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Crossroads All American Diner & Grille Welcomes New Management



Ember Kleinhans, general manager at **Crossroads** in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. (Photo Renee Rodriguez)

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The new manager's name is Ember Kleinhans, and she has been a Belle Fourche resident for most of her life. She has worked at the diner for three years and recently started managing in January of 2025.

Before becoming the general manager at Crossroads, Ember worked there as a waitress, cook, and occasionally as the Sunday omelet chef. She continues those same duties as needed but has added even more tasks to her daily schedule.

Ember believes her experience working in the kitchen and with customers before becoming a manager is one of her greatest strengths because she has seen both sides of the restaurant's operation. Her past experiences have helped create fresh ideas.

The new manager has maintained a few long-standing traditions at

Crossroads, such as the daily specials menu and popular Sunday buffet. However, there is a new addition of prime rib nights, which occur every other week on Friday and Saturday nights. There are also new holiday specials, along with the already existing ones.

With a collaborative spirit, Ember doesn't see Crossroads as a place that has to compete with other restaurants because they offer such a unique experience and menu.

Ember likes to emphasize that a part of what makes her job great is the crew she works with.

She is striving to create and maintain a positive, helpful, and family-friendly environment for her workers, as well as for the customers.

As a manager, Ember enjoys interacting with Belle Fourche residents and can always count on the daily coffee groups to come in to see her or her workers. Many churchgoers frequent the restaurant as well. The local community is essential to the owners and management of Crossroads. They demonstrated that by sponsoring the local soccer association by cooking them meals and delivering those meals. They also welcome celebrations, graduations, and meetings in their restaurant's back room.

The crew and management look forward to continuing to serve the Belle Fourche community and all-around travelers!



Danika Shaw, omelet chef (left) and **McKenzie Lyons**, buffet manager (right) prep for the Sunday buffet at **Crossroads**. (Photo Chayse Keller)

Kentucky Derby Fun at the Branding Iron

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Branding Iron Steakhouse brought a little bit of Kentucky to Belle Fourche on Saturday, May 3 for its annual Kentucky Derby Party.

In celebration of the first horse race of the yearly Triple Crown, attendees came to the party dressed up in Derby attire with fancy dresses and big hats, from wide-brimmed hats to feathery fascinators. Some also wore horse jockey attire, with bright-colored patterned silks!

Derby-themed festivities included mint juleps—a classic Kentucky Derby cocktail—at the bar, random door prizes, stick horse races, chances to win beer and bourbon, a photo booth with a backdrop designed by Michael

la Horn of the Chamber of Commerce, and Best Hat and Best Jockey Attire contests. There were also Derby-themed Bingo sheets for the tables, with squares that read things like "Woman with Pink Dress," "Man with Black Hat," and "Celebrity Says Riders Up."

When it came time for the race, those who wished to make a small bet paid \$5 towards a pot to draw a horse's number from a basket. If that horse won the race, the pot was theirs!

Roxi Dobesh, Manager of the Branding Iron, said that they've been throwing Derby parties for about 7 years now. "Sometimes it's bigger than others, but we've got a lot of people doing branding this weekend. But we just throw it together and it is what it is. We just have fun," she said.



A group of **Branding Iron Kentucky Derby Party** attendees in their fancy derby attire! (Longbrake photo- more photos C1)

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"BFHS Class of 2025 has the Number"



Anxiously awaiting Graduation Day the Belle Fourche Class of 2025 poses in the **Ed Petranek Gymnasium** for one of their last together opportunities. (Courtesy Photo)

Butte County Equipment Awarded 2025 Family-Owned Small Business of the Year

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BELLE FOURCHE—A long history of hard work and dedication earned the Lindskov family a well deserved recognition, as their business, Butte County Equipment was awarded the 2025 Family-Owned Small Business of the Year from the South Dakota Small Business Association.

Bryson Patterson, SBA South Dakota District Director and Justin Everett, SBA Regional Administrator traveled to Belle Fourche on April 29 to present the honor. With a plaque, cake and balloons in hand, the awards presentation began.

"The family-owned business award is one of my favorite SBA awards because it recognizes the business that has been handed down from

generation to generation," said Patterson. "And when you talk about recognizing businesses, building wealth in our communities and supporting families, that's really what it's all about."

Four generations make up the Lindskov business dynasty. The Automotive Company was started by Bill Lindskov. "My uncle owned it clear back in the 50s, and I worked for him and did all the mechanic work and farming and stuff and then he died in 1980 and that's when I came into it, we were New Holland dealers until recently," explained Dennis Lindskov.

In 2008 Dennis and his wife, Margaret, were honored for having one of the top eight best New Holland Balers sales in US and Canada. Along with running the Lindskov Implement in Isabel & Mobridge,

Dennis and Margaret dabbled in a variety of ventures, from Margaret selling her items on QVC and teaching, to Dennis buying and renovating the Isabel Hotel and driving the ambulance for 25 years.

Hard work has never deterred them. Dennis explained, "Actually, we never got into anything in our life that we ever lost money, but we did it all ourselves." Dennis and Margaret passed their work ethic on to their children. All of their kids are hardworking and two of the children, Aaron Lindskov and Kenita Jensen, have joined the family business. Kenita runs Butte County Equipment, which came under the Automotive Company and Lindskov Implement umbrella in 2013.

A few years ago, Aaron moved from the Isabel location to help run the Belle Fourche store with his sister. "I've been down here

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Butte County Equipment was awarded the **2025 Family-Owned Small Business of the Year** from the South Dakota Small Business Association, from left: **Justin Everett**, SBA Regional Administrator, **Jadon Jensen**, **Aaron Lindskov**, **Margaret Lindskov**, **Kenita Jensen**, **Dennis Lindskov** and **Bryson Patterson**, SBA S.D. District Director. (Longbrake photo)

The Homestead Store Opens for Business

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BELLE FOURCHE—Sometimes when things fall into place, you have to believe it is meant to be. That is the case for the newest store to open in Belle Fourche, The Homestead Store. "I don't really remember making specific plans.

Both of us just feel like God opened doors and made this to where we couldn't not do it, He made it so easy, I don't have any other answers for it—it's pretty amazing," explained Bridget Howell Johnson, Co-owner. The business opened its doors on May 1.

The Homestead Store has found its calling in curating products that are from hand-crafted artisans and locally sourced products with a focus on clean food. "No preservatives, hormone free, just getting right back to the basics of the product line and keeping it

local," explained Michelle Hafer, Co-owner. "So it's very community driven, instead of people having to drive to Rapid or buy it offline or go to Spearfish, it's just basically keeping everything in Belle Fourche and keeping a good, clean

product, right back to the basics." Johnson added, "It was really important to us that it was local and or handmade, small batch stuff—we don't want stuff that's large scale—family businesses, that is pretty important."

While Johnson and Hafer only

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Owners of the **The Homestead Store**, 1853 5th Ave., Ste. B **Michelle Hafer** and **Bridget Johnson**. (Longbrake Photo)

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Jackie (Jack) Jensen 83

Jackie (Jack) Jensen, age 83, passed away on May 1, 2025, after a brave fight against cancer.



Jack was born, May 24, 1941, in Riverton, Wyoming. He was the youngest of three sons born to Kristian and Elvina Jensen, both immigrants from Denmark.

Jack graduated from high school in Riverton, Wyoming, in 1959. During his high school years, he worked at JC Penney and was then selected for their management trainee program. Early in his career, he was placed in Rapid City, SD, where he joined the Army Reserve.

After basic training in 1964, he was transferred to the JC Penney store in Bismarck, ND. He met his wife, Diana, and married on June 15, 1968. Jack transferred to Casper, WY, shortly thereafter, where they welcomed their first two sons, Wade and Brian.

In 1972, Jack received his own store to manage in Hettinger, ND, where Michael, Kenneth (Ken), and Jacquelynn (Jackie) were born. During their years spent in Hettinger, Jack launched a Toastmaster's group and actively participated in the Chamber of Commerce. Known for his sense of humor and personable nature, many friendships blossomed and then flourished in this community.

Thanks to this assignment, Jack discovered Shadehill Lake and developed a love for that place. By providence, he acquired a summer "cabin" lot on the northern side of the lake. This site transformed into a second home in the summer and hosted a multitude of gatherings with family and friends filled with delightful experiences over the decades. The family will continue this legacy.

In 1983, Jack transferred to Belle Fourche, SD. Their youngest son, Mark, arrived in 1984. Jack loved the Black Hills and the Belle Fourche community. He launched another Toastmaster's Group, participated in the Chamber of Commerce, and was active in St. Paul's Catholic Church. After the closure of his JC Penney store, he took an opportunity with Nina Finkbeiner to keep a clothing store and stay in the area. After the store closed, Jack finished out his working career with American Colloid Company.

Jack's infectious smile and great sense of humor

made him a very likeable guy, always joking and making even a total stranger feel welcomed and special. The grandkids especially enjoyed teasing him about who was his "favorite." He was truly a "Jack of all trades." He would often take scrap wood and turn it into some useful creation such as a porch at Shadehill, making bird houses and book ends and would also combine his love of rocks and rock collection into his neat designs. He also enjoyed tinkering in the garage. Jack loved all things dealing with water and snow, from fishing to skiing, teaching all the kids and grandkids water skiing.

He beamed when he could share his hobbies with his family and friends. He was a kind and considerate person always thinking of ways to put a smile on someone's face. His endless supply of lemon drops he offered the grandkids, was just one of many ways he brought a smile to their faces. There is not enough space to talk about all the precious memories and his many positive qualities. He is loved and will be greatly missed by many.

Jack is survived by his wife, Diana, his six children, Wade (Heather), Brian (Sara), Michael (Gail), Kenneth "Ken", Jacquelynn (Benjamin) Britton, Mark (Kaylee), and seventeen grandchildren: Emily, Tiffany, and Noah Jensen, Kristian, Rakelle, and Jasper Jensen, Isabel "Bella," Ethan, and, Anna "Annie" Jensen, Katelyn and Parker Lee, Adrhiana, Alayah, Annika, and Adelynn Britton, Elowen, and Jack Jensen and his niece, Vicki Villanova.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kristian and Elvina Jensen, and his two brothers, Gerald Jensen, and Marion Jensen.

The funeral services will be held at St. Paul Catholic Church on Thursday, May 8th at 10:30am. There will be a visitation at the church on Wednesday, May 7th from 6:00 to 7:00pm with a Rosary at 7:00pm.

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

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Vern Anders 82

Vern Anders, age 82, of Faith, SD, passed away with family by his side on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at the West River Health Services Hospital in Hettinger, North Dakota.



The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am Monday, May 5, 2025, at the Harding County School Old Gymnasium in Buffalo, SD. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service. Inurnment will be held Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 2:30 pm at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis with military honors.

Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences and view Vern's video tribute online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Sidney LuVerne "Vern" Anders was born January 27, 1943, in Rapid City, SD. His parents were Nona Mae "Peg" (Fellows) and Edgar Johnson. Vern grew up on a family ranch near Sorum, attending Stevenson Country School. Another ranch near the Moreau River was purchased in 1960, and after graduating from Buffalo High School in 1961, Vern moved there to start his own livestock operation.

Vern took a break from ranching for a time, attending Black Hills Teachers College and working at Homestake Gold Mine. In November of 1965, Vern was drafted into the U.S. Army and he served in Vietnam from June of 1966 to June of 1967. Private First Class Anders, quickly promoted to Sergeant due to his leadership qualities and ability to handle responsibilities, was an Infantryman, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cav - a member of the 1st Air Cav Division. For his service, Vern earned the following medals: Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Order of the Star of the Republic of Vietnam, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Army Good Conduct Medal, Expert (Rifle M-14) Marksmanship Badge and three Army Air Medals for outstanding performance during helicopter missions flown into hostile landing zones.

Upon returning from Vietnam, Vern moved back to the Moreau River, continuing to raise cattle, and incorporating pigs, sheep, and chickens. The cattle wintered at the River ranch and were trailed to the family's north ranch near Sorum for summer pasturing. This thirty-eight mile move was a two-day endeavor and was a twice-a-year family event creating many wonderful memories from 1962 to 1985.

Vern was united in marriage to Linda Dutton on November 29, 1968, in Zeona, SD. To this union four children were born: William Edgar, Kristi Marie, Laura Lyn, and Douglas Jay.

On September 3, 1983, Vern was presented an Executive Proclamation for Valor by Governor William Janklow at a ceremony during the SD State Fair in Huron, SD. He was selected for this honor after risking his life to save the lives of his two youngest children seconds before the total loss of their home on Christmas Day, 1982.

Vern was a lifetime rancher. Being able to properly care for his herd drew him to a two-day veterinary workshop in Wyoming. Afterwards, he assisted many neighbors by doctoring livestock: performing c-sections, water bellies, and preg checking. He traveled a wide area spaying cattle. Vern also trained quarter horses.

Besides being an accomplished self-taught trapper which supplemented the family's income throughout the 70's and 80's, lasting friendships were formed through offering deer and antelope hunts. Return visits were always looked forward to, and Vern enjoyed sharing the rural lifestyle and ways of ranching with

those from other parts of the United States, including local country musicians The Wilt Brothers and acclaimed hunter and rock star Ted Nugent.

Living the ranch life was what Vern enjoyed most, but he was also known for grading roads. He helped maintain rural township roads for a time and helped complete several summer highway projects operating a scraper and blade for Miller Construction out of Isabel, SD. For several years, Vern ran a blade in Harding County as an employee of Tim Olson Construction, receiving many compliments on his abilities.

Vern not only served his country, he also served his community. He was a member of the Bison School Board for three years and was also a supervisor of the Beck Township. Vern was also instrumental in bringing the sport of wrestling to Faith High School.

In his free time, Vern enjoyed playing cards and was always up for a game of pinochle, cribbage or poker. Once the games began, it was a chore to convince him to quit. He would always say, "Just one more game." Besides card games, Vern also enjoyed dancing, travelling to many local halls and even to the Hills, especially Elk Creek. Some of his children's favorite memories are of watching their parents glide across the dance floor.

Reading was another passion, and Vern could devour a good book in just a couple days. He favored a variety of topics including US history, westerns, and true accounts of soldier's experiences.

Fishing was one of his favorite pastimes - catfishing in the Moreau, walleye fishing in the Missouri, or fishing for bass, perch or crappie in a stock pond. Many trips were made to the Missouri River, including Oahe Reservoir, Moberg, and Herreid/Pollock. Vern very much enjoyed a trip to the Lake of the Woods. He competed in tournaments for many years, placing 4th in 2017 in the Grand River Sports Club Walleye Tournament.

Vern adored little kids and was always trying to get their attention. One would think his gruff voice would cause them to keep their distance, but they were drawn to him. He had a soft spot for them and formed a special bond with and dearly loved the youngsters in his family.

He was known to be a bit stubborn and Vern proved it through many situations - a chain sawed fingertip, broken back, treatments for blood cancer, and bouts of pneumonia, just to name a few. The constant care from his daughter Laura and the compassionate visits from West Winds Health Service nursing staff allowed him to remain at home until February of 2025, when he agreed to move to Five Counties Nursing Home in Lemmon, SD, because "it was close to Shadehill." Vern enjoyed his time there, receiving excellent care and many visits from friends and family.

Vern is survived by his children: Bill (Jennifer) of Buffalo, Kristi Anders of O'Fallon, IL, Laura Fisher (Casey Joens) of Faith, Jay (Cameo) of Sioux Falls; 10 grandchildren: Chris, Camryn, Hadley, Zack, Taylor, Joey, Caden, Ashton, Raile, Bella, Ava, Ellie; 3 great grandchildren: Willow, Delta, Kylan; a sister, Peggy Brengle of Sturgis, two brothers: John (Marilyn) Johnson of Piedmont, and Bill (Laura) Johnson of Reva, and numerous nieces and nephews.



Jeffrey M. Cole 63

Jeffrey M. Cole, 63, died Thursday, January 30, 2025. Born in New York, he served in the US Air Force, retiring in 2006 after 26 years of service. Jeff was a handyman and enjoyed working with wood. He made shadow and flag boxes for his friends in the Air Force and could fix almost anything electronic.



Jeff is survived by his wife, Bonita Cullen; his sons, Mark Cole (Olivia) and Ryan Cole (Jacqueline); his stepdaughter, Cynthia Wright (Desmond); his stepson, Chris Halvorson (Kelly); six grandchildren, Henry Cole, Aiden, Annika, and Addisen Wold, and Aubrianna and Aliya Halvorson; and his father, Harry Cole. Graveside services will be held Friday, May 9, 2025

at 1:30 pm at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, SD. Military Honors will be provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard and the Air Force Honor Guard.

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

Everyone is asked to meet at Kline Funeral Chapel at 12:30 pm on May 9th to go in procession to the cemetery.



Psalm 34:8

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

Garnette Ulrich 87

Garnette Ulrich, 87, of Belle Fourche passed away peacefully April 30, 2025 with her daughters Debbi and Dinah and granddaughter Angela by her side.



(James) Honerman and Lynette King and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother and father; both husbands; grandson, Joshua Fay; brothers, Duane (Norma) Scheiber and Merlyn (Joann) Scheiber; sons-in-law, Don Fay and Greg Allen; brother-in-law, Tom King; sisters, Janette (Willy) Rolfes, Darlette (Gene) Rolfes, Harriette Scheiber, Paulette Scheiber and Charlette (Harry) Schaa and 2 nephews.

Pallbearers are Louie Fay, Dinah Fay, Dave Roush, Toby Corean, Rick Bevier and Kelly Giffin. All relatives are considered honorary pallbearers.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 7th at 11:00 am at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. Interment will follow at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche. Condolences may be sent to 1123 12th Avenue Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

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

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



She was born March 15, 1938 in Verdi, MN to Alvin and Alma (Wiese) Scheiber. She was raised in and around Worthington, MN. In 1957 she ventured west, settling in Belle Fourche and has resided here for 68 years. Working in the service industry, while working at Bob's Café she met Louie Stedillie. They were married on May 10, 1958, they later divorced. She then married Frederick Ulrich on February 14, 1974. She continued in the service industry working in several establishments, including the Tri State Bakery and at Fred's business Allied Radio & TV. After Freds passing she went to work for the Belle Fourche School District in 1990 until retirement, but continued working part time at the High School for several more years.

She is survived by her son, Dave (Pam) Roush; daughters, Debbi Allen, Diane Stedillie-Corean and Dinah Fay; grandchildren, Louie (Vicki) Fay, Toby (LeAnn) Corean, Angela (Cory) Freie, David (Caitlin) Roush, Jered (Hayley) Roush; 12 great grandchildren; brother, Arlyn (Barb) Scheiber; sisters, Annette

Marjorie Kimel 64

Marjorie Kimel, age 64 of Belle Fourche, died Sunday April 27, 2025 at her home.

Services will be held at a later date at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Marjorie was born November 21, 1960 in France. She was the daughter of Ed and Jossette Kimel. For the past many years she has lived in Belle

Fourche.

Marjorie is survived by her daughter, Sierra of Pierre; several grandchildren; siblings, Walter of New Orleans LA, Daphine of Washington, and Natalie of New Orleans LA.

She was preceded in death by her parents and son, Kristopher.



This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Rev. Sheri Fadley, BF Global Methodist Church

Pastor's Perspective

"A Good Listener"



"You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise, they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts and turn and I would heal them." Matthew 13:14-15

What Isaiah prophesied and Jesus experienced in Israel during his lifetime, is still very true for us today. We may think we are listening, but we're not truly listening. We are a very distracted and at times a very rude culture. How many of us spend hours with screen time? From tv, to video games, to tablets and our phones? The other day I was conducting three texting conversations at the same time! It's really kind of crazy!

Another symptom of our culture is how rude we are becoming. How often do we interrupt a current conversation, barging in with our own needs or agenda? How often do we interrupt someone's thought just to interject our thoughts? How often do we hog the conversation, never giving someone the opportunity to share? How often are we not really listening to the person, but rather searching in our minds for our response or comeback?

Listening, truly listening, is such a gift. In his book, Caring Enough to Hear and Be Heard, David Augsburger said: "Being heard is as close to being loved that for the average person, they are almost indistinguishable." By asking questions, we are showing genuine interest in our neighbor's life and in them as a person. (B.L.E.S.S. Dave Ferguson and Jon Ferguson, Salem Books, 2021, p. 56)

Asking good questions is important to show our genuine interest, but truly listening requires more than good questions. Truly listening involves many parts of our bodies: ears, eyes, hearts, minds, hands, and souls. What do I mean by this?

Ears to hear...but can you hear? What kind of noises are there around you? If you wear hearing aids, are you actually wearing them?

Eyes to see. As we listen, we should also be watching for body language. As you get to know someone, you will learn to read their body language. You will be able to see when they get excited, bored, confused, offended.

Mind focused in the present moment. This is truly a gift. Your mind isn't wandering to other things, other responsibilities. This is a form of self-control and self-sacrifice. When your mind is focused on the other person, you will glean understanding about them and their life.

Our hearts are important to engage in compassion and genuine interest in the person.

Our hands can provide a caring touch, a very simple gesture, but adds to relationship. We do need to be careful about this one. There are some people who aren't comfortable with touch, so you shouldn't go there, until you are sure they are okay with it.

