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## May School Board Meeting

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**BELLE FOURCHE**—The Belle Fourche School Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, May 5. Hollie Stalder, Director of Economic Development, gave an Economic Development Update presentation. Tyndall and Justice gave Budget Committee and Salary Committee reports, respectively.

Mathew Raba, High School Principal reminded everyone that the commencement ceremony for Belle Fourche High School will be held on Saturday, May 17 at 10 a.m. at Lou Graslie Field. If the weather does not cooperate, the graduation will be held in the High School gym. Senior Awards Night will be held at the High School gym on May 15 at 7 p.m.

The credit recovery summer school program will be held in the CTE building and will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. the following dates: May 27-29, June 2-5, June 9-12, and June 16-19, for a total of 15 days.

Raba will attend the State Principal's Conference in Deadwood on June 9-11, as well as the Wild Wild West Leadership Conference in Deadwood from June 11-13.

Compass Learning is partnering with Lake Area Tech this summer to host STEM, Robotics, and Drone camps for West River students; one of these camps will be held at Belle Fourche High School on June 13 in the CTE building.

Kevin Smidt, Middle School Principal reported that the Middle School just finished up their last Smarter Balance make-up test and are now in the process of administering Spring MAP tests at each grade level. The seventh and eighth grade girls are scheduled to attend Women in Science at BHSU on May 14. Eighth graders will attend the Meet the Coaches event on May 19. On May 20, the fifth and sixth graders will run their annual track and field day; and on May 21, the sixth graders will visit Devil's Tower. May 22 brings Putt-Putt Golf in Rapid City for the sixth graders, and a Story Book Walk with a lunch at Herman Park after for the fifth graders.

Eighth grade teachers will also be presenting awards in the gym from 8 to 10:15 a.m., after which they will go to Spearfish to hike the '76 Trail and have a picnic. Julie Hatling, Elementary Principal noted upcoming events including May 22 being the last full day with students; June 2 being the first day of summer TRAK; and the Principals' Conference and Wild Wild West Leadership Conferences in Deadwood.

The supplemental reading program, Lexia, continues to show increased skill acquisition among K-4th graders. The PTO hosted its annual Carnival and Business Fair, with over 20 businesses signed up for booths, on May 2. Caleb Case, Special Education Director reported that staffing

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## "Monument Health Employees"



**Monument Health** employees from Belle Fourche & Spearfish came to read **Porter The Hoarder** and the hospital hijinks to all of the 2nd grade classes at **South Park Elementary** Thursday morning. They also provided a copy of the book to all Belle Fourche 2nd graders. *Courtesy Photo*

## Local Rider Prepares to Take Part in the Pony Express Re-Ride

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**BELLE FOURCHE**—Dawn Newland has taken on many roles in her life; a mom to four boys, a grandma to two boys, a rancher, a historian, an author, an artist, a survivor and this summer she will add a new title to her repertoire when she joins the Pony Express.

The Pony Express was first started in April 1860 to deliver mail from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California. Riders would get mail across 1900 miles in ten days. Riders would average 75 to 100 miles per shift, changing horses approximately every ten miles at relay stations. It connected the United States from coast to coast, but sadly only lasted about 18 months.

The exact route of the Pony Express including the relay stations that were built in the 1800s are still there today and every summer the National Pony Express Association puts on a Pony Express Re-Ride that gathers around 750 riders to recreate the historic event.

This year it will take place from June 11 to June 21 and start in California.

This summer Newland will



be saddling up her black and white Friesian named Milo, strapping on the mochila or mailbag and carrying over 1000 letters to their destination. "I am in the Wyoming section and I'm going to be riding on the morning of the 18th and I'll probably take a couple different legs of it," explained Newland. "I live in the edge of Wyoming in Colony, so I'm a Wyoming resident."

It was the closest one, as it doesn't come across South Dakota, it goes from Wyoming into Nebraska."

Around 2007 Newland found herself in a situation that changed her outlook on life for good. "Many years ago I pretty much died and I've always been active, but I just said life is for living. Don't sit around and be sick the rest of your life, I just refuse it," she said. "Every year I do some weird thing that's not normal and I saw somebody post something on the Pony Express." After some research, Newland decided to

jump head first into making it happen!

She immediately started getting her horse and herself in shape to handle the ride and keep up with the pace to get the mail where it needs to be in a timely manner. "So they told me, they tell everybody, to prepare to do six minute miles, that's clipping right along," said Newland. "But back in the day one horse and one rider went 15 miles, depending on where their relay stations were." To make sure the animals are well taken care of and kept healthy, they don't push them as hard as they did back on the original trail. "But because we have vet checks and humane societies, nobody rides their horses that hard. My horse gets ridden, he's a young ranch horse, but he's a big horse and so I've been legging him up—just because I want to be able to keep the pace," explained

Newland.

With this in mind, if a horse or rider gets tired, alternate plans and riders are prepared if needed. "The head of the Wyoming Chapter said some people can only do one mile and keep the pace. It's really important, we have deadlines and so we have to keep the pace. But he said if you can do two or three miles and your horse is in shape, it's better for us," Newland explained.

Newland and her horse Milo have a special connection. When she was recovering from her near death experience, she had a dream with all of her horses passing by and at the end was a black and white paint, but she didn't have a black and white paint, or at least she thought! After she got home, she went out to check on her horses and there it was, a tiny little baby. "Out of the grass comes this little black and white thing and she's like the size of a dog and

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(Clockwise from Left) **Dawn Newland** riding her horse **Milo** as they prepare to take part in the Pony Express Re-Ride this summer; **Pony Express Centennial Celebration 1960 USPS Stamp**; Milo getting ready to make history as he prepares to deliver mail along the **Pony Express Trail** this summer *Courtesy Photos*; The **mochila** is transferred from horse to horse during the annual Re-Ride, it carries around 1000 pieces of mail. **Carla E Photography** *Courtesy photo*



arrangements are mostly finalized for the special education summer program. Teachers and therapists are in the process of gathering year-end data. Case participated in the annual SD Extraordinary Cost Fund Over-

sight Meeting on May 7. Adam Nowowiejski with the Activities Department reported that the student athletes participating in track and golf are performing well. The track **School Contd. A3**

## Domino's Celebrates Grand Opening with Ribbon Cutting

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**BELLE FOURCHE**—Belle Fourche's newest pizza place celebrated the official opening of its doors on Saturday, May 3 with its Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting. Michaela Horn, Director of the Chamber of Commerce brought the ceremonial ribbon for the event,

guys' number one pizza place, and we just really appreciate you guys," Work said to the crowd. After the ribbon cutting, the Grand Opening celebration commenced. Locals could order discounted pizzas, draw from a stack of prize slips in hopes of receiving free pizza for a year, and spin a Domino's prize wheel **Dominoes B1**

and at 10:30 a.m., Jessica Work and Cory Auwerter cut it. "We look forward to being your



**Jessica Work** helps a customer with the prize wheel *Longbrake Photo*



April's Middle School Students of the Month. Left to right: **Rhyan Knapp, Kayanna Jeffery, Rose LaFayette, Kohiten Wood, Elise Roberts, Jaden Bear, and Jared Homola.** Not pictured: **Adalyn Savery and Jessiah Jones.** *Courtesy photo*

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## Bill Harrison 72

Bill Harrison, age 72 of Belle Fourche, died Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at the Monument Health Spearfish Hospital.

A memorial service will be held 10am Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche, with Pastor Tom Martin officiating. Visitation will be held 5 to 7pm Monday at the funeral home. Friends may leave written condolences and view a video tribute at: [www.Leverington-FH.com](http://www.Leverington-FH.com)

Emmett William Harrison was born April 20, 1953 in Valentine, Nebraska. He was the son of Robert and Hazel (Leighton) Harrison. Bill grew up near White River and moved to Nisland in 1963. He graduated from the Newell High School in 1973 and attended Western Dakota Tech where he earned a degree in auto mechanics. Bill's love in life was cars. He loved to race them, and he loved the repair work, which he did most of his life. For several years he worked at area car dealerships such as Rainbow Chevrolet,



Hersrud's of Belle Fourche, Letellier Motors, and Deadwood Motors. In the early 1990's, Bill started his own business, Bill's Repair which he owned and operated for the rest of his life. In 1980 he was married to Starla Thornhill. They later divorced. From 1983 to 1986, Bill enjoyed competing in stock car racing at the Dakota Inter Mountain Speedway, located on the north side of Belle Fourche. He also was an avid pool player, and he enjoyed bowling.

Bill is survived by his son, Maklain Harrison of Gillette WY; daughters, Makayla (Shaun) Sulzbach of York Nebraska, Samantha (Michael) Pettit of Wagner SD; 7 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Shirley Bethancourt of Belle Fourche, Mary Crane of Black Hawk; and nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Jan Cummings and Kay Linch.



## Lorraine Hagemann 73

Lorraine Hagemann, 73 of Belle Fourche died peacefully at her home with her family by her side on May 8, 2025.

Lorraine's life will be celebrated 10:30 A.M. Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche. There will be no visitation. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences and view her video tribute online at: [www.LeveringtonFH.com](http://www.LeveringtonFH.com)

Lorraine Mae Quenzer was born May 29, 1951 the second of eight children to John and Velma (Westbrook) Quenzer in Pollock SD. She attended grade school there until the family moved to Nemo, SD and graduated from Deadwood High School. It was in Nemo, as a young girl that Lorraine met a boy, Tim Hagemann, who would pester and tease her until she agreed to finally be his girlfriend. Lorraine and Tim shared a deep love for one another as teens, proven in the many love letters they shared with each other while Tim was away working. On May 29, 1970 she became his wife and a legacy and love continued for 53 years. To this union two daughters were born, Cheryl and Katina. In their early years of marriage Lorraine, Tim and Cheryl spent time on the road while Tim worked construction. Katina came four years later and the family settled in Sturgis, SD for some 20 years. While living in Sturgis, Lorraine found her love of being a florist and selling Avon. She was a very talented florist designing flowers for both of her daughters' weddings. Lorraine loved being the Avon lady. Her radiant personality, impeccable style, and love for people won her many sales awards and cherished friendships in her customers along the way.

In 1996, Lorraine and Tim moved to Belle Fourche SD to be closer to their first grandchild. It was here that Lorraine again found her calling working in the public when she went to work for Big D Oil. Lorraine's friendly personality, dedication and long hard work allowed her to successfully manage a store for nearly 20 years where she was very well loved by her customers, employees, and community. A wonderful mother, she always made time to work and keep a spotless home and keep up with her two very active girls. She loved her girls very much and each had a very special place in her heart. Lorraine's entire family was very important to her, always having the support and right words for whatever her younger siblings were going through. She was a really good big sister. Her true love and passion without a doubt was her grandchildren. Nana always had time for them. Taking them on vacations, attending games, plays, reading books, play doh, camping, tea parties when they were young, to watching all four of them grow into amazing adults. She doted on them and never missed an opportunity to talk about their successes and accomplishments. God blessed Lorraine



with her first great grandchild in 2023, a baby girl who was her partner in crime, biggest fan and light of her life.

Lorraine always had strong faith in God. In the mid 80's Lorraine began attending First Baptist Church in Sturgis. This was a turning point in her life as her strength in Christ grew and she shared this with her children. It was through that faith and the

support of Al-Anon that Lorraine was able to help her husband Tim obtain sobriety. Her unwavering love and commitment to keeping her family together will forever be remembered. Over the past few years Lorraine suffered several illnesses and setbacks taking away her ability to walk and the freedom to live independently. She faced every one of them head on, remaining steadfast in her commitment to family and God. Lorraine was a true warrior. She fought every battle with a spirit of strength, determination, and courage. She never gave up. She pushed through every diagnosis determined to recover. Her body became just too tired to carry on. The last year and half since her husband's passing have been the most difficult but Lorraine continued to live with her family, making amazing memories and teaching them all what true love, commitment and strength truly are. She will be missed so very much.

