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June 2 City Council Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche City Council held its first meeting of the month on Monday, June 2. In the Mayor's Report, Randy Schmidt recognized Charlotte Koopman, declaring June 9 as Charlotte Koopman Day in Belle Fourche in honor of Koopman's 100th birthday. "The City of Belle Fourche takes great pride in honoring residents who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication, perseverance, and service to their community," said Schmidt. "I hereby declare June 9, 2025 to be Charlotte Koopman Day in celebration of her 100th birthday and in recognition of her extraordinary contributions to the community of Belle Fourche."

During community input, Michelle Evans addressed the Council regarding the importance of the city proactively reaching out to businesses affected by street closures, ensuring they are informed in advance so they can make appropriate plans.

Michaela Horn of the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce announced the addition of four new members this month, bringing the total to 30 new members since January 1. Horn also shared details about River Fest, taking place Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Center of the Nation Monument

Over 140 Vehicles on Display for Cars and Coffee



Pioneer Bank & Trust's parking lot overflowed onto State Street, 7th Avenue & Harding Streets with a host of classic vehicles polished and shined to the nines Saturday for the Annual Cars & Coffee event. *Hunter Anderson Sky drone photo*

and featuring family activities, vendors, a beer garden, and duck races.

Additionally, a community yard sale is scheduled for June 14 alongside the Belle Fourche Car Show. (Sales on page A3)

The Museum & Visitor Center reported that in May, it welcomed 1,414 visitors from all 50 states and 18 foreign countries. The First Saturday Brunch featured Phyllis Schrag presenting "Letters from the Attic," with 67 attendees. Despite heavy rain,

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Cars and Coffee Revs Up in Belle Fourche

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BELLE FOURCHE—Coffee and Cars made their way to Belle Fourche June 7th.

The car rally at Pioneer Bank & Trust parking lot took place Saturday 9 am to 11 am.

The parking lot overflowed onto the adjoining State, Harding, & 7th Streets. They were filled with cars from all eras, showcasing them to the community for their enjoyment.

The mixing of all eras helps eliminate divides within the car enthusiast community, according to Alicia, who travels through the Black Hills to help host the event alongside her husband and colleague, Dustie.

They all share a passion for working on and showcasing their vehicles at the show and enjoy gathering with others who share that passion.

They gave thanks to Wild Magnolia, Pioneer Bank and Trust, and C.O.N.B.A for sponsoring the

event in Belle Fourche.

The hosts gave out free Hot Wheels for children, and it was great to see kids running to pose in front of any vehicle that caught their eye.

It is clear when speaking with a few of the people showcasing their cars and trucks that they have a great deal of affection for them and the

hard work that goes into them.

They demonstrate this through the time, energy, and money they invest in creating and maintaining their prized projects.

Many owners were sitting or standing near their vehicles, sharing their enjoyment and knowledge with others.



Alicia and Dustie, hosts of the event, stand behind their booth



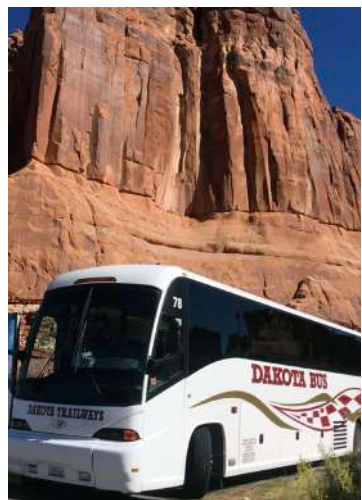
Charlotte Koopman's daughter Cindy Koopman Viergets accepts the certificate for her mother declaring June 9 "Charlotte Koopman Day" in Belle Fourche. *Courtesy photo*

Butte County Historical Society's Annual Historical Tour Coming Up

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BUTTE COUNTY—Come one, come all to the Butte County Historical Society's annual Historical Tour of "Rails, Trails, and Pioneers of the Piedmont Valley" on June 21. The tour marks the



Dakota Bus will provide the air-conditioned motor coach for the trip. *Courtesy photo*

organization's 53rd year and is open to any members of the public who are interested in learning the history of the area. The day is set to start at 7 a.m. with motor coach bus pickups starting in Spearfish, then Belle Fourche, Newell, and Sturgis. Once everyone has been picked up, the bus will travel to Tilford and Piedmont. The tour will be packed with speakers including Ken Wetz, Peg Aplan, John Boylan, Dave Bies, Kim Ford, Neil Vollmer, Phil Anderson, Gary Reynolds, Kathy Hawkins, and Ken Eide. Speakers will give educational talks about the historical sites seen on the tour, and many of them come from pioneer families of the Piedmont area.

Plans for historical sightseeing include the cemetery, school, railroad, gypsum and brick

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New Face at An Established Business

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BELLE FOURCHE—Tri-State Chiropractic has welcomed a new intern, Holly Munsterman, to work under Supervising Doctor, Dr. Doug Larson.

Munsterman is planning on a long career here in the Belle Fourche area. She said, "I started here at the beginning of May and I'll be here until December, interning, and then plan to be in the area for forever!"

The Brookings native found the Northern Hills area as an undergraduate at Black Hills State University. "I just fell in love with the area ever since then and always knew that I wanted to come back to this area and plant my roots out here," Munsterman explained. Finishing her internship is the last obstacle she has to overcome in order to graduate. "I go to Northwestern Health Sciences University out in Bloomington, Minnesota. I'm done with all of my classes and my national boards exams and everything, and I'm set to graduate and officially become a Doctor of Chiropractic in December."

While Munsterman is under the guidance of Dr. Larson, she is able to see patients on her own. "I can see people on my own, but if I have questions, I just go to Doug and we talk about cases together and I pick his brain—

you experience it, it's a whole different ball game," he said. "And she can see patients here as long as I'm in the building, so that if she runs into something that has her concerned, I



Welcoming staff at Tri-State Chiropractic are from left: Katina Horst, Intern Holly Munsterman, Dr. Doug Larson and Jami Larson. *Longbrake photo*

he's been at it for many years and he has lots of wisdom and lots of skills to teach me," she said.

And wisdom and experience Dr. Larson has! He has had his practice in Belle Fourche for 38 years, spending all but one year of his professional life here. He shared, "I spent a year in Sioux Falls right out of Chiropractic college, but then after that, I moved to Belle."

Dr. Larson has had an intern one other time before Munsterman. "I have only supervised one time before, that was about eight years ago, and she and her husband have a practice in Whitewood now," he said. As the Supervising Doc, Dr. Larson sees providing hands-on learning as a necessity in the educational experience. "It is beneficial for her because she can see the hands on—I mean they can tell you so much in books and in lectures, but until

can go in and steer her in the right direction."

Intern Munsterman works full-time and is available during all of the regular office hours, when she is not in the office she enjoys outdoor activities. She says, "I like running, I like hiking, golfing, reading, and you find me outside all the time!"

Her first month in Belle Fourche has been great so far! "I really like it! I just like the people out here. My first days out here I'm like yep, this is home," explained Munsterman. "Everybody is just so nice—the small town community—everybody knows everybody, I kind of like that!" Tri-State Chiropractic is a family business, with Dr. Larson's wife Jami working the front desk and greeting patients daily. His son, Jade followed in

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Butte County Commissioners June Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—There were harsh words said at the recent Butte County Commission meeting held June 3. Remarks stemmed from exchanges made between three people sitting in the commission room while commissioners were in executive session during the May 20 meeting. But first the comments centered around road conditions.

The first comments made during Public Comments centered around condition of Butte County roads. Sue Broadhurst had driven Sourdough Road almost to the Wyoming line and found that it almost impassable in parts. She noted that emergency vehicles would have trouble traveling some of the road. "Get gravel on the road!" she said.

Calvin Fickbohm noted that the ditch along Riley Road is in better shape than the road itself. There are about four miles that are "hardly passable" when it rains. He encouraged all the commissioners to drive the gravel roads.

As an answer to the remarks said during the May 20 meet-

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Eleanor Marousek 90

Eleanor Marousek, 90, of Belle Fourche, South Dakota left Belle Estate on June 3, 2025, to meet her reward. Eleanor Irene Marousek was born January 13, 1935, to Merle and Margaret Compton in Sturgis, SD. Eleanor enjoyed her younger years spent on the family farm near Red Owl, SD. Although the years were filled with hard work and hard times, Eleanor and her three oldest sisters found joy and peace on the prairie, hunting for special rocks, riding their horse to school, and doing chores. The family moved to Spearfish, SD during Eleanor's teen years, and she graduated from Spearfish High School. Eleanor was married to Bob Collins until 1978. She later married Melvin Marousek, MD and they spent the rest of their lives together until Melvin's passing in 2019. Eleanor suffered a massive stroke in March of 2020 and spent the remainder of her life in the outstanding care of her friends at Belle Estate in Belle Fourche.



families of children at a time. After retirement, she and Melvin enjoyed trips to Peru, Belize and the Czech Republic, where they rode the train to the end of the tracks and began a hiking adventure that gained them lifelong friendships with the Czech people.

Eleanor was a very hard worker, continuing her farm work ethic throughout her life. She worked after school selling popcorn at a booth in downtown Spearfish, where she was trusted to handle sales, close the booth at night and take the day's proceeds to the owner's house. After graduating, she began working as a telephone operator in Belle Fourche and Deadwood, SD. She also worked as an operator in Ft. Worth, TX during Bob's time in the Army. Upon her return to Belle Fourche, she began working as a receptionist/bookkeeper for Drs. Sherrill, Gilbert and Marousek in 1957 and continued working at the new location, Tri-State Clinic until her retirement in the 1990's. She and Melvin were foster parents for many years, caring for dozens and dozens of children needing love, structure and attention. They had strong convictions of not separating large families, instead opting to take in entire

Eleanor enjoyed spending time with her kids and grandkids, gardening, hiking, rock hunting and volunteering her time. She was instrumental in honoring and feeding the runners during the annual Ft. Robinson Outbreak Spiritual Run for many years. She was also very involved in the moving, setup and operation of the historical Hillside School as well as volunteering at the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce. Eleanor received the Faye Kennedy award for volunteer community service in 2013.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband Melvin Marousek, parents Merle and Margaret Compton, and sisters Audrey, Ruth and Peggy. She is survived by her children Gary (Margaret) Collins of Mt. Carmel, IL; Wanda Collins, Belle Fourche, SD; Wendy Scales, Angels Camp, CA; and Todd (Sheilagh) Collins, Belle Fourche, SD. She is also survived by grandchildren Aaron and Daniel Herbold of CO, Rochelle Lugo, TX; Lyle Collins, NV; Emily Fox, WA; Shawn Collins, SD; and Jessica Scales, Mexico; numerous great-grandchildren; and sisters, Edith and Dorothy.

A memorial service was held Friday, June 6, 2025, at Black Hills Gospel Assembly, 19020 Gospel Lane, Belle Fourche. Inurnment followed at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.



Andrew William (Andy) Johnson

Andrew William (Andy) Johnson passed away at his home in Sturgis, SD on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Andy was born on February 7, 1938 to George J. and Mamie E. (Stolnack) Johnson at the Suni Place, south of Newell, SD, and was the fourth of ten children.



implement dealerships, working in the oilfields of North Dakota and Wyoming, truck driving in Arizona and South Dakota, performing custodial duties for the Meade County Courthouse, and driving a delivery truck while living in Rapid City. He retired in June 2011.

In 1939, George and Mamie leased the Larson Ranch in the northwest corner of Harding County, SD. Andy started first grade at the Jupiter School (Harding County) and then attended the Plainview School (Carter County, MT) when his parents moved to the Volin place (Old Sky Ranch) in 1944. He attended school in Camp Crook, at Plainview again, and in Buffalo before his parents purchased the Brady place, north of Castle Rock, SD, in the Fall of 1946. He completed his elementary education at the Crow Butte School near the family ranch.

Andy, along with his sister, Marilyn (who was born on Andy's first birthday), graduated from Belle Fourche High School with the Class of 1957. Andy returned to work on the ranch and, eventually, he and his brother, Doug, purchased the ranch from their parents. He lived there until the ranch was sold in 1976.

Andy was married to Linda (Anders) Jennings on March 7, 1980 and became a loving father to her three children, including Donal, Lourinda, and Sandy.

After selling the ranch, Andy pursued various employment opportunities, including working at farm

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

Andy is survived by his wife, Linda; three children, including Don (Edyth) Jennings, Lourinda (Carl) Garner, and Sandy Hayes; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; four sisters, including Beverly J. Miller of Mission, TX; Darlene J. Schafer of Mission, TX; Arlene J. Reynolds of Rapid City, SD and Ida L. (Mel) Johnson of Apple Valley, MN; several nieces and nephews; and Linda's siblings and families.

Arrangements were under the care of Kinkadee Funeral Chapel of Sturgis.



Donnie Jacobs

Don Lynn Jacobs was born May 10, 1965 in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. He was the son of Don and Marie (Turpen) Jacobs. Donnie grew up and attended school in Belle Fourche, graduating with the class of 1985. Throughout his life, one of the things Donnie enjoyed was traveling, especially on his Harley Davidson. Part of his life was spent living in California where he worked at a yogurt factory. Since the 1990's, Donnie has lived in Rapid City. For more than 20 years he worked for the Rapid City, Pierre, and Eastern Railroad Company as one of the crew members who maintained the track. Donnie loved riding his Harley all over, and it complimented his wild and free personality well.



Donnie is survived by his mother, Marie Jacobs of Belle Fourche; daughter, Kimberly Jacobs Powell of Piedmont SD; sister, Julie Beck of Spirit Lake Iowa; nieces and nephew, Amber, Kayleigh, and Matthew; as well as great nieces and nephews.

Donnie died at the age of 60 on Thursday, May 29, 2025 at his home in Rapid City.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and father.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held 1pm Monday, June 9, 2025 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. There will be no visitation. Friends may leave written condolences and view a video tribute on his obituary page located at: www.LeveringtonFH.com



DeAnne Miles 67

DeAnne Miles, age 67 of Belle Fourche, died Tuesday, May 20, 2025, with her two loving sisters by her side.

DeAnne's life will be celebrated on Thursday, June 19th, 2025 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Inurnment will take place at Hope Cemetery in Newell. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

DeAnne Miles was born April 11, 1958 in Belle-Fourche. She was the daughter of Robert and Sharon (Schipke) Miles. DeAnne grew up in Newell, where she graduated from high school in 1976. DeAnne lived in Nevada for several years, where she worked as an office manager for a mining company. In 2014 she moved to Belle Fourche, and worked as a scale operator for Mike Watson and then for Halliburton Inc. In October, 2024 she retired.

DeAnne liked arranging flowers and antiques, and for a time she worked at some of the local shops



in Belle Fourche. She also enjoyed arts and crafts, sewing and working in her yard, and she loved her dogs. DeAnne had no fear when it came to challenges in life, because of her faith. DeAnne loved the Lord, and she found peace and joy following Him.

DeAnne is survived by her two sons, Nathan (Mackenzie) Odle of Carlin NV, Robert (Samantha) Odle of Battle Mountain NV; 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren, Karlyn (Dustin) McCarty and their son Grant of Fort Riley KS, Krisyn (Ryan) Tinsley and their daughter Saylor of Mechanicburg PA; mother, Sharon Miles of Belle Fourche; sisters, Lori Casavan of Belle Fourche, and Mitzi Miles of Rapid City; 2 nieces; 1 nephew; several aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents; her father, Robert Miles; and sister, Shari Jo Miles.



Wallace "Wally" Kehrberg 84

Wallace "Wally" Kehrberg, a cherished father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully due to natural causes on May 24, 2025, at Spearfish Canyon Healthcare in Spearfish, South Dakota. Born in Buffalo, South Dakota, on July 31, 1940, to Reuben and Gladys Kaitfors-Kehrberg, Wally was a man known for his handy and creative spirit, as well as his adventurous soul.

Wally's early years were spent on the family ranch, where he not only helped with the daily operations but also discovered his love for music. He attended Dunn grade school and was a proud graduate of Belle Fourche High School, class of 1958. Throughout his life, Wally's work ethic was evident as he managed various endeavors, including running a trucking business and a backhoe and trenching company. His resilience shone through as he faced life's challenges, such as recovering from a significant back injury, which led him back to the ranch and eventually into various construction jobs until his well-deserved retirement.