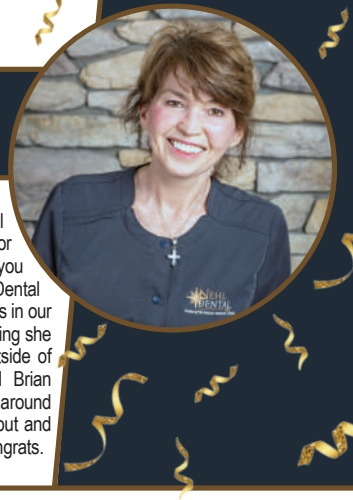
Finally, our souls need to be engaged in our conversation. If there is anything you might be able to tie in with the conversation, it's the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit's presence is always with us, but it's very difficult for most people to truly listen to a person and be open to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Yet it's something we all could seek. Nevertheless, keeping focused on your neighbor is your faithful obedience to the Lord and your soul will grow as you practice better listening skills.

Being a community of people who pray and listen we can transform our culture and community to be more caring to our neighbors.

In Christ's Spirit,
Rev. Sheri Fadley
Belle Fourche GMC

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

**TERESA ASPEN
DENTAL ASSISTANT**



We would like to recognize Teresa Aspen as our Employee of the month. Teresa is a Dental Assistant that has been in the dental field for approximately 45 years. Teresa is a friendly face you have seen in our office as she has been with Nehl Dental for roughly 38 years. She wears many different hats in our office besides assisting and we appreciate everything she does around the office. You may find Teresa outside of Nehl Dental spending time with her Husband Brian volunteering for different church events or running around the track at our local Rec Center. If you see her out and about or are in our office for a visit please say Congrats. Thank you Teresa for all you do!



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BC Imp Contd. From A1 for three and a half years and my sister's been here for 12 to 13 years. I came down here from Isabel, I oversee the sales and services at all three stores. Kenita and I work together on the business decisions and stuff like that. She makes sure all the paperwork is done for everything and takes care of how we spend money," explained Aaron. Kenita's son, Jadon, has recently joined the Butte County Equipment team. Belle Fourche Mayor, Randy Schmidt was on hand to read a Small Business Proclamation and recognized the achievement. "Recognize and commend Kenita Jensen and Butte County Equipment for their remarkable impact and lasting contributions to our community," he said.

The SD SBA awards are handed out at this time to celebrate National Small Business Week that happens annually in May. South Dakota has 95,000 small business and entrepreneurs. South Dakota's small firms employ 208,000 people and make up 98 percent of all businesses in the state. "Every year since 1963 the President has signed a declaration that the first week of May is National Small Business Week, and this is a time where we get to recognize small business owners throughout our state and throughout our country," said Patterson.

After serving the region for around 44 years, as Automotive Company, Lindskov Implement and Butte County Equipment, Dennis is thankful for the honor. "It really surprised me. I guess it really feels great, it really does," he said.

Aaron added, "I think it's great! It is great to get recognized for what we've done and the community service and I guess it's really good for the whole family—from my mom and dad to my sister and everybody—it's just good for everybody, all of our employees—we couldn't do it without the employees—we got great employees!"

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Belle Fourche Mayor, Randy Schmidt, reads a Small Business Proclamation honoring Butte County Equipment and the Lindskov and Jensen families. Longbrake photo

From A1 Homestead Store

met in December of 2024, the two have become fast friends with a mission. "I reached out back in December, we sat and talked for five hours! Bridget and I just kind of kept talking and talking and we both have the same vision," explained Hafer. "I was working full time in an industry for over 31 years and when we decided to do this, I was like—all right, I'll retire from that, she (Bridget) sold a horse and here we are!"

Johnson was also in a position looking for new direction. "I quit my full time job of five years in December, and about a week later, she called me and wanted to visit about buying meat from us—beef and pork for her meals—and it felt like God was opening the door with that," she said.

Once the decision was made to open the business, the duo was off and running, each with their own strengths. "Things have happened fast and I'm very thankful to Michelle, making all the phone calls and doing all the State stuff. I can handle the vendors, but when it comes to paperwork, it's not my thing, that's her, she's the technical side of things," explained Johnson.

the items inside all harken back to a time from the past, when things were made at home and traded with neighbors, but with a more modern twist. "We have stuff that you would have had on the homestead—or maybe a modern day homestead—hand-made, homemade stuff, using resources that are available to you when you're raising your own animals, is what we were going for," said Johnson.

May 1 was a soft opening for The Homestead Store—a chance to invite friends and family in and get their opinions on the store and products and of

course practice with the new POS system. "This is new to us, we are learning a whole new industry," said Hafer. "I don't know if you ever feel completely ready, but we were at the point where we thought that, you know, we just need to open and bring what we have to the community right now."

The soft opening found the business busy throughout the entire day. Customers, friends and family stopped to check out the offerings. Janet Prettyman and Irene Beard travelled from Hot Springs to visit the store. "We came specifically

to see this store, it's a lovely, lovely store! We spent \$200 this morning and then came back and made another purchase," shared Beard.

The store is officially open Wednesday through Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and can be found at 1853 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche. Hafer added, "If there are other vendors out there that want to participate, we'd love to have them contact us and see if we can get them in here and if it's a good fit."

There is a wide variety of

products, whether you are looking for bison, beef, pork or lamb, or perhaps cheese, low and slow pasteurized milk, eggs, dye-free, non-toxic snacks, gluten free baked goods, The Homestead Store has you covered. "We offer artificial dye-free and just natural products, healthy, good, locally sourced meat. You can buy pieces and parts if you don't have the space for a half of beef or quarter beef. You can come in here and buy hamburger and you know where it's coming from. I'm a big believer in knowing where your food comes from," said Johnson.



Family and friends shop the shelves on The Homestead Store opening day, May 1, 2025. (R) The cute signing greeting customers at the entrance to the store. Longbrake photos



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Feeder Cattle

Davey, William, Rapid City SD	1	Blk	Bull	780	\$283.00
Schultz, Marion, Batesland SD	2	Blk	Bull	690	\$302.00
Ricard, Kelly, Piedmont SD	26	B/R	Str	581	\$358.00
Ricard, Kelly, Piedmont SD	16	Bld	Hfr	548	\$357.00
Ricard, Kelly, Piedmont SD	12	Bld	Hfr	475	\$374.50

Pairs

Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	8	Bld	Heifer	1185	\$4,300.00
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	12	Bld	Heifer	1185	\$4,075.00

