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Moose Lodge Host Special Guests on a Night of Giving

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BELLE FOURCHE—Every Thursday evening the Belle Fourche Moose Lodge offers hamburgers with French fries and dessert for a great price. Thursday, April 24, was extra special as they had a noteworthy guest, Robert Funkey, Chairman of the Moose International Board of Directors, join them.

During his year as Chairman of the Board, Funkey has made it a priority to get out and visit as many of the local Moose chapters as possible.

He shared, "It's my job this year to go visit the lodges, get to know them, answer their questions, make sure that they are brought up to speed, and then if they are having any issues, we suggest things they could try to improve."

And traveling, he is doing! "There are 1300 Moose Lodges and I have been to somewhere around 300," Funkey said. The Chairman has journeyed all over and is having a great

time! "This has been one of the greatest experiences of my life," he said.

"I've been all over from Alaska to Florida, from California to Maine, Canada, Ontario to Louisiana—so all the way up and down the Mississippi River. There's only a handful of states that we have not been to this year!"

There is no planned itinerary, it is up to the various chapters where Funkey will visit. "It's up to the states really, to select the lodges that they would like to have me see.

We told them we don't want to just see your star performers, we want to see lodges that need a hand, maybe ones that are struggling. If there's something that we can do to offer some encouragement, maybe give them a different point of view, and we will give them some coaching," he said. Belle Fourche was one such club.

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First responders, **Theodore Jeitz & Donnie Walding** accept the Tommy Moose stuffed animals for the children they help. Presented by **Robert Funkey**, Moose International Chairman of the Board. *Longbrake photos*



Robert Funkey, Moose International Chairman of the Board, spent time visiting with local **Moose Lodge** members during his visit to the area on April 24.

5th Grade Students Celebrate Arbor Day

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BELLE FOURCHE—Imagine having a day just to celebrate trees? Well the last Friday in April is set aside for just that, Arbor Day!

For the past 19 years, Ann Anderson, fifth grade science teacher and the fifth grade students at Belle Fourche Middle school have been celebrating trees!

For all of those years Anderson and her fifth grade students have been planting a tree, or sometimes two, at the Middle School.

That means they are responsible for well over 20-25 trees beautifying the school grounds. "Arbor Day is important, the whole philosophy of getting out there and doing something for the environment and helping everyone is important," she explained. "But then in a fifth grade classroom, it's also important

to be artistic with the poster contest and use your writing skills to express yourself and then share and hear their stories too. It's a chance to get to know students a little bit better."

The Arbor Day program started with a proclamation



Fifth grade students at Belle Fourche middle school assemble to hear **Mayor Randy Schmidt** read the **Arbor Day Proclamation**. *Longbrake photos*



Josh Larson explains to the fifth grade students how to properly plant a tree. Essay and Poster winners were in charge of planting the trees. From left: **Alex Madrid, Talia Thompson, Aspyn McKinney and Miley Ozuna-Heckenlaible**.

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"Bill Jewett Continues Excellence Started in 1948!"



Customers come to **Wells Plumbing and Farm Supply** to visit, to shop and to eat a good meal during their annual Customer Appreciation event. *Longbrake photos*

Wells Plumbing and Farm Supply Celebrate Customers

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BELLE FOURCHE—For the fifth year in a row Wells Plumbing and Farm Supply had a day just to honor their customers!

On Friday, April 25 Wells Plumbing opened its doors and invited anyone who has visited them in the past or present to come for a day of appreciation and look through the store and shop.

Bill Jewett, Owner explained, "We try to do this once a year, just to tell our customers we appreciate them."

The business offered up a hardy meal for anyone stopping by. Fried chicken, green beans, dinner rolls, macaroni salad and just about any kind of potato one could want—mashed potatoes with gravy,

wedges and potato salad—along with a variety of drinks. Lynn's Dakotamart made the food for the occasion.

Wells Plumbing and Farm Supply has a long history in Belle Fourche, opened in 1948 by Jack Wells. It was taken over by Alan Wells in the early 70s before finding its new

home with Jewett. "We took over in 2019, I worked for Alan since 2005," he shared.

It is a special day for the store, wanting the consumers, new and old, to know how important they are to the future of the business. Jewett said, "We would just like to tell our customers thank you and we sure appreciate them!"



Randy Vaughn enjoys fried chicken during the **Wells Plumbing and Farm Supply Customer Appreciation Day**.

Domino's Grand Opening May 3



Domino's has finished installing its official signage and their Grand Opening will be Saturday, May 3. *Heitz photo*

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BELLE FOURCHE—The time has finally come! The new Domino's in Belle Fourche is holding a Grand Opening celebration event on Saturday, May 3. Located at 508 National St., the pizza place has finished installing its official signage. The Grand Opening will commence with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m., followed by a day of special deals, including medium one-topping pizzas for \$5.99 for carryout customers. Those who visit the store could be one of ten customers that win free pizza

for a year, which entails one free large, one-topping pizza per month through June 1, 2026. There will also be a prize wheel for attendees to spin and win small prizes and Domino's menu items. "We are thrilled to bring the first Belle Fourche Domino's location to local residents," said Allan Erwin, Belle Fourche Domino's franchise owner. "We hope those who haven't given us a try yet do so, as we look forward to providing great customer service and delivering delicious pizza to their doorstep." Operating partner Jessica Work said, "This has been a forever dream of mine. I get to share and show my passion for Domino's to the Belle Fourche community."

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Zoe Amy Cole Infant

Baby Zoe Amy Cole, born Sunday, April 20, 2025, the newborn baby to parents, Abigail and Chauncey Cole of Dell Rapids, SD was called to Heaven on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

A Memorial visitation was held Saturday, April 26, 2025 at George Boom Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory in Sioux Falls.

Zoe is survived by her parents; brother,



Creedence Cole; grandparents, Daryl and Lori DeWitt, Doug and Nancy Cole; great grandparents, Greta DeWitt, Dale and Karen Osterholt; Aunts and Uncles, Lucy Cole, Tyler and Brooke DeWitt, Emily and Grant Wall, Andrew DeWitt and Kaytie and Carter Barkley; Cousins, Hazel, Grayson and Hunter Wall, Elaina, Leah, and Nora DeWitt.



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 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 (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, when she 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.

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

Judy was preceded in death by her parents; four siblings and spouses, including Betty J. (John) Niemi, Doris H. Johnson, G. Douglas (Patricia) Johnson and Marilyn M. (Arnold, Jr.) Schmidt; other brothers-in-law, including Douglas Miller, William Schafer, and Roger Reynolds; and one niece, Teryl Johnson McGriff.

Judy is survived by five siblings and spouses, including Andrew W. (Linda) Johnson of Sturgis, SD; Beverly J. Miller of Mission, TX; Darlene J. Schafer of Mission, TX; Arlene J. Reynolds of Rapid City, SD and Ida L. (Mel) Johnson of Apple Valley, MN. Other survivors include special cousins, Annitta Stolnack of Newell, SD and Janet Hardy of Largo, FL, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the care of Kline Funeral Chapel of Belle Fourche. An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



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.

Graveside services were held 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



(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.

Raymond is survived by his son, Timothy Storey of Belle Fourche SD; daughters, Victoria Lee of Craig CO, Gail 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 was held Monday, April 28th, 2025 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment took place 1:30pm Monday, April 28th at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, with military honors provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard.

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



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.

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.

David was born May 30, 1943 to Charles and Grace (Callahan) Smith. He was inducted into the United States Army March 30, 1965 and was honorably discharged March 29, 1967. He married Marlene Webster October 12, 1968 and they lived their entire life in Belle Fourche. David retired from Hills Products Group and continued to work part time there until his death.

David was kind and caring and would help anyone when needed. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, hunting, fishing and going to Deadwood. He also enjoyed woodworking and making things both small and large.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene Smith of Belle



Fourche; sisters, Janice Barber and Donna Post both of Belle Fourche; sister-in-law, Sharon Smith of Belle Fourche and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Loren Smith and Lester Smith. A Visitation/Open House was held Monday, April 28, 2025 with a memorial service at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. Burial was held Tuesday, April 29 at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis with military honors by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard and the Army Honor Guard.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Psalm 34:18

☐ *The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.* ☐

Michael David Isenberg 65

Michael was born August 11, 1959 in Bellefonte, PA to Charles and Harriet (Chadwick) Isenberg. He attended school in Belle Fourche and at the age of 15 he started as a mechanic at Ray's Sinclair and Radiator and was a mechanic most of his life.



"Don't be sad when I go, I've had more than 9 lives, I'm tough. I want my memories to be shared with smiles and laughs."
"Can't wait to see you all again someday."

He enjoyed Harley Davidson motorcycles. He loved riding and repairing them. He sure enjoyed the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. He also enjoyed rebuilding and restoring classic cars. Car shows were definitely up his alley. Mike even won a few car shows which he was very proud of. Other than motorcycles and cars, he enjoyed camping, spending time with grandkids and hanging with his biker buddies. Mike was so proud of his children and who they have become.

Mike spent a lot of time with Dave and Carmon at the Circle Lounge back in the day but had many friends. In his later years he enjoyed working around his house and spending time with family. Mike was very fortunate to write his own obituary. If anyone who knew Mike, you would know he was always a joker, and tried to make you laugh or smile. Here are a few things he wanted to be said. "To Dave Engler: Please give Trump a chance... Isn't that right, Dave? I'm saying this in English and not Spanish, Engler."

"I couldn't ask for a better family or friends. I love you all and wouldn't trade you for the world."

He is survived by his sons, David Isenberg of Michigan and Matthew; daughters, Misty Isenberg (Spencer Spaulding) of Belle Fourche and Michelle Isenberg of Belle Fourche; three gained stepchildren, Heather, Amanda and Dillon; 4 grandchildren; his brothers, Charles (Doris) Isenberg of Belle Fourche, Ron (Jewel) Wielander of Sturgis and Dennis Strege of Las Vegas, NV and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Harriet; his sister, Juanita Philipsen and a brother, Edward Isenberg.

A Visitation/Open House will be held Saturday, May 3 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. Everyone is welcome to attend as this will be the funeral for Mike on May 3. Burial will take place Friday, May 9th at 10:00 am at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

Arrangements are under the care of Kline Funeral Chapel of Belle Fourche. An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Rose Marie Green 90

Rose Marie Green, 90, of Belle Fourche, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at her home surrounded by the love of her family.



great joy in creating unique sweatshirts, western attire or whatever someone presented to her for her to create. She also enjoyed refurbishing furniture or any other creative projects.

In 1986 and 1988, she was blessed with two grandchildren, Dally and Kaylee. It was always a joke that Don and SanDee better have the kids when they came to visit or they would be in trouble. She

was so proud of her grandchildren and that love and pride continued when she was blessed with great grandchildren.

She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, Altar Society, Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department Auxillary and a Brownie leader.

Rose is survived by her two daughters, Kathy Caulkins of Belle Fourche, SD and SanDee (Don) Foster of Rapid City, SD; her grandchildren, Dally Foster (Brittney) of Rapid City and Kaylee Pearson of Rapid City; great grandchildren, Rylan, Cadence, Trinity, Gunnar and Madelyn; sisters, Victoria Baer of Bella Vista, AR, Jean Thompson of Paradise, CA and Antonia "Toni" Carpenter of Oroville, CA; a brother, Victor Burckhard of Sturgis, SD and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and beloved husband, James Green, and siblings, infant brother, Steven Burckhard and brothers, Frank and Sebastian Burkhard; her sisters, Irene Popke, Pauline Dacar, Frances Miller, Eva Lynch and Jeanette Smith.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Vern Anders 82

Vern Anders, age 82 of Faith SD, died Thursday, April 24, 2025 at the West River Healthcare Center in Hettinger, ND.



