible for this year's event. She explained that in addition to the dress up days and the various reading activities there was also an important learning milestone to celebrate.

Belle Fourche South Park Elementary has participated

**Read Across America contd. C5**

## "Education Association Read Across America"



'Read Across America Week' is one of several celebration events throughout the school year planned by Belle Fourche K-4 elementary teachers. A theme for each day of the week is selected and children and staff dress up. The crowd cheers as they get underway for the day!

## Fathers and Daughters Danced by the Eiffel Tower

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche Rec Center was transformed into an evening in Paris complete with an Eiffel Tower taking center stage for the Father Daughter Dance on the evening of March 8. For the fourth year in a row

Belle Silver Lining planned and prepared a special evening for all of the little girls and their special escorts for the night, whether it's a dad, a grandpa, or an uncle.

Mary Riley, Events Coordinator, said, "Anyone can sign up—father son or father daughter. We get mainly ages from

**Dance contd. A7**



Excited attendees line up for the Grand March with each daughter introducing herself and her escort. Longbrake Photo

## District 28 Cracker Barrel

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BELLE FOURCHE—A Legislative Cracker Barrel was held on Saturday, March 8 at Venue 519 in Belle Fourche.

Representatives Jana Hunt (District 28A House), Sam Marty (District 28 Senate) and Travis Ismay (District 28B House) were

in front of a crowd of locals to answer questions, address concerns, and explain their stances on pressing issues.

The Chamber of Commerce provided a live stream of the event for those who could not attend in person and refreshments were available.

**Cracker Barrel contd. A3**



District 28A Representative Jana Hunt, Dupree, addresses those in attendance at BF Chamber hosted Cracker Barrel; seated from left, District 28B Representative Travis Ismay, Newell & District 28 Senator Sam Marty, Prairie City.

## New Domino's Operating Partners Bring Passion and Experience

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BELLE FOURCHE — The new Domino's in Belle Fourche isn't just another pizza place—it's a dream come true for its new local part-owners, Jessica Work and Corey Auwerter. With deep roots in the area and over a decade of experience with the company, the couple is excited to bring their passion for pizza and community to their new home.

Originally from Rapid City, Work and Auwerter were managing the Domino's in Box Elder when they decided to pursue their longtime goal of franchise ownership. "We've always wanted to own a Domino's," Work said. "Back in 2020, we realized our house had skyrocketed in value, so we sold it and used the profits to invest in this opportunity."

**Dominos contd A3**



New Domino's Operating Partner Jessica Work (left) and General Manager Cory Auwerter (right). Longbrake Photo

## BFHS Rodeo Team Hosts Dinner and Auction

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BELLE FOURCHE—Turnout was exceptional for the annual Belle Fourche High School Rodeo Team spring Dinner and Auction fundraiser held at the Branding Iron Steakhouse on the evening of March 8. The event is one of the largest fundraisers for the rodeo club, with most of the funds raised going directly to the high school rodeo team members to help them with expenses during the upcoming rodeo season. Advisor Kerbi Bowden explained, "The kids get it to help offset the cost to go to the rodeos, they can choose to use it for fuel, rodeo entries, camping spots, or stalls for their horses, however they

want."

Part of the money raised is also used to help sponsor or pay for other events. "We also donate back to some things too, like we sponsor one of the saddle racks at the high school state finals," added Kenita Jensen, Advisor.

The lead up to the event and event planning is all student driven. They roll up their sleeves and get to work securing donations and selling tickets and everything in between. "They sell all the tickets, they get all the donations, and they do all the serving and cleaning up of all the tables," explained Jensen. "They do everything but the cooking, pretty much!" Rodeo team member Peyton

Manke said "It's a lot, but it raises a lot of good money for our team and it's a good get together and way for us to socialize and be part of the community."

The event cost \$25.00 to get in the door and all attendees received a steak supper served by a member of the rodeo team. Around 300 tickets were sold this year.

In addition to the ticket price, there is a silent auction, a live auction and a labor auction. "So everybody on the team brings a silent auction item and a live auction item and then everybody gets sold and then you go and do community hours from people that buy you," explained

**Rodeo Contd A8**



The crowd spent time visiting with others in attendance at the BFHS Rodeo Dinner and Auction. Longbrake photos

## Family and Friends Gather for A Surprise Birthday Party Honoring Jack Scholl

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BELLE FOURCHE—The room was giddy with anticipation as friends and family awaited the arrival of the birthday boy, Jack Scholl. He was turning 70 and his daughter, Jennessa and wife, Jenny decided this milestone deserved a grand celebration. "My father is an introvert to the extreme, but he's very creative and very brilliant. My mom and I are the exact opposite—we are very extroverted. I love a party and I love a reason to celebrate

my dad," explained Jennessa. "My mother and I decided we were going to throw a surprise 70th birthday party for him!" Invitations went out and plans were made, the elaborate ruse was underway—to get Jack to the party without knowing it was a party for him!

Jack's son, Jacob and his fiancée, Anna Bursleson drove to Belle Fourche only to remain in hiding for a few days until the surprise party reveal. "I live north of Salt Lake City, we drove through

the night Wednesday to avoid all the weather through Wyoming on Thursday," explained Jacob. Other family also arrived in town without Jack's knowledge. "My sisters came from out-of-state and trying to keep them away from the hat store and away from him—that was a challenge," said Jenny.

As the crowd of family and friends assembled inside of the Branding Iron on the evening of March 7, Anna tracked Jack's movements via GPS, announce-

**Surprise! A8**



Jack and Jenny Scholl, daughter Janessa, and son Jacob pose with family members at Branding Iron where a large group of friends and relatives totally surprised Jack on his 70th birthday. Longbrake Photo

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**Teresa M Millis 60**

Teresa M Millis, 60 of Belle Fourche, SD was Born March 30, 1964 in Belle Fourche to Elsie Millis and Jack Millis. She attended and graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 1983.



Throughout her life, she resided in Belle Fourche until entering Spearfish Canyon Nursing facility to receive physical therapy following a surgery in 2022. She passed away at Spearfish Canyon Healthcare February 27, 2025.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche, SD on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 11:00 am followed by burial at Pine Slope Cemetery.

Teresa was always willing to help, especially with kids. She enjoyed puzzles, friends stopping by or calling to visit, and of course playing Yahtzee, and she also loved to babysit. Each year during the holidays, (before entering the nursing facility) she helped at the Community Hall with preparing and serving meals to all the patrons along with wrapping gifts for kids of all ages for the event. At the end of the day, always declaring she was too tired and wouldn't do it again next year, but when it

rolled around to holiday time, Teresa readily volunteered. Her concern for everyone was evident, she loved to bake and share just like mom did over the years.

Preceding her in death; mom Elsie Millis and Stepfather Bert Halman, Grandparents Louis and Amelia Adams and Roscoe and Helen Millis, Uncles Don Jacobs and Leland Bostrom and cousin Bobby Bostrom.

She is survived by siblings; Sandy (Doug) Stieg and children Jennifer (Lucas) Waterland and Ridge, Justin (Mary) Stieg and Shiloh; Rocky Millis and children Hunter and Peyton Millis; Steve Millis (Samantha Caldwell) and children Kelsey (Dave) Pape and Tanner & Taeren; Roberta (Tom) Rancour and children Samantha and Louis Rancour; Audra (Mark) Smith; Beth Millis; Aunts Dorothy Bostrom, Marie Jacobs and Florence (Jake) Jacobs and numerous cousins.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com. The Funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed on Teresa's obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com



**Mary Lou Hanify 90**

Mary Lou (Helmer) Hanify, longtime Worland, Wyoming, resident, passed away February 6, 2025, at Central Wyoming Hospice in Casper, Wyoming, at the age of 90.



The sixth of eight children, Mary Lou was born October 5, 1934, to Bill and Alma Helmer on the family property in Redwater Valley, between Belle Fourche and Spearfish, South Dakota. She graduated from Belle Fourche High School in May 1952. While in high school, she participated in 4-H and Job's Daughters, serving as Honored Queen. She also played drums in the high school band. After high school, Mary Lou received medical technician training at Northwestern School of Medical Technology in Minneapolis, eventually taking a position at John Burns Memorial Hospital in Belle Fourche.

While working in Belle Fourche, Mary Lou met Mike Hanify at a barn-warming dance in Nisland, South Dakota. They were married November 25, 1955, and she continued to work at John Burns Memorial until Mike graduated from Black Hills Teachers College in 1959. After stops in Hot Springs, South Dakota, and Saratoga, Basin, and Sheridan, Wyoming, Mike and Mary Lou settled in Worland, Wyoming, in 1967, living in town until 1980, then moving out to Sesame Street to the house she and her family helped build.

While a homemaker for much of her adult life, Mary Lou still found time to work outside the home. She spent time during one harvest season at Holly Sugar, earning enough to get the basement carpeted. She also worked as a teacher's aide at Worland Middle School and took classified ads for the Northern Wyoming Daily News. And when Mike was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2015, Mary Lou tended to him until his passing in 2023. Mary Lou loved to bake: bread, angel food cakes,

tea rings, cookies, buttermilk brownies. Chocolate chip cookies were her favorite—or at least they were her sons' favorite. She enjoyed sewing and quilting. She spent time gardening, working in the yard, and tumbling over cliffs. She delivered Meals on Wheels for years. And she enjoyed playing bridge and other card games, activities that transformed her from someone who generally did not tolerate swearing into someone who did—a lot.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents, William and Alma (Lindgren) Helmer; sisters Dorothy (Kenneth Umentum) and Dora (James Hansen); brothers Raymond (Wilma), LeRoy (Ruth), and Glenn (Betty) Helmer; and her husband of 67 years, Eugene "Mike" Hanify. Survivors include brothers Larry (Ardyth) and Gary (Jeanie) Helmer; sons Douglas, Christopher, Matthew, and Brian; daughter-in-law Sandra May; grandsons Ryan (Molly), Nicholas (Jennifer), Timothy, Daniel (Lauren), D. Scott (Morgan), Jackson, and Alexander; granddaughter Adelaide; and great-grandchildren Jillian, Alaina, Emmalee, Mason, Hailey, William, and Blaine.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00 AM Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church with Father Jim Heiser officiating. A Prayer Vigil/Rosary will be held on March 18 at 6:00 PM. Inurnment will be held at the Black Hills National Cemetery on March 20, 2025. Memorial donations may be sent to Parkinsons Foundation or Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be made at www.bryantfuneralhomeonline.com.



**Pastor's Perspective**

*This Perspective is from the archives of Four-square Pastor, the late Dr. Jack Hayford*

**"Making Your Home a Worship Center"**

As biblical, stimulating, and renewing as worship with the assembly is, God wants your home to be a center of worship as well. How does that happen? Allow me to offer a few practical guidelines to enhance the spiritual atmosphere where you live. Kneel.

Yes, Kneel! Kneeling is an acknowledged point of submission. It is a way to bring anything under Christ's dominion. Kneel as you begin the day: "Lord, this home is Yours for this day." That doesn't substitute for devotional praying, but it's a good way to start the day at your house under Jesus' Lordship (Philippians 2:9-11).

When frustrations rise, anger stirs, bitterness simmers, fear creeps in, and the unexpected crashes in on you, make kneeling your retaliation. Sing.

Not much need to elaborate here. Just do it. Fill your house with song. Tapes and CDs are good, but don't always have others doing the praising for you. Sing ... and keep it up. Invite Him to dinner.

I abhor "religiousness" in homes. Few children have survived formulated religiosity—packaged, pompous piety. So when I say "worship at the table," I am not proposing holding a dinner service while the mashed potatoes chill and a film forms on the gravy. But do make your table prayer special; do have a part of your table talk related to the Lord's working in each family member's life; do keep spiritual real-



ity "natural" to the family circle; do sing together (and laugh and cry and worship in the Spirit). Yes. Do. Have communion.

The elements of the Lord's Supper ought, I believe, to be available in every home. I do not recommend such common use of this

New Testament privilege that it becomes glib or meaningless, and all should be aware that Scripture gives firm warnings to those who partake in "an unworthy manner." Sensitivity, sobriety of mood, scriptural participation—all these factors ought to be observed. Pray ... while feeding on the Word. Personal practice of devotions is obviously essential.

Family times of sharing in the Word and prayer are great, too—if they are alive! I personally prefer using my parental influence to lead my children in cultivating their own private devotional life on a daily basis, while family prayer and reading the Word are occasional rather than daily. As each one in the family grows, sharing your answers to prayer and your discoveries in the Word become enriching to all. The home as worship center ... think on that idea. Better still, act on it. What a heritage to pass along to our children ... memories of home intertwined with memories of praise and laughter and song and the strong, undergirding arms of the living God.

**"Mandatory Nine-Count"**

I can't number the times I have wished God would hurry up...with an answer to my prayer...with a bailout in the middle of my muddle...with a fresh sense of His working in my life.

But there is one well-established principle in the Scriptures, and it is dramatically demonstrated in Jesus' experience.

You can't rush a resurrection. Matthew's Gospel records no less than three times that Jesus clearly prophesied that He would be killed by His adversaries and that He would rise again (16:21, 17:23, 20:19). He not only stated precisely that it would be the third day, but He predicted His resurrection upon an Old Testament type: the third-day deliverance of Jonah from the belly of the great fish. (Matthew 12:40)

These advance notices of His resurrection are forceful arguments for Jesus' sense of purpose and power. They also offer a valuable lesson for you and me. If I am walking in the simple path of God's will for me, I can never be conquered by anything. I may be down, but I'm not out. He will get me up again, and He says when it will be...on the count of three.

Have you ever seen boxers, flattened by their opponents, try to scramble to their feet too quickly? Rather than taking the nine-count, using the time to recover their equilibrium, they attempt a quick bounce-back. It's almost as though they're trying to convince themselves, the crowd, and their opponent that they weren't

really hurt. Somehow, a downed boxer's identity seems wrapped in his ability to show a "can't hurt me" facade, when, in fact, his hurried rising—I've seen it often—leaves him wobbling, staggering, and open prey for a quick kill at the hand of his competitor.

Consider with me, friend: If Jesus could have called for angels to spare Him the suffering of the Cross (Matthew 26:53), don't you know that He could have called for an early deliverance from death? The message of His submission to the Father's timing as well as the Father's plan is profound in its application to your life and mine.

Don't attempt a humanly energized "bounce-back" from those circumstantial "knock-downs" you encounter. God has His own kind of "mandatory nine-count": it's a three-day rising for everyone who will wait for His moment of miracle deliverance.

"Easy to say, Pastor Jack, but I've waited longer than three days, or three weeks, or three months...in fact, more than three years. What about my resurrection?"

I hear you. And I know the pain often wrapped in that kind of inquiry. But the answer is in a return question: "Have you entrusted everything concerning your case to Jesus?" If you have, then the entire matter is sealed and delivered...in His resurrection.

The message is this: As surely as Jesus rose on time, your triumph will be on schedule also. Lazarus' schedule probably seemed a day late to him, too.

### March 3 City Council Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche City Council held its first meeting of the month on Monday, March 3. During community input, LeAnn Corean explained that she now has her Childcare Provider License and expressed gratitude to the Council for allowing her the extra time to do so.

The Chamber of Commerce reported that the Chamber kicked off the month with its Annual Banquet and thanked all who attended. March is packed with events, including a Ribbon Cutting for The Breakfast Club, a Legislative Cracker Barrel, and a Lunch & Learn on workplace communication, and Casino Night.

CoNBA reported that they would have a car rally planning session on March 4. Upcoming events include the Easter Egg Hunt on April 12 at the soccer fields, featuring Bunny Money promotions for local businesses. Travel South Dakota will visit Belle Fourche on April 16.

The Museum and Visitor Center reported that February brought 490 visitors from 13 states. Highlights included the First Saturday Brunch with "Hearts of the Hills," the 1903 Reader's Theatre, and the Rural Expressions Photography Contest featuring 77 photos and 20 awards. A Measure of Days, the mini exhibit on calendars, has received great feedback, along with The Library exhibit. A Day for Wolves was a success.

Parks & Recreation reported that youth basketball and volleyball leagues are wrapping up, and a youth volleyball camp started the evening of March 3 in partnership with the high school. Swimming lessons are in full swing on Monday and Wednesday nights, with additional sessions in April and summer, many of which are already sold out. The Wellness Fair is happening the first weekend of March. A new mural outside the locker rooms is being painted each

Sunday. Auditorium renovations are awaiting final quotes, with priority given to a local bid. The Parks & Recreation committee is also seeking a new board member as one member steps down in May.

City Administrator Jason Lafayette gave updates on several projects: Well #3 drilling resumed on February 24 after weather delays, reaching 2,449 feet with flow rates increasing to 650-670 GPM. This week, crews will install a temporary pipeline, develop the well, and conduct a 90-hour flow test before capping and starting well house construction.