Weigh Up Cows

Anderson, Dwayne K, Gillette WY	6	Red	Hfr	1030	\$196.00
Anderson, Dwayne K, Gillette WY	4	Red	Cow	1395	\$154.50
Anderson, Dwayne K, Gillette WY	2	Red	Cow	1057	\$139.50
Anderson, Dwayne K, Gillette WY	1	Red	Cow	1045	\$139.50
Anderson, Dwayne K, Gillette WY	1	Red	Cow	1090	\$138.50
Andrews, Dean Or Kay, Red Owl SD	5	Hfr	932	\$239.50	
Andrews, Dean Or Kay, Red Owl SD	6	Bld	Cow	1359	\$161.50
Arthurs, Drew, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Owette	1190	\$167.00
Bachman, Jake Or Charlee, Nisland SD	2	Rtbl	Cow	1322	\$162.00
Baumgarten, Bill, Rapid City SD	1	Blk	Cow	1580	\$150.00
Baumgarten, Bill, Rapid City SD	1	Bld	Cow	1195	\$139.00
Biers, Jerry D, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Cow	2040	\$140.00
Brand, Herman, Belle Fourche SD	1	Red	Cow	1255	\$140.00
Briggs, Chase, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Cow	1245	\$140.00
Bruch Ranch LLC, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Cow	1420	\$160.50
Busenitz, Wesley & Andrea, Osage WY	1	Blk	Cow	1150	\$159.00
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT	1	Blk	Cow	1130	\$144.00
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT	1	Blk	Cow	1005	\$140.00
Caputa Land Co LLC, Caputa SD	1	Blk	Hfr	920	\$236.00
Carter, Zach Or Sara, Spearfish SD	1	Red	Cow	1360	\$153.00
CJ & L Livestock LLC, Hermosa SD	1	Blk	Cow	1380	\$140.00
Watkins, Jim & Patty, Edgemont SD	15	Blk	Hfr	827	\$188.00
Watkins, Jim & Patty, Edgemont SD	2	Blk	Cow	1505	\$162.50
Watkins, Jim & Patty, Edgemont SD	5	Blk	Cow	1272	\$157.50
Watkins, Jim & Patty, Edgemont SD	1	Blk	Cow	1310	\$156.00
Watkins, Jim & Patty, Edgemont SD	23	Blk	Cow	1110	\$144.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	2	Blk	Cow	1397	\$162.50
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	2	Blk	Cow	1595	\$160.50
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	1	Blk	Cow	1250	\$140.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	1	Blk	Cow	1300	\$137.00
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitehead SD	2	Blk	Cow	1542	\$160.50
Dewey, Todd Or Susan, Box Elder SD	1	Blk	Owette	1345	\$164.50
Dewey, Todd Or Susan, Box Elder SD	3	Bld	Cow	1371	\$162.50
Dewey, Todd Or Susan, Box Elder SD	1	Blk	Cow	1205	\$160.00
Dirks, Michael T & Karen E, Hulet WY	1	Hfr	Cow	1230	\$151.00
Dirks, Michael T & Karen E, Hulet WY	2	Hfr	Cow	1430	\$146.50
Dirks, Michael T & Karen E, Hulet WY	1	Hfr	Cow	1070	\$139.00
Dirks, William Jr & Or Julia, Hulet WY	1	Hfr	Cow	1235	\$137.50
Driskill Ranch Inc, Joe, Upton WY	1	Blk	Cow	1465	\$159.00
Driskill Ranch Inc, Joe, Upton WY	1	Blk	Cow	1240	\$150.00
Earley, Luke, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Hfr	1115	\$211.00
Earley, Luke, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Owette	1235	\$168.00
Earley, Luke, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Cow	1210	\$162.50
Earley, Luke, Broadus MT	3	Blk	Cow	1345	\$161.50
Earley, Luke, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Cow	1565	\$160.50
Eaton, Wayne, St Onge SD	3	Blk	Hfr	1111	\$216.00
Eaton, Wayne, St Onge SD	1	Blk	Hfr	1090	\$211.00
Eaton, Wayne, St Onge SD	3	Bld	Hfr	1143	\$208.00
Eaton, Wayne, St Onge SD	1	Blk	Cow	1260	\$160.00
Escott, Tyler Or Brandy, Volborg MT	1	Red	Hfr	865	\$240.00
Frost, James Grover & Lynette, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Cow	1380	\$162.50
Frost, James Grover & Lynette, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Cow	1115	\$137.00
Ganske, Roger, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Cow	1690	\$158.00
Gaskill, Wanda, Ashland MT	1	Blk	Cow	1325	\$159.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	3	Blk	Hfr	1113	\$205.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	1	Blk	Owette	1225	\$164.50
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	2	Blk	Cow	1395	\$162.50
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	1	Blk	Cow	1090	\$155.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	2	Blk	Owette	1435	\$163.00
Harris, Jess, Oral SD	1	Blk	Cow	1310	\$162.00
Hensley, Charlie, Gillette WY	2	Hfr	Cow	1525	\$138.00
Hols Ranch LLC, Deadwood SD	1	Blk	Cow	1775	\$162.00
Hols Ranch LLC, Deadwood SD	1	Blk	Cow	1580	\$162.00
Horst, Vernon, Newell SD	2	Blk	Owette	1512	\$163.50
Johnson, Troy, St Onge SD	1	Blk	Owette	1360	\$163.00
Johnson, Troy, St Onge SD	1	Blk	Cow	1600	\$162.00
J-Six South Dakota Operations, Seneca Ks	3	Blk	Owette	1171	\$181.00
J-Six South Dakota Operations, Seneca Ks	2	Red	Cow	1640	\$161.00
J-Six South Dakota Operations, Seneca Ks	1	Red	Cow	1320	\$155.50
J-Six South Dakota Operations, Seneca Ks	1	Blk	Cow	1155	\$142.00
J-Six South Dakota Operations, Seneca Ks	1	Blk	Cow	1350	\$140.00
J-Six South Dakota Operations, Seneca Ks	1	Red	Cow	1370	\$138.00
Kammerer, Jessica, Rapid City SD	1	Bld	Cow	1125	\$137.00
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City SD	1	Blk	Hfr	885	\$240.00
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City SD	1	Bld	Hfr	1000	\$204.00
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City SD	1	Blk	Cow	1350	\$161.00
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City SD	1	Blk	Cow	1345	\$154.00
Kareks, Henry, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Cow	1475	\$155.50
Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City SD	1	Blk	Hfr	1140	\$212.00
Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City SD	1	Bld	Cow	1465	\$155.50
Kleven, Rick, Piedmont SD	1	Blk	Cow	1170	\$139.50
Knapp Ranch Holding LLC, Hermosa SD	1	Bld	Cow	1150	\$150.00
Lazy T5, LLC, Whitehead SD	1	Blk	Hfr	1070	\$208.00
Lazy T5, LLC, Whitehead SD	1	Blk	Cow	1250	\$158.00
Lazy T5, LLC, Whitehead SD	1	Blk	Cow	1240	\$150.00
Lewton, Kent & Ann, Ten Sleep WY	1	Blk	Cow	1345	\$163.00
Lewton, Kent & Ann, Ten Sleep WY	1	Blk	Cow	1210	\$146.00
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	1	Blk	Owette	1140	\$180.00
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	5	Blk	Cow	1473	\$160.00
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	2	Blk	Cow	1267	\$160.00
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	1	Blk	Cow	1840	\$149.00
Lone Tree Ranch, Sturgis SD	15	Hfr	Owette	1021	\$170.00
Lone Tree Ranch, Sturgis SD	5	Hfr	Cow	1207	\$144.00
Mackaben, Romny, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Hfr	900	\$239.00
Malhaffy, Rommie, Newell SD	1	Blk	Owette	1435	\$163.00
Maude, Carl, Hermosa SD	1	Blk	Cow	1495	\$161.50
Maude, Marvin, Hermosa SD	1	Blk	Cow	1335	\$140.00
Mcfarland, Chris, Rapid City SD	5	Bld	Cow	1548	\$162.50
Mcfarland, Chris, Rapid City SD	1	Bld	Cow	1685	\$158.50
Mcfarland, Chris, Rapid City SD	1	Bld	Cow	1900	\$135.00
Mpherson, Jay, Piedmont SD	1	Blk	Hfr	840	\$207.50
Mpherson, Jay, Piedmont SD	1	Bld	Cow	1165	\$154.00
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Miller, Doug Or Mary, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Hfr	1060	\$200.00
Mollman, Craig, Ludlow SD	1	Hfr	540	\$247.50	
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Policky Ranch Limited Partnership, Upton WY	1	Blk	Hfr	920	\$261.00
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Redding, Clay, Forsyth MT	1	Red	Owette	1400	\$163.00
Redding, Clay, Forsyth MT	1	Red	Cow	1530	\$162.00
Redding, Clay, Forsyth MT	3	Red	Cow	1236	\$155.00
Redding, Clay, Forsyth MT	2	Red	Cow	1060	\$138.50
Reder Cattle Co LLC, Fruitdale SD	5	Blk	Hfr	1064	\$221.00
Reder Cattle Co LLC, Fruitdale SD	1	Blk	Cow	1155	\$141.00
Reynolds, John Or Sally, Rozet WY	1	Blk	Cow	1505	\$159.50
Reynolds, John Or Sally, Rozet WY	1	Rbld	Cow	1230	\$139.00
Ricard, Kelly, Piedmont SD	2	Bld	Cow	1667	\$159.50
Ricard, Kelly, Piedmont SD	5	Bld	Cow	1124	\$143.00
Ricard, Kelly, Piedmont SD	1	Blk	Cow	1000	\$142.00
Ricard, Kelly, Piedmont SD	1	Bld	Cow	1510	\$142.00
Richards, Kristy, Newell SD	1	Blk	Hfr	1070	\$208.00
Richards, Kristy, Newell SD	1	Blk	Owette	1110	\$170.00
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Smith, Beth Michele, Sundance WY	3	B/R	Cow	1316	\$153.50
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Soeizer, Steven F, Piedmont SD	1	Bld	Hfr	1060	\$232.00
Steffes, Darrel, Vale SD	2	Blk	Hfr	1192	\$207.50
Steffes, Darrel, Vale SD	1	Blk	Cow	1490	\$157.00
Steffes, Kristi, Vale SD	1	Blk	Hfr	1010	\$221.00
Swanson, John Or Brenda, Spearfish SD	1	Hfr	Cow	1290	\$149.00
Swanson, John Or Brenda, Spearfish SD	2	Hfr	Cow	1137	\$140.00
Swanson, John Or Brenda, Spearfish SD	2	Hfr	Cow	925	\$138.50
Tetrault, Tim Or Roxie, St Onge SD	1	Red	Cow	1315	\$135.00
Thompson, Ted, Whitehead SD	1	Blk	Cow	1440	\$160.50
Thompson, Ted, Whitehead SD	1	Blk	Cow	1560	\$159.00
Thompson, Ted, Whitehead SD	1	Blk	Cow	1380	\$148.00
Tope Livestock LLC, Hulet WY	3	Blk	Cow	1375	\$162.50
Trucano Ranch Inc, Boyes MT	3	Blk	Owette	1200	\$172.00
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These articles come from newspaper microfilm from the Belle Fourche Public library, using a new microfilm reader and printer. The photographs are from the Tri-State Museum.

124 years ago
THE TIMES
May 3, 1900

TALK OF THE TOWN Be on hand to witness free morning exhibition of The Great Syndicate English-American Shows on May 14th. The Congregational Association of the Black Hills churches will meet at Rapid City Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Notice to Property Owners It is hereby ordered by the town board of the town of Belle Fourche that sidewalks be laid

by the various property holders along the following streets, to wit: Railroad street, beginning at Second street, running west to Beach street; along both sides of Pine street, running north from Railroad street to Fourth street, thence along the south side of Fourth street east to Elm street. Along the west side of Oak street from Second to third street. Commencing at Oak street running east on the north side of Second street to Spruce street. Along the south side of Second street, beginning at Ash street; to



by Mary Buchholz

the corporate limits. Along the west side of Ash street from First to Second street. All walks must be not less than four feet wide. It is also ordered by said board that all alley must be cleaned up and refuse hauled out of the corporate limits of the town by May 10th. A.S. Shochley, Clerk.

Butte County South Dakota A History published 1989 by "The Committee" Pat Engbretson, Kay Heck and Helen Herrett.

BELLE FOURCHE STREET NAMES--A MERRY GO-ROUND
(By Shirley O'Leary, Tri-State Genealogical Society)

According to "Pioneer Footprints", when Belle Fourche first was platted, the East-West Streets were to be numbered, and the North and South Streets named after trees. This pattern was still in use in 1911 when the first Street Directory was published.

By 1923, a confusing system of numbered avenues, running north and south, and numbered streets running east and west, with a dividing line at State Street, was adopted, so that one had a Sixth Street North, a Sixth Street South, a Sixth Avenue North, and a Sixth Avenue South.

In 1949, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 112, amending Ordinance No. 64, giving the streets the names they have today. No North, South, East or West designations were to be used.

An attempt was made to locate by their present names the streets given in the 1911 City Directory. They included:

- Arch - probably just south of present Court House
- Ash - not located
- Beach - (should be beech, if the tree) not located
- Elder - not located
- Ellis - not located
- Elk - not located
- Elkhorn - original and present street
- Elm - 4th Avenue
- Fremont - not located (might be Kingsbury)
- Highland - (Highland Park Area?)
- Maple - 5th Avenue; also, now, a tiny street off from it
- May - not located, possibly 9th Avenue
- Oak - 6th Avenue
- Pine - 3rd Avenue
- Poplar - 10th Avenue in front of Roosevelt School
- Railroad - as now
- Short - not located
- Sioux - not located
- Spruce - 7th Avenue
- Walnut - 11th Street in back of Roosevelt School
- Ward - south of present Courthouse, maybe extension of Arch (A guess!)
- Water - now Roundup Street

Old names of the PRESENT Streets were (from about 1911 through 1949), Aurora (N. 7th St.); Butte (N. 6th St.); Custer (N. 5th St.); Day (N. 4th St.); Edmunds (N. 3rd St.); Faulk (N. 2nd St.); Grant (N. 1st St.); Harding (S. 1st St.); Indian (S. 2nd St.); Jackson (S. 3rd St.); Kingsbury (S. 4th St.); Lawrence (S. 5th St.); Meade (S. 6th St.); National (S. 7th St.); Omaha (S. 8th St.); Perkins (S. 9th St.); Roundup St. (Water St.); Mill St. (S. 5th Avenue through Mt. View Addition). There is also a Lake St. where the flour mill canal used to run, between Kingsbury and Lawrence. See "Belle Fourche Beginnings".