Vern's video tribute online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Vern is survived by his children: Bill (Jennifer) of Buffalo, Kristi Anders of O'Fallon IL, Laura Fisher of Faith, Jay (Cameo) of Sioux Falls; 10 grandchildren: Chris, Camryn, Zack, Taylor, Ashton, Caden, Joey, Bella, Ava, Ellie; 3 great grandchildren: Willow, Delta, Kylan; 2

brothers, John (Marilyn) Johnson of Piedmont, Bill (Laura) Johnson of Reva; sister, Peggy Bregle of Sturgis; nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences and view



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April 21 City Council Meeting

Ryder Heitz

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BELLE FOURCHE—The City Council held a meeting on April 21. During the Mayor's Report, Kellen Willert gave a presentation for the Belle Fourche Banner Settlement Fund.

Awardees were ABC (\$200), Meals on Wheels (\$548.08), Belle Fourche Silver Lining (\$1,400), St. James Church (\$1,400), Good Shepard Clinic (\$1,500), and the Compassion Cupboard (\$1,500).

Mayor Randy Schmidt then presented the Arbor Day Proclamation. "Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife," he said.

The proclamation encouraged all citizens to plant trees in the community, celebrate Arbor Day, and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

There was no community input at this meeting.

CoNBA thanked the city, Stacey (Raisanen), Nikki Wayne and her team, local businesses, and all who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt a success. Over 7,000 eggs were prepared for the kids, and there was a great community turnout.

A special shoutout was also given to the Mayor, Ryan, Derek, Purple Pride, and others for helping spread eggs and joy. Coming soon will be Mother's and Father's Day drawings, with gift bags going out to businesses soon.

Hollie Stadler, Economic Development Director reported that since January, the EDC has welcomed two new board members and is progressing on its Annual Meeting video. The committee emphasizes the need for an updated housing study to guide planning and development, with four new housing developments already underway. Economic Development continues supporting developers with low-interest funding resources and awaits the release of federal housing trust funds.

Leadership Belle Fourche wraps this month, and the committee is preparing the next class. It is also assisting three businesses with location/expansion and saw great success at the JA Finance Fair. Rail Park mapping and marketing efforts continue. There will be a Regional Economic Meeting at the Joy Center on June 6.

Finance Officer Tonsager provided the Council with an update on the city budget, noting that the year was 33% complete and most funds were tracking below that threshold.

Regarding the CIP, he mentioned that the 11th Avenue

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Project is scheduled to begin at the end of the year, with the majority of the work slated for completion in 2026 in order to help keep the CIP budget within limits.

The Council was reminded of Council Orientation which will take place on May 15 at 6 p.m.

City Administrator LaFayette provided the Council with updates on several projects. Well #3 is nearly finished, with just a few final items remaining. The Sourdough Loop project is also close to completion, pending final pressure adjustments. At the ball fields, trusses for the Crow's Nest were installed April 21 with full weather-proofing expected by April 22. Work on the 11th and 12th Avenue project is scheduled to start

later this year. Park signs from Mountain Man Metal Arts are complete and currently being assembled.

Councilperson Schmalz briefed the Council on his recent trip to Washington, D.C. for the Ports-to-Plains Alliance, during which he met with Dusty Johnson, Mike Rounds, and John Thune to discuss the 80-mile stretch of highway north of Belle Fourche.

Public Works Director Stedille informed the Council about an online auction through Purple Wave for surplus vehicles, encouraging anyone interested to participate.

The next City Council meeting will be May 5 at 6 p.m.

Schmalz Report to the Council

Councilman Larry Schmalz
 Special to the Beacon

Mr. Mayor and fellow Council Members:

As you know I was in Washington DC March 24 – 27 with the Ports to Plains Alliance. I wanted to give a short briefing. I felt as though it was a very successful trip.



I personally met with South Dakota's US Representative Dusty Johnson, as well as the assistants to Senator John Thune and Mike Rounds. All of the South Dakota delegation was very supportive.

Congressman Johnson introduced me to a SD State Representative on the transportation committee. She and state Senator Helene Duhamel have promised to get the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway group (part of the Ports to Plains Alliance) in a meeting with the SD Transportation Committee during the 2026 Legislative Session.

As you may know, Senator Thune is now the Senate Majority Leader and as such wields a great deal of power. His assistant committed the Senator's support for the 88-mile expansion of Highway 85 to the North Dakota border.

She is from Rapid City and during her next trip home she and I will meet the Mayor of Rapid City and Elevate, the economic development group in Rapid City, to discuss how making Highway 85 into a 4-lane highway will actually benefit Rapid City and all of the Black Hills.

I further had face to face meetings with the Representatives and Senators from North Dakota, Wyoming, and Nebraska. All were very supportive.

We had an impromptu meeting in the Senate's private greeting room with a Senator from Washington State who is on the transportation committee and she said that our cause had her complete support.

I have been asked to continue working with this group after my tenure with the city council ends.

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Cattle Report - Friday, April 25, 2025

Right at 1800 hd sold today
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Jordan Cattle Co SimAngus & Angus Bull Sale results
Avg on 19 bulls ...\$4,553
Top 5 bull avg ...\$5,650
Top 9 Bull avg ...\$5,139

Next Sale - May 2- Pair & Bred Cow Special- 10 AM
1 PM - Optiz Angus Bull Sale & Turnout Bull Sale
Thank you for marketing with St Onge Livestock!

Feeder Cattle					
Arlidge Ranch, Ekalaka MT	31	Blk	Str	471	\$425.00
Arlidge Ranch, Ekalaka MT	80	Blk	Hfr	488	\$381.00
Bachand, Benny R, Slurgis SD	24	Blk	Hfr	584	\$315.00
Bachman, Jake Or Charlee, Nisland SD	3	Red	Bull	745	\$280.00
Barlow, Eric Or Elizabeth, Gillette WY	30	Red	Hfr	416	\$407.50
Bird, Jim, Volborg MT	8	Blk	Hfr	718	\$278.00
Gaskill Jr, Andrew Or Carlene, Volborg MT	1	Blk	Str	635	\$321.00
Gaskill, C.J, Volborg MT	20	Blk	Hfr	647	\$326.00
Gaskill Ranch, Volborg MT	1	Blk	Str	360	\$505.00
Gaskill Ranch, Volborg MT	48	Blk	Hfr	500	\$382.50
Gaskill Ranch, Volborg MT	23	Blk	Hfr	434	\$436.00
Heier & Schuchard, Prairie City SD	1	Blk	Str	835	\$271.00
Heier & Schuchard, Prairie City SD	1	Blk	Str	665	\$377.00
Heier & Schuchard, Prairie City SD	6	Blk	Str	574	\$367.00
Horsehoe I Ranch, Broadus MT	17	Bldk	Hfr	677	\$321.00
Horsehoe I Ranch, Broadus MT	90	Bldk	Hfr	669	\$331.00
Horsehoe I Ranch, Broadus MT	29	Bldk	Hfr	608	\$331.00
Horsehoe I Ranch, Broadus MT	26	Blk	Hfr	566	\$345.00
KC Ranch Llc, Rozet WY	14	B/R	Str	634	\$354.00
KC Ranch Llc, Rozet WY	14	B/R	Hfr	566	\$354.00
Lindblom, David Or Starla, Rapid City SD	21	B/Ch	Str	739	\$314.00
Lindblom, David Or Starla, Rapid City SD	9	B/Ch	Str	570	\$382.00
Mackaben, Brad, Camp Crook SD	1	Blk	Str	505	\$352.50
Nelson, Lamy James Or Sandra, Buffalo SD	1	Char	Str	665	\$321.00
Oshoto Flying M Operations Llc, Gillette WY	6	Blk	Str	534	\$390.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol MT	11	Bldk	Hfr	574	\$321.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol MT	9	Bldk	Hfr	486	\$351.00
SD Consignment	80	Bldk	Str	776	\$318.00
SD Consignment	13	Bldk	Str	723	\$321.00
SD Consignment	90	Bldk	Str	693	\$346.50
SD Consignment	69	Blk	Str	889	\$288.75
Pairs - Sold By The Pair					
Edgerton, Charles Bob, Fairburn SD	14	Bldk	Solid	1577	\$3,500.00
Weigh Up Cows					
Arlidge Ranch, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk	Hfr	1080	\$227.50
Bird, Jim, Volborg MT	1	Blk	Hfr	1055	\$227.50
Bruch, Bruce, Slurgis SD	1	Blk	Cow	1210	\$197.00
Cahoon, Janelle, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Cow	1515	\$158.00
Clark, Merle J, Hulet WY	2	Blk	Hfr	860	\$256.50
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	1	Blk	Cow	1355	\$158.00
Edgerton, Charles Bob, Fairburn SD	1	Blk	Cow	1865	\$157.00
Hett, Donn, Buffalo SD	3	Blk	Cow	1306	\$158.50
Hett, Tyler Or Quade, Buffalo SD	3	Blk	Cow	1016	\$237.00
Horsehoe I Ranch, Broadus MT	11	Blk	Hfr	971	\$254.00
Horsehoe I Ranch, Broadus MT	7	Blk	Hfr	940	\$249.50
Johnson Sheep & Cattle, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk	Cow	1475	\$162.50
Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City SD	1	Blk	Cow	1185	\$202.00
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	2	Blk	Cow	1165	\$201.00
Lintz, Jim & Brenda, Hermosa SD	1	Blk	Cow	1250	\$207.00
Mcdonald Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	1	Blk	Cow	1340	\$157.00
Mitchell, John & Anna, Aladdin WY	1	Bld	Hfr	1020	\$219.00
Norman Ranch, Black Hawk SD	3	Bldk	Cow	1495	\$159.00
Oshoto Flying M Operations Llc, Gillette WY	2	Blk	Cow	1647	\$157.50
Oshoto Flying M Operations Llc, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Cow	1330	\$157.00
Oshoto Flying M Operations Llc, Gillette WY	10	Blk	Cow	922	\$250.00
Perit, Richard Or Sharon, Rapid City SD	2	Blk	Hfr	977	\$245.00
Riggs, Tom, Broadus MT	3	Blk	Hfr	1271	\$200.50
Stephens, Gary Or Kathy, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Hfr	1120	\$216.00
Stephens, Gary Or Kathy, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Hfr	1020	\$236.00
Todd, Tim Or Kris, Slurgis SD	1	Blk	Cow	1200	\$186.00

Waylon Carson Trust, Waylon J, Anada WY	9	Bldk	Hfr	927	\$250.50
Whalen Revocable Trust, George, Aladdin WY	2	Blk	Cow	1437	\$159.50
Weigh Up Bulls					
Brown, Kyle Or Shannon, Slurgis SD	1	Blk	Bull	1540	\$173.00
Crago Land & Livestock, Belle Fourche SD	3	Blk	Bull	1285	\$191.00
Lawrence, Edward, Alzada MT	1	Rbld	Bull	2325	\$180.00
Nelson, Don, Spearfish SD	1	Char	Bull	1980	\$185.00
Sinner, Jake, Gillette WY	2	Blk	Bull	1362	\$183.00
Soelzer, Ronald L, Piedmont SD	1	Blk	Bull	1340	\$171.00

Friday, May 2, 2025

Pair & Bred Cow Special & Optiz Bull Sale & Turnout Bull Sale

10:00 AM -- Weigh Up Cows 12 Noon -- Feeder Cattle followed by Bred Cows

1:00 PM -- Optiz Bull Sale & Turnout Bull Sale

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free
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Pairs

Snyder Cattle Co -- 20 Blk Hfr Pairs W/ Big Blk Calves

Feeder Calves

Kelly Ricard -- 70 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs -- 600# - BT, PC

Turnout Bull Sale

Jordan Angus -- 11 Yrfg Angus Bulls

McCracken Charolais -- 11 Yrfg Char Bulls

Tysdal - 3 Angus Bulls

Plus more by sale time!

