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Bronc Bird Busters finish Spring Season

Busters

Special to the Beacon

The Bronc Bird Busters have wrapped up a very successful Spring Season with two team and two individual State Championships, as well as several team and individual Conference titles. The Bird Busters 5-Stand team took top honors at Willow Creek Wildlife in Ft. Pierre on May 31st with a team score of 368 of 500 possible points, edging out Pierre TF Riggs High School by 2.

Payton Jackson earned the High Gun JV Male title as well as the High Gun – Overall title with a score of 83.

The Skeet team earned 1st Place at the Aberdeen Gun Club last weekend with a team score of 477/500, 26 points ahead of Pierre TF Riggs High School.

Alex Klocek earned High Gun Varsity Female with a score of 98, missing out on the high overall title due to the reverse-run tie-breaker rule.

Evan Jackson and Nathan Erhart took 2nd and 3rd place in the JV Male division with scores of 84 each, and the reverse run to break

Bronc Bird Busters Bust into 1st Place in Aberdeen



- Coach **Derrick Erhart**, Coach **Dean Hauck**, **Tacen Carr**, **Nathan Erhart**, **Nathan Bowers**, **Payton Jackson**, **Alex Klocek**, **Soren Kopp**, **Coach Justin Whitehead**, **Evan Jackson**, **Coach Christopher Jackson**, **Gage Whitehead** *Courtesy Photo*

the tie. Nathan Bowers missed the 3rd place Varsity Male spot by one point with a score of 96.

Klocek also earned a 50-straight patch, with Nathan Bowers, Tacen Carr, Soren Kopp, and Gage Whitehead each earning 25-straight patches.

Alex Klocek took 3rd place in the Varsity Female division

for the State Trap tournament on Saturday with a score of 95.

Heith Brownell tied for 3rd place JV Male, dropping to 4th with the reverse run.

Sawyer Leitner took 4th place in the Novice Male division with a score of 84. Klocek and Whitehead earned 50-straight patches, with Bowers, Carr, Payton

Jackson, and Brownell earning 25-straight patches.

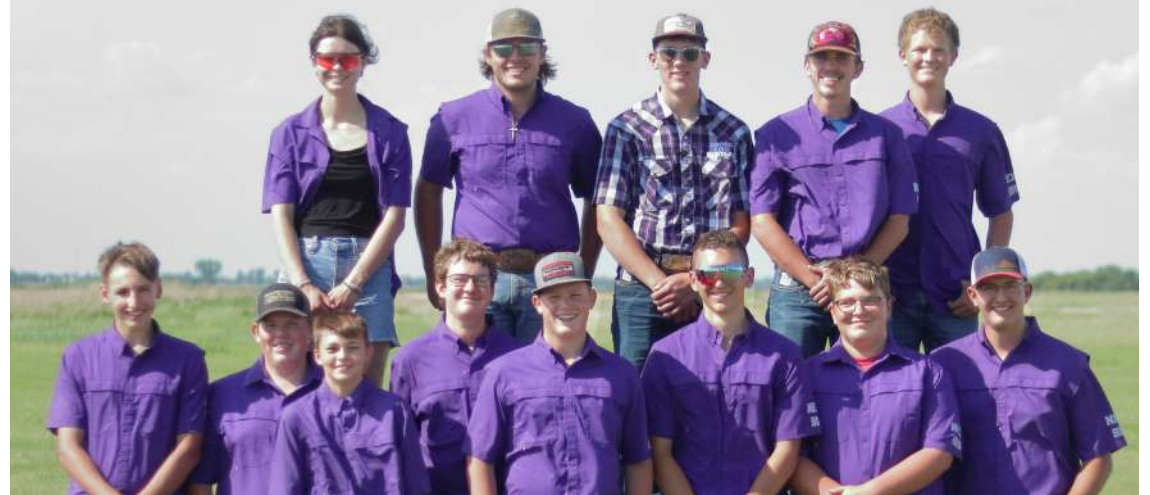
In addition to the State Tournament titles, the Bird Busters were named Conference Champions in Trap and Skeet, with Nathan Bowers earning 1st Place in the Varsity Male division for Skeet with a season average of 24.0 (out of 25).

Alex Klocek earned 1st Place Varsity Female and High Overall Female awards in both Skeet and Trap, with a season average of 21.5 for Skeet and 24.2 for Trap.

All-state honors were awarded to Nathan Bowers for Skeet, and Alex Klocek, Nathan Bowers, Gage Whitehead, Payton Jackson, and Tacen Carr for Trap.



Alex 1st Varsity - **Alex Klocek** earned the 1st place Varsity Female award for Skeet and 3rd place varsity female for Trap.



State Trap Kids - Top **Alex Klocek**, **Heith Brownell**, **Soren Kopp**, **Payton Jackson**, **Gage Whitehead**. Bottom **Jaxson Selchert**, **Sam Soulek**, **Sawyer Leitner**, **Nathan Erhart**, **Clay Whitehead**, **Tacen Carr**, **Evan Jackson**, **Nathan Bowers**, *Courtesy Photos*

Second Week of Hometown Thursdays Features Williams and Wright

Robbi Longbrake

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BELLE FOURCHE—Beginning in 2013, every Thursday evening during the months of June and July friends and family gather at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center to enjoy live music, socialize, shop, do crafts, games and eat!

The second week, June 12, the two man band Williams and Wright Experience took to the stage to entertain the crowd.

They played well known country music.

Inside the Museum kids got to participate in making mosaic butterflies and paper flowers. Outside food trucks and vendors lined the park.

An alcohol free area is set up to play a variety of yard games and a tiny train ride makes the rounds around the park for the little ones.

For the adults there is a beer garden and seating for them to enjoy each other.

There is truly something for everyone to do on a summer evening.



Williams and Wright Experience takes the stage at the second Hometown Thursday event. *Longbrake photo*

CONGRATULATIONS

Travis Martin SDTP

The South Dakota Title Professional Designation is awarded to individuals who showcase excellence within the industry, uphold elevated standards in title services, and actively participate in the South Dakota Land Title Association.

Travis has dedicated 20 years to Black Hills Title, serving as the Title Operations Manager at our Belle Fourche office. Presently, he holds the position of Chair for the SDLTA Legislative Committee and is the President-Elect of the SDLTA Board. This marks his second term in various roles on the board. His commitment to continuous learning and professional development is evident through his active involvement in these key positions. Travis's recognition as a South Dakota Title Professional is a testament to his unwavering commitment and exceptional contributions to the field, and it is a well-deserved honor that reflects his hard work, integrity, and leadership. Congratulations Travis!



South Dakota Title Professional

John Bach & PJ Sloan Presented with Life Saving Awards



David Myers



David Myers was badly injured in a fire that destroyed his home, vehicle and all of his belongings on Dec 21. **John Bach & PJ Sloan** got him out of the burning home and to safety. David has been in Colorado receiving care for his burns since then. He returned to Belle Fourche 3 weeks ago. John & PJ were presented life saving awards. *Courtesy Photos*

Seven Complete Years of Beacon to Draw to a close

Doug Cole

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The Rapid City Journal (Lee Enterprises) gave notice it was closing their Belle Fourche newspaper in 2017.

It was my feeling that a thriving community needed its local newspaper. Knowledge of events in the community; its business & citizens.

My first job in life was that of a "printer's devil" as a 5th grader in Platte, SD at the Platte Enterprise.

The technology of that first generation of newspaper printing has certainly changed. I'm no longer ink from elbow to elbow.

However, what I learned in the 60's that remains true to this day, is the importance of local news coverage. Everyone likes to see their children, grandchildren, and relatives picture and information in the paper, unless

it's for the wrong reason, then everyone else like's to read it.

The internet has moved our community and the world toward immediate electronic knowledge of all that's happening everywhere around the world, which is great, but the newspaper still has a role to play.

This issue of the Beacon marks seven year's of continuous publication that may be coming to an end.

Our path the past seven years has been an enjoyable, although not always a profitable venture.

Three things make up the income of a paper: Ad sales, subscriptions, and "Legal" publications.

July 1st the Beacon will have met the threshold and is eligible to be the "legal" newspaper for the

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As we gather to celebrate, let's also take a moment to remember and honor those who are deeply missed. Wishing you peace and comfort during this time.

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Most of us intend on "getting around to it someday," but that someday never comes and we leave our family wondering whether or not they did the right thing. **It doesn't have to be like that.** It's not pleasant to be reminded of our own mortality; we can laugh, cry, or do a little of both. Regardless of how we prefer to deal with the big questions of life, **it always works out for the best when we face things head on,** especially in regard to such a sensitive issue.

Taking the time to make advanced funeral or cremation planning is a caring and responsible thing to do. Planning now, while we have the time to consider every option, can remove significant amount of the emotional and financial stress that every family must eventually face.

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Donabel Ross



Donabel Ross was reunited in heaven with her beloved husband, Larry, on January 20, 2025, at the age of 92. She was born on July 5, 1932, to Ralph and Olga Nickelson on the Nickelson Ranch in Aladdin, Wyoming. She joined her two older brothers, Don and Darrell, growing up surrounded by the beauty and hard work of ranch life, with horses and puppies to love. Donabel attended Aladdin School through the eighth grade before continuing her education in Belle Fourche, where she boarded with the Howard Tope family. The Topes became lifelong friends. During high school, Donabel and Larry both earned the Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Award, attended Boys and Girls State, and were honored as homecoming king and queen candidates. These shared experiences deepened their bond, and on March 1, 1952, at the Nickelson Ranch, Donabel married her high school sweetheart. She and Larry spent 64 wonderful years together until his passing in 2016. To this loving union, three children were born: Ron (Joan) of Bend, Oregon; Bill (Julie) of Brookings, South Dakota; and Christi Crain (Randy) of Upton, Wyoming. Donabel's love for her family was boundless. She took great joy in being a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Donabel was the ultimate ranch wife, balancing countless responsibilities with strength and grace. She prepared endless, hearty, and delicious meals, cared for the home, her family, the hired hands, the dogs and cats, and the many nieces and nephews who practically lived at the ranch when school was out. She was the heart of every family gathering, ensuring that everyone felt welcomed, loved, and well-fed.

In 1973, Donabel moved off the ranch to Belle Fourche, where she began a new chapter, working for the Federal Land Bank and later for David Pummell, CPA. She retired at the age of 61, leaving behind a career built on hard work, integrity, and strong friendships. She spent her last years after Larry's passing in Brookings, South Dakota to be near Bill and Julie.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry; her parents, Ralph and Olga; and her brother, Don. She leaves behind her three children and their spouses, eight grandchildren—Brian, Michael, Evan, Brady, Luke, Mason, Lindy, and Mikala—six great-grandchildren, brother Darrell, and many nieces and nephews, all of whom she adored.

Donabel lived a life filled with love, faith, and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ. She loved studying and teaching God's word in adult Bible study. She was a fierce and relentless prayer warrior, covering her family and friends in prayer. Her strength, steady guidance, and deep kindness touched the lives of many. She leaves behind a legacy of love and faith that will continue in the hearts of all who knew her.