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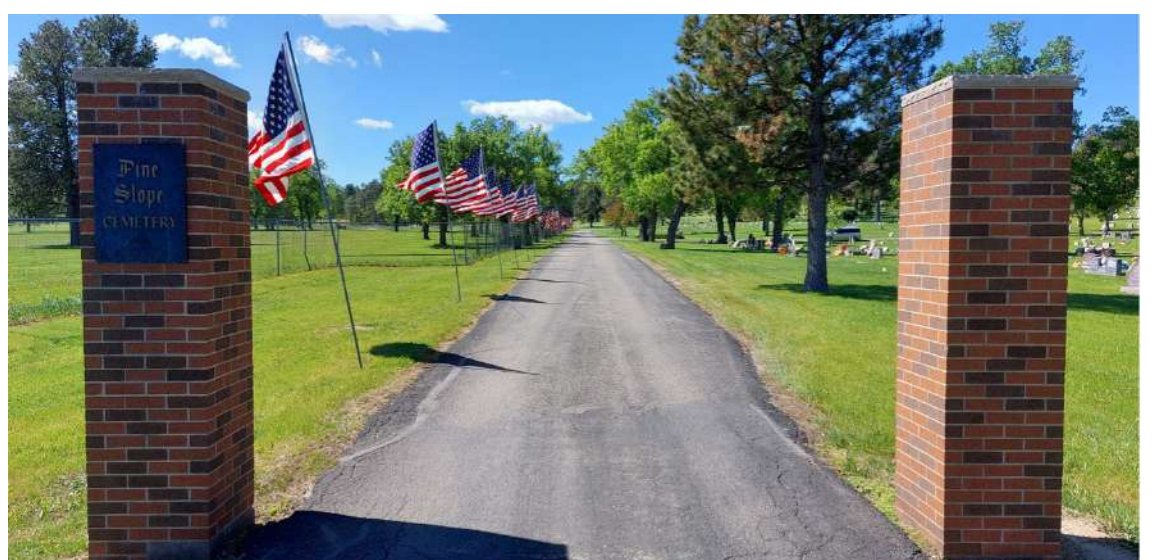
*The origin of the VFW "Buddy Poppy" program where people receive a poppy in exchange for a contribution which supports Veterans, families of Veterans, and programs for Veterans in addition to our local community;

*The Veteran Memorial Avenue of Flags. Family members have donated the coffin flag belonging to their deceased Service Member. Every Memorial Day, when the weather isn't wet, the VFW with the help of community volunteers raise these 5' x 9.5' flags around the Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle. There are around 130 of them.

* The Belle Fourche VFW has placed poppies in baskets with a contribution container at 14 businesses around town, and we are now receiving requests from businesses to furnish them with a basket.

It is a fund raiser but raising funds for Veterans, their families and supporting our community is what we do. Those contributions are our income to do that. However, we would like to see people wearing the poppy all over the town. (So far, the contributions are coming in - but the poppies are not going out.)

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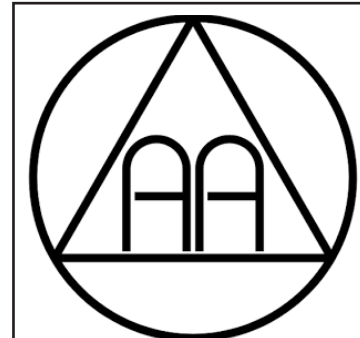
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Tri-State Performers Present No Pluto? No Problem!

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Tri-State Museum's new addition transformed into the inside of a spaceship for the setting of the play No Pluto? No Problem! on the evening of April 25 and again on the afternoon of April 26.

An original play written and directed by Museum Director and Playwright, Kristi Thielen, the play No Pluto? No Problem! was educational and entertaining with a touch of humor mixed throughout, as it told the tale of a Plutonian spaceship trying to come to terms with the change of the planet Pluto to merely a dwarf planet.

Originally written in the early 2000s, Thielen had to update the script as new information was learned about Pluto. "I wrote this in about 2009, it was first produced at the Journey Museum—it was different at that time because the flyby hadn't taken place yet—I did have to adapt it somewhat with the information from the flyby," she said.

As a fan of the planet Pluto, and now dwarf planet Pluto, Thielen enjoyed writing the play. "The Journey Museum had a space program and they had videos that they ran about space and I'm an outer space nut, I've always loved Pluto," explained Thielen. "So it didn't have to take much to get me interested in writing this, I have been a fan of Pluto since I was a teenager!"

Tri-State Museum took the opportunity to utilize the stage in the new addition for a second time when presenting the play

No Pluto? No Problem! "This was the second theater performance that we've done in the gallery, and we're very pleased with it," said Thielen. The Tri-State Performers, kids from ages K through eighth grade, performed to a full house.

Auditions were held March 31 and April 1 for 13 scripted roles, the young actors had the month of April to learn their parts. Learning their lines at home the youth had only three scheduled practices to perfect their characters.

The audience was enthralled with the production, as the cast of kids recited their lines with ease. The cast consisted of: Savana Schwender as Queen Charon, Max Dixon as Commander Spheroid, Easton Soriano as Boysen, Joyce Keating as Raizel, Francine Lipp as Mrs. Tombaugh, Lakinn Schwender as Lem, Katherine Fowler as Golde, Scarlett Bercier as Miss Ammonia, Lux Kirstine as Dr. Maven, Nash Kirstine as Tyson Kuiper, K.J. Soriano as Tavi, Natalie Venter as Oyslendish, and Adlei Gerbracht as Tick.

At first a little concerned about the downgrade from planet-status for Pluto, Thielen has since accepted it. "I initially was (concerned) now that the flyby has taken place and we know how remarkable it is and I know they truly will be studying it for centuries to come," she explained. "Now, I'm not concerned, it's still a remarkable place! So call it whatever you will, it's still beautiful and amazing!"



Scarlett Bercier, Nash Kirstine, and Savanna Schwender take the stage in the play No Pluto? No Problem! Longbrake photo

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(Above) Part of the spaceship crew Easton Soriano, Lakinn Schwender & Max Dixon; (Above Right) Lakinn Schwender at the controls during the play No Pluto? No Problem! (Bottom Right) K.J. Soriano, Francine Lipp, Joyce Keating and Katherine Fowler take part in the play No Pluto? No Problem!



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BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOL BUS PATRONS INVITED TO MEETING

The transportation committee of the Belle Fourche School Board has announced that there will be a bussing meeting in the

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES of the BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOL DISTRICT
2305 13th Avenue (southend of Middle School)
• 5:15 p.m. • Monday, May 12, 2025

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the bus routes for the upcoming school year. Those patrons of the Belle Fourche School District who are interested in possible changes in the bus routes are urged to attend.

“Building Main Street, not Wall Street” Successful Transformation Must Be a Constant

Albert Einstein once very appropriately said, “We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.” This quote resonated deeply during a recent conversation with leaders from a community I’ve been consulting with. Their persistent refrain was, “We are just different from other communities,” suggesting their challenges were uniquely insurmountable.



The pathway to community transformation isn’t on the road less traveled. It follows a well-established highway with clear signage and proven exit strategies. Yes, communities face different obstacles, but successful transformation invariably requires navigating the same critical passages. The real question isn’t whether the roadmap works—it’s where your community enters the journey.

This mindset is remarkably common. According to a 2023 National Main Street Center survey, 78% of community leaders initially believed their problems were unique, yet after collaborative workshops, 92% acknowledged fundamental similarities in their core challenges. This data confirms what I’ve observed across hundreds of communities: the perception of uniqueness often serves as a psychological barrier to change rather than reflecting reality.

Some communities start with higher poverty rates—the national average for small towns hovers around 16%, but some communities I’ve worked with face rates exceeding 25%. Others benefit from corporate headquarters providing financial leverage, with corporate philanthropy accounting for an average of 18% of community development funding in such towns. Some communities boast volunteer engagement rates of 35% compared to the national average of 25%, giving them a head start in community-driven initiatives.

The evidence is compelling. When examining 150 successful community revitalizations over the past decade, the Brookings Institution found that 85% followed similar transformation pathways despite varying starting points. The communities ranged from rural towns of 2,500 to mid-sized cities of 150,000, with economic diversity spanning former manufacturing hubs to agricultural centers.

Despite these varying starting points, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston’s research on 67 revitalized communities found that 74% implemented remarkably similar strategic frameworks regardless of their initial conditions. Success wasn’t determined by starting resources but by effectively deploying whatever resources were available. What are these common transformation elements? First, every successful revitalization begins with abandoning outdated thinking. The communities that thrived were those willing to embrace change, with 88% of successful transformations involving significant shifts in local planning paradigms.

Consider Emporia, Kansas (population 24,000) and Paducah, Kentucky (population 27,000). Despite different geographic and economic profiles, both transformed their downtowns through similar strategic approaches, resulting in 30% and 35% increases in downtown occupancy respectively over five years. The difference wasn’t in their problems or solutions but in their execution and commitment.

Second, they cultivate robust volunteer networks. Communities

with volunteer rates exceeding the national average by just 5% showed transformation timelines shortened by an average of 2.3 years. Third, they actively foster entrepreneurship, with successful communities averaging 12% higher rates of new business formation than stagnant ones. Fourth, they forge partnerships between municipal leadership and private sector champions, creating accountability systems where both sectors balance responsibilities. Fifth, they develop transparent communication networks—communities implementing multi-channel communication strategies experienced 40% better resident buy-in for revitalization projects.

Sixth, they understand the economic multiplier effect of supporting locally-owned businesses. Research shows that for every \$100 spent at local businesses, \$68 remains in the local economy versus just \$43 from chain stores. Finally, they cultivate a truly-local mindset among residents, with community education programs resulting in measurable shifts in local spending habits—typically 8-12% increases in local commerce within 18 months.

Every community has challenges, but the notion that yours faces unique problems no other community has encountered is statistically improbable and intellectually limiting. Of the nearly 20,000 incorporated places in the United States, patterns of challenge and opportunity repeat with remarkable consistency. Every community has within its DNA the ability to transform. While major projects eventually require capital investment, lack of money need not be the initial barrier. The Knight Foundation found that 62% of transformative community projects began with minimal funding but secured substantial investment after demonstrating early wins and community commitment.

As Norman Vincent Peale wisely noted, “Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that.” The data overwhelmingly supports this sentiment—the communities that transform aren’t necessarily the wealthiest, but

invariably they’re the ones that refuse to accept limitation as their destiny.

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Northern Hills Invite

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Tuesday April 29th the Belle Fourche High School Track and Field team hosted the Northern Hills Invite at home. Highlights on the day were:

Three of our Broncos improved their state rankings with season bests in individual events on Tuesday. Senior runner, Kashton Le LaCheur earned a season best in the 100 meter dash with a 1st place finish and a time of 11.47 securing his #24 ranking. Kash also earned a season best in the 200 meter with a 1st place finish and a time of 23.44 securing a #20 state ranking. Sophomore distance runner, Lennon Clarkson earned a personal record in the 800 meter run with a 1st place finish and a time of 2:08.03 securing a #24 ranking. Junior thrower, Joseph McLennon earned a personal record in shot put with a throw of 44-02 for a 1st place finish and a ranking of #18. The 4x200 relay team of Kash Le LaCheur, Caeyn Howard, Tegan Fredrickson and Gavin Pearson had a season best time of 1:34.67 for a 1st place finish and a #12 ranking in SD Class A.

Oden Walding, Tegan Fredrickson, and Aidan Keil all earned PRs in the 100 meter dash, Tegan Fredrickson, Caeyn Howard, and Dylan Park had PRs in the 200 meter dash, Thad McKenney earned a PR in the 300 meter hurdles, Raif Parmer and Dylan Park earned PRs in the 400 meter, Soren Kopp earned a PR in the 1600 meter run and Nathan Hudson and Clifford Torberson earned PRs in the 3200 meter run.