2025 CATTLE SALES

May 9th -- Feeder Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle

May 16th -- Pair & Bred Cow Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle

May 23rd -- Weigh Up Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle

May 30th -- Pair & Bred Cow Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle

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Sheep Report - Thursday, April 24, 2025

Slaughter ewes sold higher again this week
Bred ewes sold steady to lower

Next Sale - May 1 - Regular Sale - Selling all classes of sheep & goats
Thank you for your business!

Bred Ewes - Sold by the head

Wiechmann, Justis, Prairie City SD	65	2-4yr Ewes	165	\$215.00
West, Kyle & Shelly, Oshoto WY	100	3-4yr Ewes	142	\$200.00
West, Kyle & Shelly, Oshoto WY	65	5-6yr Ewes	145	\$155.00
White, Duane, Circle MT	151	5yr Ewes	159	\$175.00
Moore, Thomas & Jacki, Midwest WY	50	Short Term Ewes	147	\$150.00

Feeder Lambs

Yost, Chester, Newell SD	6	Hair Buck	61	\$273.00
Yost, Chester, Newell SD	47	Hair Buck	86	\$254.00
Yost, Chester, Newell SD	11	Hair Buck	108	\$205.00

Slaughter Ewes

Bollinger, Jeremy, Timber Lake SD	5	K Ewe	208	\$105.00
Garman, Trevor, Belle Fourche SD	19	K Ewe	153	\$119.00
Garman, Trevor, Belle Fourche SD	12	K Ewe	144	\$97.00
Geis Brothers Llc, Gillette WY	52	Young Open Ewes	131	\$140.00
Geis Brothers Llc, Gillette WY	49	K Ewe	139	\$97.00
Goidade, Ethan, Timber Lake SD	9	K Ewe	187	\$105.00
Lewis, Stan, Nisland SD	9	K Ewe	204	\$105.00
Moore, Thomas & Jacki, Midwest WY	67	Young Open Ewes	137	\$125.00
Moore, Thomas & Jacki, Midwest WY	52	K Ewe	131	\$97.00
Nelson, Lamy Or Sandra Holcomb, Buffalo SD	17	K Ewe	179	\$105.00
Sonsalla, Crystal, Marmarth ND	16	Young Open Ewes	116	\$145.00
TJ Livestock & Equipment, Douglas WY	66	Young Open Ewes	123	\$148.00
TJ Livestock & Equipment, Douglas WY	5	K Ewe	153	\$119.00
TJ Livestock & Equipment, Douglas WY	62	K Ewe	128	\$97.00
West, Kyle & Shelly, Oshoto WY	9	K Ewe	149	\$119.00
West, Kyle & Shelly, Oshoto WY	10	K Ewe	130	\$87.00
Yost, Chester, Newell SD	51	K Ewe	156	\$102.00

Slaughter Bucks

Bridge, Ron, Belle Fourche SD	3	Kbuck	178	\$94.00
Tope, Brian, Rozet WY	1	Kbuck	270	\$92.00
White, Duane, Circle MT	1	Kbuck	245	\$92.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Regular Sale 1:00 PM

Please have animals in by 10:00 AM

So they can all be weighed before the sale!

2025 SHEEP SALES

May 8th -- Regular Sale -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

May 15th -- New Crop Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

May 22nd -- Regular Sale -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

May 29th -- New Crop Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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Celebrate Arbor Day-Contd.

Robbi Longbrake

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week or two. "We're going to be putting those in some of the parks down at the baseball fields and other parks around town, as well as the cemetery," he said.

Josh Larson, Community Forester with the State of South Dakota, spent time talking to the kids about forestry and Arbor Day. He informed the students that they do in fact eat parts of a tree at various times in their lives.

"If you ever had crackers or any shredded cheese, we've all eaten the trunk of the tree," he explained. "Cellulose is the thing that stops cheese from sticking to itself when you put it on shredded cheese and is actually used as a binder to make those little saltine crackers that everybody always gets with their soup.

Cellulose is one half of the compounds that make up the wood that forms the trunk of a tree."

Larson also explained that cinnamon is the inner bark of the

cinnamon tree. "If you've ever eaten cinnamon on your toast or in a bagel or on anything really, you've eaten the bark of a tree!"

Melanie Williamson with the Lawrence County Conservation District announced the winners of the Arbor Day essay contest. First place was Talia Thompson, Second place was Alex Madrid and Third place was Miley Ozuna-Heckenlaible. First place winner, Talia Thompson stood up and shared her essay with both students and parents that were in the audience. The winner of the Arbor Day poster contest was Aspen McKinney. She also placed ninth in the State competition and will get her picture in the State calendar.

Those four essay and calendar winners were put in charge of leading the class outside and planting two trees with the guidance of Larson.

When outside Larson went step-by-step instructing the fifth graders how to properly plant the trees so they live and thrive for years to come.



(L) Miley Ozuna-Heckenlaible won third place in the Arbor Day essay competition. She received her award from Melanie Williamson representing the Lawrence County Conservation District; (C) Talia Thompson receives her award for first place in the Arbor Day essay contest; (R) Alex Madrid won second place in the Arbor Day essay contest. Longbrake Photos



Josh Larson checks to see if the hole is the right depth to

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Legends West Bank Prepares to Open a New Branch

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BELLE FOURCHE—A small, family-oriented bank is getting ready to call Belle Fourche home. Legends West Bank, started in Lewellen, Nebraska, with a branch in Spearfish, SD is expanding to the Center of the Nation.

The new branch will bring with it a familiar face to run the location. Scott Reder, Senior Vice President Commercial AG Loan Officer at the Spearfish Legends West Bank, will be making the move over to manage this branch. "Being a Belle Fourche native and knowing quite a few people in the area, it was just a natural fit for me to come up and manage this branch," he explained.

The old Meals on Wheels location on the corner of highway 85 and National Street is in the process of receiving a complete overhaul to transition to the new bank branch. "We've already gutted it, there is nothing left inside at all. It's going to have a complete facelift," said Reder. "The building itself will look entirely different, it'll spruce up that corner and look really nice when we are done." The hunt for the right location has been ongoing for awhile. "A great location was one of the things that I wanted, I knew there was a lot of traffic on that highway 85 corridor and we were trying to find something on the South side of Belle on that road," said Reder. "We had looked at a couple other spots that just didn't really fit, then this one came up and the timing was right so we decided that

would be a good fit for us." Plans are to start small and then grow as community needs expand. Reder explained, "At first it's going to be what we call an LPO which is a loan production office, we'll do loans out of there until the bank gets fully accredited—which will probably take a month and then it'll be a full fledged bank. But it takes time for the paperwork to go through."

Reder is excited for the new opportunity that the bank and his experience will bring to the area. "I am not only excited for me, but I'm excited for the area residents and ranchers because I think with my expertise in all aspects of farming and ranching and in the ag part of banking, (I can help) build very good rapport with ranchers that have been doing it for a long time and others that are just starting out," he said.

The plan is to have the bank up and running by late fall if all goes well, but hopefully before the end of the year. The new branch will bring new jobs to town. "So just right at the beginning we'll probably have two to three and as the bank grows and the need arises, then we'll add more," explained Reder. "We'll have a small footprint at first and then we'll grow into it."

The Legends West Bank is looking forward to calling Belle Fourche home. "We are happy to be in Belle Fourche and we look forward to serving the public and giving them a good product," Reder said. "We are a family bank, the Legends West started from a family in Nebraska and we have grown into South Dakota and we want to pass that on and give good service to the public!"



The old *Meals on Wheels* building is undergoing a complete renovation in preparation for a new branch of *Legends West Bank* with plans to open in the fall. Was originally built by Schmaltz and Sons as a *Tasty Freeze* that was managed by the Emmet Riley family; Building was purchased by Spearfish contractor *Clair Donovan* who leased to Subway franchise holders and eventually sold to former BF Mayor *David Schneider* and his wife Lisa of owned and operated the Subway and they sold to and rented from the *Finkbeiner Family Trust* of has recently sold to *Legends West Bank*. Longbrake Photo

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124 years ago
THE TIMES
April 26, 1900

MARBLE EXPERTS REPORT

•• Vein Near Custer Is of the Very Best Quality

Hot Spring, S. D. April 23 - B. R. Noble, president of the Black Hills Porcelain, Clay and Marble company, the owner of the recently discovered deposit of kaolin clay and marble near Custer, is quite enthusiastic over the prospects. The marble expert brought by the company from Vermont has made a most favorable report. There is a vein of the best quality of marble, one and three quarters feet by ten feet, and from 75 to 100 feet thick. It would be possible to ship annually \$5,000,000 worth of the marble for 100 years provided the price of marble does not decrease too much in that space of time. There is in addition to this deposit a claim of variegated marble, bright ruby and white, of the kind used extensively for pillars and wainscoting. There is also on the properties large quantities of gravestone and Mexican Onyx and an inexhaustible supply of kaolin clay and two good mica mines. The property of the company consists of 200 acres upon which is the only good lithograph stone found in America. The place seems to have been made the general junk shop of the Hills, where the odds and ends were deposited, the other available space having been utilized. Mr. Noble expects to begin shipping marble within the next thirty days. Ten thousand dollars have already been expended on machinery. The financial affairs of the company are in good shape. The outlook is very bright, this being the only deposit of its kind in the west yet discovered.

Talk of the Town Alex Connel of Harding was in town this week. Miss Mabel Ward of Black Hawk is visiting Miss Jessie Arbuckles this week. Mrs. May Crippen is agent for the Ladies' Manchester Bicycles. Cash or Installment plan. The ranchers and stockmen are exceedingly happy; the slow, steady rain of the past three nights being just what was needed. According to the rain gauge at the VVV ranch the rain fall for Monday night was .25 and Tuesday night .31 with the total fall for this month has been 1.29 inches.

100 years
The Belle Fourche Bee
April 23, 1925.

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Mr. Pickarts, field man for the Square Dingee Pickle Co., left Sunday for Crawford, Nebr., where they also expect to put in a sailing station this season. Mr. Pickarts spend over a week at Newell and Nisland before going to Nebraska. He did not meet with as much encouragement in some localities as he expected, and unless the men who have land adapted to growing cucumbers will agree to grow the crop it is very probable that instead of the Belle Fourche valley getting the three salting stations as originally planned, there will not be more than two stations, and there is a possibility of only one, providing the acreage is not sufficient to justify more. The pickle company is anxious to have three stations in the valley, but this cannot be brought about unless the acreage

is secured. Much time and money has already been spent in an effort to get this acreage, as it means real development of the country, but, if the man who owns or tills the land is unwilling to assist in this development work, the pickle company or the towns cannot do all the pioneering. In other words, it appears to us that if the man who owns or tills land in this part of the country wants to insure good markets, better land values and sure-fire money producing corps it is up to them to assist in bringing the pickle industry, the beet industry, and other enterprises into this district, and until such time as they are willing to do this there will be little development either in the country or towns.