The TIF Advisory Board will meet Wednesday to review a TIF #7 request, already assessed by engineering. Discussions will continue in the coming weeks, with Toby Morris overseeing. The contractor has secured the required funding.

The Police Department will relocate to City Hall around August 1, 2025, ahead of their building's demolition. This move saves time and costs by avoiding water line rerouting and easing crane operations. With ample basement space and minimal construction needed, the transition will also enhance staff collaboration.

The Viewpoint video was presented and is scheduled to air on Fox Business Network on March 5 at around 8:30 PM. The Public Television segment will be distributed to participating stations on March 10. City Engineer Brent Hardy provided project updates, noting Phase 3 of 11th Avenue is 70% complete, with final plans expected soon. Sixth Avenue designs are nearing review, with construction set for 2026. A wastewater facilities plan is in progress. The National Mill & Overlay project aims for completion before July 4, or between the holiday and school reopening if delayed. The Sourdough Loop project is starting, with construction plates being placed this week.

The next City Council meeting will be March 17 at 6 p.m.

#### From A1 Dominos

Their journey led them to Alan Irwin, a franchisee who owns multiple Domino's locations in Wyoming and North Dakota. Initially, the couple set their sights on Hot Springs, gathering data and even preparing a presentation to pitch their plan. But after a Skype meeting with Irwin, he proposed an alternative—Belle Fourche. "He told me, 'I know you have your heart set on Hot Springs, but what about Belle Fourche?'" Work recalled. "It's close to your family, the population is growing. And I just said yes, because I was like, yes, yes, I'll do whatever. I mean, I'm in."

Finding the right location took time. They considered multiple buildings, including an old bowling alley, before finally securing their current spot, thanks to local property owner Doug. "Doug had reached out to us saying, hey, I heard you wanted a Domino's. We have a workout center right here. You guys can have a Domino's here. And we just were like, yes. I found out on my birthday too. So this was a birthday dream come true," explained Work.

Since moving to Belle Fourche two months ago, the couple have embraced small-town life. "We were very involved with our Box Elder community," Auwerter said. "I feel like this is a lot more of, you know,

everyone's a lot more friendly and relationships close knit, which is great. Everyone's been really nice."

The couple's connection to Domino's runs deep—so deep, in fact, that it's how they met. "He was my opening driver. He showed up late. Kind of crazy," laughed Work. The couple has now been married for five years and has two children, ages six and four.

As they run the store together, Auwerter serves as the General Manager while Work is an Operating Partner. They split shifts, ensuring one of them is always available. "People are like, how do you guys work with each other? We're just a team," Auwerter said. "We both really love our jobs and the home life side of it is just having good communication."

Work and Auwerter are currently in a five-year partnership with Irwin, after which they will purchase the store outright. "Alan has been incredibly supportive," Work said. "This is an amazing opportunity, and we're grateful for it."

With weekly specials and an emphasis on community engagement, the new Domino's is eager to serve Belle Fourche. "We're really blessed to be out here, and we love Belle Fourche and our community," said Work. "I hope everyone knows that."



### Belle Fourche Beacon 'Happenings' and News Bytes Calendar

The Beacon Happenings Calendar is public service listing of meetings, events, and things to do in and around Belle Fourche. Happenings announcements may be sent to: news@bellefourchebeacon.com Deadline is Friday before 5pm.

## Black Hills Roundup Announces 4th of July Parade Registration Now Open

Belle Fourche, SD: The Black Hills Roundup is thrilled to announce that registration is now open for the 2025 Fourth of July Parade.

This celebrated event, a longstanding tradition in the Black Hills, is set to captivate audiences once again on Friday, July 4th, 2025, in Belle Fourche.

This year's parade theme, "Stars, Stripes, and Spurs," invites participants to showcase their patriotic spirit and Western flair through creative floats, vehicles, and walking entries. As the region's largest Fourth of July parade, the Black Hills Roundup Parade promises a vibrant display

of community pride and festive celebration.

"We are excited to invite everyone to participate in the 2025 parade," stated Dallas Conner,

Chairman of the Black Hills Roundup Executive Committee. "This parade is a cornerstone of our community's Fourth of July celebration, and we encourage everyone to embrace the 'Stars, Stripes, and Spurs' theme and help us create a truly unforgettable event."

Key Details:

- Event: Black Hills Roundup 2025 Fourth of July Parade
- Date & Time: Friday, July 4th, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

#### Cracker Barrel from A1

The cracker barrel began with each legislator introducing themselves. Jana Hunt explained that she served on the Judiciary and House Ag committees this session. "The bills that I brought kind of revolved around House Ag, our state not using taxpayer dollars to fund the distribution, development, or research of self-cultivated proteins," she said. "That was passed and signed by the governor." Another bill that she worked on about loosening regulations on horse dentistry did not make it through. This session, Hunt explained that her main focus is the budget and how the state spends money. "We are now committed to a 30-year contract where we're going to spend 300 million dollars to rent out a facility in Sioux Falls," she said. "The legislature had a problem with this, we're tight on money this year."

Sam Marty explained that he is on the Senate Education, Ag, and Military/Veteran Affairs committees. "I'm not a big bill person, so I brought one bill," Marty said. "It's called Sparsity Factor. Which doesn't affect Belle Fourche, but it does real small schools." 12 schools are affected by the bill. Marty explained that negotiations for the bill started in 2013 with a cap of \$110,000. He said that due to "inflation" the current bill asked for an additional \$65,000. "Not very good," he said. "It's gone through the senate side and the house side. It will be voted on. It will probably pass." Marty also mentioned property taxes.

Travis Ismay is on the House Ag and Education committees.

The audience inquired about property taxes for new homeowners and raised concerns about the possibility of higher taxes. "You have to cut

spending before you cut taxes," said Ismay.

A significant topic of discussion was government oversight and control of what books kids are allowed to read. Officer Wolfe with the Belle Fourche Police Department said: "We laughed about this very hard. At no shape and form shall a librarian have any say in what a kid wants to read. If a kid nowadays wants to be transgender, what stops them from getting a transgender book?" He went on, "They have no right to say, you're a female, you're going to stay female, right? That's not their job. Mom wants to get mad, they come to us. If you're checking out a transgender book to a female that wants to be male, are you going to tell them no?" Another audience member asked how this issue is one to be focusing on when spending is "a real issue." "I want you guys to explain to me how this is less government and less bureaucracy," she said. Jana Hunt explained that she ran her campaign on "God and family values, promoting South Dakota culture. Having our children read obscene material is not something that parents want. So that's why I voted yes. If we're going to have obscene material in our libraries, we shouldn't be exposing minors to it." Travis Ismay said, "You can check out whatever book you want as long as the parents say it's okay." Teachers in the crowd pushed back.

One said, "Let's say as science teacher, I teach about something else, (like) biology. And in one of my textbooks, there's some diagram. You're going to say that (it's exempt) and then turn around and go, oh, but this objective standard for obscenity is at the discretion of the parent who seems to be upset that when they come to the school board, they don't get any response on their thing." Hunt responded, "It's statute. You have artistic liberty, scientific liberty, and historical liberty."

#### BUTTE COUNTY SCHOOL LAND LEASE AUCTION

A school land lease auction will be held at the Butte County Courthouse (commissioners room), Belle Fourche, SD on March 28, 2025 at 10:00AM (MT).

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**Bronc Wrestlers Wrap Up Season at State**

The Broncs had 6 wrestlers compete at the South Dakota High School Athletic Association's State Wrestling competition at The Monument in Rapid City Thursday February 27th through Saturday March 1st. Cooper Conry (113 pounds), Alex Norlin (144 pounds), Spencer Bush-Graslie (175 pounds), and Lucas Tonsager (215 pounds), competed through the first consolation round, and Garet Huston (132 pounds) competed through the second round of consolations. Kyra Vandenberg, wrestled through the finals round for a runner up spot on the podium at 2nd place in the Girls 100 pound division. Kyra went 41-4 this season and 101-31 for her career record thus far as a Sophomore. Her 100th career win was during her 2nd match in the state tournament. Congratulations Kyra!



2025 State Qualifiers and alternates - missing Joselyn Shockey. (Courtesy Photo)



Spencer Bush-Graslie 175 pounds



Garet Huston 132 pounds



Lucas Tonsager 215 pounds



Kyra Vandenberg 100 pounds

**Bronc Wrestlers at Regionals**

Saturday February 22nd, the Bronc wrestlers took to the mats at the Civic Center in Rapid City. There were some hard fought battles resulting in 5 Broncs and 1 Lady Bronc qualifying for the state competition coming up this week, also in Rapid City.

For the boys, at 106 pounds, Caden Swaney competed against Rapid City Central's Ace Godfrey with a loss by decision in the quarterfinals, followed by a bye, then in the semifinals, a fall to Tommy Studt from Rapid City Christian/Douglas/New Underwood and in the placing rounds a win by fall over Josh Borbely for a 5th place finish and a spot as an alternate at state.

At 113 pounds, Cooper Conrey won by fall over Joseph Richards of Lajota Tech in the quarterfinals, followed by a loss by fall to Pierce Hurd of Rapid City Central in the semifinals, then a bye in the consolations and a loss by fall to Max Schoenhard of Rapid City Stevens in the finals for a 4th place finish and a spot to compete at state.

At 120 pounds, Teeden Humble lost by fall to Aden Candelaria of Rapid City Central in the quarterfinals, followed by a win by fall over

Aden Andrews of Little Wound in the consolation rounds, then a fall to Derick Merrival of Lakota Tech in the semifinals and a fall to Korbyn Coots of Douglas/Rapid City Christian/New Underwood for a 6th place finish.

At 126 pounds, Dylan Park fell to Coy Eddy of Douglas/Rapid City Christian/New Underwood in the quarterfinals, followed by a win by fall over Mahto Looking Horse of Lakota Tech in the consolation round, then a loss by major decision to Jaxon Toennies of Rapid City Stevens in the semifinals, and a loss by decision in the finals for a 6th place finish.

At 132 pounds, Garet Huston won by fall over Matthew Dillon of Lakota Tech in the quarterfinals, followed by a fall to Luther Morrison of Rapid City Central in the semifinals, then a win by decision over Alejandro Martinez of Douglas/Rapid City Christian/New Underwood in the consolation semifinals, and a fall to Mason Ryman of Rapid City Stevens in the finals for a 4th place finish and a spot to compete at state.

At 138 pounds, Koby Bowden lost by tech fall to Kaden Gonzales of Spearfish, followed by a bye in the consolation round, then a fall to Zani-

yan Iron Eyes of Lakota Tech in the consolation semifinals, and a win by tech fall over Jericho Morgan of Douglas/Rapid City Christian/New Underwood in the finals for a 5th place finish.

At 144 pounds, Alex Norlin won by fall over Wakiyan Shakespeare of Lakota Tech in the quarterfinals, followed by a loss by decision to Jace Thurman of Sturgis Brown in the semifinals, then a win by fall over Robert Nelson of Douglas/Rapid City Christian/New Underwood in the consolation semifinals, and a win by fall over Jacob Foster of Spearfish in the finals for a 3rd place finish and a spot to compete at state.

At 150 pounds, Kolby Tibbs fell to Brayden Collins of Rapid City Stevens, followed by a bye in the consolation round, then a fall to Tate Winter of Rapid City Central in the consolation semifinals, and a loss by major decision to Tyrone Janis of Lakota Tech in the finals for a 6th place finish.

At 157 pounds, Riley Dighton received a bye in the quarterfinals, followed by a loss by decision to Cade Willnerd of Sturgis Brown, then a loss by decision to Adrian Good Iron of Rapid City Central in the consolation

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**Wrestling** contd. semifinals and a bye in the finals for a 5th place finish and a spot as an alternate at state.

At 165 pounds, Owyn Schreder fell to Tagen Carter of Douglas/Rapid City Christian/New Underwood in the quarterfinals, followed by a bye, then a loss in sudden victory to Dylan Ulmer of Rapid City Central in the consolation semifinals and a fall to Wanikiya Bad Milk of Little Wound for a 6th place finish.

At 175 pounds, Spencer Bush-Graslie won by fall over Deonte Brewer of Lakota Tech in the quarterfinals, followed by a fall to Zhoel Irion of Sturgis Brown in the semifinals, then a win by tech fall over Wicahpe Whirlwind Horse Pullium of Little Wound in the consolation semifinals, and a fall to Tucker Mason of Rapid City Stevens in the finals for a 4th place finish and a spot to compete at state.

At 190 pounds, Oscar Garcia-Avina fell to Jacob Ellingson of Spearfish in the quarterfinals, followed by a bye, then a fall to Kolt Fox of Lakota Tech in the consolation semifinals and a fall to Chevy Eppens of Rapid City Central for a 6th place finish.

At 215 pounds, Lucas Tonsager won by fall over Morgan Woods of Rapid City Central in the quarterfinals, followed by a fall to Ayden Kellogg of Rapid City Stevens in the semifinals, then a win by fall over Sylvan Kent of Douglas/Rapid City Christian/New Underwood in the consolation semifinals, and a fall to Gunnar Sarkela of Sturgis Brown in the finals for a 4th place finish and a spot to compete at state.

For the Lady Broncs, at 100 pounds, Kyra Vandenberg won by fall over Reegan Sever of Rapid

City Central in round one, followed by a win by tech fall over Amelia Twofingers of Lakota Tech in the quarterfinals, then a win by fall over Kaia Hunter of Bennett County, and a win by fall over Timber Hanson of Stanley County in the finals for a 1st place finish and a spot to compete at state.

At 107 pounds, Lia Mundt received a bye in round one, followed by loss by fall to Annalee Pierson of Sturgis Brown in the quarterfinals, then a win by tech fall over Chloe Lee of Lead-Deadwood in the consolation round one, and a loss by decision to Morgan Little of Spearfish in the second consolation round.

At 120 pounds, Birk Kraft fell to Anna Henstein of Rapid City Central in the quarterfinals and to Harmony Siers of Bennett County in the consolation round.

At 126 pounds, Aleyah Carabajal fell to Langston Huffman of Rapid City Central in the quarterfinals and to Hadley Schomp of Bennett County in the consolation round.

At 132 pounds, Sofia Gonzalez fell to Brooklynn Baird of Sturgis Brown in the quarterfinals, followed by a win by forfeit over Jada Williams of Mahpiya Luta, then a fall to Carlee Phelps of Rapid City Stevens in the consolation round.

At 138 pounds, Alexa Swaney lost by decision to Dora Bonen of Moberg-Pollock in the quarterfinals, followed by a win by fall over KINley Fees of Faith in the second consolation round, then a win by fall over Kyla Lee of Lead-Deadwood in the third consolation round, and a fall to Chloe Fire Thunder of Lakota Tech in the consolation semifinals, and a win by fall over Kimberlyn Heisler of

Spearfish in the finals for a 5th place finish and a spot as alternate at state.

At 152 pounds, Joselyn Shockey won by fall over Luna Little Elk of McLaughlin in round one, followed by a loss by major decision to Eddy Adkins of Lead-Deadwood in the quarterfinals, then a bye in round 2 consolations, a win by major decision over Moraes May of Bennett County in round 3 consolations, a fall to Makita Raysor of Spearfish in the consolation semifinals, and a win by decision over Ravyn Whitlow of Douglas/Rapid City Christian/New Underwood in the finals for a 5th place finish and a spot as alternate for state.

At 165 pounds, Alexa Alarcon (Sanchez) fell to Marieda Kalahar of Rapid City Stevens in round 1 and to Weteu White Dress of Lakota Tech in the consolation round.

Your Bronc State competitors for 2025 are, Cooper Conry at 113 pounds, Garet Huston at 132 pounds, Alex Norlin at 144 pounds, Spencer Bush-Graslie at 175 pounds, Lucas Tonsager at 215 pounds and Lady Bronc Kyra Vandenberg at 100 pounds. They will begin their state competition at The Monument in Rapid City on Thursday, February 27th. Wrestlers will work through double elimination rounds over two days to try to make it to the final placing rounds on Saturday March, 1st.



Alexa Swaney



Dylan Park



Riley Dighton



Alexa Sanchez



Bronc Wrestlers taking a break between Rounds Dighton, Norlin, Tonsager, Bowden, Schreder, Huston & Swaney. (Courtesy Photo)



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As you fill your brand new 2025 calendar, be sure to add the FINE ARTS events in our community and our schools.