A Ross/Nickelson family reunion celebrating family and remembering Donabel will be held on July 4 at Bowman Hall in Hermann Park. A graveside service will follow at Pineslope Cemetery at 10 a.m. on July 5. All who knew and loved Donabel are welcome to stop by and greet the family on the 4th or attend the graveside service on the 5th.



Rhys Oelke 74



On June 3rd, a warm sunny day, Rhys Oelke, age 74 left his earthly home in Belle Fourche, SD surrounded by family. Rhys was born in Elgin, North Dakota August 23, 1950 to Ervin and Goldie (Bartels) Oelke. He was raised and educated in Hettinger, ND. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and being with friends. On October 7, 1978, he married Carla (Diede) Oelke at the Lutheran Church in Hettinger. Two sons were born to this union, Brian and Chad. Rhys loved his family and was so supportive and proud of his sons. Rhys loved people, animals, and life. He was outgoing, hardworking, social, and fun loving. He continued his favorite hobbies from childhood of horse back riding, fishing, and hunting, which he passed on to his sons and grandchildren. In 1992, Rhys achieved his nursing license and education. He worked at Belle Fourche Long Term Care for 20 years. Prior to being a nurse, he worked for Cenex in Hettinger and Minot, ND along with short term jobs along the way. He said the residents he cared for were his friends with great stories. He learned from all of them.

Rhys is survived by his wife of 46 years Carla of Belle Fourche; sons, Brian (Sara) of Sioux City, Iowa and Chad (Courtney) of Gillette, Wyoming and four grandchildren, Nick, Addison, Jacob and Chelsea of Sioux City, Iowa; brothers, Ried (Lauree) of Ely, Nevada and Robert (Vickie) Grunstead of Sparks, Nevada; sister, Jody (Al) LeFebre of Hettinger, ND along with nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Billy Oelke; two half siblings, Ryan and Rebecca.

An open house memorial will be held Wednesday, June 25 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche.

An open house memorial will be held at the Hettinger Senior Citizen Center in Hettinger, ND on Saturday, June 28th at 1:00 pm

The Time of Sharing at 6:30 pm will be live-streamed and can be viewed on Rhys's obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Maynard A. Teppo 89



Maynard A. Teppo, age 89 of Belle Fourche, died Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center in Sturgis, with his loving wife by his side. The funeral service will be held 10:30 am Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche. Visitation will be held 5 to 7 pm Tuesday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery, with Military Honor provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard. Maynard's funeral will be available to view online from his obituary page, located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com Maynard Arvo Teppo was born May 16, 1936 in Newell, SD. He was the son of Arvo and Mary (Lohonen) Teppo. Maynard grew up on a family farm near Newell and for several years he worked at the sugar beet factory in Belle Fourche. He served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1959. During much of this time he was stationed in Alaska. In 1961, Maynard was united in marriage to Shirley Stoppel. To this union was born three sons: Kevin, Bryan, and Blayne. Following their marriage, they lived in Fruitdale. Shirley died in 2007. On November 27, 2010, Maynard was united in marriage to Anna Marie Bednar. Together they were blessed with almost 15 years of marriage. After working 42 years for American Colloid as their Vice President of Engineering, Maynard retired. Maynard was highly intelligent and innovative, and

skilled as an engineer. He traveled the world, helping other countries like Japan, China, Thailand, Egypt, Germany, and more build processing plants. Throughout those years, he had 4 patents created. Maynard was a member of the Naja Shrine for 25 years. He was generous to others, would help anybody who needed it, and was a true gentleman. In his retirement he enjoyed traveling, tinkering in his shop, working in his lawn and flower garden, Nascar, and PBR bull riding. Maynard and Anna enjoyed doing many things together. He was a wonderful husband and he was very proud of his grandchildren.

Maynard is survived by his wife, Anna of Belle Fourche; 2 sons, Kevin (Sherry) Teppo of Wellington CO, Bryan (Lucy) Teppo of Antigo WI; 3 step-sons, Dwaine (Colleen) Bednar of Willow River MN, Douglas (Brenda) Bednar of Willow River MN, David Bednar of Willow River MN; 2 step-daughters, Patricia (Lee) Eden of Farmington MN, Lisa Marie (Greg) Larson of Sturgeon Lake MN; 8 grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; 12 step-great grandchildren; sister, Mavis Anderson of Lake Stevens WA; daughter-in-law, Nikki Teppo of Fruitdale; and sister-in-law, Renee Teppo of Crystal River FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Shirley; son, Blayne; 3 brothers, Delmer, Wesley, Richard; and sister, Shirley Mosely.



Robin Marie Strickland Scherf 50



Robin Marie Strickland Scherf, 50, of Gillette, Wyoming, passed away peacefully on June 16, 2025. She leaves behind a legacy of immense love, infectious laughter, and a lifetime of cherished memories. Born on August 17, 1974, to the late June and Glen Strickland of Sturgis, SD, Robin was raised by her mother, June, and stepfather, Walter Bonebrake. Robin's life was defined by her vibrant spirit and unwavering devotion to those she held dear. She shared an unbreakable bond with her beloved husband, Shawn Scherf, a partnership built on deep affection and countless shared adventures. Her greatest joy came from her family. Robin's heart swelled with pride for her daughter, Kourtney; son, Cameron; and stepson, Christian, always offering them boundless support and love. The absolute light of her life was her adored grandson, Oliver, who brought her immeasurable happiness. Robin had a zest for life that was truly contagious. She found immense pleasure in attending concerts, camping under the stars, and getting lost in a good crime show. The annual motorcycle rally was a cherished tradition; a time she embraced for the camaraderie and excitement it brought. Above all, Robin treasured simply "hanging out" with her many friends,

creating lasting memories filled with laughter and good times. Her warm personality and genuine kindness drew people to her, and she leaves behind a wide circle of friends who will deeply miss her presence and vibrant energy.

Robin's loving heart, infectious laughter, and radiant spirit will be profoundly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her memory will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of her family and friends, a testament to a life lived fully and with boundless love.

She is survived by her devoted stepfather, Walter Bonebrake; her husband, Shawn Scherf; her children, Kourtney, Cameron (Kaity), and Christian; her grandson, Oliver; and her sisters, brothers, and beloved family and friends.

Robin's Celebration of Life will be held at the Black Hills National Cemetery at 20901 Pleasant Valley Dr, Sturgis, SD 57785 on June 27th, 2025, at 12:30 pm. A reception will follow at 519 5th Ave Belle Fourche, SD. Friends and family are welcome to sign the online guestbook.



Marilyn June (Hudson) Secrest 86



She was born in New Underwood, SD, on December 16, 1938 to Miles and Ruth (Reichert) Hudson, the second of five children. Marilyn was raised on Hereford flat east of Sturgis, SD and, loved riding horseback, hunting with her siblings and doing ranch work. She attended elementary school at the Hereford school, graduated from Sturgis High School in 1956 and attended Black Hills Teachers College for one semester. On June 10, 1957, she married Thomas 'Gene' Secrest at the Hereford church. They left immediately for Ft. Polk, LA, where Gene was stationed with the US Army. The following year she flew to Germany, the first of many moves as the wife of a soldier. The Army years included homes in Colorado, Hawaii, Texas and California. They had four children and Marilyn held the family together when Gene was deployed to various locations and through two tours of duty in Vietnam. The family returned to Sturgis, SD, in the spring of 1974, living and working there until

they moved to Spearfish, SD, in 2008.

No matter where they lived, Marilyn stayed busy - she sewed, was a Tupperware dealer, and cleaned quarters on base in the early years. In 1969, with Gene in Vietnam, she trained for and received her cosmetology license in El Paso, TX. She worked as a beautician for 25 years.

Having learned sewing skills from her grandmother, she made many of the clothes for the family; late turning that skill to award-winning quilts. Marilyn made life-long friends and great memories during trips to quilting workshops and finding interesting fabric stores throughout the years. Her creative skills were not limited to fabric arts but included knitting and crochet, macramé, photography, oil painting to name a few. Life's landmark events, graduations, weddings, new babies, were commemorated with a handmade gift. She enjoyed the challenge of learning a new skill and sharing those skills with others.

Marilyn Secrest

Contd. from A2: those skills with others. Her bread baking skills provided fond memories of warm loaves, fresh out of the oven, or a pan of cinnamon rolls. She brought the rolls for many a holiday dinner. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were an important part of her life and she enjoyed watching them grow. She always had homemade cookies on hand or a jar of jelly to send home. Despite the many moves, animals were a big part of family life for Marilyn. There was always a dog, or two, a cat, or the rabbit that she received one Mother's Day! Horses were added to the mix and she and Gene spent many happy years raising and riding Arabian horses. Angel was her special mare and summers were spent riding with friends in the Black Hills. Along with family and work, Marilyn was active in the Rapid City Daughters of the Nile for over three decades, serving as the queen of the Ismah Temple in 1994 and holding various positions in Zora Club over the years. She was a member of the local quilting Guild, K.nitwits, and bowled and played darts.



She is survived by her children: Marian (Wayne) Alderman of Spearfish SD; Patty Weatherford of Gillette, WY; Gene (Kim) Secrest of Spearfish SD; Roger (Sheri) Secrest of Black Hawk, SD. Eleven grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Brother Tucker (Bev) Hudson of Plainview, SD, sisters Druse (Larry) Kellogg of Spearfish, SD and Ramona (Carl) Williams of Rapid City, SD. Sister-in-law Barb Hudson of Sturgis, SD and Brother-in-law Mike Carney of Sturgis, SD. She is preceded in death by her husband, Gene Secrest; her parents, Miles and Ruth Hudson and older brother, Mike Hudson. Marilyn has joined Gene in their final home. In lieu flowers a memorial has been established to the Spearfish Emergency Ambulance Service. Memorial services will be Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 1:30 p.m. at Kinkade Funeral Chapel, with visitation one hour prior. Burial will follow at Black Hills National Cemetery.



Amy Elizabeth Denzin 53

Graveside services will be held at Pineslope cemetery in Belle Fourche, SD at 10:30 am on Tuesday, July 1, for Amy Elizabeth Denzin who died May 20, 2025 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lafayette, CO after a brief illness. A time of remembrance and lunch will follow at 11:30 am at the Joy Center on the campus of Black Hills State University in Spearfish, SD.



A time of remembrance and lunch will follow at 11:30 am at the Joy Center on the campus of Black Hills State University in Spearfish, SD. Amy was born on March 27, 1972, in Sturgis, SD. She spent her early years in Spearfish before moving to the Denver, CO area. After graduating from Northglenn, CO, High School she attended college at Black Hills State University.