The Squire Dingee & Co. pickle company is organized in Woodstock, IL in 1873. Cucumbers, cauliflowers and cabbage are pickled.

PARK CLEAN-UP Friday afternoon of this week from 3 to 6 o'clock, will be clean-up time at the tourist park. The men will do the heavy work, and the ladies will be there to serve a hot lunch at 6 o'clock. R. A. Highberg is in charge of arrangements. Every man in town is asked to take a rake, hoe or shovel and be at the park at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. You will enjoy the work and feed and the park will be much benefited.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
April 26, 1950

Bureau Says Water Sufficient for Keyhole

"The average discharge of the Belle Fourche river at Keyhole dam site, after the stream has been depleted for estimated future developments in Wyoming, will be about 26,600 acre-feet per year for a period similar to 1929-through 1947." That is the essence of a statement by the Bureau of Reclamation with a United States senate committee which is currently considering a Wyoming objection to construction of the Keyhole dam. "An extensive survey of the Belle Fourche river basin has been made by the bureau and other federal agencies in the interests of irrigation, flood control and other purposes," the statement read.

"The Bureau of Reclamation has weighed the potentialities and costs of several alternative dam sites in the basin and find that Keyhole dam will best serve the needs of the area" it continued. Pointing out that the studies included the critically dry period of 1931 through 1940, the department stated: "During the 1929 to 1947 period the flow has varied from zero to 101,900 acre-feet per month, with an average annual discharge of 28,500 acre-feet. After Keyhole dam is constructed the water passing the dam during a period like 1929 through 1947 will amount to an average of 14,500 acre-feet per year." The statement further pointed out that the bureau had endeavored to keep Wyoming fully apprised of its studies and plans but that the application for a state permit to build the dam had not yet been granted. A letter accompanying a copy of the bureau statement, U.S. Senator Chan Gurney commented on "how ably Sam Mortimer, Vern Hafner and Oliver J. Rose (representing the Belle Fourche Irriga-



by Mary Buchholz

tion district) had presented South Dakota's side of the Keyhole story" during the recent appearance before the committee in Washington.

Helen Soper Named Head of Auxiliary Helen Soper was chosen president of the American Legion Auxiliary at the annual meeting in the Legion Home Monday night. May Payne was elected first vice-president; Ethel Magee, second-vice-president; Evelyn Bailingier, secretary; Jean York, treasurer; Boris Russell, chaplain; Marjorie Kovacic, historian; and Nadine Wood, sergeant at arms. Helen Parker, Lillie Thompson and Katherine Vergith were selected as members of the executive board. Mrs. Oscar Reigel, child welfare chairman, reported on families needing assistance and Celia Thurston reported on the Poppy Poster contest. Helen Parker reported on the Crippled Children's clinic for which the Auxiliary served free dinner. Mrs. Magee was presented with a flue uniform and a pin for her 50 hours work at the Fort Meade hospital. Plans were made for the Legion and Auxiliary to make wreaths at the Legion Hom on the Sunday before Memorial Day.

50 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
April 25, 1975

Girl Scouts Plan 35th Year Event

A 35th year celebration at Girl Scout Camp Pahasapa is being planned for July 12, it has been announced by Mary Zantow of Lead, who is chairman of the event. Invitations will be extended to campers and staff members who attended the first camp at Pahasapa July 8 to 14, 1940 as well as others working with the program thru the years. In order to get the married names and addresses of the list of those campers at the first camp sessions, the list is being printed below. The first campers are Loretta Everts, Mayr Jane Reddick, Carole Jacobsen, Marjorie Freemole, Janice Wood, Eilen Eyster, Theresa Fraser, Gloria Jarvis, Betty Durr, Jean Miller, Kathryn Harmon, Dolores Bernard, Delores Limbo, Dorothy Willert, Rita Freemole, Virginia Edmondson, Ann Marie Doody and Mary Land. Others attending the first session but whose addresses are known are Bess Arbuckle, Joyce Vroman, Patricia Davis Gelling and Virginia Densien.

Dishwasher Fund Approaches Goal The campaign to secure a dishwasher for the Belle Fourche Community Hall is almost completed and the machine has been ordered, it was announced yesterday by BPW officials, sponsors of the project. This far \$1338.31 has been collected in the campaign. This leaves \$361.69 still needed to pay for the dishwasher. The BPW is confident the goal will be reached, however, and has ordered the dishwasher, which is expected to arrive about May 1 and will be installed as soon as possible. Meanwhile, the BPW will continue its fund raising efforts, Club members pointed out they still have fruit cakes for sale - one of their dishwasher fund projects.

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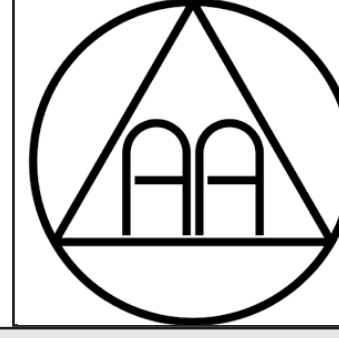
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CASA Raises Awareness During Child Abuse Prevention Month

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BELLE FOURCHE—In accordance with Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Northern Hills Area Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) spent April advocating for children and hosting conversations about child maltreatment.

Advocates raised awareness with the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign, which encouraged area locals to stop by the Northern Hills CASA office, pick a pinwheel from the garden, take a photo and tag the organization on Facebook for a chance to win a prize. According to CASA,

"Pinwheels represent playfulness and joy. They serve as a physical reminder of the great childhoods we want for all children. As a symbol, the cyclical nature of the pinwheel calls to mind the positive cycles of love and support we want to help families create. It also signifies America's efforts to change the way our nation thinks about prevention by focusing on community activities."

In addition to Pinwheels for Prevention, CASA also held "Cup O' CASA" events throughout the month at various coffee shops in the Northern Hills area. Attendees could come grab a

cup of coffee while engaging in conversations about child abuse awareness and prevention with the Northern Hills CASA team and CASA volunteers. In Belle Fourche, Cup O' CASA was held at Wild Magnolia on April 9. The final Cup O' CASA event will be April 30 at Common Grounds in Spearfish.

CASA reminds us that protecting children is a community effort. Whether it's through a simple conversation over coffee or a shared photo with a pinwheel, each action helps create a safer world for children in the Northern Hills and beyond.



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MooseContd. from A1

It went through difficult times, but is making a great comeback. Chip Conner, President of the local Moose Lodge explained, "We are getting back on track, the Moose was kind of falling apart here so we are getting back into the fashion of having a monthly meeting for the board members and we're going to get back into having membership meetings along with that too. We're in a restructuring phase, we are putting this thing back together like it's supposed to be as a Moose Club organization."

The size of the Belle Fourche Moose Lodge has nearly doubled in the past year, it has gone from 60 members to over 100. "We are looking for members and volunteers! Our big thing we do is hamburgers every Thursday night and the first and third Saturdays we do steak tips up here—phenomenal steak tips," said Conner. "And of course, we try to help out in the community wherever we can, and we have a facility for other people to use."

The Moose Lodge is committed to community service. On this special evening, in addition to the notable guest, Chairman Funkey, the Lodge presented local first responders with Tommy Moose stuffed animals to comfort kids they encounter on the job. "We do have a couple guests here tonight to present some Moose characters to the first responders in our community."

We are going to give them Tommy Moose to help comfort some of the kids in some of these situations in our town,"

said Conner.

"We are all about children so we want to do anything that will benefit the child. You guys have a hard enough job and we want to make your job easier, but we also want that situation to be easier for the kids," Funkey told the first responders.

Conner also presented a \$200 check to Funkey and Moose charities from the Belle Fourche Lodge. Moose Lodge has two special charities they created and help: Moose Heart, which focuses on disadvantaged youth, and Moose Haven, which takes care of seniors.

Funkey ended the presentation by thanking the local Moose Lodge and reminding them how important they are. "These visits are not about me, they are about you. You guys do an amazing job. I want to encourage you to keep it up," he said. "You are growing your membership, keep that up! Be proud and talk to your friends, your neighbors, your business associates, people at church, people in the community that you know and invite them in and tell them what we are all about!"

Membership to the Moose for the first year is \$72.00 and \$52.00 for each year after. They have recently started a dart league. Conner explained, "The dart league really helped bring people in, and they become members too. It's kind of neat, as far as gathering a lot of people and it's not the standard bar scene, (it's more) family oriented." If you are interested in joining the Moose community, reach out to Moose Lodge President Conner.

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Local Moose Board members, Chairman Funkey and his wife hold the Tommy Moose stuffed animals that were presented to first responders. Front left: **Debbie Allen, Theodore Jeitz, Donnie Walding, Robert Funkey, Boe Dobesh, Kim Barton, Andrew Leggott, Catherine Funkey, Back row: Doug Kraft & Chip Conner. Longbrake photos**

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Robert Funkey, Moose International Chairman of the Board receives a check from Chip Conner, Belle Fourche Moose Lodge President for Moose Charities.

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.....12Char-Pair 3yo	1088	3400.00	\$3,400.00

Sterling & Victoria Holland, Alzada MT	6	Black-Pair 3-4yo	1345	3450.00	\$3,450.00
Matt Or Donna Perino, Newcastle WY	22	Char-Pair 5-Bm	1296	2900.00	\$2,900.00
Bill & Susan Paulton, Edgemont SD	32	Black-Pair	1161	3000.00	\$3,000.00
Bryce Wlien, Belle Fourche SD	16	Black-Pair Bm	1322	3000.00	\$3,000.00
Terry & Nicky Groenwald, Newcastle WY	10	Black-Pair	1544	3350.00	\$3,350.00
.....2	.....	.....Black-Pair	973	3400.00	\$3,400.00

BREDS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Ryan Jones, Miles City MT	8	Black-Brd Hfr	1064	2900.00	\$2,900.00
Bull Ranch Inc, Ashland MT	32	Blk/Bw-Frd Hfr	923	2150.00	\$2,150.00
Tim Or Lori Allen, Edgemont SD	16	Hfr-Brd Cow	1263	2150.00	\$2,150.00