Lorraine is survived by daughters Cheryl (Larry) Rohlf of Belle Fourche and Katina Hagemann Horst of Belle Fourche. Grandchildren David (Debbie) Rohlf Rapid City, Johnathan (Sarah) Rohlf Rapid City, SD, Chase Horst, and Sarah Horst Belle Fourche. Great grandchildren Elizabeth Rohlf and Genevieve Frasure.

Siblings John Quenzer, South Dakota, Jim (Mary) Quenzer Wyoming, Tim (Melody) Quenzer Wyoming, Diane Hannah South Dakota, and Wilma (Gary) Hays South Dakota, and brother in law Gordon Schnabel of North Dakota. Sisters in law Sherry (Kenny) Schmidt, Colorado, Jackie Reeves, Nebraska and brothers in law Dan (Pam) Hagemann Wyoming, Jeff Hagemann Nebraska, KC (Laura) Hagemann Georgia, and Charles (Sandra) Hagemann South Dakota, as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, loving husband Tim Hagemann, sister Adeline Schnabel, sister in law Diane Quenzer, brother in law David Hagemann, nephew Chad Hagemann, brother-in-law Tom Lester, mother-in-law Lucille Hagemann, and father-in-law Leo Hagemann.



## Dwayne Clair Vig 83

Dwayne Clair Vig, age 83, went home to be with Jesus on Monday, April 28th. Dwayne was born in Rapid City, SD on September 17, 1941 into the Cecil & Edith Vig family as the youngest child. Dwayne joined Faith, Merle, Hope, and Rose. He grew up on Horse Creek in central Meade County, God's Country. Being the youngest, stories were told how he enjoyed being a prankster. One such story included terrorizing his sister, Rosie, as she gathered eggs out of the chicken coop in the evenings.

He attended Vig School and Tama School where through the years, both his mother and his oldest sister were his teachers. Dwayne attended high school in Sturgis and stayed with his Grandma Vig. He talked about being on the first Sturgis Wrestling team. He graduated from Sturgis High School in May of 1959 and immediately joined the US Navy. Dwayne wanted to see some of the big world and knew the US Navy would provide that opportunity. While being stationed in San Diego, serving in the Submarine Service, Dwayne signed up for private flying lessons. He became a private pilot independently of the service, and after serving 3 years in the Navy came home to South Dakota to start college at South Dakota State University. He became an Animal Scientist because he knew the Airline wouldn't let a pilot become a captain unless they had that 4-year degree piece of paper.

While attending SDSU, Dwayne was involved with the Rodeo Team and became quite the rodeo photographer. He also used his flying experience to teach others to fly as a way to help pay for his college. Dwayne's many years as a flight instructor had just begun. The highlight of Dwayne's college career was meeting his sweetheart, Zona Scott. She was the English major that ran some barrels and could write a polished essay.

Dwayne & Zona married on August 17, 1968. They both graduated from SDSU in 1969 and their life adventures together took them to Denver for flight training and then on to Connecticut since Dwayne had been hired on by United Airlines as a flight engineer on the Boeing 727 out of New York. Shortly after starting his flying career with United Airlines, Dwayne & Zona made the decision to return to South Dakota. In 1971, Dwayne was laid off by United Airlines. He took this opportunity to establish D&Z Aviation. Dwayne taught ground school, gave flight instruction, flew air ambulance, counted antelope, located buffalo, and pre-baited prairie dogs. United Airlines recalled him in 1977. He was based out of the Denver Hub so he commuted from the Home Place which allowed him to raise his family on the family ranch between Mud Butte and Opal. Dwayne was able to hold down two full time jobs; ranching and flying. He always said that it was like he was on vacation whether he was flying or ranching.

Dwayne became a captain while flying the Boeing 737 and when he retired from United Airlines in September 2001, he was a captain on the Boeing 757 and 767. Because of 9/11, Dwayne never got to fly his final



flight, so we celebrated his career with United Airlines; not with a retirement party, but rather a "Moving On" celebration.

Dwayne and Zona's children, Aurora, Cheyenne, Dakota, Chandelle and JT grew up knowing that they needed to learn to ride a horse, drive tractors, pickups and cars and fly airplanes so they could help Dwayne on the ranch. He taught them by example using his abilities to fly friends and relatives to hospitals, cowboys to rodeos or help find people and livestock. Dwayne loved helping professional cowboys get to their rodeos during the busy summer rodeo run.

Dwayne was selected to be an official torchbearer in the 2002 Olympic Torch Relay on its journey to Salt Lake City. He ran his segment of the relay in Casper, WY.

His association with Limousin cattle and ranching led to awards. In 2000, he was awarded the Faith Stock Show and Rodeo Calf Catching Breeder of the Year. In 2005, he was awarded the Heartland Limousin Association Commercial Producer and the North American Limousin Commercial Producer of the Year. In 2009, Dwayne was awarded the Sturgis Area Chamber Ag Committee Ag Producer of the Year.

But most importantly, he taught many people about our Heavenly Father and the importance of obeying the Gospel. He set the example of how to serve, how to be generous, how to be kind, and how to be patient. Dwayne was willing to share his gift of teaching and preaching in Faith and Prairie City. Dwayne is now celebrating his final "Moving On."

Dwayne is survived by Zona, his wife of 56 years and 8 months, his five children: Aurora (Tracy) Keffeler, Rozet, WY, Cheyenne (Paul) Winkler, Newell, SD, Dakota (Thad) Dunn, Fort Collins, CO, Chandelle (Travis) Brink, Box Elder, SD, and JT (Kelsey) Vig, Opal, SD, 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by sisters, Faith Miller, Mud Butte, SD and Rose Tysdal, Mims, FL, sister-in-law Velma Scott, Pierre, SD and a host of nephews and nieces.

Dwayne was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil & Edith Vig, brother, Merle Vig, sister, Hope Vig, brothers-in-law Ronald Miller and Tony Tysdal, parents-in-law, Gaylord & Iola Scott, brothers-in-law, Ronald Scott and Jerry McLeish and sister-in-law, Debra McLeish.

A memorial has been established for the Opal Volunteer Fire Department and Mountain States Children's Home, Longmont, CO.

The family thanks each of you for your presence and cordially invites all of you to the new Opal Fire Department Hall for supper after the burial on May 9, at the Opal Cemetery.



**Andre Eleanor Silva**

Andre Eleanor Silva went to be with the Lord, peacefully, surrounded by family on April 29th at Rolling Hills Healthcare. Andre was born July 13, 1941, in Lead, SD to Josephine (Noda) nee Crestodina Silva (b. Lead) and Andrew Silva (b. Italy).



Andre attended K-10th grade at St. Patrick's School until it closed, then graduated from Lead High School in 1960. She attended college at Presentation College of Aberdeen, then lived and taught school at St. Richard's School in Richfield, MN and taught one year at St. Ambrose School in Deadwood, SD. She returned to school to earn her Bachelor's Degree at Mt. Marty in Yankton, SD. She taught various grades and classes at Central Elementary School in Lead for 31 years until her retirement. She was especially honored to have been named to "Who's Who in America Teachers." Andre was a member of St. Patrick's Parish and the Altar Society. For a time, she taught CCD, served as a Eucharistic Minister, was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Teacher's Organization and a longtime member of the Lead-Deadwood Education Association.

Throughout her life, Andre treasured her Catholic faith, her family, her Italian heritage, her lifelong residency in Lead, her many students and her beloved dog Gina.

She is survived by nephews, Andrew Silva of Rapid City, Steve (Bernadette) Silva of Avon, OH, Tom

(Karen d. 2022) Silva of Fremont, NE, Peter Silva of Lead, Anthony (Betsy) Silva of Spearfish, Patrick and Michael Silva, both of Vancouver, WA and Bernie (Sheila) Silva of Milwaukee, WI; nieces, Cathy (Chuck) Silva of Helena, MT, Mary (Bob) Shepard of Prospect, CT and Connie Silva of Belle Fourche; great nephews, John Silva of Cleveland, OH, Joe (Jennifer Jones) Silva of Philadelphia, PA; great nieces, Ellen (Matt Sanford) Shepard of Watertown, CT, Andrea (Josh Klebanoff) Silva of Acton, MA, Pina (RP) Bryan of Belle Fourche, SD. She leaves multiple great nieces and nephews. As well as special cousins, Mary and Bob Sjomeling of Deadwood, Francis and Kathy Toscana of Rapid City and a large cherished extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother John Silva and wife, Ellen, niece Margaret Silva, and nephew Christopher Silva.

Vigil will be held at 6:00PM on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Lead. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at the church. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery in Lead.

Memorial donations may be made to Carmelite Monastery, Alexandria, SD. Arrangements are under the care of *Lead-Deadwood Memorial Chapel in Lead.*

**Joseph Hanson 24**

Joseph Hanson, age 24 of Nisland, died Wednesday, May 7, 2025 as a result of a tragic automobile accident.



Funeral services are pending with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. When service times are set, this website will be updated immediately: [www.LeveringtonFH.com](http://www.LeveringtonFH.com)

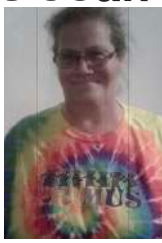
Joseph is survived by his parents, Michael and

Michelle Hanson of Nisland; sister, Millie Hanson of Spearfish; brother, Darin Hanson of Nisland; paternal grandfather, Jim Hanson of Sturgis; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Jerry and Beverly Gifford; paternal grandmother, Jan Hanson; and his uncle, Stuart Wetz.



**Phyllis Joan Miller**

Phyllis Joan Miller was born along with her twin sister Peggy, May 13th, 1957, to Christ and Maxine (Berger) Miller in Fergus Falls, MN. They joined Pete, Paul, Penny, and Perry. They then grew up in Minot, ND and her baby brother Palmer was born.



Our mom had so many fond memories that she shared while growing up. She loved going downstairs to her Grandma Ginny's to put pin curls in and polish her silver. She shared a memory of one time walking home during the winter for lunch with siblings and taking their time. When they got home her mom Maxine was waiting and got after them for taking so long. She gave them a sandwich and sent them on their way back to school because they missed lunch. One other memory she shared was it was her and Peggy's birthday and Grandma had them wear pink dresses to school. One boy was making fun of them so after school Mom and Peggy "got him" for it. Kids started yelling "teacher, teacher!" and they took off. She didn't enjoy having to wait for Grandpa to get home Saturday mornings with laundry so they can hang it outside.

Mom went to the Kansas/Texas area where she met our father, Carlos Rodriguez. She worked many places and one was a cotton field. She said she liked it because she got to be outside. In 1980 she got the best joy when she had her first child Carlos. Followed by Juanita, Alicia and Gus. When Gus was just a baby, we all headed to South Dakota. Her brother Pete and his wife Juanita met them in Nebraska because the truck ran out of heat. Pete and Carlos drove the truck while in coveralls and Juanita, Mom and the kids drove their car back to SD. From then they made their home in Belle Fourche where Maxine, Josie, and Robert were born. Mom started working again when Robert was little. She started working for home health, then motels. She worked at the Super 8 in Belle Fourche for a long time. She then worked for Belle Fourche School District as a custodian. Sometimes she would go to work with seven kids and come home to upwards of about 20 kids. Then in 2015 she started her last job at AmericInn in Belle Fourche. She was blessed with 14 grandchildren. Dominick, Darrion, Kevin, Aeryanna, Amiyah, Cortez, Maliky, Lucia, AnnMarie, Malaya, Leighla, Mason, Madison and Logan. That was her best job in the world. She would give anything for them and helped raise some of those grandkids.

She loved tye-dye, tulips, lilacs, birds; which she ended up keeping and raising for her grandson Darrion. Every Friday night you can bet she would not answer her phone while Live PD was on. You would have to call Aeryanna and ask if Grandma was there and she would say she's watching Live PD.

