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CONBA Annual Event

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BELLE FOURCHE—Ready, set, go was announced through the megaphone to mark the beginning of the Center of the Nation Business Association's (CONBA) annual Easter Egg Hunt on the morning of Saturday, April 12.

The anticipation was building as kids stood on the side, gazing at all of the eggs scattered around the open grass. When the go signal was given, children ran out and started picking up colorful eggs filled with treats.

After all of that suspense, the event was over in a matter of minutes. But during those few minutes Belle Fourche area kids were having a blast—all smiles and laughter as they ran around and scooped up eggs. Afterwards the youngsters ran back to their family and friends to show off all of the eggs and prizes they had gathered and they all sat down and opened up the eggs.

In order to save money on eggs for future Easter Egg Hunts, CONBA asks for the eggs to be returned. "There are cardboard boxes next to the fence for them to drop the eggs into once they empty them or they can bring them to the AmericInn Hotel later," said Stacey Raisanen, CONBA.

Thanks to the generous donations from the community over 7,000 filled eggs were placed around the soccer fields for children to find. "We got 1,980 stuffed eggs from Monu-



This little Easter Egg Hunter had to drag them behind him on the ground! Too heavy!

"Easter Egg Hunt Provides Excitement"



Kids in the 5 and 6 year old age group run to get as many eggs as they can! Additional Longbrake photos on C2

ment Health, and then we also stuffed about 5,800 eggs, so we had over 7,000 eggs for the event," said Raisanen. This year the hunt was held at the Belle Fourche Soccer Complex.

Kids of various ages lined up around the soccer fields in their designated locations for each age group.

All the areas were marked. The groups were divided into special needs; age 0-2; age 3-4; age 5-6; age 7-8 and age 9-10.

Sip, Paint, & Plant at Belle Flowers +Co

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BELLE FOURCHE—Belle Flowers & Co. hosted a creative and fun-filled Sip, Paint, & Plant event on Saturday afternoon, April 12.

Tickets were sold out as twelve participants got to paint a terracotta pot using acrylic paints, sip on wine and soda, and enjoy a store-wide 20% discount. After completing their terracotta pot designs, customers picked out one six-inch plant or several four-inch plants to house in the pot.

All materials including the pots, paints, and soil plus the wine and soda were included with the price of the tickets. "I think I was just getting antsy for spring and planting," said Brittany Wilkinson, Owner. "So I was like, it's too early to plant anything outside, but we can plant plants!"

Local artist Alexandra Hansen helped Wilkinson decide to use acrylic paints for the terracotta pots. "I got her professional expertise on

what type of paint to buy for them," said Wilkinson.

Upcoming events at Belle Flowers this month include a Bloom Bar on April 25 and a

May Day Bouquet event on April 30. Belle Flowers will also host a Succulent Garden on June 7 at Rail Park, an event that will be open to 50 people.



(Above) 12 participants came to the Belle Flowers + Co Sip, Paint, & Plant event; (below L) Attendees design their pots using acrylic paints; (R) Brittany Wilkinson, Owner, dressed up as Bob Ross to channel her inner painter for the event!



Belle Fourche April 7 City Council Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The City Council held its first meeting of the month on Monday, April 7. During the Mayor's Report, Mayor Randy Schmidt presented the National Library Week Proclamation, which was accepted by Library Chairperson Beth Morey. "Libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and lifelong learning," said Schmidt. There was no community input at this meeting. Michaela Horn with the Chamber of Commerce thanked everyone who helped put on Casino

Night, as well as the attendees of the Parliamentary Procedures class, which was taught by Austin Bishop. Upcoming Chamber events include a Tour Bus coming to Belle Fourche on April 16 and 17 and a Chamber Mixer (reserved for Chamber members only) at Paleo Adventures on April 17 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The Jewett Family accepted the City of Belle Fourche's resolution to name the city's newest park the Austin Jewett Memorial Park. "Austin Jewett was a beloved member of the Belle Fourche community known for his dedication to sports, community engagement, and public service as a City of Belle

Fourche employee," Mayor Schmidt said.

City Administrator LaFayette provided the Council with an update on the Well #2 acidization, noting that he is establishing a new project through the State to fund the work. He also reported that the bids for the new Police Department came in under budget. Additionally, he discussed plans to put the 11th and 12th Avenue projects out for bid in the coming weeks, the installation of the new Cemetery sign, and progress on the baseball field concessions.

Councilperson Sowers noted the importance of directing

City Council contd. A3



The Jewett Family accepts the City's resolution naming Belle Fourche's newest park the Austin Jewett Memorial Park, located near the Round Up grounds & ball field. Courtesy Photo

CBH CO-OP Sends Over \$2,000,000 to Members



CBH CO-OP CEO, Todd Reif, stands behind the checks worth over 2 million dollars they are sending out. Longbrake photo

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BELLE FOURCHE—The check is in the mail! CBH CO-OP is in the process of sending out over \$2,000,000 in patronage checks. CBH CO-OP has a unique set up where the more successful the company is, the more that is shared with the

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Co-op Checks A4

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Edgar Samuel Kumley 102,

Edgar Samuel Kumley, 102, of Redig, died Sunday, April 6th, 2025 at Southwest Healthcare in Bowman, ND.

He was born October 15th, 1922 in Mitchell, SD to Ella (Ferguson) and Earl Kumley. He married Elizabeth Krug January 7th, 1944. To this union was born 10 children. They include: Earl (deceased), Greta, Frank (deceased), Carol, Betty, Edward, Tina, Allyn, Kathy, and Barbara Jo. He loved his children and made sure they were all educated and in the career field of their choice. He paid for piano lessons, accordion lessons, and delighted in the growth of music in his children. He and his wife would join the musical fun as he would play his mandolin and Gibson guitar and his wife would play the zither. To him, the most treasured part of his life was the time spent with his children and their families. With every child born, he invented a new very important job that needed to be done.

He was a faithful Catholic and enjoyed saying the rosary in the evening. Once a year, he took all the children and his wife to attend midnight mass. All the children received their essential sacraments and graces.

He was married for 65 years with his dear wife Elizabeth Magdalena with whom he shared all parts of his life. Between Richard Smith and Edgar, the vegetable garden was always ready for each new season for Elizabeth.

Having worn many different hats to serve the community, he faithfully completed all that he undertook. He was a postmaster, telephone lineman, sheep herder, night lamb guardian, mechanic, welder, rancher, and he enjoyed haying and made sure all his children helped out. He was also a trucker and owned his own trucks, which meant staying up all night fixing and repairing them. He also tended the Redig store and sold groceries and gas. He would spend hours talking with his patrons. He also had a barber shop on Friday nights for anyone who wanted a haircut.

In his youth, Edgar participated in commercial gardening by his family and sold produce to individuals and grocery stores. He worked his way through high school by working for a dairy farmer outside of Rapid City. After he graduated from



Rapid City high school, he was drafted into the United States Army. He was sent home with 6 months to live and a bad heart.

He enjoyed riding horses, and had many exciting experiences. He especially liked his horse named Rex. He rode across the prairie without fences to slow him down. He enjoyed attending country dances and loved to dance with Elizabeth. His father loved music and built the dance floor at the Redig Hall.

In December 1948, Edgar became acting Postmaster of Redig. He was appointed Postmaster on March 25th, 1949 under the Truman Administration. At the Redig post office, he served as Postmaster for nearly 66 years, until his retirement on January 10th, 2015. He is the third longest-serving Postmaster in the United States.

He is survived by his children, Greta Wall of Redig, SD, Carol (Ken) Smith of Redig, SD, Betty Catalan of Laredo, TX, Edward (Leesa) Kumley of Rapid City, SD, Tina (David) Barnes of Yankton, SD, Allyn (Jeff) Waltz of Del Rapids, SD, Kathy Williams of Loveland, CO and Barbara (Mark) Walter of Clarinda, IA; 41 grandchildren, 78 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Elizabeth Kumley; sons, Earl and Frank Kumley; sister, Mary Schreier; brothers, Ira Kumley, Robert Kumley and John Kumley.

A Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 10th from 5-7 pm with sharing of memories by friends and family and a Rosary at 6:30 pm at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, April 11th at 11:00 am at St. Paul Catholic Church in Belle Fourche. Interment will be in Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche. The family welcomes friends to attend.

An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com

The funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed on Edgar's obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com



Rhyatt Michael Mez

Rhyatt Michael Mez was a blessing given to us on January 21, 2025, in Spearfish, SD, to his loving parents Hunter Mez and Kaylee Sloan. This cherished time was not long as Rhyatt earned his wings on April 5, 2025.

Rhyatt's sweet smile warmed the hearts of all he showed, his eyes made time stand still. No one loved the treasured snuggles more than him. Rhyatt's favorite things included watching the world move around him. He loved gazing at his sister, Sloane, as she always made sure she was reading to him that he had a toy to look at and study. His sister and parents were so excited to show him how fun summer would be.

He now watches over his father, Hunter Mez; and his mother, Kaylee Sloan; his best big sister, Sloane Norris; paternal grandparents, Marvin Ulmer of Rapid City, SD, and Jamie (Zane A.) Mez of Belle Fourche, SD; maternal grandparents, PJ (Brandi) Sloan of Belle Fourche, SD; along with many



aunts and uncles, Kimber Mez of Belle Fourche, SD, Covey Ulmer of Hermosa, SD, Dominic (Bailey S.) Ulmer of Rapid City, SD, Marcus Ulmer of Laramie, WY, and Sam of Hermosa, SD.

Rhyatt is looked over in heaven by two great uncles, Jeremy Sechser and Jesse Sechser; a great-great-grandfather, Paul Price, among many more extended family who will take such good care of our baby until we can be with him again.

Visitation was at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel in Spearfish, SD, on Thursday, April 10, 2025. Pastor Jean Helmer officiated the service that followed the visitation in the Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel. The family had friends join them at the Moose Lodge in Belle Fourche, SD, for food and company following the service.



Celebrate Easter at Christian Life Center

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From A1 **City Council** anyone seeking reduced rental fees for venues to present their requests at the Allocation Meetings. He also shared complaints he had received about

trash along Highway 212. Further, he commended the City for the strong turnout at the District 10 meeting and for their leadership roles in other committees.



Beth Morey accepts the *National Library Week Proclamation* from Mayor **Randy Schmidt**.

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Councilperson Fowler shared a community complaint regarding the road markings on National Street and Sourdough Road. Public Works Director Stedillie stated that the company responsible for the markings is expected to be in town before July 4, as soon as they can fit the work into their schedule.

Councilperson Elliott reported that a community

member had approached him with concerns about crosswalks near the Rec Center, where the new skate park is being constructed. He was informed that plans for the crosswalks were already in place when the skate park project began. Elliott also inquired about the status of the Museum patio. City Administrator LaFayette informed him that the concrete had been poured about two weeks prior,

with the Museum now waiting on the installation of the railing to complete the project.

The Mayor expressed gratitude to all City employees and the volunteer fire department for their efforts in managing the Landfill fire, noting that they were on site for several consecutive days to ensure the situation remained under control.

The next City Council meeting will be April 21 at 6 p.m.

PD Officers Educate Local Homeschool Students

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Belle Fourche Police Department members spent an hour and a half teaching a group of local homeschool students about everything from bicycle and water safety to emergency contacts and how to respond to stray animals on Friday, March 28. Students from ages 6 to 16 heard from Officer Wallace Eddy, Officer Ryan Duprel, and Animal Control Officer

Clint Haffner. "Homeschool students don't have the access that public school kids have—they don't have a school resource officer that comes and talks to them about this kind of stuff," said Officer Duprel. "So I think it's very beneficial for them to stop in and get that education and show that officers are easy to approach and talk to and ask questions about those types of things."