Music was a constant joy in Wally's life. He played guitar and was the lead singer in a local band, where he was joined by his sister Shirley on bass guitar and his brother-in-law Penrod on steel guitar. Together, they provided the soundtrack for dances all over the area, leaving a legacy of melodies and memories.

Wally really enjoyed flying. He spent countless hours flying Penrod's airplane across the plains of South Dakota and Wyoming. He used the plane extensively on the ranch checking his cattle.

Wally's personal life was filled with love and devotion. He married Darlyn Zentner in 1973, and the couple was blessed with two daughters, Lori and Jennifer. Although Wally and Darlyn later divorced, the family



bonds remained strong. He took great pride in his daughters and grandson, Austan, cherishing every moment spent with them.

In his later years, Wally enjoyed the simple pleasures of life: playing his guitar, engaging in thoughtful conversations with friends, and embracing the creativity that came naturally to him. His adventurous spirit never waned, and he approached each day with the same vigor and enthusiasm he had in his youth.

Wally is survived by his loving daughters, Lori (Robert Neilson) Kehrberg and Jennifer Lynn Kehrberg, and his adored grandson, Austan Lindborg. He is preceded in death by his parents, Reuben and Gladys Kaitfors-Kehrberg, and his ex-wife, Darlyn Kehrberg/Larson.

In the words of Henry David Thoreau, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined." Wally indeed lived a life of his own design, filled with passion, hard work, and the pursuit of happiness. His legacy will live on in the hearts of those who knew him, and his memory will continue to inspire us all. Wallace "Wally" Kehrberg will be dearly missed, yet his indomitable spirit remains a guiding light for his family and friends.

Upon his request, cremation has taken place, and a graveside service will be held at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche, SD.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Wallace Reuben Kehrberg, please visit our floral store.



Celebrating the Pathway to Graduation Roots # 38



When my oldest granddaughter started first grade I wrote a letter to her. She is now a recent high school graduate. I came across the letter last week.

Dear Kenzie,

Thank you for calling to tell me about your first day in first grade! I loved the photograph your mom sent. The outfit suits you, casual and comfortable, just the right amount of pink. Perfect for the first day of class. I can see that you chose your clothes thoughtfully. That's good. I like your new glasses too. You look extra smart in them!

Yes, I agree. First grade is harder than Kindergarten. The school day is longer. Although it has been many years since I was in elementary school, I recall less time to play and a lot more time spent working.

We had to sit in desks in rows rather than on floor in a circle. My first-grade teacher, Mrs. Woodward was much stricter than my kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Plouf.

Mrs. Plouf was always patient and kind too. She used to bring her friendly, standard poodle to school. That dog was SO big to us little kids back then! Mrs. Woodward did not have pets, as far as I know.

There were more rules and expectations in first grade but eventually I adjusted, and I expect you will too.

I am glad you are ready for the transition. Formal education is a little like taking a road trip. As you know, before you set out on a trip across the country, you need a roadmap. You also need to have a reliable car and gas.

Likewise, you need certain other things to help you on your journey through school. So here is a list of some qualities that you have that will make your journey better in every way:

Imagination. You have a splendid imagination. This quality will serve you well. You tell great stories, and you are good at inventing games. Eventually, you will use your imagination to help you solve complex problems. There are lots of ways that imagination will help you.

Appreciation of Art and Music I love how you can belt out a song and how you don't criticize my singing. Thank you for that. Vocal music is not my forte, but that doesn't mean it's not important. Singing, telling stories bring joy to life, but better still stories bring context to your experiences in the next several years.

Stories convey messages and pictures in books help us remember facts and visualize places and people we haven't met. Remember how you learned the names of zoo animals through pictures? Think about the words to all the songs you already know? Music can make learning easier.

Love of learning. You love learning just as every first grader should and just as everyone should throughout life. Even when you were very small you were always curious. Do you remember helping me in the kitchen? Our museum visits? I loved our trips to the Fish Hatchery in Spearfish. I loved how you were interested in the Victorian toys in the Superintendent's house when we toured there. Please never lose your love of learning Kenzie.

Kindness You are kind. I think that is what I like most about you. However, there is a caveat that I should share; sometimes kindness can make you vulnerable. Sometimes, others take advantage of nice people.

You are also likely to discover that all people are not as nice as they should be.

Traditional formal schooling encourages competition. Competition certainly has its place, but being in first place is not at all as rewarding or as valuable as your natural gift of kindness.

I guess what I'm saying overall is I think you are good to go on your journey toward graduation! Your car is sound, it runs well, and your tank is full of premium!

That is not to say that there won't be a flat tire or two along the way. All things will not come easily, but that's OK. Sometimes failure is the best lesson. Among other things, failure will teach you how to work harder.

My advice is to keep your chin up, stand up straight and remember that there is nothing about you that needs fixing. Nothing at all.

I am confident that you will arrive on the graduation platform, all grown up and ready to take on the world! Love you always, always, and forever, Grandma Meg

City Wide Yard Sale - June 14th

North Belle Fourche

- 10995 Watertank Rd 8AM-2PM
- 622 Aurora St 8AM-12PM
- *behind West Tire in alley*
- 903 Edmunds 8AM-2PM
- 310 9th Ave 7:30AM-12PM
- 410 Faulk St 8AM-3PM

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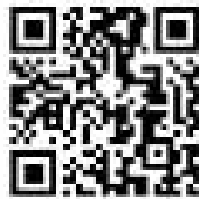
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- 11185 Eaton Ln 8AM-2PM

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- 1310 Ziebach St 7AM-12PM
- 352 Red Rock Crcl 7AM-3PM
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- 19038 HWY 85 10AM-3PM
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- 21 Stateboro Dr 8AM-4PM
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- 2020 Vista 8AM-2PM
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- 1119 Omaha St 7AM-1PM
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- 600 4th Ave 8AM-close
- 1108 6th Ave 7AM-4PM
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- 1714 13th Ave 9AM-close
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Butte County from A1

ing, Lori Johnston, Highway Department Administrative Assistant, spoke clearly that she had heard the three people trash employees, the administrative building, and the commissioners. That morning she had received a "vile" e-mail from a Butte County resident.

"We are your frontline," she told the commissioners. She asked the commissioners to defend "your employees."

Deputy Treasurer Kelly Keegan read a statement pointed toward the remarks of May 20 also. She pointed out that the people from May 20 knew they were on camera and essentially spoke to the residents of the county.

She said that 100% of office employees take pride in their office. They understand that they are the face of the county.

Travis Ismay had a few remarks to say surrounding the road conditions. He had a list of suggestion that he shared with the commissioners. Some of his ideas include encouraging the commissioners to assess the roads in the county personally, asking the highway department for a comprehensive plan for managing the road conditions, require the blade operators to work at the time the road conditions are right, and research and use resources that they

have and educating the blade operators.

Commission Chair James Ager had a prepared statement that he read into the record. He encouraged everyone to listen to the meeting from May 20, 2025 on the Butte County website.

He said that the behavior of the three individuals was reprehensible and offensive. The many derogatory remarks "directed at Butte County elected officials and employees" was inappropriate.

As a whole, the commissioners affirm their support of all employees of the county. The remarks of May 20 do not echo the commissioners or the majority of people in Butte County.

A matter that has been growing near Rick Richards' place on Old Twilight Road was brought to the attention of the commissioners. Richards' neighbor has allowed Hoary Crest to grow on his land which is spreading throughout the area. The sheriff has checked into the matter and the landowner has gotten the proper chemical to spray, but there is no evidence of the task being done.

Richards is asking the commissioners to do something about it. Highway Superintendent Dwayne Heidrich said that it may be time to start the legal process, starting with letters. A special assessment process can be done.

Richards also brought up the condition of Old Twilight Road. He said that the "windmill guys" drive down the center of the road at high rates of speed.

"I feel they are putting my family in jeopardy," he said.

Sheriff Lamphere said that he would have law enforcement follow up.

Richards also wanted to know about the auto-gates and what the process is to get them cleaned out. The landowner must let the Highway Department know that they need cleaned.

As far as keeping the road graded, the windmill company has signed a road agreement to maintain the road on a regular basis.

Heidrich addressed the "gravel issue" stating that 40,000 T of gravel had been purchased and crushing will start soon.

He spoke to the problem of grading off the gravel as stated by a resident. He said they didn't blade off the gravel, it's mud at this time. They will be putting a crown on the road now and then will gravel the road.

Heidrich said that he had a list of the roads that needed attention in order of condition. If anyone wants to see the list, it is available at his office.

"There is so much traffic [on many roads]," he said.

His crew is trying to keep up with what there is to do.

"It's a thankless job," he said. "We are constantly being yelled at."

"Nobody wants our job, but everybody wants to do our job," he said.

Chair Ager wanted residents to know that Heidrich and Johnston are very responsive to phone calls. Ager once again stated that he does not appreciate name calling.

"There's a better way," he said. "We are aware that roads need attention," he said. And added that operators will be getting more training. He urged the commissioners to attend training.

Heidrich once again said that roads cannot be bladed when wet. Commissioner Tom Brunner also encouraged the commissioners to drive the roads.

In other business: *Several provisional budgets were discussed, with further discussion on personnel being tabled to July.

*Dispatch still has one position to fill.

*Sheriff's Department is now fully staffed.

The next regular commission meeting will be June 17.

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Tri-State Chiro from A1

in his shoes and became a chiropractor as well. He worked in the Belle office for nine years and has since moved to Sioux Falls to start

his own practice. His daughter is an RN in Oregon. He is the proud grandpa of five grandkids, with one more on the way!

Dr. Larson and Jami are grateful for their patients. "We have had a busy practice and we're blessed to have the patients trust us and come to us. If we can't figure it out, we do refer to other providers to find out where they need to go to get well. That's our major objective, our patients wellness." Jami added, "We love our patients, some have been with us from when we opened and so we know about their families and we visit, it's just great!"

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Marie Larine Mott-Clyde, 101

Marie Larine Mott-Clyde, 101, of Belle Fourche died May 30, 2025 at Edgewood Vista in Spearfish.



Marie was born October 7, 1923, alongside the road at Hoover, South Dakota. Her parents didn't make it to the nearest hospital. She grew up on the Reva ranch with her brother Peter Verhulst and walked to school uphill fall, winter and spring. And the school was on a hill, and they did walk in the snow. The old house only had a couple wood stoves, and they would wake up in the dead of winter with ice on their faces from their breath. The nearest store and neighbors were a wagon ride away. Growing up they had to watch where they walked as rattlesnakes were still the greatest threat in the Slim Buttes. As a young girl, she loved hanging out with friends, going to dances, and tipping over outhouses and cows.

She had a vocation not a job. Aspiring from a young age she only ever wanted to be a teacher. She went straight from Sorem High School to Black Hills Teachers College (now Black Hills State University) to get her teacher's certificate as Word War II began. Her first position was in Vale. She has outlived many of her early students. Her dedication and love of her students carried over many a night and weekend making lesson plans tailored for each individual student or class.

While on leave from the navy Harley Mott met her at a dance in St. Onge's dancehall. That was the beginning of a new relationship. They were married in Lead in 1946 after his discharge from the navy. They first lived in Brookings attending South Dakota State University before moving to Greeley, CO for a new job. In 1960 they adopted their son Shane and for the only time in her life didn't teach for a few years. Shortly thereafter they moved to Rapid City followed by moves to Wolf Point, Glasgow and Ft. Peck, Montana. During the school year they would hit square dances every week and sometimes even traveling to conventions in Canada and nearby states. While living near Ft. Peck Lake the summer weekends were taken up boating, fishing and camping in their younger years. She finally retired from the Glasgow School District at age 72 having spent 47 years teaching elementary grades and special ed students.

After retirement they moved to Belle Fourche to be

closer to family. 1996 was an eventful year as Harley passed away and she became a grandmother when Sara was born. She also began to live and take care of her mother Susan.

Several years later she met Ken Clyde at a square dance, and they hit it off. A short time later in 2001 they were married, and she gained a whole new family who took up a special place in her heart. Together they went square dancing, to family gatherings and played music together for those old people at the nursing home. Every summer they did their best to set the world record for the largest cucumbers and zucchini. She still enjoyed riding on the backseat of the motorcycle as long as she could get on.

Ken passed away in 2015 and shortly thereafter her grand-daughter Sara moved in with her until she moved to Edgewood Vista in 2019. She never passed up an activity there, added lots of bling to her walker and looked forward to Steve Clyde bringing her ice cream.

A life-long Catholic she dedicated her life to Jesus seeking to do his will on earth praying for every member of her family. She was devoted to her families loving each person with all her love.

She is preceded in death by her parents Peter and Susan Verhulst, her husbands Harley Mott and Kenneth Clyde, her brother Peter Verhulst Jr and her grandson Stas Mott and a crowd of people waiting to hug her in heaven.

Visitation will be held Friday, June 13th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm with a Rosary at 7:00 pm at St. Paul Catholic Church in Belle Fourche.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, June 14 at 10:30 am at St. Paul Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

The funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed on Marie's obituary page at klinefuneral-chapel.com

An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneral-chapel.com



Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Andy Anderson of Emmanuel Baptist

"Will the Real Jesus, Please Stand Up?"



Who is Jesus to you? How did you come to your conclusions? There is only One Savior named Jesus. If asked many people will say that there is only one Jesus, but in reality, there are many and they are not all the same.

The problem is, if you have the wrong Jesus, you're going to miss heaven, you will die in your sin and regret it forever.

Jesus said in Matthew 7:21-23 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy Name? and in thy Name have cast out devils? and in thy Name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.

The key is knowing Jesus, the real Jesus revealed in Holy Scripture (The Bible). Do you know Jesus or just know of Him? There is a difference between knowing of someone and knowing someone.

My greatest desire is to know Jesus Christ more every day and to make Him known. Holy Scriptures reveal that the real Jesus can be known. The Jesus of the cults, false religions and many TV shows is not the Jesus of the Bible. There are a lot of organizations who use the name Jesus, some even have it in their name, but their teachings about Jesus don't line up with the Jesus of the Holy Scriptures. The Word of God states in Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Jesus doesn't change.

The Word of God does not change. If any "new revelation or new light," does not line up with the

Word of God, guaranteed it's not from God.

The Word of God tells us about the Bereans in Acts 17:10-11 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

The Bereans received the Word from Paul and Silas then they independently searched the Scriptures daily to make sure that the message received lined up with the Scriptures. A red flag should be raised any time someone discourages independent study of the Scriptures and where any deviation from their teachings is discouraged or prohibited. Many are going to perish because they willingly allow a person or organization to lead them astray.

The Jesus of Scripture, the Logos or Word of God, left the glories of heaven and became a man, born of a virgin. He was born sinless, lived a sinless life and then willingly went to the cross and died for the sins of all. We are sinners because we choose to disobey God, we have broken His law. A sinner needs a Savior and the only One who qualifies is the Jesus found in the pages of the Holy Bible. He is the only One who can save you and me.

Jesus said in John 5:39-40 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

Are you ready to come to the real Jesus? Be a Berean check out ebcfb.org and Truelife.org. Contact me if you have questions. Blessings Pastor Andy

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Belle Fourche High School Students Excel at SkillsUSA Conference

Several Belle Fourche High School (BFHS) students recently competed at the SkillsUSA Conference, held at Mitchell Technical College in Mitchell, South Dakota. This year marked a significant milestone for the school, as it was the first time BFHS brought students to compete in the newly added Heavy Equipment Operation (HEO) category, alongside its strong showing in Welding competitions.

BFHS was proud to be the only school in South Dakota to bring students for the inaugural Heavy Equipment competition at the state level. The school was represented by two three-person welding teams, six individual welders, and four students in the Heavy Equipment division. The results were impressive:

- Ryan Stegelman earned 1st place in Heavy Equipment Operation and qualified for the National SkillsUSA Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Markus Overstreet placed 2nd in the Heavy Equipment Operation competition.
- Landon Tate placed 3rd in Heavy Equipment Operation.
- Kyle Hendrickson earned 3rd place in the Individual Welding competition.

tors included:

- Dylan Park, Roenn Ruzicke, Conner Crowser, Abbey Clendening, and Silas Carson – Individual Welders
- Alisson Jewett, Tucker Hughes, and Mason Nehl – Team 1 Welders
- Alexa Stone, Kate Blair, and Aolani Stone – Team 2 Welders
- Nick Vetter – Heavy Equipment competitor

In addition to current BFHS student achievements, former student Ayseluna Hockenbary, now studying welding at Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) in Rapid City, earned first place in both the Post-Secondary Individual Welding and Welding Sculpture competitions. She will also advance to compete at the National Conference. The BFHS Heavy Equipment students extend their sincere thanks to Wayne Eaton of Eaton Construction and Proline Equipment Rentals for generously providing equipment and practice opportunities in preparation for the competition. Congratulations to all the students and staff for representing Belle Fourche High School with excellence, professionalism, and Bronc pride!