At the beginning of April mom started feeling sick. They found a spot on her liver so she was scheduled for biopsies. She spent Easter with most of her kids and some of her grandkids. She was so happy to see

Kayla and Cortez that day. She wasn't feeling well but was glad she went. That Monday the 21st she went for her biopsies. Wednesday we were notified of the terrible news. By that Friday she was in the hospital fighting for her life. She squeezed our hands and acknowledged everyone she could. Sunday April 27th she gained her tye-dye wings. It was so quick, but she is no longer in pain.

Phyllis is survived by her seven kids Carlos Miller, Juanita Luna, Gus Luna, Josie Rodriguez of Belle Fourche, Maxine Rodriguez of Spearfish, Alicia and Eric Doolittle, and Robert and Jennifer Rodriguez of Midland, SD. Grandkids Dominick (Breena Fuller), Darrion Kester, Kevin Hammon, Aeryanna Luna, Amiyah Gomez, Cortez (his mom Kayla) Wharton, Maliky, Malaya (their mom Chanel Keil) Rodriguez, Lucia Rodriguez, AnnMarie Luna, Leighla, Mason, Madison Rodriguez, Logan Luna, Blake, Brayden and Brianne Doolittle. Her brothers Pete Miller of Spearfish, Paul Miller of Houston, TX, Perry (Shanette) Miller, Palmar (Renae Olson) Miller of Minot, ND. Sisters Penny (Rick) Holdaway of Spring Creek, NV and Peggy Smith of MI. Her nieces and nephews Chris (Jamie) Miller, Cami (Jason) Phelps of TX, Marty Miller, Angie (Aaron) Hunsley, Tera Miller of Belle Fourche, Kristina Miller-Fry of CO, Audrey (Shawn) Sutter, Jessica (Chad) Bitel of MI, Aurthur Smith of ND, Seth, Samantha, Shane (Nikki) Miller of ND, Sarah (Solomon) Rosen of TX, Amber Miller of ND, Great Nephew "Buckshot" Joshua Weber of Minot, ND and many great nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her Maternal and Paternal Grandparents, her parents, little brother Pat (in infancy), Niece Shawna Perry, fur grand kids Duke and Amigo, and many other friends throughout her life.

June 1st 2025 there will be a Celebration of Life for Phyllis. Our mom was a hippie through and through, she loved tye-dye and colors so family asks that you come wearing some tye-dye or bright colors. We will post the time and venue soon.

Cards may be sent to Alicia Doolittle c/o Phyllis PO BOX 52 Midland, SD 57552.

Our family would like to thank anyone and everyone who has crossed our mom's path. Thank you to Greg and Stacy for being there for her these last few years. She said hi to everyone and was grateful for everyone's friendship. She will be deeply missed. Rest easy our little hippie.

Arrangements are under the care of Kline Funeral Chapel of Belle Fourche. An online guest book is available at [klinefuneralchapel.com](http://klinefuneralchapel.com)



**From A1 School**

team had 18 athletes travel to Sioux Falls to compete in the 85th Annual Howard Wood Relays. Nowowiejski gave recommendations for new members of the Board of Directors at the SDHSAA and Constitutional Amendments. Coaching positions in need of filling are seventh and eighth grade volleyball; knowledge bowl advisor; assistant competitive cheer; and assistant high school track. May 29-31 will be State Track in Sioux Falls and June 1-3 will be State Golf at Madison Country Club in Madison.

Facilities and Transportation Director Tommy Coyle

reported that two trees were planted at the Middle School for Arbor Day, which was done with the fifth grade to go along with their Arbor Day essay contest. No bids were received to replace the roof on the south section of South Park. Track meets have been keeping the transportation department busy, and field trips will be steady through the end of the school year.

Superintendent Orion Thompson reported that BFEA negotiations have concluded and he feels they were successful on both ends, with the same going for BFAT negotiations. There was a special state DOE Zoom meeting dealing with Title VI

and the federal mandate. A CO-OP master planning meeting was held, and they are preparing to send out the community survey. Thompson has met with different staff and their building administrators about budgetary reductions. April's Students of the Month were honored. 5th Grade: Kayanna Jeffery and Kohlten Wood; 6th Grade: Adalyn Savery and Jessiah Jones; 7th Grade: Elise Roberts, Jaden Bear, and Jared Homola; and 8th Grade: Rhyann Knapp and Rose Lafayette.

The next School Board Meeting will be June 2 at 5:15

**Pony Express From A1**

immediately you can call it God, or you can call it what said—a miracle! ...I named her Miracle," shared Newland.

Miracle, after being told by the vet she wouldn't survive, grew to be a big strong healthy horse and later gave birth to Milo, the horse that Newland is riding on the Pony Express!

Milo is a big guy, standing 16.1 hands and he is five years old. Newland explained, "He's huge and he's very Friesian! Friesians don't buck but they have a lot of forward movement and they're

kind of hard to contain...I'm legging him up and we're putting in seven, eight miles a day at a long trot."

Prior to her ride, Newland is heading to Douglas, WY to stay with a rancher that hosts riders and their horses. "It'll be fun, I'm going over the day ahead to get my horse oriented, and then go look at the trail.

I'm staying in Douglas because there's a rancher that kind of hosts everyone. And so there's several other riders staying there so I'll get to meet some others," she said.

It is common for spectators to line the trails and cheer for the riders as they pass by. The standard dress is

a blue denim shirt with a yellow bandana so the rider is easy to spot. The ride is 24 hours a day and can be followed online at [nationalponyexpress.org](http://nationalponyexpress.org).

If you would like to participate by sending a letter to be carried in the mochila along the Pony Express route, you can! Newland explained, "So a really cool thing is that you can, for \$10.00, buy a letter—it goes on at California and it gets sent to St. Joseph—where they end and then they put it in the regular mail and it gets stamped with the Pony Express, and then it comes to you!"

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# Broncs Shine at Howard Wood



(Clockwise from top) 4x100 & 4x200 Relay Team Kailey Nowowiejski, Mysa Nowowiejski, Mikka Dunavant & Jazlyn Olson for Howard Wood; 4x400 Relay Team Jazlyn Olson, Mikka Dunavant, Rhys Pearson and Kailey Nowowiejski; Relay racers Nathan Hudson and Odin Walding after racing; Lia Mundt in running



(L) Sophomore Lennon Clarkson running; Siblings Mya & Kailey Nowowiejski; Siblings Gavin & Rhys Pearson; Senior thrower Chloe Merjil. Tonsager Photos

**Kandi Tonsager**  
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On Friday May 2 and Saturday May 3rd a select group of qualifiers from the Bronc track and field team competed in events at the prestigious Howard Wood Invite in Sioux Falls South Dakota. Qualifiers included; boys 4x100 team of Slater Humbracht, Tegan Fredrickson, Gavin Pearson and Kashton Le LaCheur, boys 4x200 team of Caeyn Howard, Tegan Fredrickson, Gavin Pearson and Kashton

Le LaCheur, boys 4x800 team of Lennon Clarkson, Odin Walding, Nathan Hudson, and Gavin Pearson, and individual qualifiers, Lennon Clarkson in the 3200 meter run and Gavin Pearson in the 400 meter dash. For the Lady Broncs; the 4x100 and 4x200 team both with sprinters Jazlyn Olson, Mikka Dunavant, Mya Nowowiejski and Kailey Nowowiejski, 4x400 team of Jazlyn Olson, Mikka Dunavant, Kailey Nowowiejski, and Rhys

Pearson, 4x800 team of Lia Mundt, Emma Nehl, Misty Drieling and Rhys Pearson, the sprint medley team of Jazlyn Olson, Mya Nowowiejski, Kailey Nowowiejski, and Rhys Pearson. Individual qualifiers were Lia Mundt in the 3200 meter run and 1600 meter run, and Chloe Merjil in the javelin throw. The Broncs ran great races against new and tough competition on the Eastern side of

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the state. Many were hanging within seconds of breaking new PRs and school records. The Lady Bronc sprint medley team placed 7th and set a new school record, the ladies 4x100 team placed 6th and in the 4x200 the relay team placed 5th. The ladies 4x800 team had a huge PR taking 22 seconds off their previous best for a 10:28.97 finish and moved into the #18 ranking for South Dakota.

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## Cattle Report - Friday, May 9, 2025

1100 hd today - record high on feeder cattle again today  
Weigh up cows & bulls were \$1 to \$3 higher

Next Sale - May 16- Pair & Bred Cow Special- 10 AM  
Thank you for marketing with St Onge Livestock!