WEIGH UPS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Rittberger Beef, Hermosa SD	7	Black-Cow	1259	210.00	\$2,643.00
.....1	.....	.....Black-Cow	1500	157.50	\$2,362.50
Log Cabin Ranch, Ismay MT	37	Black-Hfr	970	239.00	\$2,317.33
.....12	.....	.....Black-Cow	1138	211.00	\$2,401.88
.....10	.....	.....Black-Cow	1344	157.00	\$2,109.29
.....2	.....	.....Black-Hfr	860	227.50	\$1,956.50
Consignment From MT	5	Black-Hfr	895	255.50	\$2,286.72
Jason Duprel, Newell SD	1	Black-Hfr	1255	209.00	\$2,622.95
Ben Or Lori Garman, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1465	155.00	\$2,270.75
Consignment From MT	2	Black-Cow	1458	158.00	\$2,302.85
Kelly Ostendorf, Boyes MT	1	Black-Cow	1355	168.00	\$2,276.40
Micah & Kyla Popma, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Cow	1425	142.00	\$2,023.50
.....1	.....	.....Black-Cow	1565	160.50	\$2,511.82
Ryan Jones, Miles City MT	9	Black-Hfr	1043	232.00	\$2,420.53
Jim Laduke, Nisland SD	1	Black-Cow	1530	142.00	\$2,172.60
Svenson Operating Llc, Sundance WY	2	Red-Hfr	985	225.00	\$2,216.25
Jj Or Cathy Landa, Boyes MT	2	Black-Hfr	953	239.00	\$2,276.47
.....1	.....	.....Black-Cow	1295	165.00	\$2,136.75
Todd Anderson, Ludlow SD	1	Black-Cow	1600	152.00	\$2,432.00
Jerry Landa, Boyes MT	1	Bw-Cow	1400	156.00	\$2,184.00
Consignment From MT	2	Black-Cow	1220	165.00	\$2,013.00
.....1	.....	.....Black-Cow	1090	220.00	\$2,398.00
Guy Casteel Livestock Llc, Newell SD	1	Black-Cow	1070	190.00	\$2,033.00
Laird Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT	1	Red-Cow	1245	160.00	\$1,992.00
.....1	.....	.....Red-Cow	1090	210.00	\$2,289.00
.....4	.....	.....Red-Cow	1385	157.50	\$2,181.37
Taucek Stook & Barrel Llc, Hammond MT	2	Hfr-Hfr	888	240.00	\$2,130.00
.....2	.....	.....Hfr-Hfr	905	239.00	\$2,162.95
McNenny Ranch Inc, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1835	145.00	\$2,660.75
.....1	.....	.....Black-Cow	1460	154.50	\$2,255.70
.....4	.....	.....Blk/Bw-Cow	1244	157.50	\$1,958.90
.....1	.....	.....Black-Cow	1145	210.00	\$2,404.50
Kuhbacher Ranch Inc, Moorcroft WY	1	Black-Cow	1130	216.00	\$2,440.80
.....2	.....	.....Black-Cow	1418	155.50	\$2,204.21
.....1	.....	.....Black-Cow	1350	157.00	\$2,119.50
.....1	.....	.....Black-Cow	1570	155.00	\$2,433.50
.....1	.....	.....Black-Cow	1340	159.00	\$2,130.60
.....6	.....	.....Black-Cow	1235	148.00	\$1,827.80
Kermit Rumph, Biddle MT	3	Black-Cow	1127	218.00	\$2,456.13

Monte Joe Miller, Sundance WY	2	Black-Cow	1018	230.00	\$2,340.25
Busenitz Ranch Inc, Hulett WY	1	Black-Cow	1500	154.00	\$2,310.00
.....1Black-Cow	1465	160.00	\$2,344.00
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Marty Mopherson, Piedmont SD	1	Black-Cow	1300	159.50	\$2,073.50
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Consignment From MT	2	Blk/Bw-Cow	1475	154.50	\$2,278.87
Gary Ladue, Newell SD	2	Black-Cow	1388	172.00	\$2,386.50
Terry & Nicky Groenwald, Newcastle WY	2	Black-Cow	1375	158.50	\$2,179.37
.....1Black-Hfr	980	241.00	\$2,361.80
Brian W Or Harriet A Birkley, Osage WY	1	Black-Cow	1195	195.00	\$2,330.25
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Vance & Tess Steedley, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1360	148.00	\$2,012.80
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Consignment From SD	1	Black-Cow	1205	163.00	\$1,964.15
Thompson Ranch Inc, Sturgis SD	5	Black-Cow	1532	158.00	\$2,420.56
.....1Black-Cow	1405	158.50	\$2,226.92
Tim Moirney, Alzada MT	5	Blk/Bw-Yrig Hfr	829	260.00	\$2,155.40
Tennant Ranch Inc, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Cow	1365	159.00	\$2,170.35
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Neal McCoy, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1900	185.00	\$3,515.00
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Kolka Livestock, Olive MT	1	Red-Bull	2025	192.50	\$3,898.12
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Tysdal Land & Cattle Co, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1885	179.00	\$3,374.15
Micah & Kyla Popma, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2175	182.50	\$3,969.37
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.....1Black-Cow	1570	155.00	\$2,433.50
.....1Black-Cow	1340	159.00	\$2,130.60
.....6Black-Cow	1235	148.00	\$1,827.80
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J SPEAR CATTLE CO BULL SALE
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 MAY 1, 2025 @ 1PM MT

FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL
MAY 1, 2025
WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT
BABY CALVES SHORTLY BEFORE 1PM MT
J SPEAR CATTLE CO BULL SALE @ 1 PM MT
FEEDER CATTLE TO FOLLOW BULL SALE

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UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

May 15, 2025.....PAIR SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT,
PAIRS @ 12 PM MT

May 22, 2025.....REGULAR SALE - ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT &
TURNOUT BULL SALE @ 1 PM MT

May 29, 2025.....PAIR SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT,
PAIRS @ 12 PM MT

June 5, 2025.....REGULAR SALE - ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT

June 12, 2025.....REGULAR SALE - ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT

June 19, 2025.....REGULAR SALE - ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT

June 26, 2025.....REGULAR SALE - ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT

UPCOMING BULL SALE SCHEDULE
 THURSDAY, MAY 22ND @ 1:00 PM.....ANNUAL TURN-OUT TIMES
ALL BREEDS BULL SALE

Michaela Horn Honored as Black Hills Region 40 Under 40

Robbi Longbrake

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Executive Director of the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce, Michaela Horn was recently named one of the Black Hills Region 40 Under 40.

The prestigious honor was determined after around 120 young professionals—a record number of nominations—were submitted for this year’s recognition.

Area Church Schedules

BLACK HILLS GOSPEL ASSEMBLY
1/2 Mile east on Hwy 34
210-1374
Kenny Riley, pastor
Sunday: 1 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
2020 Vista St
892-4767
Dan Carlson, Pastor
Paul Howard, Pastor
Sunday Schedule:
Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
1105 Todd St.
John Allred, Bishop
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting
Sunday School:
1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.
Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society, Young Men and Young Women: 11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC)
613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche (605)-210-2150
Pastor Stephen Carson
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Associate Pastor Chad Logan
Sunday Worship: 8:30 or 10:15 am

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807 8th Ave. 892-4178
Pastor Tim Smith
Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am
Morning Worship - 10:30am
Wednesday: Salt and Light Youth - Kindergarten -12th grade
5:00pm Soup & Sandwich
5:30pm - Salt and Light

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC
892-3402
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717 Jackson St. Sunday:
9:35 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship

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Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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308 4th Street, Newell SD, 57760
605-456-2544
Sunday Worship Service: 10:00am

NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH
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(605) 257-2356
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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on Hwy 85
i42-7167
Calvin Chapman - Int. Minister
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

NORTH POINT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
10959 Kellem Lane, Spearfish
Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM

PRAIRIE HOME CHURCH
1701 Hwy 212, Newell
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.

RANGLAND MINISTRIES CHURCH
Alzada, MT
Sunday: Worship: 10:00am
Mark Leverington, Lay Pastor

RED WATER CHURCH OF CHRIST
Belle Fourche Rec Center
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605 569-3057
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605-642-0924
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Sunday School: 11 a.m.
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Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.,
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Bible Study-Tuesday: 6:00pm

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Sunday Service 10 a.m. in person
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Pastor Randy Hedge
605-642-8253

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The Rev. Sandy Williams, Priests Deacon
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Tariffs and the Local Economy: Building National and Community Resilience

While tariffs may be a controversial topic to many, as an economic tool thoughtfully implemented, they can play a crucial role in fostering local economic development at both the local and national levels.



proximately 1.6 additional jobs in services, retail, and other sectors that depend on those workers' spending. Strategic tariffs can help interrupt this cycle by creating breathing room for local industries to modernize and compete.

On a national level, targeted tariffs can help protect strategic industries and reduce dangerous dependencies on foreign suppliers.

By 2020, the U.S. had become dangerously dependent on foreign manufacturing, with over 70% of active pharmaceutical ingredients coming from overseas. This dependency created critical shortages when global shipping slowed.

Tariffs can help correct this imbalance by making it economically viable to produce essential goods domestically. For example, when the U.S. implemented steel tariffs in 2018, domestic steel production increased by 8% within a year, creating thousands of jobs in communities where steel mills operated. These jobs, averaging \$64,000 annually according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data, help sustain local economies.

Beyond national security concerns, tariffs can address harmful trade practices that undermine local production. When foreign competitors benefit from government subsidies, lower environmental standards, or exploitative labor practices, the playing field becomes unfairly tilted. A study from the Economic Policy Institute estimated that the U.S. lost 3.4 million jobs to China between 2001-2017, with manufacturing communities bearing the brunt of this displacement.

The ripple effects of these job losses extend beyond the factory floor. For every manufacturing job lost, communities lose ap-

proximately 1.6 additional jobs in services, retail, and other sectors that depend on those workers' spending. Strategic tariffs can help interrupt this cycle by creating breathing room for local industries to modernize and compete.

The revenue generated from tariffs can be directly reinvested in workforce development, infrastructure, and technology adoption – the foundations of competitive local economies. At the community level, the benefits of tariffs can be amplified by complementary "buy local" initiatives. Studies consistently show that money spent at local businesses recirculates in the community at much higher rates than money spent at national chains or online retailers.

This multiplier effect means that supporting local producers creates substantially more local economic activity. When consumers can find locally-produced alternatives to imported goods – alternatives made possible in part by the protective effects of tariffs – their purchasing decisions have greater positive impact on their communities. Critics often argue that tariffs raise prices for consumers, but this perspective overlooks several important factors.

First, when full costs of globalization are considered – including environmental damage from long-distance shipping, community economic deterioration, and increased dependence on foreign suppliers – the true price of "cheap" imports becomes much higher. Second, domestic competition can help keep prices reasonable even with tariffs in place. Third, the revenue generated by tariffs can be used to offset costs for consumers through tax

reductions or targeted subsidies.

Perhaps most importantly, a strategic tariff approach recognizes that not all goods need to be produced locally.

For goods better sourced globally, free trade remains appropriate.

An example of tariffs used by foreign countries that don't work for America might be the in Europe. You will find very few American automobiles in Europe; between the tariffs they have on American goods coupled with their VAT taxing system, the cost to purchase American made automobiles is far too high as compared to their European models. This helps to protect their manufacturing base from erosion.

For communities seeking to strengthen local economies, advocating for smart tariff policies can be part of a comprehensive approach that also includes "buy local" campaigns, workforce development programs, and zoning that supports local businesses. By aligning national trade policy with community economic development goals, we can create resilient economies at all levels.

Ultimately, tariffs represent one important tool among many for fostering truly local economies. When thoughtfully implemented as part of a comprehensive economic strategy, they can help create communities where local businesses thrive, meaningful employment abounds, and economic benefits are widely shared. Being truly-local isn't always about just your community, it can be a countywide, statewide, or even national issue that ushers great growth and prosperity.

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Belle Fourche High School Hosts Foreign Exchange Students

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They are in Belle Fourche. Bullying is not a problem in the high school, they noted, and they also agreed there seems to be equality among the students.

School administrators here are different too. In their experiences administrators are not typically visible or familiar. They praised Principal Raba for consistently being out and about in the hallways. Mr. Raba appreciates all the kids and knows their names.

For these reasons and others, the girls said they felt safe at Belle Fourche High School, "Even though there are more guns in America." Someone pointed out.

Living in a rural area presents some challenges. Cities have more amenities and more diversity. Teenagers in Europe have public transportation and can more easily attend nearby events or just get together to walk around with friends. There is not so much of that kind of socializing in America.