Throwers earning personal

records in discus Tuesday were, Carter Goeders, Colt Humbracht and Evan Jackson, and in shot put were, Emmitt Lipp and Gabe Raba.

For the Lady Broncos, Freshman Emma Nehl boasted Personal Records in 3 events including the 100 meter dash where she took 6th with a time of 14:02, the 200 meter dash where she took 8th with a time of 29.67 and the 400 meter where she took 5th with a time of 1:08. Sophomore, Kora Knapp, earned a season best time in the 200 meter dash, Sophomore Misty Drieling earned a season best in the 1600 with a 1st place finish and a time of 6:11.39 while freshman Abbey Clendening earned a PR and a 4th place finish with a time of 6:25.

The 4x100 team of Jaz Olson, Mikka Dunavant, Mya Nowowiejski and Kailey Nowowiejski continue to improve their top times and maintain their #4 ranking in the state with a season best of 50.77 Tuesday. These ladies continue to hold top places and times in their individual open races as well.

Lady throwers with notable markings Tuesday were Senior, Chloe Merjil who continues to top the leader boards in the school and rank high in the SD Class A throwing world, finishing her day with a PR in discus with a throw of 92-0, her sister, Sophomore Lucila Merjil had a season best discus throw as well as Sophomore Elliot Schreder.

The Bronc teams had many relay teams and individual qualifiers who will be competing in the prestigious Howard Wood Invite on May 2nd and 3rd in Sioux Falls. There will be a JV invite in Sturgis coming up on Tuesday May 6th as well.

Unified Relay Race at Northern Hills Invite

Today is a day we celebrate inclusion. Inclusion is not just a word - it is a promise. It's a promise that every person, regardless of ability, has the right to dream, to strive and to belong. Today, we celebrate every athlete for their abilities, determination and their courage. Today, we cheer for effort, for progress and for the joy of participating." Provided by Athletic Director, Adam Nowowiejski, and read aloud before Tuesday's race.

On Tuesday April 29th at the Northern Hills Invite in Belle Fourche, a Unified Relay race was held during the meet. This race consisted of two teams running a 4x100 with two members of the Belle Fourche High School track team and two members from the Special Olympics program to form each relay team. Each team was co-ed and each leg alternated between members from each athletic program.

Teams consisted of, Rhys Pearson in leg one for team one, followed by Fara Bricker in leg two, then Kashton Le LaCheur, in leg three, and racing to the finish line as the anchor for team one was Trystin Newsome. For team two leg one, Payton Jackson led, followed by Logan Carson in leg two, then Kailey Nowowiejski in leg three, and the anchor for team two was Emma Juelfs.



Emma Nehl congratulates friend Emma Juelfs after the race



Emma Juelfs & Trystin Newsome heading for the finish line.



Rhys Pearson handing baton to Fara Bricker.JPG



Team 1- Trystin Newsome, Kashton Le LaCheur, Fara Bricker, & Rhys Pearson.



Team 2- Emma Juelfs, Logan Carson, Payton Jackson, & Kailey Nowowiejski.



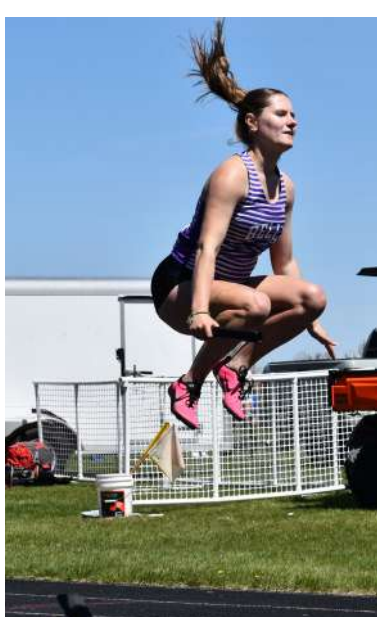
(L) 4x200 Relay Team **Sofia Gonzalez, Kora Knapp, Mya Bush & Addilyn VanSickle**; (R) Freshman **Kailynn Lang** releases a shotput.



(L) Sisters **Mya & Kailey Nowowiejski** warm up before racing where both girls earn top places in multiple events; (R) Sophomore **Charlie Houck** takes off out of the blocks



Bronc 100 meter dash runners- lane 6 **Slater Humbracht**, lane 5 **Tegan Fredrickson**, lane 1 **Caeyn Howard**



(L) Freshman **Emma Nehl** says a quick prayer before her 200 meter race, Emma PR'd in 3 races at the meet; (C) Freshman **Thad McKenney** clearing a hurdle during the 300 meter race; (R) Junior **Jazlyn Olson** jumps during a pre race warm up. *Kandi Tonsager Photos*

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Next Clinic: **Thursday, May 8th**
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Registration will be from 6:00-7:00pm

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The Spearfish clinic will continue to provide medical, emergency dental, counseling, and resource services on Monday nights at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, located at 1020 State Street.

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Upcoming events,
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May 8 - 7AM Board of Directors Meeting @ Chamber Office, 10:30/5:30 Line Dancing @ BF Rec, 5PM Positive Pathways (Spearfish)

May 9 - 7:30AM Caramel Rolls & Coffee @ Belle Silver Lining

May 10 - Chalk it Up to Kindness 10AM-2PM @ Hermann Park

May 11 - Happy Mother's Day

May 12 - 12PM Service Dog Training

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Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



Spring is here and the school concert season is winding down as the flowers come up! The Belle Fourche Middle School has their Band Concert on Thursday, May 8th, and their Chorus Concert on Tuesday, May 13th. Both concerts are at 6:30 PM.

The Fine Arts Boosters Community Variety & Art Show was Sunday, May 4th. Pictures to come next week! FAB members would like to thank these local businesses for their donations: Royal Spraying & Lawn Care, Belle Fourche Country Club, Round Up Building Center, Dominos, Runnings, Budget Appliance, A Royal Clean, The Emporium, Print Mark-et, Prairie Hills Pharmacy, Lynn's Dakotamart, Posy Palace NAPA, Pizza Hut, Dakota Petals, The Branding Iron, & Nona's Kitchen. The Belle Fourche FAB organization appreciates their support for this community event. All proceeds benefit fine arts opportunities for the youth in our community.

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

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.
 May 13, Tues., BFMS Chorus Concert @ the Rec Center Theater, 6:30 PM

June 26-29, Thurs.-Sun., The BFACT Musical Production: Charlie & the Chocolate Factory; Performances Thurs-Sat at 7 PM; Sunday at 3 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.



The Belle Fourche Cast, Crew, & Pit Band for GREASE were all smiles after three successful shows this past weekend. The production wowed large audiences with crowd favorite musical numbers, outstanding choreography, and energetic high school antics. The cast was under the direction of Toi Flick & Allie Juso-Verry and included Danny- Logan Willert; Sandy- Trinity Hostetter, Kenickie-Timothy Thompson, Doody- Kale Williams, Roger- Derek Scott, Sonny- John Hale, Rizzo- Kate Blair, Frenchy- Sonja Cropper, Marty- Alexa Stone, Jan- Iva Hale, Patty- Aoloni Stone, Eugene- Trevor Welles, Cha-Cha- Kaeli Thompson, Miss Lynch- Madisyn Carson, Vince Fontaine- Dillon Streecher, Johnny Casino- Derek Scott, Teen Angel- Kale Williams, Female Radio Voice- Abby Schmidt, and in the Ensemble: Mercedes Madison, Tace Hartman, Avery Mastin, Trey Shannon, Chelsea Zinke, Mollie Collins; Tech Crew: Wyatt Lesmeister, Hunter Brown, Madison Dalton, Mark Mullins; the Pit Band, under the direction of Micah Pennel & pianist Lucy Cole, included Elsie Adams, Marek McNeese, Raif Parmeter, Stephen Stein, Ainsley Nelson, Brahnson Brink. *Courtesy Photos*



(L) Johnny Casino(Derek Scott) keeps things shakin' at the high school hop, while Sonny(John Hale) and Doody(Kale Williams) discuss the latest dance moves they're witnessing; (R) Jan(Iva Hale), Rizzo(Kate Blair), and Frenchy(Sonja Cropper) are giving Marty(Alexa Stone) the 3rd degree about her newest boyfriend, Freddy.



(L) Danny(Logan Willert) doesn't want to hear Sandy's(Trinity Hostetter) explanation. Sonny(John Hale) thinks he's helping, while Roger(Derek Scott) pays attention in the background; (R) Audience Favorite! The Burger Palace Boys (Kale Williams, John Hale, Timothy Thompson, Logan Willert, and Derek Scott) finish Greased Lightning with some iconic dance moves.



(L) Teen Angel(Kale Williams) tries to give Frenchy(Sonja Cropper) some sound advice, backed up by his Angels(Alexa Stone, Abigail Schmidt, Chelsea Zinke, Mollie Collins, Kate Blair, Aolani Stone, Kaeli Thompson, Tace Hartman, and Iva Hale); (R) Sandy(Trinity Hostetter) makes quite an impression on Danny(Logan Willert) following his transformation to jock/nerd and her transformation to "wicked" chick. Backing up Sandy are Rizzo(Kate Blair) and Marty(Alexa Stone). Equally blown away are Doody(Kale Williams), Kenickie (Timothy Thompson), Sonny(John Hale), and Roger(Derek Scott). Kaeli Thompson seems less impressed than the guys.

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The Ending to a Great Year for the Newell FFA



Newell FFA members ended the year with a banquet highlighting the accomplishments of the students. From the left back row: Will Erk, Justin Stranberg, Brendt Tiftt, Bianca Bierman, Rowdy Wetz, Joe Eaton, Orrin Youngberg, Bristol Bachman, Kendra Johnson, Bethany Mahaffy, Kate High, Rachel Stranberg, and Kianna Miller. Front row: Advisor Cheyenne Geppert, Bailey Takes The Gun, Tala Millage, Sorley Wetz, Kiley Link, Hayden Johnston, Nevada Donahey, Jessica Raisanen, McKenzie Rans, Paul Raisanen, and Liam Harms. Photo by Betty Bruner

Betty Bruner

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NEWELL-The floor of Austin Auditorium was filled nearly to capacity with over 100 guests seated and ready to participate in the Annual FFA Banquet on May 1.

The 2024-2025 officers began the evening with the FFA Opening Ceremony. Each officer stated the symbol of his position.

Following President Rachel Stranberg's taps of the gavel, she called on the Vice President Kendra Johnson. Kendra called on each officer to complete the opening ceremony-Sentinel Rowdy Wetz, Reporter Sorley Wetz. Treasurer Orrin Youngberg, Secretary Bristol Bachman, Historian Kiley Link, and Advisor Cheyenne Geppert.

Awards were given in several areas, the Discovery Degree, Greenhand Degree, and Chapter Degree.