Feeder Cattle					
Serniek, Mark A Or Sheila R, Moorcroft WY	73	Bk	Hfr	634	\$349.00
Serniek, Mark A Or Sheila R, Moorcroft WY	13	Bk	Hfr	560	\$322.50
Grub, Christopher, Sturgis SD	65	Bk	Hfr	777	\$302.00
Blair Bros Llc, Vale SD	24	Bk	Hfr	643	\$305.00
Gilger Ranch, Dd, Boyes MT	24	Bld	Hfr	652	\$288.00
Goffredson Elm Creek Ranch, Newell SD	35	Bk	Hfr	629	\$325.00
Oshoto Flying M Operators Llc, Gillette WY	30	Bk	Hfr	660	\$337.00
Weigh Up Cows					
Alan, Corey, Whitehead SD	1	Bk	Cow	805	\$151.00
Astin, Joshor Mokalyin, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Cwette	1090	\$177.50
Astin, Joshor Mokalyin, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Cow	1820	\$168.50
Astin, Joshor Mokalyin, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Cow	1645	\$167.00
Bachand, Benny R, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1095	\$226.00
Baker, Gary Or Nancy, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Hfr	935	\$254.00
Baker, Gary Or Nancy, Hermosa SD	2	Bk	Cow	1342	\$170.00
Bishop, Alan, Hermosa SD	1	Bld	Hfr	730	\$231.00
Bishop, Alan, Hermosa SD	1	Xbrd	Hfr	660	\$227.50
Bishop, Alan, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1115	\$201.00
Bishop, Kerry, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Hfr	965	\$235.00
Borchgrevink Livestock, Belle Fourche SD	2	Bk	Cow	1485	\$169.50
Bride Bit Ranch, Gillette WY	3	Bk	Hfr	1146	\$216.00
Bride Bit Ranch, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cwette	1415	\$173.00
Brimmer, Hilda, Biddle MT	2	Bld	Cow	1192	\$171.00
Bruch Ranch Llc, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1410	\$202.00
Burch Jr, Harold J & Rebecca, Oshoto WY	2	Bk	Hfr	1135	\$228.00
Burch Jr, Harold J & Rebecca, Oshoto WY	1	Bk	Hfr	980	\$211.00
Burch Jr, Harold J & Rebecca, Oshoto WY	1	Bk	Cow	1310	\$171.50
Burch Jr, Harold J & Rebecca, Oshoto WY	2	Bk	Cow	1512	\$168.50
Burch Jr, Harold J & Rebecca, Oshoto WY	1	Bk	Cow	1340	\$167.00
Burch, Austin & Amber, Moorcroft WY	1	Bk	Hfr	1000	\$225.00
Burleson, James, Newcastle WY	3	Bk	Cow	1475	\$169.50
Burleson, James, Newcastle WY	1	Bld	Cow	1410	\$169.50
Clays, Richard, Olive MT	1	Bk	Cwette	1260	\$174.00
Clays, Richard, Olive MT	3	Bk	Cow	1320	\$160.00
Coal Creek Ranch Llc, Gillette WY	4	Bk	Cwette	1301	\$173.00
Coal Creek Ranch Llc, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1030	\$166.00
Coal Creek Ranch Llc, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1205	\$148.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	1	Bk	Cwette	1085	\$181.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	5	Bld	Cwette	1318	\$178.00
Crago, Colby, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Cow	1350	\$166.00
Crowser, Ray, Whitehead SD	1	Bk	Hfr	725	\$245.00
Darlington, James Or Lisa, Newcastle WY	1	Rbld	Cow	1665	\$167.00
Darlington, James Or Lisa, Newcastle WY	2	Herf	Cow	1387	\$160.00
Davis Family Trust, Marlene M, Belle Fourche SD	1	Herf	Hfr	910	\$200.00
Davis Family Trust, Marlene M, Belle Fourche SD	2	Herf	Cow	1327	\$141.00
Duprel, Jack, Sturgis SD	2	Herf	Cow	1467	\$153.50
Duprel, Jack, Sturgis SD	7	Herf	Cow	1345	\$148.00
Elsbury Livestock Llc, Sundance WY	3	Bk	Hfr	1133	\$215.00
Elsbury Livestock Llc, Sundance WY	1	Bk	Cow	960	\$143.00
Engesser, Rusty, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Cow	1450	\$169.50
Fink, Greg, Moorcroft WY	1	Herf	Hfr	745	\$250.00
Frederickson Trust, Nathan & Jayna, Spearfish SD	1	Bk	Cwette	1390	\$172.00
Geer Joint Revocable Trust, D & B, Gillette WY	2	Bk	Hfr	1070	\$221.00
Geer Joint Revocable Trust, D & B, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1420	\$170.00
Geis Brothers Llc, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1230	\$156.00
Geis Revocable Trust, James R, Aladdin WY	1	Herf	Cow	1115	\$171.00
Geis, Stephen Or Stephanie A, Aladdin WY	1	Herf	Cow	1120	\$147.50
Goehring, Terry & Laurie, Buffalo SD	2	Bk	Cow	1367	\$154.00
Goodwin, Terry, Hulet WY	1	Bk	Cwette	1310	\$173.00
Habeck Rev Trust, Lee, Sundance WY	1	Herf	Hfr	1000	\$218.00
Habeck Rev Trust, Lee, Sundance WY	1	Herf	Cow	1360	\$161.00
Habeck, Philip W, Moorcroft WY	1	Bk	Hfr	705	\$227.50
Hathaway Revocable Trust, Dennis, Mud Butte SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1045	\$226.00
Hathaway Revocable Trust, Dennis, Mud Butte SD	1	Bk	Cwette	1195	\$172.00
Hathaway Revocable Trust, Dennis, Mud Butte SD	2	Bk	Cow	1325	\$170.00
Herrington, Gary, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Cow	1520	\$165.00
Jensen, Clifford A Or Lonna B, Whitehead SD	2	Red	Hfr	1032	\$211.00
Jensen, Clifford A Or Lonna B, Whitehead SD	1	Red	Cow	1405	\$161.00
Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Cow	1505	\$170.00
Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City SD	1	Bld	Cow	1270	\$140.00
Kissack, Bart & Kathy J, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1405	\$171.00
Kissack, Bart & Kathy J, Gillette WY	2	Bk	Cow	1367	\$170.00
Kruppa, Rich, Hill City SD	1	Bk	Cow	1320	\$164.50
Kolka Livestock, Olive MT	1	Red	Cow	1230	\$168.00
Komes, Joshua, Vale SD	1	Herf	Hfr	1015	\$197.00
Komes, Joshua, Vale SD	1	Herf	Cow	1390	\$149.00
Komes, Joshua, Vale SD	1	Herf	Cow	1145	\$144.00
Komes, Timothy J, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Hfr	785	\$220.00
Komes, Timothy J, Sturgis SD	2	Herf	Hfr	1050	\$208.00
Lamphere, Lane, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Cow	1365	\$161.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1105	\$208.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1165	\$200.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD	2	Bk	Cwette	1287	\$177.50
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Cow	1145	\$160.00
Lockwood, Ed & Shawn, Volborg MT	10	Bk	Cow	1503	\$164.00
Lone Tree Ranch, Sturgis SD	1	Herf	Hfr	975	\$203.00
Lone Tree Ranch, Sturgis SD	2	Herf	Cow	1187	\$161.00
Lone Tree Ranch, Sturgis SD	1	Herf	Cow	690	\$141.00
Long, Dale, Devils Tower WY	1	Bk	Hfr	830	\$191.00
Long, Dale, Devils Tower WY	1	Xbrd	Cow	1000	\$140.00
Maackaben, Brad, Camp Crook SD	1	Bld	Cow	1385	\$171.50
Mcooy, Neal, Belle Fourche SD	1	B/R	Hfr	1115	\$225.00
Mcooy, Neal, Belle Fourche SD	2	B/R	Hfr	1077	\$225.00
Mcooy, Neal, Belle Fourche SD	1	B/R	Hfr	975	\$225.00
Modowell, Cathy, Powderville MT	1	Bld	Cow	1165	\$151.00
Mills, Codi Or Brian, Nisland SD	1	Bk	Cwette	1135	\$180.00
Nixon, Reni, Alzada MT	1	Bk	Hfr	920	\$222.50
Nixon, Reni, Alzada MT	20	Bk	Hfr	1057	\$209.00
Nixon, Reni, Alzada MT	2	Bk	Hfr	1102	\$201.00

Nixon, Reni, Alzada MT	8	Bk	Cow	1317	\$170.00
Nixon, Reni, Alzada MT	9	Bk	Cow	1336	\$161.00
Novak, Preston, Newell SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1065	\$231.00
Novak, Preston, Newell SD	1	Bk	Cow	1285	\$169.00
Open 8 Ranch, Broadus MT	2	Bk	Cow	1180	\$169.00
Palo, Jim, Newell SD	2	Bld	Hfr	1132	\$211.00
Palo, Jim, Newell SD	2	Bld	Cow	1540	\$169.50
Palo, Jim, Newell SD	2	Bk	Cow	1245	\$159.50
Persson, Benjamin Earl, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Hfr	910	\$252.00
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Persson, Terance, Gillette WY	2	Bk	Hfr	895	\$231.00
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Reid Revocable Trust, Nisland SD	1	Bk	Cow	1535	\$152.00
Reid, Victor, Nisland SD	1	Bk	Cwette	1305	\$173.00
Reid, Victor, Nisland SD	1	Bld	Cwette	1280	\$172.00
Reid, Victor, Nisland SD	1	Bk	Cow	1560	\$170.00
Reid, Victor, Nisland SD	1	Bk	Cow	1290	\$159.00
Richards, Kori Or Ronny, Olive MT	1	Red	Cow	1255	\$163.00
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Robinson, Cole, Moorcroft WY	1	Herf	Cwette	1175	\$181.00
Romanjenko, Hawley, Biddle MT	1	Herf	Cow	1410	\$149.00
Roulier, Ryan, Buffalo SD	2	Bk	Cow	1425	\$154.00
Seldo Inc, Boyes MT	1	Bld	Hfr	1035	\$203.00
Seldo Inc, Boyes MT	1	Bk	Cwette	1305	\$175.00
Seldo Inc, Boyes MT	1	Bk	Cow	1215	\$165.00
Serniek Ranch Resources, Llc, Moorcroft WY	3	Bk	Hfr	990	\$241.00
Serniek Ranch Resources, Llc, Moorcroft WY	1	Bk	Cow	1235	\$162.00
Serniek, Toby Or Brooke, Moorcroft WY	1	Bk	Hfr	945	\$246.00
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Sleep Ranch Llc, Spearfish SD	3	Bk	Cow	1358	\$169.00
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Stahl, Sandy, Volborg MT	1	Bld	Cow	1585	\$161.00
Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish SD	1	Bk	Cwette	1205	\$179.00
Valley River Ranch Trust, Nisland SD	1	Bk	Cow	1655	\$170.00
Weigel, Raymond, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Hfr	825	\$247.50
Weigel, Raymond, Broadus MT	4	Bk	Hfr	1093	\$210.00
Weigel, Raymond, Broadus MT	2	Bk	Cwette	1167	\$172.00
Westland, Curt Or Cheryl, Belle Fourche SD	1	Red	Hfr	920	\$225.00
White, Daniel H, Devils Tower WY	3	Bld	Hfr	1025	\$210.00
White, Daniel H, Devils Tower WY	3	Bld	Cow	1406	\$168.00
White, Daniel H, Devils Tower WY	1	Bld	Cow	1320	\$151.00
White, Daniel H, Devils Tower WY	6	Bld	Hfr	995	\$245.00
Wooden Shoe Ranch Llc, Hermosa SD	1	Bld	Hfr	1145	\$240.00
Wooden Shoe Ranch Llc, Hermosa SD	2	Bld	Hfr	1002	\$225.00
Woods, Tyler, Sturgis SD	1	Herf	Hfr	955	\$212.00
Woods, Tyler, Sturgis SD	1	Herf	Cow	1160	\$159.00

Weigh Up Bulls					
969 Ranch, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Bull	2005	\$182.00
969 Ranch, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Bull	1695	\$174.00
Barbero Inc, Boyes MT	1	Bk	Bull	1310	\$184.00
Bride Bit Ranch, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	2525	\$187.00
Bride Bit Ranch, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1960	\$182.50
Bride Bit Ranch, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1895	\$177.50
Brimmer, Hilda, Biddle MT	2	Herf	Bull	707	\$245.00
Burley, Quinn, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Bull	1510	\$168.00
Frederickson Trust, Nathan & Jayna, Spearfish SD	1	Bk	Bull	2400	\$183.50
Frederickson Trust, Nathan & Jayna, Spearfish SD	1	Bk	Bull	2140	\$175.50
Frederickson Trust, Nathan & Jayna, Spearfish SD	1	Bk	Bull	2130	\$194.50
Frederickson Trust, Nathan & Jayna, Spearfish SD	1	Herf	Bull	1385	\$166.00
Geer Joint Revocable Trust, D & B, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1945	\$181.00
Geer, Lexington Or Amanda, Gillette WY	1	Red	Bull	2035	\$191.50
Geis Brothers Llc, Gillette WY	2	Red	Bull	1795	\$177.50
Grub, Christopher, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Bull	1860	\$193.00
Grub, Christopher, Sturgis SD	2	Bk	Bull	1672	\$167.50
Grub, Donald H, Sturgis SD	1	Char	Bull	1075	\$213.00
Kammerer, Jake, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Bull	1255	\$178.00
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Bull	1920	\$186.50
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Bull	1585	\$161.00
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Bull	1265	\$163.00
Keith, Jerry & Michelle, Ekalaka MT	1	Bk	Bull	1875	\$172.00
Modowell, Cathy, Powderville MT	1	Bk	Bull	1925	\$177.50
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Moore Rev Trust, Matthe Delene, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1700	\$175.00
Robinson, Cole, Moorcroft WY	1	Bk	Bull	1890	\$187.50
Robinson, Cole, Moorcroft WY	1	Red	Bull	1070	\$215.00
Rocky Top Ranch, Rapid City SD	1	Char	Bull	710	\$265.00
Roulier, Ryan, Buffalo SD	1	Bk	Bull	1220	\$178.00
Scott, Denico, Newell SD	2	B/R	Bull	742	\$260.00
Shortgrass & Company, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Bull	1730	\$163.00
Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish SD	1	Bk	Bull	1695	\$162.00
Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish SD	1	Bk	Bull	1525	\$162.00
Undeberg, Landon, Sundance WY	1	Xbrd	Bull	990	\$241.00
Valley River Ranch Trust, Nisland SD	1	Bk	Bull	1600	\$185.50
Wickwire, Kolby Or Jules, Aladdin WY	1	Red	Bull	1920	\$180.00
Wickwire, Kolby Or Jules, Aladdin WY	1	Red	Bull	1490	\$171.00
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124 years ago  
**THE TIMES**  
May 17, 1900

**Betraying American Principles**  
Allusion was made above to the fact that four republican states endorsed Mr. McKinley and ratified his policy of imperialism, trusts and finances, but there is this further to be said upon the matter which is being commented upon largely by the republican as well as the democratic press, that if the republican state convene serious in ratifying a policy which has been declared to be unconstitutional and subversive of the principles of the government of the United States by the wisest and most learned statesmen of their party, then they are consenting to a betrayal of the people of the United States. The Ohio declaration, particularly, which was for-

ced upon the party by Mr. Hanna and which embodies the personal sentiment of the president and those nearest to him, makes no concealment of the brutal purpose to hold our insular possessions at whatever cost of a setting back of the alleviation of the wrongs of humanity to the date when liberty bell first rung out to the world the doctrine that "all men are created free and equal with equal political rights, and that no just government can exist without the consent of the governed." This tremendous vassal empire which has arisen at the touch of men worse than Benedict Arnold, will it ever be settled in favor of the people whom it has proposed to hold in subjugation by men of the Hanna type? It is impossible for Senator Hoar to believe, in



by Mary Buchholz

spite of his powerful denunciation of the McKinley policy, that these men will experience a change of heart, or that their policy will be changed to one of subordination to the principles upon which this government is founded. The only remedy lies with the people, and the signs are significant that they propose to apply that remedy this coming November in such a way that there will be nothing left to conjecture as to what disposition should be made of these people whom we have wrested from the cruel denomination of Spain.