In addition to learning about several topics in class, the kids also got to try on the standard police officer's vest, take a tour of the old police station, and see the inside of a patrol car.

Engaging with community youth is a common occurrence for the BFPD. "We always go to the schools and educate them, and we stop up at South Park Elementary and do walkthroughs. And we're pretty transparent with the kids," said Duprel.



Officers **Ryan Duprel** and **Wallace Eddy** teach homeschool students about a variety of safety topics. Courtesy Photo; (R) **Officer Ryan Duprel** displays the standard police officer's vest, which weighs around 25 pounds. Students got to try the vest on. *Longrake Photo*



Butte County Commissioner **Terry Batterman** was honored at an open house lunch in Rapid City on April 4th.

Terry is officially retired as an employee with Lumen Technology.

Presented is **Jason Husby** the Director of 911 Operations in South Dakota. The former Director Maria King was also in attendance and both gave overwhelming praises to Terry for his dedication to his job during all of the upgrades and switch overs for the State 911 system.

Many of Terry's coworkers and former coworkers spoke of their appreciation to Terry over the years.

Terry is looking forward to spending time with family and friends and focusing on his role as a **Butte County Commissioner**.



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Edward Jones

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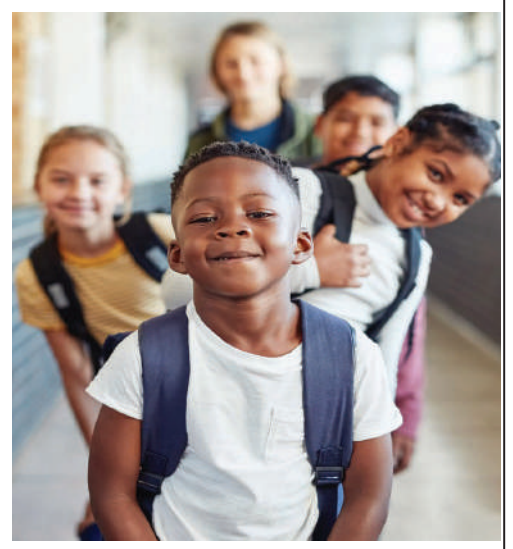
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- April 16** - Dakota Life - Newell 2PM-7PM
- April 17** - Live music @ Branding Iron 7:30PM
- April 18** - Caramel Rolls & Coffee @ Belle Silver Lining 7:30AM, Angel Store 5PM @ BF Global Methodist
- Chamber Office Closed for Easter April 18-21*
- April 21** - City Council Meeting 6PM

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Anyone can be a member, just sign up and shop with one of the CO-OP owned businesses. “If you are a person that consumes the goods that we have, like fuel, or LP or ag products, any of those types of things, you can be eligible to be a member. It’s just a form, it’s very simple and there are no obligations,” said Reif.


Checks are sent out once a year. The amount of the check is based on the amount you spend supporting the CO-OP; it is based on percentage spent. If a person spends 1 percent they get 1 percent of the earnings. Reif explained, “Myself, I’m a member and I’m primarily a consumer of fuel and items at C stores. But others, they might be a contractor or a home heat buyer or rancher and those dollars definitely add up quicker.”

So if you regularly fill up at the pump, have propane delivered or purchase feed for your animals, you could be earning equity in the CO-OP. Sign up and perhaps that equity will pay you some dividends next year!

Reif expressed how thankful the CO-OP is to the Belle Fourche and surrounding area for the support they have received during the building of and moving into the new business complex. “I don’t want to leave anybody out by naming them, but (everyone has) been very supportive. The area—and it’s not just Belle, it’s throughout the area that we’re working in—it’s just been fantastic! The Belle area has been a highlight for us, coming together and getting in the new building, getting situated—everybody’s been very patient, and it’s been going good!”

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Thank You!

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I especially wanted to thank the administrative staff: **City Administrator Jason Lafayette, Police Chief Ryan Chervany, Ryan Stedillie, Wayne Tonzager, Gina Carpenter, Jody Westberg, and Brent Hardy** for their patience with me in the past three years.

These and others on the staff are a good group of people whom I have confidence in. You should too.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank our employees in **Sowers and Sons Dirty Laundry** who covered for Randy and I that allowed us to serve our community.

The past four years have seen Belle Fourche move forward on many fronts. Be encouraged and be part of the solution.

And a special thanks to **Heidi Drealan**.
Clark and Cathy Sowers

On behalf of **Bonnie**, a sincere, heartfelt **THANK YOU** to each and every one of you for stopping by her retirement party, sending a card or just letting her know you were thinking of her!

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Feeder Cattle					
Schallenberger, Leroy, Ekalaka MT	109	Bbid	Strs	488	\$458.50
Schallenberger, Leroy, Ekalaka MT	118	Bbid	Strs	424	\$498.00
Schallenberger, Leroy, Ekalaka MT	28	B/R	Strs	385	\$515.00
Mcfarland Land & Livestock Llc, Newcastle WY	51	Bbid	Strs	645	\$356.00
Mcfarland Land & Livestock Llc, Newcastle WY	19	Bbid	Strs	530	\$370.00
Mcfarland Land & Livestock Llc, Newcastle WY	32	Bbid	Hfcs	530	\$351.50
Minor, Leon, Nisland SD	32	Bk	Hfcs	797	\$280.00
Minor, Leon, Nisland SD	12	Bk	Hfcs	689	\$310.00
Sand Rock Angus, Broadus MT	18	Bk	Hfcs	779	\$290.00
Adamson, Donald E & Donna E, Avada WY	43	Bbid	Strs	740	\$313.50
Adamson, Donald E & Donna E, Avada WY	15	Bbid	Strs	632	\$360.00
Adamson, Donald E & Donna E, Avada WY	29	Bbid	Strs	700	\$313.50
Adamson, Donald E & Donna E, Avada WY	31	Bbid	Hfcs	645	\$321.50
Adamson, Donald E & Donna E, Avada WY	11	Red	Hfcs	655	\$305.00
Balo Ranch, Whitehead SD	75	Bbid	Strs	711	\$327.00
Balo Ranch, Whitehead SD	18	Bbid	Strs	593	\$371.00
Balo Ranch, Whitehead SD	49	Bbid	Hfcs	648	\$324.00
Balo Ranch, Whitehead SD	12	Bid	Hfcs	575	\$348.50
Battle Creek Cattle Co, Rapid City SD	13	Bk	Hfcs	619	\$334.00
Battle Creek Cattle Co, Rapid City SD	10	Red	Hfcs	616	\$322.00
Colgan, Thomas C, Hermosa SD	14	Bk	Hfcs	583	\$348.00
Crago Land & Livestock, Belle Fourche SD	46	Bbid	Strs	549	\$387.00
Flying F Cattle Co, Avada WY	12	Bbid	Hfcs	581	\$352.00
Ista Trust, Alan, Hulet WY	22	Bk	Strs	634	\$342.00
Ista Trust, Alan, Hulet WY	14	Bk	Hfcs	580	\$322.00
Orwick Ranch Lp, Newell SD	15	Rtbl	Hfcs	689	\$278.00
Reinecke Ox Yoke Ranch, Beulah WY	25	Bk	Hfcs	688	\$316.00
Soelzer, Richard K, Piedmont SD	11	Bk	Strs	496	\$386.00
Wegh Up Cows					
62 Timber & Livestock, Sundance WY	4	Bk	Cwett	1225	\$179.00
62 Timber & Livestock, Sundance WY	7	Bbid	Cwett	1287	\$168.00
62 Timber & Livestock, Sundance WY	6	Bbid	Cow	1540	\$150.50
Adamson, Donald E & Donna E, Avada WY	1	Bk	Hfcs	845	\$244.00
Aurand, Edward, Sturgis SD	2	B/R	Cow	720	\$126.00
Balo, Mona J, Whitehead SD	2	Bk	Hfcs	1057	\$222.00
Balo, Mona J, Whitehead SD	1	Herf	Hfcs	1000	\$207.00
Balo, Mona J, Whitehead SD	1	Bk	Cow	1230	\$138.00
Balo, Mona J, Whitehead SD	1	Bk	Cow	1136	\$138.00
Barbero Inc, Boyes MT	1	Bk	Cow	1445	\$150.50
Barbero Inc, Boyes MT	1	Bk	Cow	1105	\$139.00
Blair Bros Llc, Vale SD	1	Bk	Cwett	1175	\$172.50
Blair Bros Llc, Vale SD	2	Bk	Cow	1392	\$154.00
Blair Bros Llc, Vale SD	3	Bk	Cow	1441	\$148.00
Boiler Mills Ranch, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cwett	1245	\$160.00
Bruch Ranch Llc, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Hfcs	1130	\$228.00
Bruch Ranch Llc, Sturgis SD	3	Bk	Hfcs	1186	\$227.00
Bruch, Bruce, Sturgis SD	2	Bk	Cow	1400	\$145.50
Bruch, Bruce, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Cow	1315	\$136.00
C & N Livestock, Alva WY	1	Bk	Hfcs	1015	\$247.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	3	Bk	Cow	1398	\$148.50
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	1	Bid	Cow	1065	\$139.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	1	Bk	Cow	1425	\$137.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	2	Red	Hfcs	972	\$225.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	2	Bk	Cow	1320	\$154.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1505	\$141.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	5	Bbid	Cow	1133	\$138.50
Deer Creek Livestock Llc, Moorcroft WY	6	Bk	Hfcs	772	\$261.00
Deer Creek Livestock Llc, Moorcroft WY	1	Bk	Hfcs	990	\$202.50
Denison, Mark, Box Elder SD	1	Bk	Cwett	1235	\$162.00
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1900	\$138.00
Fruit, Tracy, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Hfcs	755	\$261.00
Fruit, Tracy, Broadus MT	2	Bk	Hfcs	947	\$251.00
Gantz, Joseph, Alva WY	6	Bk	Hfcs	1120	\$224.00
Gilbert, Matt & Carmen, Camp Crook SD	2	Bk	Hfcs	890	\$239.50
Gilbert, Matt & Carmen, Camp Crook SD	1	Bk	Hfcs	945	\$225.00
Gilbert, Matt & Carmen, Camp Crook SD	1	Bk	Cwett	1260	\$177.00
Gilbert, Matt & Carmen, Camp Crook SD	2	Bk	Cow	1452	\$149.00
Gilbert, Matt & Carmen, Camp Crook SD	1	Bk	Cow	1265	\$148.50
Glger Ranch, Dd, Boyes MT	1	Bk	Cow	1270	\$150.00
Glger Ranch, Dd, Boyes MT	1	Bid	Cow	1440	\$144.00
Glger Ranch, Dd, Boyes MT	1	Bk	Cow	1160	\$139.00
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Goehring, Terry & Laurie, Buffalo SD	2	Bk	Cow	1360	\$149.50
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Grant, Michael R, Whitehead SD	1	Bid	Cow	1515	\$147.00
Grant, Michael R, Whitehead SD	1	Bk	Cow	1595	\$142.00
Grant, Michael R, Whitehead SD	1	Rtbl	Cow	1795	\$135.00
Grieves, Jd, Upton WY	1	Bid	Cow	1665	\$137.50
Grub, Mary Elizabeth, Sturgis SD	1	Bid	Cow	1130	\$137.00
Hafele, Amber, Newell SD	1	Bid	Cwett	1235	\$156.00
H-C Feeders, Rozet WY	1	Bk	Hfcs	945	\$264.00
H-C Feeders, Rozet WY	1	Bk	Hfcs	1075	\$243.00
Heart Tail Ranch Lp, St Onge SD	1	Bk	Cwett	1230	\$179.00
Henry Ranch Llc, Edgemont SD	1	Bk	Hfcs	1080	\$231.00
Henry Ranch Llc, Edgemont SD	2	B/R	Cow	1280	\$143.00
Iby Ranch Ltd, Devils Tower WY	1	Bk	Hfcs	1070	\$240.00
Iby Ranch Ltd, Devils Tower WY	1	Bk	Cow	1400	\$148.00
Iby Ranch Ltd, Devils Tower WY	1	Bk	Cow	1665	\$146.50
J J Smeank Ranch Llc, Newell SD	1	Bid	Hfcs	710	\$280.00
J J Smeank Ranch Llc, Newell SD	2	Bk	Hfcs	822	\$258.50
Jensen, Clifford/Lonna, Whitehead SD	6	Red	Hfcs	1019	\$239.50
Jensen, Clifford/Lonna B, Whitehead SD	4	Red	Cow	1631	\$152.00
Kanode, Elizabeth, Moorcroft WY	1	Bk	Cow	1355	\$153.00
K-C Ranch, Vale SD	1	Red	Cow	1190	\$145.00
K-C Ranch, Vale SD	2	B/R	Cow	1297	\$140.00
Keffeler, Betty, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Cow	1580	\$140.00
Klondike Ranch Partnership, Buffalo WY	1	Bk	Hfcs	990	\$226.00
Klondike Ranch Partnership, Buffalo WY	1	Bk	Hfcs	1170	\$194.00
Klondike Ranch Partnership, Buffalo WY	1	Bk	Cow	1275	\$149.00
Klondike Ranch Partnership, Buffalo WY	1	Bk	Cow	1145	\$140.00
Kreutz, Casey, Whitehead SD	1	Bid	Cwett	1140	\$172.50
Lindblom, Brad, Hermosa SD	2	Bk	Hfcs	836	\$259.00
Lindblom, Brad, Hermosa SD	4	Bk	Hfcs	957	\$256.00
Lindblom, Brad, Hermosa SD	3	Bk	Hfcs	1145	\$219.00
Lindblom, Brad, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Hfcs	1090	\$205.00
Lindblom, Dave, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Hfcs	855	\$259.00
Lorenz, Tammy, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Cow	1245	\$150.00
Lorenz, Tyrell Or Serena, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Cow	1475	\$149.00
Mackaben, Brad, Camp Crook SD	1	Bk	Hfcs	1020	\$229.00
Mackaben, Brad, Camp Crook SD	1	Bk	Cow	1450	\$147.00
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Mahaffy, Ronnie, Newell SD	2	Bk	Hfcs	1180	\$220.00
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Moozy, Neal, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Cow	1220	\$140.00
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Modonaldi, James O & Rhoda M, Hulet WY	2	Bk	Hfcs	1022	\$210.00

