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CBH CO-OP Launches Non-profit Foundation to Support Youth and Rural Communities

Sturgis, SD – CBH CO-OP is proud to announce the formation of the CBH CO-OP Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting youth in agriculture, fostering rural vitality, and strengthening communities across Wyoming and South Dakota.

The Foundation reflects CBH CO-OP's longstanding commitment to giving back and investing in the future of the regions it serves.

In just its first few months, the CBH CO-OP Foundation has already awarded nearly \$10,000 in high school scholarships and community grants, directly supporting the mission to uplift the next generation and invest in the wellbeing of rural communities.

The CBH CO-OP Foundation will focus on programs and initiatives that empower the next generation of agricultural leaders, enhance rural development, and provide meaningful resources to its members and communities. "The launch of the CBH CO-OP Foundation marks an exciting chapter for our co-op and the communities we serve," said Todd Reif, CEO of CBH CO-OP. "By supporting youth in agriculture and rural development,

we are building a brighter, more sustainable future for all."

The Foundation's inaugural board members are:

- Angie Brosnan
- Philip Habeck
- Cliff Jenson

Each brings a wealth of knowledge and dedication to advancing the Foundation's mission.

Leading the CBH CO-OP Foundation is Mike Galloway, who will serve as Executive Director. Galloway brings extensive experience in sales, marketing, and community engagement to the role, ensuring the Foundation's vision is realized through impactful programs and strategic partnerships.

"I am honored to serve as the Executive Director of the CBH CO-OP Foundation," said Galloway.

"This initiative aligns with my passion for supporting our members and the agricultural community. Together, we can create opportunities that will make a lasting impact."

The CBH CO-OP Foundation will announce upcoming initiatives and grant opportunities



Together, not just growing crops, but growing possibilities. CBH Courtesy Photo

"Soon to be Popular Black Hills Tourist Stop"



The kids loved digging for fossils at one of the exhibits at the soon to open *Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum*. Related Story Page B1- Longbrake photo

Chamber Mixer Held at Upcoming Dinosaur at Hell Creek Museum

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce held its monthly Chamber Mixer on Thursday, April 17. This month's mixer was hosted by Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum, a new Black Hills tourist attraction that is preparing to officially open its doors on May 23.

Chamber members got to see a sneak peek of the museum while mingling with other business owners and enjoying a bite to eat.

"I honestly was expecting maybe 20, 25 people tonight, and this has been a really wonderful turnout. So thank you guys for coming out," said Walter Stein, museum owner, to the crowd. "We're very excited to bring

this museum here to Belle Fourche. We've got all kinds of things. We've got original fossils from the ranches that are

from this area, and we're hoping to keep some more of these original fossils right here instead of being

Mixer A4



Chamber mixer attendees enjoyed looking at the *Plesiosaur* exhibit and learning about its fossils at *Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum*. Longbrake photo

1959 and the Burger Palace Boys and the Pink Ladies rule

Toi Lyn Flick

Special to the Beacon

It's 1959 and the Burger Palace Boys and the Pink Ladies rule Rydell High School; at least they think they do!

Grease-School Version is a rollicking look at high school life in 1950s middle class, midwestern America. And who better to bring this show to life than the middle class, midwestern students of Belle Fourche, South Dakota?!

Grease will slide its way on stage April 25th, 26th, and 27th in the theatre at the Belle Fourche Area Community Rec Center.

For just \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, audiences will spend a lively 2 hours enjoying one of America's favorite musicals. Activity passes are also accepted for the shows.

Danny (Logan Willert) and Sandy (Trinity Hostetter) have just wrapped up a dreamy summer romance, parting ways for their senior years at two different high schools.

What should have been a joyous reunion at Rydell High turns tricky when Danny feels compelled to hide his feelings for Sandy from his fellow Burger Palace Boys: Kenickie (Timothy Thompson), Sonny (John Hale), Roger (Derek Scott), and Doody (Kale Williams). Heartbroken Sandy is befriended by the Pink Ladies: Frenchy (Sonja Cropper), Jan (Iva Hale), Marty (Alexa Stone), and Rizzo (Kate Blair). Add in to the mix jealous cheerleader Patty (Aoloni Stone), interested nerd Eugene (Trevor Welles), sassy English teacher Miss Lynch (Madisyn

Carson), champion dancer Cha-Cha (Kaeli Thompson), and radio DJ Vince Fontaine (Dillon Streeter) and life at Rydell High School is a chaotic adventure! Fellow students (Tace Hartman, Avery Mastin, Trey Shannon, Chelsea Zinke, Mollie Collins, Abigail Schmidt, and Mercedes Madison) just try to stay out the Burger Palace Boys and the Pink Ladies way and have fun.

While the characters draw us into the story and capture our attention and imagination, Grease wouldn't be Grease without the iconic songs we love to sing along with at work, home, or on the road. To that end, Belle Fourche High School has assembled a rockin' pit band lead by music director Micah

Pennel and pianist Lucy Cole. The rest of the pit is as follows: drums/percussion-Raif Parmeter and Elsie Adams, bass-Stephen Stein, guitar-Ainsley Nelson, and tenor saxes-Brahmson Brink and Merik McNeese. While some of our favorite songs from the movie may be missing, many other popular tunes remain such as Summer Nights, We Go Together and Born to Hand Jive. No production can go on without the aid of a competent and skilled tech crew, and this show is no exception. Filling those roles are Wyatt Lesmeister (the single senior involved with the production), Hunter Brown, and Madison Dalton. Michael and Raya Meemken have graciously stepped in as sound techs for this show.

In doing a bit of research before selecting this musical, directors Toi Lyn Flick and Allie Jusso-Verry could find no record that Grease has ever been performed by Belle Fourche High School. If this is accurate, it makes the 2025 production of Grease even more exciting—this young cast, crew, and pit band are making a little bit of theatre history at BFHS and really leaving their mark! If Grease has been performed by Belle Fourche High School previously, Toi and Allie would love to hear about it and compare notes. So, please join the Belle Fourche High School cast, crew, pit band and directors on April 25th and 26th at 7pm and April 27th at 2pm for Grease-School Version. As Vince Fontaine would say, "So, ok cats, wrap your mittens around your kittens....and AWAY WE GO!"



BFHS students portray *Rydell High* students in this weekend's production of *Grease*, the famous theatrical production to the BFRC stage April 25-27th. Courtesy Photo

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Judith Gertrude Johnson 75

Judith Gertrude Johnson, 75, of Rapid City, SD and formerly of Sioux Falls, passed away on April 14 at Good Samaritan-St. Martin's Village from complications of uncontrolled diabetes. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 1, at 11:00am at the Westside Lutheran Church



(Hot Springs) from 1977-1981, in Yankton County (Yankton) from 1981-1997, and in Minnehaha County (Sioux Falls) from 1997 until her retirement in October 2004. Judy worked tirelessly throughout her career with colleagues and volunteers to educate 4-H youth and Extension program participants. The annual county fair and annual State Fair were especially long days of work. Judy continued to live in Sioux Falls after retiring and kept active with various interests. She became a nanny to three, special "littles" in her life, including Reeghan Osthus, Lura Parker Roti, and Landy Hurlbert. She immensely enjoyed her time with each of them. Judy continued to judge food exhibits at county fairs, when requested, and participated in the fun of a Red Hat group for a few years. She turned a hobby into a home-based business, named JuMaJo, whenshe created and sold beautiful lapel pins (created from buttons, trinkets, etc.) at craft shows in the area. Judy enjoyed domestic and foreign travel, visiting six of the seven continents. She was an avid bowler, joining a bowling league wherever she lived and participating in the national bowling tournament for several years with six of her sisters. Judy was a movie buff and kept updated on Hollywood happenings.

in Sioux Falls, SD with Pastor Kent Stillson officiating. Visitation will begin at 10:00am. A graveside service will be held on Friday, May 2, at 1:30pm at the Hope Cemetery in Newell, SD with Lance Putnam officiating. The family suggests memorials be given to the South Dakota 4-H Foundation.

Judith Gertrude Johnson was born on August 25, 1949 and was the ninth of ten children born to George J. and Mamie E. (Stolnack) Johnson. George and Mamie leased ranches in Butte and Harding counties until purchasing the Brady place north of Castle Rock, SD in 1946. Judy's arrival into the world occurred on the way from the family ranch to the hospital in Belle Fourche.

Judy attended country school at the Moreau School near the family ranch and graduated from Belle Fourche High School with the Class of 1967. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from South Dakota State University in 1973 and a Master of Arts degree in Adult & Higher Education from the University of South Dakota in 1991. Judy was employed by South Dakota State University as an Extension Educator for 31 years. She worked in Charles Mix County (Lake Andes) from 1973-1977, in Fall River County

Declining health forced Judy to move to the Good Samaritan campus in Rapid City in July 2021.