The Belle Fourche Middle School Theater Cast & Crew of *Magic, their spring show*, is hard at work in practices and at set-building with only three more weeks until their show: a comedy full of mystery, humor, and unique characters who are more than just an illusion. Under the direction of Reva Potter & Rachel Munce, over 60 thespians from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are preparing for an entrancing night of magical entertainment. **Photos on C5**

The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater has cast their show, *Atomic Lobsters*, getting ready to join other area theater groups in the Getting Our Acts Together, Night of One Acts. The show cast includes Nathan Mahler, Echo Limpert, Kelsey Gronlund, Heather Pittman, Wes Barnhouse, Mike Meemken, Raya Meemken, and Emma Raber. Getting Our Acts Together consists of four one-acts: one by the *Historic Homestead Opera House* from Lead; one by the *Matthews Opera House* in Spearfish; one by the *Sturgis Community Theater*; one by Belle Fourche Area Community Theater. Each night will be held in a different location, so each theater group gets a chance to perform in a new space and give that community a chance to see a show by other local theater groups. You won't want to miss this one-of-a-kind show!

**It's time for Grease!** The Belle Fourche HS Theater is excited to announce its cast for this popular musical: Danny- Logan Willert; Sandy- Trinity Hostetter, Kenickie-Timothy Thompson, Doody- Kale Williams, Roger- Derek Scott, Sonny- John Hale, Rizzo- Kate Blair, Frenchy- Sonja Cropper, Marty- Alexa Stone, Jan- Iva Hale, Patty- Aoloni Stone. Eugene- Trevor Welles, Cha-Cha- Kaeli Thompson, Miss Lynch- Kaydance Gallagher, Vince Fontaine- Dillon Streeter, Johnny Casino- Derek Scott, Teen Angel- Kale Williams, Female Radio Voice- Abby Schmidt, and in the Ensemble: Madisyn Carson, Mercedes Madison, Tace Hartman, Avery Mastin, Trey Shannon, Chelsea Zinke, Mollie Collins; Tech Crew: Wyatt Lesmeister, Hunter Brown, Madison Dalton, Mark Mullins

The Community Variety Show will be on **May 4th**, a Sunday afternoon, at the Belle Fourche Community Hall. This FUNraiser showcases local talent & the arts. If you have an act or art to share, contact the BF FAB at [bfhsfab@gmail.com](mailto:bfhsfab@gmail.com).

Your presence at all the upcoming events is much appreciated, **so don't forget to add all these upcoming fine arts events to your calendars!**

- Mar. 14, Friday, MS Play, *MAGIC*, @ the Rec Center Theater, 7:00 pm
- Mar. 15, Saturday, MS Play, *MAGIC*, @ the Rec Center Theater, 7:00 pm
- Mar. 17, Monday, BFHS Band / Chorus Concert @ the Rec Center Theater, 7:00 pm
- Mar. 18, Tuesday, BFMS 6th, 7th, & 8th Spring Choir Concert, @ the Rec Center Theater, 6:30 pm
- Mar. 29, Atomic Lobsters, Getting Our Acts Together, Belle Fourche Community Theater, @ the Rec Center Theater
- April 7, Monday, BFMS/BFHS Jazz Concert @ the Rec Center Theater, 7:00 pm

Maybe YOU know what SHOW is UP next? Share your fine arts tidbits and upcoming events at [bellelavenue@gmail.com](mailto:bellelavenue@gmail.com). I especially love the juicy backstage dish and green room gossip! Mark your calendars, friends, so you don't forget to Show Up!

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The Belle Fourche Public Library is hosting a “One Book South Dakota” Discussion Group.

This annual event encourages people across the state to read and discuss the same book throughout the year. This year's book selection is *The Cost of Free Land: Jews, Lakota, and an American Inheritance* by Rebecca Clarren.

Books are available now for check-out at the library to read in preparation for the discussion group to be held Saturday, March 29 at noon.

The event is free and discussion will be led by Jeanie Kirkpatrick, South Dakota Humanities Scholar. Rebecca Clarren has been writing about the American West for

more than twenty years. Her award-winning journalism has appeared in such publications as *Mother Jones*, *High Country News*, *The Nation*, and *Indian Country Today*.

In *The Cost of Free Land*, Clarren reflects on her growing up years, only knowing the major plot points of her tenacious immigrant family's origins.

Her great-great-grandparents and their six children fled antisemitism in Russia and arrived in the United States at the turn of the 20th century, ultimately settling on a homestead in South Dakota eventually becoming an American immigrant success story.

What none of Clarren's ancestors ever mentioned was that their land, the foundation for

much of their wealth, had been taken from the Lakota by the United States government. Clarren melds investigative reporting with personal family history to reveal the intertwined stories of her family and the Lakota, and the continuing cycle of loss of Indigenous land, culture, and resources.

For questions about the event, call the library at 605-892-4407. The program is funded by a grant from the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Rounds' Legislation to Preserve Wounded Knee Massacre Grounds Unanimously Passes

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), a member of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, today issued a statement following unanimous committee passage of his legislation, the Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act. Rounds' bill, introduced in January 2025, would place 40 acres of land at the site of the Wounded Knee Massacre into restricted fee status, making cer-

tain that the land is held by both the Oglala Sioux and Cheyenne River Sioux tribes for generations to come.

“I am pleased that the Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act has unanimously passed the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs,” said Rounds. “The Wounded Knee Massacre represents a devastating low point in U.S.-Lakota relations and one

of the darkest moments in our nation's history. Thank you to my colleagues on the committee for agreeing that the land at this symbolic and somber site should be held in possession of both tribes to be honored and preserved for future generations.”

The Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act now heads to the full Senate for consideration.

## Spearfish Candidate Forums

SPEARFISH, S.D. – Candidate Forums for Spearfish Wards 1, 2, & 3 City Council and Mayoral has been scheduled by The Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce.

Both forums are scheduled for Wednesday, March 19th at the Joy Center (1351 St Joe St, Spearfish). City Council Wards 1, 2, & 3 will be hosted together beginning at 5:30 PM.

The Mayoral Forum will follow at 6:30 PM. Candidates for City Council

Ward 1 include Incumbent Mary Clark, Raean Mettler, and Dean Myers.

Candidates for City Council Ward 2 include Incumbent Larry Klarenbeek and Victoria Greenlee Candidates for City Council Ward 3 include Incumbent Ana Rath and Michaela Madrid.

For Mayoral, Incumbent John Senden and Micah Peters are on the ballot to secure a three-year term.

All municipal candidates have

been invited to participate. Elections will be held on Tuesday, April 8th from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM at the Spearfish Senior Center located at 1306 N. 10th Street.

The voter registration deadline for this election is Monday, March 24th. Early voting is available at Spearfish City Hall starting March 24th.

For more information or questions on the March 19th forums, contact the Spearfish Chamber at 605-642-2626.



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Contd. From A1 Dance from grade school, middle school and there are a few junior high age here.” The evening is open to anyone in the area wanting to participate. “It’s open up to the public. We get everybody from the Northern Hills into Wyoming. We’ve gotten people from out-of-state come in because they’re visiting the area,” said Riley. The event is growing each year, so much so that a new location was needed. “This is our fourth year, but this is our first year at the Rec Center! We have outgrown the Community Hall in Belle Fourche because we are close to 200 people attending,” explained Riley. An action packed evening was planned, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with social time and profession-

al photographs to capture the special occasion. Grand March started at 6:30 p.m. “For the Grand March they line up in the hallway and come through the entrance and follow the balloons. They will speak in the mic—daughters will get to announce their name and their dad’s name. They then walk down toward the Eiffel Tower, it will be lit up,” said Riley. Chicken Alfredo with breadsticks was on the menu with a salad and a cupcake for dessert. Following dinner the attendees danced the night away. The dance is a yearly fundraiser for Belle Silver Lining whose mission is to Celebrate, Embrace and Serve Older Adults for the Betterment of Our Community. Around 200 tickets were sold at \$35.00 each.



(L) Taking a stroll around the Eiffel Tower was part of the Grand March. (R) A tiny daughter all dressed up and excited to introduce her escort, his name? “Daddy.”

**Visiting the State Capitol**



(Above) **Governor Larry Rhoden** took a minute out of his busy schedule to talk with the kids and to pose for this photo. (Below) Students also enjoyed the opportunity to observe the South Dakota State Legislature, House of Representatives, in action from a lofty vantage point. *Courtesy Photos*



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Attendees of the **Father Daughter Dance** were treated to a Chicken Alfredo dinner. *Longbrake photos*

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(Above) In the Capitol Rotunda, the **South Dakota State Capitol** building in Pierre is elegant and stately. Here the student council kids experienced the ambiance of American democracy. (Below) Checking in to the hotel! Thank you **Purple Pride!** We appreciate you supporting us so we can stay over-night and watch meetings in the morning too.





(Above L) Belle Fourche High School Rodeo Team members take a break during the Dinner and Auction festivities. (R) BFHS Rodeo team members serve steak dinner to BFHS Rodeo Dinner and Auction attendees. (Below-Clockwise) BFHS Rodeo team members waiting for their turn to serve dinner; The silent auction area was popular among BFHS Rodeo Dinner and Auction attendees; Ticket holders spent time looking at and bidding on silent auction items; The silent auction area was popular among attendees. *Longbrake Photos*



**From A1 Surprise!**

ng his location to the awaiting group. Just before his arrival, Jennessa gave last minute instructions—"I don't know how they are going to get in here, but we are just gonna yell happy birthday and hope that he doesn't fall over!" The crowd erupted in laughter.

As many know, Jack is the owner of The Weather Hat Co. in Belle Fourche. He has been a staple of the community for 25 years. One of the special requests made to all the guests in attendance was that if Jack made you a hat, please wear it to the party as a way to honor the man who created it. "My dad's been making hats for 25 plus years, so I thought it would be really special if the guests that came wore hats that he made them so he could kind of

see a collection of them," said Jennessa.

Somehow the family planned an entire event with food and drinks, got the word out near and far and gathered family from all over the country without Jack knowing. His wife Jenny brought him to what he thought was a simple birthday dinner at the Branding Iron. Instead he got the surprise of a lifetime. Jennessa explained, "He has no idea! He called me about an hour ago and asked what I was doing for dinner tonight and if I wanted to join him and mom and the friends they are meeting next door (also at the Branding Iron)!" Jenny added, "Jennessa was having a heart attack while she was talking to him on the phone and I'm just trying to be really nonchalant! It was very fun, it was great!"

As Jack arrived and the crowd wished him a happy birthday, you could see the surprise and excitement on his face. He spent the evening going around the room visiting with those who made the trip. Of the surprise he said, "it was a little overwhelming." But made sure to say "thanks" to his wife, daughter and son for all of the effort that went into the night.

Guests were treated to a table with pictures celebrating different events in Jack's life. Jennessa created a life-size cutout of Jack and Michelle Evans with Cowboys Too! set up at photo booth to take pictures with the Jack cutout and signs wishing him a Happy 70th Birthday. Pulled pork and roast beef was provided by the Branding Iron, as well as salads, Roxy's beans and of course Birthday cupcakes!



An astonished, totally surprised, and speechless Jack Scholl upon entering with the room full of friends and relatives all yelling, "Happy Birthday!" is greeted by his wife Jenny. (Below) Jack walking table to table greeting everyone.



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**Rodeo From A1**

Brooke Garman, rodeo team member. In her second year on the team, Garman has experience with the fundraiser. The year before she was part of the labor auction and enjoyed the work she had to do. "I just had to babysit—which I enjoyed a lot—they just needed me to come babysit when they left town," she explained.

One of the popular auctions is buying the labor of a rodeo team member. "The kids do a labor auction where we will sell each kid for eight hours of labor—labor could be fencing, it might be branding or it could be painting for somebody," said Jensen.

While the event is a lot of work,

the team members think the work that is involved is definitely worth it. Garman said, "The money helped me a lot last year, because I really was starting to struggle with money—you know you're trying to afford all the things for your horse—so it helps a lot."

Curt Westland donated his time to be the auctioneer for the night and Zeann and Sue Gollner volunteered to secretary the auction and keep track of all the money.

The dinner and auction fundraiser couldn't be successful without the support of the community and the rodeo team is very aware of that. "The community is very supportive, either donating, buying tickets or buying the auction items after the meal," said Jensen.



Mr & Mrs. Tucker Chytka among the many extending birthday wishes to Jack. (below) Jack and Jenny flanked by son, Jacob, and daughter Jennessa. *Hunter Anderson Photos*



The roomful of friends and relatives all in turn expressed happy birthday wishes to the 70 year old birthday boy.

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## Cattle Report - Friday, March 7, 2025

Lighter test today but still lots of demand for bred cows & feeder cattle  
Weigh up cow & bull market was steady

Next Sale - March 14 - Feeder Cattle Special - 10 AM  
Thank you for marketing with St Onge Livestock! - 9 AM

### Bred Cows - Sold by the head

Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	14	Bld	Hfr	1226	\$3,350.00
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	8	Blk	4-5	1309	\$3,025.00
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	9	Blk	S-Ss	1602	\$2,700.00
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	16	Blk	Broken	1563	\$2,500.00
C & N Livestock, Alva WY	9	Blk	Hfr	1078	\$3,200.00
Horseshoe I Ranch, Broadus MT	5	Blk	S-Ss	1473	\$2,675.00
Horseshoe I Ranch, Broadus MT	12	Bld	Broken	1423	\$2,575.00
Hutchinson Trust, Drew/Judy, Aladdin WY	10	Red	Broken	1294	\$2,250.00
Neiman Cattle Company Lc, Alva WY	6	Blk	Hfr	1098	\$3,300.00
Redding, Clay, Forsyth MT	10	Red	Broken	1309	\$2,275.00
Richards, Kristy, Newell SD	5	Bld	S-Ss	1525	\$2,725.00
Schenk, Travis, Spearfish SD	7	Blk	4-5	1345	\$3,000.00

### Weigh Up Cows

969 Ranch, Broadus MT	6	Blk	Cow	1400	\$144.50
969 Ranch, Broadus MT	3	Blk	Cow	1298	\$138.00
969 Ranch, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Cow	1480	\$134.00
Andrews, Tom, Biddle MT	1	Blk	Hfr	900	\$238.00
Andrews, Tom, Biddle MT	1	Blk	Cow	1310	\$149.00
Boardman Ranch Co, Gillette WY	1	Rbld	Hfr	1030	\$227.00
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT	2	Blk	Hfr	1167	\$192.00
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT	1	Blk	Cow	1315	\$145.00
Elsbury Livestock Lc, Sundance WY	4	Blk	Hfr	1036	\$230.00
Elsbury Livestock Lc, Sundance WY	18	Blk	Owette	1246	\$169.00
Elsbury Livestock Lc, Sundance WY	12	Blk	Cow	1415	\$146.50
Elsbury Livestock Lc, Sundance WY	1	Blk	Cow	1195	\$140.00
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Owette	1255	\$160.00
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY	6	Blk	Cow	1429	\$147.25
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Cow	1290	\$140.00
Fortner, Joe, Biddle MT	1	Blk	Hfr	1265	\$182.50
Fruit, Dauson, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Cow	1340	\$146.00
Gaskill, Roger Or Lisa, Ashland MT	1	Hfr	1035	\$227.00	

Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	6	B/R	Owette	1398	\$153.75
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	11	B/R	Owette	1316	\$153.75
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	1	Rbld	Owette	1300	\$153.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	7	Bld	Cow	1571	\$148.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	5	Bld	Cow	1487	\$148.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	36	Bld	Cow	1532	\$147.50
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	1	Blk	Cow	2010	\$147.50
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	31	Blk	Cow	1674	\$147.50
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	12	Blk	Cow	1631	\$147.50
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	32	Blk	Cow	1621	\$147.50
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	8	B/R	Cow	1492	\$146.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	2	Blk	Cow	1850	\$140.00
Green Mountain Angus, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Cow	1310	\$146.00
Green Mountain Angus, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Cow	1710	\$142.50
Green Mountain Angus, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Cow	1615	\$142.50
Green Mountain Angus, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Cow	1405	\$141.00
Green Mountain Angus, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Cow	1500	\$130.00
Horseshoe I Ranch, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Owette	1390	\$153.00
Horseshoe I Ranch, Broadus MT	2	Blk	Cow	1267	\$138.00
Horseshoe I Ranch, Broadus MT	3	Blk	Cow	1233	\$132.00
Humbrecht, John, Camp Crook SD	10	Blk	Hfr	893	\$242.50
Humbrecht, John, Camp Crook SD	17	Blk	Hfr	960	\$229.00
Humbrecht, John, Camp Crook SD	3	Char	Hfr	1021	\$202.00
Humbrecht, John, Camp Crook SD	1	Blk	Hfr	1060	\$192.50
Humbrecht, John, Camp Crook SD	1	Blk	Owette	1080	\$166.00
Humbrecht, John, Camp Crook SD	1	Blk	Owette	1345	\$152.00
Humbrecht, John, Camp Crook SD	14	B/R	Cow	1312	\$146.00
Humbrecht, John, Camp Crook SD	4	B/R	Cow	1405	\$140.00
Humbrecht, John, Camp Crook SD	2	Char	Cow	1525	\$137.00
Humbrecht, John, Camp Crook SD	1	Blk	Cow	1080	\$132.00
Hutchinson, Drew & Judy, Aladdin WY	2	Red	Cow	1122	\$146.50
Hutchinson, Drew & Judy, Aladdin WY	1	Red	Cow	1335	\$144.00
Jones, Todd Or Nicole, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Owette	1360	\$165.00
Karrels, Adam, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Cow	1635	\$137.50
Karrels, Henry, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Owette	1315	\$174.50
Randall, Ray, Broadus MT	4	Blk	Cow	1372	\$145.50
Rantapaa, Justin, Deadwood SD	1	Blk	Cow	1235	\$141.00
Rantapaa, Justin, Deadwood SD	2	Blk	Cow	1497	\$132.00
Rasmussen, Dean/Maxine, Camp Crook	1	Blk	Cow	1475	\$139.50
Sells, Jake, Box Elder SD	1	Blk	Owette	1180	\$163.50
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	1	Blk	Cow	1225	\$151.00
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	11	Blk	Cow	1620	\$147.75
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	1	Blk	Cow	1345	\$146.00
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	1	Blk	Cow	1405	\$145.00
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	1	Blk	Cow	1655	\$143.00
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	3	Blk	Cow	1341	\$143.00
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	1	Blk	Cow	1550	\$142.50
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	1	Blk	Cow	1225	\$139.00
Stolhammer, Lucas/Melinda, Newcastle	2	Bld	Cow	1440	\$150.00
Stolhammer, Lucas/Melinda, Newcastle	5	Bld	Cow	1657	\$147.00
Talcott, Duane, Hammond MT	3	Cow	1403	\$143.00	
Taylor, Samantha, Sundance WY	1	Red	Cow	1330	\$140.50
Wigen, Mike, Otter MT	1	Blk	Cow	1185	\$147.00