Modonaldi, James O & Rhoda M, Hulet WY	3	Bbid	Hfcs	1138	\$198.00
Modonaldi, James O & Rhoda M, Hulet WY	6	Bbid	Cow	1259	\$155.50
Momichael, David, Biddle MT	2	Bk	Hfcs	1032	\$240.00
Momichael, David, Biddle MT	1	Bk	Hfcs	1055	\$238.00
Miek, Dennis Or Cindy, Sturgis SD	2	Red	Cow	1397	\$151.50
Mills, Codi Or Brian, Nisland SD	1	Bk	Hfcs	1020	\$252.00
Neiman Cattle Company Llc, Alva WY	1	Bk	Hfcs	1000	\$240.50
Neiman Cattle Company Llc, Alva WY	1	Bk	Cow	1375	\$153.00
Neiman Cattle Company Llc, Alva WY	1	Bid	Cow	1795	\$136.00
Norman, Thomas Or Joseph, Black Hawk SD	2	Bk	Hfcs	955	\$246.00
Norman, Thomas Or Joseph, Black Hawk SD	1	Bk	Hfcs	1060	\$200.00
Norman, Thomas Or Joseph, Black Hawk SD	3	Bk	Cwett	1153	\$179.00
Norman, Thomas Or Joseph, Black Hawk SD	2	Bid	Cwett	1312	\$167.00
Norman, Thomas Or Joseph, Black Hawk SD	1	Bk	Cwett	1130	\$161.00
Norman, Thomas Or Joseph, Black Hawk SD	3	Bbid	Cow	1581	\$150.50
Paulsen, Mitch Or Mitchell, Custer SD	1	Rtbl	Hfcs	790	\$220.00
Randall Inc, Broadus MT	7	Bk	Hfcs	1040	\$239.50
Randall Inc, Broadus MT	2	Bk	Hfcs	1162	\$227.00
Randall Inc, Broadus MT	1	Red	Hfcs	940	\$220.00
Rathbun, Tony, Sundance WY	2	Bk	Hfcs	1015	\$235.00
Rathbun, Tony, Sundance WY	3	Bk	Hfcs	960	\$220.00
Rathbun, Tony, Sundance WY	2	Bk	Cwett	1357	\$160.00
Reid, James & Katherine Reid, Nisland SD	1	Bk	Cwett	1355	\$167.50
Reid, Victor, Nisland SD	1	Bk	Cow	1165	\$140.00
Roadifer, William, Camp Crook SD	1	Bk	Hfcs	1110	\$204.00
Robertson, Tyler Or Tiffany, Hermosa SD	2	Bbid	Cow	1342	\$140.00
Robertson, Tyler Or Tiffany, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Cow	1040	\$139.00
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Roufer, Ryan, Buffalo SD	1	Bk	Cow	1330	\$139.00
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Ryan Xz Ranch Llc, Aladdin WY	3	Bk	Cwett	1223	\$181.00
Ryan Xz Ranch Llc, Aladdin WY	1	Bk	Cow	1155	\$139.00
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Rypkema Family Ranching Llc, Hermosa SD	6	Bk	Hfcs	1199	\$214.00
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Schlosser, Otto, Hulet WY	1	Bk	Hfcs	945	\$220.00
Sleep Ranch Llc, Spearfish SD	4	Bk	Hfcs	1067	\$235.00
Smith, Beth Michele, Sundance WY	1	Herf	Cow	1140	\$139.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	6	Bbid	Hfcs	1175	\$223.00
Tavege & Troy & Kelli, Todd, Newcastle WY	1	Bid	Hfcs	1155	\$203.00
Triple S Land & Cattle, Union Center SD	1	Bid	Hfcs	925	\$242.50
Triple S Land & Cattle, Union Center SD	4	Bbid	Cow	1356	\$144.00
Valley, Randy & Rhonda, Nisland SD	1	Bk	Cow	1360	\$140.00
Williams, Charles L, Alzada MT	2	Bk	Hfcs	907	\$258.00
Williams, Charles L, Alzada MT	3	Bk	Cow	1100	\$145.00
Williams, Ray, Broadus MT	4	Bk	Hfcs	998	\$241.00
Williamson Land & Cattle Co, Moorcroft WY	2	Bk	Cwett	1200	\$177.00
Williamson Land & Cattle Co, Moorcroft WY	8	Bk	Cow	1295	\$147.50
Wood Rev Trust, Lorna M, Devils Tower WY	1	Bid	Cwett	1275	\$163.00
Wood, Brady J Or Lorna M, Devils Tower WY	1	Bid	Cwett	1215	\$162.00
Wood, James R & Teresa G, Moorcroft WY	4	Bk	Hfcs	838	\$257.50
Woods, Tyler, Sturgis SD	2	Bk	Hfcs	942	\$231.00
Woods, Tyler, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Cwett	1205	\$160.00
Young, Roger, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Hfcs	945	\$254.00

Wegh Up Bulls					
Balo, Mona J, Whitehead SD	1	Bk	Bull	1310	\$159.50
Beug, Harvey, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Bull	1440	\$160.00
Boiler Mills Ranch, Gillette WY	1	Herf	Bull	2170	\$167.50
Cottonwood Creek Cattle, Rozet WY	1	Bk	Bull	1740	\$174.00
Dewey, Todd Or Susan, Box Elder SD	1	Bk	Bull	2250	\$185.00
Fritz, Tyler, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Bull	1015	\$223.00
Gnezer, Joe Or Renee, Olive MT	1	Bk	Bull	2310	\$155.00
Grant, Michael R, Whitehead SD	1	Bk	Bull	920	\$238.00
Hodson, Oj Or Catherine, Moorcroft WY	1	Bk	Bull	1735	\$156.00
Iby Ranch Ltd, Devils Tower WY	2	Bk	Bull	1865	\$180.00
J J Smeank Ranch Llc, Newell SD	1	Bk	Bull	1760	\$187.50
J J Smeank Ranch Llc, Newell SD	1	Bk	Bull	1660	\$155.00
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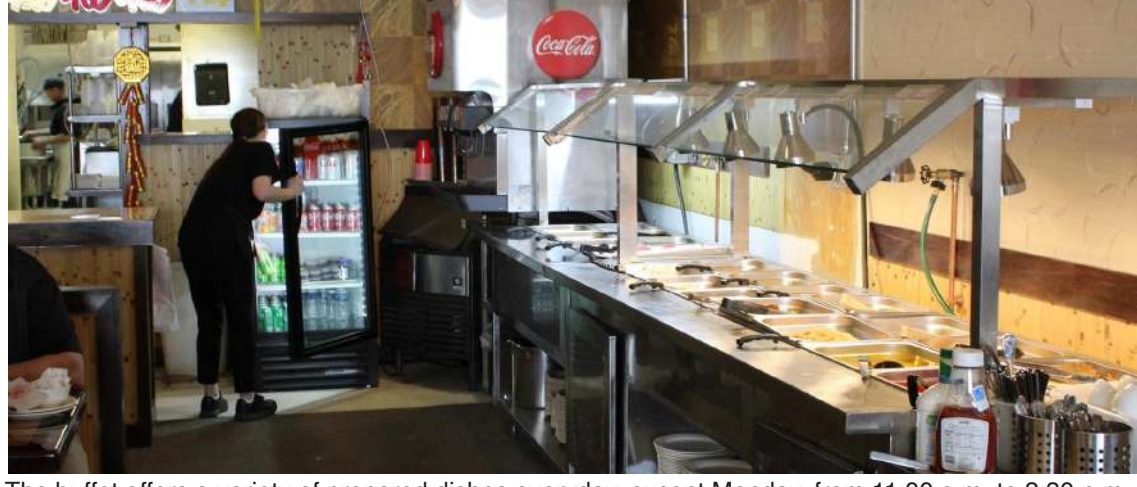
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(L) China Garden employee, Ruo Han Lin, packs up an order for take out; (R) The chefs prepare the food in the kitchen at the China Garden. Longbrake photos



The buffet offers a variety of prepared dishes everyday, except Monday, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

China Garden Contd.from A1 cash register and a waiter and in charge of the oil," she said. The menu is vast with something for everyone. But, of course, there are a few dishes that are very popular. Lin explains, "Sesame Chicken, General Tso's Chicken, and the Orange Chicken and Mango Beef, your hot and spicy soup, egg drop soup, and the Fried Crab Rangoon and Fried Egg Rolls are the favorites." As the business gets up and going, and the employees are finding their footing, they ask for a little grace. "Sometimes we are suddenly very busy. Sometimes there will be not enough manpower, and then we may not be able to wait on people fast," said Lin "Please be patient." This reporter loves Chinese food and took the opportunity to order beef and broccoli and chicken with mushrooms and white rice and both dishes were served fresh and hot and cooked to perfection with so much flavor. My daughter enjoyed tofu with garlic sauce and loved it!