Raymond Storey 93

Raymond Storey, age 93 of Belle Fourche SD and formerly Lincoln NE, died Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Center in Belle Fourche.



(Mitchell) Storey. On April 15, 1973, Raymond was united in marriage to Joan Marie Willard. Together they made their home in Lincoln, NE where Raymond worked in a furniture and appliance retail business.

Graveside services will be held 10 am Thursday, April 24, 2025 at the Blue Mound Cemetery in Milford, Nebraska. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche SD. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Raymond Howard Storey was born August 27, 1931 in Columbus, Kansas. He was the son of Raymond Howard Storey Sr. and Madge Louise

Williams of Vernal UT; several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Joan in 2011; and brother, Edwin Storey.



Thomas William Tobin

The funeral service will be held 11am Monday, April 28th, 2025 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place 1:30pm Monday, April 28th at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, with military honors provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard.



body work on automobiles. Tom retired in 2002 at the age of 65. Claudette died in 2010, and shortly afterwards, Tom returned to South Dakota. For the past 4 years, he has lived in Belle Fourche.

Thomas William Tobin was born July 18, 1937 in Gettysburg, South Dakota. He was the son of Thomas and Mable (Clute) Tobin. Tom grew up in Gettysburg, where he graduated from high school. During the Vietnam War, Tom served his country in the U.S. Army for 6 years. During part of this time he served as a "M.P." at a prison. On New Years Eve, in 1974, Tom was united in marriage to Claudette Marie Whaley. They had 2 children, one daughter, Patty, and one son, Jimmy. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Coos Bay Oregon in 1976. The following year, they moved to Gold Beach Oregon where Tom began a career with the Curry County Public Works. Tom worked as a mechanic, but he was very talented in

In 2014, Tom experienced one of the great joys in his life when he won a Harley Davidson motorcycle at the Sturgis Rally. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing, riding his Harley, and things that went together with his free spirit.

Tom is survived by his son, Jimmy (Debbie) of Damascus Oregon; 4 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; and two brothers: Perry (Cathy) of Belle Fourche, and Bruce (Connie) of Belle Fourche, as well as nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; daughter, Patty Tobin; a grandson; and his brothers and sisters, Marie Crawford, Shirley Hinkley, Genevieve Heffron, Lois Tobin, Vern Tobin, and Dennis Tobin.



David Leroy Smith 81

David Leroy Smith, 81 of Belle Fourche died April 18, 2025 at Monument Health Spearfish Hospital.

A Visitation/Open House will be held Monday, April 28, 2025 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. Burial will take place with military honors at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis. A complete obituary will be forthcoming.

David was born May 30, 1943 to Charles and Grace (Callahan) Smith. He served in the United States Army.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene Smith of Belle Fourche; sisters, Janice Barber and Donna Post both of Belle Fourche and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Loren Smith and Lester Smith

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Matthew 17:5 KJV

While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.


Isaiah 61:11 (NIV)

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Bronc Track Hosts Home Events

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On Tuesday April 15th the middle school track and field team hosted their home invite.

Highlights in the top 10 for the middle school runners, in the 7th grade boys division, Brady Dreiske in 5th & Blaine Moke in 9th earned top places in the 100 meter dash. In the 200 meter top placers were Brady Dreiske in 2nd, Devin Perschbacher in 3rd, Zane Baker in 7th, Ben Raba in 9th, and Parker Martin in 10th. In the 400 meter top placers were Cole Mailloux in 5th and Ben Raba in 9th. Brux Hartman placed 7th in the 800 meter and 5th in the 1600 meter. In relays, the 7th grade boys had teams place in the sprint medley, the 4x100, 4x400 and 4x800.

7th grade boys jumpers earning top places were Max Coyle in 4th for long jump and 7th in high jump, and Elijah Beatson, Zane Baker and Brux Hartman all clearing 4'6" for 7th place finishes as well. 7th grade boys throwers earning top places

were Kasen Lang taking 8th in discus and Ben Raba taking 3rd in shot put.

7th grade girls runners earning top spots in the 100 meter dash were Berklee Nore in 4th and Grace Long in 6th, in the 200 meter dash were Grace Long in 2nd, Emerson Carmichael in 5th and Irie McQueen in 7th, in the 400 meter dash were Grace Long in 2nd, Kylie Bidwell in 4th and Emerson Carmichael in 5th, in the 800 meter dash were Piper Curran in 7th, Layla Drieling in 8th, Isabela Torberson in 9th and Elise Roberts in 10th, in the 1600 meter were Piper Curran in 5th, Layla Dreiling in 6th, and Isabela Torberson in 7th. Kyie Bidwell placed 2nd in the 100 meter hurdles. Relay teams earning top spots were the 4x100 and 4x200.

7th grade girls jumpers earning top spots in long jump were Berlee Nore in 1st, Grace Long in 2nd and Irie McQueen in 3rd. Berklee Nore earned 1st place high jump as well. 7th grade girls thrower Charlie Merjil earned 2nd place in shot put and

4th place in discus.

For the 8th grade boys Konner Kukla earned top places with 10th in the 100 meter and 6th in the 200 meter dash. For the throwers, Andrew Coyle placed 3rd in shot put and 5th in discus with Owen Hatling 7th in shot put and Reven Audiss 6th in discus.

8th grade girls runners earning top spots were Betsy Moore in 4th in the 100 meter and 10th in the 200 meter and Peyton Richardson in 7th for both the 100 meter and 200 meter. In the 100 meter hurdles Ansley O'Brien took 1st, followed by Betsy Moore in 7th and Avery Coyle in 8th. In the 200 meter hurdles Ansley took 1st and Betsy took 6th. Relay teams earning top places were the 4x100 in 2nd. 8th grade girls top placing jumpers were Ansley O'Brien in 4th, & Avery Coyle in 7th for the long jump and Rhyann Knapp placing 6th in the high jump.

The middle school track team will compete next in Lead-Deadwood.



(Clockwise from Top L) 7th grade girls relay team in line; 8th grade boys 4x100 relay team **Reven Audiss, Drew Coyle, Saxton Stefvater & Owen Hatling**; Sawyer Stone in race at middle school invite; 8th grade girls relay team **Madison VanSickle, Presley Conry, Ella Bryan & Railynn Strickland**. Tonsager Photos



(L to R) 7th grader **Sam Mullins** throwing discus; **AnnaBelle Dighton** during relay; high jumper **Addison Lutter**; Thrower **Charlie Merjil** took 2nd in shotput and 4th in discus.

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April 26 - 8:30AM Early Bird Tournament @ Country Club, 1PMSummers Coming @ Hitching Post, 7PM Tri State Performers @ Museum
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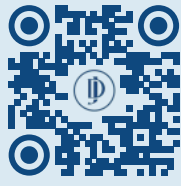
Area 1 and 2 Community and Family Extension Leader meeting.

Area 1 and 2, which covers Perkins, Harding, Meade, Butte and Lawrence Counties will meet Friday, April 25, 2025, at the United Methodist Church, 845 N 5th St.

Registration is between 9:30-10 AM. Come and enjoy the "Let's Plant program which will include, "let's Plant, Container Gardening, Cindy Buriss, Master Gardener; "Planting seeds to Maintain Mental Health, April Anderson, LPC, EdD; and "Some Selections to Entertain You"

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BF Rec Random Draw Volleyball Tournament-Spring 2025 Champions **Brandon Krull, Brandon McArthur, Bob Tanska, Addison Olson, Amber Ness, & Madie Roberts.** Courtesy Photo



Walter Stein, Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum Owner, draws a name for the **Connect & Collect** drawing. Right: Chamber Director **Michaela Horn.** Longbrake photos



The turnout for the Chamber's **Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum** mixer was very good!

Ruth Ann Collins 90

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From A1 Mixer

sent off to cities and towns everywhere else." Along with original fossils, the museum features casts and animatronic dinosaurs, which proved to be popular with the kids at the mixer!

Michaela Horn, the Chamber's Executive Director, said "I think it's a great member-to-member-benefit that he (Stein) thought of us and was like, 'Hey, do you guys want a sneak peek?'"

We're kind of the testers, the guinea pigs, mapping it out. As soon as I walked in, they're like, if you notice anything that needs to be fixed or addressed, let us

know so that they're ready for the ribbon cutting and ready to open up to the public. So that's kind of fun!"

The evening featured the chamber mixer's monthly Connect & Collect Drawing, where a chamber member's business gets pulled to win a pot of money. The winner was E&M Steel Products, but since they were not present, the prize will roll over to next month's mixer. The pot is now \$250.

Next month's Chamber Mixer will be May 15, hosted by the Black Hills Roundup at the Roundup Grounds. Bring a friend—it's open to the public!