BFHS Heavy Equipment students would like to thank Wayne Eaton (Eaton Construction) for letting them go use his equipment to practice.



BFHS Heavy Equipment students would like to thank Proline Equipment Rentals for letting them use their equipment to practice.



Left to right: Dylan Park Ind. Welder, Landon Tate placed 3rd in HEO, Alisson Jewett Team 1 Welder, Markus Overstreet placed 2nd in HEO, Nick Vetter in HEO, Roenn Ruzicke Ind. Welder, Ryan Stegelman placed 1st in HEO, Kyle Hendrickson placed 3rd in Ind Welding, Conner Crowser Ind. Welder, Abbey Clendening Ind. Welder, Alexa Stone Team 2 welder, Kate Blair Team 2 welder, Aolani Stone Team 2 welder, Silas Carson Ind. Welder, Tucker Hughes Team 1 welder, and Mason Nehl Team 1 Welder. Courtesy Photos

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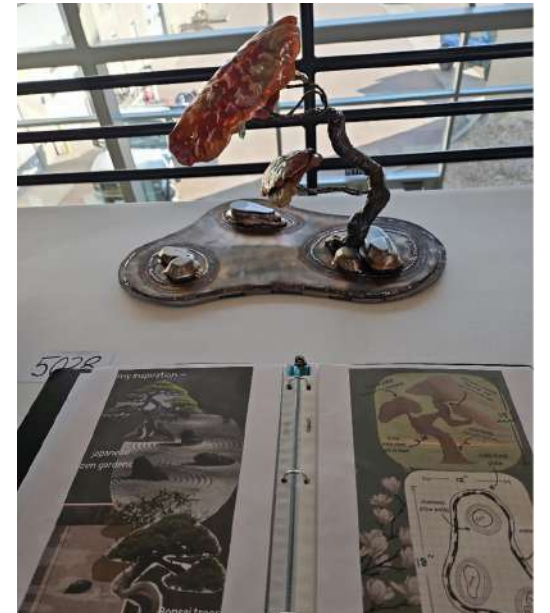
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(L) Kyle Hendrickson place 3rd in the Individual Welding competition. (R) Ryan Stegelman placed 1st in the HEO Competition. Courtesy Photos



(L) Left to right: Landon Tate placed 3rd, Markus Overstreet placed 2nd, and Ryan Stegelman placed 1st. This was the first ever Heavy Equipment Competition at SkillsUSA. Ryan has qualified to go and compete at the National level in Atlanta GA.



Ayseluna Hockenbary was a former BFHS student who is now a student at Western Dakotas Technical College (WDTC) in Rapid City. She is one of their top welding students. She took first place in the Post Secondary Individual Welding and Sculpture. She qualified for Nationals in both events.



Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes Butte County Courthouse Commission Meeting Room 839 5th Avenue Belle Fourche, SD 57717 Phone: 605-892-4485

THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENE AT 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Commissioners present were Ager, Erk, Walton, Batterman, and Brunner. Chair Ager called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Batterman, Second by Walton to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of 12.5 Executive Session: Cyber Security 1-25-2(6.d). Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Pastor Sheri Fadley led with a moment of prayer. Beginning at 9:33 AM, an opportunity for public comments was opened with Dale Simanton providing comments regarding how prioritization of roads is determined and the number of employees in the Administrative offices. Motion by Erk, Second by Brunner, to approve the Consent Agenda Items with no changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Commissioner Bruner shared information on 3.g, approach for the Eszlinger subdivision, the planning commission's recommendation, and future considerations. Highway Superintendent Heidrich will follow up with the landowner. Consent Agenda - The following items were placed on the consent agenda for final action to be taken on all items by a single vote. Any item may be removed from the consent agenda by any member of the Commission for separate consideration. a. Approval of regular meeting minutes – 06May2025 b. County Lien Report CAA/PUBLIC DEFENDER JAIL POOR LIEN REG JUV DETENTION \$ 132,354.76 \$ 181,436.65 \$ 6,000.00 \$ 310.00 \$ 120.00 c. Bills per Printout d. Apportioning and Other Payments e. Register of Deeds Report f. Wage Increases EXPENSES EXPENSES RECOVERED RECOVERED YTD \$ 21,637.17 \$ 13,419.71 \$ 2,493.00 \$ 48,989.38 APR 2025 \$ 29,833.33 \$ 32,897.34 \$ 0.00 \$ 310.00 YTD APR 2025 i. Sheriff – Polly Jones Step 4 (full wage) \$25.39 g. Planning: Owner: Patty Eszlinger Niesent & Richard Niesent; LOTS 2A and 5 of Eszlinger Subdivision Formerly Lot 2 of Eszlinger Subdivision and a Portion of the SW4SE4SE4 of Section 8, T8N, R2E, Located in the SW4SE4SE4 of Section 8, T8N, R2E, B.H.M., Butte County, South Dakota h. Highway i. Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways – Black Hills Energy – Valley Township Road – Underground Service line. Jennifer Siesmeta, Director of the BH Council of Local Government, presented the BHLG 2024 Annual Report, including information on members and staffing, background and services, funding, 2024 highlights, projects by county, and potential assistance with the building task force. Additional discussion was held regarding building needs for the county and potential next steps, including a survey, hiring an architect, a capital improvement project, return on investment, financing, and a planning director. \$ 3,940.07 \$ 1,787.07 0.00 Auditor Capp presented an activity report on behalf of Butte County Nurse Malynda Wolf, including maternal and child health programs, immunizations, and DOH program updates. Highway Superintendent Dwayne Heidrich provided an activity report, including fixing rain-damaged roads and installing culverts. Discussion was held regarding the rewrite of the Application to Construct an Approach or Driveway to a County Road. An additional line will be added regarding exemptions and brought back for commissioner approval. Sheriff Lamphere provided a monthly activity report including new outfit, drone usage, training, building inspection results, and citizens in jail. Jail expenses were discussed as well as trends for liens. Commissioner Ager asked for a demonstration of the drone during the 01Jul2025 regular meeting. Short recess was called Auditor Capp provided an activity report focused on recent attendance at the SDACO Spring Workshop, important upcoming dates, and recent DOR newsletter. Motion by Erk, Second by Walton to approve Payment to the Ambulance Dept by Resolution 2025-03 in the amount of \$106,406.00. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Motion by Batterman, Second by Erk to approve Indigent Burial request from Leverington Funeral Home - \$2,000.00. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Motion by Erk, Second by Brunner to approve 2025-2026 Annual Malt Beverage Renewal Applications. Vote

Unanimous. Motion Carried. Besler's Cadillac Ranch Beverage 19314 Helmer Road Saint Onge, SD 57779-7931 Stone House Saloon Beverage 19001 2Y Ranch Lane Belle Fourche, SD 57717 A portion of: Lot 4 Part, Lot 3 Part, SW1/4 NW1/4 Part, Lot 1 Sec 2 Part SE1/4 NE1/4 Sec 2 Part, Section 1, Twp 7, Range 2 Section 21, Twp 8, Range 1E Retail (on-off sale) Malt SD Farm Wine (Sunday Sales) Retail (on-off sale) Malt SD Farm Wine (Sunday Sales) Discussion was held regarding Administration Building Landscaping. Motion Brunner, Seconded by Erk to approve proposal from Startz & Startz Landscaping for \$7,200.00. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Motion by Erk, Second by Batterman, to enter into Executive Session: Personnel 1-25-2(1) at 11:40 AM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Exited Executive Session at 1:19 PM. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session. No action taken on agenda item Executive Session: Cyber Security 1-25-2(6.d). Committee Reports were given: • Brunner – Planning meeting held • Batterman – EDC this Wednesday • Walton/Ager – Ambulance meeting this Thursday Old Business – Courtroom flip request for quote. Capp to reach out to Sheriff Lamphere and Shawn Sorenson. Informational – • SDACC Counties Leading Efficient & Accountable Reform (CLEAR) letter shared. • 4H group to install pavers around the picnic table at the Administration Building. • Consolidation of county offices (DOE, VSO, etc.) Motion by Erk, Second by Batterman to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. PAYMENTS SALARY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE/PLANNING \$9,286.53, AUDITOR'S OFFICE \$17,124.24, BUILDING- \$0, COMMISSIONERS \$4,278.92, DISPATCH \$14,293.25, ELECTION-\$0, EM/911 \$989.72, EXTENSION \$1,936.80, HIGHWAY DEPT/WEED CONTROL \$25,724.82, JUDICIAL- \$0, NURSE'S/WIC OFFICE \$1,213.92, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$4,794.19, SHERIFF/JAIL DEPT \$22,773.96, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$12,417.22, TREASURER'S OFFICE \$10,518.99 VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$878.85 COUNTY SHARE FICA BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$9,388.78 SDRS RETIREMENT BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$7,142.09 GROUP INSURANCE BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$29,774.38 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AVERA OCC MED \$36.60, CHARLES EDSON \$114.36, CTY OF BF \$24.00, CNTY DRUG \$306.17, DPT HLTH \$290.00, DBL STAR \$3,745.98, ECOLAB \$741.25, K DLAHYD \$144.00, KNNY LAW \$2,168.72, KNSTN & KLN APPRSL \$550.00, LENOVO \$6,015.32, LVNGTN FNRL HM \$2,000.00, MTRLA SLTNS \$299.00, NTNL MED RSRCS \$175.00, OFFC CHLD FMLY SRVC \$9,464.74, PNNINGTN CO JAIL \$457.15, R GARZA \$137.41, SD ASSN CNTY OFFCL \$468.00, SD DPT RVN \$166.88, SD DPT TRANSP \$4,345.28, SD DVLPMT CNTR \$60.00, SD HMN SRVCS CNTR \$19.73, SRVL UNFRM \$688.24, STRGS AMBU \$300.00, LAW OFF A BRYSON \$1,979.26, T HAUGEN \$60.00, WCKRLE LAW \$3,286.50 PUBLICATIONS BH PNEER \$2,762.93, RENT/LEASE BH PURE \$91.75, CNTRY BUS PRDCTS \$483.16, CLLGN \$161.50, THMS R-WST \$215.25 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE BTLR MCHNRY \$2,692.41, WD LRSN \$493.71, CRNTT CNSTRC \$768.06, DKTA FLD PWR \$719.21, EATI \$1,124.76, INLND TRCK \$1,567.50, KONE \$536.44, ROGUE MTRSPRTS \$233.17, RYL SPRY LWN \$208.50, RSHMR COMM \$468.00, SPRFS ELCTRC \$2,668.25, WST TIRE \$16,544.00, WOLFF PLMB \$419.95 SUPPLIES AUTO VALUE BF \$1,184.08, CBH \$3,182.32, DMC WEAR PTS \$4,181.00, HLLYRD \$466.33, MSTRCRD \$4,212.00, MCGAS \$20.00, NTRN AG SLTNS \$ 3,133.44, OFFC EMP \$234.32, OLSN FUELS \$9,607.27, O'RLY AUTO \$11.39, PTNY BWS \$91.29, PRAIRIE AUTO \$22.99, RNNGS \$4,973.77, TM LAB CORP \$2,038.00 TRAVEL/CONFERENCE CONVENE \$10.00, ECONO LDG \$78.80 UTILITIES BH ENGY \$374.24, BLUEPEAK \$1,033.64, BUTTE ELCTRC \$248.67, BM SAN WTR DIS \$55.00, CNTRYLNK \$1,553.89, CNTRYLNK \$131.10, GLDN WST \$23.97, MNTNA DKTA \$1,019.83, TWN NSLND \$80.26 APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: James Ager, Chairperson ATTEST: Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

June Family Fun Day at the Tri-State is about turtles and tortoises. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a family fun day on Sunday, June 15 at 2 p.m. about turtles and tortoises, their differences and similarities. There will be a film, crafts, a book drawing, a take-home workbook and an appearance by a turtle named Charlie. Refreshments will be served. Admission is \$2 per person or free with membership; dads get in free because it is Father's Day. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. For more information, call 605-723-1200.

Tri-State Museum to hold "Shark!" class on June 21st. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a class entitled "Shark!" on Saturday, June 21 from 10 a.m. to noon for rising 3rd and 4th graders. The class will include a film, power-point, instructor-led workbook, crafts and information about the various kinds of sharks, their habitat and behavior. Students will also hear about the sharks that swam in a sea in the tri-state area, millions of years ago. There will be a drawing for a book and a stuffie shark. Snacks will be provided. Admission to the class is \$2 per person or free with membership. Advance registration is required and must be done by June 19th. Call 605-723-1200. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

Museum "On the Map" Exhibit. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center has a new temporary exhibit. The exhibit is entitled "On the Map," and will showcase the many maps in the museum's collections, including a distinctive map of the Black Hills on a scarf; a WWII combat map; and a mountain and desert map of California, among many others. The exhibit will also include photos, storyboards, a touchscreen quiz, cartography tools, globes and a kids' activity center with a workbook, book to read and a craft to complete. The exhibit will be up until October 4th. There is no admission charge to see this exhibit, or the Tri-State Museum. For more information about the exhibit or upcoming events and exhibits, call 605-723-1200. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

Belle Fourche Recreation Center Arts in the Parks. June 13 Yarn Bracelets (Eagle Park) 2-4 PM. Using yarn or embroidery thread, participants will learn a method of bracelet making called "circle bracelets". Each participant will cut out their own cardboard circle and use rulers to make notches at the appropriate intervals. They will choose and cut colored thread or yard and use their cardboard circle to weave their own bracelets or keychains.

June 20 Paper Marbling (Rec) 2-4 PM. By pouring various colors of paint into a pan of water, participants can create unique color combinations to dip thick paper and create a marbling affect. They will hang their designs to dry for ten minutes as they continue dipping paper. After the paper has dried, participants can fold paper into origami, into a book or draw on their papers. Check us out on Facebook or www.bellefourcherec.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION TO VACATE A PLAT
 Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the provisions of 11-3-22.1, the Butte County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on 01Jul2025 at 09:45 a.m. in the Commission Room at the Butte County Courthouse located at 839 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, South Dakota. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a Petition to **Vacate a Plat submitted by Michael Lesmeister of Butte County, South Dakota. The Plat is legally described as:**
 The East-West Section Line lying between Section 32, Township 8 North, Range 1 East of the Black Hills Meridian and Section 5, Township 7 North, Range 1 East of the Black Hills Meridian, all located in Butte County South Dakota, beginning at the western most edge of the Upper Redwater Road Right-of-Way and terminating at the intersection with the Section Line running North-South along the west edge of said Section 32 and said Section 5.
The Board of County Commissioners invites all interested persons to attend and offer comments. Those interested persons not able to attend are invited and encouraged to send written comments, prior to the hearing, to the Butte County Auditor, at 117 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717.
 As directed by the Butte County Board of County Commissioners
 Dated this 2nd Day of June, 2025
 Annie Capp
 Butte County Auditor

From A1 City
 people attended the "Viva, Mexico!" Family Fun Day, which included a performance by the Cazer family and generated the highest Facebook engagement for a Family Fun Day event. Four bus tours brought an additional 139 visitors. June 5 marks the start of Hometown Thursdays. The week brings a Saturday brunch with Jeannie Kirkpatrick presenting on "Women Workers of Mt. Rushmore," a visit from Road Scholars, and Riverfest held on the back lawn. A mini exhibit on Emergency Medical Workers will open June 14 with an all-day reception. Travis Featherston from DGR provided an update on the 9th and National Street project. No bids were received due to the project's completion timeline.