Wigen, Mike, Otter MT	1	Bld	Cow	1345	\$144.00
<b>Weigh Up Bulls</b>					
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Bull	1660	\$165.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	1	Blk	Bull	2140	\$157.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	3	Blk	Bull	2058	\$163.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	1	Blk	Bull	2025	\$156.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	1	Herf	Bull	1925	\$156.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	1	Herf	Bull	1870	\$157.00
Herman, John Or Heather, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Bull	1650	\$130.00
Horseshoe I Ranch, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Bull	2100	\$170.00
Horseshoe I Ranch, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Bull	1830	\$156.00
Horseshoe I Ranch, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Bull	1745	\$156.00
Knutson, Karl, Vale SD	1	Blk	Bull	1200	\$155.00
Komes, Brandon, Sturgis SD	1	Herf	Bull	1560	\$148.00
Randall, Craig, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Bull	1540	\$157.00
Rasmussen, Dean/Maxine, Camp Crook	1	Blk	Bull	2045	\$157.00
Sells, Jake, Box Elder SD	1	Mix	Bull	1260	\$150.00

## Friday, March 14, 2025

### Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special

10 AM - Weigh Up Cows, 12 Noon - Bred Cows followed by Feeder Cattle

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI-No Implants

### Feeder Cattle

MT Consignment - 100 Blk Mostly Hfrs - 500-600#  
WY Consignment - 90 Blk Hfrs - 650-750# - BT, PC, BV  
Jack Duprel & Sons - 70 F-1 Bldy Hfrs - 700-750# - BT, PC, BV - No Hfrs Kept  
Travis Schenk - 10 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-550# - BT, PC

### Bred Cows

Arledge Ranch - 20 Blk Short Term Cows - Bred Blk - 3/25

Plus more by sale time!

## 2025 CATTLE SALES

March 14th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
March 21st - Bred Heifer & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
March 28th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
April 4th - Bred Heifer & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
April 11th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
April 18th - Pair & Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
April 25th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

## 2025 SPRING BULL SALES

March 28th - Mills Cattle Co Angus Bull Sale  
April 4th - Ck Bar Ranch Sim-Angus Bull Sale  
April 11th - Cactus Cattle Company Angus Bull Sale  
April 18th - Baker Lamar Angus Bull Sale  
April 25th - Jordan Cattle Co Sim Angus & Angus Bull Sale  
May 16th - Turn-Out Bull Sale

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## Sheep Report - Thursday, March 6, 2025

Lamb market was higher again today  
Slaughter ewes sold steady to \$5 higher

Next Sale - March 13 - Bred Ewe Sale - Selling all classes of sheep & goats  
NO SALE March 20  
Animals should be here by 10 AM so they can be weighed before the sale  
Thank you for your business!

### Feeder Lambs

Ahart, Keegan & Jean, Nisland SD	48	New Crop Lamb	65	\$321.00
Ahart, Keegan & Jean, Nisland SD	13	New Crop Lamb	66	\$313.00
Sarsland, Richard & Ruby, Ludlow SD	51	New Crop Lamb	56	\$313.00
Brown, Steve Or Kathy, Sturgis SD	3	Lamb	211	\$114.00
Jensen, Andrew, Newell SD	49	Lamb	74	\$246.00
Jensen, Andrew, Newell SD	42	Lamb	94	\$229.00
Kronberg Land & Livestock, Bison SD	25	Lamb	57	\$283.00
Mack, Richard, Scranton ND	13	Lamb	103	\$213.00
Palmer, Dean & Shannon, Culbertson MT	37	Lamb	86	\$236.00
Palmer, Dean & Shannon, Culbertson MT	83	Lamb	107	\$216.00
Pasture Creek Inc, Richey MT	24	Lamb	90	\$237.00
Pasture Creek Inc, Richey MT	126	Lamb	107	\$215.00
Skov, Henning, Sidney MT	6	Lamb	82	\$294.00

### Slaughter Ewes

Boller Mills Limited Partnership, Gillette WY	11	K Ewe	141	\$118.00
Kronberg Land & Livestock, Bison SD	6	K Ewe	170	\$112.00
Olson, Jennie, Broadus MT	7	K Ewe	151	\$111.00
Olson, Jennie, Broadus MT	8	K Ewe	151	\$94.00
Orwick, Will, Newell SD	12	K Ewe	158	\$112.00
Orwick, Will, Newell SD	15	K Ewe	145	\$111.00
Orwick, Will, Newell SD	14	K Ewe	133	\$94.00
Palmer, Dean & Shannon, Culbertson MT	14	K Ewe	195	\$109.00
Pasture Creek Inc, Richey MT	9	K Ewe	202	\$101.00
Sarsland, Richard & Ruby, Ludlow SD	9	K Ewe	176	\$112.00
Smith, Jim, Owanka SD	47	K Ewe	178	\$112.00
Smith, Jim, Owanka SD	7	K Ewe	150	\$111.00

### Slaughter Bucks

Boller Mills Limited Partnership, Gillette WY	1	Kbuck	225	\$106.00
Orwick, Jack Or Cindy, Newell SD	4	Kbuck	198	\$106.00

## NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

### Thursday, March 13, 2025

#### Bred Ewe Special 1:00 PM

#### Bred Ewes

Sd - 50 Mixed Age Ewes - Wf Bucks - 3/20 - Shorn  
Sd - 70 Mixed Age Ewes - Wf Bucks - 5/15  
Please have animals in by 10:00 AM  
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## 2025 SHEEP SALES

March 13th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
March 20th - No Sale  
March 27th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
April 3rd - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
April 10th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
April 17th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
April 24th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
May 1st - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
May 8th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
May 15th - New Crop Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
May 22nd - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
May 29th - New Crop Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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March 22, 1900

**"BUNCH" OF HORSES STOLEN BY RUSTLERS Bold Raid by Stock Thieves in the Vicinity of the Town of Wheeler, S. D. ATTEMPT TO STEAL SOME CATTLE While Their Owners Were After a Drnk of Water – Shots Are Exchanged With the Busters**

Chamberlain, S. D. March 19, Another sensational raid by stock thieves has just been reported from the range country west of Wheeler. In this instance the thieves secured a herd of twenty-two head of horses, and the details of the raid are of more than ordinary interest. The bunch of horses was taken from a point about five miles southwest of Wheelers. The farmers in that section are in the habit of turning their horses out to range on the prairie and in stalk fields during the winter months except in stormy weather, and young horses frequently range out during the entire winter, keeping in good condition on the wild grass which in this country cures on the ground. It is not an infrequent thing to see from twenty to fifty head in a bunch during the winter months. But this bunch that has just been driven off by rustlers were horses that do not stray far away from home, some of them being workhorses that were taken up only occasionally when an extra team was needed. The rest were colts and young horses. Ten head of the twenty-two belonged to Gail Jones, and the others to various persons. The horses in question, after their disappearance, were tracked to the Missouri river and out onto the ice, and the trail showed clearly that they had been driven by someone riding a horse with shoes on. Six of the horses were found drowned in the river about ten or fifteen rods from the shore. They had evidently tried to turn back and not off the main track and passed through the rotten ice. There being little current at this place, they were not carried under the ice. The parties who took them were shrewd enough to wait until the ice in the river was about to break up and then rush the horses across and by the time their owners, not suspecting they were stolen, spent a couple of days looking about the neighborhood where they belonged the ice would be no longer passable, and immediate pursuit would be impossible. The day following the disappearance of the horses some Gregory county parties driving a bunch of cattle from the vicinity of Bonesteel north toward the White river country, while passing a few miles back from the river, and at a point nearly west from Wheeler, stopped to rest at noon. They left their cattle in a small ravine and went for a drink of water. On returning a little later they were surprised to find two mounted men among their bunch of cattle, trying to cut out some of them. The owners of the cattle were close upon the rustlers before discovered, and the rustlers immediately pulled their revolvers and began shooting, which was quickly responded to in a like manner by the owners of the cattle. Several shots were fired by both parties. The rustlers

then fled. A bunch of seven horses and a yearling mule were found closely at hand, all of which answer closely to the description of the horses stolen, and the young mule exactly so. It belongs to Jared Seese. By their decription they seem to be the best of the bunch stolen the night previous, and were undoubtedly part of the horses taken, which were being pushed toward the Ponea creek country. It is presumed that the rustlers ran onto the cattle while left alone and decided to also take part of them along. The owners of the cattle claim that they fully recognized the two rustlers as two well known stockmen of the section, and upon information being given by them to the sheriff of Charles Mix county that officer at once swore out warrants for the men. Owing to the impassability of the river he has, however, been delayed several days in engaging in the chase, but he now has a posse in had pursuit, with good prospects of a speedy capture.

100 years  
**The Northwest Post**  
March 21, 1925

**MAY HAVE SWIMMING POOL** At the regular weekly luncheon of the Belle Fourche Commercial club last Friday, Dan McCutchen started the ball rolling for a municipal swimming pool. This has been a pet bobby of Dan's for a couple of years, and the proposition now bids fair to materialize. A committee was appointed to secure estimates on the cost of a swimming pool, and also a plan for raising the necessary funds for its construction. The committee lost no time in getting busy and now there is an excellent chance of McCutchen's dream being realized. It is proposed to make the pool about 40X100 feet, with concrete sides and bottom, the water depth ranging from a foot up to eight feet at the deepest end. The entire cost will be around \$2,500, and the various lodges and organizations will be asked to cooperate with the Commercial club and city in providing the necessary funds. (Editor's note: The Belle City public pool was built and opened in August, 1958 sponsored by the Belle Fourche Jaycees and Jaycettes.)

75 years ago  
**The Belle Fourche Daily Post**  
March 21, 1950

**No One Injured When Car Plunges Over Embankment** No one was injured seriously Friday night when a car driven by William Lale, of Belle Fourche, slipped off an embankment near Newcastle and overturned six times. Lale, Laurence Fowler, and Marjorie Hejde, all University of Wyoming students, were en route to Belle Fourche for spring vacation when the mishap occurred. The driver said his car, a 1949 Oldsmobile sedan, slipped off the road and plunged head first over a steep embankment about two miles south of Newcastle.



by Mary Buchholz

The machine struck nose first and rolled. Miss Fowler and Miss Hejde, both shaken and bruised, were taken to the hospital at Newcastle and brought to Belle Fourche Saturday. The car was virtually demolished in the mishap. Lale sustained a few lacerations about the face. Miss Fowler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fowler, Belle Fourche. Miss Hejde is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irven Hejde, Aladdin.

**Spring brings Heaviest Snow Yet** Spring arrived in the Tri-State area, according to the calendar – but you couldn't see spring for the snow drifts. Residents of the region, particularly those in the southern portion of the Tri-State area, were digging out yesterday's after one of the heaviest snow falls of the season. Soggy, heavy snow, which came on the wings of a blizzard Friday and Saturday, brought more than 10 inches of snow to the Belle Fourche vicinity and more than one-half inch of moisture. Records at the division dam showed .35 of an inch of moisture at 5 p.m. Sunday from 4 ½ inches of snow.

50 years ago  
**The Belle Fourche Daily Post**  
March 22, 1975

**Julie Plumer to Journalism City** Julie Plumer, Belle Fourche High School junior has been selected to attend Journalism City at Girls State, it was announced Friday. Journalism City is a special facet of Girls State which enables young journalists to get the feel of reporting government activities, Julies is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Plumer. She has been active in a variety of undertakings in addition to the Hi-Times, the high school newspaper. She is a member of the mixed chorus, girls' chorus, in the musical and all-school play, is a member of National Honor Society.

**Community Unity Barbecue to Bel Revived** The Community Unity Barbecue, dormant for three years, is going to be revived. Members oof the Barbecue committee reorganized Thursday night and voted overwhelmingly to stage the big picnic Wednesday June 11. The group named Charles Carpenter, who is associated with the firm of Sayler-Thorstenson, as the new chairman succeeding Bob Haines. Ed Denham was named co-chairman and Joe Allendar will continue as secretary. Officials said the group felt the Barbecue should be resumed "to try to show the people of the area again that we appreciated their coming to Belle Fourche." Some 24 people were on hand for Thursday's meeting in sharp contrast to the four who turned up at a meeting last week.

**CANDLES AND MIRRORS #24**

By DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel  
**Revenge of the Northern Pike**

Our mother loved to fish. She loved catching them, cooking them, and eating them. I am pretty sure she did not mind the scaling and cleaning needed in the middle, either. Maybe it was because of her Scandinavian background. Or maybe it was because she almost always caught the most fish. Whether luck, skill or perseverance, if there were fish to be caught, Mom caught them.



Mom's smile flashed brightly in greeting. "Are they biting?" Delmer surveyed the area around the ice holes. A mound of slush was freezing at the rim of the opening. A long-handled, slotted dipper leaned against the minnow bucket, close to the

background. Or maybe it was because she almost always caught the most fish. Whether luck, skill or perseverance, if there were fish to be caught, Mom caught them.

If Dad merely mentioned going fishing, Mom would have sandwiches made, coffee in the thermos and the bait and tackle waiting by the door in twenty minutes. Time of year or temperature didn't matter. It was always a good day for fishing!

One cold February morning, Delmer and his young boys were driving by Mud Lake and decided to find out if the fish were biting. He turned off the Bancroft Road onto a rutted track that led directly onto the lake. Tires had worn a path over the frozen, snow-packed surface to a fairly smooth area on the north corner. Cars and pickups were parked at various angles, forming a village of vehicles.

Some people moved about carrying short fishing poles. A few cranked the bent-metal handle on ice augers, boring holes through the eighteen inches of ice to the unfrozen water below. If a fisherman or woman could find a previously dug hole, it might save a couple inches of drilling since those did not freeze clear up to the surface.

Delmer parked his pickup twenty yards from the group and the boys followed him to the ice anglers. They searched for familiar faces or vehicles and there on the northern edge of the lake, was the folks' green Crown Victoria. Mom sat on her fishing chair which was a five-gallon bucket, custom fitted with a cushioned cover. The car sheltered her from the wind. Blue eyes peeked out from under her stocking cap and parka hood. The toes of her five-buckle overshoes pointed to a hole in the ice. Her mittened hands held a short fiberglass pole, its line trailing to a small red bobber on the water. A matching bucket-chair waited a few feet away. Dad either preferred the social aspect of ice fishing or he was following Jesus' "fishers of men" commission.

Though only Mom's eyes and mouth were visible, they were all my brother needed to see.

car. Mom had used the dipper to scoop out the ice as it froze on the surface. Two striped perch flopped around behind her chair. Three more lay still, frozen. A bigger fish with a pointed nose flapped its tail; it's mouth still moved in the way of fish. A northern. Delmer stepped closer. Suddenly, his eyes were drawn to a bright red stain on the ice—a ten-inch circle. Blood? He glanced at the fish. All six of them would not have held that much blood. He frowned in concern. "What happened?"

Mom grinned. She held up her mittened left hand. "The northern got me when I was taking him off the hook." She glanced back at the culprit. Razor-sharp teeth gleamed from the fish's gasping mouth. Her blue eyes sparkled. "He'll taste really good."