**How Poppies Became Synonymous with Veteran Support**

**Veteran's Day**

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The red poppy has been a long-standing representation of your support of Veterans, surviving family members, and the services and programs which support them, but, why the poppy?

Before the United States entered World War I (The War to End All Wars), Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae served as a surgeon in the Canadian forces. He was also recognized as a poet, author, and artist. He noticed while serving in France and Belgium that the former battle fields flourished with poppies which were one of the first green plants to repopulate these areas of destruction.

After witnessing multiple poppy laden former battlefields, and knowing what took place on those fields in the recent past, he was moved to write his famous war memorial poem "In Flanders Fields" and how a place so gruesome in the recent past could produce such a beautiful plant. Lieutenant-Colonel McCrae died near the end of the war in 1918 of pneumonia, but his observation in poem continues to thrive today.

The "selling" of poppies for

a donation for various causes began in the allied countries in Europe very shortly after the Armistice was signed. Poppies were used to represent a number of causes by volunteer relief groups. In 1921 the poppy came into the United States with the help of the Franco-American Children's League for the benefit of children in the devastated areas of France and Belgium.

After the Franco-American Children's League dissolved, Madam Guerin, well known by now as "the poppy lady from France" reached out to United States Veterans organizations and received the cooperation of the VFW (and others) in early 1922. The VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) began selling poppies prior to Memorial Day in 1922.

After supplies of existing French poppies ran out in 1923, the VFW started having disabled and needy Veterans assemble poppies that were paid for their work. The Veterans assembling the poppies began referring to them as "Buddy Poppies."

In 1924 the VFW registered the name "Buddy Poppy" and the program has remained the major source of revenue for the organization and the Veterans who make them. European Allied

Veteran organizations offer poppies prior to Remembrance Day as well as all year for the same reason of generating funds for Veteran Support.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars originated shortly after the Spanish - American War and has been providing assistance for Veterans, families for Veterans and communities. The style and in some cases the production of the poppy has changed at times over the last one hundred years, but your contribution today still supports the same cause as it did when the Buddy Poppy began.

(OPTIONAL - It may sound like an add, but it answers the question "Where can I get a poppy?" Our volunteers can't walk around peddling poppies all the time. We all have doctor's appointments.)

The Buddy Poppy is blooming all over Belle Fourche right now! They are being cultivated currently at 15 businesses, and the list of business supporters continues to grow. The VFW only asks that you take a Buddy Poppy for your contribution. It goes with everything you wear, they fit on all hatbands and handbag straps, and are a very small way for the VFW to say "thank you" for your continued support.

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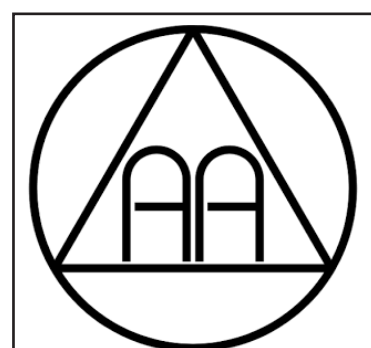
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Both Shannon Rolando, and Julie Adams appreciate the value of reading. They also enjoy helping others in the community. Shannon and Julie represent the Edward Jones financial services branch in Belle Fourche. Shannon is the Financial Advisor, and Julie is Branch Office Administrator.

A few weeks ago, Julie came up with an idea to encourage kids to read more by providing them with greater access to books. She started a book drive. She began seeking donations for gently used and new books for elementary students. The donations have poured in.

Although this is the first year that the Belle Fourche Edward Jones branch has participated in the book drive, the event has

been a success. The 100 books collected will be donated to South Park Elementary School to be used as resources for teachers to restock their classroom reading materials and for other purposes too.

Shannon and Julie are pleased with the generous outcome of the Belle Fourche community. In fact, Edward Jones, a leading North American financial services firm is committed to its mission statement which is "to partner for positive impact to improve the lives of its clients and colleagues and together better our communities and society." Edward Jones is a leading North American financial services agency. Rolando's office is located at 1407 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche SD.



**Julie Adams**, Branch Office Administrator, and **Shannon Rolando**, Financial Advisor at the **Edward Jones Office** in Belle Fourche showcase a collection of 100 children's and young adult books to be donated to **South Park Elementary** in Belle Fourche. *English Photo*

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Darrel Smith, Sonnette MT	1	BwF-Hfrt	835	256.00	\$2,137.60
Emmons Cattle, Olive MT	1	Black-Cow	1180	168.00	\$1,982.40
Jim Laduke, Nisland SD	1	Red-Cow	1320	164.00	\$2,164.80
Joe Fortner, Biddle MT	10	Black-Hfrt	979	252.00	\$2,465.82
.....	1	Black-Hfrt	1330	240.00	\$3,192.00
Sheri Webster, Custer SD	1	BwF-Cow	1210	163.00	\$1,972.30
Kevin Buchholz, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Hfrt	1110	225.00	\$2,497.50
.....	6	Black-Hfrt	998	239.00	\$2,384.02
Kent Kreutz, Whitewood SD	1	Black-Cow	1535	163.00	\$2,502.05
Sue Hoverson, Musselshell MT	1	Red-Cow	1245	163.00	\$2,029.35
Mcdonald Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1680	165.00	\$2,772.00
.....	1	Black-Cow	1295	161.00	\$2,084.95
Guy Casteel Livestock Llc, Newell SD	2	Black-Cow	1368	161.50	\$2,208.51
Matt Earley, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1375	165.00	\$2,268.75
.....	3	Blk/BwF-Cow	1343	164.50	\$2,209.78
Reinecke Ox Yoke Ranch, Beulah WY	5	Black-Hfrt	1090	223.00	\$2,430.70
.....	12	Blk/BwF-Cow	1285	166.00	\$2,133.79
Mark Fix, Miles City MT	36	Black-Hfrt	876	265.50	\$2,326.81
Sand Rock Angus, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1455	159.00	\$2,313.45
Chad Shepherd, Ekalaka MT	7	Black-Cow	1200	163.00	\$1,956.00
.....	1	Black-Cow	1380	159.00	\$2,194.20
.....	1	Black-Cow	1495	160.00	\$2,392.00
.....	1	Black-Cow	1245	160.00	\$1,992.00
Darel & Debra Casteel, Vale SD	1	Black-Cow	1600	156.00	\$2,496.00
Tj Strub, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1270	163.50	\$2,076.45
6 Creeks Farm, Ekalaka MT	3	Black-Cow	1262	161.00	\$2,031.28
.....	1	Black-Cow	1115	208.00	\$2,319.20
Dan Lewis, Rapid City SD	1	Black-Cow	1505	159.00	\$2,392.95
.....	2	Black-Cow	1675	152.00	\$2,546.00
Paul Or Nancy Brence, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1370	168.50	\$2,308.45
.....	4	Black-Hfrt	1146	215.00	\$2,464.43
Ryan Cordell, Camp Crook SD	7	Black-Cow	1182	168.50	\$1,991.91
.....	1	Black-Cow	1340	164.50	\$2,204.30
.....	1	Black-Cow	1465	159.50	\$2,336.67
Haier Enterprise Inc, Spearfish SD	1	Black-Cow	1520	162.00	\$2,462.40
.....	2	BwF-Hfrt	1125	230.00	\$2,587.50
James A Mcozy, Belle Fourche SD	1	BwF-Cow	1460	159.00	\$2,321.40
Ellsbury Ranch Llc, Sundance WY	5	Black-Cow	1294	163.50	\$2,115.69
.....	1	Black-Cow	1545	158.00	\$2,441.10
.....	1	Black-Cow	1315	162.00	\$2,130.30
Cole Or Jodie Severson, Vale SD	1	Red-Cow	1525	161.00	\$2,455.25
Wolff Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1360	160.00	\$2,176.00
X Heart Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	2	Blk/BwF-Cow	1605	162.00	\$2,600.10
.....	2	Blk/BwF-Cow	1325	167.50	\$2,219.37
.....	2	Blk/BwF-Cow	1443	164.00	\$2,365.70
Gm Farms Inc, Ekalaka MT	1	BwF-Cow	1495	163.00	\$2,436.85
Neal Mcozy, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1305	169.50	\$2,211.97
Tom Riggs, Broadus MT	3	Black-Cow	1380	164.50	\$2,270.10
.....	3	Black-Cow	1613	161.00	\$2,597.46
Diamond W Ranch Llc, Ludlow SD	1	Black-Cow	1475	163.00	\$2,404.25
.....	1	Black-Cow	1415	165.50	\$2,341.82

.....	1	BwF-Cow	1540	159.00	\$2,448.60
Carl Bruch, Sturgis SD	4	Black-Cow	1415	163.50	\$2,313.52
Paul Bruch, Sturgis SD	2	Black-Cow	1368	163.50	\$2,235.86
Ryan Xz Ranch Llc, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1095	202.00	\$2,211.90
Tom Or Lela Bowen, Newell SD	1	Black-Cow	1590	155.00	\$2,464.50
Harvey Beug, Sturgis SD	3	Black-Cow	1425	161.50	\$2,301.37
Branscom Ranch Llc, Osage WY	4	Black-Cow	1430	163.50	\$2,338.05
Branscom Ranch Llc, Osage WY	1	Black-Cow	1630	162.00	\$2,640.60
Triple S Land & Cattle, Union Center SD	2	BwF-Cow	1668	161.00	\$2,684.67
Perino Ranch, Newcastle WY	6	Blk/BwF-Cow	1301	160.00	\$2,081.33
.....	1	Black-Cow	1440	163.50	\$2,354.40
.....	1	Black-Cow	1260	172.50	\$2,173.50
.....	1	Char-Cow	1325	168.00	\$2,226.00
Graham Livestock Inc, Moorcroft WY	1	Black-Cow	1205	180.00	\$2,169.00
.....	3	Black-Hfrt	1027	226.00	\$2,320.26
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.....	1	Black-Cow	1335	164.00	\$2,189.40
Curt Randall, Broadus MT	1	Black-Hfrt	1060	225.00	\$2,385.00
Ivan Bierma, St Onge SD	1	Red-Hfrt	1260	173.00	\$2,179.80
Doug & Judy Johnson, Sentinel Butte ND	1	Black-Cow	1465	165.00	\$2,417.25
.....	2	Black-Hfrt	1035	215.00	\$2,225.25
Center Of The Nation Catt, Newell SD	1	Black-Cow	1300	160.50	\$2,086.50

**BULLS**

Sand Rock Angus, Broadus MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2245	201.50	\$4,523.67
Ryan Xz Ranch Llc, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1980	195.50	\$3,870.90
Tim Draine, Biddle MT	1	BwF-Bull Drug Free	2170	195.50	\$4,242.35
Patrick M King, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1885	181.50	\$3,421.27
.....	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2210	185.50	\$4,099.55
T C Outfit Lp, Vale SD	2	Black-Bull Drug Free	1890	178.00	\$3,364.20
Matt Hayman, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2085	179.50	\$3,742.57
Burke Ranch Llc, Newell SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1835	171.50	\$3,147.02
Shannon Wiggers, Newell SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2320	177.50	\$4,118.00
Wolff Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1985	170.00	\$3,374.50
Bruce Riley, Spearfish SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1905	176.50	\$3,362.32
Karrels Cattle Co. Llc, Broadus MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1870	193.50	\$3,618.45
Chad Shepherd, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Bull	2385	176.00	\$4,197.60
Sand Rock Angus, Broadus MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2190	195.00	\$4,270.50
Ellen Reddick Trust, St Onge SD	1	Herf-Bull Drug Free	2280	173.00	\$3,944.40
Kp & Keith Stevens Inc, Ashland MT	8	Black-Bull Drug Free	1823	194.50	\$3,544.76

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Riley Lesh | 406-697-0573

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Jason Bollinger | 406-690-8344

**Wyoming**  
Brett Loughlin | 605-210-0615  
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**TYLER & KAYLA FRITZ-SD**  
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**BILL WEBB-MT**  
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**LOGAN RANCH -NE**  
19 BLK 3-5YO BRED COWS  
1300#, BRED BLK

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**MAY 22, 2025**  
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June 12, 2025.....REGULAR SALE - ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT

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

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

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Sunday: 1 p.m.  
Friday: 7:30 p.m.

## CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

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

## CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

## CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC)

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

## EMMANUEL BAPTIST

Meet at Americinn Conference room  
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9am Sunday School 10am church  
Men's Bible Study 10am at the Senior Center  
Women's Bible Study Tuesday 9am.  
Call for location.  
website: ebcfbf.org

## FIRST BAPTIST

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

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC

892-3402  
www.bfsoucc.org  
717 Jackson St. Sunday:  
9:35 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Worship

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

## GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Sheri Fadley  
1804 7th Ave. Belle Fourche  
605-892-2405  
Worship: Sunday 10:30 am - FB Live  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
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Sunday: 10 a.m. worship service

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1120 North Fifth Street, Spearfish  
642-1122  
Luke Bluhm, Pastor  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Service

## NEWELL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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

## NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH

On Hwy 212 in Nisland  
(605) 257-2356  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:45 a.m.

## NORTHERN HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST

5 miles South of Belle Fourche  
on Hwy 85  
42-7167  
Calvin Chapman - Int. Minister  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Class  
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

## NORTH POINT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

10959 Kelle Lane, Spearfish  
Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM

## PRAIRIE HOME CHURCH

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

## RANGLAND MINISTRIES CHURCH

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

## RED WATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Belle Fourche Rec Center  
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605 569-3057  
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## "Building Main Street, not Wall Street" Local Spending Is a Matter of Economic Survival

In an era dominated by e-commerce giants and multinational corporations, the fate of America's small towns hangs in the balance. The evidence is stark: communities that fail to prioritize local spending are experiencing rapid economic decline. This isn't merely an economic preference—it's a matter of community survival.



acceleration could be fatal. Towns experiencing economic decline typically follow a predictable pattern: decreased local spending, local business closures and job losses, reduced tax revenue, deteriorating public services, population decline as residents seek opportunities elsewhere, property value depreciation, increased poverty and crime rates, and further business closures completing a devastating cycle. Research from the Institute for Local Self-Reliance demonstrates that communities with thriving independent business communities see per capita income growth 7% higher than communities dominated by chains and online retail.

The economic impact of local spending can be quantified with remarkable precision. Consider a typical American town of 5,000 residents. If each person redirected just \$25 monthly from online or chain retailers to local businesses, the economic transformation would be profound: \$125,000 additional local commerce monthly, that equates to \$1.5 million yearly in direct local spending, that equals \$4.5-7.5 million in total economic impact through the local multiplier effect.

When COVID struck, government policy revealed a troubling contradiction. While declaring support for small businesses, authorities simultaneously designated large chains as "essential," allowing them to remain operational. They forced many small businesses to close as "non-essential". They failed to account for the cascading economic impact when small businesses faltered.

Research consistently shows that locally spent dollars circulate through a community 3-7 times before leaving the local economy. When you spend \$100 at a local business, approximately \$68 remains in your community. Contrast this with spending at a chain store, where only about \$43 stays local, or online purchases, where virtually none does.

This approach revealed a fundamental misunderstanding of economic ecosystems. When small businesses close, the impact extends far beyond those individual establishments. They represent the primary employment base in most communities, a significant portion of the local tax base, the economic engine that supports supplier networks, as well as the foundation of community identity and vitality.

Looking back a few years, the COVID-19 pandemic didn't create the local spending crisis—it dramatically accelerated it. Online shopping habits formed during lockdowns have become entrenched, with e-commerce growing 44% year-over-year in 2020 and maintaining much of that growth afterward. McKinsey & Company research indicates that digital adoption leaped forward five years in just eight weeks during the pandemic.

Communities facing this existential threat need immediate, coordinated action. A comprehensive approach might include bringing together city leadership, chamber representatives, business owners, media partners, and civic

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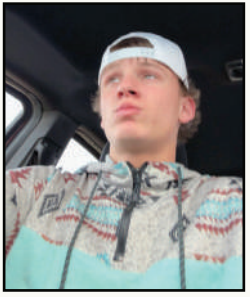
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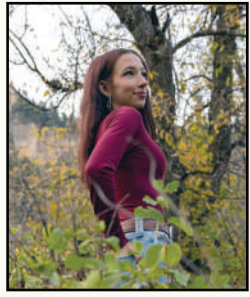
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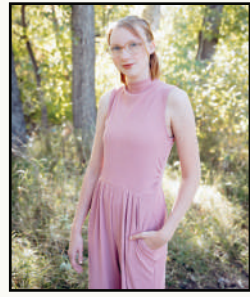
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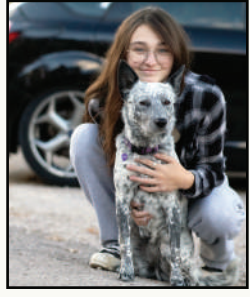
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# Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater will soon be rehearsing in the Rec Center theater with their cast of *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory* - the cast list & more information to come in next week's column!

*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!*

*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 [bellelavenu@gmail.com](mailto:bellelavenu@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.

## What Education Means for Our Students—Today and Tomorrow

By R. Orion Thompson, Superintendent, Belle Fourche School District  
Special to the Beacon

As we approach the final stretch of the school year and begin to welcome the warmer days of summer, it's the perfect time to reflect on what education truly means for our students—both in the present and for the future. Education is more than just textbooks and tests; it's the foundation upon which our children build their identities, aspirations, and lifelong skills. It cultivates critical thinking, nurtures curiosity, and helps students develop resilience in the face of challenges. Public schooling, in particular, plays a vital role in ensuring equitable access to these opportunities,

regardless of background or circumstance. According to the National School Boards Association, public education serves as "the cornerstone of democracy," preparing young citizens for the responsibilities of adulthood and the workforce. Nowhere is this growth more visible than in the remarkable progress of our elementary reading program. At the start of the year, only 1% of our elementary students were reading above grade level. Today, 51% of them are achieving above-grade-level performance. This is not only a cause for celebration—it's proof that when teachers, students, families, and the community come together, extraordinary progress is possible. Looking ahead, our overarching

academic focus for next year will be math. As a cornerstone of problem-solving, logic, and reasoning, math strengthens the kind of analytical thinking that supports student success in all subjects—and in life beyond the classroom. According to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), mathematical literacy is directly linked to the ability to make informed decisions, analyze data, and solve real-world problems. Whether it's budgeting, coding, or interpreting news, strong math skills empower our students to navigate a complex and changing world. We're excited to build on this foundation and provide targeted supports to help every learner grow. In addition, our Master Planning process is in full swing.

We've launched a community-wide survey to gather feedback on how we can best support our students with facilities that reflect the future of learning in Belle Fourche. Whether it's modern classrooms, safe and welcoming buildings, or flexible learning environments, your voice matters. Transparency and community involvement are central to this process, and we hope every family, staff member, and stakeholder takes a moment to share their thoughts. A QR code to access the survey is included in this newsletter—your input will help guide critical decisions about the direction of our district for years to come. As the school year winds down, let's continue to stay engaged, support one another, and

celebrate the incredible strides we've made together. Thank you for your continued partnership in shaping the future of education in Belle Fourche.  
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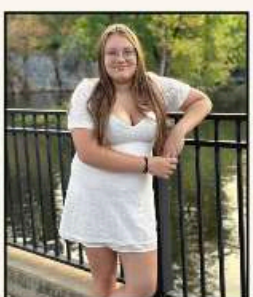
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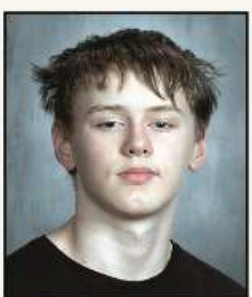
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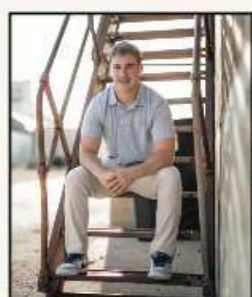
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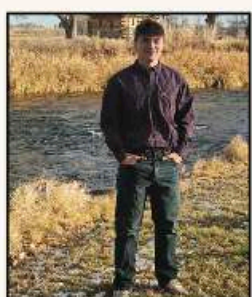
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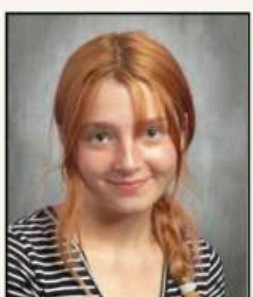
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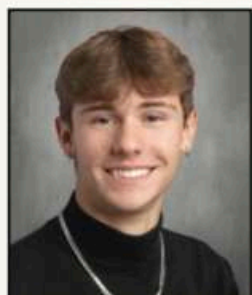
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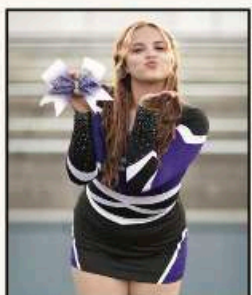
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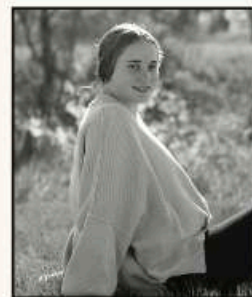
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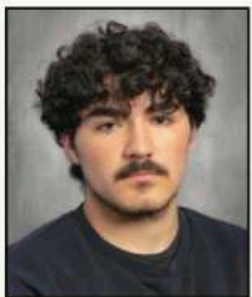
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## Elementary Students Earn Bike Safety: Bike Rodeo

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NEWELL—Kindergarteners through fifth graders from Newell Elementary School gathered excitedly for a Bike Rodeo on Thursday, May 8. Bike Rodeos are an educational community outreach activity supported by “Don’t Thump Your Melon,” a South Dakota EMS for Children program. They constitute an obstacle course that young bike riders take on after completing a series of bicycle safety courses, plus a bicycle safety inspection and helmet fitting.

Over the past few weeks, local EMS team members taught eight different safety skill stations to the kids during P.E. classes in the gym. These stations included proper

part of their body, and it’s important because their brain moves when they hit it. It’s dangerous out on the roads,” Hocking explained.

Newell EMS partnered with the W.I.T. Coalition and the Butte County Sheriff’s Office as well as the Department of Transportation for the event. The Newell Ambulance Service handed out the free helmets and provided helmet fittings for every student; the W.I.T. Coalition handed out drawstring bags with prevention and education items along with a flier about the “Don’t Thump Your Melon” campaign in honor of National Prevention Week; and D.O.T. members helped set up the obstacle course on 4th Street. The Butte County Sheriff’s Office



Students wait in line to get their bikes inspected. Longbrake photo

mounting and dismounting; circling and changing direction; straight line control; weaving and maneuvering; stopping ability; short radius turning; slow speed control; and hand signals.

Thanks to Sherry Hocking, Director of the Newell Ambulance Service, 104 total free helmets were provided to students by South Dakota EMS for Children. “I applied to South Dakota EMS for Children and I had to state why—they usually give 24 helmets is about all they’ll give somebody—and so I had to state why I was asking for 104 helmets,” Hocking said.