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Briggs, Chase, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Cow	1510	\$144.00
Briggs, Chase, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Cow	1305	\$139.00
Briggs, Chase, Sturgis SD	2	Bk	Cow	1180	\$136.00
Bruch Ranch LLC, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1115	\$220.00
Bruch, Bruce, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1020	\$202.50
Bruch, Bruce, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Cow	1590	\$156.50
Bruch, Bruce, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Cow	1285	\$137.00
C & W Feeders	32	B/R	Cow	1602	\$159.00
C & W Feeders	34	B/R	Cow	1555	\$159.00
C & W Feeders	30	B/R	Cow	1388	\$156.50
C & W Feeders	6	B/R	Cow	1343	\$153.50
C & W Feeders	9	Hfr	Cow	1509	\$142.50
C & W Feeders	1	B/R	Cow	1590	\$122.00
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT	1	Bk	Hfr	1140	\$215.00
Carlisle, Bill, Ekalaka MT	1	Bk	Hfr	1100	\$198.00
Collins Ranch LLC, Biddle MT	1	Bk	Cow	1475	\$157.00
Collins Ranch LLC, Biddle MT	1	Bk	Cow	1300	\$155.00
Cordell, Rhonda, Camp Crook SD	3	Bk	Hfr	880	\$249.50
Cordell, Rhonda, Camp Crook SD	2	Bk	Cow	1005	\$214.00
Cordell, Rhonda, Camp Crook SD	2	Bk	Cow	1442	\$157.50
Cotton, Jesse, Piedmont SD	1	Bld	Cow	1195	\$184.00
Cotton, Jesse, Piedmont SD	1	Bld	Cow	1535	\$154.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	3	Bk	Cow	1400	\$140.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	4	Bk	Cow	1282	\$135.00
Dabry, Jacob, Gillette WY	2	Bk	Hfr	842	\$252.50
Duprel, Allen M, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1035	\$223.00
Duprel, Allen M, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Cow	1275	\$139.50
Duprel, Allen M, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Cow	1245	\$139.50
Duprel, Allen M, Sturgis SD	2	Bk	Cow	1230	\$139.50
Duprel, Andrew Or Maggie, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Cow	1205	\$139.50
Eaton, Wayne, St Onge SD	1	Bk	Cow	1255	\$181.00
Edwards, Linda, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1320	\$139.50
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1505	\$158.50
Graham Mt Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Cow	1100	\$139.50
Groh, Mark, Lusk WY	1	Bk	Cow	1445	\$159.00
Grubi, Christopher, Sturgis SD	3	Bk	Hfr	1096	\$228.00
Grubi, Christopher, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Cow	1365	\$163.00
Humbrecht, John, Camp Crook SD	2	Bld	Cow	1372	\$146.00
Jones, Todd Or Nicole, Sturgis SD	1	Rbd	Hfr	1080	\$210.00
Jordan, Austin & Karsten A, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1150	\$207.00
Jordan, Austin & Karsten A, Rapid City SD	4	Bk	Cow	1433	\$157.00
Klapperich, Darin J, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Cow	1580	\$142.50
Kleven, Rick, Piedmont SD	1	Bk	Cow	1255	\$178.00
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Hfr	770	\$252.00
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	8	Bk	Hfr	1055	\$233.00
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	3	B/R	Cow	718	\$147.50
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Cow	1150	\$139.00
Laduke, Jim, Nisland SD	1	Bk	Cow	1435	\$152.00
Laduke, Jim, Nisland SD	1	Bk	Cow	1290	\$148.00
Lei, Pam Or Jared, Camp Crook SD	2	Bk	Hfr	940	\$252.50
Maude, Marion D, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Cow	1145	\$180.00
Maude, Marion D, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Cow	1340	\$153.00
Modonakl, James O & Rhoda M, Hulet WY	3	Bk	Hfr	1096	\$214.00
Modonakl, James O & Rhoda M, Hulet WY	1	Bk	Cow	1365	\$159.00
Modonakl, James O & Rhoda M, Hulet WY	1	Bk	Cow	1395	\$155.00
Modonakl, James O & Rhoda M, Hulet WY	1	Hfr	Cow	1165	\$152.50
Modonakl, James O & Rhoda M, Hulet WY	3	Bk	Cow	1395	\$144.00
Modonakl, James O & Rhoda M, Hulet WY	1	Bk	Cow	1255	\$135.00
Momahon, Ed, Hermosa SD	12	Bld	Cow	908	\$241.50
Momahon, Ed, Hermosa SD	3	Bk	Hfr	985	\$226.00
Momahon, Ed, Hermosa SD	6	Cow		1424	\$156.50
Momahon, Ed, Hermosa SD	6	Bk	Cow	1251	\$152.50
Momahon, Ed, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Cow	1160	\$136.00
Minow Ranch, Olive MT	1	Bk	Hfr	1105	\$209.00
Minow Ranch, Olive MT	2	Bk	Cow	1227	\$187.00
Minow Ranch, Olive MT	1	Bk	Cow	1220	\$171.00
Minow Ranch, Olive MT	1	Bk	Cow	1435	\$159.50
Minow Ranch, Olive MT	4	Bk	Cow	1416	\$155.00
Minow Ranch, Olive MT	1	Bk	Cow	1480	\$152.00
Minow Ranch, Olive MT	1	Bk	Cow	1175	\$141.00
Minow Ranch, Olive MT	1	Bk	Cow	1330	\$139.50
Minow Ranch, Olive MT	1	Bk	Cow	1435	\$138.00
Mollitor Ranch LLC, Smithwick SD	3	Bk	Cow	1471	\$154.00
Mollitor Ranch LLC, Smithwick SD	1	Bk	Cow	1290	\$142.00
Mollitor Ranch LLC, Smithwick SD	3	Bk	Cow	1075	\$135.00
Nixon, Josh Or Lynn, Alzada MT	3	Bk	Hfr	948	\$248.00
Nixon, Josh Or Lynn, Alzada MT	1	Bk	Hfr	825	\$238.00
O Connor, Ry, Plevna MT	3	Bld	Hfr	871	\$257.00
O Connor, Ry, Plevna MT	4	Bld	Hfr	888	\$237.00
O Connor, Ry, Plevna MT	3	Bk	Cow	1310	\$157.50
O Connor, Ry, Plevna MT	1	Bk	Cow	1165	\$157.00

O Connor, Ry, Plevna MT	1	Bk	Cow	1095	\$152.50
O Connor, Ry, Plevna MT	5	Bk	Cow	1210	\$137.00
Oliver Farm & Ranch LLC, Newell SD	1	Bk	Cow	895	\$137.50
Open 8 Ranch, Broadus MT	3	Bk	Hfr	1095	\$231.00
Open 8 Ranch, Broadus MT	3	Bk	Cow	1193	\$184.00
Open 8 Ranch, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Cow	1490	\$151.00
Oshoto Flying M Operations LLC, Gillette WY	2	Bk	Cow	1370	\$161.00
Oshoto Flying M Operations LLC, Gillette WY	5	Bk	Cow	1459	\$159.00
Oshoto Flying M Operations LLC, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1430	\$153.50
Oshoto Flying M Operations LLC, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1300	\$144.00
Peabody Trust, Elvin, Las Vegas Nv	1	Bld	Cow	1225	\$137.00
Peterson, Scott, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1110	\$222.00
Peterson, Scott, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Cow	1405	\$159.50
Peterson, Scott, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Cow	1515	\$155.00
Sanburn, Scott, Biddle MT	1	Cow		1050	\$135.00
Schultz, Daina, Piedmont SD	1	Bk	Cow	1465	\$159.50
Septka, John, Sturgis SD	1	Hfr	Cow	1010	\$182.50
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	2	Bld	Cow	1437	\$156.00
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	1	Bld	Cow	1710	\$146.00
Tetrault, Sue, St Onge SD	1	Red	Cow	1415	\$151.00
Tetrault, Thane, St Onge SD	1	Red	Cow	1315	\$154.50
Uhr, Bart, Hermosa SD	1	Red	Hfr	895	\$255.00
Uhr, Bart, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Cow	1315	\$154.00
Uhr, Gage, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1085	\$225.00
Uhr, Gage, Hermosa SD	1	Red	Cow	1210	\$159.00
Uhr, Jordan, Hermosa SD	1	Red	Cow	1550	\$157.00
Wendt Ranch Inc, Newell SD	1	Bk	Hfr	985	\$237.00
Wendt Ranch Inc, Newell SD	1	Bk	Cow	1615	\$152.00
Wulf, Justin, Owarika SD	2	Bk	Hfr	892	\$253.00
Young, Roger, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Hfr	965	\$240.00
Zalonski, Clint, Camp Crook SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1010	\$222.00