"Are you alright?" Delmer's eyes searched the mitten. Wetness darkened the thumb part.

"Ya, I'm fine. Just a little cut." Grudgingly, she eased the mitten off. Dad's bandana, now soaked in blood, was tightly wrapped around her thumb. Just as she slid the mitten back on, her bobber wiggled and sank under the water. She grasped the rod and waited. Suddenly she jerked the pole up hard and stood to pull the line in. Soon another northern flopped on the ice.

Mom thanked her son for taking it off the hook, but assured him that she could handle it herself. She reached into the minnow bucket with her good hand and soon her bobber floated again.

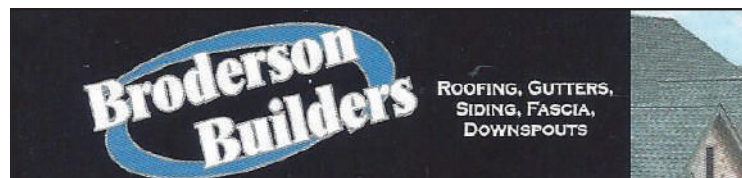
Delmer still smiles as he remembers that long ago day on the frozen lake. Loss of blood did not hinder our mother, at least not when the fish were biting! She did love to fish.

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All of the stories from Kruempel's previous columns have been published into books that are full of fun stories and precious memories. Those four books, along with her historical fiction series, "Promises to Keep," are available on Amazon. Contact the author at [deannkruempelauthor@gmail.com](mailto:deannkruempelauthor@gmail.com).



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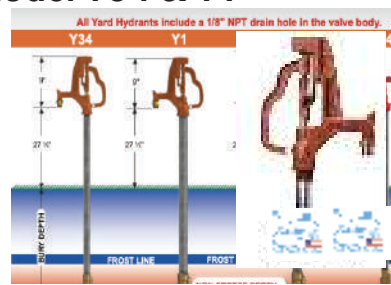
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	8	Blk/BwF-Brd Cow Sm	1309	2550.00	\$2,550.00
	14	Blk/BwF-Brd Cow Bm	1221	2200.00	\$2,200.00
Kling Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	28	Blk/BwF-Brd Cow Bm	1452	2600.00	\$2,600.00
	21	Blk/BwF-Brd Cow Bm	1415	2450.00	\$2,450.00
	6	Blk/BwF-Brd Cow Sm	1408	2700.00	\$2,700.00
	13	Rd/Blk-Brd Cow Late	1368	2400.00	\$2,400.00
Jerry Vossler, Rozet WY	15	Blk/BwF-Brd Cow 3/4	1073	2900.00	\$2,900.00
Curren Ranch, Aladdin WY	17	Red/RwF-Brd Cow Sm	1359	2600.00	\$2,600.00
	11	Red/RwF-Brd Cow Bm	1337	2625.00	\$2,625.00
	7	Red/RwF-Brd Cow Late	1106	2900.00	\$2,900.00
	5	Red-Brd Cow Late Sm	1171	2700.00	\$2,700.00
Robert Budmayer, Belle Fourche SD	6	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1340	2100.00	\$2,100.00
	3	Black-Brd Cow Sm/Bm	1362	2300.00	\$2,300.00

WEIGH UPS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Rittberger Beef, Hermosa SD	13	Black-Cow	1499	149.50	\$2,240.77
	6	Black-Cow	1315	157.00	\$2,064.55
Anders Cattle Co Llc, Rapid City SD	34	Black-Cow	1635	149.50	\$2,444.54
	1	Black-Cow	1605	130.00	\$2,086.50
Ken & Monica Kruppe, Buffalo Gap SD	24	Blk/BwF-Hfrt	828	237.00	\$1,961.17
Alan Lloyd, Otter MT	3	Black-Cow	1365	145.00	\$1,979.25
Bill Roadifer, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Hfrt	835	217.50	\$1,816.12
Karrels Cattle Co. Llc, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1230	149.00	\$1,832.70
Cole/Gina Ketelsen, Union Center SD	11	Black-Hfrt	1051	217.00	\$2,280.47
	1	Black-Cow	1065	212.00	\$2,257.80
Arnie Mader, Biddle MT	1	Black-Cow	1575	138.00	\$2,173.50
Andrew Hayman, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Cow	1395	149.50	\$2,085.52
Arnie Mader, Biddle MT	2	Rd/Blk-Cow	1305	149.00	\$1,944.45
Lester Aye, Broadus MT	2	BwF-Hfrt	1148	201.00	\$2,306.47
Peak Genetics Llc, Sheridan WY	1	Herf-Cow	1490	134.00	\$1,996.60
Neiman Cattle Co Llc, Alva WY	1	Black-Cow	1350	150.50	\$2,031.75
C & N Livestock, Alva WY	1	Black-Cow	1330	150.00	\$1,995.00
	1	Black-Cow	1160	164.00	\$1,902.40
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Lloyd Williams, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1170	158.00	\$1,848.60
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	3	Blk/BwF-Cow	1582	150.50	\$2,380.40

Harry Tavegia, Osage WY	5	Blk/BwF-Cow	1217	146.00	\$1,776.82
	3	Blk/BwF-Hfrt	947	228.50	\$2,163.13
Mark Fix, Miles City MT	5	Black-Hfrt	952	224.00	\$2,132.48

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Sandra Buffington, Hermosa SD	1	Black-Bull	1835	165.00	\$3,027.75
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5:30pm - Salt and Light

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892-3402  
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10 a.m. Worship

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(605)-920-1959  
Reverend Jill Jennewein  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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Pastor Darla Dunn  
402 Rosander St. Vale SD 57788  
Service Sunday: 10 a.m.  
605-210-0512



## Capitol News

March 2, 2025

The snow is disap-  
pearing at Capitol  
and on Tie Creek.  
By Saturday, it

seemed that spring was soon on  
the way.

Dick and Erma Albert had a car  
appointment in Belle Fourche,  
on Tuesday, so they did some  
shopping while they were there.

Erma was glad to get in to the  
chiropractor on Wednesday, and  
was feeling much better after  
that. Friday was the chicken din-  
ner at the Senior Citizens center.

The chicken always brings a  
big crowd, and Dick and Erma  
joined them. On Sunday, they  
attended church services at the  
Catholic Church. Then they  
went to Saloon Number Three  
for lunch, where the Lyons fam-  
ily joined them, and they had a  
good visit.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell went  
to Belle Fourche, on Monday, for  
the high school basketball game  
against Lemmon. Their grand-  
son, Gavin Pearson, was playing  
in the game. On Wednesday, a  
guy from Baker came down to  
help butcher beef. Alvin and  
Marlee went to Buffalo for the  
girls' high school basketball  
game against Faith, on Thursday.

It was a really well-played game.  
They have started calving, and  
Alvin has three calves from heif-  
ers. Ryan is now coming down  
to their house for night calving.  
Marlee went to the Methodist  
Church in Camp Crook, for the  
services on Sunday. It was  
Alvin and Marlee's anniversary,  
and they went out to the Corner  
Cafe for supper that evening.

Ernie Melum was visiting at  
Junior and Shirley Melum's, on  
Sunday evening.

Rachel and Tommy have spent  
some time on a skiing trip to  
Red Lodge, with other church  
members. Shirley has been  
enjoying the nice weather, and  
the snow there is mostly melted,  
now.

The Paddens had a busy week.  
Brandon and Ashley are both  
coaches for the Harding County  
High School wrestlers, so nearly  
everyone left, on Wednesday, to  
go to Rapid City for the three-  
day state tournament. On Tues-

day, Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy  
went to Buffalo for the girls'  
high school basketball game.

Then, on Wednesday, Bryce  
drew the short straw, and had  
to stay home to do the chores,  
while the others went to Rapid  
City for the state wrestling tour-  
nament. Dawn got some more  
great pictures, and they got to  
stay with the Brian Olmsted  
family. Brian is Dorothy's grand-  
son, and it is always nice to have  
a special place to stay. Bryce did  
get to go to Buffalo, for the girls'  
basketball game on Thursday,  
and it was a really good game  
to watch. Down in Rapid City,  
Kanyyn had a great tournament  
and earned a fifth-place medal.

Brenton had great matches, too,  
and the whole team earned lots  
of points. Sunday was a beauti-  
ful day, and a good day to rest  
up for next week's girls' basket-  
ball games.

Karen Odell still has lots of  
snow around the house, but  
she now can drive through  
the pasture to reach the road.  
Hywel went with her to get the  
mail. On Friday, Karen made  
a business trip to Buffalo, and  
finally getting out again made  
it feel like spring. She got some  
groceries while she was there,  
and the day was beautiful for  
the drive. She texted a happy  
birthday video to Micki Odell,  
in which, Hywel had joined in  
the singing; and she talked to  
all her kids. On Saturday, Karen  
and Hywel celebrated St. David's  
Day by sitting in the sun to read.  
It almost felt like spring. She  
sent her video to her brother,  
Ron Evans, who had been born  
on St. David's Day. Kyia Smith  
was at her dance lessons, and  
Murphy Hinds was at his skiing  
lessons.

Karen had gotten to see Car-  
son Odell's band concert on the  
internet. She is very impressed  
with the Mitchell school music  
programs, and their excellence  
in performance. On Sunday,  
Karen went to church in Camp  
Crook at the Methodist Church.  
It seemed great to enjoy the  
safety of traveling in the warmer  
weather.

Remember, a committee can  
make a decision that is dumber  
than any of its members.



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## Local Spending's Compounding Impact Boosts Rural Communities

In the past, this National column has mention and discuss the compounding effect t or impact of spending our dollars locally. I feel it is important to go into a bit more detail on this critical element of



Self-Reliance found that independent retailers employ 57 people per \$10 million in sales, while chain stores employ only 27 people per \$10 million. In rural communities, where job opportunities may be scarce, this job density differential of 111% represents not just statistics but real livelihoods and community stability. When rural residents spend locally, they directly support higher local employment rates.

The economic impact of local spending in rural communities extends FAR beyond the initial transaction, creating a multiplier effect that can significantly enhance local economic resilience and growth. This phenomenon, often called the "local multiplier effect," demonstrates how dollars circulate within a community before eventually leaving the local economy.

The Multiplier Effect is when consumers choose locally-owned businesses over non-local alternatives, more money remains in the community. Studies consistently show that locally-owned businesses recirculate a higher percentage of revenue locally compared to chain stores or online retailers. According to the American Independent Business Alliance, locally-owned businesses recirculate 48% of their revenue back into the local economy, compared to just 14% for chain retailers. This 3.5x difference becomes particularly significant in rural settings where economic resources may be limited. Civic Economics found that for every \$100 spent at a local business, \$68 remains local, compared to just \$43 when spent at a chain store. In smaller rural communities, this 58% increase in local economic impact becomes even more crucial.

Local businesses typically create more jobs per unit of sales compared to larger corporations. The Institute for Local

Local shopping generates tax revenue that funds essential community services. A study by the Maine Center for Economic Policy found that shifting just 10% of consumer spending from national chains to locally-owned businesses would generate an additional \$127 million in economic activity and create 874 new jobs. For rural communities with limited tax bases, this incremental increase in local revenue can mean the difference between maintaining or cutting crucial public services like road maintenance, emergency services, and schools.

Rural economies often suffer from "economic leakage" - money flowing out of the community to external businesses. The Federal Reserve Bank found that rural counties lose an average of 40% of potential retail sales to larger commercial centers outside their boundaries. When rural residents shop locally, they help plug these leaks. A study by Iowa State University showed that increasing local food purchases by just 15% could create 46 new jobs in a six-county rural region.

Local spending creates conditions favoring new business formation. Research by the Federal Reserve Bank demonstrates that

communities with strong local business sectors show 250% higher levels of entrepreneurial activity compared to communities dominated by non-local businesses. In rural settings, this entrepreneurial activity often addresses specific local needs that might be overlooked by larger companies, creating a virtuous cycle of localized economic development.

Rural communities with stronger local business ecosystems demonstrate greater economic resilience during downturns. A study published in the Journal of Rural Studies found that rural counties with higher percentages of locally-owned businesses experienced unemployment rates 2-3 percentage points lower during the 2008 recession compared to counties dominated by non-local businesses.

Beyond purely economic metrics, local spending generates social capital that provides long-term benefits. Local business owners donate 350% more to local charities than non-local business owners according to the Portland Independent Business Alliance, directly enhancing community welfare.

Despite these benefits, rural communities face practical challenges in maintaining robust local business ecosystems. Limited population density, geographic isolation, and economies of scale often make it difficult for local businesses to compete with larger alternatives on price alone. Research by the International Council of Shopping Centers found 70% of consumers are willing to pay a premium of up to 10% for goods from local businesses, suggesting that value propositions beyond price can effectively drive local spending.

The compounding effect of local spending in rural communities creates a virtuous economic cycle that enhances job creation, strengthens the tax base, reduces economic leakage, fosters entrepreneurship, and builds community resil-

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

- Man's name: abbr.
- Wings
- Indian lady
- Dance company (abbr.)
- Celtic
- Black
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (abbr.)
- Small (2 words)
- Rom. ruler
- Sayings (suf.)
- Cash
- Crafty
- Frenzied
- Jap. pit viper
- Ram
- New (Ger.)
- Eagle's nest
- Recommended daily allowance (abbr.)
- Office holders
- Norse tale

**DOWN**

- Poke
- Fetish
- Containing tin
- Pastry
- New sugarcane shoot
- S.A. herb
- Devon river
- Hold fast: naut.
- Dayak people
- Beerlike Arab drink
- Immigration and Naturalization Service (abbr.)
- Medieval fiddle
- Mouse-spotter's cry
- Peanut
- Presage
- Load
- Son of Samuel
- Heed
- Send
- N. Caucasian language
- Way
- Amer. Standard Code for Information Interchange (abbr.)
- Alone
- Uncle of Mohammed
- Urban office holder
- Take part
- Mississippi bridge
- Noun-forming (suf.)
- Swed. county
- Faring edge
- Mountain on Crete
- Amer. Automobile Assn. (abbr.)
- Albania (abbr.)

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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 SOP EMYD NICE  
 CLILARES NAHA  
 ULNA MOLE REH  
 MANES LEVI  
 ICAL ELBE  
 ZIP SOVEREIGN  
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 NOD NEISS DELE