As a result, the city will now be accepting quotes, with two local contractors indicating they plan to submit. Councilperson Elliott inquired about the Museum deck railing, the Sourdough water loop, the valve for Well #3, and the curb and gutter on Stanley Street. City Administrator LaFayette reported that the railing materials have arrived and the project should be completed soon. Public Works Director Stedillie stated the Sourdough water loop is expected to go live this week. LaFayette noted that the valve for Well #3 has not yet shipped, and Stedillie added that the Stanley Street curb and gutter project is awaiting scheduling by the contractor.

Councilperson P. Somervold thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work in helping the city look its best. City Engineer Hardy provided an update on the 11th and 12th Avenue projects, stating that the contractor now plans to mobilize later this week, ahead of the originally scheduled mid-June timeline. City Administrator LaFayette informed the Council that City staff made three separate attempts over the past three weeks to go door-to-door and notify businesses in the area of the planned street closure this past weekend. In addition, signage was placed in the middle of intersections the week prior to the closure to provide further notice. The next City Council meeting will be June 16 at 6 p.m.

braska to Deadwood came right up there—and Sacora Station was there, the covered wagon resort." The Butte County Historical Society has approximately 100 members. Over the years, they have completed several projects including marking the Bismarck trail from Deadwood to the North Dakota border and marking all of the Post Offices

in Butte County. Their current project is marking the Fort Pierre-Deadwood trail from Deadwood to the east side of the Cheyenne River. "The history, the struggle of the people, the pioneers, different nationalities that came here to make up our communities—a lot of that has been forgotten, and some of the people who have moved into the area don't

know about it," said Wetz. "And so the role of the historical society is to research and preserve this history." If you are interested in signing up, contact tour director Ken Wetz at 605-456-2247 or Linda Vollmer at 605-456-1055. Fee is \$50 and includes bus ride, coffee breaks, and a sack lunch. Deadline for registration is June 17.

Tour from A1
 plant, city park, Sacora Station, the Petrified Forest, and more, plus a historical city tour. A sack lunch and coffee breaks will be provided. The bus will start

heading home at 3 p.m. "Most people don't realize how much history there is to Piedmont, because there were trails there then, too," said Ken Wetz, BCHS President. "The stage line from Nebraska—Sydney, Ne-



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5th Annual Historic Riverfest

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BELLE FOURCHE-Riverfest took place in Belle Fourche on Saturday, June 7th, from 10 am to 3 pm. Multiple businesses had set up shop down by the Belle Fourche River.

The Chamber of Commerce hosts the event right next to the

Center of the Nation Landmark. Chamber Director, Michaela Horn, came across some brief history about the Riverfest event while looking through some drawers at the Chamber, and she said the Riverfest event has roots in Belle Fourche's history when the river was used as a mode of transportation. Since then, Riverfest has be-

come a platform for the community to come together, have fun, learn new things, and support local businesses.

There was food, kids' fun, vendors, and competitions taking place.

Local food trucks were selling delicious meats and other savory dishes, other stands had beer and drinks.

Many kids were jumping and having fun in the bouncy castle and taking rides on a green choo-choo train.

The Shriners International held a duck racing competition with prizes ranging from \$500 to \$150 for those whose lucky ducks won the race.

A cornhole competition was set, but with few attendees registered, a few people tossed the bean bags around and made their own fun.

The Sanford Lab in Lead was also present and educating the community about some of the cool and scientific endeavors they are undertaking, inviting the community to join in.

The nice, warm weather and wide variety of cultures offered at Riverfest created an excellent and diverse experience for people of all ages.



Roger, the conductor, takes kids around the riverwalk for a train ride. Aker Photo



Hunter Anderson's drone camera gives a nice bird's eye view of the Riverfest adjacent the Center of the Nation Monument, the Belle Fourche River, & the Tri-State Museum. Hunter Anderson Photo



Harvey Paulson and Ray Leeman of Shriners International sell ducks for the upcoming race. Aker Photos



Chamber's Michaela Horn & Brienne Bonnet pose on the Center of the Nation Monument in front of some of the Riverfest festivities.

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Black Hills Roundup Sees Changes This Year

Robbi Longbrake
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BELLE FOURCHE—Preparations are in full swing in the final month before the legendary Black Hills Roundup Rodeo and Fourth of July Celebration set for July 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5!

The board members met with volunteers on the evening of June 4 to finalize arrangements. One of highlights for the upcoming Fourth of July events is the new carnival provider, Midway West Amusements. Roundup Chairman, Dallas Conner has worked diligently to secure and bring a new carnival to town that will do right by Belle Fourche.

For those that remember the

past carnival mishaps, this carnival is sure to do better. It is a family-run carnival focused on safety, cleanliness and customer care.

One of the ways that Midway West is different from past providers is that the owner is always on-site, watching over the carnival, assuring everything runs safely. Midway West has a commitment to providing a wholesome, family-friendly atmosphere that is fit for a community like Belle. They maintain a drug-free workplace with certified and trained staff. You can get your tickets for \$30.00 at Tri-State Museum and Center of the Nation Visitor Center, Pioneer

Bank and Trust, First Interstate Bank, Northern Hills Federal Credit Union, Highmark Credit Union and Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce. The carnival will be in town July 1-5 during the Black Hills Roundup.

This year marks the first time that all of the seating for the Roundup Rodeo will be assigned. If you buy a ticket, you will have a seat. You will be able to go directly to your seat and watch the rodeo, entertainment and fireworks (on the 2nd and 3rd).

However, if you would like to select where you sit, you must go online and buy the ticket before the rodeo starts. If you

wait until you get to the rodeo to purchase your ticket, you will be assigned a seat by having the computer pick the best available seat.

Seating for the July 3rd rodeo is selling fast and is expected to sell out, so it is suggested that if you want to attend that performance, buy a ticket immediately! There are very few general admission tickets for purchase, but will not guarantee you a seat. You will have to sit at the small bleacher area.

The Ranch Rodeo kicks off the celebration on July 1. The Ranch Rodeo Committee is taking entries and is asking that you get your teams entered as

soon as possible. Teams consist of four people that will compete for cash prizes, trophy saddles, and custom silversmith awards in events that mirror the everyday work of cattle ranching. The deadline to enter the Black Hills Roundup Queen Contest has passed, but there is still time to enter with a late fee if you missed the date. Take this opportunity to run for royalty and represent one of the best PRCA rodeos around—six-time Medium Rodeo of the Year! Competition is June 30 with coronation July 1.

For more information check out the BlackHillsRoundup.com and follow the Black Hills Roundup Facebook page.



The **Black Hills Roundup** board getting ready for the June 4 meeting. Longbrake photos



The **Black Hills Roundup** board held one of the last meetings before the July 1-5 Black Hills Roundup Rodeo and Fourth of July Celebration. The Turn out of community volunteers was very good.

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- June 14 - City wide yard sale, 10AM Center of the Nation Show & Shine @ NAPA
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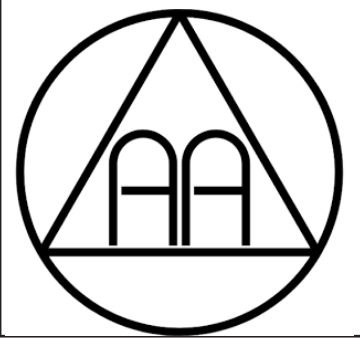
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125 years ago
June 12, 1900
Northwest Times
VAN OSDEL ELECTED
Fusionists Also Re-Elect Linn Commandant of Soldiers' Home Hot Springs, S. D. - The soldiers' home boards is holding its annual session here, the full board being present. They re-elected Commandant Linn and all the other officers of the home. In the organization of the board Abe Van Osdel was elected president; in place of Colonel Clough, who has been president for four years. The populists evidently concluded that they wanted the whole thing.

Airs of a College Town
Springfield, S. D. June 11 - This is commencement week at the state normal school and Springfield has all airs of a college town. The normal is only three years old, but has grown in that short time to be a lusty youngster. This year has been the best and has witnessed the largest attendance. One hundred and twenty students have been enrolled in the normal department and the number in the model school makes a total of 200. The faculty consists of the following named persons: J. S. Frazee, B. D. A. M., president; J. W. Whitting, Margaret A Frazee, Ph. D.; Theresa Mary Swezey; R. S. Katharine Hough and Clara E. Jones.

Cowboys to Celebrate
Sioux Falls, S. D. June 12 - While the residents of the eastern portion of the state are arranging for elaborate celebrations on the Fourth of July, the people living on the great cattle ranges west of the Missouri river have also determined upon a grand celebration at Leslie, which will have a number of unusual features. It is proposed to hold a grand cowboy carnival. Cowboys will be present from all parts of the range. The sports will include expert riding, broncho "busting," roping wild cattle for prizes, cavalry target practice, horse racing, etc. There are many expert ropers on the ranges, and it is safe to say that the roping contests will be highly interesting, as the experts can overhaul, rope and throw a "critter" and tie it within a few minutes. In this sport a second or two of time frequently decides a contest, so expert are the rough riders of the plains. Good prizes will be given to those who excel in the various contest, insuring the attendance of scores of expert horsemen from all parts of the range country.

100 years ago
The Northwest Post
June 10, 2025
ADDITIONAL FEATURES FOR ROUND-UP Mammoth Crowd Will be Well Cared for - Bucking Buffalo Will Cavort Each Day That the first estimate of the crowd to be expected at the Round-Up on July 2, 3 & 4 was not an erroneous one is the opinion of a representative of the Imperial Council of the Ku Klux Klan, who was in Belle Fourche Friday and Saturday of last week. He estimates the crowd at from sixty to eighty-five thousand, and Belle Fourche is making preparations to care for this crowd by seeing that there will be plenty of food, water and sanitary arrangements. As originally planned there was to be but one day for the Klan conclave but arrangements have now been made for a meeting at which time a speaker of national reputation will make a talk and there

will be an elaborate display of fireworks.

An agreement was made with Clyde Jones Monday of this week, who will bring a two-year-old buffalo from the state park. Mr. Jones for the past year and a half, and now can be driven to a cart. He is also proficient in the art of bucking, and each day of the show some devil-may-care rider will make an attempt to ride him. Letter and telegrams indicate that many of the top-hands of the contest game will be here, as they are attracted by the liberal purses offered here, and the further fact that when the Tri-State Round-Up advertises they will pay certain amounts in purses that amount is always paid, and further the winners are selected on the showing they make and not by reason of favoritism. Chas. H. Wilson and Sam Brownell will arrive in Belle Fourche June 27 with the Wilson string of horses including Tipperary and Tip-Top. Rus Madsen of Rapid City with the top of his string of wild ones, and the tops from the Max Barbour herd at Newcastle, Wyo., will be here about the same date. Mert Fowler will furnish the long-horn steers for riding, roping and bulldogging. Contractor Nelson is making rapid strides with the new addition to the grand stand and will have it completed in plenty of time for the big event. Electric lights will also be placed throughout the grand stand and bleachers for the night events. The loud speaker will not only be used to announce the events of the Round-Up and by the speakers at the evening meetings, but will be used each afternoon for broadcasting information on places of interest in the Hills.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
June 15, 1950

City Valuation Tops \$2 Million First Time
Belle Fourche's assessed valuation, exclusive of public utilities has topped the two million dollar mark for the first time in the city 59-year history. Tax assessment figures, which have been under review by the local city council the past three days show total assessments for tax purposes of \$2,051,638 for real and personal property. Original assessment figures, which will be changed somewhat following review by the aldermen, revealed a total real property valuation in the city of \$1,439,506, and increase of \$74,751 from the final \$1,364,755 total a year ago.

Belle Now Second Largest in North Black Hills Area
Belle Fourche took its place as the second largest city in the northern Black Hills this week as complete reports from the 1950 census put at 56 persons ahead of Sturgis. The complete but still unofficial total of Belle Fourche residents was announced as 3,517 by Jennie M. O'Hern, district census supervisor at Mobridge. At the same time, she reported Sturgis' population at 3,461. Lead is still the northern Black Hills largest city. Belle Fourche's phenomenal growth - a 40 percent gain over the 1940 census total of 2,496 - was made along with other towns in the county at the expense of the rural districts.

Award Keyhole Dam Contract; Construction Start in July Likely
Knisley-Moore Company of Douglas, Wyo., has been awarded a contract for the construction of keyhole



by Mary Buchholz

Dam on the Belle Fourche river near Moorcroft in northeastern Wyoming on its low bid of \$1,677,724.50, according to K. F. Vernon, director of the Bureau of Reclamation's region six. At the request of local interests which had registered opposition to construction of Keyhole Dam, and at the direction of Wyoming Governor A. G. Crane, Bishop, state engineer of Wyoming, conducted a hearing on Keyhole Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project at Moorcroft. The state engineer in granting the permit, held that construction of the Keyhole Unit would be subject to the Belle Fourche River compact approved by the legislatures of Wyoming and South Dakota. Under the compact much of the water stored in Keyhole Reservoir will be used in South Dakota to provide supplemental irrigation supplies for the 59,000-acre Belle Fourche Reclamation Project. The dam, 164 feet high and 3-section, will make possible the 420 feet long, including a dike control of run-off from a drainage area of 1,950 square mile. The reservoir will impound about 340,000 acre-foot of water.

50 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
June 15, 1975

Over 5400 Fed at Community Barbecue "The consensus seems to be that it was a success," said Chairman Charlie Carpenter yesterday when he talked about the revived Community Unity Barbecue which went off Wednesday evening without any major problems. Carpenter says the committee estimates that 5400 to 6000 people were fed Wednesday. To many, the crowd seemed to be smaller than normal, but Carpenter credits this to the fact that the serving began early and ended late. Serving was scheduled to start at 4 p.m. which is actually a half-hour earlier than usual, but Carpenter said everything was ready before 4 and there were people already lined up for several hundred feet, so the serving lines went into action. "We didn't stop serving until 7 o'clock," the chairman said. The supply of potato chips ran out, but otherwise the food lasted and there was some beef left over. Some of the roasts were sold at the Roundup grounds after everybody had received free servings and the last roast went at the dance later Wednesday. A downtown street dance and games were a new feature of this year's Barbecue/ Carpenter said he felt the downtown crowd had a good time. The chairman thanked the committees and Loren Kidd and Freddie Martin and their bands for contributing the music for the street dance. The Cowboy band was on hand to provide entertainment at the grounds as were the "New Life Singers," a visiting choir from Huron.



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Belle Jackpot Association Kicks Off Summer Series

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BELLE FOURCHE—The 2025 Belle Jackpot series got off to a slow start after the first two scheduled jackpots had to be postponed for poor weather conditions. But finally on June 4, mother nature cooperated and brought a nice evening to hold the first jackpot of the summer.

An organization designed to bring youth rodeo to the local area, Belle Jackpot Association offers goat tying, goat tail untying, barrel racing, pole bending, tie down roping, breakaway roping, dummy roping and team roping to help kids hone their rodeo skills. Those from ages 0 to 18 are welcome to participate.

Three events offer an open division for those over 18 that may wish to compete. They are open goat tying, breakaway, and tie down roping.

The events are designed to give high school and junior high rodeo athletes a place to practice with good competition, but kids of all ages turn out to participate. "We have a pretty good group of 7 to 10 year olds, and a lot of the 0 to 6 are all kind of getting started and getting going. This is a great place to get started. We usually have five jackpots and so it's really fun to watch them progress over the summer," said Lana Dacar, Board Vice President.

The first jackpot of the season had a large turnout with 149 contestants entered to compete. All entries are taken online and close the morning of the event. "We just have grown so much with so many kids and the focus is for the kids," explained Dacar. "We hope the kids can learn and grow and improve and have a safe place that

they can do that."

The Belle Jackpot Association is a volunteer-based organization that relies on parent and community member elbow grease to make it work. Decisions are made by the board and board members are the same as last year: Faye Pelster, Angela Reder, Nicole Weishaar, Lana Dacar, and Becky Bishop.

They all work together and divide tasks to accomplish what needs to be done for each jackpot. Volunteers help with taking entries, announcing for each arena, posting the draw, supplying the stock, opening gates, preparing the ground, setting poles and barrels, holding goats, running the roping chute, timers, bookkeepers, prize payout and much more.

At the end of the year, an award ceremony is held. Sponsors allow the Association to give very nice prizes for the top six in each division and each event. "As we all know, the kids get a prize, and they're excited to come back next year and work harder and that's the whole point—for these kids to have a place to be able to get better, because there's obviously, with the Junior High and high school—there's a lot of big things ahead for them!