Host families found transporting their exchange students challenging at times as do all families with teenagers in rural commu-



Asia Mazotta from Italy and Sara Mateos-Pato, Spain participating in an open discussion about what it's like to be an exchange student.

nities. Alexia and Jason Schultdt of Spearfish were Asia's host parents. They were disappointed that Spearfish did not accept foreign exchange students this year because driving Asia to Belle Fourche and back every day was challenging. Kim and Chris Brill who live in Belle Fourche had a similar response. Chris noted that having an extra driver in the household was a bonus.

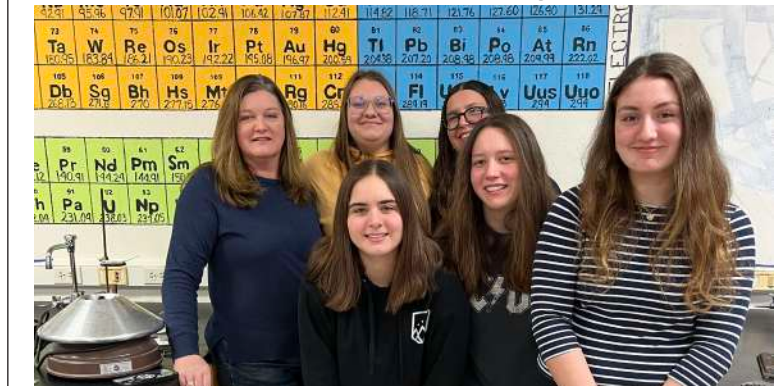
Asia is the first foreign exchange student Alexia and Jason have hosted. "It's been a really, wonderful experience." Alexia said despite the extra driving, "I would encourage anyone who has extra space to consider hosting."

Overall, the host families found the experience rewarding and positive. Cyrilla and Keith Schultz in Belle Fourche were host parents for Alina and Sofia.

Although Sofia, Sara, Viktoria, Alina, and Asia are participating in the graduation ceremony, each has more schooling to complete in their home countries before going off to college. Each has ideas about her future. Sofia, talked about becoming a doctor, or maybe going into tourism. Alina is drawn to science and languages, meeting new people, and experienced other cultures. Viktoria wants to study sports management, but she clearly has many interests. Sara sings, plays the violin, and is interested in studying music in college. Asia is open to a variety of possibilities that will open doors for her.

Our conversation covered a lot of other ground too. We talked about dress codes. Like most teenagers anywhere, they found American dress codes, and attention to attendance excessive. Victoria said that in Slovakia, "If you are sick, you are sick. When you get well, you go back to learning."

We talked about manners, Exchange Students Contd. C4



Ms. Musilek and Sofia Gonzales-Reyes with the periodic table of elements. English Photos

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Tuesday, April 01, 2025

THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 9:30 A.M. on April 01, 2025. Commissioners present were Ager, Erk, Walton, and Batterman. Absent Brunner.

Chairperson Ager called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Smith led a moment of prayer.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Erk to approve the meeting agenda with addition of Executive Session: Personnel 1-25-2 (1) as item 4.5. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried

Motion by Walton, Second by Batterman, to approve the Consent Agenda Items with no changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. A discussion was held regarding the purchase of a bumper and local resources.

Consent Agenda - The following items were placed on the consent agenda for final action to be taken on all items by a single vote. Any item may be removed from the consent agenda by any member of the Commission for separate consideration.

- a. Approval of Regular meeting minutes – 18Mar2025
- b. Bills per Printout
- c. Apportioning and Other payments
- d. Auditor's Monthly Settlement with Treasurer
- e. Abatement:
 - i. Parcel 08.2.16.4.11M abate \$280.08 **Revised abatement approved 3/18/25
- f. Wage Increases
 - i. Sheriff: Eric Homola Step 4 \$29.70 full wage (effective 1/31/2025).
 - ii. Sheriff: Patrick Kenoyer Step 4 \$29.70 full wage
- g. Highway
 - i. Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highway – Heavy Constructors, Inc. – Old Belle Rd – Fiber Optic
 - ii. Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highway - Art Walker – Valley 1 Rd – Center Pivot Power Line
 - iii. Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highway - Pat Burke – Old Hwy 85 – Water Line

Beginning at 9:38 AM, the opportunity for public comments was opened with Sue Broadhurst, Dale Simanton, Travis Ismay, Julie Brunner, Chamber Director Michaela Horn, and McCutchen speaking on snow removal, review of expenditures, employee workloads, assessment increases, reduction in spending, property taxes, 10% budget reduction, inspections of marijuana establishments, closure for Good Friday and Easter Monday, Belle Fourche Chamber activities, and Emergency Siren on Ridge Road. Additional discussion was held regarding the siren.

Kailey Snyder from Black Hills Council of Local Governments gave an overview of BHCLG and the Butte County Mitigation Plan. Expected to release plan prior to hail/tornado season. Other discussion included potential FEMA Grants and funding.

Dispatch Supervisor Katy Thompson provided a monthly activity report with a breakdown of calls, a brief explanation of statistics, and 911 remittance.

Motion by Erk, Second by Batterman, to enter into Executive Session: Legal Counsel 1-25-2(1) at 10:25 AM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Exited Executive Session at 11:08 AM. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

Director of Equalization Cristina Wilson gave an activity report and presented commissioners with quotes for budgeted vehicle.

Motion by Walton, Second by Erk, to approve 2024 Chevy Equinox from Hersruds of Belle Fourche in the amount of \$26,699.00. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Erk, Second by Batterman, to approve annual review for Director of Equalization Cristina Wilson. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Chief Deputy March gave an update on the drone delivery and training.

States Attorney Tim Barnaud gave an activity report that included charged cases, types of cases, number of people in custody, and recent arrests.

Motion by Erk, Second by Batterman to accept revised Public Defender Contract and authorize States Attorney Tim Barnaud to sign. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Auditor Capp gave an activity report including preparation for changes due to legislative updates, local election, upcoming workshops, and building inspections.

Auditor Capp presented the Butte Co Courthouse Rooftop Unit Service Platform Proposal. No action taken - additional quotes to be collected.

Motion by Erk, Second by Walton to approve the updated Roster for Vale Fire Department. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Grubl, Mike; Eaton, Crystal; Brunner, Joel; Mark Bruch; Blair, Britton; Blair, Chad; Blair, Ed; Bruch, Bruce; Hansen, Jim; Casteel, Ryan; Eaton, Brett; Blair, Mary; Brittany Grubl; Grant, Zachary; Hespe, Mark D.; Casteel, Mike; Ketelsen, Cole; Lamphere, Lane; Olson, Brad; Stark, Ryan; Mike Bruch; Tennis, Charles; Jim Davis; Colby Crago; Peyton Bahe; Jesse Cibic; Hanson, Sandy; Bruch, David; Davis, Tye; Leber, Sydnee; Casteel, Kenneth; Casteel, Charley; Van Asma, Matt; Dirk, Austin; Brunner, Sara; Casteel, Sara; Bahe, Courtney; Kolb, Justin; Weyrich, Keith.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Ager to approve the Annual Renewal Redwater Cannabis Dispensary License. Roll Call Vote, Batterman - Aye, Walton - Aye, Erk - Aye, Ager - Aye. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding closing offices to the public on Good Friday and Easter Monday, April 18th, and April 21st, 2025. State offices will be closed causing problems in some county offices.

Employees who wish to take time off will be required to use vacation time.

Motion by Walton, Second by Ager to close county offices Friday, April 18, 2025, with pay. Roll Call Vote, Batterman - Nay, Walton - Aye, Erk - Nay, Ager - Aye. Motion Failed.

Motion by Erk, Second by Batterman to close county offices Friday, April 18, 2025, and Monday, April 21, 2025. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Employees who wish to take time off will be required to use vacation time.

Discussion was held regarding the Courtroom Security – Courtroom flip. Auditor Capp provided the Courtroom Security Grant, previous bids, and cash reserve amounts. Additional discussion held regarding alternative locations for holding court during construction, including court service offices, inefficiencies, safety issues, and options for financing. No action taken. A Request for Bids will be done.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Erk to call for bid requests for Courtroom security flip. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports were given:

- Batterman – EDC meeting
- Walton and Ager – Ambulance – remounting box on chassis, calls are down
- Capp – LEPC – elected officers and focused on mitigation plan and planning for safety day.

Old/Unfinished/New Business:

- Batterman is arranging to shut the water off at the admin building to check the water pressure
- Credit card issues and resolutions were discussed
- Gaver bridge project will be coming with an estimated cost of \$500,000
- With growth projected more focus should be made on the building working group. Will begin meeting monthly prior to the 1st meeting of the month beginning in June.
- Discussion held regarding cleanup of properties, nuisance/zoning, and potential of reverse taxation in regard to assessments.

Informational:

- Meeting of County Equalization Board 08Apr2025, 1:00 PM.
- 2024 Whitewood Creek residential annual mailings was shared.

Motion by Erk, Second by Walton to adjourn the meeting at 12:37 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

PAYMENTS
SALARY
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE/PLANNING \$8,925.38, AUDITOR'S OFFICE \$17,134.70, BUILDING- \$0, COMMISSIONERS \$4,158.92, DISPATCH \$16,672.42, ELECTION- \$0, EM/911 \$989.72, EXTENSION \$1,936.80, HIGHWAY DEPT/WEEED CONTROL \$29,960.70, JUDICIA- \$0, NURSE'S/WIC OFFICE \$1,213.92, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$4,794.20, SHERIFF/JAIL DEPT \$27,155.54, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$12,417.23, TREASURER'S OFFICE \$10,519.00 VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$878.85

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GROUP INSURANCE
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PUBLICATIONS
BH PIONEER \$87.92
RENT/LEASE
A&B BUSINESS \$240.53, BH PURE \$50.75, CNTRY BSNS PRDCTS \$1,094.82, DJ CNSTRCTN & DEV \$2,800.00, PTNY BWS GLBL \$1,068.48, LXSNSX \$349.00, WNDT RNCH \$14,520.00

REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE
CHSN WTR FRMS \$1,500.00, CRNTT CNSTRCTN \$1,312.16, EATI \$2,326.02, NWLL SRVCE CNTR \$164.38

SUPPLIES
A & J SPPLY \$31.60, CBH \$2,873.31, HRD SALS \$2,500.00, NATL TST SYSTM \$1,565.14, NUTRN AG \$1,664.64, OFFCE MPRM \$574.59, PTNY BWS BNK RSRV \$7,000.00, PTNY BWS INC \$381.77, RNDY'S TIRS \$3,960.00

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UTILITIES
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ATTEST: Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

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Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



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.

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.

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.

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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Exchange Students

dating, and marriage. The girls reflected on the observations they have made about dating in America. In America, they have observed that there is more competition in dating. In America, they explained, girls seem quick to start dating a friend's boyfriend when the couple breaks up. In their countries this practice is not acceptable. They explained that dating should be based on respect and the value of friendship. Friendships are important and such behavior would result in an uncomfortable situation.

The girls shared more wisdom about dating and marriage. The argued that girls should know how not to be in a relationship and that they should know how to be single. They indicated that European girls had more skill in this area, and that 25 to 30 is a suitable time for marriage, but not before.

Our conversation veered to how one applies to become a foreign exchange student and how one ends up in Belle Fourche, SD. Getting here was not inexpensive.

On average, exchange students coming to the USA can expect to pay from \$8,000 to \$15,000 for a full academic year. This amount

typically includes program fees, host family placement, school enrollment, health insurance, and support services. Air fare and some travel in the US are usually included although specific requirements and fees vary depending on the country and exchange agency. As it turns out, choosing a specific state and, or city generally costs between \$3,000 to \$5,000 above beyond the initial fees. For Sara, Asia, Alina, Viktoria, and Sofia, ending up in Belle Fourche was a matter of happy circumstance.