Weigh Up Bulls					
60 Bar Ranch LLC, Gillette WY	2	Bk	Bull	1455	\$160.00
60 Bar Ranch LLC, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1320	\$169.00
60 Bar Ranch LLC, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1170	\$160.00
63 Land & Cattle, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Bull	1650	\$183.00
63 Land & Cattle, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Bull	1615	\$165.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD	1	Bk	Bull	2310	\$180.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD	2	Bk	Bull	1887	\$185.00
Bauer, Casey, Union Center SD	1	Bk	Bull	1420	\$179.50
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT	1	Bk	Bull	1590	\$182.00
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT	1	Bk	Bull	1080	\$191.00
Dobesh, Dane Or Kristi, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Bull	2230	\$197.50
Duprel Livestock, Vale SD	1	Bk	Bull	2345	\$175.00
Eaton, Wayne, St Onge SD	2	Bk	Bull	1872	\$172.50
Hunsaker, Evelyn, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Bull	2300	\$166.00
Jordan, Austin, Rapid City SD	3	Bk	Bull	1023	\$235.00
Jordan, Austin, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Bull	820	\$257.50
O Connor, Ry, Plevna MT	1	Bk	Bull	1635	\$168.00
O Connor, Ry, Plevna MT	1	Bk	Bull	1235	\$195.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol MT	1	Bk	Bull	2005	\$190.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol MT	1	Bk	Bull	1945	\$185.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol MT	2	Bk	Bull	1832	\$187.50
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol MT	1	Bk	Bull	1725	\$180.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol MT	1	Bk	Bull	1450	\$165.00
Schlecht, Vernon E, Hermosa SD	1	Bld	Bull	1170	\$225.00

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April School Board Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche School Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, April 14. The meeting began with open forum, during which one audience member stood and talked about the need for clarification regarding policy on volunteers within the athletic department.

The board then recognized Athletic Director Adam Nowowiejski for achieving the SDIAAA Region 8 Athletic Director of the Year award. Nowowiejski went on to recognize Belle Fourche's Team All-Conference winners. "I'm always looking at different ways to essentially recognize our kids for their accomplishments, and I really thought it was a good idea to start putting these kids in front of you guys as the board," he said.

Winter Sports All-Conference Award winners included members of the girls' basketball team, boys' basketball team, and the wrestling team.

Girls' basketball team winners included Reagan Hatling, Kailey Nowowiejski, and Lily Nore; boys' basketball team winners were Harvey Walding, Sern Weishaar, and Jet Jensen; and wrestling team winners were Cooper Conry, Kyra Vandenberg, Riley Dighton, and Owyn Schreder.

Schreder, Student Council senior class representative Owyn Schreder reported that the student council was once again chosen for the Outstanding Student Council award this year. The council raised \$250 for the local

Children's Miracle Network in Rapid City, and its Spring Blood Drive is scheduled for May 7 and will start booking appointments soon.

High School principal Mathew Raba reported that prom went well. Juniors took the SD Assessment on April 7-9 and put in a lot of time toward testing. A Finance Park Simulation was held April 15 in the High School gym with over 20 volunteers from the community in attendance to make it happen.

The Youth Leadership Team will host its 3rd annual Enrichment Day on April 25.

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School All-Conference Award winners from the boys' and girls' basketball team. Left to right: **Harvey Walding, Jet Jensen, Sern Weishaar, Lily Nore, & Kailey Nowowiejski.**
Longbrake photos



March 2025 **Students of the Month**. Left to right: **Kylie Frisbie, Hayden Kidd, Elizabeth Nikodym, Twila Williamson, Hayden Allart.** Not pictured: **Toryn Bertolotto, Jared Homola, Payton Richardson.**

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124 years ago
THE TIMES
April 12, 1900

MILLIONS TO THE BANKS
Comes 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 interest 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 associaton 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 Goerge, all of whom live in the Little Missouri and Box Elder country of southern Carter county, Montana.

HAVE SUFFICIENT ACRE-AGE 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.



by Mary Buchholz

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 Hesse 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

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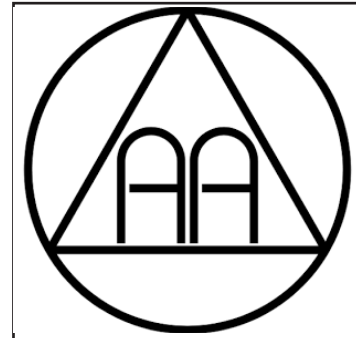
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Fourche for a performance which will benefit the hospital building program. Scheduled for the armory on May 11, the show will include the Larry O'Brian orchestra and will present a variety of music for a family program. The Belle Fourche performance 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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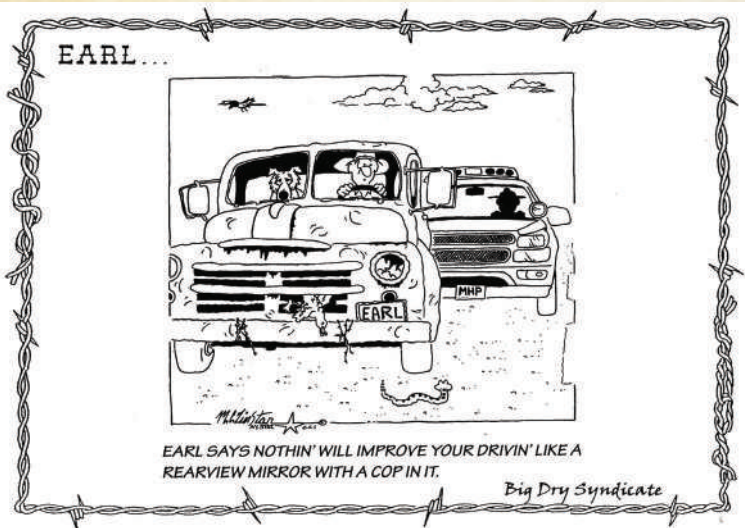


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Senior Awards Night will be May 15 at 7 p.m. and graduation is set for May 17 at 10 a.m.
Middle School principal Kevin Smidt reported that of 27 M.S. students attending the Regional Science Fair at School of Mines on March 25, ten students came away with awards. The Math & Science Club traveled to Florida on April 1-5. The Chess Club traveled to Sioux Falls on April 5-6 to compete in the SD Chess Championship and emerged as State Champions once again this year, and eighth-grader Jackson Tucker tied for first place. On April 23, 8th graders will travel to Rapid City to tour Western Dakota Tech.

Elementary principal Julie Hatling reported that STEAM Night at South Park was very well attended. The event featured science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities. 3rd and 4th grade ELA and Math assessments will be April 22-25.

The PTO Carnival is coming up on May 2.

Caleb Case, Special Education Director, reported that they

are currently making Extended School Year (ESY) arrangements. Case is also in the process of communicating with special education teachers about the self-monitoring requirements of the Results Driven Accountability (RDA) model.

Adam Nowowiejski reported that MS and HS track and girls' golf are in full swing. The HS girls' first golf invite was Monday, April 14 at the Belle Fourche Country Club. The directors, cast, and crew for the 2025 musical Grease have been working hard to put on a great show for the school and community, and will be putting on 3 performances starting April 25 at 7 p.m.

Facilities and Transportation Director Tommy Coyle reported that the disc cage at the high school has been replaced; the fence along the southwest corner of the practice field at the high school has been replaced; the new sound system at the high school has been completed; and the new scoreboard, message board and shot clock replacement project has been completed.

Superintendent Orion Thompson reported that he has attended several committee and administrative meetings and is continually meeting with administration on opening, building needs, staffing changes, and more. Additionally, the Flexible Framework Project is starting to take shape and they hope to see it in place soon to begin the next steps.

March Students of the Month were honored. 5th Grade: Twila Williamson and Hayden Allart; 6th Grade: Elizabeth Nikodym and Toryn Bertolotto; 7th Grade: Hayden Kidd and Jared Homola; and 8th Grade: Kylie Frisbie and Payton Richardson.

The next School Board meeting will be May 5.



Athletic Director Adam Nowowiejski won the SDIAAA Region 8 Athletic Director of the Year Award.



All-Conference Award winners from the wrestling team. Left to right: Riley Dighton, Owyn Schreder. Longbrake photos

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the ghost that lives there and playstricks on everyone. Other topics of discussion consisted of the big Labor Day Celebration and all of the events that make up that occasion including the rodeo, parade, mud volleyball, tractor pull and sheep tee peeing; the Splash Pad and surrounding people that it will draw to the area if or when it gets complete; the irrigation system that is in place to carry water all over the area; the Sheep yards; the Ram Sale; the Festival of Trees; and the designation of being a Cardiac Ready Community. Ken Wetz, community member, said "Labor Day weekend is pretty big deal here. I would say 3,000 people come, I have been announcing the parade for 30 some years and I don't think I've ever seen a crowd there less than 1,000, it brings a lot of

people to town." After the producers are finished with all of the Community Conversations they start planning when to come back to the area to begin filming. "We definitely want to be here for the Labor Day Celebration," said Davison. The process of planning shooting and then editing and preparing the show takes up to a year. One of the unique parts of the process is that after the show is ready to air, but before it actually airs, the SDPB team will come back to Newell for the Premiere. They invite the town to come watch the Newell episode and serve snacks and drinks. Davison shared. "It is my favorite part, watching the show with everyone. After it's over I always ask everyone to raise their hand if they saw themselves on the screen!"