The China Garden at 614 5th Ave, Belle Fourche, is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. They are closed on Monday.

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124 years ago
THE TIMES
April 12, 1900

SIXTH ARREST IN THE MILLIONS TO THE BANKS

Out of the Pockets of the People In an elaborate review of the robbery legalized by the republicans gold standard act, Penn's Grove, N. J., Record contains the following: "The eleventh section of the gold standard bill provides that all bond due in 1904, 1907, 1908 may be exchanged for 2 per cent gold bonds, not payable for thirty years. All bonds are now payable in coin, gold or silver. The conversion of all these bonds by the refunding plan will call for the payments of premiums to capitalists of \$88,000, estimated by Senator Aldrich, while the national will not have reduced one dollar of its debt. Woolgrowers Meet The regular annual meeting of the Woolgrowers Association of the Northern Black Hills was held at the Gaiety Tuesday afternoon. A large number of sheepmen were in attendance and a very interesting and profitable meeting was held. A vot of thanks was extended the Wool Warehouse company for the interst shown in behalf of the Association by the erection of the warehouse and a resolution was passed pledging members of the Association to five the plan of storing wool and bringing wool buyers here to purchase their clips a thorough test. The matter of setting a date for sale day, when buyers from the various wool firms will be here, was left to the Warehouse company, who will assist the woolgrowers in getting the highest price for their wool. An estimate of the amount of wool to be stored by the Association members this season was made and there was 200,000 pounds, while there are number of sheepmen not in the associator who will probably ship from this point.

100 years
The Belle Fourche Bee
April 16, 1925
DEMISE OF EARLY DAY SETTLER

Second Stroke of Paralysis Brought Final Summons to Thomas Johnstone, one of the most highly respected citizens of this section of the Northwest, was claimed by death Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Funeral service will be held from the Congregational church this Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial will be in Riverview cemetery, beside the body of his daughter who died a few years ago. On Monday, April 2, Mr. Johnstone suffered a stroke of paralysis, and for several days his condition was very serious. His children came from their homes in Montana, and since that time some of them have been at his bedside continuously. The latter part of that week he seemed to rally, and last week his condition gave promise of a recovery. He was able to move about the house, for short periods, but on Monday of this week he suffered another stroke, and did not regain consciousness, but slept peacefully until the end.

Thomas Johnstone was born in Dunferline, Scotland, May 5, 1851, and would have been seventy-four years of age had he lived until May fifth this year. He came with a sister and other near relatives to America, arriving in New York on June 9, 1868. Having spend his youth in a mining region, he took up that occupation when he arrived in the country, working first at Barclay, Ps. In the years that followed he engaged in mining in Pennsylvania, Iowa, Wyoming and Montana. He started for the west when he was twenty years of age, stopping first in Carbon, Wyo., where he spent six months in the mines. He then returned to Pennsylvania where he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Hodge, the choice of his youth. The young bride and groom then came west, first location at Mongonia, Ia., where he monied for a while, and then come to the Black Hills, arriving at Central City in April 1878. By exercising thrift, he was able in the next three years to accumulate sufficient funds to

warrant his taking up a ranch, and this he did in 1881, locating on the Little Missouri river, below what is now known as Alzada, but at that time was an army telegraph station called Stoneville. The Johnstone's were the first permanent settlers in that part of the country. With the yoke of oxen that hauled the family to the Little Missouri Mr. Johnstone set out to build and improve a home, and that his faith was well founded is evident from the success that crowned his efforts. In addition to doing a little farming, Mr. Johnstone made a start in the cattle business, his first cow being bought by his father. Later he bought seventy-five head of cattle from James T. Craig and from this start one of the market-topping herds of the Northwest range country was developed. As his sons grew to manhood he took them into partnership

with him, continuing this until 1910, when Mr. Johnstone decided to retire from active work, the entire herd of about eight hundred head was shipped to market and the partnership dissolved. In 1920 Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone moved to Belle Fourche to spend their declining years, as their children had all grown to manhood and womanhood and had homes of their own. While Mr. Johnstone had many acquaintances in Belle Fourche which he lived on the ranch, he made many more after moving into town, and these learned to respect him, for his quiet, unassuming manner and kindly nature won him the respect of all. Mr. Johnstone was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, having affiliated with that order over fifty years ago, and was the oldest member in the state of South Dakota. He is survived by his wife and eight children; two daughters, Mrs. Frank Harrington of Ekalaka, Mont., Mrs. Leslie White of Belle Fourche; six sons, Thomas, William, John, Charles, Allen and George, all of whom live in the Little Missouri and Box Elder country of southern Carter county, Montana.

HAVE SUFFICIENT ACRES cucumbers has been secured in the Belle Fourche district to assure the location of a pickle salting station here this season. Mr. Pickarts of the Squire-Dingee Co., who was here last week, completed the work of signing acreage here and went to Newell the later part of the week. In securing the acreage throughout the valley great assistance has been given by J. Fred Steck, an agriculturalist for the Great Western Sugar Co.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
April 20, 1950

Bureau Calls Keyhole Dam Bids for May 23 Bids will be received until May 23 for construction of the Keyhole dam on the Belle Fourche river near Moorcroft, which will provide supplemental water for the Belle Fourche Irrigation district in Butte county and water for industrial and municipal uses. Invitations for the bids were issued by the bureau at Moorcroft, it was announced. Work is slated to start within 30 days after the awarding of the contract and is scheduled for completion in two years and four months or approximately by the end of 1952. An earthfill structure about 165 feet high and 3,420 feet long, the dam will control a drainage area of 1,950 square miles. It is expected the reservoir will impound about 340,000 acre-feet of water. Directors of the Belle Fourche Irrigation district currently have under study the proposals of the bureau of reclamation for charging off part of the cost of the multi-purpose dam to the irrigatable lands. Office-Shop and Kiln Brick Factory Builds Construction is being completed upon a new office and shop building and footing are in place for a seventh kiln at the Black Hills Clay Products plant here. Manager J. E. Coughlin said the new kiln will increase production capacity of the brick yard from 15 to 20 percent, eliminating waits for drying and cleaning up between sets. Douglas



and Litschewski, Spearfish brick contractors, are expected to start work Saturday in erecting the new kiln and the roof is to be placed this week on the new office and ship building, which also will house laboratory and shower facilities for the plant employees. Total cost of the new construction is estimated at \$15,000. Present production at the brick factory is between 2800 to 3000 brick or tile a day, Coughlin said. Presently the factory has contracts for furnishing brick for a new school at Custer, a theater at Newcastle, a men's dormitory at the Old Soldiers Home at Hot Springs, a Catholic church at Gillette and a new hospital at Bowman. In the residential line, it is furnishing brick for six homes in Rapid City, three at Alliance, Neb., and one each at Crawford, Hot Springs and Chadron.

50 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
April 18, 1975

Drive Skyrockets to \$20,000 "Hospital Drive '75" got off to a skyrocketing start this week when Jane Coon, director of nurses at the John Burns Memorial Hospital, announced that employees of the hospital and Northern Hills Nursing Home have agreed to donate two weeks' wages to the hospital fund. "This," said Mrs. Coon, "amounts to \$20,000." Mrs. Coon made the announcement after she had snipped the big red ribbon across the doorway at the drive headquarters to officially launch a \$100,000 drive to raise funds for a new 30-bed hospital and clinic. The \$100,000 which must be raised by June 10, is one of the stipulations for securing a \$1,551,000 FHA loan with which to build the new medical complex.

People from all parts of the county were on hand at 10 a.m. Tuesday for the brief ceremonies. Cliff Thomas, president of the Belle Fourche Health Care Center, Inc., which will operate the hospital, expressed gratitude for the response to the plea for support. "With the kind of spirit and enthusiasm I have seen in the last two weeks as we got ready for this drive," said Thomas, "I have no doubts that we can raise the money." Bob O'Donnell, general chairman of "Hospital Drive '75" served as master of ceremonies for the Tuesday event. Mayor Hesperie congratulated the people who have worked for two years to bring the project to its present status and expressed confidence that the people of the Tri-State area will respond to the current fund raising effort. Also introduced was Rudy Persche, area rancher, who with his brother, Ernest, last year donated \$18,000 to purchase land at Walworth and 13 th for the new medical complex. Optimists Book Frank Sinatra Jr. For Hospital Benefit "Hospital Drive '75" received another boost today when the Optimist Club announced plans to bring Frank Sinatra Jr. to Belle Fourche for a performance which will benefit the hospital building program. Scheduled for the armory on May 11, the show will include the Larry O'Brian orchestra and will present a variety of music for a family program. The Belle Fourche performance will be Sinatra's only South Dakota appearance on his spring tour. At present he is appearing in Harrah's Club in Lake Tahoe, Nev., and will be seen on television's "Hollywood Squares" this week.

Optimist Club President Pete Krush pointed out that this will be an opportunity for people in the Tri-State area to see an excellent program and contribute to the hospital drive at the same time.

The Club has a goal of selling 3000 tickets, looking forward to net proceeds of \$10,000 for the hospital fund drive. Tickets sales will begin within the next several days, with tickets at \$5 each.



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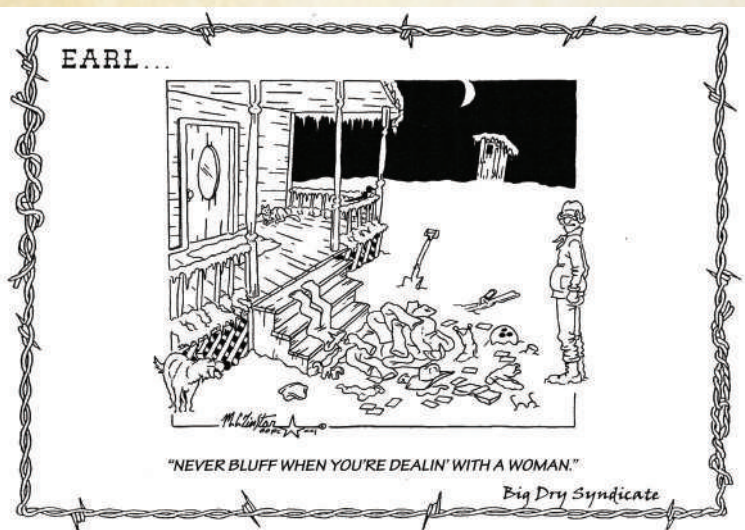
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Belle Fourche, SD

City Council Elections Held Amid Low Voter Turn Out

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BELLE FOURCHE—Voters went to the polls to elect new city council members on April 8.

Voters from Ward 1 and Ward 2 were able to choose from five total candidates and cast a vote to help elect their favorite.

Voting was open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. but the electorate barely trickled in throughout the day. "Very slow," said election worker Beth Morey. "We're hoping that it will pick up here in the last couple of hours."

At the end of the day, Kristal Steeves came out the winner of Ward 1 with a total of 31 votes. She beat out Karen Davis who received 25 votes and Ivy Zimmerschied who earned 18 votes.

In Ward 2 Lee Capp won over incumbent James "Clark" Sowers with a vote of 108 to 73.

Out of approximately 3200 voters in Wards 1 and 2, a total of 74 votes were cast in Ward 1 and a total of 181 votes in Ward

2 for a total of 255 votes cast.