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TAX EXEMPT LIST FOR 2025 ASSESSMENTS	EXEMPT	PARCEL	LEGAL	LOCATION
ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	16.01.031.20	ORIGINAL NEWELL CITY LOTS 20-24 BLOCK 31	NEWELL
BADLANDS EARLY HEAD START	RELIEF AGENCY	16.01.023.03	ORIG. NEWELL CITY N2 LOT 3- 4, BLOCK 23	NEWELL
BADLANDS EARLY HEAD START	RELIEF AGENCY	16.01.023.05	ORIG. NEWELL CITY N2 LOT 5, BLOCK 23	NEWELL
BELLE FOURCHE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	INDUSTRIAL DEV CORP	15.00.16.12A-R	ORIG. BFC LOTS 12A-R BLOCK 16	BELLE FOURCHE
BELLE FOURCHE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	INDUSTRIAL DEV CORP	15.30.AM.01	LOT 1 BLOCK AM SHERRILL ADDITION	BELLE FOURCHE
BELLE FOURCHE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	INDUSTRIAL DEV CORP	15.60.4.2R	BUSFIELD ADDN #3 LOT 2R BFC BLOCK 4	BELLE FOURCHE
BELLE FOURCHE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	INDUSTRIAL DEV CORP	15.60.5.1	BUSFIELD ADDN #3 BFC LOTS 3A & 2A BLOCK 5	BELLE FOURCHE
BELLE FOURCHE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	INDUSTRIAL DEV CORP	15.60.5.5	LOTS 5 AND 6 BLOCK 5 BUSFIELD ADDITION #3 BFC	BELLE FOURCHE
BELLE FOURCHE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	INDUSTRIAL DEV CORP	15.60.2	BUSFIELD ADDN #3 BFC BLOCK 2	BELLE FOURCHE
BELLE FOURCHE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	INDUSTRIAL DEV CORP	15.60.3	BUSFIELD ADDN #3 BFC BLOCK 3	BELLE FOURCHE
BELLE FOURCHE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	INDUSTRIAL DEV CORP	15.60.1	BUSFIELD ADDN #3 BFC BLOCK 1	BELLE FOURCHE
BELLE FOURCHE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	15.33.09.03	SOUTHPARK III ADDN BFC LOTS 9	BELLE FOURCHE
BELLE FOURCHE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	15.33.10.01	SOUTHPARK III ADDN BFC LOTS 1-5 & 6A BLOCK 10	BELLE FOURCHE
BELLE FOURCHE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	15.33.10.29	SOUTHPARK III ADDN BFC LOT 29A BLOCK 10	BELLE FOURCHE
BELLE FOURCHE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH	OTHER	15.00.40.07W	ORIGINAL BFC W 90' OF LOT 7 & N 2' OF W 90' OF LOT 8 BLOCK 40	BELLE FOURCHE
BELLE FOURCHE LIONS CLUB	OTHER	15.00.40.08N	ORIG. BFC N48' OF W90' OF LOT 8 BLOCK 40	BELLE FOURCHE
BELLE FOURCHE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER	CHARITABLE	15.09.M.02	CRAFTS 2ND ADDITION BFC WEST 75' OF LOT 2 BLK M	BELLE FOURCHE
BLACK HILLS GOSPEL ASSEMBLY	RELIGIOUS	15.92.01.01	MODESTO VILLAGE ADDN BFC LOT 1 (*FORMERLY 08.2.22.11.1)	BELLE FOURCHE
BLACK HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	08.2.01.3.5.1	LOT 1 MENNONITE ADDN	BELLE FOURCHE
BLACK HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	08.2.01.3.3	LOT A OF TRS OF SW4	BELLE FOURCHE
BUTTE COUNTY AMBULANCE	OTHER	15.00.14.19.1	ORIGINAL BFC N100' LOTS 19-22 BLOCK 14	BELLE FOURCHE
BUTTE COUNTY HOUSING & REDVELOPMENT COMMISSION	OTHER	15.57.10A	WILLOWBROOK SUBDIVISION LOTS 10A BFC	BELLE FOURCHE
BUTTE COUNTY HOUSING & REDVELOPMENT COMMISSION	OTHER	15.57.10B	WILLOWBROOK SUBDIVISION LOTS 10B BFC	BELLE FOURCHE
BUTTE COUNTY HOUSING & REDVELOPMENT COMMISSION	OTHER	15.57.27A	WILLOWBROOK SUBDIVISION LOTS 27A BFC	BELLE FOURCHE
BUTTE COUNTY HOUSING & REDVELOPMENT COMMISSION	OTHER	15.57.27B	WILLOWBROOK SUBDIVISION LOTS 27B BFC	BELLE FOURCHE
CASTLE ROCK MOREAU HALL	BENEVOLENT	13.6.29.1.2	TRX NE4N4	NEWELL
CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER	RELIGIOUS	15.01.02.01	BELLA VISTA ADDN LOT 1 BLOCK 2	BELLE FOURCHE
CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER	RELIGIOUS	15.01.A.B.	BELLA VISTA ADDN LOT B LESS W 80' OF S 596.49' OF TRACT A	BELLE FOURCHE
CONNECTION CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	15.00.14.19.2	ORIGINAL BELLE FOURCHE CITY S50' LOTS 19-22 BLOCK 14	BELLE FOURCHE
CONNECTION CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	15.00.15.08A	ORIGINAL BFC LOT 8A BLK 15 FORMERLY LOT 9	BELLE FOURCHE
CONNECTION CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	15.00.15.06	ORIGINAL BFC LOT 6 BLOCK 15	BELLE FOURCHE
EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	15.76.01.11	RIDGE ESTATES BFC LOT 10 BLOCK 1	BELLE FOURCHE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	15.00.19.07E	ORIGINAL BELLE FOURCHE CITY E 63' LOT 7 BLOCK 19	BELLE FOURCHE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	15.00.21.01W	ORIGINAL BELLE FOURCHE CITY W 100' LOTS 1-2 BLOCK 21	BELLE FOURCHE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	15.00.21.03	ORIGINAL BELLE FOURCHE CITY N 12.5' LOT 3 BLOCK 21	BELLE FOURCHE
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	15.00.38.05	ORIGINAL BFC LOTS 5-7 BLOCK 38	BELLE FOURCHE
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	16.01.025.12	ORIG. NEWELL CITY LOTS 12-13 BLOCK 25	NEWELL
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	16.01.025.14	ORIG. NEWELL CITY LOT 14 BLOCK 25	NEWELL
JEHOVAH'S WITNESS	RELIGIOUS	15.22.04.A10	NORTHGATE ADDN BFC LOTS 1-3 BLOCK 4	BELLE FOURCHE
JEHOVAH'S WITNESS	RELIGIOUS	15.22.04.07	NORTHGATE ADDN BFC LOT 7-B BLOCK 4	BELLE FOURCHE
LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	78.08.2.1.01	REDWATER RANCHETTES #7 LOT 1 BLOCK 1	BELLE FOURCHE
LDS CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	15.44.02.08	ZUKEMONT ADDN BFC LOT 8-14 BLOCK 2	BELLE FOURCHE
NAIA TEMPLE	BENEVOLENT	15.00.58.01	ORIG. BFC LOTS 1-2 BLOCK 58	BELLE FOURCHE
NEW DAWN ENTERPRISES	CHARITABLE	08.6.31.41	E2NE4SEAPT	BELLE FOURCHE
NEWELL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	16.02.05.01W	FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS NWL W 100' LOT 1 BLOCK 5	NEWELL
NEWELL EVANGELICAL CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	16.01.056.01D	ORIG. NEWELL CITY LOT 1D BLOCK 56	NEWELL
NEWELL EVANGELICAL CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	16.01.061.01A	ORIG. NEWELL CITY W 250' LOT 1 BLOCK 61	NEWELL
NEWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT	FIRE	16.01.039.01	ORIGINAL NEWELL CITY LOTS 1-5 BLOCK 39	NEWELL
NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	17.00.11.08	ORIG. NISLAND T7M LOTS 8 & 29 BLOCK 11	NISLAND
NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	17.00.11.10	ORIG. NISLAND T7M LOTS 10 & W2 9 BLOCK 11	NISLAND
NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	17.00.11.11	ORIG. NISLAND T7M LOTS 11-14 BLOCK 11	NISLAND
NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	17.00.12.03B	ORIG. NISLAND T7M LOTS 3B & 4 BLOCK 12	NISLAND
NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	17.00.12.04	ORIG. NISLAND T7M E 100' N 123' BLOCK 12	NISLAND
NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	17.02.00.01	ORIG. NISLAND T7M LOTS 1-3 OUTLOT D	NISLAND
NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	17.02.00.04	ORIG. NISLAND T7M LOT 4 OUTLOT D	NISLAND
NISLAND ARPAN FIRE DEPT	EXEMPT	17.00.03.13	ORIG. NISLAND T7M W 20' LOT 13 BLOCK 3	NISLAND
NISLAND ARPAN FIRE DEPT	EXEMPT	17.00.03.14	ORIG. NISLAND T7M LOTS 14-16 BLOCK 3	NISLAND
NISLAND ARPAN FIRE DEPT	EXEMPT	17.00.03.11	ORIG. NISLAND T7M LOTS 10-12 & E5' LOT 13 BLOCK 3	NISLAND
VVN SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER	BENEVOLENT	16.01.040.28	ORIG. NEWELL CITY LOTS 28-30 BLOCK 40	NEWELL
JEPEN BIBLE CHURCH	RELIGIOUS	15.33.11.01	SOUTH PARK III ADDN BFC LOTS 1-3 BLOCK 11	BELLE FOURCHE
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Central Meade County News



By Sandy Rhoden February 23, 2025

The cold snap finally broke this past weekend with temperatures in the low 60s. It was a great relief after many days of extreme cold and sub zero temperatures. Some ranchers had to battle with frozen water which always adds more stress to the concern for the cattle and animals. Kyle Barry was able to thaw waters at the Rhoden ranch for his bulls, as well as frozen water to the house that Sandy came home to on Sunday after being away for several days. While temperatures were welcomed warmly for the weekend, we didn't escape some winds on Monday. The Legislative Session is in the last half of its entirety for this 100th legislative session. One of the bigger issues is the possibility of the new prison. The other hot topic is the plan for easing property tax. Hopefully, at upcoming cracker barrels the legislators will have

a better understanding of the process and relay it to their constituents. This year's flu season has been named the worst flu season in many years. There are tests available over the counter for flu bugs or Covid but they say there are chances that they will give false readings. To prevent spreading the virus they suggest drinking fluids, eat well, wash your hands, eat a healthy diet, get plenty of rest and wear a mask. If a fever persists the Sandord Health Hospital suggests seeing your doctor. The annual Polar Plunge held by law enforcement raised \$192,000 for the Special Olympics. They were fortunate to be able to do it in Rapid City after the very frigid temperatures were gone. Larry and Sandy Rhoden were able to attend their first Governor's Conference in Washington DC over the weekend. They each attended sessions on different

topics throughout the full days. They were able to spend some time with Kristi and Bryon Noem and others they were able to meet for the first time. The highlight of the trip was the state dinner at the White House where they enjoyed the army symphonies and choir. They were amazing. They also saw or met many familiar faces one sees on TV in different capacities. The dinner included Governor's and spouses as well as the newly appointed Secretaries, President Trump and his wife Melania. The icing on the cake was the tour provided personally by President Trump to some very special places in the White House. It was a bit surreal having conversations like you might have with a friend or neighbor, but this one was with a world leader. It was a valuable and educational conference for all who attended. The question this time of year is always, "Will March come in like a lion or a lamb?" We always hope for the latter.

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## Ribbon Cutting Held at Breakfast Club

**Robbi Longbrake**  
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BELLE FOURCHE—The Breakfast Club officially joined the Belle Fourche community at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held at the business on the morning of March 7.

The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce invited the public to come help welcome this fantastic new restaurant to town. And the town came through! "It went really well, we were really busy, so it was kind of crazy, but I think it went really well," explained Rhonda Schild, owner.

Rhonda and Marty Schild opened the doors to the eatery

on February 1, 2025. Being a breakfast only restaurant, Schild caters to shift workers and those out and about at various hours. "Honestly, we have plenty of lunch and dinner options in this town, but we don't have a lot of breakfast options, and I know a lot of people that work super early hours and other than fast food, they don't have a lot of options for breakfast," explained Schild.

What is unique about this business is the hours of operation. They are open when most other restaurants are closed. The Breakfast Club offers breakfast from 4:00 a.m. to

11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday with more late night/early morning hours on the weekends of 1:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The small cafe seats 55 people. Schild said, "it's a very small restaurant and the whole vibe of the restaurant is like you're walking into home, it's very comfy, very casual!"

So far the community has been very welcoming to the new business.

Schild said, "the community has been really great!"

You can find The Breakfast Club at 1405 5th Avenue in Belle Fourche, SD.



The **BFMS Theater's** show, *Magic*, is March 14th & 15th at 7 PM in the BFACC Theater. Cast members **Kasey Dobesh, Avery Dobesh, Lucia Rodriguez, Kelton Streeter, Madi Rhoads and Daniel Eddy** join the tour to make their way to the perfect little town.



Sixth graders **Zephina Michaud, Sierra Saivong, Paisley Featherton, and Adalyn Savery** create fun eighties characters for the play *MAGIC* on Friday & Saturday night.



**Ember Olson, Kasey Dobesh, & Lexi Allart** portray charming characters in the mysterious play, *MAGIC*. All three have been in previous shows & act as leaders for MS theater.

## 50 Years Doesn't take Long



**Clark Sowers** and his son and business partner **Randy Sowers**. Clark celebrated 50 years in business on March 7. Clark and Randy are owners of **Belle Laundry and Dry Cleaning**. Courtesy Photo

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**Lauralee Dreiske & Daniel Eddy** play 80's teens in *MAGIC*, the BFMS play on March 14th & 15th



**Read Across America** From A1 a supplemental reading program called Lexia for the second year in a row. The significant increase in Lexia reading scores was the culmination of a full week of reading celebration.

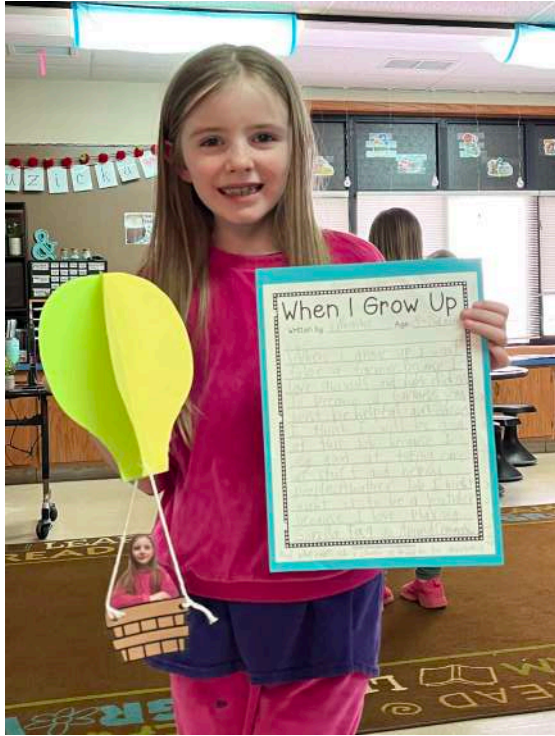
"The Lexia celebration will be an all-day thing. Each grade level will have a chal-

lenge during their PE time. We will then have a championship challenge at the end." Ms. Ruzicka explained.

At the end of the day students gathered in the gym. Teams from grades 1-4 were chosen to represent their grade. Each grade competed against two teams of teachers in a race. Activity mats were placed on

fast moving carts.

Each cart was manned by the four team members. A timed relay race ensued. The fourth grade team members of may have won the race, but everyone was a winner in a fun, challenging, entertaining, and educational effort to improve and celebrate scores.



(L) Second Grade teacher **Kelsey Ruzicka** assists her student finishing the 'tricky' part of assembling their balloon projects inspired by the book, *Oh the Places You'll Go*, by *Theodore Gissel*. (AKA *Dr. Suess*) (R) **Katherine Fowler** presents her finished personalized balloon and essay, "*When I Grow Up*". (Meg English photos)



(Above) **Karsyn Gardner** and **Jessilyn Llewellyn** (below) 4th Grade teacher **Madison Burgers**



Tuesday was 'crazy sock' day at South Park Elementary School. *'Fox in Socks'* by Dr. Suess is fun, but challenging book to read aloud, as it is full of tongue twisters. *Crazy Sock Day* was inspired by this Suess's unusual illustration of a 'Fox' in Socks. These socks were all shared with second graders in **Ms. Kelsey Ruzicka's** class.



(Above) Team players all the way! (Clockwise below); On your mark, get set go!; Fourth grade champion team left to right **Amari Grove**, **Logan Atkinson**, **Evie Funk**, **Steven Hancock**; Teacher team representatives left to right, **Matthew Wattier**, **Madison Burgers**, **Kennedy Garcia**, **Sydney Burghduff**; 4th Grade Wacky Wednesday outfits.





### Nonprofit 360 registration now open

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Non-profit 360, a free program to provide a pathway to sustainability for area nonprofits, is now taking applications for participants, which can include executive directors, staff, board members and volunteers.

United Way of the Black Hills (UWBH), Innovative NonProfit (INP), and the John T. Vucurevich Foundation (JTVF) are partnering to offer this initiative.

Nonprofit 360 will help nonprofit staff and board members build leadership and organizational skills in group and individual settings, and through on-line and face-to-face sessions. The program is available at no cost to nonprofits in the six counties covered by the United Way of the Black Hills: Butte, Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Meade, and Pennington.

Nonprofit 360 consists of three capacity building paths.

• Path 1 – Professional Development  
Path 1 is focused on leadership training and will prepare key staff members to lead their organization. The hybrid delivery includes online instruction from DDI (ddiworld.com) and live instruction from UWBH, focused on effective, research-based leadership development.

Three instructor-led, one-day sessions will take place in the last three quarters of 2025 and will be offered in multiple locations for convenience. Registration for 2025 closes on March 31.

• Path 2 – Group Training Workshops  
Path 2 builds on Nonprofit Connections, the current quarterly educational workshops that address key aspects of nonprofit management. Each work-

shop consists of three hours of in-person training and is offered in three locations in the Black Hills region, in March, June, and October 2025. Sessions are designed to offer education, networking, and hands-on practice. Post-workshop action groups help attendees bridge the gap between learning and implementation. Registration for the March Workshops is live now and closes soon.

• Path 3 – Board and Staff Training Program  
Path 3 is the Bridges to Boards initiative, an innovative concept that connects nonprofits with local emerging leaders, and, builds board engagement for existing board members. Nonprofit leaders, board members and prospective board members participate in a five-month comprehensive training program. Two cohorts are offered in 2025, the first starting March 25. Registration for this cohort closes March 14.

A fourth path, the Nonprofit Co-op, is available solely for funded agencies of the UWBH and includes services and coaching for individual organizations, as well as group sessions. Partner nonprofits can select from a menu of topics to receive consulting services in their areas of greatest need, delivered by INP. UWBH partners are encouraged to apply now to make this most of this opportunity.