“We’ve really stressed to the kids it’s important not to thump your melon. It’s very important not to be riding a bike without a helmet on. That’s the heaviest

inspected each bike for safety using criteria that checked every part of the bicycles, from handle bars to brakes.

Local community members were also a vital help, as a total of 11 bikes were donated for those who did not own one. “We put on Facebook—because there were like, eight kids that didn’t have a bike—so we put on Facebook, if anybody has bikes laying around that they don’t want, and they contacted us and donated bikes,” said Sabrina Harmon of the W.I.T. Coalition. Kurt Hocking of the Newell Ambulance Service took parts from several bikes to make safe, useable bikes for those in need.

“We’re pretty proud of working with the community and doing these things for the kids,” said Harmon.



Sherry Hocking, Director of the Newell Ambulance Service, fits a child with a helmet. Longbrake photo

## Farm Fresh Found at Nisland



Gwendolyn Kitzan, Kitzan Family Farms, manages Nisland Farm Fresh Market, a partnership of Kitzan Family Farms and the Meat Shop. Photo by Betty Bruner

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NISLAND—Ready to enjoy some farm fresh meat and produce? Add some ice cream and a freshly made sweet roll and the day can begin!

All of this and more can be found at the newly opened Nisland Farm Fresh Market along Highway 212 at Nisland. The building has been several businesses over the years and now has taken a new look with the Farm Fresh Market located on the east side of the building. A residence fills the other side.

According to the market’s manager Gwendolyn Kitzan, plans had been stirring for over two years. The partnership between Kitzan Family Farms and The Meat Shop was an opportunity that filled the need for a small business in the area.

“It made sense to combine the two businesses,” said Kitzan.

The market is an outlet for the Kitzan Family Farms

Ready to Eat Meals, lamb, and soaps and lotions. It also gives the Meat Shop room for their lines of sausages, jerky, and other meat products, plus retail cuts of beef.

You can find chicken from Deer Creek Meats in Glendive, MT or meats from Oak Lane Meats in Alexandria, SD. Fresh milk and cheeses come from Farm Life Dairy in Ethan, SD. And at the moment eggs, cabbage, and onions from Cedar Creek Gardens can be purchased.

And there’s more! For a special occasion or just because flowers are available from Joyful Blooms, just down the road from Nisland. There are jams and jellies from Deb’s Downhome Delight in Rapid City. The Honey Man from Spearfish has left a supply of local honey.

There’s no need to go hungry with fresh bread and baked goods. Ice cream is always a welcome treat. Don’t

forget a cup of coffee to add to the enjoyment of the delicious baked goods.

Although there’s no seating in the shop, there is space outside and Kitzan says they welcome folks to bring a chair or eat a picnic in the area.

The market will soon be taking SNAP and EBT. Presently, cash, checks, and cards are welcome.

Kitzan wanted everyone to know that the market is safe and appropriate for teens to work, highlighting the fact that there is no alcohol, no tobacco, and no video lottery.

Hours for the Nisland Farm Fresh Market are Tuesday through Friday, 9-6 and Saturday 9-Noon. They are closed on Sunday.

Slow down when you get close to Nisland and turn into the Farm Fresh Market to enjoy some wonderful ice cream or a roll or pick up something for supper.



Above: Gwendolyn Kitzan and Alecia Baker are set to sell fresh bread to customers at Nisland Farm Fresh Market. They also offer ice cream, coffee, and myriad of meats, vegetables, and baked goods.



Right: A sampling of goods available at the Nisland Farm Fresh Market. Photos by Betty Bruner

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## Grand River Roundup



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It was a nice and warm week, but sadly there was no rain. Alex and Reece Jensen brought their new baby boy to church last Sunday so we could meet the cute little guy. Raze Jay Jensen was born on April 17 and joins a really nice family. We also got word that Chelsey and Brian Glass had baby boy Clayde Robert on May 1 and we haven't had a chance to see him yet but I'll bet he's just as cute as his siblings.

Reub and I went to the Gideon meeting Sunday afternoon over at the Coal Springs Church south of Meadow Corner. It was the Gideon election that day and everyone got reelected to their former spot, Reub is still the Chaplain and I'm still the vice-chair of the Gideon Auxil-

iary. Rick and Cindy Engle came up from the Black Hills to visit Missy and Casey that afternoon while we were gone.

We went to Vern Anders funeral at the old gym in Buffalo Monday morning and joined a huge crowd to say goodbye to our old friend. Vern's mother Peg (Fellows) Johnson graduated from high school in Buffalo with Reub's mother, Amy (Graves) Olson. Peg and her daughter Peggy Lee Brengle had birthdays close to Amy's birthday and they usually came up to the ranch to celebrate their birthdays together. Vern was drafted into the Army and fought in Vietnam during the war, receiving many medals for his conduct. Vern's burial was Tuesday, May 6, at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis with military honors.

Two of our local veterans Pastor Henry Mohagen and Sen. Sam Marty flew out of Sioux Falls Tuesday morning on the Midwest Honor Flight to Washington, DC, and flew back into Sioux Falls that night. Congratulations and thank you to all of the veterans for your service.

There is another death to report: David Randall, 61, of Gettysburg and formerly from Prairie City, passed away Sunday, April 27, at Avera Missouri River Health Center, Gettysburg. His memorial services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 17, at the United Methodist Church in Gettysburg. Burial will be 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, at the Prairie City Cemetery with Pastor Brad Burkhalter presiding.

Amanda took River Lu to Buffalo on Tuesday for her

kindergarten roundup. It's hard to believe that she could be old enough to start kindergarten this fall. Little kids grow up so fast! While they were gone, Reub got the last raised bed garden filled with dirt and tilled so all six of the raised beds are ready to plant.

Reub and I went to Hettinger on Wednesday to get the oil changed on the black pickup at Laufer Vermeer because the new engine they put in it was supposed to have the oil changed after 500 miles and we had just over 500 miles on it. We stopped in Reeder on the way home to have a delicious cake and coffee with the Prairie Pioneers. While we were gone Amanda cut down a lot of dead trees and bushes in the yard so Reub hauled all of them down to the dump for her. She has the yard looking really good.

We had to go back to Hettinger on Thursday so I could get my labs and yearly physical at the clinic from Leslie Kling. Everything seemed to checkout okay, so that's good. I got some more stuff to plant in my gardens when we got home but the temperature was 92 degrees so I just let it go for another day.

I finally got all four of my raised bed gardens planted on Friday and even got all four of the half barrels planted and everything watered. Reub and Amanda cleaned up the garden behind the rock wall next to our house that afternoon and Reub got it tilled up and ready to plant some flowers in it.

It was really hot on Saturday with a temperature of 99 degrees so I washed a lot of

clothes and hung them on the clothesline. It didn't take long for them to get dry. High school graduation was in Buffalo that afternoon so Casey, Missy, Amanda and the kids went to town to help the graduates celebrate. Reub had me go down to the dump with him to help him load several radiators and a bunch of copper pipe in the pickup to take to town to sell. That made me sweat a little bit!

Sunday was Mother's Day and Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen gave all the mothers in church that morning some flowers to plant in our gardens at home. We got to visit with Henry and Sam about their honor flight too.

I'll leave you with these Mother's Day jokes:  
\*I told my kids on Mother's Day I wanted to be pampered - so they bought me some diapers.  
- Melanie White

\*If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?  
- Milton Berle

\*Happy Mother's Day! Without moms, where would we be? Probably with our hair still stuck in that water fountain drain. Just me? - Ellen DeGeneres

\*Moms will clean up everything. Scientists have proven that a Mom's spit is the exact chemical composition of Formula 409. Mom's spit on a Kleenex - you get rust off a bumper with that.  
- Jeff Foxworthy

\*If you feel tense and get a headache, follow the instructions on the bottle of aspirin: Take two tablets and keep away from children.

## Then and Now in Newell

### "Looking Forward to our Past"

**May 13, 1915**

There has been no general cancellation of the sailing of steamers, passenger and freight for England and European ports because of the sinking of the Lusitania by a German submarine or of the passages of travelers for the continent, according to the agents of the steamship lines. However, there is an increase in the popularity of the vessels flying neutral flags. The sailing of the Cunard Liner, Mauretania, advertised for the 29th has been canceled.

1803. Exactly like the one recently revealed in Sturgis. Mrs. Richman is the owner of a valuable and extensive collection of old coins, domestic and foreign, among them being a rare one-cent piece minted in 1818.

There is talk of organizing a Lions Club in Newell. Several businessmen have expressed themselves favorably and it is not unlikely that steps may be taken to perfect such an organization.

The dances in the various halls on Friday and Saturday

by Linda Velder

Lon hat atop a pile of drifted sand at the roadside. Stepping to pick it up, he found a man's head under it. "Can I help you?" he asked. "No" replied the man. "I'll make it to town all right, I'm on a horse."

**May 10, 1945**

The new city dump ground is actually 3/4 of a mile west of the corner to the 40-acre tract owned by the city and the site of the dumping place is a considerable distance further on. It was planned to have several signs placed at the cemetery corner and at other points along the way so there could be no mistake. The Irrigator appears to have been in error last week in describing the dump ground as 1/2 mile west of the cemetery corner which caused some confusion.

We are grateful; word of our victory in Europe comes as an answer to the prayers of millions of Americans, who have been fighting and working to preserve a better way of life. We must continue to fight to work and pray towards final victory over Japan. Then will come the peace and serenity for which we have struggled. May God grant it will be soon.

Miss Ruth Brodsky, who is a Cadet Nurse at the University of Minnesota, was recently initiated into Sigma Theta Tau, the National Honor Society of Nurses, admission into which is based entirely on scholastic merit and moral qualification. Miss Brodsky was one of 3 chosen from her class at the university to receive this honor, which is conferred only on 5-year students.

**May 12, 1955**

Jack Rabbit Bus Lines, Inc. Sioux Falls, is seeking authority to suspend the bus service between Gettysburg, Dupree, Faith, Newell and Rapid City, according to an announcement the past week by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. The Commission has set May 23 for a hearing upon the abandonment and cancellation of its permit to operate between Mobridge and Faith and for revision of schedule between Redfield and Gettysburg. The past January permission was secured from the SD PUC to suspend service between Mobridge and Faith, Gettysburg and Dupree and Faith and Rapid City via Newell during the period January 10 to May 10, when operations were "unprofitable".

Those from Newell who attended the District Rebekah

were well patronized, especially at the notorious Deer Creek Hall.

The freezing nights of the past ten days have worked havoc on the orchards of the vicinity. Reports from all sides agree that little fruit may be expected this year.

**May 9, 1935**

Field Wardens of the South Dakota Game & Fish Department will soon be wearing uniforms. Director O. H. Johnson said that policy has been decided upon by the State Game & Fish Commission. The color and style of the uniforms will be determined by the Commission and representatives of the Warden Force at a meeting in June.

The shower stall at the Tourist Park will be open to the public for bathing on and after Saturday, May 11th. Please be considerate of others when using hot water.

Have you got that truck flare yet? If you drive a truck, a new law requires that you have flares. You can purchase them from Bratton Mercantile, or the Newell Implement Company.

After the severe dust storm, a motorist saw a 10-gal-



The barn which was saved from a wild fire. The wind had switched burning corrals, panels, feed bunks, etc. but was contained just short of the barn.  
Newell Museum

Several of our locals had already purchased passage to the Scandinavian countries.

Editor A. E. Longpre of the Moreau News returned from Belle Fourche last Thursday and stayed over and continued on to Hoover Friday. Mr. Longpre made the trip to the County Seat in order to defend his publication in an action intending to disqualify the Moreau News as an official county paper.

A bunch of the town baseball enthusiasts got together a pick up team last Sunday and went over to and trimmed the Valeites in a ten-inning game. There are many conflicting reports about the score.

L. K. Tysdale, father of Ole T. Tysdale of Horse Creek and K. L. Tysdale of Vale is dying at the home of his daughter in Lead. The old gentleman is the oldest resident in the Black Hills and possibly in the state, having reached 105 years of age last September 14th. While very few particulars are obtainable, it is not expected that there is any hope of a recovery.