"Ward 1 has about 1200 voters and Ward 2 has about 1000 voters, so out of 3200 voters we have had 126 people come vote and they (Ward 1) have less," explained Stacey Raisanen, election worker. "There's nothing else to vote on so it's hard."

"It's terrible—well what we have is three ladies that are running—all nice. I don't think anyone would not be a good choice, so there's no worries, no animosity, and everybody probably just figures whatever happens it's okay," explained Morey. "Now, if you have somebody that people don't like, they will get out."

Voter Cindy Stover summed it up by saying, "...if I don't vote, I don't get to complain!"

Those joining Steeves and Capp to a three year term on the City Council are Dean Brunner, Ward 3 and Robert Somervold, Ward 4 both ran unopposed.



(Above) Ward 2 Poll workers Ayda Cazer, Stephanie Lippincott & Stacey Raisanen help voters check in and cast completed ballots; (Below) Poll workers, for Ward 1, Cheryl Miller, Beth Morey & Lacey Curl wait patiently for voters to arrive. Longbrake photos



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BRED COWS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Mccoid Ranch, Buffalo SD	26	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1563	3200.00	\$3,200.00
Jensen Livestock Llc, Belle Fourche SD	9	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1524	3000.00	\$3,000.00

WEIGH-UPS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Rafter Diamond Lip, Buffalo SD	5	Black-Cow	1490	155.00	\$2,309.50
	4	Black-Cow	1286	166.00	\$2,135.17
Ryan Cordell, Camp Crook SD	8	Black-Hft	1026	238.50	\$2,446.11
Shane Finn, Nisland SD	3	Red-Cow	1462	156.00	\$2,280.20
	2	Red-Cow	1418	154.50	\$2,190.03
Chad Mackaben, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1330	150.00	\$1,995.00
James A Mccoy, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1270	156.00	\$1,981.20
Bradley Bauer, Union Center SD	1	Black-Cow	1400	152.00	\$2,128.00
Tristan Horst, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1850	142.50	\$2,636.25
	1	Black-Cow	1585	149.50	\$2,369.57

BULLS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Jensen Livestock Llc, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Bull	1980	163.50	\$3,237.30
Bart Burdick, Baker MT	1	Black-Bull	2090	177.50	\$3,709.75
	1	Black-Bull	2070	167.50	\$3,467.25

BULLS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Jensen Livestock Llc, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1895	182.50	\$3,458.37
Douglas & Adelia Cuka, Vale SD	1	Xbrd-Bull Drug Free	1615	210.00	\$3,391.50
Harmon Creek Cattle Co, Ekalaka MT	6	Black-Bull Drug Free	1799	182.50	\$3,283.47
Travis Linch, Belle Fourche, SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1985	180.00	\$3,573.00
	8	Rd/Blk-Bull Drug Free	1622	177.50	\$2,878.82

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Bishop Land & Livestock, Gillette, WY	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	2120	190.00	\$4,028.00
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Shanon Lupica, Whitewood SD	1	Black-Bull	2580	171.00	\$4,411.80
Oleson Ranch Lp, Newcastle WY	1	Herf-Bull Drug Free	2045	172.00	\$3,517.40

BULLS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Terry Or Deb Mopherson, Piedmont SD	1	Black-Cow	1215	161.00	\$1,956.15
X Heart Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	1	Bwf-Hft	1040	236.00	\$2,454.40
Elsbury Ranch Llc, Sundance WY	4	Black-Hft	1003	238.00	\$2,385.95
	4	Black-Cow	1321	157.00	\$2,074.36
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1295	151.00	\$1,955.45
	2	Black-Cow	1470	150.00	\$2,205.00
	1	Black-Cow	1350	149.50	\$2,018.25
Michael Lemke, Gillette WY	2	Black-Hft	948	230.00	\$2,179.25
	1	Black-Cow	1205	161.00	\$1,940.05
Nate Frederickson, Spearfish SD	1	Black-Cow	1585	162.00	\$2,567.70
	1	Black-Cow	1690	155.50	\$2,627.95
	1	Black-Cow	1675	150.50	\$2,520.87
	1	Black-Cow	1385	155.00	\$2,146.75
	1	Black-Cow	1490	162.00	\$2,413.80
	1	Black-Cow	1425	157.50	\$2,244.37

BULLS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Danny Lanning, Alzada MT	1	Red-Cow	1370	158.00	\$2,164.60
Jordan & Ashley Odonnell, Ismay MT	1	Black-Cow	1365	155.00	\$2,115.75
Center Of The Nation Catt, Newell SD	3	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1383	154.50	\$2,137.25

BULLS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Matt Or Donna Perino, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Cow	1455	154.50	\$2,247.97
Ivn Cattle Co Llc, Newcastle WY	9	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1439	150.50	\$2,166.36
	9	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1201	153.50	\$1,843.70
Mike Anderson, Whitewood SD	1	Black-Cow	1385	155.00	\$2,146.75
Quentin Rumph, Biddle MT	1	Black-Hft	1235	215.00	\$2,655.25
Owen Rumph, Biddle MT	1	Black-Cow	1605	157.00	\$2,519.85
	1	Black-Cow	1895	141.00	\$2,671.95
	1	Black-Cow	1420	153.00	\$2,172.60
	1	Black-Cow	1545	157.50	\$2,433.37
Kernit Rumph, Biddle MT	2	Black-Cow	1250	148.00	\$1,850.00
Cort Cundy, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1030	250.00	\$2,575.00
Six-Ess Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Hft	1075	230.00	\$2,472.50
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Hotbikiss Ranch, Reva SD	3	Black-Hft	862	253.00	\$2,180.01
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Troy Anstine, Rapid City SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1320	158.00	\$2,085.60
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Kevin Reindl, Custer SD	2	Black-Cow	1395	150.50	\$2,099.47
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Jw & Joey Moore, Sundance WY	3	Black-Cow	1353	152.50	\$2,063.83
Rick & Tim Kleven, Piedmont SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1550	145.00	\$2,247.50
Patrick M King, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1385	153.00	\$2,119.05
Clark Blake, Belle Fourche SD	3	Black-Hft	878	244.00	\$2,143.13
Aron Lindskov, Newell SD	1	Black-Hft	975	241.00	\$2,349.75
	1	Black-Cow	1520	152.50	\$2,318.00
	1	Black-Cow	1185	211.00	\$2,500.35
Jay Mopherson, Piedmont SD	2	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1088	143.00	\$1,555.12
	1	Bwf-Cow	1225	155.00	\$1,898.75
Tate Halverson, Hermosa SD	1	Bwf-Hft	1115	224.00	\$2,497.60
Marlin Maude, Hermosa SD	1	Black-Hft	1010	250.00	\$2,525.00
	1	Bwf-Hft	955	228.00	\$2,177.40

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Bronc Track Season Openers: Douglas Early Bird; Queen City; Middle School Meet in Sturgis

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 The Belle Fourche High School opened their season on Tuesday April 8th at the Douglas Early Bird Invite, followed by the Queen City Invite in Spearfish on Friday April 11th.

Highlights for the week in Bronc Track & Field:

In Douglas, for the Ladies- Lia Mundt placed 3rd in the 3200 meter run, Rhys Pearson placed 4th, Misty Drieling placed 13, Abby Clendening placed 17th in the 1600 meter run. Mikka Dunavant placed 7th in the 400 meter dash. Kailey Nowowiejski placed 5th and Jaz Olson placed 7th in the 200 meter dash. Mya Nowowiejski placed 5th, Kailey Nowowiejski placed 6th, Mikka Dunavant placed 7th, and Jaz Olson placed 9th in the 100 meter dash. The ladies 4x800 meter relay took 1st (Mundt, Pearson, Clendening, Drieling).

In throwing events, Chloe Merjil took 7th in discus, 2nd in shot put and 5th in javelin. Elle Anderson made the top ten placers at number 9 in javelin.

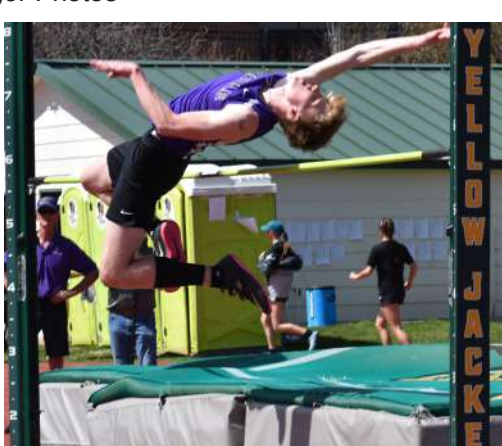
For the boys in top ten placers in running events, Lennon Clarkson came in 4th in the 1600 meter run, Kash LeLaCheur came in 8th with Gavin Pearson following in 9th in the 200 meter dash and Kash in 7th and Gavin in 9th in the 100 meter dash.

In throwing events, Joseph McLennon placed 6th in discus and 9th in shot put. Aidan Keil took 2nd in high jump.

In Spearfish, for the ladies, top placers were; Lia Mundt took 3rd in the 1600 meter run, Rhys Pearson took 6th in the 800 meter run, 4x200 meter relay team (Olson, Dunavant, Nowowiejski & Nowowiejski) 4th, 4x400 me-



Boys 4x 100, Slater Humbracht handing baton to Peyton Jackson; (R) Javelin throwers Chloe Merjil, Ellie Schreder & Elle Anderson; (B-Left) Javelin thrower Chris Jewitt; (B-C) Sophomore high jumper Aidan Keil at Queen City (B-R) Caeyn Howard hands off to Teagan Frederickson. Tonsager Photos



ter relay team (Pearson, Nowowiejski, nowowiejski, Dunavant) took 4th, and the sprint medley relay team (Olson, Nowowiejski, Nowowiejski, Mundt) took 5th. In throwing, Chloe Merjil took 8th in shot put and 2nd in javelin.
 For the boys top results in Spearfish, Lennon Clarkson placed 10th in the 3200 meter run, in the 4x200 meter relay team (Pearson, Frederickson, Howard, LeLaCheur) placed 5th, and the sprint medley relay team (LeLaCheur, Howard, Pearson, Clarkson) placed 8th. In high

jump, Aidan Keil placed 6th. Improving and securing their spots on the Bronc All-Time Top 10 list, in running

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(Top) What a lucky find, with a group of eggs and no one else around to compete with to get them;

(Center) After all the eggs were found, the kids sit down and open the eggs to see what treats are inside;

(R) Luka Anderson meets Mr. Peep!
Longbrake photos



"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" Artificial Intelligence Impact on Future Business Positions

WhArtificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing industries, but it also poses significant risks to certain professions. Below are the top 10 professions most at risk of being replaced or significantly disrupted by AI, supported by a few facts, figures and logic.



Transportation and Logistics Workers - The rise of autonomous vehicles threatens jobs in transportation, particularly for truck drivers and delivery personnel. A study by the American Center for Mobility estimates

that self-driving trucks alone could replace nearly 294,000 long-haul trucking jobs in the U.S. Companies like Tesla and Waymo are already testing autonomous fleets, signaling a shift that could disrupt millions of livelihoods.

Retail Cashiers and Salespeople - Self-checkout systems and e-commerce platforms powered by AI are reducing the need for retail staff. The British Retail Consortium reports a 12% decline in retail jobs in the UK since 2008, partly due to automation. With AI-driven recommendation engines enhancing online shopping experiences, traditional retail roles are increasingly at risk.