During her school years Amy could often be found at the ice arena where she skated both individually and as a member of a precision team. She also enjoyed dance and violin lessons. Amy worked as office manager or administrative assistant at several Denver area businesses. Summer highlights included camping/fishing trips with her father and the Denzin and Frei families at Shade Hill reservoir- with Walleye being the favorite catch. There was never a dog that Amy didn't love, and that feeling seemed mutual. She had a special affinity for the Shiba Inu breed. She was always available to babysit foster dogs and support them with her time and money. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to My Fairy Dawg Mother Rescue, 545 Ursula St., Aurora, CO 80011. Also available, Venmo @MyFairyDawgMother-MFDM; PayPal @myfairydawgmother. Amy is survived by her parents Lynn (Rail) Denzin, Thornton, CO and Bill Denzin, Spearfish, SD; her aunts Mary Wendt (Kenneth deceased) Belle Fourche, SD and Pat Hynes (Tom) Guffy, CO; Uncles Tim Rail (Lauri) Casper, WY; Dale Denzin, Buffalo, SD and Lane Denzin (Peggy) Lovell, WY; as well as her long time friend Paul Touma and Shiba Inu Santo, Henderson NV; many Amy Elizabeth Denzin. Graveside services will be held at Pineslope cemetery in Belle Fourche, SD at 10:30 am on Tuesday, July 1, for Amy Elizabeth Denzin who died May 20, 2025 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lafayette, CO after a brief illness.

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Amy is survived by her parents Lynn (Rail) Denzin, Thornton, CO and Bill Denzin, Spearfish, SD; her aunts Mary Wendt (Kenneth deceased) Belle Fourche, SD and Pat Hynes (Tom) Guffy, CO; Uncles Tim Rail (Lauri) Casper, WY; Dale Denzin, Buffalo, SD and Lane Denzin (Peggy) Lovell, WY; as well as her long time friend Paul Touma and Shiba Inu Santo, Henderson NV; many Amy Elizabeth Denzin. Preceded in death by her grandparents Eva (Hanify) and Fred Rail, Belle Fourche, SD; Helen and William Denzin, Buffalo, SD; and her cousin/sister Mary Frances Wendt Parfinovics.

beloved cousins and dear friends. Preceded in death by her grandparents Eva (Hanify) and Fred Rail, Belle Fourche, SD; Helen and William Denzin, Buffalo, SD; and her cousin/sister Mary Frances Wendt Parfinovics.

Bonnie Rosander

Bonedith "Bonnie" Ann Rosander, 71, of Belle Fourche passed away Peacefully in her sleep June 20th at home following a hard-fought battle with cancer.



Bonnie was born January 17, 1954 and was adopted by Melvin and Rosemary (Tope) Seymour and spent her childhood growing up near Sorum, SD and going to country school. She attended 3 years of high school in Belle Fourche before transferring to Bison High School her senior year. She enjoyed rodeo competitions throughout her 4-H years. After high school she attended Black Hills State College.

On July 16, 1976 Bonnie was united in marriage to the love of her life Brick Rosander. She followed Brick to Germany and Lawton, OK for his final years of service before being honorably discharged. Following his retirement from the Army Brick and Bonnie embarked onto their next journey of Boot and Saddle builders, returning to Belle Fourche to practice their new found trade. They took on a new adventure April 25, 1983 as they welcomed their son Ivan into their family. They moved to Lemmon, SD

in 1985 to open B&B Saddlery. In 1988 they returned to Belle Fourche and continued their Saddlery Business.

Following Bricks passing, Bonnie took a job working for the migrant program in the Belle Fourche School System. She really loved her years spent helping families navigate the school system. Upon retiring from the school district, she took a few part time jobs until she found her next passion which was being site manager of Meals on Wheels in Belle Fourche. Bonnie really shined at this new job where she got to cook and provide for her community in which she loved.

While working 19 years cooking, she also spent her free time cooking and baking for all sorts of gatherings for friends and family. She was always ready to put a benefit together for anyone that was in need where she became well known for her desserts that brought a hefty price.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband Brick Rosander; brother Randy Seymour; her father, Melvin Seymour; mother and father-in-law, Cleo and Dick Rosander and brother-in-law, Jon Rosander.

Philip W. Hanify 83

Philip W. Hanify of Great Falls, MT passed away peacefully at St. Vincent's Hospital, Billings, MT on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 due to age and natural causes. Philip was born on July 31, 1941 to Kenneth T. and Gwendolyn (Tootie) Pond Hanify. He was born in a private home with a registered nurse as midwife, Hazel Robb.



Philip's early years were spent on the family ranch North of Belle Fourche, SD. The home was full of love and caring. The home consisted of two rooms, no insulation and a dog at the foot of the bed during very cold spells.

Philip's education consisted of attending a one-room school for two years and the remaining school years in Belle Fourche. Philip was Junior Class President and Student Council President his Senior year. He was nominated by his peers to be Homecoming Marshall his senior year. Rumor has it that he was taught how to dance by his cousins, Art and Dick Hanify during lunch hour at their home. He had to lead the Grand March for the prom and had to know how to dance. Dancing was something that he was good at and enjoyed. Philip graduated High School in 1959. He enrolled in college in 1961. This was just the start of his continuing education. Northwest Community College, Powell,

WY. was his first start and upon graduating he then attended Black Hills State. He graduated from there with a degree in Science Education. He received his Master of Science Degree from Montana State University-Havre. Quite an accomplishment for a young man who was not an outstanding student during high school. In high school Philip participated in track and football. In his senior year the relay team participated in the State Track Meet. He played football at both Northwest Community College and BHSU. After High School Philip worked on road construction, missile sites pumping water from the sites(it rained cats and dogs that summer), local U&I Sugar Factory, American Colloid plant and picked peas in Washington state(folks sent him money to get him home, the peas rotted in the field, to much rain) and was fence inspector for the SD State Highway Department.

Philip received his "Uncle Sam" papers in 1967. He completed Basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO and advanced training at Ft. Polk, LA. He was sent to Vietnam as the radioman with the 4th Infantry. Philip's unit was stationed in the Central Highlands and were heavily engaged with the enemy during the TET Offensive. He was discharged in January, 1969. He was hired by the Great Falls Public School System during the Fall of 1969.

Philip taught History in Middle School. He retired from teaching in the early "90" s. He became a volunteer at the Charles M. Russell Museum in Great Falls, MT.

His past time activities included skiing, volunteering, attending rodeos and athletic events and reading. Philip loved history, which was satisfied by his frequent visits to the local library. He was famous for his many clippings he sent to friends and family all around the world. He also participated in the Honor Guard for military funerals.

Philip was preceded in death by his parents, Kenny and Tootie Hanify. He is survived by his sister Nancy (Don) Turbiville, Belle Fourche, SD and brother Kenneth (Marlene) Hanify, Laurel, MT. Nieces Anne Marie Hanify (husband Dale Loper), Kody(Mike) Wilbur and nephews Brian(Carla) Turbiville and Aaron(Tammy) Hanify, great nieces Breanne and Ally Watts, Sidney Hanify, Kayla Hindman, Keeli Doyle and great nephew Braxton Turbiville and several great-greats and many cousins.

A Memorial Mass will take place 10:30 A.M. Monday, June 30th, 2025 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Belle Fourche. A visitation will be held 2pm to 5pm Sunday, June 29th at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Inurnment will take place at Pine Slope Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to the C.M. Russell Museum. Friends may leave written condolences online, view a video tribute, and view the funeral mass at: www.LeveringtonFH.com



Dan Harrington 83

Dan Harrington, age 83 of Hammond, Montana, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, June 13, 2025, surrounded by his loving family at his home.

A celebration of his life will be held 10 A.M. Saturday, June 21, 2025 at the Boyes Community Hall in Boyes, Montana. Visitation will take place 4 to 6 pm Friday at Rangeland Ministries Church in Alzada Montana. Interment will take place at the Harrington Family Cemetery, near Hammond.

Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche, SD. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.Leverington-FH.com

Daniel Eldon Harrington was born January 3, 1942 in Broadus MT. He was the son of Eldon and Beatrice (Patten) Harrington. Dan attended first grade at the Craft School. After a 1 year correspondence course, he attended the Hammond School for grades 3-8. In 1958 he graduated from the Broadus High School at the age of 16. In 1962 he graduated from the School of Busi-

ness in Rapid City SD. Carolyn Roberts, the girl he would enjoy 60 years of marriage with, moved to the area from Savannah Missouri in 1963, when she found a job with the County Extension Agency. The following year the couple met and on September 18, 1965 they were united in marriage. To this union was born 3 sons: Shane, Troy, and Chad. Following their marriage, Dan worked at the Belle Creek Oilfield, located south of Boyes. Dan also ranched with his father and upon his father's death in 1976, he took over the ranch operation. In 2015, Dan and Carolyn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, as well as the 100th anniversary of the family ranch.

In his younger years, Dan enjoyed playing softball for the Boyes Bombers and playing on the men's basketball league. Later he loved watching his sons and grandkids play sports during their school years. Sheep have been raised on the ranch for more than 85 years. Dan also worked part-time for the Carter County Predator Control Board. He enjoyed helping neighbors when predators threatened their livestock. During these years, he worked with two excellent aerial hunters, Alvin Tatge and Mark Huseby. Alvin and Mark had

a combined total of 78 years and Dan was always impressed with their skill and dedication. In 2017, Dan retired from it after 28 years of service. Soon after, his grandson Garrett came along in his footsteps and worked for the county for 6 years. Presently, his son, Chad, is now worked for the county as a gunner and doing ground control as well. Dan was a member of the Carter County Sheep and Cattle Growers for many years. He served on the Hammond School Board for 6 years, and for 1 1/2 years he was the officer-in-charge of the Hammond Post Office.

Dan was a gentle man, a man of faith, a man who loved his Lord and family very much. He was an amazing husband, father, and grandfather. He was known for his witty sense of humor and the many funny stories he enjoyed telling, especially with his sons and grandkids. He loved to sing, and he had a great voice, like Marty Robbins. For many years, he enjoyed attending Rangeland Ministries Church in Alzada.

Dan is survived by his wife Carolyn of Hammond; Sons, Shane (Cherry) of Wibaux MT, Troy (Debbie) of Hammond MT, Chad (Sonja) of Hammond MT; 10 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren.



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For more information and directions to Mary Ann's home call: Mary Ann at 509-431-7869, Kathy Soper Clarkson at 307-281-2967, Harry Stordahl at 307-281-1051, Judy Merrill Bonefield at 605-639-9839 or Karen Brammer at 307-630-3950.

She is survived by her son Ivan Rosander of Belle Fourche; mother, Rosemary Seymour of Spearfish; brother Shawn (Sherry) Seymour of Tensleep, WY; sisters, Sherry (Bob) Ewing of Spearfish and Rhonda (Bruce) Kvernevig of Aberdeen, SD; brothers-in-law Lane (Tina) of Washington and Tim (Terry) of California; sisters-in-law, D'Anna (Dean) Bittner of Belle Fourche and Sharon Rosander of Spearfish and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are pending in the care of Kline Funeral Chapel of Belle Fourche. Once we know the day and time of services the website will be updated.

The funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed on Bonnie's obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com
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- Keep a manageable number of financial accounts. The fewer bank and brokerage accounts you have, the easier it will be to keep track of everything. You might even want to consolidate accounts when possible.
- Report your change of address. Whenever you move, contact your financial services providers and any former employers with whom you may have retirement accounts.



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- Report name changes. If you change your name, notify new and old 401(k) plan administrators, banks, brokerages and any other institution connected to your money.
- Manage retirement accounts when you change jobs. If you leave your job, you might be able to leave your 401(k) behind with your old employer. But if you do, keep track of it. On the other hand, you could roll your old plan into your new employer's plan or into an IRA.
- Inform your financial professional about all your accounts. If you work with a financial professional, they can help you track your accounts, so inform them of all past and present IRAs and 401(k)s or similar employer-sponsored plans.

So far, we've looked at ways you can prevent losing track of financial accounts. But can you do anything if you suspect you've already left some money behind?

If you think you've lost tabs on an IRA, you can check old tax returns and bank statements to help you track your contributions and find the name of the financial provider

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You can get some help from other sources, too. The Department of Labor recently launched a retirement savings lost-and-found database (lost-found.dol.gov)

that can help you find pension or 401(k) plans connected to your Social Security number. For a stray IRA, you can check unclaimed.org, the website of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators. And for various other sources of money — including uncashed checks from corporations and financial institutions, inactive brokerage accounts and unclaimed safe deposit boxes — you can check MissingMoney.com, the unclaimed property website of the National Association of State Treasurers.

These sites offer no guarantees of finding your lost or missing accounts or other sources of money, so you still may have to do your own sleuthing. But as the old saying goes, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" — which, in this case, means you'll help yourself greatly by tracking your accounts from beginning to end.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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Next Sale - June 27 - Regular Sale - Selling all classes of cattle - 10 AM
No Sale July 4 - Have a safe 4th of July!
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Lamb market was steady with good demand
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Next Sale - June 26 - Regular sale - Selling all classes of sheep & goats
Thank you for your business!

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Thursday, June 26, 2025
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July 31st - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 7th - No Sale Due To The Sturgis Bike Rally
August 14th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 21st - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 28th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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September 11th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 18th - Annual Replacement Ewe, Ewe Lamb & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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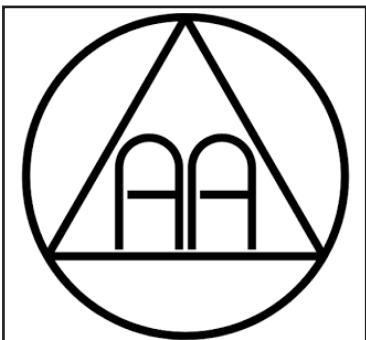
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125 years ago
Northwest TIMES
June 21, 1900
BRYAN PREDICTS A SWE-EPING VICTORY Democrats Enthusiastic and Aggressive, While Republicans Are on the Defensive. Chicago, June 14 - "I would be doing an injustice to the people of America to admit that the republicans will carry a single state," said William Jennings Bryan, when he was asked where the democratic sentiment was strongest this year. "The democratic party is in much better shape than it was on the eve of the last presidential campaign. Its members are enthusiastic and hopeful. All over the country there is a feeling of coming victory. The democratic party is united; the republican party is divided upon the issues that have come to the front during the last two years. It is on the defensive. The democratic party is on the aggressive." Cowboys to Celebrate Sioux Falls, S. D. J

100 years ago
The Northwest Post
June 11 2025
EXTRAORDINARY WIRE SERVICE For Round-Up for News Gatherers and Car Loads of "near" Intoxicants, and Yet so "Far" Rapid City Journal: The Western Union Telegraph Company is making arrangements for special telegraph service at Belle Fourche during the Tri-State Round-Up, announced J. J. Brittnacher, commercial manager, who was in the city Wednesday. The purpose of the service is to accommodate the special newspaper correspondents who will be there from at least six metropolitan dailies. Among those who will have special men at Belle Fourche are the Denver Post and the Minneapolis Journal.

Each newspaper representative will probably use from 500 to 1,000 word story each day during the rodeo. Skilled operators will be on hand to handle the work for the Western Union.

Two carloads, containing 1,600 cases or 33,400 bottles of pop, have been ordered from the Rapid City Bottling Works by the LaBelle Creamery Company, distributors, of Belle Fourche, says the Rapid City Journal. This huge consignment will be but a part of the pop that will be shipped to Belle Fourche by the local concern for the Tri-State Round-Up. The Rapid City Bottling Works is now busy filling the enormous order.

Pearson Building The Pearson building, occupied by Frost's furniture store, is being improved by a coat of paint. Mr. Pearson is setting a good example by attending to the outside appearance of his several buildings, including the Iris theatre.

Now if the interior of the theatre could be made more attractive in the same manner, and the ancient curtain advertisements changed to include some of the present-day business houses and exclude some that are of the long ago, Iris attractions would be able to spend the time of waiting in contemplating with satisfaction a more attractive and up-to-date

auditorium. Also, the theatre would receive more compliments during the Round-Up.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
June 21, 1950
People Nine out of 10 persons in the county probably can tell you who John Campbell is. The former agricultural superintendent of the local U & I sugar company district has turned farmer these past two years. Campbell now is the company's superintendent of arms and feeding and also operates the firm's experimental farm in the Arpan area. The place is 16 miles east of Belle Fourche. Campbell, who originally came from Rapid City, moved to Belle Fourche in 1939. He is married, has three daughters and one son. Like Campbell, Ted Helmer, is a well-known figure in the county. He lives eight miles east of Belle Fourche on highway 212. There are three children- two daughters and a son in the family. Helmer has lived in the area most of his life. Down from the north yesterday came Peter J. Verhulst of Reva, and Don Thompson, who lives south of Buffalo. Verhulst, in town on business, lives two miles south of Reva on a ranch which he manages for his mother.

Fire Wipes Out Barn, Shed Sunday on McDowell Ranch Lightning started a fire which destroyed a barn and sheep shed on the Tex McDowell place 10 miles west of Alzada Sunday morning. No one was injured, but the two buildings were wiped out. McDowell said yesterday that the blaze broke out as the family was gathered around their breakfast table Sunday morning.

They heard a loud crash as the lightning struck, and a few moments later a ranch had rushed in to tell them the barn was ablaze. The owner said that inside of two minutes a pillar of flame was shooting 50-foot skyward from the blazing barn.

A saddle horse and miscellaneous equipment was removed from the flaming building. Inside of 30 minutes the two structures were destroyed. The barn, a log-sided affair, was 35 by 18 feet, and contained eight or 10 tons of hay, which was also destroyed.

50 years ago
The Belle Fourche Daily Post
June 19, 1975

There Goes A Dinosaur In case you're interested - One of Bud (George) Kiplinger's dinosaurs is headed for California today. That's true. Students from the archeology class of Merced College at Merced, Calif., have been on the Kiplinger ranch north of Belle Fourche for more than a week digging up the remains of a Plesiosaur dinosaur which will be taken back to Merced College for reconstruction. The group was headed by Charles Ostrander, archeology instructor at Merced College. There were 17 students in the group. The bones were discovered several years ago by Kiplinger. They were checked



by Mary Buchholz

and verified by authorities from the School of Mines at Rapid City. What's a Merced College professor doing out here? How come they came after the fossils? Actually, Kiplinger and Ostrander are old friends. Ostrander was born in Harding county, grew up in Deadwood even ran a newspaper at Buffalo Gap before he became a college professor.

One day Kiplinger asked Ostrander if he wanted a dinosaur, and that's how it all came about. The School of Mines did not continue the excavation since they have one of these models. Ostrander says the find is "about average" except for one thing. The bones were found in a far newer strata of soil than is normal. It also apparently had been eating snails. The archeologist says finding an explanation for these two apparent variations from the normal should prove interesting. The Merced College group was slated to leave for California today.

St. Onge Ready for 29th Show The 29th annual St. Onge Rough Riders Rodeo gets under way at the St. Onge arena along highway 34 Saturday afternoon. The rodeo is a two-day affair, featuring saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, Brahma bull riding, calf roping, steer-wrestling, old man's break-away roping, RCA barrel racing, pony chariot racing.

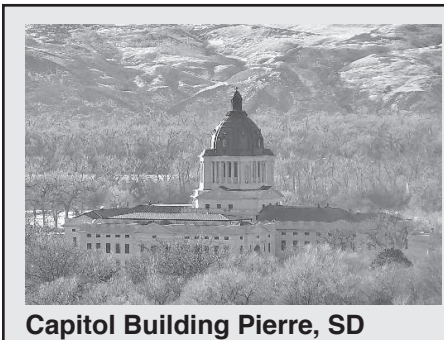
A sterling silver buckle, along with the prize money, will be awarded the winners in each event. Rodeo headquarters will be at the St. Onge Grocery. Marvin Klein of Carson, S.D. will be the clown and bull-fighter for the RCA approved show. Lyle Graves, Billings, veteran rodeo announcer, will handle the microphone. The traditional boys and girls calf scramble will be held Sunday. A sterling silver trophy buckle will be awarded the all-around cowboy as a memorial to the late Gene Madison. The trophy buckle will be awarded to the top point getter in two or more events. Belle Fourche Cowboy band will be on hand Sunday afternoon. Dr. M. A. Marousek, Belle Fourche physician, will be attending Saturday and Dr. George Genter, Sturgis, will be on hand Sunday. The Fidler ambulance will be on hand both days.

Korkow livestock will provide the basis for the action in this weekend's rodeo. There will be a street dance at St. Onge Saturday night. Tony Chytka, Black Hills State College student probably will be among the cowboys competing in the bull riding event at the 19th annual Rough Riders Rodeo at St. Onge. Chytka hopes to fill his permit this summer and get an RCA card.

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Show Up

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It must be believed to be seen! *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory* is this week!! The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater cast & crew is excited to fill the Rec Center Theater at four shows this weekend: Thurs-Fri, June 26th, 27th, & 28th at 7 PM & Sunday, June 30th at 3 PM. Word has it that this production is bright, edgy, & witty, bringing to life fantastic characters, a set built to impress, and fast-paced musical numbers.

The musical is all about the world-famous Willy Wonka, who is opening the gates to his mysterious factory...but only to a lucky few. Young Charlie Bucket and four other golden ticket winners will embark on a life-changing journey through Wonka's world of pure imagination including chocolate waterfalls, nutty squirrels and the great glass elevator, all to be revealed by Wonka's army of curious Oompa-Loompas. "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" is your golden ticket! Tickets are on sale through the BFACT website or at the door before any performance. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors/veterans and \$5 for students. You won't want to miss out on this magical musical for all ages!