Discovery Degree recipients were:

Bianca Bierman, William Erk, Brendt Tiftt, Justin Stranberg, McKenzie Rans, and Evelyn Ahart.

Greenhand Degree recipients were:

Joe Eaton, Bailey Takes the Gun, Kiley Link, Hayden Johnston, Nevada Donahey,

Bristol Bachman, Kaitlynn Shaykett, Bethany Mahaffy, Jesse Jones, Paul Raisanen, Liam Harms, and Jessica Raisanen.

Chapter Degree recipients were:

Rachel Stranberg, Sorley Wetz, Rowdy Wetz, and Kate High.

William Erk received the Outstanding Eighth Grade recognition. Nevada Donahey was Outstanding Freshman, Kiley Link Outstanding Sophomore, Rowdy Wetz was Outstanding Junior, and Kianna Miller was named Outstanding Senior.

Four adults were recognized as Honorary Members-Dawn Gardner, Emma Brunner, Dr. Pandi Pittman, and June Wetz-Siebold.

Senior Recognition was given to Kianna Miller, who is the only senior graduating.

A highlight of the evening was the speech made by outgoing President Rachel Stranberg. She noted that it was with mixed emotions that she prepared her speech. Her year as president was full of wonderful memories, but she realized that she was filling big shoes.

Stranberg spoke of her gratitude to each one who stood and was recognized for their achievements, especially for an advisor who pushed her to go

beyond her comfort level.

She learned about leadership, team work, and herself. And she is ready to embrace the opportunities ahead. She is excited to see

what the future will bring.

Stranberg encouraged the FFA students to watch for a new chapter to begin for everyone.

New officers were named for 2025-2026. President

is Rowdy Wetz, VP Orrin Youngberg, Treasurer Sorley Wetz, Reporter Rachel Stranberg, Sentinel Bristol Bachman, Historian Kiley Link, and Secretary Hayden Johnston.



Officers for the 2024-2025 School Year are President Rowdy Wetz, Treasurer Sorley Wetz, Historian Kiley Link, Reporter Rachel Stranberg, Secretary Hayden Johnston, Sentinel Bristol Bachman, and Vice President Orrin Youngberg. Photo by Betty Bruner



Above: Rachel Stranberg gave a heart-felt speech as outgoing President.

Left:Kianna Miller was honored as the only graduating senior during the FFA Awards Banquet held Thursday evening. Photos by Betty Bruner

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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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T We started the week off on Monday with 2.25 inches of much needed rain! It was raining when I headed down to Spearfish that morning for the High Plains Western Heritage Center annual meeting and lunch at noon and it rained all the way down there and was still sprinkling a little when I came back home late that afternoon. We didn't get as much rain as some did though. Bob Tenold down by Reva got 5 inches and so did some others around there, but those north of us didn't get quite as much as we did although everyone got some good moisture. I got home too late to make it to Buffalo for the spring concert at the school and Knox's kindergarten graduation, but Taz and Amanda and kids were over there for all the

excitement.

I dumped another little bit of water out of the rain gauge Tuesday morning from the little sprinkle Monday night. Taz and Amanda and the kids stayed in town Monday night but Taz came home early Tuesday morning to do chores and help with the lambing while Amanda and the kids stayed in town until school was out that afternoon. The guys were busy hauling ewes and lambs over to Glendo and there isn't many ewes left to lamb here.

After we heard about the death of Brad Abelseth's mother Irene (Eggebo) Abelseth a couple weeks ago, Reub and I got out a book that Brad had written about himself titled "The Big Nasty Boy" and the little book Irene had written in 1999 titled "Grand Memories from the South Grand." Brad's grandfather, Hans Abelseth and his

brother Ole Abelseth came over from Norway in the early 1900s, homesteading about nine miles southeast of Ralph along the Big Nasty Creek and Brad's parents were living on the McCurdy place, which is now owned by Don Nash, when Brad was born. Brad's mother Irene Abelseth was the second child born to Ole and Phoebe Eggebo in 1921 while they were living in the Glendo community, just over the hill from the South Grand River and they got their mail at Glendo. Glendo had a store and post office run by my grandparents, Harvey and Lydia Wilkinson and the Wilkinson family lived in that building. The Eggebo's lived on the other side of the river, so when the river came up high they couldn't get their mail for days because back then the closest bridge was miles away. Irene had an

older brother, Melvin Eggebo, who died when she was just two years old. The other kids were Esther Eggebo born in 1924, Lila Eggebo born in 1926, John Eggebo born in 1928 and Ruth Eggebo born in 1934, just before their mother died in 1935. The eight Wilkinson kids were close neighbors for the Eggebo kids to play with and they all grew up together. My mother, Lila (Wilkinson) White was born in 1925 right between Esther and Lila Eggebo and they were all really good friends.

Wednesday on the last day of April, Reub and I took the red pickup to Hettinger to get our black pickup that Laufer Vermeer had put a new engine in for us. Reub drove the black pickup home while I drove the red pickup and we both stopped in Reeder on the way home to have coffee with the Prairie Pioneers. It sprinkled a little while we were gone and I dumped almost a tenth of an inch out of the rain gauge.

Thursday was May 1 that we called May Day when I was a kid and we always tried to find wild flowers to secretly leave on our neighbors front porch because if they saw us they were supposed to catch us and kiss us! I told Knox about May Day and he found me a little batch of wild flowers and even let me kiss him. It was Rally Day at the school in Buffalo that day and the kids had a lot of fun. Reub and I went into Buffalo for the National Day of Prayer meeting at the Lions Civic Center that evening. Those leading the prayer meeting were Pastor David Douglas, Pastor

Henry Mohagen, Father Bryan Sorenson, Pastor Cliff Claypool, Pastor Mike Smith, and Gary Johnson led the singing while Jody Johnson played the piano. It sprinkled on our way home that left a little bit in the rain gauge. Copper stayed in town after a birthday party Thursday night so Amanda went to Buffalo Friday morning and brought Copper and Camilla Lyons home to stay the night with Copper.

John Buer, age 65, of Meadow, passed away on Friday afternoon, May 2, at the Sanford Hospital in Bismarck. Funeral services for John will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 9, at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Lemmon. Charlotte Kvale and Brad Burkhalter will officiate and following a time of luncheon, burial will be held in the Chance Cemetery south of Meadow.

It was hot on Saturday with a high of 84 degrees that afternoon. It wasn't that hot when Jewel Lyons came to pick up her daughter Camilla that morning and we had a good visit with her. We showed Jewel some pictures about Doc Hodge that came from Reub's Grandma Hattie Olson. Jewel's grandparents got the Hodge place. There were several pictures of Doc Hodge's house and one of all of his sons Jim, Ed, Bill, Harry, and Lennie.

I'll leave with these cute ponderisms:

*If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?

*Is it me - or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

May 6, 1915

It is clean up time in Newell, so rake up your tin cans and rubbish and have them hauled to the city dump. All residents of the Town of Newell are hereby notified to clean up their property by the 15th of May. Also, on notice to stock owners that all stock found running-at-large on the Townsite of Newell will be impounded. The owners will be prosecuted under the Town Ordinance or Trespass Law.

Stop washing your clothes



Capt Edward Brodsky, was taken as POW when his bomber was shot down. He escaped and made his way to saafety. Newell Museum

by hand, throw away your washboard, it belongs to the things of the past. It is only a relic of the time when there was truth in the saying that "woman's work is never done". It has no longer any right to gather its toll of back aches and bruised hands. N. M. Bratton Mercantile Company now sells a "One Minute Washer". It washes perfectly.

At a recent meeting of the Belle Fourche Valley Water Users Association, a number of complaints were considered regarding the necessary drainage of waste and seepage waters, each director was constituted with a committee in his own district to investigate all such complaints in company with the Project Manager and to report at the meeting of the board following such investigations respectively.

April 30, 1925

Turner Cream Station has bought more cream in one day this week than they did in the first week of April. There's a reason, they offer fair prices, give them a trial and you will too remember that they make it pay.

The 3 new Holt tractors purchased by the county arrived this week. County Commissioner Wilson says one of them has been allotted to this district.

They are 2-ton size and will be used for road maintenance work.

Miss Katherine Sheridan purchased a new Ford touring car. Sunday she and Miss Mable Tetrault drove to Hoover to try out the new car and show the family.

May 2, 1935

May 25, Newell folks will be solicited for funds to carry on the work of improvements at the Newell Cemetery, according to action taken at a meeting Tuesday evening of the Cemetery Association. Mrs. Louis Maass, President, lead the discussion covering finances and proposed improvements this year and it was unanimous opinion that folks would be more readily respond to a cash donation than to donate food for the annual fund-raising dinner. The improvements for this year will include replacing the fence and laying of drain tile to the northeast portion of the cemetery. Statements will be sent out soon covering the dues of lot owners.

The Junior-Senior Banquet was held Saturday evening in the High School gymnasium and served by members of the Ladies' Social Union. The room was decorated to represent a Fairyland and as twilight fell the Juniors and Seniors entered the fairy room. The sky consisted of colored streamers with silver stars mingled. The pool in the center of the fairy room had several live goldfish and water lilies. The Fairyland was enclosed with trellises adorned with morning glories and wisteria. After the banquet the Seniors were guests of the Juniors at the picture show, "Harold Teen", a very appropriate show for the occasion.

South Dakota relief clients who refuse offers of employment will be denied aid in the future. The ultimatum was issued by M. A. Kennedy, State Relief Administrator, following reports that persons on relief have turned down offers of jobs. Private employers, particularly farmers, have offered jobs to these people on relief rolls and that the persons offered the work have refused to accept the employment. This is a serious matter and must be corrected immediately. The Federal Government has provided funds to take care of destitute people of this State who are destitute because of drought conditions or unemployment and when any person has an opportunity to earn money from any employer and refuses the work, then that

by Linda Velder

person is not worthy of further assistance.

May 3, 1945

The very welcome news came Monday to his parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Brodsky, that Captain Edward J. Brodsky had been liberated from a German prison camp on April 18. Capt. Brodsky was taken prisoner on May 11, 1944, while serving as a B-24 bomber pilot from a base in England. His parents and many friends here are anxiously awaiting the word that the Capt. is enroute home for a well-earned furlough and some of mother's fine cooking.

Vale folks pulled a good stunt Saturday night with their dancing party, when the men were required to dress as women and the women as men. It attracted many people from Newell and vicinity. When it came to awarding the prizes for most appropriate costumes, Miss Clarice Wiest drew down first prize for her mannish attire and Walter Milberg was declared the prettiest-dressed lady in the crowd.

A. C. Getty poured the concrete Monday for the foundation of a new building in the alley at the rear of his apartment houses east of the City Park. The structure is to be 27' x 56' in dimensions and partitioned for 5 automobile stalls and 5 coal bins. It will be sided and roofed with structural steel.