Customer Service Representatives - AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants are increasingly handling routine customer inquiries. Gartner predicts that by 2025, 95% of customer service interactions will involve AI. Companies benefit from reduced labor costs and 24/7 availability, leaving human agents to handle only complex issues. This trend could displace millions of customer service jobs globally.

Proofreaders and Translators - Advances in Natural Language Processing (NLP) have enabled AI tools like Grammarly and Google Translate to perform proofreading and translation tasks with high accuracy. While nuanced content still requires human expertise, routine tasks are being automated rapidly. This trend threatens jobs that rely heavily on language processing.

Manufacturing and Assembly Line Workers - Automation has been reshaping manufacturing for decades, but AI-driven robotics is accelerating the trend. Oxford Economics estimates that up to 20 million manufacturing jobs could be replaced by robots globally by 2030. Robots equipped with AI can perform repetitive tasks more efficiently and consistently than humans, leading to widespread job displacement in this sector.

Financial Analysts - AI's ability to analyze large datasets and identify patterns is transforming financial analysis. Algorithmic trading already accounts for over 90% of stock market trades. Routine tasks such as investment analysis and risk assessment are increasingly

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handled by AI, making many entry-level financial analyst roles redundant.
Bookkeepers and Accountants - AI-powered accounting software like QuickBooks automates bookkeeping tasks such as expense tracking, invoicing, and tax preparation. The UK's Office for National Statistics estimates that 25% of accounting jobs are at high risk of automation. While complex financial planning still requires human input, basic accounting roles are rapidly diminishing.

Radiologists and Diagnostic Technicians - AI is proving highly effective in medical imaging analysis, often matching or surpassing human accuracy. A study in The Lancet Digital Health found that AI systems can detect diseases like cancer with comparable precision to radiologists. As hospitals adopt these technologies to improve efficiency and reduce costs, diagnostic roles face significant disruption.

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Lunch & Learn: EOS

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce hosted a Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, April 9 at Belle Fourche Development Corporation.

Chris Heino, EOS Implementer, presented “Get a Grip on Your Business: Six Keys to Getting What You Want from Your Entrepreneurial Company” to a group of local business owners. The Chamber of Commerce provided Subway for lunch.

EOS, which stands for Entrepreneurial Operating System, is a framework that businesses can use to help achieve their goals and run effectively.

Heino described the EOS Model, which is made up of

“Six Key Components”: Vision, Traction, People, Process, Data, and Issues.

Each component provides a lens for business owners to meet their goals and ultimately grow their business. Heino handed out a booklet with interactive worksheets and attendees followed along with the presentation.

At one point, business owners were instructed to write down their 10-year goals; then, everyone shared their goals with each other and Heino provided feedback.

The EOS Model is based on the book Traction by Gino Wickman, which Heino also handed out free copies of to anyone who wanted one.

This month’s Lunch & Learn was the last of the season. Lunch & Learns will return in September.

Development



Chris Heino, EOS Implementer, presented the Lunch & Learn to local business owners this month. Longbrake photo

Butte/Lawrence 4-H Celebrates 2025 Graduates



During the next several weeks the Beacon will feature several of the Butte-Lawrence County high school graduates.

This week’s seniors are **Bennett Gordon, Lanie Ewing, & Tava Sexton**

(L) **Bennett Gordon** is an 11-year member of the Crow Peak 4-H Club. He has been involved in public speaking projects, range judging, livestock judging, photography, and showing meat goats. Bennett has done quite a lot of travelling through 4-H.



He went to Denver as part of the SD 4-H livestock judging team at the Western 4-H Roundup. On a trip to Oklahoma City Bennett was a member of the National Champion 4-H Range Judging team in 2022. He plans to attend Oklahoma State University to study agribusiness and economics; (Top Left) **Lanie Ewing** is excited to pursue a degree in Physical Therapy. She passionate about helping others regain their mobility and improve their quality of life.

4-H has played a significant role in shaping her journey, teaching her valuable life skills like leadership, responsibility, and teamwork. One of her favorite memories is working on community service projects with her 4-H club. Additionally, her experiences in rodeo taught her resilience, discipline, and the importance of perseverance; (R) **Tava Sexton**. 4-H has provided many opportunities for Tava over the past years. Tava has been involved many project areas over her 10 years in 4-H. Some of her favorites include Shooting Sports, Rodeo, Horse Quiz Bowl, Livestock Judging, showing horses, rabbits and visual arts. Her plans are to attend college and study Ag Business and participate in college rodeo.

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Show Up

by Belle LaVenu



The BFHS production of GREASE is happening soon! This musical is a favorite of audiences of all ages and includes familiar numbers such as “Greased Lightening” and “Summer Nights”. Join them on April 25-27th - Friday & Saturday at 7 PM & Sunday at 2 PM.

Hey, Belle Fourche! Let's get all our artists & performers together in one fun afternoon!! The Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters are inviting performers & artists of all kinds to their annual Community Variety Show on May 4th. The show has included acts of all kinds over the years - vocal & instrumental soloists & ensembles, comedy routines, dance performances, and even aerialists - and they welcome acts of all types again. This year the group is expanding their fundraising event, adding artists to the show with an exhibition of work from local painters, photographers, multimedia creators, folk artists, & specialty crafters. Young & old alike are welcome to prepare performances or bring art pieces for an afternoon in celebration of our talented citizens. Refreshments will be provided by FAB volunteers & donors. All proceeds benefit fine arts opportunities for the youth in our community.

The BFHS cast for Grease!The cast for this popular musical includes 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.

Organization & business sponsors for the show can choose their own donation amount, be featured in the show promotions, & receive complimentary tickets. Donors may specifically sponsor a performer or artist & enjoy multiple shout-outs & thank-yous in print & at the show! Contact the Fine Arts Boosters by email, bfhsfab@gmail.com or by text, 605-892-2342, to **JOIN THE SHOW!**

The Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters is working on their upcoming Community Variety Show 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.

April 25-27, BFHS Musical Production of GREASE; Fri/Sat @ 7:00 PM & Sun. @ 3:00 PM, BF Rec Center Theater.

May 4, Sunday, Fine Arts Boosters, Community Variety & Arts Show, Belle Fourche Community Hall.; May 5, Monday, BFHS Band/Chorus Concert @ the Rec Center Theater, 7:00 PM

May 8, Thurs., BFMS Band Concert @ the Rec Center Theater, 6:30 pm; May 13, Tues., BFMS Chorus Concert @ the Rec Center Theater, 6:30 pm.



The **Middle School & High School Jazz Bands** under the direction of BFMS's **Jacque Bratcher** & BFHS's **Micah Pennel**, combined their talent and filled the stage for a **Night of Jazz** on April 7th.



Winter 2025 Volleyball League Champions (Above) Coed A: Aces Gillian Watkins, Katelynn Pottorff, Clay Pottorff, Kristin Carmichael, Kelly Carmichael, Laura Young, JD Young; (Bottom -R) Women's B: Gnarly Girls; Angela Reich, Tiffany James, Billi Seidel, Jamie Rath, Jen Stephens, Maclyn Westland. Not pictured: Yvette Kirkman & Megan Vetter (B-L) Women's A: Dirty Diggers Kendra Meidinger, Stephanie Geis, Tyler Neiman, Bailey Lohmeyer, Kara Ellsbury, Karli Jewett, Megan Haggard. Not pictured: Katie Swick, Marti Wood; (B-C) Coed B, SLB (Back) Vickie Sechser, Len Baumeister, Chase McArthur, Brandon McArthur, (front) Sarah Lane, Diane Palu-McArthur. Not pictured: Cloie Tracy. Courtesy Photos



From C1 Track by Kandi Fonsager

The Belle Fourche Middle School track team competed in their first meet on Thursday April 10th in Sturgis with many competitors in tops spots and boasting PRs (Personal Records) in various events.

Highlights:

7th grade Running Events:

In the 1600 meter race, Piper Curran took 2nd and Isabella Torberson took 4th, both with PRs for the girls with Brux Hartman taking 3rd for the boys.

In the 100 meter hurdles, Maddox Clarkson took 2nd for the boys. Berklee Nore took

2nd for the girls in the 100 meter dash.

Cole Mailloux took 2nd in the 400 meter dash for the boys while Bradly Dreiske took 2nd in the 200 meter dash followed by Blaine Moke in 3rd. Grace Long took 1st in the 400 meter dash for the girls and 2nd in the 200 meter dash. In the 800 meter run, Layla Drieling took 2nd followed by Isabela Torberson in 3rd for the girls with Brux Hartman in 2nd and Maddox Clarkson in 5th for the boys.

8th grade Running Events:

In the 100 meter hurdles Ansley O'Brien took 1st with Betsy Moore coming in 5th for the girls and Rylan Gross taking 4th followed by Hayden Mitchell in

5th for the boys.

In the 100 meter dash Betsy Moore took 4th with Peyton Richardson in 6th for the girls and Connor Kukla came in 2nd for the boys.

In the 200 meter dash Ansley O'Brien took 1st, followed by Peyton Richardson in 3rd for the girls and Connor Kukla took 1st followed by Maliky Rodriguez in 7th for the boys.

7th grade Throwing Events:

Charlie Merzil took 3rd in shotput with a throw of 25' for the girls. Ben Raba took 1st in discuss with a throw of 97'07" and 2nd in shot put with a throw of 30'08" for the boys.

8th grade throwing events:

In discuss Andrew Coyle took

3rd with a throw of 83', Reven Audiss took 5th with a throw of 80'4" and Owen Hatling took 6th with a throw of 77'

In shot put Andrew Coyle took first with a throw of 35'2", Grant Hagen took 4th with a throw of 30'10", Owen Hatling took 5th with a throw of 30'3" and Silas Pesicka took 6th with a throw of 27'6"

7th Jumping events:

Berklee Nore took 1st in high jump at 4'7" and 2nd in Long Jump at 13'5" for the girls.

Max Coyle took 2nd in high jump at 4'8" and Zane Baker took 4th at 4'6", Blaine Moke took 5th in long jump at 13'10" and Max Coyle took 6th at 13'7" for the boys.

8th grade Jumping Events:

In high jump, Rhyann Knapp took 2nd at 4', Patton Richardson took 3rd at 4' for the girls and for the boys, Grant Hagen took 1st at 5'2"

In long jump, Ansly O'Brien took 1st at 15'3", Ella Bryan took 3rd at 13'4", Avery Coyle took 5th at 12'5", and Madisyn VanSickle took 7th at 11'6" for the girls. For the boys, Reven Audiss took 5th at 13'1" and Saxton Stefvater took 8th at 12'3".

The Middle School track season continued this week with the Spearfish Invite on 4/12, next week they will compete at home on Tuesday April 15th at the Belle Fourche High School.



Isaac Voyles, a senior from Belle Fourche High School signed with the University of Jamestown in Jamestown, North Dakota on April 10th. Isaac received a scholarship to play golf and further his career and passion in the sport while majoring in accounting and finance. Isaac is the son of **Chad & MaryJo Voyles** and brother to Alex and Ian Voyles, and grandson of **Lee & Gladys Voyles**

Isaac has been playing golf, "for as long as I can remember," he stated. When asked his favorite thing about golfing, he commented, "being able to relax on the course, it's fun." Isaac is looking forward to being a "Jimmie" this fall. *Courtesy Photo*

(R) 7th grade girls led by **Grace Long** finishing 1st in the 400 meter dash; (C) Bronc 7th Grade boys warming up for shot put; (L) MS girls **Lochlin Tibbs, AnnaBelle Dighton, Addie Lutter & Ember Olson** after a race; (Below L) 7th grader **Isabela Torberson** took 4th in the 1600 & 3rd in the 800; (C) 7th grader **Irie McQueen** long jumping; (R) 7th grader **Piper Curran** took 2nd in the 1600.