For more information and ticket sales, visit the BFACT website: <https://www.bellefourcheact.com>

Tickets are now on sale for Roald Dahl's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!" - a trip into a world of pure imagination! The show is June 26 - 28 at 7 PM & June 29 at 3 PM, and there will only be 350 tickets sold for each performance so don't miss out. You can get your tickets online now through the BFACT website (bellefourcheact.com) or at the door. Come support BFACT's 15th Season and enjoy some amazing musical theater!

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 are underway! Grab your lawn chair every Thursday this summer and head down to the Center of the Nation Visitor's Center from 6-9 PM for great music, food, & fun. Check out the lineup below.

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

June 26-29, Thurs.-Sun., The BFACT Musical Production: *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*; Performances Thurs-Sat at 7 PM; Sunday at 3 PM. Tickets are \$15, \$5 for students; \$10 for Seniors.

July 4th - BFACT Reunion parade float and BBQ - See BFACT website for details

June 5 to August 7, Hometown Thursdays throughout the summer from 6-9 PM. This summer's lineup:

June 26th - Jessica Loobey

July 3rd - Brandon Jones; July 10th - Revolver; July 17 - Stereo Trip ; July 24th - Badger Horse, ; July 31st - Wilt Brothers; & August 7th - Dakota Country

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Hamilton Inc, Osage WY	5	Black-Cow	1510	167.00	\$ 2,521.70
	6	Black-Cow	1197	183.00	\$ 2,189.90
	1	Black-Cow	1425	167.50	\$ 2,386.87
Hubbard Cattle Co, Recluse WY	9	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1503	167.00	\$ 2,510.56
Consignment From SD	4	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1524	168.00	\$ 2,559.90
Six-Ess Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Hft	1120	220.00	\$ 2,464.00
Todd Or Nancy Collins, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1635	168.00	\$ 2,746.80
	1	Bwf-Cow	1675	162.00	\$ 2,713.50
Lucas & Melinda Stolhammer,					
Newcastle W.	5	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1466	167.00	\$ 2,448.22
	1	Black-Cow	1320	165.00	\$ 2,178.00
Muleshoe Ranch Inc,					
Belle Fourche SD	5	Black-Hft	1057	227.50	\$ 2,404.67
Jason King, Hammond MT	6	Black-Cow	1285	164.50	\$ 2,113.82
	5	Black-Hft	971	251.00	\$ 2,437.21
Wagner Trust, Moorcroft WY	1	Black-Hft	900	245.00	\$ 2,205.00
Ed & Linda Scott, Moorcroft WY	2	Rd/Blk-Cow	1455	164.00	\$ 2,386.20
David & Sandra Holland,					
Moorcroft WY	1	Red-Hft	1100	230.00	\$ 2,530.00
Tyler Robertson, Hermosa SD	17	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1329	167.00	\$ 2,219.62
	1	Rwf-Hft	1090	207.50	\$ 2,261.75
	1	Black-Cow	1710	164.00	\$ 2,804.40
	1	Black-Cow	1475	167.50	\$ 2,470.62
Heather Senn, Opal SD	2	Rd/Blk-Cow	1378	166.00	\$ 2,286.65
Scott E Sewell, Newcastle WY	10	Black-Cow	1529	168.00	\$ 2,567.88
Dennis Denson, Ashland MT	2	Black-Cow	1570	166.50	\$ 2,614.05
Shawn Fligge, Upton WY	1	Black-Hft	1070	249.00	\$ 2,664.30
Mt Frye Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT	2	Black-Cow	1398	166.00	\$ 2,319.85
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka MT	2	Black-Cow	1328	166.50	\$ 2,210.28
Dan Mairs, Whitewood SD	1	Black-Cow	1560	167.50	\$ 2,613.00
	1	Black-Cow	1370	165.50	\$ 2,267.35
	1	Black-Hft	885	232.50	\$ 2,057.62
	1	Black-Cow	1205	167.00	\$ 2,012.35
Joseph/Melindie Burke, Newell SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1740	165.50	\$ 2,879.70
Dusty Fix, Ekalaka MT	3	Char/Red-Cow	1155	195.00	\$ 2,252.25
	1	Red-Cow	1640	168.00	\$ 2,755.20
Consignment From MT	1	Red-Cow	1125	180.00	\$ 2,025.00
	1	Red-Hft	1100	219.00	\$ 2,409.00
Ted Kautzman, Capitol MT	1	Black-Cow	1280	207.50	\$ 2,666.00
Jerry Vossler, Rozet WY	2	Black-Cow	1380	167.00	\$ 2,304.60
	1	Black-Cow	1330	172.00	\$ 2,287.60
Carla Snook, Hulet WY	5	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1223	201.00	\$ 2,458.23
	1	Black-Cow	1565	164.00	\$ 2,566.60

Hackamore Ranch Llc,					
Prairie City SD	2	Black-Cow	1573	168.50	\$ 2,649.66
	1	Black-Cow	1150	170.00	\$ 1,955.00
	2	Bwf-Cow	1360	167.00	\$ 2,271.20
Kari Kittelmann,	1	Black-Cow	1570	166.00	\$ 2,606.20
Scott Kittelmann, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1410	165.00	\$ 2,326.50
Jeremy Alley, Glendive MT	1	Black-Cow	1755	167.50	\$ 2,939.62
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	3	Black-Cow	1218	164.50	\$ 2,004.15
Tauk Stock & Barrel Llc,					
Hammond MT	2	Rwf/Her-Hft	1028	219.00	\$ 2,250.22
M W Cattle Co Llc, Newcastle WY	2	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1633	167.00	\$ 2,726.27
	1	Red-Cow	1485	168.50	\$ 2,502.22
Twenty One Ranch Inc,					
Sundance WY	6	Red/Rwf-Hft	1082	233.00	\$ 2,520.28
	2	Red/Rwf-Cow	1428	167.50	\$ 2,391.06
Bruce Ranch Inc, Newcastle WY	5	Black-Cow	1674	167.50	\$ 2,803.95
Robert Arpan, Alzada MT	3	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1585	167.50	\$ 2,654.87
Tooke Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT	2	Black-Cow	1255	175.00	\$ 2,196.25
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July 17, 2025	REGULAR SALE - SELLING ALL CLASSES
July 24, 2025	YEARLING SPECIAL - SELLING ALL CLASSES
July 31, 2025	YEARLING SPECIAL - SELLING ALL CLASSES
August 7, 2025	NO SALE - RALLY WEEK!
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Black Hills Roundup Welcomes New Carnival

Kaycee Monnens Cortner
BH Roundup Guest Post

The Black Hills Roundup is pleased to welcome a new carnival, Midway West Amusements, to its Fourth of July event in 2025.

Black Hills Roundup Chairman Dallas Conner said, "The carnival draws people from all over for the entertainment of it. Living in Belle Fourche, we don't have a whole lot of opportunities for a carnival, and it was important to the Roundup to get a good quality carnival to come in, and that was one of the big reasons for the change."

"We were just looking to improve the carnival. Carnivals are hard to find, so it took us a while, but I'm happy with who we found," she said. The owner of Midway West Amusements, Michelle Jensen, is equally happy to bring her amusements to downtown Belle Fourche.

Though Jensen has not yet been to Belle Fourche, her experience in the Dakotas has been positive. "I've really got to say the experience that I had in the Dakotas was very exciting. It was. Everybody's so thoughtful, so very happy to have you. It's very nice to have that welcoming."

Jensen is second-generation in the carnival business. Several of her six children are employed with the company, making them the third generation in the family business. "We're very family-oriented," said Jensen.

Originating from Sun City, Arizona, Midway West Amusements spends most of the summer bringing carnivals to

the Dakotas, Montana, and other northern states.

Midway West Amusements has a strict drug-free policy in place for employees. Each week, a safety team (made up of trained, senior employees) inspects each ride. Employees attend safety seminars, such as National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials, where they learn latest safety techniques.

They boast an "atmosphere of 'serious fun.'" According to their website, "We are serious about cleanliness, we're serious about a family atmosphere, we're serious about having fun, and we're serious about your complete satisfaction and our continued relationship."

Though Jensen is still finalizing exact amusements which will be available during the Roundup, she did mention a few likely attractions, including a Ferris wheel, a kamikaze, a zipper, a super loop, kiddie rides, lots of games, and plenty of fair food.

"It is just going to be a real family friendly experience. Something that everybody in the family is going to be able to enjoy," said Conner.

Carnival dates and ticket prices are as follows:
July 1-5
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Grand Opening of Northern Hills Thrift Store & Donation Center

New location will offer enhanced retail offerings and increased support for the Northern Hills

SPEARFISH, S.D. (June 20, 2025) – The Salvation Army of the Black Hills is thrilled to announce the grand opening of the new Northern Hills Thrift Store & Donation Center on Saturday, June 21st at 9:00 AM, serving South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana.

The new 20,000-square-foot store located at 125 Industrial Dr. in Spearfish, SD, features a 16,000-square-foot sales floor designed to enhance the customer experience with more products, improved retail offerings, plenty of parking and easier donation access.

"Our store is more than

just thrift store; it's a critical component of our mission to assist Northern Hills neighbors in need," said Major Jerry O'Neil, Black Hills Area Coordinator for The Salvation Army. "When the community shops, donates and volunteers at our Thrift Store, they directly support the wide range of programs we provide to individuals and families struggling with hunger, poverty, homelessness and other crises. The best part is that all funds are reinvested into the local community."

We envision the Northern Hills Thrift Store & Donation Center evolving into a hub for community support, with future plans to offer shared workspace for other non-profit

agencies. This multi-agency collaboration will significantly enhance services for residents and may even encourage new charitable organizations to join our efforts.

This new location will be open **Tuesday – Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.**

Directions to the New Store: From I-90, take Exit 14. Turn right onto 1st Ave. Continue straight until Industrial Ave. and turn right. Our parking lot will be on your right-hand side.

For more information, visit SalvationArmyUSA.org. Follow us on X @ [SalvationArmyUS](https://twitter.com/SalvationArmyUS) and #DoingTheMostGood and the local corps office @ [SalvationArmyRC](https://www.facebook.com/SalvationArmyRC) on Facebook.

Area Church Schedules

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

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

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

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

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Men's Bible Study 10am at the Senior Center
Women's Bible Study Tuesday 9am.
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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

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Pastor Sheri Fadley
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Sunday School 9:30 am
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Sunday: 10 a.m. worship service

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642-1122
Luke Bluhm, Pastor
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

NORTHERN HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST
5 miles South of Belle Fourche
on Hwy 85
642-7167
Calvin Chapm Int. Minister
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

NORTH POINT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
10959 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.

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

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Belle Fourche Rec Center
Sun: 9:30-12:30.
Contact: Nathan Thompson
605 569-3057
Sermons: fightintheshade

SALVATION ARMY OF THE NORTHERN HILLS
120 Ryan Rd., Spearfish
605-642-0924
Envoys: Tim and Peggy North

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Worship Service: 10:45am
Bible Study-Tuesday: 6:00pm

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

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL
6th and Roundup
892-2446
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The Rev. Sandy Williams, Priests Deacon
Rev. Mike Weaver
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Wednesday at 5:55 PM during
the school year.
Watch our Sunday service
live on Facebook.

