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**4-H Rodeo contd A4**

## 2F Custom Grinding Makes Home Alongside The Fayville Agency

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BELLE FOURCHE—Nick and Andrea Fayville are excited to introduce the community to their latest adventure—their purchase of a Haybuster grinder with a grapple unit.

The enormous machinery made its debut at the Black Hills Roundup Parade on July 4. The pristine unit will be the centerpiece of their new

business venture, 2F Custom Grinding.

The new hay grinding business will be located alongside their other business, The Fayville Agency.

The Fayville duo purchased the Lindstad building in June 2024 with the distinct plan to renovate it so that it would house both businesses.

Lindstad Tire and Alignment, a family-run business, was a

staple in the Belle Fourche community for over 70 years. The couple was excited to purchase the building and spend time crafting it to meet their needs.

It is located at 501 Theodore Roosevelt Expressway, right across the street from the Tri-State Museum and Center of the Nation Visitor Center.

Nick brings his extensive knowledge from an engineering and manufacturing standpoint



Brylee Crago, Belle Fourche, SD turns her horse around the barrel at the 4H Butte County Rodeo. Longbrake photo

## New Legends West Bank LPO Hits Snag

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BELLE FOURCHE—If you have traveled through Belle Fourche recently, you have surely seen the construction hapsub-pening at the old Tasty Freeze; Subway; Meals on Wheels location on the corner of Highway 85 and National Street.

The old building has been going through a complete renovation in preparation to become a new branch of Legends West Bank. The Loan Production Office plans to open around the first of the year.

The new branch will bring with it a familiar face to run the location. Scott Reder, Senior Vice President Commercial AG Loan Officer at the Spearfish Legends West Bank, will be making the move over to manage this branch.

What started as a simple overhaul has turned into a little more. As the process has gone on, some problems have been uncovered and a couple of the outside walls had to be torn down. “We always want a solid structure. So as we got into it—it was built in three different builds

over the years, some of the block was bad, but the foundation is great and we'll use what we can,” said Reder.

The latest discoveries and changes in plans haven't set back the estimated opening date by much, if at all. “Our schedule was kind of that November to January range and I'm pretty sure we're still on the same schedule,” explained Reder.

“Most of staying on schedule has to do with ordering supplies and getting them in on time, so as long as everything we have ordered comes on time, I think it will be fine.” Reder says he is excited to get back to Belle and help support the community. “I am glad to have a presence in Belle Fourche and I'm glad that I'll be up here helping support it,” he said.

So after tearing down a few walls, the rebuilding begins. Reder explains, “We're on the rebuilding phase. There are walls going up now—they're done tearing down. They're starting to build back up, you will see a lot more progress



(Above) Nick and Andrea Fayville in front of their newest business venture, 2F Custom Grinding. (Below) Rolling into town on June 24, a brand new Haybuster grinder with a grapple unit is ready for work at the new business. Courtesy Photos



## Red Onion Marketplace Turns “Five”

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BELLE FOURCHE—There is no better time to celebrate than a birthday! On Saturday, July 12 the Red Onion Marketplace had its 5th birthday and owner Robin Ager put together a fun event to celebrate the day.

Five years in business, has gone by fast! Red Onion Marketplace began as a dream of Robin's, one that she had forever! She said, “Wonderful! It's been such a fun, exciting five years—it's been wonderful!”

As a small business owner she is constantly thinking of ways to keep customers coming by. “We try to add new items every single year!” Starting at 9:00 a.m. the gates opened to let everyone in to buy the fresh pies, cookies, breads, muffins, caramel rolls, cinnamon rolls and much more!

There were a couple of vendors that came out to celebrate with the Onion. Alexandra

Hansen brought her painting talents and hosted a class teaching locals to paint on canvas.

Fleur De Belle Jewelry was on hand selling beautiful handmade designs.

The area was cordoned off with strings of colorful triangular flags and brightly colored balloon bunches were

placed at the main building. Located right outside of town on Highway 34 the Red Onion Marketplace offers a nice area to stop and grab some home baked goodies and seasonal organically grown produce.

There are seats and tables to sit and enjoy your new finds or a fresh cup of coffee.

**Red Onion Contd. A5**



A construction worker turns from demolition clean up to rebuilding and progress on the soon to be “Legends” bank building at corner of 5th & National Streets. Beacon Photo



Customers sit back and enjoy the fresh baked items at the Red Onion Marketplace during its 5th birthday celebration. Longbrake photo

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### Donald "Don" Bailey 4

Donald "Don" Bailey of Belle Fourche passed away peacefully on July 5, 2025 surrounded by his family. Don was born on July 30, 1940 in Clark SD to Sylvester "S.J." Bailey and Olga Rasmussen. He grew up on the family homestead near Baileys Lake. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clark, SD.