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" Perfect is the Enemy of Great: Embracing Change

Paul Arden's assertion, "Too many people spend too much time trying to perfect something before they actually do it," resonates deeply in today's fast-paced world. The pursuit of perfection can hinder progress, especially in businesses, communities, and organizations striving for transformation. By focusing on adaptability and embracing imperfection, leaders can achieve greatness and foster sustainable growth.



growth channels. A prime example is Airbnb's evolution. In 2007, founders Brian Chesky and Joe Gebbia started by renting out air mattresses to conference attendees in San Francisco. Initially called "Air Bed and Breakfast," their business model was unsustainable outside conference contexts. Recognizing this limitation, they pivoted to a broader platform catering to travelers worldwide. This strategic shift transformed Airbnb into a \$50 billion enterprise.

Perfectionism can paralyze decision-making and stifle innovation. Organizations often measure success against rigid benchmarks, leading to an inability to adapt when circumstances change. Instead of celebrating incremental progress or unforeseen successes, they become bogged down by unmet expectations. This rigidity prevents them from recognizing the potential for greatness that lies in imperfection.

Similarly, many startups thrive by pivoting early and often. For instance, Instagram began as a location-based check-in app called Burbn before refocusing on photo sharing—a decision that led to its massive success. These examples highlight the importance of flexibility and the willingness to deviate from original plans.

Transformational leadership—a style that emphasizes adaptability, innovation, and long-term vision—has proven effective in navigating change. Transformational leaders inspire their teams to embrace calculated risks and pivot when necessary, fostering an environment of creativity and resilience. In contrast, perfectionism often leads to groupthink, where fear of deviation from the "ideal" stifles innovation and adaptability.

Elon Musk exemplifies transformational leadership through his ventures like Tesla and SpaceX. Despite early challenges—including near-bankruptcy—Musk's vision for electric vehicles and space exploration inspired his teams to persevere. He adapted strategies while maintaining his vision shows the power of great leadership.

One of the most critical skills in transformational leadership is knowing when and how to pivot. A pivot is a strategic shift that realigns an organization's goals with market demands or emerging opportunities. Successful pivots involve reassessing customer needs, redefining value propositions, or exploring new

Groupthink—the tendency for groups to prioritize consensus over critical thinking—can derail transformation efforts. It fosters resistance to change and discourages innovative ideas. Transformational leaders counteract groupthink by fostering open communication, encouraging diverse perspectives, and empowering employees to take ownership of decisions.

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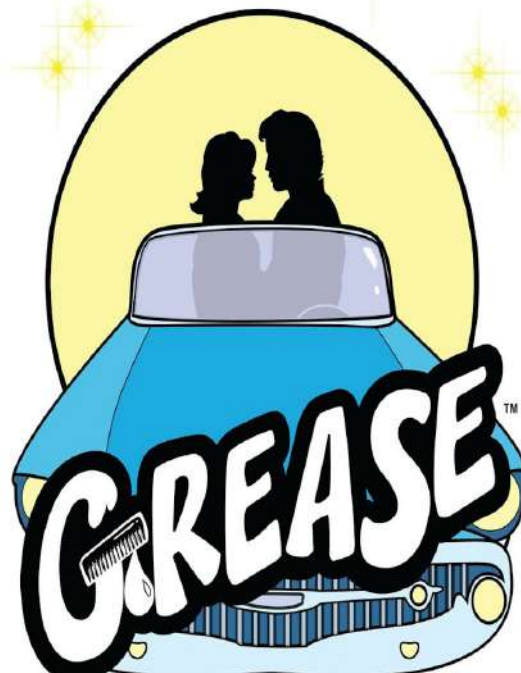
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Bronc Results:

100 meter dash: Kash Le Lacheur 11.65 finish for 7th, Gavin Pearson 11.73 finish for 8th, Slater Humbracht 12.4 finish for 18th, Caeyn Howard 12.41 finish for 19th, Raif Parmeter 12.63 finish for 25th, Michael Koskey 13.26 finish for 34th Dylan Park 13.62 finish for 34th, and Dante White 14.32 finish for 42nd

200 meter dash: Kash Le Lacheur 23.48 finish for 2nd, Tegan Fredrickson 24.74 finish for 6th, Payton Jackson 26.10 finish for 15th, Raif Parmeter 26.57 finish for 20th, Chris Jewett 26.60 finish for 21st, and Michael Koskey 29.76 finish for 35th

400 meter dash: Gavin Pearson 52.74 finish for a 1st place finish, Oden Walding 54.89 finish for 4th, and Caeyn Howard 56.49 finish for 7th 800 meter run: Nathan Hudson

2:19.6 finish for 13th, Oden Walding 2:24.58 finish for 16th, Clifford Torberson 2:31.51 finish for 17th

1600 meter run: Lennon Clarkson 4:57.56 finish for 7th, Nathan Hudson 5:05.22 finish for 11th, and Thad McKenney 5:25.17 finish for 18th 3200 meter run: Clifford Torberson 11:47.85 finish for 9th

300 meter Hurdles: Tegan Fredrickson 44.23 finish for 3rd, Thad McKenney 52.11 finish for 15th

Sprint Medley Relay: Michael Koskey, Dante White, Dylan Park & Ayden Keil 4:29.20 finish for 5th 4x100 meter relay: Slater Humbracht, Payton Jackson, Raif Parmeter & Chris Jewett 48.12 finish for 5th

4x200 meter relay: Kash Le LaChaur, Caeyn Howard, Tegan Fredrickson & Gavin Pearson 1:35.09 finish for 1st place

4x400 meter relay: Dante White, Zach Tonsager, Soren Kopp & Dylan Park High Jump: Aidyn Keil 6'00" for 3rd

Long Jump: Caeyn Howard 18-02.00 for 8th, Chris Jewett 16-00.5 for 22nd, Slater Humbracht 13-04.25 for 38th Discuss: Joseph McLennon 119-06 for 4th, Emmit Lipp 118-03 for 5th, Gabe Raba 117-01 for 7th, Charlie Houck 114-08 for 9th, Carter Goeders 85-07 for 20th, Colt Humbracht 52-04 for 33rd, and Evan Jackson 52-03 for 34th

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Javelin: Chris Jewett 121-06 for 10th, Payton Jackson 113 for 13th, Joseph McLennon 106-7 for 16th, Gabe Raba 98-00 for 19th, Colt Humbracht 82-04 for 26th

Lady Bronc Results: **100 meter dash:** Mya Nowowiejski 13.14 finish for 3rd, Kailey Nowowiejski 13.28 for 6th, Jazlyn Olson 13.28 for 6th, Emma Nehl 14.28 for 22nd, Sofia Gonzalez 14.45 for 27th, Addilyn VanSickle 14.95 for

34th, Mya Bush 15.78 for 39th, and Kora Knapp 16.06 for 41st

200 meter dash: Mya Nowowiejski 26.96 for 1st, Kailey Nowowiejski 27.18 for 3rd, Jazlyn Olson 28.13 for 8th, Rhys Pearson 28.75 for 13th, Mikka Dunavant 28.79 for 14th, Kaydence Lei 32.14 for 34th, Mya Bush 33.35 for 36th

300 meter hurdles: Kaydence Lei 1:00.67 for 16th 400 meter dash: Mikka Dunavant 1:08.91 for 9th, Elle Anderson 1:10.88 for 12th, Sofia Gonzalez 1:19.20 for 21st

800 meter run: Lia Mundt 2:29.04 for 1st, Abbey Clendening 2:48.94 for 6th, Misty Drieling 2:53.29 for 10th

1600 meter run: Rhys Pearson 5:37.36 for 3rd, Misty Drieling 6:20.04 for 8th

4x100 meter relay: Mya Nowowiejski, Kailey Nowowiejski, Mikka Dunavant & Jazlyn Olson 51.36 for 2nd

4x200 meter relay: Emma Nehl, Addilyn VanSickle, Sofia Gonzalez & Elle Anderson 2:00.72 for 6th place

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Discuss: Chloe Merjil 91-05 for 9th place, Selene Walker 62-10 for 26th, Viktoria Prosnanska 62-00 for 27th, Kailynn Lang 61-00 for 30th, Alina Schaefer 60-06 for 31st, Elliot Schreder 56-01 for 33rd, Rachel Lee 46-00 for 39th, Sara Mateos-Pato 44-02 for 40th, Asia Mazzotta 32-00 for 42nd

Shot Put: Chloe Merjil 31-02 for 7th, Elliot Schreder 25-08 for 17th, Kailynn Lang 21-10 for 25th, Alina Schaefer 20-02 for 29th, Lucila Merjil 17-08 for 34th

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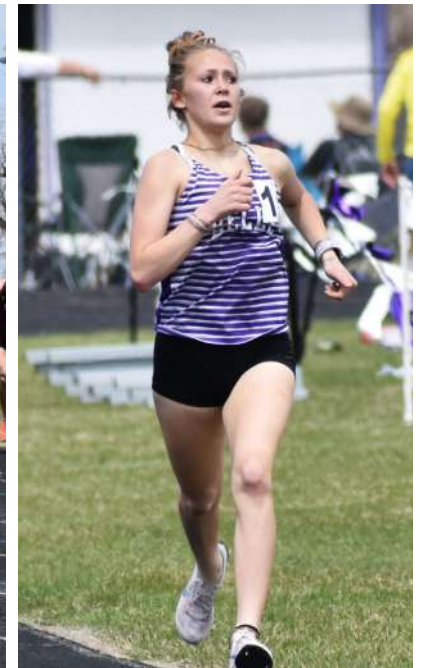
The Broncs compete in Rapid City and Custer next.