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Sunday School and Worship
at 8:30 a.m.
www.bfsoucc.org

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
855 5th Ave.
Father Kevin Achbach, Pastor
Father Francis Nsubuga, Assoc. Pastor
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Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m.
Daily Mass: Weds. & Thurs. 12:15 p.m.
Confessions available one hour
before all Masses

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Seventh and Summit
892-4630 or 892-4389
Pastor Rick and Diane Brennan
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship
Kidz Church Immediately Following
Wednesday: September - May
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
Kidz Alive (Kindergarten - 6th Grade)

VALE COMMUNITY COUNTRY CHURCH
Pastor Darla Dunn
402 Rosander St. Vale SD 57788
Service Sunday: 10 a.m.
605-210-0512

Legal Notice

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 CONVENED 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
- a-CAA/PUBLIC DEFENDER b-JAIL c-POOR LIEN d-REG JUV DETENTION EXPENSES- APR 2025
- a-\$ 29,833.33 b-\$ 32,897 c-\$ 0.00 d-\$ 310.00
- EXPENSES-YTD \$ 132,354.76 \$ 181,436.65 \$ 6,000.00 \$ 310.00 \$
- EXPENSES RECOVERED- APR 2025
- a- \$3,940.07 b-\$1787.07 c- 0.00 d-\$120
- RECOVERED YTD
- a-\$ 21,637.17 b-\$ 13,419.71 c-\$ 2,493.00 d-\$ 48,989.38
- c. Bills per Printout
- d. Apportioning and Other Payments
- e. Register of Deeds Report
- f. Wage Increases
 - 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 Siemeta, Director of the BH Council of Local Government, presented the BHCLG 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.

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
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 SD Farm Wine (Sunday Sales)
Stone House Saloon Beverage 19001 2Y Ranch Lane Belle Fourche, SD 57717
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/WEEK 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, NNTL 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 BRYSO \$1,979.26, T HAUGEN \$60.00, WCKRLAW \$3,286.50

- PUBLICATIONS**
BH PNEER \$2,762.93, RENT/LEASE BH PURE \$91.75, CNTRY BUS PRDCTS \$483.16, CLGN \$161.50, THMS R-WST \$215.25
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE BTLR MCHNRY \$2,692.41, WD LRSN \$493.71, CRNTT CN-STRC \$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, RNING \$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, MNT-NA DKTA \$1,019.83, TWN NSLND \$80.26

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: James Ager, Chairperson
ATTEST: Annie Capp, Butte County The Butte County Commission is issuing a correction to the 03Jun2025 Meeting Minutes previously published. The corrected section is below:
Commissioner Ager read statement addressing 20May2025 regular Commission Meeting. The comment published in full below.
Statement for the Record – Butte County Commission Meeting, Tuesday, May 20. Video available at www.butte county.org
During the executive session of the Butte County Commission meeting held on Tuesday, May 20, while the Commissioners were out of the room, three individuals remained in the room. While the meeting camera continued recording, these individuals made multiple derogatory and inappropriate remarks directed at Butte County, its elected officials, and its employees. These comments included referring to an elected official and employees as "idiots" and making disrespectful, body-shaming remarks about employees at the Butte County Administration Building. The Butte County Commission finds such behavior reprehensible, offensive, and wholly unacceptable. These remarks do not represent the values or sentiments of the vast majority of Butte County's residents, who are respectful, civic-minded, and supportive of their public servants. The Commission formally condemns both the behavior and the comments made by these individuals and affirms its support for the dedicated employees and officials who serve the county with integrity. This statement is to be entered into the official minutes of the Butte County Commission. James Ager Chairman Butte County Commission Commissioner Chad Erk Commissioner Frank Walton Commissioner Terry Batterman Commissioner Tom Brunner-

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The Intangible Benefits of Truly Local Shopping

R.W. Edwards Deming once said, "It is not necessary to change, survival isn't mandatory." Change has never been more necessary than now. With the ongoing economic challenges, it is mandatory if a community is to survive and thrive. While we often discuss the solid financial reasons for spending our personal and local government dollars locally, what gets lost in these conversations are the intangible benefits coming from supporting locally owned businesses.



ly owned enterprises are far more likely to support local causes and nonprofits. This support manifests in multiple ways: serving on local boards, volunteering time, providing in-kind donations, and demonstrating genuine community pride. When business owners live where they work, they have a vested interest in the community's long-term success rather than quarterly profit margins determined elsewhere.

The numbers tell a compelling story. Small businesses currently employ 45.9% of American workers—approximately 59 million people across 33.3 million enterprises. More importantly, research by the American Independent Business Alliance reveals that 48% of each purchase at local independent businesses recirculates locally, compared to less than 14% of purchases at chain stores. This dramatic difference in economic impact extends far beyond mere dollars and cents. For those new to this discussion, hyper-local spending means supporting businesses that are locally owned and operated, where decision-making happens in your community rather than in distant corporate boardrooms.

Secondly, shopping local provides access to genuine expertise you simply cannot find online or in big-box stores. Local business owners become specialists in their field because their reputation depends on it. Whether you need advice on selecting the right tool, finding the perfect fit, or understanding complex products, local retailers offer personalized service that creates real value. This expertise often leads to discovering unique, locally made items you would never encounter while shopping online or out of town.

The information exchange that occurs during these interactions addresses a growing problem in our hyper-connected yet fragmented world. While information has never been more available, many residents in local communities suffer from information starvation—not knowing where to find reliable, relevant local knowledge. Shopping locally creates natural opportunities for community members to share vital information with each other.

Thirdly, when you shop at locally owned businesses, you cast a powerful vote for entrepreneurship and the American dream. Small businesses contributed 55% of total net job creation, demonstrating their crucial role in economic growth. Dollars spent locally represent investment in enhanced local entrepreneurship, which generates sustainable economic development. Supporting existing local businesses helps ensure these new entrepreneurs have thriving examples to follow and established networks to tap into. Fourth, hyper-local shopping creates irreplaceable social connections. When you shop local, you encounter neighbors, old friends, and potential new relationships. The COVID-19 pandemic taught us the immense value of human interaction and community connection—something entirely absent from online shopping experiences. This social capital contributes to the hustle and bustle that makes downtowns and Main Streets vibrant community centers. These interactions strengthen the social fabric that holds communities together during challenging times.

Communities with a strong local business bases show greater resilience during economic downturns. Small businesses represent 43.5% of GDP and pay 39% of all private sector payroll, making them essential for economic stability. When communities invest in local businesses, they build long-term sustainability and increased self-reliance—qualities that ensure survival regardless of external economic conditions. The future of small and medium-sized towns relies on locally owned business success. When we support them, we build our own Main Streets while sending less money to Wall Street. Local governments, communities, and residents can control this outcome by seeking every opportunity to support and shop hyper-locally. The choice is ours, and the stakes have never been higher.

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Turtle or Tortoise?

Meg English

news@bellefourchebeacon.com

Charlie was the featured guest at the June Family Fun Day at the Tri-State Museum last Sunday. The theme of the event was turtles and tortoises.

Charlie is a turtle who spends most of his time in or near water, although he also seemed to enjoy crawling on the carpet at the museum and as he entertained an audience of children eager to learn about him.

Turtles and tortoises look alike, but they are very different.

For example, tortoises can't swim and so they prefer to live

on the land. Turtles and tortoises inhabit the entire world and come in various sizes.

The event was well attended. Dads were admitted free in honor of fathers' day. There was a film, crafts, a book drawing, a take-home workbook and of course an appearance by Charlie. Refreshments were served. The Tri-State Museum hosts a family fun day once a month. Admission is \$2 per person or free with membership. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. For more information, call 605-723-1200.



It was **Father's Day** and here's a dad crafting with kids.



Charlie, Star of the Day!



Kids gather to watch **Charlie the turtle** crawl along the gallery floor.



Charlie the turtle is a member of Amanda's family; here Amanda poses with Tommy and Charlie.



Mavis won the book drawing! Congratulations!



A pink turtle? Why not? *English Photos*



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.

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.

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. We want to express our sincere gratitude for your dedicated service and sacrifices in securing our nation's freedom. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and remarkable courage. Lunch to be served until we run out of food or 1:00 pm. Whichever comes first.

Belle Fourche Freedom Rally

When: Tuesday July 1, 6pm-7pm Where: Butte County Courthouse 839 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD. Join us in celebrating 249 years of Freedom (1776-2025) at the start of the 106th Annual Black Hills Roundup! Freedom is as American as hotdogs and apple pie. Come pick up your free copy of the US Constitution (limited qty), an icy cold water and bring your donations of non-perishable food items for the Belle Fourche Compassion Cupboard! Hosted by Belle Fourche Pro-Democracy Squad, Lawrence County Democrats and Indivisible Rapid City.

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Figuring Out the Future Newell City Business

Betty Bruner
news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NEWELL-The June 9, 2025 Newell City Commissioners discussed several items ranging from building permits to new hires and community spirit.

Two part-time people have been hired to take care of city maintenance with the loss of City Foreman Verl Tift. Commissioner Josh Mackaben said that the men were going "above and beyond" their duties.

As wages were discussed for future hires, most of the commission felt the need to have a fair wage as noted by Mayor Tennis.

"We need to figure something out for the future," said Mackaben.

It was decided that a beginning wage would be offered at \$18/hour. As noted by the Mayor, the consensus was that it seemed to be fair as an opening offer.

A building permit and approval for the combination of lots was approved. Lots for 116 and 122 4th Street were voted to combine in order to have one address. A building permit was also granted for the home to be built by Brian and Elfa Trimble. It was necessary for the commissioners to approve the combination in order to receive the correct 911 address.

Another building permit was granted for 801 Bernaud Ave. for storage.

A student working his way through college approached the commissioners to explain his internship with Southwestern Advantage. He is working his way through college to earn a major in Business Administration. Kristops Rupmanis, from Lativa, is selling books and delivering them to households throughout western South Dakota. As

he displayed the books he is selling, he explained the importance of teaching children from pre-school through high school the basics of English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Rupmanis has sold books in Belle Fourche, Summerset, Custer, Hot Springs and several other areas. He plans to also go north to Lemmon and that area.

The commissioners voted to approve his Peddlers License. The cost of a license is \$50 and necessary for anyone selling in the Newell area.

Permission was granted for two tractor pulls in the Newell area. The first one will be August 31, during Labor Day weekend. The second will be September 13.

Randy Vaughn, from Randy Vaughn Plumbing and Heating, will be working on the interior sewer line at the city shop.

The commissioners were excited to promote spirit by giving the nod to implementing a "Yard of the Month."