**May 7, 1925**

Mrs. H. G. Richman says that she is in possession of a very rare coin, a half cent dated

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meeting in Lead last Wednesday were Mrs. Earl Alexander, Mrs. Carl Orwick, Mrs. Virgil VanderBoom and Mrs. Levi Robbins. Those from Castle Rock were Mrs. Ralph Carlsen, Mrs. Charlie Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Jacobsen, Jr and Mrs. Bert Lei.

about 2:30 PM, with the blaze jumping as far as 40 feet to ignite the yard and corrals and panels. However, the Nisland and Newell Volunteer Fire Departments were called and with friends and neighbors, were able to extinguish the blaze and prevent its spread to a barn, to



The Castle Rock & Moreau News, Mr. Longpre hoped to retain it as a "legal newspaper".  
Newell Museum

Donnie Kimball, son of Mr. & Mrs. Garrett Kimball, suffered painful cuts on his hand on Monday when he fell down several steps at school and pushed his hand through a pane of glass in the door. Seventeen stitches were necessary to sew up the injury.

**May 6, 1965**

Another first for the Newell track girls this week; 4 Newell High School girls have qualified for the track meet at Tyndall Saturday. The girls are entered in at least 7 events, the 60, 100, 220 and 440-yard dashes, the 220-yard relay, the 440-yard sprint medley and the shot put. The 4 include Ruth Ann Marty, senior; Janice Keil, Cheryle Levin and Mary Lou Marty, all freshmen. They will be accompanied to the event by Mr. & Mrs. Wm Marty.

A sudden change in the wind blew a controlled field fire out of control, with resulting damage to many sheep panels and corrals at the Guy Tucker farm about 3 miles southeast of Nisland Tuesday afternoon. The switch in the wind occurred

which it burned dangerously close.

A poll of parents on the continuance of the Newell Parent, Teachers Association for another year affiliation with the national organization, is being taken as a result of a vote directing such a questionnaire at the postponed April 12 meeting of the organization held at the Newell school last Wednesday evening.

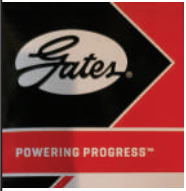
Letters and cards are coming in from interested subscribers who like Newell business, don't appreciate the new "fast" reduction in mail service which went into effect the first of last week. Monday of this week marked the second time in week since the new schedule went into effect that Highway Post Office mail into Rapid City clearly in the morning failed to make the necessary connections to arrive in Newell the same morning or in time to make connections with rural routes leaving here in the morning. The result was a 24-hours delay in mail, not only at Newell but at Castle Rock, Hoover and other points.

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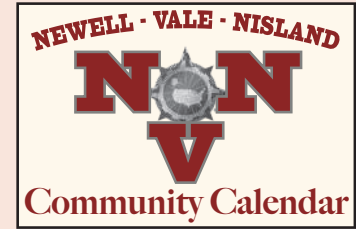
**BH Farmer's Market**  
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**May 14**  
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1:30

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## Delivering Baby Goat Snuggles

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NEWELL-Everyone needs a snuggle and Wondering Wolf Ranch can supply a baby goat snuggle. Elizabeth Witherspoon raises goats that are perfect to snuggle and cuddle. They are just the right size and Witherspoon is ready to share them.

As the herd gets larger, her plan is to rehome the goats as pets, she has 45 goats now. They are available to go to daycares, school events, family functions, birthday parties, or just about any event where folks need to hug a little bug.

Witherspoon brought three cuties to Tulip Days at Joyful Blooms to give visitors the opportunity to enjoy the cuddles. The cuddliest was a small black and white Alpine Nigerian named Bitty Baby. She made up for her small size with loud vocals, letting everyone know she was ready for a hug.

Wondering Wolf Ranch, located south of Newell on Highway 79, has a Facebook page-wonderingwolfranch and is on Instagram.

If you want a unique birthday party idea or have a family reunion planned check out the Wondering Wolf Ranch and be



Elizabeth Witherspoon shows off one her snuggling goats. Betty Bruner Photo

## News From Dr. Pittman



Newell Elementary has taken on the first year of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) this year coupling that with a new system of assessing students in the beginning, middle, and end of the school year. Utilizing the data from the assessment process allows us to individualize needed interventions to students. We now see the benefits of the teachers' and paraprofessionals' hard work.

MTSS typically consists of three tiers when completely implemented. Newell Elementary has focused on Tier 1 by focusing on explicit instruction. This tier provides support to all students within the general education classroom. Newell's Tier 1 literacy instruction has been strengthened through the implementation of research-based approaches to phonemic awareness, phonics, and advanced word study. Teachers have integrated systematic and explicit instruction in these foundational areas of literacy, ensuring a comprehensive and structured approach across grade levels. Phonemic awareness instruc-

tion and practice have been embedded within daily lessons in kindergarten and first grade. Phonics and word study routines have also been incorporated daily for a minimum of 30 minutes, following a sequential structure that builds on previously taught skills. Students in the intermediate elementary classrooms are learning to break apart multisyllabic words through syllabication and morphology. This overall structured approach, utilizing the 95% Core Phonics program, has provided all students with the foundational skills necessary for reading success.

To support engagement and mastery, teachers have been trained to incorporate explicit instruction methods, including opportunities for students to actively respond, paired with frequent checks for understanding with specific feedback. This ensures that students remain actively involved in the learning process, reinforcing key concepts and increasing retention. Additionally, an explicit instruction vocabulary routine has been taught, and discussions have occurred regarding how to incorporate it into the existing Wonders curriculum, to enhance students' word knowledge and comprehension, with strategies designed to integrate new vocabulary in meaningful contexts.

A key achievement in Year 1 has been the training in and use of universal screening data to inform and refine Tier 1 instruction. This screening data comes from both the Science of Reading curriculum implemented this year (The 95% curriculum) and FastBridge, which is the comprehensive assessment tool used by Newell educators to monitor student progress in both reading and math. By analyzing data from both screenings, the staff has been trained

to identify trends and areas for improvement, allowing them to tailor instructional practices more effectively. This data-driven approach has led to targeted adjustments in how they teach foundational literacy skills, ensuring that the Tier 1 instruction is as responsive as possible to student needs.

After this last assessment cycle for the 2024-2025 school year, we were able to analyze data to determine progress and pinpoint areas of intervention going into the 2025-2026 school year. When reviewing the data, we can see that the FastBridge assessment compares students in the school district as well as on a national level. The following are our assessment results:

- The kindergarten tested 13 out of 19 at or above proficient in reading and is ending the school year at 84% proficiency for math.
- First grade, 13 of 19 tested at or above proficient for Newell in reading, and 69% proficiency in math.
- Second grade ended with 90% proficiency in math and 79% at or above proficiency in reading.
- Seventy-one percent proficiency in reading, and 7 out of 13 students scored proficient in math for the third grade.
- Fourth-grade students are 78% proficient or above in reading and 79% in math.
- Seventy-three percent are proficient or above in reading and 54% in fifth-grade math.

As we move forward with MTSS, we will use tools to pinpoint academic skill gaps with students to provide targeted interventions to expand academic growth. The staff at the Newell School District is excited to see the progress for year one in our MTSS implementation and is looking forward for continued growth for the students in the upcoming year.

## Newell School Menu

<p>12) Pancakes, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk</p> <p>Corn Dogs, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>13) COOK'S CHOICE, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk</p> <p>Pork Rib Sandwiches, Vegetarian Beans, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>14) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk</p> <p>Scalloped Potatoes &amp; Ham, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>15) COOK'S CHOICE Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk</p> <p>Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>16) NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>19) COOK'S CHOICE, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>COOK'S CHOICE, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>20) COOK'S CHOICE, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk</p> <p>COOK'S CHOICE, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>21) COOK'S CHOICE, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk</p> <p>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!! COOK'S CHOICE, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>22) SCHOOL'S OUT!</p>	<p>23) NO SCHOOL</p>

## Bloom' Joy



The owners of Joyful Blooms Clint & Sarah Schwede and their children Benjamin, Emmett, Abby, and Ellie. Betty Bruner Photo

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NISLAND-There is always room for another flower somewhere and now there's a place that has fresh blooms to purchase and later this summer dried flowers to gather. Joyful Blooms on Vale Cut-Off Road is an acre or so of flowers of all sizes and scents. During the Mother's Day weekend, beautiful tulips were a colorful temptation waiting to be picked. There's hope the blooms will continue for another week or two, depending on the hot weather.

Soon to come will be dahlias, snapdragons, anemones, yarrow, and statice to name just a few of the flowers available. Owner Sarah Schwede said that it's been her dream to grow flowers. She is working on making the dream a reality with each new seed in the ground.

"I love and enjoy growing flowers," she said with a big

grin.

The plants are all started inside the house, although Schwede is hoping that someday there will be a greenhouse.

"It's a family project," she said. Clint, Abby, Benjamin, Emmett, and Ellie join Sarah during planting and harvesting and waiting on customers.

Schwede explained that her flower business began at local Farmers' Markets and has grown into the You-Pick business.

Presently, the hours are Thursday through Sunday, 10-6. Watch the Joyful Blooms Facebook page for changes in hours. You may call and order bouquets or find out hours of picking.

When you find yourself needing a little color to brighten a corner or dress up the table think of Joyful Blooms and head south of Nisland. There will be a prize waiting for you. Plan on spending a bit of time, it's hard to decide what to pick.



There's a place to relax amid the flowers at Joyful Blooms. Betty Bruner photo

## Bike Rodeo Photos



Hannah Hendrick, Activities Director, instructs students on the course.

Below: Students line up to practice the obstacle course on foot first. Longbrake photos



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## B's Buzz

I did it! Well, partly. Here at home, I did it! I did my best (sort of) and I did it!

What did I do? I mean, what did I do?

Cleaned! And cleaned some more! I've a decent job of keeping things picked up and floors swept and vacuumed, but not consistently. Really, not as often as I should and the cobwebs had grown to look like something out of a spooky movie.

I would look at them and then walk on by. So, guilt finely got the best of me and I did it! Out came the duster and armed with that mighty piece of cleaning equipment I swung it to the left then the right. Up and down the walls, into the corners and around the baseboards. I did it! Sorry to the spiders that got squashed, but they had to go!

As I swept the floors and emptied the dustpan, I sang to myself that it was going to

be so worth it to have things once again in order. Each room met with the imposing duster. Swish, swoop! Take that!

Earlier I had found that the vacuum wasn't working as it should so I had taken it apart and cleaned the inside of it. Something that I have done many times in the 20 years I've had.

But, I have this thing that happens when I take things apart and try to put them back together. Sometimes they don't come back together like they came apart. And so, it happened somehow with the vacuum. I twisted it and turned it and got it kinda put back together. But it still didn't work quite right.

So, I turned it upside down and looked into the main hose. Ah! There was a piece of paper stuck where I couldn't reach it. Time to get out the big guns and start poking, first with piece of wire, then a tweezers, and then anything I could find! I needed a needle nosed pliers! But there wasn't a needle nosed pliers long enough. The answer was to go buy one when we went to town. Yes, I found one and yes it got out that bit of paper.

But that didn't really help. So, I think I will have to give up on the old girl (not me, the vacuum) and use the new-fangled robot one more often. It does a great job, it's just something NEW.

New things are ok, but I like the tried and true things. The stuff that has lasted 20 years. But then, I probably won't be around another 20 years, so I guess it doesn't matter anyway.

Oh, and back to the partly clean that I was talking about earlier. It takes a lot of energy to clean a whole house, so I have to admit that I really didn't get done all the way. But it does look better.

I'm off to do the dishes. Those I can do on a regular basis. Besides I can look out the window and watch the birds in the trees and the mommas and babies in the cow lot.

Did you say anything about a clean house? Mine is (was) clean for about 48 hours. At least the spiders have left and there aren't any cobwebs.

Here's another bulletin-I found a cobweb Sunday morning. Rats! I'll have to start all over again!



Above: A student gets fitted for a free helmet.