We want them to learn to be competitive and do it in an environment that we feel is pretty safe and positive for them," explained Dacar.

The next regularly scheduled jackpot dates are June 11 and July 9 with the two postponed days needing to be rescheduled. Start time is 4:00 p.m. for ground events and 5:00 for arena events. Follow Belle Jackpot Association

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(L) TyLee Tetrault makes a turn around the end pole in the girls 15 to 18 pole bending. (R) J.T. Olson prepares to enter the arena and make a run in the boys 7-10 goat tying. He ended up winning 3rd place in the event for the night.



(L) With 149 contestants entered in the first Belle Jackpot of the season, the warm up arena; (R) The girls 15 to 18 goat tying competition was tough with LuKayzee Brink winning first with a time of 8.08 and Carlee Miller getting second with a time of 8.15 and Syd Pelster in third with a time of 8.57. Longbrake Photos



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	6	Black-Cow	1141	210.00	\$2,395.75
	2	Black-Cow	1563	170.50	\$2,647.01
	1	Black-Cow	1840	166.00	\$3,054.40
Trucano Ranch Inc, Boyes MT	1	Black-Cow	1625	171.00	\$2,778.75
Crossed Sabres Lip, Hill City SD	2	Blk/BwF-Cow	1288	178.50	\$2,298.18
J-Six Enterprises, Vale SD	1	Red-Cow	1295	170.50	\$2,207.97
Tanner Moirney, Alzada MT	1	Black-Cow	1395	170.50	\$2,378.47
Tim Moirney, Alzada MT	1	Black-Cow	1555	170.00	\$2,643.50
Ivan Or Mary Teigen, Capitol MT	1	Rwf-Cow	1295	178.50	\$2,311.57
Blair Bros Llc, Vale SD	1	Black-Cow	1510	170.00	\$2,567.00
Tim Barnaud, Nisland SD	1	Red-Cow	1655	170.00	\$2,813.50
	1	Black-Cow	1490	171.00	\$2,547.90
	2	Black-Cow	1613	170.00	\$2,741.25
Lauren Clark, Hulett WY	1	Black-Cow	1395	169.00	\$2,357.55
Merle J Clark, Hulett WY	1	Black-Cow	1190	173.00	\$2,058.70
	1	BwF-Hfirt	1025	220.00	\$2,255.00
	1	BwF-Cow	1370	172.00	\$2,356.40
	2	Blk/BwF-Cow	1273	170.50	\$2,169.61
Riley Rauter, Buffalo SD	2	Black-Cow	1455	170.00	\$2,473.50
Glenn L Clabaugh Rev Trust,					
Gillette WY	9	Red-Cow	1636	169.50	\$2,772.26
Consignment From SD	23	Black-Cow	1511	170.50	\$2,576.40
	1	Black-Cow	1475	160.50	\$2,367.37
Guy Casteel Livestock Llc,					
Newell SD	1	Black-Cow	2020	154.50	\$3,120.90
	1	Black-Cow	1430	165.00	\$2,359.50
Anders Cattle Co Llc, Rapid City SD	23	Black-Cow	953	230.00	\$2,192.50
	10	Rd/Blk-Cow	1324	168.50	\$2,230.94
Rauth Ranch Inc, Alva WY	28	Blk/BwF-Cow	1181	168.50	\$1,989.80
	23	Blk/BwF-Cow	1111	169.50	\$1,882.55
	15	Blk/BwF-Cow	1011	224.00	\$2,263.89
Kyar Ranch Trust, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	1275	175.50	\$2,237.62
	1	Black-Cow	1395	169.50	\$2,364.52
	1	Black-Cow	1610	169.50	\$2,728.95
John Gerkin, Nisland SD	1	Red-Cow	1365	168.50	\$2,300.02
	1	Rwf-Hfirt	1015	222.50	\$2,258.37
Frederickson Ranch, Spearfish SD	1	Herf-Cow	1295	171.00	\$2,214.45
	1	Herf-Cow	1595	166.50	\$2,655.67
	1	Herf-Cow	1610	158.50	\$2,515.85
Gilbert Rittberger, Newell SD	1	Black-Cow	1630	167.50	\$2,730.25
	1	Black-Cow	1385	166.00	\$2,299.10
Mecaha Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Hfirt	1060	227.50	\$2,388.75
Mccoid Ranch, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Hfirt	1030	243.00	\$2,502.90
	3	Black-Hfirt	1032	229.00	\$2,362.51
	1	Black-Cow	1515	168.00	\$2,545.20
Craig Robertson, Caputa SD	8	Black-Cow	1283	172.00	\$2,205.90
	2	Black-Cow	1500	171.00	\$2,565.00
	1	Black-Cow	1405	172.50	\$2,423.62
Ralph & Becky Crago, St Onge SD	2	Black-Cow	1520	170.00	\$2,584.00
Bales Ranch Inc, Otter MT	45	Black-Cow	1196	168.50	\$2,014.69
	19	Black-Cow	1361	170.50	\$2,321.04
	7	Black-Hfirt	864	262.50	\$2,266.87
	7	Black-Cow	1092	212.50	\$2,320.80
Patton Ranch, Broadus MT	14	Black-Hfirt	869	257.50	\$2,236.57
Vance & Tess Steedley,					
Sundance WY	3	Black-Cow	1263	170.50	\$2,153.98
	1	Black-Cow	1540	171.50	\$2,641.10
Ronny Or Rhonda Casteel, Vale SD	1	Black-Cow	1540	170.00	\$2,618.00
James Hendricks, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1365	169.00	\$2,306.85
J&M Cattle Co, Ekalaka MT	2	Black-Hfirt	1005	217.50	\$2,185.87
Joni Hendricks, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1380	170.00	\$2,312.00
Neal Mccoy, Belle Fourche SD	1	BwF-Cow	1285	180.00	\$2,313.00
	1	Black-Cow	1230	174.00	\$2,140.20
Jerry Landa, Boyes MT	2	Black-Cow	1363	170.00	\$2,316.25
J.J. Or Cathy Landa, Boyes MT	1	Black-Cow	1435	170.50	\$2,446.67
	1	Rwf-Cow	1410	170.00	\$2,397.00

Johnson Ranch Lip, Buffalo SD	5	Black-Cow	1329	170.50	\$2,265.94
	2	Black-Cow	1385	170.00	\$2,354.50
Laughery Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Hfirt	995	230.00	\$2,288.50
	1	Black-Cow	1055	217.50	\$2,294.62
	1	Black-Hfirt	1105	220.00	\$2,431.00
Kenneth Talcott Inc, Broadus MT	5	Black-Cow	1436	170.00	\$2,441.20
	1	Black-Cow	1540	170.00	\$2,618.00
Dave & Joy Price, Hammond MT	2	Black-Cow	1355	171.50	\$2,323.82
Kody Steinbrecher, Nisland SD	9	Blk/BwF-Cow	1201	169.00	\$2,028.93
Bob Or Sally Hagedorn, Volborg MT	6	Black-Cow	1498	169.50	\$2,539.67
Pleasant Valley Cattle Co,					
Sturgis SD	1	BwF-Cow	1690	170.50	\$2,881.45
Kyle Brown, Sturgis SD	7	Blk/BwF-Cow	1234	170.50	\$2,103.23
	3	Blk/BwF-Cow	1460	170.50	\$2,489.30
Busenitz Ranch Inc, Hulett WY	6	Blk/BwF-Cow	1420	169.50	\$2,406.90
	1	Black-Cow	1295	169.00	\$2,188.55
Lane Lamphere, Sturgis SD	1	Red-Cow	1325	169.50	\$2,245.87
	1	Black-Cow	1760	169.00	\$2,974.40
Bill Lambert, Hammond MT	4	Black-Cow	1493	169.00	\$2,522.32
	1	Black-Cow	1540	168.00	\$2,587.20
Joe Fortner, Biddle MT	15	Black-Cow	1405	169.00	\$2,375.01
	11	Black-Cow	1128	201.00	\$2,267.64
Shadehill Cattle Company,					
Wasta SD	17	Rd/Blk-Cow	1376	169.50	\$2,332.61
Bryan Tarter, Ashland MT	3	Black-Cow	1368	168.50	\$2,305.64
	1	Black-Hfirt	915	235.00	\$2,150.25
Tom Riggs, Broadus MT	2	Black-Cow	1320	170.50	\$2,250.60
Consignment From MT	8	Black-Cow	1301	170.50	\$2,218.63
	3	Black-Cow	1310	168.00	\$2,200.80
Lloyd Davis, Osage WY	2	Black-Hfirt	1038	220.00	\$2,282.50
	1	Black-Cow	1300	174.00	\$2,262.00
Saunders Land & Lvstk Co,					
Gillette WY	1	Black-Cow	1555	171.00	\$2,659.05
B&L Betz Cattle Company I,					
Clearmont WY	5	Black-Cow	1242	183.00	\$2,272.86
	6	Blk/BwF-Hfirt	1129	229.00	\$2,585.79
	4	Black-Cow	1543	169.50	\$2,614.53
Shannon Secret, Buffalo SD	4	Black-Cow	1458	169.00	\$2,463.17
Ronnie & Kori Richards, Olive MT	7	Red-Cow	1430	169.50	\$2,423.85
Duane Talcott, Hammond MT	1	Black-Cow	1325	172.00	\$2,279.00
Matt Or Donna Perino,					
Newcastle WY	1	Black-Hfirt	905	250.00	\$2,262.50
	1	Char-Cow	1595	162.00	\$2,583.90
Graham Livestock Inc, Moorcroft WY	2	Black-Cow	1258	178.00	\$2,238.35
	3	Black-Cow	1452	169.00	\$2,453.31
Kirby & Frieda Kliver, Forsyth MT	20	Blk/BwF-Cow	1272	168.00	\$2,136.12
Ronny Mackaben, Broadus MT	2	Blk/BwF-Hfirt	1273	255.00	\$3,244.87
Andrew Gaskill, Volborg MT	2	Black-Hfirt	1110	212.50	\$2,358.75
Kirby & Frieda Kliver, Forsyth MT	4	Black-Hfirt	1211	218.00	\$2,640.52
Brownfield Ranch Inc, Hammond MT	1	Black-Cow	1300	170.00	\$2,210.00
	1	BwF-Cow	1060	217.00	\$2,300.20
	1	BwF-Cow	1600	170.00	\$2,720.00

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Kirby & Frieda Kliver, Forsyth MT	2	Black-Bull Drug Free	2075	195.00	\$4,046.25
Jw & Joey Moore, Sundance WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2010	182.50	\$3,668.25
Rafter Diamond Lip, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2320	182.00	\$4,222.40
Ballou Angus Ranch, Hulett WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2065	186.00	\$3,840.90
Dunning 3l Ranch Llc, Otter MT	1	Black-Bull	1995	181.00	\$3,610.95
Ben Garman, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2030	192.00	\$3,897.60
Bob Or Sally Hagedorn, Volborg MT	1	Black-Bull	2120	181.00	\$3,837.20
Laughery Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1945	177.50	\$3,452.37
Arthur & Patricia Bergstrom,					
Sheridan WY	1	Xbrd-Bull Drug Free	2210	187.50	\$4,143.75
Larry & Deanna Steele,					
Sundance WY	1	Black-Bull	2265	190.00	\$4,303.50
Trucano Ranch Inc, Boyes MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1955	198.00	\$3,870.90
Jiggs Bilberry, Boyes MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1935	187.00	\$3,618.45
Ronda Cordell, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2170	186.00	\$4,036.20
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1950	181.00	\$3,529.50
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1780	195.00	\$3,471.00
Harry Tavegia, Osage WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2210	197.50	\$4,364.75
Douglas Moore, Sundance WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2115	200.00	\$4,230.00

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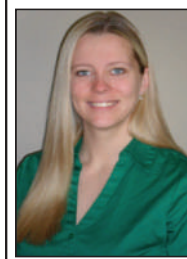


Capitol News
June 1, 2025
by Karen Odell

Dick and Erma Albert didn't go anywhere this week. Well, that is they stayed in town. On Friday, they went to the Senior Center for the monthly chicken dinner. Then Erma stayed to play cards, but didn't win anything. On Saturday, they both went to David and Lila Teigen's fiftieth anniversary party at the Lions Civic Center. It was a great time and a fun visit. They went to church at the Catholic Church on Sunday. The high school seniors were honored, and each given a beautiful quilt for the occasion. Father Brian will retire at the end of June, and Father Lee will be coming after that. Marlee Cordell joined Ashley Pearson's family, and went to Sioux Falls for the South Dakota State Track Meet. Grandchildren, Gavin and Rhys were in events at the meet. Alvin 'held down the fort' at home, but didn't use technology to watch the SDPB coverage on YouTube. Alvin and Marlee went to church at the Camp Crook Methodist Church, on Sunday, and afterward joined in visiting and having rolls and coffee. Dorothy Padden spent last weekend in Rapid City. She saw her great-grandson, Blake, graduate at Stevens High School. She was busy this week, too. She went to the Jane Teigen funeral on Wednesday. On Saturday, she went to the David and Lila Teigen Anniversary party in Buffalo. Then that evening, she went to the graduation reception for Wayne Lee's daughter, who graduated from Bison High School. Sunday was hot, and she saw one-hundred degrees on her thermometer. This week, Karen Odell, also went to the Jane Teigen funeral at

the community center in Camp Crook. Jane was a talented and kind neighbor, and will be missed by us all. Karen finally got some mowing done, this week. The green grass is getting very tall, and her hay fields look wonderful. One of Karen Odell's grandsons, Kellan Odell, qualified for four different events at the South Dakota state high school track meet in class AA. He made it to the medal stand with a seventh place finish in javelin. His overall season throws placed him in fourth in the state for his senior season. He earned 15th in long jump, 18th in triple jump, and 15th in his relay. Karen was lucky to be able to watch the events on YouTube. Micki Odell's students in Tacoma got to watch, too, and so did Mollie and JD Smith in Minnesota, and Jeff and Amanda Odell in Iowa. Capitol and Tie Creek can claim grandchildren in all three classes at the state track meet in Sioux Falls. Along with Kellan Odell for Mitchell in class AA, Gavin and Rhys Pearson (grandchildren of Alvin and Marlee Cordell) competed for Belle Fourche in class A. Then in class B for Harding County, were three (or four) Padden girls (granddaughters of Bryce and Dawn Padden) and Kimber Cordell (another granddaughter of Alvin and Marlee). The Padden girls and Kimber Cordell participated in a relay. All have first names beginning with K (Kaylen Kamry Kaydy Kalla, Kanyn), so the listing was quite interesting and a little confusing. Parents and grandparents can claim the honor for having to travel the absolute farthest distance possible for their children to participate at the state competition. There is no diagonal road across the state from northwest (and even into Montana) to the southeast corner, so the

distance is actually much farther. Gavin Pearson, and his sister Rhys, each ran in three events. Rhys placed 10th in a relay. Kamry Padden earned 6th in the javelin, and joined two other Padden girls and Kimber Cordell for a relay. One of the girls also was in the 1600 meter relay, but which K it was, I am not sure. Maybe it is the good local water that helps these grandparents in the stands, and their grandchildren, work so hard. The grandchildren may be good at distance running and jumping, but the parents and grandparents are experts at distance driving. It would be much more fair if state events were in Pierre, the center of the state. Karen Odell has finally nearly recovered from the last track meet she went to, south of Sioux Falls. She burned her face to a frazzle (and that was on a cloudy day), and then, for two weeks, her tender lips were covered with blisters. Even with those hazards, getting to be there was worth it. The next day after that track meet had been Kellan's graduation day from Mitchell High School, and Kellan even allowed a picture with his grandma whose face was swollen and burned. What a nice grandson. This time, Karen could watch the three days of the state meet on the computer, not get burned, and cheer as loud as she wanted, until the dog, Hywel, joined in barking. After extreme heat was close to 100 degrees on Sunday, a big wind came through and cooled things off. Those big winds make even the cats and dog nervous after some experiences from last year. Winners first must learn to lose without making excuses. They win consistently only when they can stand to learn from a loss. They must internalize that winning dishonorably is the same as losing.



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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden June 1, 2025

It was a beautiful weekend in many ways and much of it was due to the moisture that we received in the days ahead.