During Citizen's Comments a citizen gave her comments about rumors around the town. She said that she is "sick of hearing" them and that it "needs to stop." She added that she expects the council to be objective and have no personal agendas.

Another citizen took the time to further explain a situation that had occurred last month. He said that the council had not been voted in "to do personal vendettas."

It was noted that there has been some vandalism at Hope Cemetery. Several headstones have been vandlised.

Mayor Tennis noted that the Lions Club and some students have been cleaning ditches.

The next regular Newell Commission meeting will be July 14 at 5 p.m. in the City Offices on Third Street.

Giving a Hand Up to Students



Kristops Rupmanis from Lativa, showed the Newell City Commission a sample of the books he would like to sell in Newell. He is working his way through college. Betty Bruner photo

Local Businesses Give a Hand Up

Guest Correspondent
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High Plains Restaurant and Nisland Farm Fresh Market teamed up in May to support Newell School District families by collecting donations to cover unpaid school lunch balances.

Together, they raised over \$385, a meaningful step toward

easing the burden for local students and parents.

"This isn't about handouts—it's about giving a hand up," said one organizer. "Every dollar shows our kids that their community cares."

The Newell Booster Club accepted the donation on behalf of the Newell School District.

High Plains and Nisland Farm Fresh Market are proud to support our community and school, one meal, one act of kindness at a time.

Pictured Shelby High Plains Restaurant, Gwen Kitzen Nisland Farm Fresh Market, Katie Donahay, Newell Booster Club Treasurer



Shelby from High Plains restaurant, Gwen Kitzen, Nisland Farm Fresh Market, and Katie Donahay, Newell Booster Club Treasurer. Courtesy photo

Newell Elementary Visits Windfarm

NEWELL, SD - Earlier this month local students from Newell Elementary School toured Orsted's Willow Creek facility in Newell, South Dakota. Ms. Stockert, 4th grade teacher at Newell Elementary stopped by the company's operations building to inquire about tours for students. Sean Salisbury,

Plant Manager at Orsted, a native of Sturgis and current resident, worked with Ms. Stockert to get the visit scheduled. On May 15, 19 fourth graders and 3 teachers met at the O&M building, where they learned about the day to day operations of the site and how a wind turbine works. From there they toured the substation and

the base of one of the turbines. "Seeing the excitement the kids showed and the questions they asked was remarkable," said Sean Salisbury, Plant Manager at Orsted. "This goes high on the list for best experiences I've had since entering the renewable field."



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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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We had rain and some nasty wind last Sunday night and I dumped just under an inch out of the rain gauge. We had water in the basement again and Reub spent quite a while vacuuming that up off the floor down there. Reub went spraying weeds over at the Wilkinson place after it dried up a little and I spent the afternoon picking up all the branches that the nasty wind blew off the trees in the yard. I had to water the gardens again on Tuesday and then Reub brought me the tomato cages that he had stored in the other machine shed so I put them on the tomato plants to support them, but I need to get more of them because I don't have enough. Reub and I went to Hettinger Wednesday morning to get our oil changed and the tires rotated on the pickup at Laufers Vermeer. I had an appointment

at the clinic that morning so Reub dropped me off there and when my appointment was over I walked through the cemetery on the way to Laufers and the guys who work on the cemetery do a beautiful job. After that horrible wind Monday night we saw a lot of damage on our way to town with a lot of trees blown over and some buildings tipped over. Someone told us that the wind registered 104mph at the wind towers and it was also terrible in Bowman with roofs blown off houses and grain bins tipped over. Thankfully, the wind wasn't that strong here but it still messed things up for us. We stopped in Reeder on the way home to pick up our push mower that John Brown fixed for us and then had coffee with the Prairie Pioneers. Most everyone there had gone to Marjorie Frandsen's funeral in Hettinger on Monday but the wind had knocked the electric power out at the Methodist Church so her funeral was

held at Evanson-Jensen Funeral home before Marjorie was brought back for burial at the Reeder cemetery. There wasn't any mail on Thursday because of the new national holiday Juneteenth. With a high temperature of 93 degrees I had to water all the gardens that morning while Reub was spraying weeds up at the Horse Creek pasture. I turned the air conditioner on while I baked some goodies for the lunch and fellowship at Slim Buttes Lutheran Church on Sunday because Linda Mohagen and I were serving after the church service. Casey packed up and left for his college wrestling reunion in the Black Hills that afternoon and Amanda went to Buffalo to help with the Buffalo Clinic barbeque supper at Centennial Park that evening while Missy kept the little people at her house. It was 91 degrees when Reub went back up to spray weeds at the Horse Creek pasture Friday

morning and he got home just a little late for lunch. Everyone here had gone down to Belle Fourche for practice for Jarett Jensen's wedding. Copper, River, Shylo and Scout were to be flower girls and Knox was going to be the ring bearer. Thad came up to get his mail late that afternoon after they got done branding at the Carr ranch east of Prairie City and he said that our nephew Chip Olson was there helping brand too. While Thad was still here we got a severe storm and tornado alert on my phone just before the storm hit, bringing hail, rain, and wind so strong that it blew over a big elm tree in our yard just about falling on the house next door. The hail dropped some big stones that tore a hole in the plastic siding on the air conditioner in the west window that let a lot of rain inside on the living room floor. Thankfully, the hail didn't break any windows and all we saw of the tornado was some tails of it in the cloudy sky that didn't come down on us, although three people were killed by tornados north of us in North Dakota. Thad brought the shop vacuum upstairs to suck up the water off the living room floor while Reub was mopping up the rain that ran into our basement and I picked up the hail stones. Reub sprayed weeds by the Papka dam up north Saturday morning and then Reub hauled that big tree that got blown down to the dump and Missy came over to help us pick up all the rest of the big branches that were busted off and spread all over the yard so Reub could haul them and the kids' climbing

tent that the tree crushed to the dump. The yard is still covered with small branches and leaves that we'll have to rake up. We left for the wedding reception after Jarett Jensen and Sage Brooks' wedding at the Country Club in Belle Fourche that afternoon and got to see a lot of old friends and family. Shirley Moseley's brother Maynard Teppo, age 89 of Belle Fourche, died Wednesday, June 18, at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center in Sturgis. His funeral service was held on Wednesday, June 25, at St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche with interment at Black Hills National Cemetery, with Military Honor provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard. After the damage our military was able to do to Iran, I'll leave you with this: "The time has come to turn to God and reassert our trust in Him for the healing of America...Our country is in need of and ready for a spiritual renewal." Ronald Reagan

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Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

June 24, 1915

Albert K. Balderson, a man 73 years-old, living at Stoneville, met with a peculiar accident a couple of weeks ago. He woke one morning to find his jaw dislocated, and he is at a loss to know how it happened, but it is presumed that he yawned quite wide in his sleep. He received medical attention here on Saturday.

Jones was telling friend Brown, "A burglar got into my house about 3:00 this morning when I was on my way home from the club." Brown asked, "Did he get something?", to which Jones replied, "The poor devil is in the hospital. My wife thought it was I."

Stephan Graf and wife and son Louis, were in from Hoover country Tuesday. He will be remembered around Vale, that Louis Graf is the young man who had his back broken while putting up hay on the Braden Ranch during the summer of 1912. In spite of the doubts of physicians and the fact that he was unable to use his limbs for over 2 years, Louis is now able to get about fairly well with the assistance of 2 canes.

June 20, 1925

The Nichols Smoke Shop will cease business in Newell about July 1st according to a statement made this week by Harry Nichols, present proprietor. Mr. Nichols' plans are indefinite, but he is considering a location in Gillette, Wyo. An unconfirmed rumor has been heard around town that the smoke room has been leased for either a Gambles or Red Owl Store.

Citizenship papers are being filed for Mr. & Mrs. J. Zwetzig, who have resided in Vale vicinity for several years. Dr. Clark reports the birth of a daughter on Friday, June 14th, to Mr. & Mrs. Carl Zwetzig living west of Vale.

Sealed Bids will be received until 4:00 o'clock, June 25th for the hay on the Newell Airport. Bidders may cut and remove the hay at their convenience, but no later than July 20th. Consult George Maass, City Marshall for particulars.

A pre-school clinic will be held in Newell Thursday and Friday, when all children of pre-school age will be given free physical examinations. The clinic, June 27, will be held at Dr. Clark's office and the one on June 28 will be at Dr. Hills' office. Smallpox Vaccination and diphtheria immunizations will be given. Relief people will be given these vaccinations free, but there will be a charge

of \$1.00 for diphtheria and 50 cents for smallpox vaccinations for those who are able to pay.

June 18, 1935

Indications are that a large number of boys and girls from neighboring communities will attend Newell High School this fall. In order to accommodate these young people, it will be necessary for all of us in Newell to make a little personal sacrifice. If it is at all possible for us to take in one or two these young people into our homes, we should do so. The cause is a worthy one and the little inconvenience that it may cause will be more than offset by the good it will do. Boys and girls ready for high school and desire a place where they can work for their board or secure rooms, should get in touch with Supt. Hanson or Mr. Scott.

Launching a campaign against the magpies of his vicinity, Charles Collins, a 14-year-old lad, took into the Pennington County Treasurer's Office with the heads of 751 magpies and the paws of 4 gophers, for which he collected \$75.

While in Nisland Wednesday the State Sheriff took a "punch" at the punch board in Gartley's Store and "won" 7 or 8 of the big prizes. He confiscated the board and prizes and took them to Belle Fourche with him.

A charivari was held for George and Hazel Arpan around midnight Wednesday of last week with the usual noise of blank shots, ringing of cowbells and rattle of tin cans. There was a large crowd to enjoy the fun.

June 21, 1945

George W. Quinn, aged 26, was one of 110 men who lost their lives in a mine disaster in Chile, South America this week. He was employed as an engineer with the Braden Copper Company in Chile. Fire in an underground shop got out of control and caused this calamity. George Quinn was born in Newell, son of Mr. & Mrs. William Quinn, formerly Newell, now Rapid City. George graduated with the NHS Class of 1936 and graduated from the State School of Mines. He was expected to be home in August on a vacation.

The Welfare Dance at Camp Creek Pavilion, postponed for several weeks on account of inclement weather and bad roads, is really coming off next Saturday, June 23. The dance is sponsored by the VFW, and the proceeds of the affair will go for the benefit of local war veterans.

by Linda Velder

The State Highway traffic counters were working in this vicinity again last week. As usual, they came at a time when the state roads, especially 212 and 79, were in miserable condition. The fact that they come at such a time each year leads our people to believe it must be planned that way. The policy is to give the most service to the highways carrying the heaviest traffic, as determined by these counts. By all the rules of honesty and fairness, why not make the traffic count on these roads when they are dry and capable of carrying the normal amount of travel by people who are absolutely dependent upon them?