(L) Clifford Torberson followed by Oden Walding in the 800 meter Run. (R) Thad McKenney set in blocks for 300 meter hurdles .



(L) Zach Tonsager hands baton off to Soren Kopp in 4x400 relay (R) Slater Humbracht long jumping.



(L) Distance runner Nathan Hudson takes off from the start line. (R) Lia Mundt took 1st in the 800 meter run with a time of 2.29.

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Show Up

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Auditions for the musical, Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, are this coming week! The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater will hold auditions on Saturday, April 26th & Thursday, May 1st (6-8 PM). According to director Nathan Schreier, there are roles for adults and children, solos and chorus. For those auditioning for a solo role, they will be using the first verse of “Candy Man” from the musical. Visit their website to find the specific version (bellefourcheact.com). The audition segment is the first 36 seconds. You may also perform your own prepared audition piece, no longer than a minute; bring your backing track in the form of an MP3 on a USB flash drive

For those interested in costuming, set building, lights, sound, or any other aspects of participating in the show, please come to auditions to provide your information. You will not need to stay for the whole time. If you need to arrange another audition time or have questions call 605.645.3255 or email director@bellefourcheact.com.

Come to the Community Variety & Art Show on Sunday, 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 adding artists to the show. Young & old alike are welcome to prepare performances or bring art pieces for an afternoon in celebration of our talented citizens. Tickets are \$5 for adults & \$3 for students. **Complimentary refreshments will be provided by FAB volunteers & donors.** All proceeds benefit fine arts opportunities for the youth in our community. Contact the Fine Arts Boosters by email, bfhsfab@gmail.com or by text, 605-892-2342, to JOIN THE SHOW!

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

April 25-27, BFHS Musical Production of GREASE; Fri/Sat @ 7:00 PM & Sun. @ 3:00 PM, BF Rec Center Theater.
 April 26, Saturday, 2-4 PM & May 1, Thursday, 6-8 PM: AUDITIONS for BFACT's Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, BF Rec Center.
 May 4, Sunday, Fine Arts Boosters, Community Variety & Arts Show, Belle Fourche Community Hall, 2:30 PM.
 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

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

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Sunday, April 27th at 2pm
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Newell Town Commission

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NEWELL-The agenda was long and the Newell Commissioners were brought up to speed over agenda items at the regular commission meeting held April 14 in the Newell City offices. There were several building permits and variances to discuss, along with resolutions to approve and complaints to handle. The small room was filled to capacity as agenda items were ticked off the list.

Several of the people gathered were there to give support to the Newell Community Club as a hearing was held for approval of the Rodeo Grandstand Improvement project. A resolution needed to be approved in order for the Community Club to apply for a grant. There was very little discussion as the commission members were unanimous in their vision of the grandstand cover and concession stand. These are the final two major parts of the grandstand project at the rodeo grounds. There has been a profusion of volunteer help, however more is always needed to finalize the project by Labor Day. Written support is also needed for grant approval. Letters of support can be sent to the Newell City office and will be forwarded to the Community Club.

Approval for continued residential occupation of the tiny home located at 601 E. 6th Street was tabled. The permit has been extended several times and in order to be consistent with other decisions the commissioners have made on tiny houses, further research must be made. According to the documents filed, the building is being used as a summer home at least until 2030.

Building permits were approved for 625 8th Street, 819 Girard Ave, and a privacy fence at 503 8th Street. The variance request for an older mobile home to be placed on 4th Street was tabled until further investigation.

Action will be taken toward the condemnation of a house at 313 3rd Street. The owner has been contacted several times through letters, but there has been no response. The process will continue with contacting the city attorney.

New water, sewer, garbage and irrigation rates were established.

The minimum water rate will be \$22.06 per month for residential and commercial usage. An additional \$4 per thousand gallons of water will be assessed each month.

Sewer rates were set at \$17.75 per month for residential

and commercial usage. An additional rate of \$4 per thousand gallons of waste water will be assessed each month.

Garbage rates are as follows:

Residential Tote:

\$19.80 per tote per month

Commercial Tote:

\$21.80 per tote per month

Dumpsters: \$8.05 per yard per week

RSI Rental Charge:

\$18.64 1 yard per month

\$19.00 1.5 yard per month

\$20.00 2 yard per month

\$23.50 3 yard per month

\$28.00 4 yard per month

\$39.00 6 yard per month

Cardboard Dumpster

Charge: \$20.00 per month

The RSI fees will be collected by the city and included in the monthly utility billing.

Irrigation rates will be \$72.00 annually per irrigation tap. It can be paid monthly at \$6 per month per tap added to the utility bill.

Two new volunteers have been added to the Newell Fire Department, Conner Clausen and Landon Fees.

The commissioners decided to table a decision on the Celerity Internet proposal.

The written proposal has some anomalies that need further explanation. The company desires to use the water tower to install equipment for wireless Internet service.

Public Works Superintendent Verl Tift will oversee the repair of part of the Lions Ballpark fence before the baseball season gets into full swing.

The resignation of Arlene Sundstrom as building custodian was accepted.

Advertisement will begin to find a new custodian.

There was a brief discussion on the leasing of a backhoe by the city. Newly elected commissioners Vonda Clausen and Josh Macaben spoke from the audience with several questions concerning the cost, use, and personnel training. A final decision was tabled until the next meeting.

A relative compromise was made with the owners of J & W Construction. A billing invoice had been submitted to the city for gravel hauled and maintenance done following the construction of the new sewer system in their area. The company that did the work was to put the street back in the original shape, but neglected to do a decent job. Judy

Finding the Prize



Looking for eggs and finding the prize. The Newell Community Club Sponsored the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the football field this Saturday. Photo by Betty Bruner

Newell Community Club Egg Hunt

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NEWELL-The Newell football field was alive with youngsters ready to fill bags and buckets with the plastic eggs scattered throughout the field.

Every year the Newell Community Club works diligently to fill the eggs with goodies for the children of the area. But who has more fun-parents and grandparents or the kiddos themselves?

It was a beautiful morning to run around the field to find the perfect egg. As the car horn blew, big kids and little ones took off for the prize.

It was amazing to watch the littlest ones. Some knew what to do, others stood and watched, and others-urged on by the grownups-realized what the goal was.

The older ones took off with a dash and ran the length of the field while some eggs laid right in front of them.

All in all, it was a great day for an egg hunt-bright and sunny.

The hard work of the Community Club once again

brought smiles and laughter to the youngsters of the NVN area.



Landon, Lilli, Lincoln, and Lorelie Witherspoon posed for a photo with the Easter bunny before the great Egg Hunt at Newell Football Field.

Photo by Betty Bruner

Boehrs, co-owner of J & W Construction, stated that the city should pay for the extra gravel that was put on the street to make it useable. Mayor Tara Tennis told her that they would endeavor to find a suitable answer to the dilemma and get back to her.

Complaints on dogs running loose and junk around the area were discussed and a promise was made to pursue a favorable outcome.

Residents are reminded that the city-wide clean up week is scheduled for May 5-9. Call the city office to be on the list

to have items picked up for the dump.

The next city meeting will be a special meeting April 29 to discuss bids for the golf course and dump grazing lease.

The next regular meeting will be May 12 at 5 p.m. in the city offices.

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Grand River Roundup



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The temperatures fluctuated from the 40s to 81 degrees on Wednesday and we had just a slight sprinkle of rain and snow on Thursday.

We started off last Sunday at the Gideon meeting at the Coal Springs Church south of Meadow and ended at the Beckman Memorial Church in Prairie City that evening to hear Preston Liebelt and his wife Wesley tell us about their ministry in Puerto Rico.