The wedding ceremony of Dusty Hall and Morgan Vig was held on the prairie overlooking the Hall's beautiful summer pasture south of White Owl on Saturday. The day was picture perfect with the weather, scenery, friends and family. It was a 2:00 pm wedding with food and festivities following at 3:30 pm. Dusty is the daughter of Dennis and Martha Hall of Enning. We wish the newlyweds much happiness and a great future together.

The weekend was good for anything outdoors. Cody and Tristen Rhoden made a weekend of it by going fishing in Pierre. They put Cody's boat to the test and enjoyed some sibling time together and caught some fish. Gary and Amy Cammack held their branding on Saturday which turned out to be the perfect day for that as well. Most folks found something to do outside on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

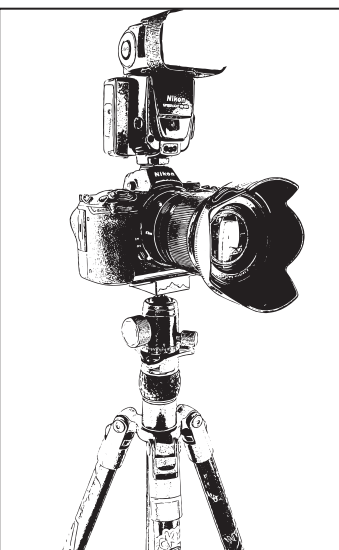
Larry and Sandy Rhoden were treated to a very special, and unplanned 'Daycation' on Sunday after church and pot luck dinner. Gary and Amy Cammack invited them to a special tour of their place that is known as the Mann Place. It borders the beautiful setting of the Hall/Vig wedding that took place on Saturday. They first toured the rock house that was the original home and is well over 100 years old. They have made many special improvements to it

and it is lovely. They took a two hour tour of the many special places that included deep canyons, dams, lakes and beautiful views of endless hills, trees and breaks. The wildlife of turkeys, grouse, deer and more dotted the prairie. They were also able to see the many trees that were destroyed during a tornado that took place a while back. They rode in a razor that was able to climb steep hills and travel over deep crevices and sharp rocks, which was an adventure in and of itself. The area appears to be a mixture of the Black Hills and the Badlands. Following the tour they sat on the deck for a visit among the backdrop of only the sound of nature and the green rich colors of well nourished trees and grass. They then headed back to Union Center where Larry and Sandy accepted the invitation from Gary and Amy to pulled pork sandwiches, salad, and more at their home where they ended their relaxing day.

Next Sunday, June 8, there will be a birthday party for Jack Seller at the Community Baptist Church of Union Center starting at 4:00 pm. It will be a fund time of celebrating as Jack turns 89 years young! All are welcome. Vacation Bible School at the Community Baptist Church of Union Center will be held on June 23 - 26. Ages 5 and up are welcome. The them is True North and it will be from 9:00 am to noon daily. For more information one can contact Melanie Cammack. There will not be Rural Neighbors that week.

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Brenda Tiff who lost her battle with cancer. There will be a memorial service for her on Saturday, June 28 at 11:00 am. It will be at the Central Meade County Community Center. Brenda's wishes were to have a memorial service where her former students, co-workers, neighbors, friends, and loved one can share their memories of her and celebrate her life. A memorial scholarship fund has been established for Rural Meade 46-1 students in Mrs. Tiff's memory.

Donations to the scholarship fund can be made to First National Bank in Philip or to her son, Pat, or daughter Jenny. Lunch will be served.



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Albert Einstein once observed that "Logic will take you from A to B, imagination will take you everywhere." This distinction captures the fundamental challenge facing American communities today: the difference between reactive governance and transformative leadership.



The middle ground—regional chains and medium-sized retailers—continues to shrink, communities have fewer options between global giants and local entrepreneurs.

Forward-thinking communities understand what is known as the local multiplier effect. Research demonstrates that local businesses recirculate approximately 68% of revenue within the local economy, compared to just 43% for national chains. This 25-percentage-point difference compounds over time, creates substantial economic impact. For a community of 25,000 residents, redirecting just 10% of retail spending from national to local businesses can generate an additional \$1.6 million in local economic activity annually.

Some say that COVID didn't create the economic transformation reshaping American communities—it only accelerated it. What economists previously projected would unfold over many years was compressed into months. Communities that believed they had time to adapt now face immediate choices that determine their economic survival. The retail sector exemplifies this acceleration. According to the Census Bureau, e-commerce sales increased 32.4% in 2020, representing 14% of total retail sales—a jump that would have taken five years under normal circumstances.

Small and mid-sized communities face unique vulnerabilities in this transformation. Unlike major metropolitan areas with diverse economic bases, these communities often depend heavily on retail and service sectors for employment and tax revenue. When local businesses fail, the ripple effects include reduced property tax revenue as real estate values decline, higher unemployment rates, decreased foot traffic that affects remaining businesses, loss of community gathering spaces and social cohesion. The International Economic Development Council reports that communities under 50,000 population have seen 23% higher rates of business closure during the pandemic compared to larger metropolitan areas.

Today's retail environment operates on a barbell distribution. On one end, major national retailers like Target, Home Depot, Walmart, and others report strong growth and expanding market share. These companies leverage economies of scale, sophisticated supply chains, and digital integration to thrive in the new economy. On the opposite end, locally-owned businesses face unprecedented challenges. The FED reported 200,000 excess businesses closed in 2020 beyond typical rates, with small businesses accounting for most. These closures disproportionately impact smaller and mid-sized communities where local businesses form the economic backbone.

Many communities continue pursuing national chain recruitment as economic development strategy, unaware of the

long-term consequences. While chains may provide initial job creation and tax revenue, they often undermine local entrepreneurship by competing directly with existing local businesses using superior capital resources, extracting profits from the local economy rather than reinvesting them, creating low-wage employment with limited advancement opportunities, and reducing community economic diversity and resilience.

Successful communities implement what can be termed "The Law of Local"—a comprehensive approach prioritizing local economic development. This strategy includes creating business incubators, reducing regulatory barriers, and providing access to capital for local startups. The SBA reports communities with robust entrepreneurship programs see 15% higher business formation rates.

Municipal governments directing purchasing power toward local suppliers. Studies show that every \$100 spent on local procurement generates an additional \$45 in secondary economic activity. Investing in quality-of-life amenities, cultural attractions, and experiential retail that cannot be easily replicated online. The Experience Economy, valued at \$8 trillion globally, represents a growth sector resistant to e-commerce disruption. Helping local businesses develop online presence and omnichannel capabilities to compete effectively in the digital marketplace. Effective marketing research shows that messages require 6-7 exposures before achieving retention. Communities must apply this principle consistently, continuously reinforcing the "shop local" message through multiple channels and touchpoints. This isn't just about promotional campaigns—it requires sustained community education about economic interdependence.

The economic dynamics reshaping American communities are not temporary disruptions but permanent structural changes. Communities face a binary choice: adapt proactively to these new realities or accept gradual economic decline. Success requires moving beyond traditional economic development approaches focused on recruitment and incentives. Instead, communities must cultivate local entrepreneurship, strengthen economic interdependence, and build resilience against external economic shocks. The transformation is accelerating, and the window for strategic response continues to narrow. Communities that

embrace imagination over mere logic—that plan for transformation rather than simply reacting to it—will position themselves to thrive in the new economy. Those that fail to plan are, quite literally, planning to fail.

John A. Newby is the author of the "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street" column dedicated to helping local communities, government and business combine synergies allowing them to thrive in a world where truly-local is being lost to Amazon and Wall Street chains. His email is john@truly-local.org

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Owner Retirement Brings Newmart Grocery Store to an End

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NEWELL—They say all good things must come to an end, and so it is with the life-long grocer Howard (Howdy) Roy Hobernicht, owner of Newmart Grocery Store in Newell, SD.

The business is set to close at the end of the month, June 30. Opening in 1916, the Newell Grocery Store has been a staple in the community for many years, closing for just two years during that time before reopening with the current owner. "It closed down for two years, 1997 and 1998 and then I bought it in 1999," said Howdy.

Newmart Grocery Store is the final business that Howdy owns. "That's all I got left, I had two stores and a restaur-

ant," explained Howdy. He has talked to a few prospective buyers and hopes that the store will find a new owner and stay open for the folks in Newell.

His retirement will bring to an end a life spent providing goods to locals. "My dad was always in it (grocery) so I started when I was six years old with sacking potatoes," said Howdy. "Back then he bought potatoes from North Dakota—they were unwashed, and he bought them by the semi-load—it was my job to bag them up! I got paid in Walnut Crush candy bars!"

Howdy learned from the best. "57 years ago, my dad bought the inventory of a little grocery store that existed down here at the end of the street... And

I remember I came over with him and he forgot an adding machine—but I've always been lucky to figure out things fast—so he and I wrote down everything that they bought and added it up.

It was such a unique experience," he said. One of the things that Howdy won't miss is the daily drive from his home near Whitewood to Newell. But he is fond of the town; he explained, "You know, I was a member at the country club here for 20 some years, I spent a lot of time over here. I know Newell pretty good and I have nothing but good memories of the town."

Traveling is in the future for Howdy and his wife. "I'm 72 and I feel good yet, my wife

and I have done some traveling, but we want to do more," he said. "You know, we have a nice place and a lot of yard work—my wife likes doing it and she likes my help!"

On the prospect of having no formal job Howdy states, "Well, there will be a transitional period, when I wake up I'll think about it. And then one day, when I wake up and I don't think about it then I'll be retired, it will be freeing!"

In the meantime, as Newmart prepares to close, a 25% customer appreciation discount is given to all customers upon check out (on everything but gallons of milk). "I think 25% off is fair.

It pretty much gives me an average of a 3% margin—I

need a little bit to pay for the lights," explained Howdy. "I hope people come in and help me reduce the inventory for two reasons, one, I need to get rid of it. And two, the people that are interested buying want to start fresh, and I want to give them that opportunity. So they'll be doing themselves a service if they come in and help me!"

The store will continue to stock perishables until closing to make sure anyone needing potatoes, carrots, lettuce and the like, will have access to it. Finally, Howdy wants the community to know how much he appreciates them over the years. He says he is grateful for all of the good years he has had and all the great people he has gotten to know.



Owner of **Newmart Grocery Store**, Howard Hobernicht, prepares to retire and close the store at the end of June. *Longbrake photos*



Lucy Cole's Students **Spring Piano Recital** June 3, 2025 at Belle Fourche **St James Lutheran Church**
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Checkout lines inside of the **Newmart Grocery Store** in Newell, SD.



Outside of the **Newmart Grocery Store** in Newell, SD.

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The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater has started set building in the Rec Center theater for their summer production, *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*. The performances are only three weeks away at the end of June - the 26th to the 29th. This large cast includes some familiar talented performers and some who are new to the BFACT productions. **Nathan Schreier** is the show's Director; **Terry Hoscheid** is the Tech Director, & **Reva Potter** is the Assistant Director. The cast includes **Geno Pesicka** - Willy Wonka; **Titus Thompson** - Charlie Bucket; **Colin Hanzlik** - Grandpa Joe; **Samuel Savery** - Augustus Gloop; **Bethany Savery** - Mrs. Gloop; **Talia Thompson** - Violet Beauregarde; **Nathan Thompson** - Mr. Beauregarde; **Lilly Kennedy** - Veruca Salt; **Chad Logan** - Mr. Salt; **Timothy Thompson** - Mike Teavee; **Chyann Cody** - Mrs. Teavee; **Emma Tinsley** - Mrs. Bucket; **Taffy** - Grandma Josephine; **Joe Savery** - Grandpa George; **Sarah Steeves** - Georgina; **Kaitlyn Thompson** - Mrs. Green; **Carston Sechser** - Jerry; **Katharina Steeves** - Cherry; Ensemble members: **Aliyah Ryan**, **Alora Thompson**, **Andrew Thompson**, **Clara Reid**, **Daniel Eddy**, **Dante Priest**, **Harper Davis**, **Hope Frasier**, **Katherine Fowler**, **Lucian Steeves**, **Madilyn Woxland**, **Paisley Featherstone**, **Sophie Wermers**, **John Hale**, **Anah Jones**, **Kaya Pesicka**, **Moriah Jones**, **Nyomi Woltkamp**, **Rebekah Jones**, **Lucia Rodriguez**, **Kelsie Reid**, **Kaeli Thompson**, **Adalyn Savery**, **Avery Dobesh**, **Ember Olson**, **Piper Davis**, **Jen Zoller**, **Whitney Bridgers**, **Cortesh Devreaux**, & **Elise Wood**. **Rachel Crittenden** is the Stage Manager; **Hailey Hanzlik** is Assistant Stage Manager. Costumers are **Crystal Wood** & **Colleen Anderson**; Lights: **Raya Meemken**; Sound: **Michael Meemken** & **Braxton Reid**; Stage & Tech Crew: **Madison Dalton**, **Timothy Crittenden**, **Hunter Cazer** & **Bruce Hartman**. Find out more about the show and buy your tickets at the BFACT website: bellefourcheact.com

BFACT 4th of July Reunion Float and BBQ: Belle Fourche Area Community Theater is celebrating 15 years of amazing volunteers. We are inviting all current and former BFACT volunteers to join us on our parade float in the Belle Fourche 4th of July Parade. We will also be hosting a BBQ immediately following the parade in Jones Park. This event is open to all past and present volunteers! If you would like to come to the float and/or the BBQ, please RSVP at <https://www.bellefourcheact.com/july-4th-parade-and-bbq>

HOMETOWN THURSDAYS began Thursday, June 5th from 6 to 9 PM with the band, Drive by Night. Check out the events list below for the upcoming summer lineup. 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 5 to August 7, Hometown Thursdays throughout the summer from 6-9 PM. This summer's lineup: Drive by Night, William & Wright, Camp Comfort, Jessica Loobey, Brandon Jones, Revolver, Stereo Trip, Badger Horse, Wilt Brothers, & Dakota Country
June 26-29, Thurs.-Sun., The BFACT Musical Production: Charlie & the Chocolate Factory; Performances Thurs-Sat at 7 PM; Sunday at 3 PM.
July 4th - BFACT Reunion parade float and BBQ - See BFACT website for details.

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



(L) Another FAB Variety Show favorite: **Samuel Savery & Beth Savery** perform "More of Him to Love" - a song they look forward to in the upcoming BFACT show, *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*. (R) **Colleen Anderson & Wyatt Lesmeister** pay tribute to the date of the *FAB Variety & Art Show* - May the 4th be with you!



(L) **Morwena McGuiggen** not only won the *Runnings* gift basket, but she also wowed the *FAB Variety Show* audience with her outstanding acapella performance of the *Cranberries* song, "Linger"; (C) Art & music combine as local favorite, **Dick Holdhusen**, performs country tunes at the *FAB Variety & Art Show* on May 4th. (R) **Sentel Schreier** makes art with her own wool & shared her work at the *FAB Variety & Art Show*.



(L) **Lisa Bradford** shared a humorous take on old age with emcee, **Colleen Anderson** at the *FAB Variety Show*. (R) The *FAB Variety & Art Show* featured art from a dozen individual, local artists of all ages, in addition to *Nox Box Photography*, *Katydid Crafts*, the Belle Fourche HS art program, & the *Art Nest* in Spearfish.



(L) The set building team for the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater production, *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*, promises to take the production to new heights for the June 26-29th performances in the Rec Center Theater. Check out the BFACT website, <https://www.bellefourcheact.com/> for more information and to purchase tickets. (R) The Belle Fourche *FAB VARIETY & ART SHOW* audience was treated to the *Burger Palace Boys* (**John Hale, Tim Thompson, Logan Willert & Derek**) back on stage after their *Grease* appearance - accompanied by **Lucy Cole**.



Area Church Schedules

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

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

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

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

EMMANUEL BAPTIST
Meet at Americinn Conference room
Andy Anderson, Pastor
9am Sunday School 10am church
Men's Bible Study 10am at the Senior Center
Women's Bible Study Tuesday 9am.
Call for location.
website: ebcbf.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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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
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723-1092
Sunday: 10 a.m. worship service

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Luke Bluhm, Pastor
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Service

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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.

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10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

NORTH POINT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
10959 Kellern 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

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Belle Fourche Rec Center
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6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
Kidz Alive (Kindergarten - 6th Grade)

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Pastor Darla Dunn
402 Rosander St. Vale SD 57788
Service Sunday: 10 a.m.
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Belle Fourche Beacon 'Happenings' and News Bytes Calendar

The Beacon Happenings Calendar is public service listing of meetings, events, and things to do in and around Belle Fourche. Happenings announcements may be sent to: news@bellefourchebeacon.com Deadline is Friday before 5pm.