B's

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And we're off and running! Actually, only walking, but you know at least I'm moving!

I have a few minutes to write this before leaving for practice with the band for the Spring concert at the school. Yes, we will also have adults there. But the main attraction will be the illustrious students of Newell School.

The concert is being planned by the music director Kimberly Bachman. She has a wonderful evening of music planned and has decided to include some of the adults. We have a special number with flutes and guitars. It will be awesome!

When I first picked up a flute it was under the urging of an older cousin. I had told her I wanted to try, but my dad had said we couldn't afford an instrument. She was very persuasive and he gave in, mostly because she had a flute I could use. It was one of the best gifts I ever received! That was in way back in the mid-60s. I mean way back!

I wasn't really great at the flute, but I did love to play it. Then in high school I put it away because of some of the classes I was taking and scheduling. But as an adult I picked it up again and began to play.

It's amazing that my fingers could remember where to go and the notes just came out like I hadn't put it away for 10 years!

So, I'm back from practice. Whew! I'm glad that I had practiced a bit at home. It's always harder to play with someone else. You can't just play it like you feel it. It's important to play a song the way the songwriter wrote it. You have to "get inside his head" to find out what kind of rhythm was there.

Which brings me around to how we interact with other people. Several of us had a discussion the other day about "debating" our views on various topics. There seemed to be a time when people could talk about differing points of view without getting all bent out of shape.

One person could say something, then the other could voice his opinion. They didn't "argue", but said what they thought and came to the conclusion that although they had different ideas they could be civil to each other. They didn't yell and turn their backs on each other. They didn't call each other stupid.

What has happened? Have we gotten so lazy that we don't want to bother listening to the opposing view? And it is laziness because it takes a moment and some effort to

Preschool Summer Camp

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NEWELL-Summer is almost here and the days will be filled with activities! There will be an Open House Meet & Greet at 9:30 a.m. on April 26 at the Dakota Life Christian Center to learn about a new adventure coming to the Newell area.

Shepherd's Flock Learning Center, located at Dakota Life Christian Center, 321 Fisk Ave. in Newell will be sponsoring a Preschool Summer Day Camp June 9-12 and June 16-19 with morning and afternoon classes.

Registration is \$10 and the camp fee is \$46 a week. You can save \$6 if registered by May 15.

The Open House will introduce the public to the newly developed Shepherd's Flock Learning Center that will begin in the fall of 2025. Planning started four years ago as the vision and under the guidance of Pastor Terri Dutton-Blanchett. Lisa Blanchett, who will be the Preschool teacher caught the vision and has come alongside Pastor Blanchett. Lisa has been part of education field for many years and brings her experience to the school.

The Preschool Summer Day Camp will fill in the need for younger children who are eager to learn with faith-based activities. The first week of the Summer Camp will be centered around dinosaurs, the second week highlights jungle animals. There will be hands-on activities, arts and crafts, and faith-based lessons.

It will be a wonderful summer experience for the little ones to enjoy! Join the group on April 26, 9:30 a.m. at Dakota Life Christian Center, Fourth and Fisk Streets, Newell. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Blanchett 605-443-6878 or email at shepherdsflocklearning@gmail.com. Check out the website and FB at Shepherd's Flock Learning Center.

really listen to each other.

Time is important and we all have the same amount. How we use it is even more important. We need to take time to get inside other people's head to see why they are saying and doing the things they do. What is their background and why do they think like they do?

Oh, my! Time is so important. But listening and thinking about the other guy is more important! Our thoughts are important, but they aren't the same as everybody else.

If we think on the good things, the true things, and the lovely things every "thing" will

Grandstand Taking Shape



Robert Boylan and Custis Harmon welded guard rail along the bottom of the new fence at the Newell Rodeo Grounds. Courtesy Photo

Newell Grandstands Taking Shape

NEWELL-Thanks to a community-wide effort, the Newell Community Club has announced the new grandstands are under construction. The help and dedication of many community members has brought the vision closer to reality.

The process has taken awhile but with the endeavors of the following resources are bringing it all closer:

Freedom Auctions, Colin Berry, sold the old grandstands and the buyers who hauled them off.

Rex and Morgan Wulf replaced the arena fence that was torn out with the grandstand.

Robert Boylan and Custis Harmon welded guard rail along the bottom of the new fence in front of the new grandstand.

Robert has also built up and packed the area under the new grandstand with gravel from Boom Concrete.

Rod Peachy has contracted to build us a 122' x 35' concrete pad to place the new bleachers on.

In May the new bleachers

will be delivered and assembly will begin.

The project is far from over. There will be a new concession stand and a cover for the grandstand. Money needs to be raised to complete these projects.

The members of the Newell Community Club would like to extend a huge Thank You to everyone who has volunteered to work on this tremendous project.

"When money is tight, it is nice to have a tight community."

Unofficial Election Results

Votes will be canvassed April 14 at the Newell City Commission meeting. The top two will take the seats of Allen Youngberg and Don Adams. There were 92 ballots out of 420 voters, approximately 22% voter turnout.

conquer all the tough "things" in life.

So, with that thought I'm going to think about the mac and cheese waiting for me in the fridge. I think that's one of the good things.

Hunting for the Prize

It took weeks to set up and only minutes until it was all gone.

Pastor Darla Dunn and her daughter Marion put together a fun afternoon of egg hunting for the youngsters of the NVN area at the Vale Country Community Church.



Wyatt Schubauer gave the Easter Bunny a big hug and said thank you for all the fun he had hunting eggs.



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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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This was a nice warm week with a high of 86 degrees on Friday and we got just over a half inch of much needed rain Saturday night. It was a beautiful day last Sunday when I called Pastor David Holland out in Wyoming to see if he could tell us the name of Reub's relative that served several state offices in Wyoming. David is very active in the Republican Party in Wyoming and he was able to give us the information we were looking for. Reub's relative was Joseph Meyer who served as Attorney General, Secretary of State, and he passed away in 2012 while serving as the State Treasurer in Wyoming. Meyer's grandmother was an Olson, Reub's father Buck Olson's older sister. We are very thankful for the information Pastor Holland

was able to give us.

There were more deaths to report: Rosalie (Smith) English, 75, of Camp Crook, passed away Tuesday, April 1, at her home with her daughter by her side. Burial will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis. On Monday, August 11, Celebration of life will take place in Camp Crook, SD at 6:00 pm.

Edgar Samuel Kumley, 102, of Redig, died Sunday, April 6th, 2025 at Southwest Healthcare in Bowman, ND. At the Redig post office, he served as Postmaster for nearly 66 years, until his retirement on January 10th, 2015. He is the third longest-serving Postmaster in the United States. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, April 11, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Belle Fourche with interment in Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

These families have our sym-

pathy.

Casey went to Belle Fourche on Monday to bring home a big double drill they needed to start farming with soon. Reub and Taz spent the day disking the field down south of the place. Copper had volleyball practice after school that day so Amanda left River and the twins with Grandma Missy while she went to Buffalo to bring Copper home after practice. I got to go down and pick up Knox from Kelli Doll at their mailbox and bring him back to join the other kids at Grandma Missy's house.

Missy and I went down to Ladies Aid at the church Tuesday afternoon and Amy Johnson was the hostess. After the meeting she fed us brownies and soft ice cream from the Reva store. We're so glad that Vince got the ice cream machine working again! Missy and several others

had a meeting about Vacation Bible School after Ladies Aid, so I went to Reva to get Knox and Beau Doll off the school bus at Reva and picked up Missy after the VBS meeting. Reub was dragging the fields again and Amanda spent all day raking up the leaves and debris in the yard before going to Buffalo to get Copper.

Reub and I went to Hettinger Wednesday morning and had lunch at the American Legion café at noon. We got to visit with some really good people while eating lunch and we stopped to see Polly Markegard on the way home. I went to Reva that afternoon to get Copper and Knox off the school bus. We went down to the church that evening for the last Lenten service and supper and Bev Heier, Lori Besler and Linda Mohagen fed us a delicious meal. Next week on Thursday, April 17, is Maundy Thursday and there will be a potluck supper and communion service at the church at 5:30. You are all welcome to join us.

Amanda spent most of the day on Thursday raking up leaves in the yard before dressing up the kids and taking them to Buffalo for the Daddy/Daughter Dance that evening. Taz got the chores finished and followed them to town for the dance. Reub was dragging the field over by Coyote Butte east of the highway and I went over to get him at noon. Taz helped him move to our east place that afternoon to drag the fields over there.

Missy had a hair appointment in the Black Hills on Friday and she stopped to have a good

visit with her cousin Rick and Cindy Engle. The sheep have started lambing so the guys have them in the lot beside the lambing shed. Harding County had school on Friday to make up for one of the snow days over the winter. It was so warm Friday that I had to take off my sweatshirt and put on a tee shirt. I found an old one that I got at the 3rd annual "Testicle Festival" that the Cowboy Caucus put on when I was in the South Dakota legislature where those of us from ranching communities got together to dine on what we call "Rocky Mountain oysters" from castrated bull calves. Those memories always make me smile and the tee shirt was a lot cooler than the sweatshirt.

Jarett Jenson came down to visit his sister Amanda Saturday morning before heading back home. Grandma Louise Jenson came down to visit Amanda and the family that afternoon and Reub and I had a good time with her too. Amanda spent most of the day raking up the leaves in the yard and Grandma Louise brought her a couple good things to use to scoop up the leaves to put in the wheel barrel to haul them down to the leave pile that Casey hauls to the dump for her.

Pastor David Douglas gave a great sermon for us about the Passover on Sunday while Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen were gone.

I'll leave you with these:
*Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
*Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last week the outline on the photo of the Sugar Plant in Belle Fourche was not correctly changed to identify the plant. It was a photo of the U & I Sugar Factory before closure. Area meetings were held to save the complex in 1966.

April 15, 1915

The old church which was located about a mile west of Vale was totally destroyed early Tuesday evening. Albert Sampont was burning weeds on his place near the building and the fire became unmanageable. He was unable to secure help



Horse Creek School, 1915. After a successful program under direction of Miss. Pietela. Newell Museum

until it was too late to save the church.

The play "Cupid's Capers" that was given in Miss Pietela's school room at the Horse Creek School house last Saturday was very well attended, although traveling was difficult. After the show a dance was given, and light refreshments were served. They expect to show the play in Arpan next Saturday, April 17th.

At a meeting of the Newell Board of Education held last Thursday evening, the following teachers were contracted for the coming year: Principal George A. Fry, Grammar Department Mrs. Minnie Breeding, Intermediate Department Miss Bessie Hull and Primary Department Miss Birdie Anderson.

April 9, 1925

A letter from the Project Board and Superintendent F. C. Youngblutt addressed to all water users last fall advised them of the proposal to remove fence obstructions in project canals and requested them to make the necessary changes before irrigation begins in 1925. Woven wire and lattice work in the water has been particularly

troublesome in canal operation and has reduced the capacity of ditches to a serious extent in some cases.

A bill presented at the Council monthly meeting Monday night for hauling 13 dogs to the city dump indicates a thinning out of the canine population, temporarily at least. The question arises, how many new ones came to the funerals and decided to stay? The Council also made arrangements for the annual city election, which is to take place Tuesday, April 21.

Miss Elsie Karinen, who helps Mrs. Oscar Reppen, had a very unpleasant experience on Saturday while the familv was

absent. She went to the cave cellar and the wind immediately closed the 2 doors, making her a prisoner. After some time, fumbling in the dark, she found a board and with much effort managed to push up the doors and got out. On reaching the house she found she had been shut up for an hour and a half.