A major grass fire started north of Lemmon in Adams County, North Dakota on Wednesday, April 9. With that terrible wind, over ten fire departments from North and South Dakota responded to the fire that wasn't contained until Sunday, April 13th. Called the Cedar River Fire, there were no injuries, but the fire was 8-9 miles long and 2 miles wide in places, destroyed

eight structures and burned almost 9,000 acres. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Thank God for these fire departments and all the people that come out to help fight the fires.

It was 52 degrees when we made our weekly trip to Hettinger on Monday and we stopped in Reeder on the way home to have coffee and some good visits with the Prairie Pioneers.

The temperature was 73 degrees on Tuesday, which was Income Tax Day. The lambing is going well and the cows are still calving. Reub went up to the arena to help everyone brand the first batch of calves that morning while I washed several loads of laundry and hung them on the clothesline to dry in that beautiful weather. Amanda went to Buffalo because Copper had volleyball practice after school that afternoon and I got to meet Kelli Doll at their mailbox to pick up Knox and bring him

home to help in the lambing shed. Reub had ordered some metal laying nests for the chicken coop and they came that day so Reub put them together so he can replace the old nests in chicken coop.

I went to Buffalo Wednesday morning to listen to Rep. Travis Ismay and Sen. Sam Marty at Blossoms and Brew as they shared about all that went on at this year's legislative session. Amanda took Knox to Buffalo that morning so they could go on the trip the kindergarten and first grade class were taking to Devils Tower in Wyoming. Grandma Louise Jenson came down to take care of River and the twins while Amanda was gone and it was so hot when I got home I had to take off my sweatshirt and put on a cool tee shirt. Casey, Missy, Taz and Reub were branding a big batch of calves that morning and there were so many calves to brand

These families have our sincere sympathy.

After that high temperature of 81 degrees on Wednesday, on Thursday I had to wear my jacket outside with a high of only 46 degrees! These guys were busy in the lambing shed and they got more calves that day too. It was Maundy Thursday and we went down to the church that evening for the potluck supper and communion service. After the supper and before communion, Pastor Henry showed us a really interesting video about the Passover meal that the Jews celebrated every year on Passover.

It was only 47 degrees when Matt and Lanie and their four kids came down from North Dakota Friday evening to spend Easter weekend with everyone on the ranch. It warmed up to 66 degrees on Saturday when their kids spent the day playing with Taz and Amanda's five kids and it was really entertaining for us old people to watch all nine of the kids having fun out in the yard. Taz and Amanda went up to have Easter dinner with the Jenson's at Ralph that evening.

We all went to the Easter Sunday service and pancake breakfast early Sunday morning and then had dinner at Taz and Amanda's after the guys finished doing chores when we got home. The Easter Bunny hid a bunch of eggs around our yard and the kids had fun finding them when we got home from church.

How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?
Egg-exercise!

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

April 22, 1915

The fiftieth anniversary of Lincoln's death was observed here by the lowering of the flag to half-mast. The land office at Belle Fourche was closed in observance of the day. Up to date the Belle Fourche office has reviewed 759 fillings, nearly all of this is additional homesteads. There have been very few fillings for the full half section

There will be a business meeting of the members of the Newell Tennis Club next Friday evening at 8:00 at the Buchholz & Richards office. The alert was given by Robert Smith, Secretary.

Why do you continue to

found it necessary to get out his sewing materials. Several stitches were required.

The furniture and fixtures used in the Belle Fourche Land Office will be sold at public auction on Monday, April 20th at the land office. The books and records will be packed and shipped to Pierre. The latter part of this month and after April 30 the local land office will become only a memory.

April 18, 1935

Governor Tom Berry has invited President Roosevelt to come to the Black Hills this summer and believes the President might make the trip. The

by Linda Velder

ny building. The wet spell of weather has delayed the work, but manager Edward Fardig is trying to rush the job to completion as soon as possible. The basement will afford much-needed facilities for handling the increasing business of the firm.

April 19, 1945

The annual commencement exercises at Newell High School will be held on Monday evening, May 14, in the school auditorium. The following students are graduating and will receive their diplomas that evening: Kenneth Berg; Nelda Gene Bunn; William Alfred Burke; Jean E. Isaacson; Martha M. Dumler; Stephena Guerrero; Faye Irene Johnson; Neil A. Martin; Florence M. Reid; Anna Belle Reid; Laila Virginia Wilkinson and Mazie Irene Ypparila. The Rev. Father R. T. O'Hara will deliver the address. Further particulars will be announced later. Felix Guerrero, Joe Erk; and Mrs. Cecil Guerrero drove to Deadwood on Tuesday to meet PVT Cecil Guerrero who came in furlough from a camp in Texas and may stay for his sister's graduation.

Ida Mary Anderson submitted to minor surgery at a Rapid City Hospital last Saturday. She expects to return to her home on Horse Creek the later part of this week. Mrs. Byron Schipke is teaching in Miss Anderson's position at the Horse Creek School this week.

The local Ration Board office will be closed next Monday April 23. Mrs. Mae Greene, clerk and members of the ration board, will be in attendance at an OPA meeting in Deadwood. Coal is the latest item to be added to the ration list. The order, issued by the solid fuels administration for war, became effective in South Dakota on April 1, but enforcement was withheld pending arrival of the application blanks. Forms are available at your local dealer and coal purchaser must file with them a declaration of the tons burned during the year.

April 21, 1955

Governor Joe Foss last week raised the South Dakota state flag for the first time in the history of the state at a brief ceremony the flag was raised together with the American flag. The state flag flies several inches below the American flag and "South Dakota has a beautiful flag", Foss said "and should be proudly fly from all public buildings in the state and that flying of the state flag has become a custom among western

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states, particularly and in some states, it is mandatory."

The high wind caused 2 brief outages on a power line in the Vale area early Wednesday.

graduating from university June 6th, will leave May 1st for Redfield to take his preceptorship with a doctor there for a month. He is an NHS graduate and son



Newell High School Class of 1915. Newell did not have an accredited high school until 1921. If a student desired a diploma, they attended their senior year in Sturgis, Belle Fourche or Spearfish.
Back Row: Inga Viken, Josephine Kapsa, Katie Burke, Elma Keene, Thekla Brown, Fern Young.
Middle Row: Ella Kindstrom, Myrtle Holt, Helen Kapsa, Blanche Louise, Hayzel Davidson, Agnes Townsend, Professor George Fry
Front Row: Virgil Farnham, Burnice Calhoun, Clar Satterlie, George Inman absent: Raymond Calhoun
Newell Museum

sleep on that old lumpy mattress? Is it the price? Imperial Rolled Edge Special cotton mattress, 45 pounds, "Dubuque Brand", now priced \$6.75 until May 15 only at the J. H. Christian store.

April 16, 1925

Hopes of residents of the Vale country for a spur to be built to that place by the Chicago & Northwestern Railway this season, were dashed by the report of General Agent E. E. Benjamin, who returned from Chicago, where he had been in conference with the President and Vice President of the company. However, he brought the word that the railroad would be willing to assist financially in building a graveled highway from the railroad to the Vale territory.

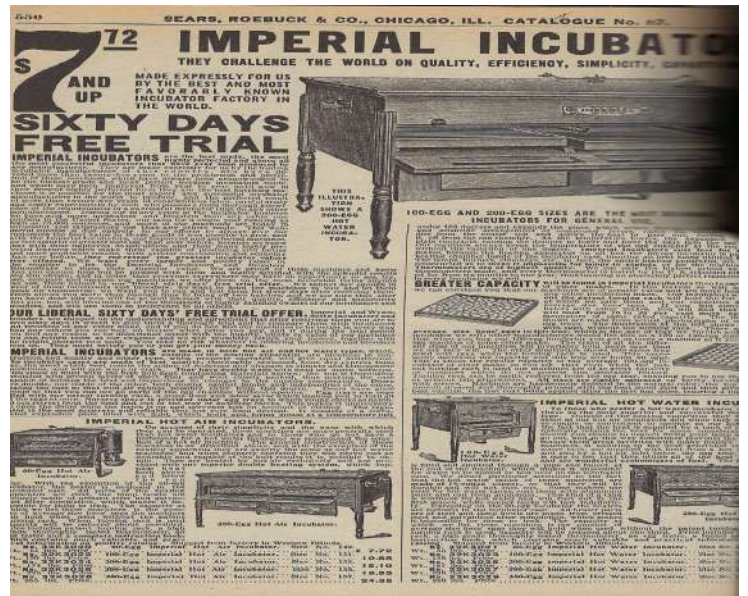
Felix Haskel's of the Deer Ears community suffered an ugly looking and painful scalp wound in a run-away accident last week. He came to the Newell Hospital and Dr. Clark

Governor said Roosevelt might occupy the facilities once used by President Coolidge or any other location he might deem more desirable.

Mrs. Alva Glover has 400 more baby chicks that hatched out Friday, making a total of 900 chicks. She has her incubators set with 500 more eggs. You might consider putting an order now.