June Family Fun Day at the Tri-State is about turtles and tortoises

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a family fun day on Sunday, June 15 at 2 p.m. about turtles and tortoises, their differences and similarities. There will be a film, crafts, a book drawing, a take-home workbook and an appearance by a turtle named Charlie. Refreshments will be served. Admission is \$2 per person or free with membership; dads get in free because it is Father's Day. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. For more information, call 605-723-1200.

Tri-State Museum to hold "Shark!" class on June 21st

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a class entitled "Shark!" on Saturday, June 21 from 10 a.m. to noon for rising 3rd and 4th graders. The class will include a film, power-point, instructor-led workbook, crafts and information about the various kinds of sharks, their habitat and behavior. Students will also hear about the sharks that swam in a sea in the tri-state area, millions of years ago. There will be a drawing for a book and a stuffed shark. Snacks will be provided. Admission to the class is \$2 per person or free with membership. Advance registration is required and must be done by June 19th. Call 605-723-1200.

Museum "On the Map" Exhibit

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center has a new temporary exhibit.

The exhibit is entitled "On the Map," and will showcase the many maps in the museum's collections, including a distinctive map of the Black Hills on a scarf; a WWII combat map; and a mountain and desert map of California, among many others. The exhibit will also include photos, storyboards, a touchscreen quiz, cartography tools, globes and a kids' activity center with a workbook, book to read and a craft to complete. The exhibit will be up until October 4th.

There is no admission charge to see this exhibit, or the Tri-State Museum. For more information about the exhibit or upcoming events and exhibits, call 605-723-1200. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

Belle Fourche Recreation Center Arts in the Parks

June 13 Yarn Bracelets (Eagle Park) 2-4 PM. Using yarn or embroidery thread, participants will learn a method of bracelet making called "circle bracelets". Each participant will cut out their own cardboard circle and use rulers to make notches at the appropriate intervals. They will choose and cut colored thread or yard and use their cardboard circle to weave their own bracelets or keychains.

June 20 Paper Marbling (Rec) 2-4 PM. By pouring various colors of paint into a pan of water, participants can create unique color combinations to dip thick paper and create a marbling affect.

They will hang their designs to dry for ten minutes as they continue dipping paper. After the paper has dried, participants can fold paper into origami, into a book or draw on their papers.

Check us out on Facebook or www.bellefourcherec.com.

United States Air Force Academy Band Concert

United States Air Force Academy Band 4th of July celebration concert America the Beautiful. Herrmann Park Bandshell July 1 at 7:00 PM. Free and open to the public

Belle Fourche Silver Linings Veterans Picnic

Belle Silver Linings would like to invite past, present, and future military personnel and their families to a complimentary Independence Day lunch at the Senior Center on July 1st from 11:00 - 1:00.

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Lunch to be served until we run out of food or 1:00 pm. Whichever comes first.

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"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" The Community's Role in Business Success

Small businesses are the backbone of local economies, yet their failure rates remain sobering. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, approximately 20% of small businesses fail within the first year, and nearly 60% don't survive past their fifth year. In small-town America, these challenges are even more pronounced.



seeking to strengthen their entrepreneurial ecosystems:

Forward-thinking communities implement formal "buy local first" policies for government procurement. A study by the Institute for Local Self-Reliance found that municipalities with such policies experienced a 3.6% increase in independent business revenue compared to those without. These communities examine every expenditure through a local-first lens, understanding that the tax dollars kept within community boundaries circulate repeatedly, creating economic resilience.

Action steps for community leaders include establishing local preference policies with specific thresholds and criteria, conducting regular procurement reviews to identify local sourcing opportunities, creating local vendor databases accessible to all municipal departments.

Communities with the lowest business failure rates have robust support ecosystems. According to the Federal Reserve Bank, areas with strong business support networks see 11% higher small business survival rates over five-year periods. These networks should include low-cost business incubation spaces (which reduce overhead by 40-50%), mentorship programs connecting new entrepreneurs with experienced business owners, accessible microloan programs (businesses with such support have 10-15%

higher survival rates), coordinated technical assistance addressing common failure points.

While many communities chase major employers or manufacturers, the data suggests a diversified approach is more sustainable. Ten new businesses opening annually with 3-5 employees each equal one 150-250 employee company arriving every five years—but with significantly reduced risk and greater community engagement.

Research from the Economic Innovation Group found that communities with diverse small business growth experienced faster economic recovery from recessions and greater resilience during economic downturns. Additionally, these new businesses typically request fewer tax breaks and contribute more actively to community initiatives.

Tourism represents significant economic potential for communities of all sizes. The U.S. Travel Assoc. reports domestic travelers spend an average of \$144 per day when visiting small towns. When communities can attract just 500 additional visitors annually, that represents over \$70,000 in new spending—often during otherwise slow economic periods.

Communities needn't be traditional tourist destinations to benefit from visitor spending. Research from Main Street America shows that towns highlighting authentic, unique local experiences saw tourism increases of 12-18% after implementing coordinated marketing strategies. In the post-pandemic environment, regional travel has increased by 17%, creating opportunities for small towns to capture visitors seeking distinctive experiences closer to home.

Communities that implement these strategies systematically show measurable results.

Many entrepreneurs start with passion, limited budgets, and strong work ethics. They hope word-of-mouth marketing will drive growth, exceptional customer service will differentiate them, and hard work will overcome obstacles like suboptimal locations. However, "hope" makes for a poor business strategy. The question becomes: What responsibility does a community bear in fostering business success?

Studies consistently show that locally-owned businesses recirculate 48% of their revenue back into the local economy, compared to just 14% for chain retailers. For every \$100 spent at a local business, approximately \$68 remains in the community. The same \$100 spent at a national chain keeps only \$43 local. This "multiplier effect" means each dollar circulated locally generates 3-4 times the economic impact.

Communities that understand this economic reality prioritize local spending through intentional policies and practices. Here are evidence-based approaches for communities

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Results include reduced storefront vacancy rates (typically 15-20% lower than comparable towns), increased sales tax revenues (8-12% higher than regional averages), greater business diversity and resilience during economic downturns, stronger community identity and pride

The data is clear: when communities actively participate in business development rather than passively hoping entrepreneurs will succeed on their own, economic outcomes improve significantly. Communities can either compete effectively in today's economic landscape through intentional support systems or watch their downtowns and business districts slowly erode. Which path will your community choose?

John A. Newby is the author of the "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street" column dedicated to helping local communities, government and business combine synergies allowing them to thrive in a world where truly-local is being lost to Amazon and Wall Street chains. His email is john@truly-local.org



Letter to the Editor

Dear Belle Fourche Beacon- I represent the Belle Fourche Pro-Democracy Squad. We are a group of Belle Fourche, SD (and beyond!) citizens who are banding together to SPEAK UP FOR DEMOCRACY, through peaceful and non-violent protests, marches and rallies. We are committed to encouraging Democrats, Republicans and Independents to find common ground in protecting the constitution, and advocating for government programs and functions that benefit us ALL. We welcome ALL pro-America, pro-democracy, pro-constitution and pro-rule of law people, re-

gardless of political affiliation. Our group has hosted three rallies in Belle Fourche: the first on April 19 (40+ participants), in support of the nationwide Hands Off movement, the second on May 1 (10+ participants), supporting the nationwide MayDay movement, and most recently on June 6 (24+ participants), celebrating the 81st anniversary of D-Day and supporting the Unite 4 Veterans, Unite 4 America nationwide movement. All of the peaceful nationwide demonstrations were covered extensively on social media, and national and independent media outlets. Your staff was present at

our April 19 event, and were were happy to talk to them. They took many photos. There was quite a kerfuffle about our rally on the Belle Fourche Community/Neighborhood Watch Facebook page later that evening. I can provide you with screenshots of the entire 180+ comment conversation if interested - many ugly things were said by Belle Fourche citizens, complaining about our group exercising our 1st Amendment rights, and threats were made. We provided a copy to the Butte County Sheriff when we notified them of our May 1 event, and law enforcement was present at that event, for our safety.

Thank you BCSO and BFPD! So imagine our surprise when NO mention was made in subsequent issues of the Belle Fourche Beacon. The Black Hills Pioneer did a front page article! Is the Beacon truly a "Beacon" or just another local rag that only covers issues that align with the Publisher's personal political beliefs? We have notified you well in advance of every single event and we find the lack of local coverage disappointing. How can you call yourselves a community news organization if you don't respond to the ENTIRE community? I hope you will

consider publishing this letter to the editor, and some photos from our June 6 event, which are attached. Respectfully yours, Mary Murphy Belle Fourche Pro-Democracy Squad Belle Fourche, SD Editor's Note: Wanted to openly share this perspective. but as a newspaper we have tried to maintain a positive perspective that benefits the Tri-State area and avoid controversial topics that are more political opinion than news events. It is not our intent to offend any person or organization exercising their freedom of expression.

Belle Fourche Rallies for Veterans





Former GOP director tapped to lead South Dakota Chamber

Dakota Scout
FFA Reporter

Ryan Budmayr leaving Lawrence & Schiller, will succeed David Owen

The former executive director of the South Dakota Republican Party will take the reins of the state's primary business networking organization.

The South Dakota Chamber of Commerce & Industry announced Wednesday the appointment of Ryan Budmayr as its new president and CEO, succeeding longtime state chamber leader David Owen.

"We are thrilled to welcome Ryan, well-respected across the state, and his extensive experience and deep ties to South Dakota make him the ideal leader to build on David's legacy and guide us into the future," said Michael Bender, chairman of the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Budmayr, 37, has held numerous roles in South Dakota business, public affairs, and strategic communications, having worked for former Gov. Dennis Daugaard prior to a stint as the executive director of the state GOP. Most recently, he's been vice president of public relations and business development for Lawrence & Schiller, a Sioux Falls-based marketing agency influential in South Dakota politics.

Owen, set to retire in August, has served as president since November 1998, guiding the chamber through 27 legislative sessions as its chief lobbyist and leading nine statewide ballot

measure campaigns. His strategic leadership and dedication have been instrumental in addressing critical issues impacting South Dakota's economy. Under Owen's stewardship, the chamber solidified its role as a leading advocate for businesses across the state, fostering economic growth and prosperity, according to the chamber.

"It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve South Dakota's business community, elected public officials and professional public servants to solve challenging problems. I'm incredibly proud of what we've built together, and I have full confidence that Ryan will bring energy, insight, and passion to this role," Owen said. "The chamber is in great hands." According to the state chamber of commerce, Budmayr has "earned a strong reputation for building relationships across industries, understanding complex policy, and championing economic development throughout the state."

The Belle Fourche native said he understands he has big shoes to fill but is ready for the challenge. "David's impact on the South Dakota business community is unmatched, and I'm humbled to follow in his footsteps," he said. "Businesses are the backbone of South Dakota's success, and it's more important than ever that they have a strong voice and a seat at the table. I look forward to working with our members, elected leaders, and communities to ensure this state remains the best place in the country to live, work, and grow a business."



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- To promote health and wellness in our community.
- To promote socialization with friends, make new friends, and interact with your community.
- To give kids ideas on activities they can continue doing all summer, with fun giveaways to help!



This program will incorporate all of our beautiful parks. Enjoy a park that you haven't been to before, or not in a long time!
We have giveaways and free snacks too!

Please Note: This is not a childcare program. Ages 7 and under must be supervised by someone at least 12 years of age. Applicable BFRCC rules/policies apply. A summer waiver must be on file in order to participate. All activities are weather permitting.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- 1-Parents: Complete your child's Summer Waiver at the Rec Center or at the park prior to an activity. (Waiver is valid for all of the summer activities.)
- 2-Pick up your monthly calendar. Available at the Rec, on Facebook @BF RecCenter or our website: www.bellefourcherec.com.
- 3-Park Activities are FREE. Rec Center activities require a membership or day pass. (Youth \$4 - Senior \$5 - Adult \$6 - Group of 2 \$10 - Family \$20)
- 4-Tell your friends and have fun!

Questions? Contact us @ 605-892-2467.

WHERE ARE THE PARKS?

PARK	STREET	LANDMARKS
Highland Park	National St.	Next to the Rec Center
Jones Park	11th Ave.	Splash Pad
Herrmann Park	8th Ave.	Circular Walking Path/Bowman Hall/Police Dept.
Weyler Park	7th Ave.	Dog Park/Near Lynn's Dabbarant
Eagle Park	Elkhorn St.	Along Belle Fourche River
Thomas C. Gray	N. 10th Ave.	North Park School/Kindergarten
Rail Park	State St.	Main Street/Ny Belle Flowers & Gifts
Robb Park-New!	State St.	Main Street/Next to Upper Level Fitness
River Walk/Disc Golf Course	State St. & More!	Tri State Museum/Center of the Nation Monument

GIVEAWAYS: Must be present to win!
Disc Golf Frisbees, Kickball, Pickleball Paddle & Ball Set, Wiffleball Set, Water Balloons, Basketball, Sidewalk Chalk, Art Supplies and more!
MONTHLY THEMES: June is National Fruit & Veggies Month & July is National UV Safety month. A fruit or veggie snack will be offered on special days in June. In July we will be giving away sunglasses and sunscreen while supplies last.

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BUTTE COUNTY—The Butte County Historical Society announces its 53rd annual history tour. This year, the trip will explore the history and mystery of the Piedmont Valley. The first exploration of the Black Hills was by the Warren Party in 1857 and then the Custer Expedition of 1874 that camped and travelled through the valley. Ruts from that group are still visible today in many places.

Piedmont became a major intersection for trains and trails as travelers came to the gold fields of the Black Hills and needed food and mining equipment.

Homesake Mining Company even built a narrow-gauge railroad from Lead to Piedmont to haul lumber and cordwood to the mines, supplied by the many sawmills in the Piedmont area.

We will travel in an air-conditioned bus and will provide coffee breaks and lunches for the participants. It promises to be an interesting journey into the past as we hear the stories of the descendants of the area.

The public is invited to join us by contacting tour director Ken Wetz, or Linda Volmer in Newell, Oliver Gerkin in Belle Fourche or Ken Eide at Nisland. Cost for the trip is \$50, that includes the bus ride, coffee breaks, and sack lunch.

Deadline for registration is June 17.

Summer Community Picnic



Kicking off the summer season, the Newell Christian Fellowship Church held a "picnic" which ended up being in the church fellowship hall instead of outside because of the high winds. VBS will be held at the church this week, June 9-13 with stories, games, puppets, and lots of fun!

The church is found at 308 4th St., Newell. Phone 605-456-2544 for more information. *Courtesy Photo*

Benefit for Local Family



HANSON FAMILY BENEFIT SUPPER



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Please join us June 13, 2025 at 6 pm for a supper and auction benefit for the Hanson family that had a tragic accident early May that involved both sons. ALL PROCEEDS will be donated to the family for medical and funeral costs.

Free Will Donation Supper
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Silent and Live Auction 7PM
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NISLAND FIRE HALL - NISLAND, SD
JUNE 13, 2025 6 PM

The Hanson Family Benefit is being hosted by the Concerned Citizens of Butte County in an attempt to help defray medical and funeral costs after Joe Hanson and Darin Hanson were in a tragic accident in early May, resulting in the death of Joe and a life flight for Darin, because of his critical injuries.

Joe and Darin are the sons of Mike and Michelle Hanson,

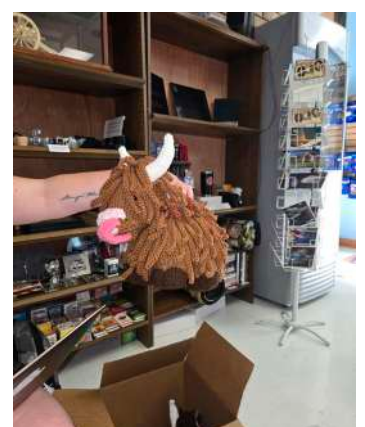
the family also includes sister, Millie. The family resides north of Nisland.

The benefit is being held at the Nisland Fire Hall on Friday, June 13 starting at 6:00 with a free-will donation meal, followed by both silent and live auctions at 7. Items donated to the benefit are too numerous to list, but include something for everyone.