June 23, 1955

Richard Langdon, Spearfish, has been elected Principal



Marie Nissen honored, 1965, for 20 years as Secretary at US Experiment Newell Field Station. Front Row: Carl Orwick, Andrew Syverts, Dr. James Thomas, Leo Walloth Back Row: Earl Kumpula, Alfred Barber, Marie Nissen, Neil Dimick Joseph Bonnemann

of the Newell High School for 1955-56. He will also teach mathematics and chemistry. Supt. G. W. Austin announced. Mr. Langdon is a graduate of Nisland High School and received his bachelor's degree from the Black Hills Teachers College. He will receive his master's degree in School Administration in August from Adams State Teachers College at Alamosa, Colorado. Other School Board action taken; Mrs. Melvin Brennaman, former first grade teacher, has been elected to teach second grade and Mr. William Glendenning, has been hired as music instructor and plans to start band practice after August 1st.

An error in last week's paper an advertisement erroneously listed "Firestone" tires and batteries as items to be secured at the 212-79 Service Center. Actually, the Service

Center specializes in "Good Year" products, has none of the other brand goods listed. The error would have overstocked the Service Station.

Mrs. Teresa McDonough of Rapid City, Mrs. Robert Lyons and family and John Jungwirth were dinner guests Sunday at the Frank Wendt home at Castle Rock. The most pleasant afternoon was spent.

Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Malcolm and Jerry left last Wednesday for Aberdeen to attend the horse

service in such capacity Monday, when Station Supt. Carl J. Erickson presented her with a 20-year pin and USDA Certificate in recognition of such service. Mrs. Nissen first came to work at the station for Director Carl T. Larson in May 1945, replacing Mrs. Larry Prestjohn (the former Mary Nelson). During her 20 years there, she has served under Supt. Larson, Supt. Harry E. Weakly, Supt. Jack Bond and Supt. Erickson. The presentation was made at a coffee party for the occasion, with Erickson also reading 2 letters of congratulations from Director Cecil H. Wadleigh, Director of Agriculture Research Service, Beltsville, M.D. and Director C. E. Evans, Chief Northern Plains Branch, ARC, Ft. Collins, C.O.

Mrs. Marion Rathbun, Nisland, and Inez Hafner left by plane Tuesday from Rapid City on the first leg of their European tour. They will go to Minneapolis, to Chicago and then to Montreal, Canada, to spend a week before leaving for Europe. They expect to be away for about 2 months.

A change of venue was granted by Circuit Judge Leslie Hersrud of Lemmon at Belle Fourche Thursday in the case of State vs Carl Benson, Mud Butte on a charge of sheep theft when the defense moved for same primarily on the basis that recent publicized statements issued at the recent Saturday Stock Growers Association. There resulted in prejudice against the defendant. The Circuit Court was of the opinion that such published statements, coupled with the location of the conviction, afforded basis for belief that the defendant could not be afforded a fair and impartial trial in Butte County. The case will be tried in Lawrence County on September 13 with Circuit Judge Clarence Cooper presiding. The trial of the case against two others, Robert Dow of Fairpoint and Howard Benson of Newell, on a similar charge, in connection with theft of 68 sheep from Earl Clark and Company in Butte County will be held after that of State vs Benson.

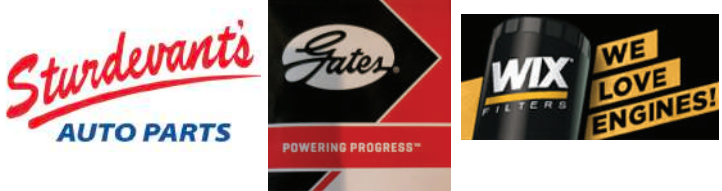
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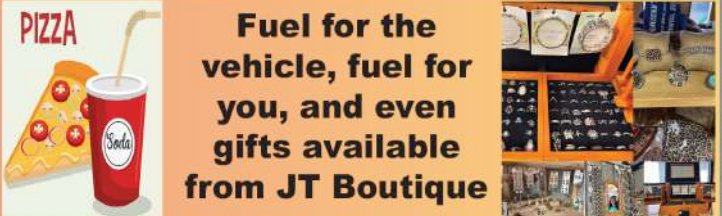
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Bratton's to Newmart

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NEWELL-Call it Bratton's Cash and Carry, Mettler's, Hidden Out, Newell Grocery, or Newmart it's the same local grocery store found in downtown Newell since 1916.

Known as Bratton's until 1971, the brick building housed a store that supplied many of the needs of local residents. Then in 1971, Dick and Carol Mettler bought the building and the grocery store took on a new name-Mettler's Jack and Jill.

Mettler's offered a complete line of groceries, meat and fresh produce. Eventually, a wide selection of movie and video rentals were offered. The store also offered UPS package pickup.

After 26 years of supplying the grocery needs of the locals, Dick and Carol sold the store to Ronald and Tinya Conway. The Conways took over on August 1, 1997.

Conway had worked for several different grocery stores for several years and had the knowledge and desire to own a store of his own.

Now known as Hidden Out Grocery, the store was no longer a Jack and Jill, but was affiliated with Nash Finch of Rapid City.

Then one morning in 2001, customers were met with a sign in the window saying, "Closed. Thank you to all of our loyal customers and friends." Hidden

Out Grocery was closed after a four-year run and 92 years of continuous operation as a grocery store.

The Conways had done several updates to the building built in 1917. They installed a suspended ceiling and repainted the interior.

Hidden Out provided bulk orders for the Newell School District, local restaurants, and living centers.

Many residents at the time voiced their concern over losing the local grocery store. Conway said that the situation was common in small towns of South Dakota. Business had been on the decline since the supercenters had opened in the area.

The building sat still and silent for several months. But on a Saturday morning in October 2002, there was life to be found. Amid the empty shelves, silent coolers, and bare freezers, a crowd had formed as the building went on the auction block.

To the applause and cheers of by-standers, Howard (Howdy) Hobernicht took center stage and signed the closing paperwork.

Howdy said he bought the building and coolers, shelves, shopping carts and "whatever lurks in the basement."

In 2009, the grocery store was again sold after being closed for the "better part of a year." Still known as Newell Grocery Store, the new owners were Scott and Belinda Rov-

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ere. They planned changes to the store to make it more user friendly.

The plans of the Rovers focused on making the store a place for the people of Newell to enjoy the shopping experience and take pride in the local store.

Most of their plans were not realized as once again the store was sold about two years later to Ryan and Val Meyer in 2011. The Meyers took over operations with plans to restore the old building to its glory days as one of the biggest department stores in the Black Hills.

Howdy and Peggy Hobernicht were also part owners. The couple who had owned the store in the interim weren't prepared to operate a grocery store and wanted to sell it back to Howdy.

Howdy has been part of the operations of the Newmart and been on-scene for several years. However, the end is near.

The 109-year-old grocery store will be closing June 30. Once the biggest department store of the area, the grand old building will be silent.

The question remains though, will it be silent for long? The long history of the building on Girard Street in downtown Newell shows that there's always a need and desire for a real grocery store in Newell. There may be someone who has great plans for the imposing brick building.

Left: The original Bratton's General Store.
Below Left: Newell Grocery circa 2012
Below: Dick Mettler brought movie rentals to the store.



Working Together

On the hottest days in June, a determined crew of 18 volunteers conquered the task of putting a giant erector set together.

The Newell Community Club has been raising funds to rebuild the grandstand for years. The purchase was made for a 102' by 10 row bleacher.

The set includes six spaces for wheelchairs and three sets of handrails to make it more accessible.

The workers spent two days

figuring out the plans and erecting the bleachers.

Although they are not completely finished, it is nice to see progress.

Blue Line Diner generously fed the crew with their delicious cheese burgers.

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On Her Way

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During this time of teacher shortages throughout the nation, Newell is growing their own.

Marlee Sais has qualified to be part of the SD TAP Cohort 3 Group.

Sais moved to Newell barely three years ago with a dream to become a teacher.

She took a slight detour as an assistant cook in the Newell School District, but her heart was in the teacher's role.

The opportunity to become a paraprofessional came up and she began her voyage to becoming a teacher.

As a para, she got a taste for teaching and enthusiastically jumped in with both feet.

Sais had this to say about her new adventure, "It's quite the shock that I was chosen to be part of such a wonderful program through the state of South Dakota. Being chosen for the SD TAP program is a dream come true. It is a life-changing opportunity for me and my daughter. I hope to make my family, friends, school, and our community proud. I am truly honored and blessed. We Are Newell!"

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How Many Pies Does it Take?

Editor's note: This article was not run completely.

On, April 25, 2005, at the Vallery lodge the first meeting of the Nisland-Arpan Fire Auxiliary. Those in attendance were Karrol Herman, Sandy Heidrich, Rhonda Vallery, and Codi Vallery. Not a single member knew of the impact they were going to have on the community.

"It started with a group of ladies that were community minded, and wanted to preserve the history of the fire department." Said Rhonda Vallery while I helped her and Sandy Heidrich cut up rhubarb for the upcoming pie sale in August.

"When we started we had to borrow \$250 dollars from the firemen, to become incorporated." Sandy said. A lot has changed in twenty years, but one thing that hasn't changed is Sandy and Rhonda. Through the years members have come and

gone, but Sandy and Rhonda have stuck it out for twenty years!

The Auxiliary's first event was an Ice cream social courtesy of Edy's ice cream in the summer of 2005. Karla Lewis entered the department in an online promotion to receive the Ice cream for a hometown hero summer block party. Many different fundraisers and community events have continued from that moment on, including bake sales, a movie night, soup suppers, potato topper suppers, and an annual pie sale, which leads us to our question, how many pies does it take to support our firefighters, and the answer is over 2,734 recorded pies. That is a lot of pies no wonder they are called the pie ladies!

It takes much more than pies. It takes hardworking ladies to do the baking and it wasn't just the auxiliary, most years there were large amounts of donated pies from the commu-

nity, not to mention the donations from grocery stores and local businesses. It takes hours upon hours of precious time to prepare for events, but above everything else it takes a community to buy all those pies. All so we can support our firefighters, as they stand by, ready to go at any moment when there is a call for help.

"We are lucky to have a super active Auxiliary, it adds to the success of the fire department and the community." Says Nisland-Arpan fire chief Stan Lewis.

The auxiliary would like to thank you for the last twenty years of your support, and hope for many, many more years to come.

If you would like to join the auxiliary or volunteer the meetings are typically the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM at the firehall in Nisland.

Pre-School at Newell School



The Newell School Board has decided to continue with Pre-School at the Newell School.

To accommodate the growing number of three- and

four-year-old students coming to school this fall, there is a need to continue the 'half-day schedule' for Preschool Classes.

This is great news! Three-year-old preschool will be held in the morning. Four-year old preschool will be held in the afternoon.

Each class is still accepting registrations. Please join us by contacting Mrs. Lubben at kylee.lubben@k12.sd.us or 605 456 2393.



Above: A look at the past Auxiliary. Left: The ladies of 2025 Nisland-Arpan Search and Rescue Auxiliary are active and busy with many projects. *Courtesy Photos*



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