Naturalization Day in Butte County is Saturday May 3 at ceremonies to be at the Court House. Those seeking their final papers are George Geisner, Mary Geisner, Henry Ruff and Rose Korwelt all Nisland; Pauline Fielder Newell; John Luft and Olga Luft, Belle Fourche; David Brown and Marie Brown Vale; Gustav Johnson Buffalo and Peter Stark and Mary Katherine Stark now living at Gehring, Nebraska. The American Legion and Auxiliary will assist in the Naturalization Ceremonies. A federal official from St. Paul, Minn will examine the petitioners.

May 5, 1955

Mr. & Mrs. Arne Lund were elected as Presidential couple of the Newell Elbow Swingers Dance Club at their regular meeting following their monthly dance session at the Newell City Hall Tuesday night. The group also named Mr. & Mrs. Julius Viken as Vice Presidential couple and Mr. & Mrs. Bob Donaldson as Secretary-Treasurer couple.

Area schools have named their Valedictorian and Salutatorian graduates this week:

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at Newell May 16, Lou Ann Caton Valedictorian and Ward F. Weekly Salutatorian; Vale May 18, Rose Burk Valedictori-

Ann Knuetson; Secretary Mrs. Donald Seaman; Treasurer Mrs. Roy Koan and Chaplain Mrs. Paul Oksol. Miss Patsy LaFayette presented an interesting



One of A.C. Getty's apartments. The new building he erected sat to the rear of the apartment complex. Newell Museum

an and Jerome "Jerry" Nedella Salutatorian and Nisland May 15 Annabelle Aberle Valedictorian and Bernita Herman Salutatorian

Dr. & Mrs. O. H. Clark returned Saturday from Tempe, Arizona, where they spent the winter months. Daughter Mary graduated from Tempe High School while other daughter Patsie is a nurse at a hospital at Macy and also taking instruction in medical secretarial school at Phoenix and will graduate in June. Mr. & Mrs. Jack Dawson and family moved last week from the Dr. Clark residence into an apartment in the Erdman Apartment building. They had been living as care takers in the Clark residence during the winter.

April 29, 1965

Donald Seaman was elected Commander of Newell Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 5807 at the regular meeting of the organization in the Veteran's Hall Tuesday evening. Other officers elected included: Senior Vice Commander A. C. Gruwell; Junior Vice Commander Roy Koan; Adjutant Quartermaster Austin E. Post and Chaplain Dearold Foster. Mrs. M. F. Klinkner was elected President of the VFW Auxiliary Post 5807 at their meeting Tuesday evening also in the VFW Hall. Other officers elected: Junior Vice President

speech entitled "Americanism" to the combined VFW groups.

Lightning, which was believed to have struck an old tree in a creek bottom caused the first range fire of the season in this territory during a severe thunderstorm early Thursday evening. However, the big fire on the Christ Orwick range was spotted shortly after it started by about dusk by Stanley Rittberger who was flying over the area and was limited to about 10 acres of prime grassland. Neighbors and members of the Mud Butte Volunteer Fire Department joined in and quickly extinguished the blaze.

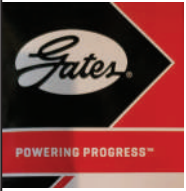
Wayne Albertson, Nisland escaped injury when the car he was driving crashed into a tree along the Highway in front of the High School Saturday night. However, the front of the 1965 Mercury Comet he was driving was badly smashed, and damage was estimated at more than \$800. According to Police Chief Art Foxley, the mishap occurred about 10:45 PM as Albertson was driving west on Fifth Street and lost control of his vehicle as it crossed the roughly bladed highway. Arraigned before City Magistrate Harry Cunningham Monday on a charge of careless driving, Albertson was assessed a fine of \$35 and court costs, with \$20 being suspended upon 60 days of promised good behavior.

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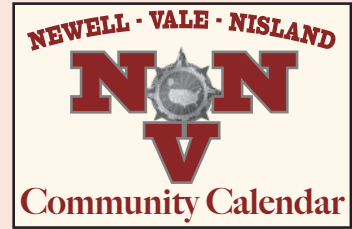


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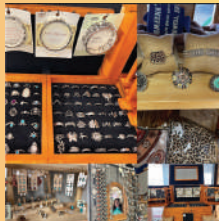
- May 5**
Fine Arts Banquet
- May 8**
Athletic Banquet
- May 8**
Newell Elementary Play Day
Bike Rodeo
- May 14**
Bingo at the Vale Hall
- Mondays**
Monday Night Bingo at the NVN Senior Center 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
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B's Buzz

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What a week! It started out relatively normal (well, as normal as any week is) and then things began to move so fast I wasn't sure if it was today, tomorrow or next week.

Monday was a "regular" day until about 9 a.m., then a phone call from physical therapy came that Chuck needed extra care and someone to take him to more intense "doctoring".

Thank goodness for a ready kitchen sub in Rhonda. She was willing to come in for a couple of hours to help out. The other

two gals, Jen and Gail, in the kitchen stepped up and did extra at the last minute. There were still grilled cheese sandwiches to make and all the regular duties.

It sounds like things went relatively smoothly even without me. It makes me wonder how much I'm needed.

At least I was able to get Chuck to see an orthopedic doctor and we found out some treatment news for his pain. He has a pain in his backside and it's not me!

So, for a couple of days, I played taxi driver and things settled down.

But it made me think about stuff. We plan and think we have all our ducks in a row. Only to find out that they aren't ducks at all, but a herd of cats. That run everywhere! I've tried herding them, but they don't listen at all!

I'm going to take some time when school is done and gather all my critters into one basket. From there, we will sort out the ducks and the cats and then take them all for a walk-down the

News From Dr. Pittman



May 5-9, 2025, is Teacher Appreciation Week, and Newell School District teachers have worked extremely hard to enhance the education of our students. The Newell School District is proud to announce some great accomplishments with our Smarter Balance test scores for this school year.

Fifth, eighth, and eleventh graders at the Newell School District performed above the state average. Science students in South Dakota scored an average of 41% proficient in fifth grade, 42% proficient in eighth grade, and 48% proficient in the eleventh grade. The Newell

trail to the creek. Then I'll be able to tell who is really a duck (they swim, right?) and who is a cat (they don't swim). Then I'll sit on the bank and have a good cry or laugh, whichever comes first! It will probably be a laugh-hysterical and loud!

I love organization and when things on my list get all muddled, I tend to go a little crazy. Not that you would

students scored 47% for fifth grade, 67% for eighth grade, and 50% for eleventh grade. This is the first year since 2021 that 11th graders outperformed the state average in science.

English Language Arts (ELA) exhibited great advancements as well. Fourth, 7th, and 8th graders at Newell outperformed the state average. Sixty three percent of 4th graders in Newell scored proficient and advanced, whereas the state average is 48% at that level. Seventh grade cleared the state average of 53%, with Newell scoring 57% of students scoring proficient and advanced. The seventh graders exhibited a 44% increase in the percentage of seventh graders scoring proficient and advanced compared to the performance of the class when they were fifth graders. Eighth graders matched the state average of 50% with 50% of Newell students scoring proficient and advanced.

Great academic achievement was also observed in Mathematics in the 4th, 7th,

and 8th grades. Fourth-grade students in Newell scored 68% proficiency, compared to 49% for the state average. Seventh graders had a 30% increase in students scoring proficient and advanced since the fifth grade. Newell seventh graders with 57% of students scoring proficient and advanced, compared to 44% for the state average. In addition, 56% of Newell eighth graders were performing proficient and advanced, whereas the state average was 40%.

Third-grade ELA and fifth-grade math were within 2% of the state average. Eleventh-grade ELA scored 50% proficiency, 14% higher than the prior three years. The Newell School District was identified as an RDA school district for Special Education, which has since dropped due to the advancement in test scores.

Newell School District commits to the education of our students. Grand advancements have been made this year and will continue in the future. We are Newell!

notice (I hope), but inside my head there's a circus going on! The clowns have the floor front and center. Right beside them, the lion tamer cracks his whip. Nearby, standing ready, is the guy in the cannon ready to be shot across the tent.

All in all, life is usually pretty calm and routine. This week showed me that I can't plan on

life being boring. I'd better pay attention or I'll get behind the clowns and get lost.

Oh, my! Here comes the dog act! Who let the dogs out? Are they going to chase the cats? Or the ducks? Oh, dear! Where is my basket?

Everything is in chaos, again!

Newell School Menu

MAY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5) Egg Omelet, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Beef Stroganoff, Broccoli, Apple Salad, Fruit, Milk	6) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Hot Dogs, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk	7) French Toast Squares, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Chicken & Noodles, Beets or Corn, Fruit, Milk	8) COOK'S CHOICE, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Fajita Chicken Casserole, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	9) NO SCHOOL
12) Pancakes, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Corn Dogs, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	13) COOK'S CHOICE, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Pork Rib Sandwiches, Vegetarian Beans, Fruit, Milk	14) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, Milk	15) COOK'S CHOICE, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	16) NO SCHOOL
19) COOK'S CHOICE, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk COOK'S CHOICE, Fruit, Milk	20) COOK'S CHOICE, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk COOK'S CHOICE, Fruit, Milk	21) COOK'S CHOICE, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!! COOK'S CHOICE, Fruit, Milk	22) SCHOOL'S OUT!	23) NO SCHOOL



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Parent Jamie Davidson
Plans to join the Army.



Conner Kenny

Parent: Michelle Ballard
Plans to work



Isaac Stark

Parents: Ryan & Allison Stark
Plans to attend Lake Area Tech School for Diesel Mechanics



BeJae Tesch

Parents: Roxie & Scott Weinzett and Krystal & Chad Tesch
Plans to attend Paul Mitchell Rapid City for Cosmetology



Logan Walz

Parents: Karla & Mark Walz
Plans to become a welder



Landon Green

Parent: Karlie Hodo
Plans to be an Underwater Welder



Darin Lewis

Parent Tommy Lewis
Plans to attend Lake Area Tech School for Diesel Mechanics



Hayden Taigaafi

Parents: Sarah Taigaafi Chipdime & Robby Howie
Plans to be a successful music podcaster and carpentry landscape business.



Jayden Tesch

Parents: Krystal & Chad Tesch
Plans include Basic AIT National Guard/SD School of Mines Mechanical Engineering



Justin Yates

Parents: Mark & Kathy Yates
Plans to attend Great Plains Welding Academy



Chase Johnston

Parent: Lonnie Johnston-
Plans to join the Army



Hailey McCann

Parents: Tim & Cheryl McCann
Plans to attend USD in Nursing



Cody Jones

Parents: Todd & Nicole Jones
Plans to attend Lake Area Tech School for Diesel Mechanic



Kianna Miller

Parents: Harold & Lori Miller
Plans to attend Torrington College Cosmetology and Rodeo

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Class Motto: "Life has no limitations, except the ones you make." Les Brown

Class Colors: Hot Pink, Neon Orange, Silver

Class Flower: Peony

Class Song: "I'll Be There for You"-Rembrandts

Graduation Ceremony
May 24
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