There are gift cards for

various area businesses, oil changes, window tinting, many different types of baskets. There is a custom Dean Zelinsky electric guitar, hand crafted spurs, hand crafted knives, summer porch decor items, Iowa water hydrants, tools and so many other items.

To donate to the benefit, please call Travis Ismay at 605-490-6010, Dale Simonton at 605-569-2249 or Calvin Fickbohm at 605-347-1928.



Here are a few of the items that have been donated for the benefit auction from the Hansen family.

Join others and lend a hand at helping this local family.

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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

news@bellefourchebeacon.com
I love this spring weather and all the green grass and pretty wild flowers. I'm not fond of all the dandelions out there, but they are pretty. What I really like are the tall purple wild flowers that are growing all around here now. My father grew up in the Slim Buttes and these flowers are all over there right now. My Dad didn't know the real name for them, but down there everyone called them either Mountain Rockets or Shooting Stars so that's what I call them. My favorite weed is also growing around here right now. It's either called Lamb Quarters or Pig Weed and it tastes as good as spinach when you cook it like spinach. When my sister and I lived with our Grandma Lydia Wilkinson for about a year while our mother was recovering from a heart attack when I was 4 and Judy was almost 3. Grandma used to send us out to

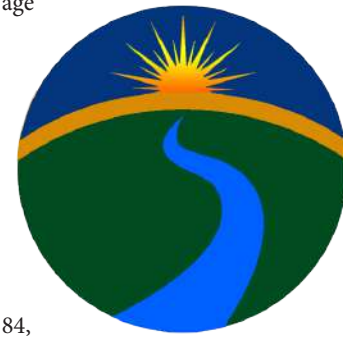
pick Pig Weed out of the ditch by her house at Glendo and then she would cook it for dinner. I grew up loving it and now Reub likes it too. It was chilly and windy on Monday so Reub didn't go spraying weeds up at the Horse Creek pasture but the rest of the week stayed warm. We even got almost a tenth of an inch of rain early Thursday morning. Amanda took the kids down to Belle Fourche on Monday to visit her Grandma Mona Hight and pick up some stuff she needed. Reub mowed all the lawns that day. Reub was spraying weeds up at the Horse Creek pasture again on Tuesday and that kept him so busy that he got home pretty late for lunch. We took the red pickup to Hettinger Wednesday morning to get the oil changed and to get stuff from Runnings and White Drug. Reub always gets his hug from his cousin Roxie Finck at White Drug and we always have some

good visits there. We went home through Reeder to have coffee with the Prairie Pioneers and have some of that delicious rhubarb cake and brownies that Donna Olson had made. We also picked up the little kid's vehicle that John Brown fixed for them. We're glad that John Brown lives so close because that man can fix anything! Amanda helped these guys AI some more cows on Thursday while Reub was spraying weeds at the Horse Creek pasture. I got all the gardens watered and re-potted that beautiful Red Hen & Chicks succulent that Lona Tibbs gave me and everything is growing good. Friday, June 6, is D-Day in honor of the Allied Invasion of Europe on June 6, 1944, 81 years ago. My father, Sgt. Bryce White was there and he helped liberate Paris, France, from Nazi Germany. A lot of soldiers died in that battle, but thankfully Dad made it out alive and so did our old neighbor Tony

Holt. It was foggy when we got up Friday morning but it had cleared off nicely before these guys started to AI cows here and then AI more cows over at our east place. Reub was able to go back up to spray weeds at the Horse Creek pasture. Our granddaughter Lanie and Matt Klug and their four kids came down from North Dakota just before noon to spend the night at Casey and Missy's before heading to Wyoming for our grandson Cade Olson and KyLee Morgado's wedding in Gillette, Wyoming on Saturday. All nine of our little great grandkids sure had fun playing together. The guys AIed more cows late that afternoon here and over at the east place. Matt, Lanie, Amanda and all the little people went along to help.

Marjorie Frandsen, age 95, of Bismarck and formerly of Reeder, passed away on Saturday, June 7, at the Benedictine Living Community in Bismarck. Her funeral services are pending with the Evanson Jensen Funeral Home in Hettinger.

Harold Heupel, age



84, of Bison, passed away on Thursday, January 2, at the Western Horizons Care Center in Hettinger. The memorial service for Harold has been scheduled for Saturday, June

14, at 10:00 a.m. at the American Lutheran Church in Bison. Burial with military honors will follow in the Bison Cemetery. After I got my chicken chores done Reub and I headed out on Saturday morning for our grandson Cade Olson and KyLee Morgado's wedding at the Union Chapel in Gillette that afternoon. Everyone one on the ranch with Matt and Lanie and their kids headed out to the wedding after lunch. Cade really got himself a cute little redhead that can sing, play the piano and the guitar and almost looks like she's related to Cade's mother Megan (Mitchell) Olson. The wedding was outside in nice weather and their reception was in the big red barn there that had several old wagons parked inside by the owner who has the history of the chuck wagon and all the other old wagons. Reub and I drove home that night after the wedding reception, but all the rest of our family members stayed in Gillette overnight. Janet Verhulst, Sandi Helms and Katie Helms fed us some really delicious goodies with coffee after church Sunday morning and it took us quite a while to get enough room for dinner by noon. After our grandson's wedding, I'll leave you with this wedding joke: A young bride and groom-to-be had just selected the wedding ring. As the girl admired the plain platinum and diamond band, she suddenly looked concerned. "Tell me," she asked the elderly salesman "is there anything special I'll have to do to take care of this ring?" With a fatherly smile, the salesman said, "One of the best ways to protect a wedding ring is to dip it in dishwasher three times a day."

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

June 10, 1915

Before suffering a paralytic stroke, our neighbor man could speak English fluently as his native tongue. He is now slowly recovering from the stroke. He can speak Norwegian perfectly and can understand English as well as ever but can speak only a few words of the later.

Tyler Overpeck arrived from Belle Fourche Sunday and is assisting Commissioner Behrens at the local office with the rush work attendant to the land opening. Six notices for publication from the Department of Interior: Joseph H. Winkler; Reine Tetrault; Wiliam J. Fravel; Frank Beimrohr; Nels Peterson and August Strietzel.

Charles Whitmarsh has been laid up for the past week with bruised legs and crushed toes, resulting from a runaway which happened when up to Lead with Mr. Jaukkari, the horses being frightened by a motorcycle. The team was stopped before they got very far so the wagon nor team were not damaged. Mr. Jaukkari has moved his family to the Horse Creek community for the summer.

June 4, 1925

Deputy Sheriff Severson of Hoover came in from his ranch to attend the memorial service last Sunday to meet his old friend, Senator Peter P. Norbeck. Before coming to the western part of the state, Mr. Severson was employed for some time with the firm Norbeck & Nicholson at Redfield. The service was held at the Newell High School Auditorium, sponsored by the American Legion. The addresses given by Rev. A. L. Wilson and Senator Norbeck were dignified and impressive, the readings by Mrs. George Day carried out the spirit of the day and the musical numbers by J. C. Brodsky, Paul Pottorf and Miss Ruth Bratton were beautiful and impressive. The Legions' Honored guests were Civil War Veteran Comrade Munroe and Comrade Yoder of Newell and Spanish-American War comrades A. C. Pike and Harry Evans of Empire.

Some excitement was created in the Vale vicinity last Friday when Rudolph Schultz, who resides on the Kenaston farm, reported the kidnapping of his adopted son. Two men drove up to the ranch, grabbed the 12-year-old boy, hustled him into the car and hurriedly drove away. Schultz drove to Vale where he telephoned to

surrounding towns and the kidnapers were apprehended at Sturgis. It developed that Gustav Schultz of Ardmore, a brother of Rudolph and the father of the boy, did the kidnaping. Rudolph Schultz who had legally adopted the boy, went to Belle Fourche and swore out a Warrant for the father on the charge of kidnapping and the case was to have been heard Monday before Justice Rich. In the meantime, the family row was amicably adjusted and on Monday Rudolph Schultz appeared and withdrew the complaint. So, it's all over.

June 6, 1935

Fred Bruner was an arrival this week from Colorado to join the John Alexander sheep shearing crew. William Sedan is making special prices on wool hauling. Leave orders at the O. Christopherson Elevator, Newell or phone 251, Sturgis.

Mr. & Mrs. Nels Fogh and Hans Fogh, of the Slim Buttes country, were in Newell last Friday waiting for the roads to dry before trying the trip across the gumbo. Mrs. Fred Miles started for Newell from Fairpoint one day, last week, but found the gumbo a little too heavy.

O. W. Anderson this week closed a deal for the sale of his pool hall building and equipment to the Newell Liquor Corporation, a corporation recently formed to operate a liquor store for the City of Newell. The purchase price is said to have been \$3,000 and includes the building and all equipment excepting pool tables and card tables. Possession is to be turned over to the corporation next Monday, it is reported.

June 7, 1945

A squad of firemen got out the big pumps yesterday and proceeded to give the Main Street pavement a much-needed cleaning. They did a good job and deserve to have their names enrolled in the Hall of Fame.

Officials of the Postal Affairs section of the Navy Department recently issued a statement regarding proper selection of gifts for oversea mailing to Navy personnel. Letters; giving local news and telling of current things done and things planned, photographs, drawings from children and news clippings are suggested. Please do not send cakes, soft candies, cookies, cigarettes and fancy toilet kits. These favorite items are a battered mass of crumbs or moldy and chocolates melted when they arrive at their destination. On ships and shore station

by Linda Velder

stores are well stocked with all toiletries, cigarettes, candy, and cosmetics that can be easily and cheaply obtained when needed. There is no recognition of the season and packages can be mailed throughout the year. To ensure the package arrives, select wisely, wrap securely and address correctly.

Mrs. A. E. Jackson (nee Winifred Brenneman) assisted in the launching of a P-2 boat at the Long Beach Boat Company on May 14. Mr. Jackson is an employee of the company. Mrs. Jackson's sister, Mrs. Edgar Matthews, attended her sister's ceremonies. Both are the daughters of Mr. & Mrs. O. W. Brenneman and Newell High School graduates.



*Carter-Cove Softball Champions: 1955
Back Row: Jolly Kuronen, Sid Soma, Dan Wiest, Ray Rivinoja, Tyke Wood
Front Row: Loran Heeb, Edwin Jukkola, Paul Farber, Norris Soma, Butch Brenneman, Morris Hafner.
Newell Museum*

June 9, 1945

Word has been received of the recent accidental death of Art Severson, former Newell and Belle Fourche resident. Severson was riding a motorcycle, escorting a funeral procession when he was struck by a city transit bus. Mr. Severson was born in Newell, leaving here in 1937 after being engaged in airplane flying here. He was one of the first pilots engaged in flying here, achieving high marks, a perfectionist, teaching flying and also operating the Newell Airport when it was first built.

Members of the Newell Boy Scout & Explorer Crew enjoyed 'Roughing it' at a Northern Black Hills District Camp-out at Belle Fourche Saturday and Sunday. Community Scout Committee chairman Herby

guests Sunday at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Herb Scofield. The Sheriff and Mrs. Hafner and Howard moved to Belle Fourche on Wednesday, where they will make their home. Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Bonestell moved Thursday from the Riedel Motel Apartments to the basement of the Masonic Temple vacated by the Hafner family.

June 3, 1965

Ronnie Heston was fishing with his dad at Orman Dam, who was using minnows for bait and reported he thought he had hit a snag when he hooked a big record walleye. The lunker, which weighed just over 11 pounds and was 32 inches in length, was assisted by his dad Lloyd Heston, to land the trophy.

The question of what to do

must be made now of it is to be preserved for future use.

Harry Payne, Matt Sorenson, George Seieroe and Joe Heidrich, American Legion members, took part in the Memorial Day Services as Color Guard at the National Cemetery near Sturgis Sunday. The Sorenson's, Seieroe's and Harry Seieroe met at the Chris Sorenson home after the ceremonies for lunch and spent the afternoon visiting.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Strohschein and family motored out to Hoover to the Flaigg Brothers Ranch Friday for a visit with Grandma Flaigg and Mrs. Strohschein's brothers and viewed the high water where the Moreau River was flooding. They reported the flooding was as great as they had ever experienced.

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Mondays

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

June 13

Hanson Family Benefit Supper and auction, 6 p.m., Nisland Fire Hall

BH Farmer's Market

Second Tuesday each month, 4:30, Nisland Town Hall

June 14

Vale Community Reunion, 146th Anniversary
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. School Buildings will be open
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Potluck Lunch, Vale Community Hall, bring a side dish/dessert
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bingo

Feeding South Dakota

Second Thursday every month, 1:30

Newell Library Hours

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June 21

Rails, Trails, and Pioneers Butte Historical Trip
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Newell Middle School Track and Field Team ended with a bang! The student-athletes finished the school year and track season strong. The student-athletes should be so proud of themselves. Throughout the season, students continued to PR and preserve. Every athlete beat their records from last year. We had our own awards banquet where all the students were acknowledged for their efforts and accomplishments. As a team, students participated in the "Paper Plate Awards". Each student and coach got another teammate's name to create an award for that person specialized to their strength and gifts that elevated the team. This activity demonstrated the unity and kindness of the team we had this year. The LMC Championship proved their grit and tenacity even with a few kids gone. The Women's Team gaining the title of LMC Conference Runner-Up along with decorating themselves with multiple individual and relay awards.

Coach Tommy comments,

"Our team is small but we came together like a family! We were the under dogs all season and we showed the other teams what we are made of when it counted at the LMC!"

Coach H comments,

"I can confidently state that each member of our team gained confidence and skill this season. The girls showed up at bosses, the boys consistently demonstrated patience and helpfulness. Together they made a goofy, fun-loving, and coachable team."

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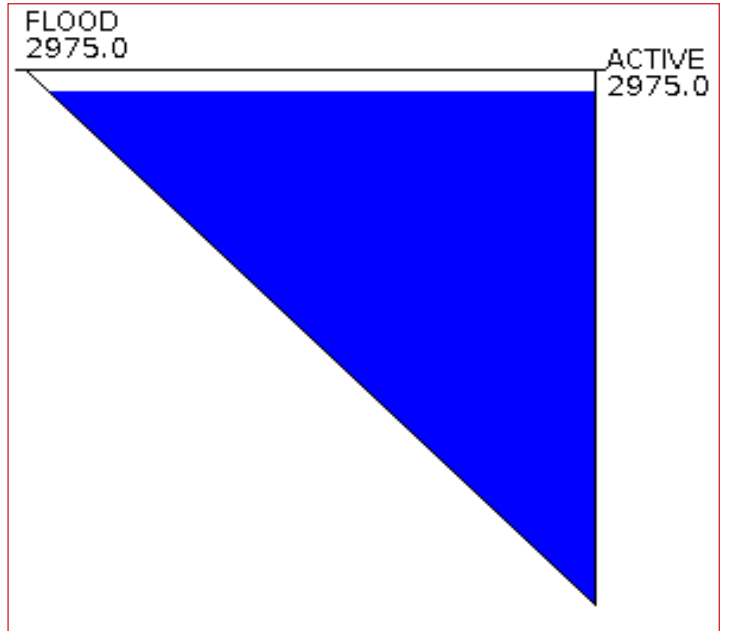
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Congratulations

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 Eirelynn Bender 6th in discus



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 Pool Elevation is 2973.1 Feet
 Reservoir Storage is 158224. Acre-Feet
 Reservoir Inflow is 498.1 CFS
 Reservoir Outflow is 305.0 CFS
 Reservoir is 91.5 % Full*
 Reservoir Flood Control Pool is filled 0.0 %
 Belle Fourche River Flow at State Line is 34.0 CFS

NEWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

1 of 3

Improvement year over year DOE report, goal being 5%.

- 5% increase on standard test scores, including ACT/ASVAB/ Smarter Balance
- Fully implement MTSS (Multi-tiered Systems of Support) in elementary within 5 years.
- Increase funding for updated curriculum, curriculum alignment calendar
- Track and compare Cohort Graduation Rate
- Track and compare Graduation Rate (retention rates K-12)
- Fast Bridge, iReady
- Analyze elementary, MS, and HS, Newell School District Annual Report

Little Moreau Conference

Harper Whitacre 4 th 400M	Kylee Martin 7 th Discus	Caitlyn Rans 10 th Discus
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