Each exchange student is required to complete hold a J1 Student Visa. The J1 Visa is a nonimmigrant visa for foreign nationals coming to the United States to participate in work-and-study-based exchange visitor programs. J1 Visa exchange visitor programs allow participants to work, study, teach, conduct research, or receive training in the USA for a period of a few weeks to a few years.

In terms of exposure to other cultures and the value of friendships, exchange programs offer rich rewards to host communities and exchange students alike. Although time doesn't stand still, the memories are lasting.

As we were concluding our inter-

view, Alina succinctly articulated the group atmosphere, "We will miss walking into school with our friends. It will be so weird not to be here."



ForeignExchange Viktoria Proshanska and Alina Shafer. Alina's recent mishap resulted in an injury to her right ar Alina, Sara, Sofia, Asia, and Viktoria at home in the halls of Belle



Alina, Sara, Sofia, Asia, and Viktoria at home in the halls of Belle Fourche High School

Bronc Runners Improve Personal Records This Week

Kandi Tonsager

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The Bronc High School track teams participated in a couple of meets this week with many athletes improving their times and standings with new personal records and state rankings. The teams took to the track in Custer on Wednesday April 23rd with a limited number of participants and in Pierre on Friday April 25th.

Distance runners had some great races all around. In the 800 meter run, Sophomore Clifford Torberson improved his time to a 2:23 for a new

Personal Record (PR). In the 1600 meter run, Sophomore Nathan Hudson has been working hard to break the 5 minute barrier with a previous race time of 5:04 and a new PR of 4:57 meeting his goal! Clifford Torberson and Thad McKenney (Frosh) also boasted PRs in the 1600. Sophomore Lennon Clarkson ran a 3200 meter race in Pierre on Friday, also his 17th birthday, and improved his race time to 9:48 (previous time 10:06), a new personal record for him. His time also earned him a SD State A ranking of number 3 for current standings!

For the Lady Bronc distance runners in the 800 meter run, Freshman Rhys Pearson ran a 2:22.19 coming in less than a second off the high school's

current record of 2:21.99 and beating her previous PR of 2:25.53. This put her ranked at number 6 in the state for current standings! Sophomore Misty Drieling had a season best in the 800 with a 2:47. 8th grade Varsity distance runner Lia Mundt also improved her 3200 meter race time to 11:29 from 11:43 for a new personal record, new school record and placing her at number 8 in the state!

For Broncs sprinters, Junior Slater Humbracht and Freshman Michael Koskey earned PRs in the 200 meter dash and Freshman Dante White earned a PR in the 400 meter dash. For the Lady Broncs, Freshman Addilynn VanSickle earned a PR in the 200 meter dash.

In relays, the Bronc4x800

team of Gavin Pearson, Odin Walding, Lennon Clarkson and Nathan Hudson ran a time of 8:48.95 for a new SD State A ranking of number 14 and the 4x400 team of Slater Humbracht, Tegan Fredrickson, Gavin Pearson and Kash Le LaCheur ran a time of 46 flat for a season best and new SD State A ranking at number 19. For the Lady Bronc relay runners, the 4x800 team of Lia Mundt, Rhys Pearson, Mikka Dunavant and Abbey Clendenin ran a 10:50 for a season best and a SD State A ranking of number 18 and the 4x100 team of Jaz Olson, Mikka Dunavant, Mya Nowowiejski and Kailey Nowowiejski ran a time of 50.95 for a season best and new SD State A ranking of

number 4.

Bronc thrower Junior Joseph McLennon earned a PR in discus with a distance of 125-07 and Sophomore Gabe Raba earned PRs in Discus with a throw of 127-09 and in Shot Put with a throw of 38-04.75. Chloe Merjil continues to top the school leader board for Lady Bronc throwing events. At the Custer meet Lady Bronc throwers earning PRs were Selene Walker, Alina Schaefer, Rachel Lee, Asia Maazotta and Lucila Merjil.

The track teams compete this week at home on Tuesday April 29th, followed by the Howard Wood relays in Sioux Falls on May 2nd and 3rd and a JV invite in Sturgis on Tuesday May 6th.



(L) Senior Discus throwers Asia, Viktoria, Sara, & Selene. (R) Sophomore Gabe Raba on the javelin runway.



(From Left) Freshman Dante White during race; Freshman Mikka Dunavant measuring before a race; Senior Asia Mazotta ready to throw discus; Senior Kash LeCheur set in the Blocks; Senior Rachel Lee in the discus ring

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Hearing the Songs We Love

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NEWELL-Austin Auditorium was full of family members ready to hear many beloved songs ranging from “Wipeout” to “Stairway to Heaven.” Newell School students had practiced long hours and were ready to show their talent and enthusiasm.

K12 Band/Music teacher, Kim Bachman, led each group with as much joy as the students and folks in the audience. Her love of music and children showed through with the excellence of the kids’ performances.

Several of the musical presentations were accompanied by Bachman on her banjo, mandolin or guitar. Local musicians Kurt Hocking and Marty Jump joined in for part of “Ring of Fire.” Michelle Stockert, Cheryl McCann, Bailey Yule, and Betty Bruner, along with student flute players joined together to play “Stairway to Heaven” with guitarists Bob Lewis, Maynard Yule, and Bruce Neubert. The guitarists and fiddler Katie Sprague played interludes between songs.

The evening opened with laughter as Fifth Grade



The Newell Fifth Graders began the evening with a hilarious “dance” as they “WOWED” the audience!

Photo by Betty Bruner

students “danced” their way into the hearts of the audience. They had perfected a skit with “puppets” attached to onesies as they sat behind a screen.

The concert band made up of 5th to 12th grades showed

a remarkable talent as they played “Wipeout” and a medley.

Next were the kindergarten and first grades singing “Watermelon, Watermelon” and “I’ve Been Working on the

Railroad.” They finished their set with “Baby Beluga.”

Second and third grade told the audience that they “Can’t Roller Skate in a Buffalo Herd” and then ended with “Kindness Song” and “Good Dog.”

Five gallons buckets were front and center for the fourth and fifth grades as they drummed their way through the “Yellow Submarine.” Then

they sang a medley of “Don’t Let Your Babies Grow up to be Cowboys” and “Ring of Fire.” They ended with “Sweet Child of Mine.”

Not be left out, the Middle School/High School Choir say a folk song about fox hunting. Jenna Yule and Africa Schulte accompanied the group on the Xylophone while the choir sang “Everyday.” Jenna Yule played the piano while the choir finished with “Perfect.”

As the entire ensemble sang “Wagon Wheel” the adults joined on the dance floor. It was a grand-Grand Finale!

Bachman noted later that the Newell band is growing with 29 students joining the band this year. She extends an invitation to all interested students to join this fall for the 2025-2026 School Year. There will be summer lessons beginning in August.

An invitation was all passed on to plan to attend the Fine Arts Awards Banquet on May 5 at 6 p.m.



Attendees to the Newell School music concert were also able to check out many books to take home.



The talented artists of Newell School had their work displayed in the lobby during the music shows. Photo by Betty Bruner

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Grand River Roundup



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This was a nice warm week with lots of wind on Monday and Saturday and a couple little showers during the week.

Amanda was raking leaves in the yard again on Monday and Reub helped her by cutting down a bunch of the chokecherry bushes that had trapped the leaves and then he hauled the leaves and trees to the dump. It rained that afternoon and the yard is looking pretty good now.

Tuesday was Earth Day, so everyone on the ranch did what we usually do to take care of the animals and the land by doing chores, hanging out in the lambing shed, taking care of the cows and chickens, and cleaning things up outside. I had the privilege of going to Reva to pick up Copper and Knox off

the school bus that afternoon.

Reub planned to go to Hettinger on Wednesday to see Mary Eggebo, but he had me cancel his appointment because he didn't feel very good. I helped a little in the lambing shed and then Missy and Amanda had me take a bunch of bum lambs to hand them over to Ashley Wilkinson at Reva that afternoon and get Copper and Knox off the school bus before going down to Erin Klempel's to pick up my Alison's Pantry order.

It was raining here when Reub and I left to go to Reub's cousin Pete Larson's funeral in Spearfish Thursday afternoon and it rained on us all the way to Spearfish. Peter Claude Larson of Spearfish, formerly of Reva, passed away on April 18. Pete's funeral services were held at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel in Spearfish with a large crowd

of friends and family attending. We got to visit with a lot of family and friends we hadn't seen for quite a while. Pete and Reub's cousin Billie Dee Altman from Portland, Oregon, wasn't able to be there so she asked me if I could take pictures of her relatives at the funeral and I was more than happy to do that. Billie Dee is Leck and Suzy (DesCamps) Olson's daughter and she had a lot of family there from both sides of her family.

We went down for Pete's burial with full military honors on Friday afternoon at the Slim Buttes Lutheran Cemetery and a huge crowd of friends and family came to bid goodbye to our dear friend. Pete was buried next to his wife Nubby and their infant daughter Stacy. Nubby was a really good friend of mine and seeing her grave made my

eyes leak again. She was such a wonderful friend. Our son Thad came to the burial and then came up to the ranch to pick up his mail before heading back down to the Black Hills. Our granddaughter Bryce Hesper brought her little boys Argus and Atlas up from Rapid City that afternoon to stay for a couple days so she could attend Mollie Holt's bridal shower on Saturday.

Bill Johnson's brother, Vern Anders, age 82 of Faith, died Thursday, April 24, at the West River Healthcare Center in Hettinger. Vern's funeral service was held on Monday, May 5, at the Harding County Old Gymnasium in Buffalo. Following the service, cremation took place, and the inurnment was held Tuesday at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis with military honors. We've known Vern all our lives and his family has our sincere sympathy.

A whole lot of friends and neighbors came to Mollie Holt's bridal shower at the church Saturday afternoon and Mollie got a lot of really nice things that she will use after Mollie and Matt Kerner get married on the Holt ranch on June 14. Missy and Bryce and her boys came to Mollie's shower and Amanda, Copper, River Lu and the twins were also there, but Knox stayed home to help his dad. It was a fun afternoon and when we got home after the shower Bryce, Argus and Atlas came over to our house to bring me a birthday present from last week and load up some meat and eggs to take back to Rapid City that evening. It sure is fun to have

them around!

Sunday, April 27, was Graduation recognition day at Slim Buttes Lutheran and Jozi Schuchard, Reata Helms, Tanner Helms, Shasta Lee, Alyx Fines, and Tracy Sever were presented with their quilts by the Slim Buttes quilters in honor of their graduation and a lot of their family members came to watch them get their quilts. Sunday was also the 2nd birthday of Taz and Amanda's twins, Scout and Shylo, so we sang Happy Birthday to them in church and then celebrated with cupcakes that Amanda made for them that afternoon. Matt and Lanie's oldest boy, Trace Klug, also had his birthday on that day and he is now nine years old. That sure happened fast!

National Day of Prayer is on Thursday, May 1st and it will be held in Buffalo at the Lions Civic Center at 6:00pm. Hope to see you there.

I'll leave you with this: A first grade teacher collected well known proverbs. She gave each kid in the class the first half of the proverb and asked them to come up with the rest. Here is how they answered: It's always darkest before - day-light savings times. You can lead a horse to water but - how? Don't bite the hand that - looks dirty. A penny saved is - not much. Children should be seen and not - spanked or grounded. There is no fool like - Aunt Edie. Laugh and the whole world laughs with you. Cry and - you have to blow your nose.