April 11, 1935

Legal liquor went on sale in South Dakota on April 5th for the first time since the state went dry, February 21, 1917, and legally stamped liquor was on display most everywhere. State Treasurer, Frank Siewert, has a full supply of tax stamps and reminds us that any package of liquor below half pint is taxed at the half pint rate. On Tuesday Vale Township voters at a special election voted 43 in favor of municipal sale and 65 against. This is the first negative vote in South Dakota, Newell, Belle Fourche and Eureka all having given substantial majorities in affirmative: Newell 151 for 13 against, Belle Fourche 502 for and 298 against and at Eureka 347 for and 20 against.

Do you recall your Prom dress from a year ago? Kepp

by Linda Velder

(formerly Kepp-Baertsch), Rapid City, will assist you again this year in their downstairs dress shop. They have equally as fine and up-to-date assortment beginning at \$5.88.

A popular young couple wed at a very pretty wedding Saturday evening, April 7 at the First Congregational Church, when Miss Mildred Della Baker became the bride of Virgil M. Van derBoom. Miss Mazie Miller and Gordon Van derBoom witnessed the double-ring ceremony performed with Dr. H. W. Jamison. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Baker and has been assisting her mother, who is running the Newell Hospital. The bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Govert Van derBoom who is associated with his father's business. The young couple will make their home in Newell.

April 12, 1945

Another community auction sale will be held in Newell on Saturday afternoon, April 14th, commencing at 1:30 o'clock. Quite a number head of sheep, cattle and horses are already consigned to this sale, as well as many other articles of desirable property. A well-built 4-wheel good looking trailer with good pre-war rubber, is consigned by the Newell Volunteer Fire Department. Everybody is invited to bring livestock, machinery, implements, farm and garden tools, household furnishings, any usable articles they wish to dispose of to the highest bidder. Don't bring in useless stuff, save that for the junk man.

Army officers from Ft. Robinson, Nebraska, recently made an inspection of the old CCC Camp at Orman Dam which is proposed to be used again this year to house war prisoners, who are to be sent here to help with beet and other farm work. It is announced that approximately 475 prisoners will be sent to this county this year. This is three times the number employed here last year. The prisoners are scheduled to arrive about June 15th.

April 14, 1955

"Shall the City of Newell be authorized to make an annual tax levy of not exceeding 1 mill for the purpose of establishing a fund for the furnishing of free public musical concerts." Electors of the City of Newell will have but a single question to approve or disapprove at the annual municipal election next Tuesday, April 19th. To be decided is the matter of an addi-

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tional tax levy proposed to help the Newell School in retaining a good band and musical director with proposed funds, the city could contract the school for

operated such business here for about 10 years and five years ago expanded it to include a complete farm machinery business in a new building across



Mildred (Baker) & Virgil Van derBoom on their wedding day, April 7, 1935. Newell Museum

a summer band program for outdoor concerts.

Royal Neighbors will hold a "hard times" party in connection with their regular meeting here next Tuesday evening, April 19, with all members being urged to attend. Those not dressed for the occasion will be assessed a penalty.

An alert Newell housewife, calling the presence of peddlers to the attention of city authorities, saved residents of the city considerable time and money Monday, but city Police Walter Miller sent them packing as provided by City Ordinance. The Ordinance is designed to protect the residents of the city from illegitimate deals and door-to-door rackets. No peddler can offer any product for sale at less cost than the same item can be purchased in Newell.

April 8, 1965

Dean A. Vetter of Faith has leased and taken over management of Butch's Garage and building along main Street in Newell, it is announced by Melvin Brennaman, who has

the street, advises that he will continue to operate and devote full time to the latter business. Vetter will operate his business under the name of "Dean's Repair". Mr. & Mrs. Vetter and 5 children have rented the former Floyd West residence.

Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Simon spent last Wednesday and overnight at the parental Lee Simon home near Zeona. Kurt was doing some horse shoeing in the area. The Simon's spent Friday at the Gerald Kirk home and assisted with the shearing operation. Judy assisted her sister Anne with preparing meals for the crew.

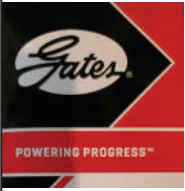
A mother's visit was held last Thursday afternoon at the Vale School; Mrs. Richard Pauley and Mrs. Jim Miller visited the first and second grade room and brought cookie dough and several frostings and all baked and frosted cookies in the lunchroom. Mrs. Edith Gutsche supervised the 2 mothers in Mrs. Twombly's third and fourth grade room, the mothers viewed the children's work, and a lunch of cream puffs and cool aid was served.

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- May 8**
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April 18
- Easter**
April 20
- Mondays**
Monday Night Bingo at the NVN Senior Center 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

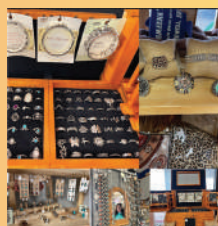
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Art Show
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NEWELL-The weather is hinFall of 2002, I started my career in education. With a bachelor's degree in Dairy Production, I took the Alternative Certification route while holding the highly qualified status as an educator. I have never participated in the student teaching process but learned from great teachers I worked with.

In the process, I passed various praxis exams and participated in coursework required to fulfill the requirements. Praxis exams included Biology, Earth and Space, Agriculture Education, Principles of Learning and Teaching, and Middle School Science. Coursework included South Dakota Indian Studies and Adolescent Psychology.

Spring of 2010, I completed a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction. I participated in the cohort while still on the Alternative Certification status as an educator. The fascinating part of the process was participating with a cohort of fully certified teachers that had a similar understanding of

education as I did. Never did I feel behind because I lacked an actual undergraduate degree in education.

Fall of 2011, I finally held the status of a fully certified teacher, having passed a Praxis exams required by the South Dakota Department of Education. Nine of my 12 years in education were spent as an alternative certified teacher but still holding highly qualified status.

Ironically, in 2020, much concern was present about the effects of COVID-19. I was grateful to hold an undergraduate degree in Dairy Production with seven years of experience in the dairy business. My understanding of viruses and effects of viruses help me to make decisions as a school superintendent and provide education to students throughout the 2020-2021 school year. Spring of 2021, state assessments in my school district showed academic progress as though the pandemic didn't happen.

The modern workforce is characterized by increased mobility, a dispersed workplace. The average American changes jobs about 12 times in their lifetime. Many individuals may change careers, which includes a broader shift in profession. Alternative certifications provide the opportunity for professionals to shift into the field of education, after participating in other workforce environments.

While working on my doctoral dissertation, "TEACHER RETENTION IN SPARSELY

POPULATED RURAL SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL DISTRICTS", alternative certification was a viable resource to provide student with a quality education. The Blue-Ribbon Task force, established by Governor Daugaard in 2011, found that 240 classrooms in the state started the 2014-15 school year without a teacher. February 21, 2024, SDPB published an article, "South Dakota's teacher shortage a matter of pay and pipeline", stated around 300 teaching position sat vacant around the state in the month of January.

South Dakota schools are struggling to find educators and have been for some time. The pipeline of educators from colleges is limited and other options are needed. The alternative certification route for teachers is an opportunity to provide students with a teacher, a teacher with workforce experience beyond education. To provide an expanded opportunity for applicants in teaching positions, the alternative certification process allows schools to provide the best fit in the classroom as well as the educator workforce.

Newell School District currently employs staff working on the alternative certification route. The educators provide a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to the students. We celebrate educators that have taken the traditional educational route to prepare for the classroom but the alternative certification routes as well.

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March 31) Egg Omelet, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Pork Tacos, Refried Beans, Fruit, Milk	1) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Italian Ham Wrap, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Fruit, Milk	2) Cinnamon Oat Breakfast Bar, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk	3) Breakfast Egg Roll, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	4) NO SCHOOL
7) Long Johns, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Corn Dogs, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, Milk	8) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Nuggets, Beets, Fruit, Milk	9) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Meatball Subs, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, Milk Broccoli Cheese Soup	10) Croissant Sandwichs, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Spaghetti and Meatballs, Bread Sticks, Milk	11) NO SCHOOL
14) Pancake Wraps, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Pigs in a Blanket, Vegetarian Beans, Fruit, Milk	15) Breakfast Quiche Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Teriyaki BBQ Shredded Pork Sandwich with Asian Slaw, Fruit, Milk	16) Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Walking Tacos, Corn, Fruit, Milk	17) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Strips, Corn, Fruit, Milk	18) NO SCHOOL
21) NO SCHOOL	22) Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Sub Sandwich, Chips, Fruit, Milk	23) Oatmeal Muffin Squares, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Nachos, Corn, Fruit, Milk	24) Egg Omelet, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Gyro with Tzatziki Sauce, Carrot or Broccoli Salad, Fruit, Milk	25) NO SCHOOL
28) Cook's Choice Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Veggies, Fruit, Milk	29) Cook's Choice Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Milk	30) Cook's Choice Tater Tot Casserole, Fruit, Milk		

Menu is subject to change!

First Saturday Brunch: Neva Esmay

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Tri-State Museum & Visitor Center held its monthly First Saturday Brunch on April 5. Speaker Tim Velder presented “Neva Esmay: Living Large in 1941 and Beyond,” to an audience of more than 75 people. Brunch included a variety of soups from chicken noodle to corn chowder and tomato bisque, plus bread, fruit, and beverages.

Neva Esmay was a woman of many accomplishments who was born and raised in the Tri-State area. Esmay was one of the very first women in history to earn a commercial pilot’s license in South Dakota. Furthermore, she was the first civilian pilot to fly after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941; and she was the only woman to train pilots for service at the Black Hills Airport. Esmay was passionate about flying planes; she is quoted as saying, “You

can see everywhere from up there. It’s better than being a bird!” She was also an avid stunt pilot, having performed in many airshows.

Later in her life, Esmay lived and raised a family in Belle Fourche. Fittingly, Velder ended the presentation by asking the audience if anyone had memories of knowing Esmay—and several shared their stories. The lecture was educational and entertaining with many moments of laughter.

The Tri-State Museum & Visitor Center holds First Saturday Brunches on the first Saturday of each month except July. Speakers are chosen carefully and present on topics including history, science, culture, and the arts. Admission is \$5 per person and reservations are required for brunch, while the educational presentations are free to the public.



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Left: Tim Velder was the speaker at this month’s First Saturday Brunch. He presented “Neva Esmay: Living Large in 1941 and Beyond.”

Longbrake photo

Above: Over 75 people came to the event.

Below: Tim Velder shows the audience some newspaper articles about Esmay.

Longbrake photo



STEM Night at Newell School

The Newell School STEM Night sponsored by the Title program was a fantastic evening of fun learning. Many people came together to provide educational opportunities for the students.

The School of Mines and Technology brought teams from Chemical Engineering, the

Museum of Geology, Mining, Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences, and the Baja Team.

Outdoor Campus taught about wildlife with furs and tracks.

The Sanford Lab made us think with their STEM challenges.

The Dixons shared delicious liquid nitrogen ice cream.

The Ag/FFA team helped make ice cream in a bag and plant seeds.

Mr. Fiedler and his students showed their amazing skills with the technology from the CTE program.

One student remarked, “This was the best night ever!”



Above: Shane Nelson and his sister Sawyer, along with dad Justin, listen closely as Daniel Cox explains the animal pelts. Photos by Betty Bruner

Right: There were a lot of interesting things to see and do at STEM night, including having something to eat!