“Nonprofit 360 will help develop, encourage, and challenge our nonprofits,” said John Cass, UWBH Executive Director. “We encourage nonprofit staff and board to sign up now for this one-of-a kind, free initiative.”

To apply for Nonprofit 360, go to [www.innovnp.com/nonprofit-360](http://www.innovnp.com/nonprofit-360). -end-

United Way of the Black Hills’ mission is to unite people and resources to improve lives in the Black Hills by delivering measurable long-term solutions to community issues in education, financial stability, and health.

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The John T. Vucurevich Foundation is committed to helping low-income individuals meet their needs one family at a time through grantmaking and community collaboration. Through key collaborations, JTVF works closely with communities, builds partnerships, and promotes positive change.

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### Dusty Johnson with sheriffs

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Meade County Sheriff Pat West and Clay County Sheriff Andy Howe were the guests of Rep. Dusty Johnson for President Donald Trump’s first address to Congress since winning his second term. That was on purpose: the Republican congressman wanted to contrast the current administration with the Biden Administration’s policies on crime and policing.

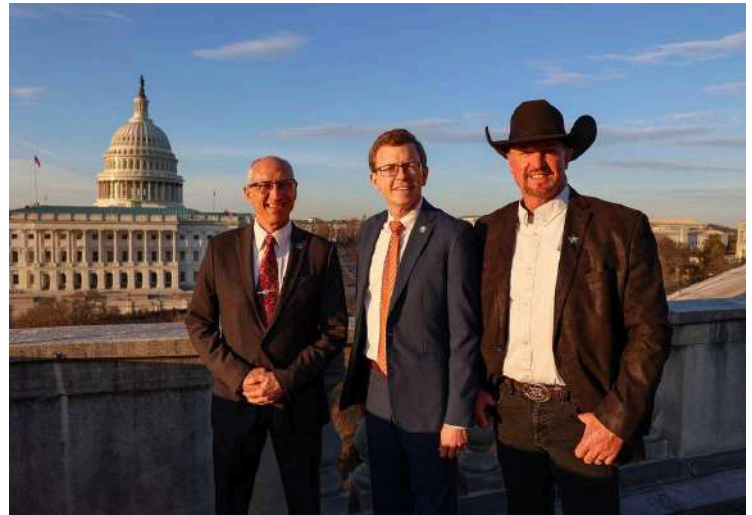
“President Trump’s leadership is a welcome change for our men and women in blue,” Johnson said in a release welcoming the sheriffs.

West called the opportunity a “once-in-a-lifetime opportunity” while Howe said he was honored by Johnson’s invitation.

Howe is a long-serving sher-

iff, winning his first election in 2002. He serves as South Dakota’s delegate to the Mid-State Organized Crime Information Center where he advocates for the Regional Information Sharing System. That system shares information across jurisdictions about criminal investigations and threats to officers. He assisted in the arrest of a suspect who was involved in the fentanyl death of a 15-year-old girl.

West was an agent with the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation for more than 20 years before winning election in Meade County in 2022. He has worked on cases involving methamphetamine and fentanyl distribution, as well as sex trafficking, which included a 13-year-old girl who was abducted by a 33-year-old male sex offender.



Meade County Sheriff Pat West and Clay County Sheriff Andy Howe with Rep. Dusty Johnson (Submitted)



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# BFACT Hosts a 90s Prom Fundraiser

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BELLE FOURCHE—For the celebration of their 15th season of theater, Belle Fourche Area Community Theater (BFACT) invited the community to dust off their tuxes and unpack their best taffeta gowns for a 90s Prom fundraiser on the evening of March 1.

The Community Hall was transformed back to a time when our favorite Friends gathered at Central Perk and Saved by the Bell was the preferred high school with cardboard cutouts of the stars from the 90s greeting everyone's arrival. Balloons, corsages, fanny packs, tiaras, bandanas, slap bracelets and vintage video game consoles from that time period were all used to create the time warp.

Hunter Anderson was on hand to take pictures of the happy couples and party goes at a makeshift photo booth.

Belle Fourche Area Community Theater (BFACT) created an evening that invoked memories of times gone by. Attendees enjoyed a pulled pork dinner from The Farmhouse. Follow-

ing the meal everyone participated in game of 90s trivia with Michael Meemken, Board Member, hosting. Memory was tested with topics such as the name of the show with Steve Urkel and what band was started in the 90s by the drummer from Nirvana.

The Outlaw provided a full bar with a variety of drinks. Katie Hammill and Sara Rosen-cranz played hits from the decade and kept the music flowing all evening. Prom-goers danced the night away.

With a limited amount of tickets to sell, about 50-60 people dressed up to attend prom. "We wanted to do something special for our 15th season, to just kind of kick things off," explained Derek Olson, Executive Director. "What would we want to go to and everybody said that it would be a lot of fun to relive 90s prom!"

In addition to having a fun evening, the event was to raise funds for the BFACT. "The funds all go right back into community theater, and it helps fund our 15th season this year," said Olson.

The BFACT has an active

schedule full of events planned for this special 15th year. Olson said, "People can check our Facebook page or our website, bellefourcheacts.com for all of the stuff coming up—we've got a full season planned. The first show will be March 29 here in Belle Fourche and we have an exciting season coming up—a lot of stuff celebrating 15 years!"

Upcoming shows include: March 29, Getting Our Acts Together: A Night of Northern Hills One-Acts at the Rec Center Auditorium; June 26 through June 29, Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at the Rec Center Auditorium; September 12 through 14, Is he Dead? at the Rec Center Auditorium and December 12 through 14, It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play at the Rec Center Auditorium.

The September show, Is He Dead? is special to the theater group. "In September, we're doing the show, Is He Dead? which is actually the first show we did back in 2010 so we're doing that again, kind of as a celebration of how far we've come," explained Olson.



Belle Fourche Area Community Theater held a 90s theme Prom fundraiser at the BF Community Hall. Longbrake Photos



During 90s trivia, players wrote answers on a white board and held it in the air when finished.



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## Support Given to Area First Responders



Area First Responders received checks from the Festival of Trees held in December. From the left are Joel Brunner, Sherry Hocking, Kurt Hocking, Stan Lewis, Mayor Tara Tennis, and Verl Tift. Courtesy Photo



### B's Buzz

One of my favorite things to watch are the baby calves running around the lots. While mommas are eating at the trough, one after another baby takes off on an adventure!

They sneak away while momma is distracted with the necessary business of eating and chewing. I don't know, maybe even a little gossip between the older mommas and the young newbies. I do know that there's a little bit of mooing and cooing going on even as they munch.

Then the babies are off! Running as fast as their legs will take them! First to the east, then the south! Round and round and round they go! Jumping high and butting heads, they "climb" the highest pile and see who's "King on the Mountain!"

Up, down, around and around they go! Who can run fastest? Who can stop without falling down? They butt heads and push each other just to see who is strongest.

Then they stop, pant, look around, and take off again! Zoom! Zoom!

This is the best time of year! Baby calves. Baby goats. Baby sheep. A new promise of summer and the year ahead.

Will there be grass in the pastures? Will the dams have water? Or enough hay to get

through next winter? This time of year, is the promise of a "good year" and it comes every year.

I've been part of the farming and ranching community for a half a century. I'm older than that, but I sheepishly have to say I'm a city born gal. I was raised in the city, but my heart has always been with the soil and seasons.

This is life at its best! Oh, sure there's drought and grasshoppers, too much rain and snow. But every day is different and filled with adventure and challenges!

Life in the city can be boring, I think. As I was growing up, my thoughts were always turned to what ranching or farming would be like. It's harder than I imagined as a kid, but isn't that true of everything in life? Early mornings and late nights in the summers and at calving time. Sometimes never being really clean and in the summer smelling like a sweaty sailor. Mosquitoes and flies. Bugs and snakes.

But then there's the song of a meadowlark or the sight of an eagle. What a marvelous life! The smell of fresh cut alfalfa and in the fall the wondrous odor of silage.

Just writing about it, makes me want to get outside and see what the world has for us this year! Join me in seeing the season with fresh eyes and a heart that sings with the meadowlark or honks like a goose headed south!

### Generous Support

**Betty Bruner**  
news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NVN-The people of the Newell, Vale, and Nisland areas have proved once again their generous hearts. The Newell Festival of Trees held in December at the Newell City Hall was crowded with Christmas fare and auctioned off to the highest bidder as residents opened their checkbooks to bid on the donated items, raffle, and by simply attending the event.

The entire Newell Festival of Trees Committee expresses gratitude for the support of the 2024 event. On behalf of the committee, Chair Judy Heisler remarked that the committee was inspired by creativity and dedication displayed by the community. The committee is proud to see the joy that the Newell Festival of Trees brought to families of the area.

Because of the generosity of the community, the Newell Ambulance, Newell and Vale Fire Departments, and the

Nisland/Arpan Search and Rescue Fire Department were each given \$8,000.

The support from the community helps to continue the committee's mission of helping the fire and ambulance services, spreading holiday cheer, and raising funds for local charities.

Heisler extends a heartfelt "Thank You!" to the difference that is made in the community. The committee looks forward to 2025 December Festival of Trees.



Joel Brunner receives a check from Festival of Trees Chair Judy Heisler. Courtesy Photos



Stan Lewis presented the Nisland/Arpan Search and Rescue Fire Department.

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## Grand River Roundup



**Betty Olson**

news@bellefourchebeacon.com

This was a really nice warm week with temperatures in the 50s that melted a lot of snow and I didn't need to fire up the wood stove all week.

I got called to federal jury duty this week and when I left for Rapid City on Monday to see if I would be selected for the jury, it was 51 degrees and water was running everywhere. Olson Creek was about to run over the road in front of our house and I wasn't sure I could get across it if it did run over, but it didn't completely cover the road so I made it out okay. Since I had to be at the Federal building at 8:00 Tuesday morning, I left Monday afternoon to stay with our granddaughter Bryce Hesper and her family in Rapid City that evening so I could make it

to the jury selection on time the next morning.

I got to the Federal building early Tuesday morning and spent a long day there while they were picking people to serve on the jury. I didn't get picked so I left Rapid City and got home about 4:00 that afternoon. The wind was blowing so hard I could hardly open the door of my pickup when I stopped in Newell to gas up on the way home. The thermometer in my pickup registered 59 degrees when I drove into the ranch and Olson Creek and the South Grand River were still running strong.

We lost another old friend this week: Geraldine (Chapman) Howey, 98, formerly of Lodgepole and Watertown, passed away at West River Regional Medical Center in Hettinger on

Friday, February 21. Preceding Geraldine in death were her parents Glen and Clara, her siblings, Lorraine Strid, Evelyn Gisselbeck, Nora "Irene" Strampher, and Glen "Albert" Chapman and her husband, John. Cremation was entrusted to Evanson Jensen Funeral Home. A memorial service is tentatively planned for this summer at the Camp on a beautiful hill overlooking the land she loved.

We went to Hettinger Wednesday morning for Reub's appointment with Mary Eggebo. It was too early for coffee in Reeder on our way home, but I got to get the kids off the school bus at Reva that afternoon. Casey went to Buffalo that afternoon to take the wrestlers to the State Wrestling at Rapid City on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Missy left

here that evening to spend the night at their daughter Bryce Hesper's house in Rapid City that night and to watch the wrestling over the weekend. Doris (Hendricks) Lee called Reub while I was gone on Tuesday to find out when my Cousin Donald Krambeer's funeral was so I called her back on Wednesday to tell her that Donald's funeral will be May 24th at 11:00 in Ludlow. We had a really good long visit because my mother Lila (Wilkinson) White and her siblings grew up with all the Hendricks family and they were just like family, although they weren't related. Doris and her sister Lila are the only Hendricks still alive and my mother's sister Bessie (Wilkinson) Campbell is the only one left of my mother's family. I suppose we talked for an hour or more, but we sure had a lot of memories to visit about.

Thursday was a beautiful day with the temperature at 59 degrees and not much wind. I washed lots of laundry that morning and it got dry on the clothesline outside really fast. Knox wanted to go to Rapid City to watch the wrestling that day so Amanda took Knox and Copper down to Rapid City while Amanda's Grandma Louise Jensen came down to spend the day with River Lu and the twins. The girls Regional Semifinals basketball game was in Buffalo that afternoon and Amanda brought Copper and Knox back up from Rapid City to watch the Buffalo girls beat Faith. Grandma Louise took River Lu and the twins to Buffalo for the basketball game so they could come home with

Amanda later that evening.

There was a Cracker Barrel at Grand Electric in Bison Saturday afternoon with Rep. Jana Hunt, Rep. Travis Ismay and Sen. Sam Marty attending. We are in one of the two split districts in the state so Rep. Jana Hunt represents 28A, Rep. Travis Ismay represents 28B, and Sen. Sam Marty represents all of District 28. I joined a large crowd to hear what bills and laws the South Dakota Legislature has been dealing with. February 25 was Crossover Day, which was the last day to pass bills or joint resolutions by the house of origin, and the last day to invoke JR 7-7 in the house of origin, so this has been a busy time for all the legislators and especially the new members who are just figuring out what all they have to do in Pierre.

I'll leave you with this that Sen. Ryan Maher sent me years ago when we were both serving in Pierre:

I became confused when I heard the word Service used with these agencies: Internal Revenue 'Service' U.S. Postal 'Service' Telephone 'Service' Cable TV 'Service' Civil 'Service' State, City, County & Public 'Service' Customer 'Service'

This is not what I thought 'Service' meant. But today, I overheard two farmers talking, and one of them said he had hired a bull to 'Service' a few cows. BAM!!! It all came into focus. Now I understand what all those agencies are doing to us. You are now as enlightened as I am.

## Then and Now in Newell

### "Looking Forward to our Past"

**March 4, 1915**

It has been decided that the water users should be represented on the Board of Review and blank ballots will be mailed to the users upon which to name their choice of representative. Among the names mentioned for the place is D. H. Ely. Our present County Assessor, we believe Mr. Ely is competent to fill the position and if elected, will look after the interest of the water users.

C. F. Clausen was in from Hoover Tuesday. He reports that the snow is lighter up that way and that the sheep have wintered in fine shape. Tom Stevenson was in from his ranch on the Moreau also, the forepart of the week. He says his stock on the range is doing well.

A new building is being put up on the E. Semmons Ranch in which to store the community thresher. Win Cox has erected a new barn on his ranch. The landscape is changing.

**February 26, 1925**

The new train service on

causing much pillage and damage.

**February 28, 1935**

A large cistern is under construction at the Vale School grounds for the relief of the water supply. The water from the eaves will pass through filters and be connected with the present water system, where it will be used for general purposes. A greater part of the work is being done by the Government Relief Workers.

The Rank family, who have been living on the Gerlach place southeast of Newell, are moving to the Ellis place now occupied by the Bitterman family, who will move to the Makki Farm near the depot.

Casper Oman representing the Anaconda, Montana Ski Club, took first place at the Black Hills Winter Sports Club's Annual Tournament with jumps of 163 and 170 feet for a score of 154.4. Enar Fredbo, Utah Ski Club took second place with jumps of 165 and 163 feet. Barney McLean, Hot Sulphur Springs, placed third with a jump of 166 feet. New-

by Linda Velder

"go a fishin".

The First National Bank presents a very nice, improved appearance since the completion of the work of remodeling the interior. The principal change was the removal of the old-style high grating which served only to darken the interior and interfere with the work of the employees. The new and modern arrangement is not only a pleasing improvement but affords the opportunity for better service to the customers of the institution.

Jimmy Gadsden is suffering with a badly cut second finger on his left hand, sustained in an accident with a scooter while at play. His parents took him to Belle Fourche Wednesday for medical attention and while the end of the finger was nearly cut off, it is expected that no permanent damage would result.