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

April 29, 1915

A few days ago, one of our citizens cut into a pound of butter which he had purchased at a grocery and found therein a small tin box, which contained a piece of paper bearing the following neatly written note: "I am a girl of 18 years old, good looking and an excellent housekeeper. Should this be found by some unmarried Christian gentleman, will he please write to the following address, etc." The finder, being a bachelor, decided to unravel the affair and succeeded, only to destroy the romance. The girl who had written the note had

called up his friend Smith and asked: "Have you seen the notice of my death in the paper?" Yes, replied Smith, but "where are you speaking from?"

Attorneys C. P. Seward and Dan McCrutchin were business visitors in Newell on Monday. C. C. Arpan, I. Severson and Day Hoover were also in town, all here to listen to a dispute over range privileges in the Hoover vicinity which was aired in Judge Goff's court. The case was thrown out and the costs charge to the complainant.

April 25, 1935
Newell is to have a new



Students at the Horse Creek School - performing a "May Pole Dance" on May First, "May Day".
Newell Museum

died many years ago, leaving an aged husband and a grown-up family.

The members of the Newell Fire Company are anxiously awaiting an opportunity to try out the new hose cart that arrived last week from Lead, as soon as the roads will permit, practice for the tournament at Belle Fourche will begin in dead earnest. Some of the more enthusiastic have already cut out the "coffin nails" in order to improve their wind for the racing events.

The kiddies are busy with preparation of their May baskets. We expect to see some very exciting races along at dusk on Saturday. The Congregational Church ladies have arranged an excellent menu for their May Day morning breakfast.

April 23, 1925

Isn't it strange that when somebody's wife gets a new hat or dress every woman in the town knows what it cost and where she bought it within a couple of hours.

Jenkins was sitting down to breakfast and was astonished to see in the newspaper an announcement of his death. He

wool warehouse large enough to store about a million pounds of wool, according to an announcement made last week by M. E. Hafner, local wool buyer. Construction of the new building was started last week by Henry Schrader and Andrew Syverts. The building will be 66 feet wide and 146 feet long and is being erected on the railroad right-of-way near the depot. It is expected to be completed in time to handle this year's wool crop.

Deputy Sheriff George Maass made his first arrest Saturday evening when he took into custody John Riecki, who is charged with taking a sum of money from one of the boys at the CCC Camp at Orman. Riecki was taken to Belle Fourche the same evening.

Work in building cement sidewalks has been progressing at various places in Newell this week. The LaBelle Creamery Company completed a sidewalk in front of their place of business early this week and today a new walk was completed in front of Bratton's Warehouse on Third Street. Work on the new sidewalk in front of the Arcade Theater on Girard Ave. also started today.

by Linda Velder

April 26, 1945

In a move to provide better duck hunting in the area, at a meeting last night, local sportsmen and Fish & Game Commission representatives decided to seek removal of Orman Lake from the list of federal migratory game refuge. Since the lake is a Federal Refuge, it is necessary that Presidential approval be granted for the removal of Orman Lake from the list. This action will be sought by working through the Game & Fish Commission.

John D. Foss, advance agent for Belle Bros Circus, was here this week, billing the town for a one-day stand of the 3-ring circus in Newell Sunday, May 20th. A stupendous spectacle of fairyland's gorgeousness is promised. A childhood's sweetest dreams come true through "A Peak In Fairyland."

Now is the time to begin thinking of your painting needs, E. Muotka carries a line of Janney's Best, P&G and Health Milligan paints will take care of any price and quality that you may want. He has Muresco in all colors, the old stand-by, not like other calamine, it does not rub off. He also just received a small shipment of Wolverine horsehide shoes. So, bring in your shoe stamp and get yours while he has them in your size.

April 28, 1955

On tap for consideration at the Newell Community Club regular meeting will be the proposed Newell Lake which would be constructed on a branch of Dry Creek along Highway 79 about 3 miles north of Newell. The proposed dam running from northwest to southwest, would form a lake some 20 feet deep over the present creek channel and offer a gravel beach, but would necessitate relocation of several hundred yards of the highway. Newell Krause, Lemmon, member of SD Game, Fish & Parks Commission and other officials from various sportsmen organizations and game wardens will be guests of the club. The meeting will include a buffet-style dinner at 6:30 PM in the Skyroom of the Cove.

Although there were cries of "bribery" by Eldred Johnson, who directs the Belle Fourche Cribbage players, a group of Newell players scored their usual victory over the County Seat players, in a contest in that city Thursday night. With ten tables in play, Johnson had predicted that the players from Newell who "may know how to run water uphill", would be defeated

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handily. However, A. J. Smith, who directs the Newell club, recounted previous Newell victories over the Belle men and reported they never had it so easy, as in their win Thursday night. The final count was 1249

as Newell High School's 1965 delegate, sponsored by the local Ross-Kayras Post of American Legion to Boys State, it was announced yesterday. Selected as alternate was Steve Smeenk, son of Mr. & Mrs. William



1935 The new Hafner Wool warehouse, already in business
Newell Museum

for Newell to 963 for Belle Fourche. Johnson's bribery charge centered around former Newell resident Fred Shourds who played with Newell, who plans to move from Belle to the west coast.

Coach Kenneth Hauge announced the Invitational Track Meet is set for this afternoon. Those entered will be Vale, Newell, Nisland, Sundance and Hulette, Wyo. The various track and field events are scheduled to begin 1:30 PM. Newell garnered only 1 point at the West River Relays at Rapid City April 16th when Craig Van derBoom placed 5th in the mile run. But the team did much better at the Black Hills Relays at Spearfish Saturday where Van derBoom won 1st in the mile, LeRoy Fiscus and Howard Hafner placed 1st and 5th respectively in 100-yard dash. Newell's quartet of Fiscus, Hafner, Richard Miles and Delbert Barber won 2nd in sprint medley.

April 22, 1965

Larry Stomprud, son of Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Stomprud of Mud Butte, has been named

Smeenk, Newell. Both are juniors, ranked high scholastically and are active in various school affairs, FFA and sports. Boys State is at Northern State College, Aberdeen, the first week in June.

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Jackley, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Williams of Sturgis, Mrs. Edward Brodsky of Rapid City and Mrs. Clarice Brodsky of Newell were Easter dinner guests of Mrs. Etta Kingsbury at her home in Vale. On Easter Monday, Mrs. Amelda Wetz, Dorothy Reupple, Orville Edwards and Coney Lungren were coffee guests at the Kingsbury home.

Fishing continues to improve throughout the West River region. Orman Dam, Angostura Reservoir as well as the Missouri River impoundments hold the spotlight this week. Game Warden Chuck Webster says that Walleyes are being taken in good numbers from Orman Dam. Most are in the 3-to-5-pound class with minnows the best bait. Some catfish weighing from 2 to 3 pounds are being caught at the Inlet.

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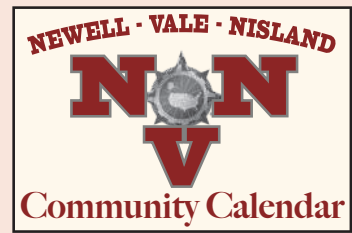


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Upper Right: The Second and Third Graders told the crowd they couldn't roller skate in a buffalo herd.



Right: The band played their way through "Wipe Out" and a medley of several other songs.



Below Left: The Fourth and Fifth Grade were handy with the buckets as they played "Yellow Submarine."

Below Right: Kindergarten and First Grade combined to sing "Watermelon, Watermelon" with great enthusiasm!.

Betty Bruner Photosww



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Earth Day Campus Cleanup



Middle School and High School students did their part for Earth Day at the Newell School campus. The event was sponsored by WIT Coalition.

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Shepherd's Flock Open House

NEWELL-Parents and their youngsters gathered at Dakota Christian Life Center to gather information about the new idea for preschool summer camp. Information was also available for a new idea coming in the fall for the Shepherd's Flock Learning Center.

The pre-school and pre-k camp will be held June 9-12 with Dinosaurs as the theme and June 16-19 with a jungle animal theme. Preschool classes will be held in the morning, 8 am to 11:15 am. Pre-K classes will be held Noon to 3:15 pm. Check out the Shepherd's Flock Learning Center website or Facebook for more information, shepherdsflocklearningcenter.com.

Lisa Blanchett is the teacher for the learning center. About four years ago, an exciting dream began to grow in her heart to start a school. She notes that it was a little scary but knew it was God calling her to step out.

Shepherd's Flock Learning Center is more than a building, but is a safe and loving place where kids are cared for academically and spiritually. One of the goals of the school is that the youngsters will have a foundation of peace, safety, and truth.

Blanchett notes that they are "growing more than minds," they are "growing faith, family, and futures rooted in Christ."

According to Blanchett,

sending your child to a Christian school means they will learn and grow in a place where God's love is part of everything that is done. There is excellence in education and a foundation in honesty, kindness, and respect.

Just west of the church building at 4th and Fisk in Newell, a new area for play will be finished by fall. The area will have some equipment and an area for children to enjoy fresh air and sunshine. The basement of the church has been transformed into a colorful area for learning.

Visit shepherdsflocklearningcenter.com for more information or call Lisa at 605-443-6878 for more information.



The Middle School/High School Choir sang three songs during the Spring Concert.

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B's Buzz

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For most of my adult years the term AI meant artificial insemination, a process we used on the dairy to breed our cows. But now there's a new meaning-artificial intelligence. It's quite a deal now and it makes it hard to tell what's true and real.

A couple of weeks ago while our six-year-old granddaughter was staying at our place we were watching a kids' program on tv. During the program, several times Clara would say, "That's just AI."

Now, how does a six-year-old know what AI is? She could tell what is real and what wasn't. The eyes of a child!

In her world, AI has become a way of life and we as adults need to be "wise as foxes" when it comes to discerning the truth from fiction. So, in other words, we need to be like a child when we look at the world.

She looks at everything with wonderment and joy! When was the last time you looked at your world with curiosity?

The other day, I was looking out the kitchen window while doing dishes and noticed a robin gathering bits and pieces for a nest. He tugged and tugged on pieces of twine in a pile of old wood. First he looked it over, cocked his head and then began to break it loose from the pile. It

wasn't an easy task as he pulled back and flapped his wings. Then he would let go and try again.

I kept thinking about how tenacious he was. He had a goal-to build a nest for his family-and he wasn't going to let go. He worked on the project for almost 15 minutes (ok, so I stood and watched and didn't get the dishes done). Then he stood back and looked at the string and looked around. There, beside the woodpile were several long pieces of long grass. Ah, a better choice! He grabbed them and flew off. The prize was his!

It made me think. How many times have I tugged and tugged at something, trying to make it work. I've twisted it and swung my head from side to side, but still didn't have what I needed (wanted). A lesson to learn from that hard working robin, after awhile you just need to look beyond the project and find a better fit!

We can't always trust what we see-it might be AI or it might be true. Trust what you know and keep your eyes open to what's around you.

We live in a beautiful place and there's so much to see! Look around with the eyes of a six-year-old and know what you see here is real, not artificially made! So now, I'm going to go dig in the dirt and get "real" dirty!



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ABOVE: Wrenley, Wynslie, and Locklyn Boylan joined Lisa Blanchett to investigate the toys at the Open House.

Ziva and Kowen Derschan could put together a maze of blocks quickly at the Open House.

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