A committee to develop caves and underground passageways in commercial exhibitions and tours in the Black Hills has been formed with capital listed as \$30,000. Everette and G. E. LeMar of Rapid City and Rudolph C. Stoll of Piedmont are the directors of the organization to be known as the Canyon Amusement Company. Stoll is the owner of the Stage Barn Crystal Cave.

Workman are engaged this week in pouring the last of the concrete for the walls of the new basement under the LaBelle Creamery Compa-



Incubator outfits one could purchase through "mail order" for home baby chicken hatching.
Newell Museum

day morning, Russell Wilson, local manager of the Black Hills Power & Light Company, reported. However, by modern technology, service was quickly restored.

Chas Lawell, Civil Defense Director of Newell, today announced plans for making Official Civil Defense ID tags available to all children and adults in this community. The ID tags were authorized by the Federal Civil Defense Administration and are an important safety measure for everyone, Lawell said. They provide quick ID which would be helpful in case of accident, illness, or any emergency, including air attacks. A smooth metal tag, which is carried on a nontarnishable chain, with permanently stamped name, birth date, religious preference and who to call for emergency.

April 15, 1965

Word has been received that Tom Pickard, a student at the University of South Dakota, studying for his master's degree, has been voted the outstanding clinical student by the medical faculty at the university. He received a \$125 cash award. Tom, who will be

of Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Pickard, Newell.

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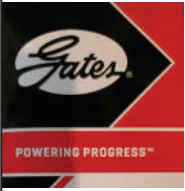
"One million books for Appalachia's children", is the slogan and goal of the National PTA project which is asking for assistance by the local PTA in gathering books for the young Americans living in the Appalachian section of the US, according to Newell PTA President Mrs. Jack Dawson. Mrs. Dawson announced that a large box has been set up in the office of school superintendent Don Heil and anyone having books to donate is asked to take them there. Most of the young people living in that region have never had the opportunity to read childhood classics or discover the wonders of the world through books as there are no school or public library facilities.

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Here's What's Happening in Newell!

April 24, 6:30 p.m.
Songs We Love, Spring Band/Music Program
Art Show
Elementary \$5 Book Fair

May 3, 9-Noon
Nisland-Arpan Fire and Rescue Fire Safety Day
Community Appreciation Event,

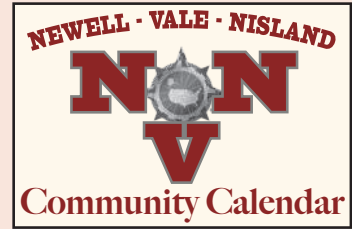
May 8
Newell Elementary Play Day
Bike Rodeo

Mondays

Monday Night Bingo at the NVN Senior Center 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

BH Farmer's Market

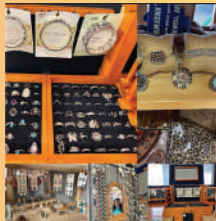
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Words From the Superintendent



Newell School District will be hosting "The Songs We Love" spring music concert. The concert starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Austin Auditorium. The kids have been working hard to provide a grand performance for the community. May 5th will be the Newell Fine Arts banquet to

celebrate the students' accomplishments.

Performing arts are an important part of a student's education as a booster for academics, enhance cognitive skills, and promote student engagement. Students in performing arts often demonstrate improved grades, test scores, and higher rates of graduation and college enrollment, according to the National Endowment for the Arts.

Engagement in performing arts improves academic performance in core subjects like reading, math, and science. According to Americans for the Arts, "Students who take four years of art and music classes score an average of over 150 points higher on the SAT than students who take only one-half

year or less." Involvement in the arts provides a well-rounded education for students.

Student emotional development is impacted through performing arts by providing a nurturing space for children. The development of self-awareness, empathy, and social skills is found in the foundation of a student's academic success in school and beyond. In addition, dancing, singing, playing music, and acting help students develop coordination, balance, and body awareness. Small movements in performing arts fine-tune important fine motor skills.

Join us on Thursday night to reap the rewards of our great students. You will find the music you love is also the songs we love. See you there!

Left: He found it! There were eggs everywhere for the youngsters to find.

Right: Newell Labor Day Queen Rachel Stranberg posed for a moment with the Easter Bunny before the hunt began. Who is that inside the bunny costume? Or is it the real thing?

Betty Bruner Photo



Newell School District
K-12
2025 Spring Band/Music Program
Art Show
Elementary \$5 Book Fair
Thursday, April 24th
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



APRIL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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!

He Was Filled with Love

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NEWELL-Pastor Lance Putnam of the Newell Christian Fellowship Church delivered an inspiring message following a dinner of chicken, lamb, and sundry side-dishes and desserts. A crowd of approximately 80 area folks were in attendance to the Third Annual Holy Thursday Community potluck.

Pastor Putnam shared a bit about that night 2000 years ago when Jesus sat at the table the night before His crucifixion. As the evening began, Putnam shared “Jesus’ heart was not filled with fear, but with love.” He showed his disciples the extent of His love by washing their feet, even the feet of the disciple who would eventually betray Him.

Putnam continued to encourage those seated to go beyond the ordinary to show love and kindness to those in their circle and beyond. There are times when love and mercy collide, but he said the example of Jesus will show the truth.

Before the short sermon

McKenzie Rans sang How Great Thou Art. Betty Bruner played a flute solo following communion. The crowd joined in singing Amazing Grace to top off the musical portion of the evening.

Holy Thursday, or Maundy Thursday as it’s also known, is a special day that highlights the Passover Meal that was shared by Jesus and His disciples. This day commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. During this time, he established Communion.

Before his capture and death, Jesus shared that one last supper with his disciples, on the day of the Passover Seder. He shared bread and wine, symbolizing his body and blood. And in an act of humility he washed the feet of his disciples.

Maundy comes from the Latin “mandatum” which means “commandment.” Holy Thursday is then also known as Maundy Thursday because it is associated with the washing of the disciples’ feet when Jesus gave the new commandment.



Pastor Lance Putnam from the Newell Christian Fellowship Church was the speaker at the Third Annual Holy Thursday Potluck held April 17.

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B’s Buzz

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I enjoy putting things together. It’s a challenge and something to occupy my mind and hands. It’s like putting together a puzzle. There are pieces and a plan and after looking at everything laid out, it will finally all come together to be a useful object. Usually,

The project I started this weekend began a little like that, but there was a catch. While “cleaning” our backroom, I found a box with the pieces of a solid wood nightstand that I had purchased about 25 years ago. (Ok so you see my theme-I have lots of stuff left unfinished from decades ago). Anyway, I remember buying it and then realizing when I got home that not all the parts were there. Namely, all the screws and fasteners. So I put the project aside thinking that I would get what was needed the next time I went to town.

Needless to say, I have been back to town more than once since then, but always forgot to get what was needed. So I guess I had a screw loose!

Well, sometimes I do save things and put them back in a cubby thinking that I would finish that project someday. And this weekend was the day! I looked through my collection of screws and nails and all things that keep other things together and found almost all of the hardware I needed. Almost all of it. The nightstand is about two-thirds done now, sitting in my office. It will wait there for a few days until I can get to town to buy more screws. I

promise! Only a couple of days! Really!

And then I will paint it to match the walls of the office and fill it with stuff! It will be useful and pretty at the same time!

Which of course, brings me to another subject. Being useful. This project sat and waited to be started, tucked away for a couple of decades. As I cleaned the back storage room, I found quite a few things that I had tucked away, thinking that when the kids are gone from home I’ll have time to finish.

But our kids have been gone for a long time, now. The plans I had 20 years ago have gathered dust and gotten pushed back further and further into the abyss of the storage room. But now they have been brought back to the sunshine and sorted into piles of “do it now” and “wait” and a pile that says “never will I get to this!”

Because then I stop to think about projects that I’ve had with people in my life-grandkids, kids, husband, family, friends. Some of them I’ve pushed into storage, thinking that I’ll write or talk to them sometime soon. Then the “soon” turns into never. And the opportunity to say what I wanted to say doesn’t happen.

Rooms and stuff can be shoved back into the room and forgotten for awhile, but people can’t. We all know that life gets busy and busier. Time goes faster and faster, but it’s still the same amount of time-24 hours in a day, 60 minutes in the hour. Sunrise and sunset. It’s how we fill those 24 hours that’s important. It only takes a minute or two to write a note to someone or text them. A little longer and you can call and hear their voice. Really, how long does it take to hug someone? A quick squeeze and you’ve made someone’s day for sure!

And come to think of it-I haven’t squeezed my hubby yet today. I should go find him and “make his day” (and mine!)

Here’s hugs to you all!



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The Holy Thursday potluck was well attended with nearly 80 people filling the hall.

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More Easter Egg Hunt Photos



Moms and Dads, Grandparents and friends all came to help and enjoy watching kids run and find egg treasures.

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