S. 2/c Ivan Boe was enroute home after having finished his boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, but due to Scarlet fever, he was detained at Rapid City the latter part of the week



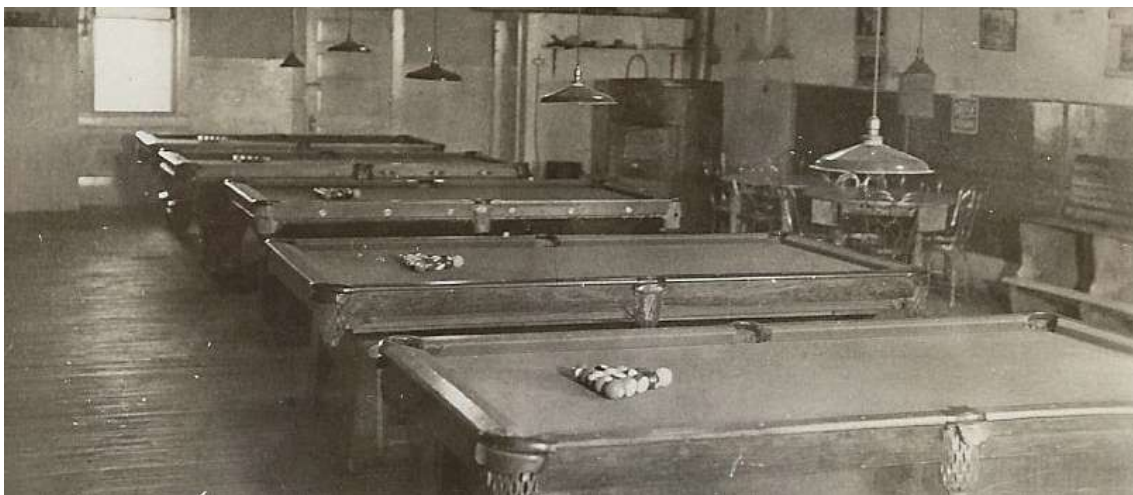
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the Interior & Insular Affairs Committee to send a Bill providing statehood for Alaska and Hawaii to the House Floor. The vote was 19 to 6. One of

purebred Corgi dog owned by Mrs. Mary Renelt was judged Best of Breed and awarded a blue ribbon at the Northern Hills Kennel Club Fun Match



Interior of the Pool Hall. It was owned by Walt Rogers who sold it to Tony Toderof in 1940's who later sold it to Walter Neisess in 1945

the Newell Branch may go into effect next Monday and then again, it may not. There are rumors and re-rumors, but nothing definite can be learned about it at this printing. Conductor Art Wilson is planning on taking the morning run out of Newell to get definite details.

At the funeral service of Joseph W. Crouch in Belle Fourche last week a delegation of 20 members of the Ku Klux Klan, in full regalia marched into the church. They placed a cross of red roses on the casket, sang a song, pronounced a brief eulogy and marched out.

The ice on Horse Creek finally broke loose and that stream was in quite a rampage for several days this week,

ell's Club did not fare so well this year. A blinding snowstorm at Rapid City Sunday caused quite a number of Newell people who were on their way to the Ski Tournament at Sylvan Lake to return to their homes. No snow fell here in Newell that day but over 6 inches were reported from Deadwood and Lead.

**March 1, 1945**

Tony Todoroff has sold his pool hall equipment and stock of goods to Walter Neisess, a newcomer late from Tenney, North Dakota. Mr. Neisess takes over the business today. Todoroff says he has no plans for the future, except he might

and is spending some time in the Rapid City Air Base Hospital recuperating from the illness.

**March 3, 1955**

Milton and Cecil Morell of Fairpoint were brief visitors in Newell Monday enroute home from the Belle Fourche Hospital which the latter had entered the latter part of last week to be treated for injuries received when a tractor loader fell on him. The loader, a Farmhand Model, had struck him across the shoulders, felling him and driving his face into the ground, resulting in severe lacerations and bruises.

U.S. Representative E.Y. Berry joined the majority of



Andy Roseander hauling water to the new cistern at the Vale School. This his new truck and tank.

Newell Museum

the reasons the larger states are opposing statehood is the inequality of representation. The two new states will have 4 Senators, although their combined population is far less than most states.

"The Woes Of The Crows", will be a short opera by the third grade class in which the cast includes: Marty Scott; Pamela Palmer; Larry Smith; Billy Jarnecke; John Knutson; Danny Conner and Robert Barber. The rest of the cast is portrayed by children on a picnic who discover the crows are stealing the corn.

**February 25, 1965**

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Orwick and Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Rittberger were supper guests last Wednesday evening at the Dan Olson home near Hoover. After the meal, the men held the monthly school board business meeting.

A local dog, Larklain Sandstrom, Peter II, a registered

held at the Ft. Meade Gymnasium last Sunday.

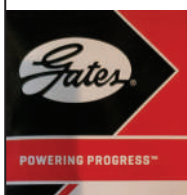
Plans for dedication of St. Mary's Catholic Church on May 6th were announced by Fr. James Butler and discussed at a meeting of the Altar Society last Thursday evening in the church basement. The Dedication Mass will be held at 10:00 AM, followed by parish activities. The meeting opened with a prayer followed by a business meeting. Thirty members were in attendance, presided over by Mrs. Eddy Lesselyoung. The group will serve sack lunches the day the missile is launched near the site as possible allowed by security from Ellsworth Air Force Base. Please look for signs on Monday along S D Highway 79 north of Newell. A closing prayer was recited followed by lunch served by the hostesses Mrs. Mike Eagan and Mrs. Bob Peterson. The next meeting will be March 11 with Mrs. Matt Kuntz and Mrs. Mitchell Kulisich as hostesses.

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## Here's What's Happening in Newell!

### Mondays

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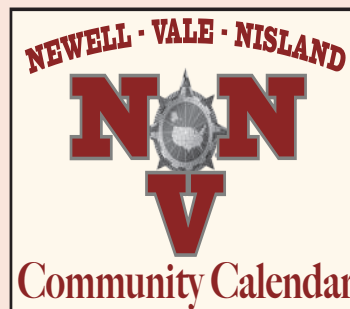
Second Tuesday each month, 4:30, Nisland Town Hall

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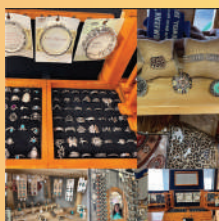
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## Youth Wrestlers Head To Finals



Newell Youth wrestling team had 14 wrestlers compete at Districts in Buffalo. The top eight in each division advance to Regions next weekend in

Sturgis. There were some tough matches and every-one left it all on the mat. Thirteen advanced to the next round. Results: Lincoln Witherspoon-Third

Haze Donahey-Second  
Holden Garner-Seventh  
Matthew Erk-Fourth  
Haiden Anderson-Fifth  
Oscar Gardner-Sixth  
Coy Donahey-Second  
Jasper Gardner-Gave it his all  
Erin McTaggart-Second

Landon Witherspoon-Fourth  
Ryan VanDusen-Fourth  
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Kallie Eaton-First

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## From the Superintendent



Busy week as Newell School District caught up from the cold spell. Newell FFA has wonderful plans set up that had to be postponed. Fortunately, with the school makeup day, the FFA petting zoo went as planned.

Career and Technical education classes are a vital part of the education of our students. Students can build, create, and discover vast career opportunities in Newell. The Newell School District provides Agriculture Education and Industrial arts to all our students, grades 8-12.

Perkins reserve grants have provided many resources to

enhance the Industrial Arts program. Students utilize various woodworking equipment as well as plasma cutters and technology. Skillful training is provided by Mr. Fiedler, to prepare the students for the workforce in high-demand areas.

Mrs. Geppert plays a key role as the Agricultural Education teacher. Students develop knowledge and skills in the areas of Food Science, Natural Resources, Wildlife and Fisheries, Agricultural Leadership as well as Career Exploration. Participation in FFA allows students to challenge their skills and compete with other FFA students.

As a former Agriculture Education teacher, I take great pride in the importance of Career and Technical opportunities for the Newell students. Not only have I benefited in the learning opportunities available, but many other former Newell students have as well. boys' basketball team will head the opposite direction to Harding County.

Newell Irrigators have been working hard this year. Join us in our celebration of activities.

## MARCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk  Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	4) Biscuits & Gravy, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk  Corn Dogs, Mixed Veggies, Coleslaw, Fruit, Milk	5) Breakfast Pizza, Sausage, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk  Beef Straganoff, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, Milk	6) Breakfast Egg Roll, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Sloppy Joes, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	7) <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
10) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Chili, Corn Bread, Corn, Fruit, Milk	11) Pancakes, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Chicken Fajitas, Peppers, Onions, Tomatoes, Fruit, Milk	12) Muffins, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Chicken Nuggets, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, Milk Broccoli Cheese Soup	13) Waffles, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Chili Dogs, Beets, Milk	14) <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
17) Long Johns, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Irish Stew, Sweet Potatoes & Apples, Fruit, Milk	18) Bagels, Omelets. Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Chicken Patty Sandwiches, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	19) Turkey Tornadoes, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Corn, Fruit, Milk	20) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Cubano Sandwiches, Baked Potatoes, Broccoli Salad, Fruit, Milk	21) <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
24) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Chicken Caesar Wrap, Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk	25) Maple Baked French Toast, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Goulash, Broccoli, Fresh Rolls, Fruit, Milk	26) Breakfast Wrap, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Chicken Alfredo, Corn, Fruit, Milk	27) Egg Omelet, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Chicken Patty & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	28) <b>NO SCHOOL</b>

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**Festival of Trees  
Donations**



Above: Sherry Hocking received a check from Festival of Trees Judy Heisler. Sherry represents the Newell Ambulance crew.

Center: Stan Lewis, representing the Nisland/Arpan Search and Rescue.

Below: Verl Tiftt received a check on behalf of the Newell Fire Department.  
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*This announcement is belated as a result of a newspaper error. Mom wasn't late! The Beacon/Irrigator was!*

at \$100's. Mason's lead dog's name is "Mack" and not for sale, these mongrels are winners.

Mrs. Katie Laurie was removed yesterday from her home to the hospital. Mrs. Laurie, who is 82 years of age, has been in feeble condition for some time and is not showing any improvement. During the past week Mrs. L. M. Suni, Mrs. A. M. Karinen and Mrs. Walford Harman circulated a subscription list and raised about \$35 for the patient's benefit.

Mrs. Frank Stillwell of Bixby received a compound fracture of the limb above the ankle. The short latigo of the saddle broke as she was mounting her horse and Mrs. Stillwell fell hard to the ground. A doctor reached her in the least time possible, considering the roads and she is doing nicely.

**March 7, 1937**

Police have been searching for Charles Engle, who disappeared from here yesterday and was reported wounded in a gun battle with Police at Sturgis. Lieut. George Reid of the Detective Force linked the disappearance of Engle with George Kuenz, who was reported missing from Hiawatha, Kansas. After a telephone conversation, Reid said he believed the only "bad man" in the trio was the one who escaped and thought the other two were innocent kidnapped victims.

Mike Lundy, driving a truck owned by Matt Hilton, ran over the sidewalk and smashed into the side of the Corner Store building last Thursday evening, causing considerable damage on the inside. The impact threw groceries and canned goods off the shelves and repairs also had to be made to the outer siding.

The return of the Vale Township election held Tuesday at the community building are as follows: Supervisor J. Fowler, Clerk Dale Kingsbury, Treasurer James A. Dolphin, Assessor Wm Perry, Constable A. C. Drake and Poundmaster Ralph Swimm.

Dave Schmidt of Nisland is another of the Butte County citizens called as a juror for Federal Court which convenes in Sioux Falls on Monday March 20th. C. T. Martin of Newell also received a summons to serve as a Petit Juror.

**March 8, 1945**

The Government thermometer at the Experiment Farm weather station registered 21 below zero on Monday night. Observations are taken at 8:00 AM daily, so the coldest period might have been early Tuesday morning. This is the lowest temperature recorded during the past winter; the former low record having been 16 below. Nearly 3 inches of snow came last Sunday, followed by the cold wave. Sifting winds again blocked many county roads and made traveling conditions abominable. For

mail carriers, truckers and those who have to be on the road, the underfoot conditions have been and promise to continue for some time to be about the worst ever.

Mr. & Mrs. Victor Norlin, who reside on one of the John Bentz farms southwest of Newell, are the parents of a son, Edward Allen, born March 3rd. Mrs. S. C. Lopez arrived from Cheyenne, Wyoming for a visit at the Norlin home to assist her daughter and new baby.

At another meeting at the schoolhouse on Monday night, united steps were taken toward the organization of a Boy Scout Troop. Increasing interest is being shown as Scout Master A. W. Heflin reports attendance of 21 boys at this meeting. Elected as Jr. Assistant Scout Master Burton Fogelberg, Sr. Patrol Leader Arnold Syverts, and 3 Patrols have been organized: Flying Eagle Patrol Wayne Garness Leader, Crow Patrol Jay Flint Leader, and Tiger Patrol Merle Pool Leader.

Ben M. Kaiser, General Auctioneer, announced he has decided to locate in Newell. He has 26 years' experience in crying farm and livestock sales. Until such time he is able to get a private telephone installed, please call the Valley Irrigator office for dates. Satisfaction guaranteed.

**March 10, 1955**

Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Jaskela and children are completing moving this week from the old Beyer Aune farm 2 miles east of town which they have been occupying to the old Kruger place, about 3 miles west and 1 mile south of Newell. The latter place had been occupied by the Duane Mahlock family who have moved to the Albert Cram farm 1 mile north of Newell.

At the recent Community Club meeting; needs for the Newell territory for new policy for holiday observance and closing of business for funerals were established. Upon recommendation of the Business Promotion & Better Business Committee, the club voted to urge all businesses, "in the interests of better serving the public during regular business hours to remain open at least for essential, business during regular business during all funerals except when it is in the personal desire of the individual business concerned to close." The club urged all businesses to observe Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Years Day, and Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day 1/2 hour before parade time. Cooperating business would be furnished posters advertising of such observance.

Negotiations for water from Keyhole in the form of the 1954 contract, will be used in drafting a similar agreement for delivery of water to the Belle Fourche Irrigator District during the 1955 season, was decided at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

last week. The directors also authorized the securing of plans for a new fireproof headquarters building to be erected at a cost not exceeding \$15,000.

A meeting has been scheduled for Friday March 18 at 7:45 PM at the BEC building in Newell for all 4-H members interested in joining a sugar beet 4-H club. 4-H Leaders and members interested in such a project are urged to attend. Butte County Agent Kenneth Leslie reports that early in April a similar meeting will be held for those interested in a corn club.

**March 4, 1965**

History was written 10 miles north of Newell at 12 noon Monday as the USAF launched its first Minuteman Missile from an operational site within the US at the launch facility, November 2 of the Strategic Air Command (SAC). In elapsed time of but 43 seconds from completion of the count-down, spectators saw the flash if ignition emerge from the missile silo, followed by a large cloud of billowing white smoke. Hardly a second later, the missile itself emerged from the cloud and then came the sound of the launch, like a loud clap of thunder which turned to a rumble in the distance. The flight was visible for miles. The grass, cow chips and clods of gumbo were ignited by the huge segments of the missile as it impacted the ground, which plowed furrows into the ground. The Newell Volunteer Fire Department, who had an authorized pass, extinguished the fire.

Young people from the Newell Assembly of God Church were winners at a recent Bible Quiz contest held in Rapid City. The team consists of Nancy Miller, Beverly McKnight, Twila McKnight, Carol Miller, Elaine Heitz and Janet McKnight. Elaine is Team Captain and also was high scorer. The competition was among the Assembly of God Churches in the Black Hills area. They now go to the Southern Hills contest at Hot Springs. If they win there, they go to the state competition and hope to go to the National competition. Pastor Murray is their coach.

Improvements added to the Newell City Golf Course west of town at no cost to the taxpayers have been damaged this winter by vandals and city authorities have been requested to assist in apprehending the guilty parties. Holes have been shot by a large caliber rifle or rifles in the new white trash barrels which were decorated by Larry Snoozy and placed there last summer. Parents are reminded that in the instance of minors they are liable for all damages caused by their children and that all possible efforts will be made to apprehend those responsible for such damages whether at the Golf Course or City Parks, etc.

**Then and Now in Newell**

**March 11, 1915**

Miss Pietela accompanied by her niece, Bernice Kumpula, spent Sunday visiting with her parents at Lead. A program which was given at Mrs. Barrow's school last week was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. It was in honor of Longfellow's birthday.

Henry Deschamps, Vale and Hermodias Deschamps of Castle Rock, were in attendance Friday at the funeral of Jeremiah Ducharme. The deceased came to the Black Hills, 1876 and settled at St. Onge, from there moved with his family to the ranch near Hoover where he has been 21 years in the stock business. A large concourse of friends and neighbors followed the remains to their final resting place in the Catholic section of the Hope Cemetery. He leaves wife, the former Julia Bessette and 11 children of whom 9 are still living.

The local Project Office has issued advertisements for the bids on hay, both native and alfalfa, deliveries to be made at both the Deer Camp east of

town and the local yards. Anyone who has hay for sale should get their bid into the Project Office before March 13.

The Valley Irrigator has been sold, and Bro Sanders says he is going onto his farm near town. The new owners will have quite a task to keep the paper up to standard set by the former owner. Bro Sanders published a good paper, too good for the support he received.

**March 3, 1925**

N. M. Bratton is the possessor of a revolver which was carried by his father in the Civil War. It is a .45 caliber 6-shooter of the old cap-and-ball model. It is in a very good state of preservation and in perfect working order and no doubt yet capable of doing deadly execution. It is naturally valued highly by Mr. Bratton as a family keepsake. The old gun is on display in the Hardware Department in the store.

H. E. Mason has a team of mongrel dogs which he values at about \$56 each, which won the race at the winter sports, defeating teams that are valued