He was a longtime member of the Lutheran Church and the most recent being St. James Lutheran in Belle Fourche, SD. He is survived by his wife Helen, children, Ona Rae (John) Archer of Stanwood, WA, S.J (Annette) Bailey of Spearfish, SD, Lynn (Rachel) Bailey of Sioux Falls, SD, Lee (Audra) Bailey of Spearfish, SD, 13 Grandchildren, 4 Great Grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Don graduated from Thorp High School in 1958 and then attended South Dakota State College, Northern State Teachers College and University of South Dakota where he earned Bachelor and Masters Degrees as well as his Teaching Certification. Don married Helen Steen on August 27, 1961. Together they raised 4 children, Ona Rae, Steven John "S.J.", and twins Lynn Alan and Lee Burton. He started his teaching career at Highmore and then moved back to Clark where he taught math and science for many years. He retired from teaching in 1978 and moved to Spearfish where he started a construction company. Don always enjoyed helping others whether through his teaching career, truck dispatching, or working at the Belle Fourche Landfill and handyman work. He was known as a generous and honest man to all who knew him. Throughout the years, Don enjoyed wood-working, camping, feeding his birds and card playing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister LaVern Wells, brothers Merrill and Kenneth. A Visitation will be held Thursday, July 10th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. Funeral Services will be held Friday, July 11th at 2:00 pm at St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche. Interment will be in Rose Hill Cemetery at Clark, South Dakota. A memorial will be established for Richard M. Schulze American Cancer Society Hope Lodge. The funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed on Don's Obituary Page at klinefuneral-chapel.com. On online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



### Howard Neal Nussbaum 88

A celebration of Howard's life will take place 10am Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at the First Baptist Church in Belle Fourche. Visitation will be held 5 to 7pm Monday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Inurnment will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery with military honors provided by the Spearfish Honor Guard.



Howard worked at the grain elevator from 1961 until 1999—Tri-State Milling, Pawnee, Hubbard Milling, ConAgra, and finally Dakota Mill and Grain. When Howard retired in 1999, his dream was to go to Alaska. He and Lily spent about a month in Alaska. Then they began going to Arizona for the winter each year. For 12 years, they traveled, connected with family, and made many new friends.

Friends may leave written condolences and view a video tribute on Howard's obituary page located at: www.LeveringtonFH.com. Howard Neal Nussbaum was born February 10, 1937, in Pine Bluffs, Wyoming. He was the son of Vernon and Mabel (Rohweder) Nussbaum. The family lived in various places in Colorado and Wyoming before moving to a ranch south of Buffalo, South Dakota. Howard graduated from Harding County High School in 1955. He was drafted into the Army in March of 1957. Following basic training, he went to Europe where he spent sixteen months in France as a signal supply and parts specialist. While there, he traveled to England, went to the World's Fair in Brussels, Hitler's Roost, and Holland, returning to the states in 1959. He was honorably discharged and was in the reserves for 4 years.

Howard is survived by his wife, Lily; son, Kurt Nussbaum, daughter, Roxanne (Clay) Clark, and son-in-law, Norman Hendrickson. Grandchildren—Joshua (Melissa) Clark, Casey (Lyndsey) Hendrickson, and Ashley Hendrickson. Great-Grandchildren—Quinn & Wyatt Clark, Skylar Hendrickson and Sophie Hendrickson. Brother—Marvin (Mona) Nussbaum, and sisters Phyllis VanDewerker and Carol Richards, brother-in-law Bill (Joan) Clark, sister-in-laws—Alice (Ray) Minchow and Nita Clark, and many nieces and nephews. Preceding Howard is death are his parents, Vernon and Mabel Nussbaum, his in-laws, George and Rhoda Clark, daughter, Rita Hendrickson, brother Edwin Nussbaum, brother-in-laws Ted VanDewerker and Howie Richards.



### Beverly Egemo 82

Beverly Egemo, 82, died peacefully on July 7, 2025 in Belle Fourche, South Dakota.



Beverly left her most important job was being a mother and homemaker. Those left missing her include her children, Embers and Dan Routier, Greg and Julie Egemo and Marki and Bob Roush; 10 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandkids; her siblings, Patti Siekawitch, Ken Mitchell and Cal Mitchell; numerous nieces, nephews and countless cousins.

Beverly J. Mitchell was born on a snowy June 8, 1943 in Belle Fourche the second child to Tom and Dorothy (Snoozy) Mitchell. From that day she and her sister have been lifelong friends. Years later she became a big sister, not once but twice. She lived in Belle Fourche until graduating high school, afterwards moving to Rapid City to room with her sister and friends while working at Ellsworth AFB. She met her husband Mark Egemo through her sister. They were united in marriage in 1962. In 1964 their family, now of 3, moved to Anchorage, AK to help rebuild the city after an earthquake. Two more children were added to the Egemo family before moving to Hawaii, where she found her passion for art. They decided to move back to Belle Fourche to raise their kids, then Washington State and eventually settled back in her hometown of Belle Fourche, following the passing of her husband in 2003.

A Visitation will be held Sunday, July 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. A private Celebration of Life will be held Monday, July 14, 2025. Concluding with burial at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche. An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



### Norma Hasting

Norma Gene (Conrad Frank) Hasting of Belle Fourche SD, formerly Dallas, Oregon, passed into the arms of her beloved Savior, Sunday July 6, 2025. She and her long-time companion, Don Parsons, were together at home, and she passed in his arms.



Graveside services will be held in Cherokee, Kansas, where she was born, and many ancestors lay at rest. Services are under the direction of Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche, SD. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com. Norma leaves behind a brother, John (Cheryl) Conrad; son, Bill (Margaret) Frank; 4 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.



Isaiah 41:10 **NTV**  
So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Philippians 4:6 **NTV**  
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## New Tri-State Museum Mini Exhibit Highlights EMS

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BELLE FOURCHE—June 14 welcomed a new Mini Exhibit that honors the History of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Opening day invited visitors to come see the display and enjoy refreshments and cupcakes made by the Red Onion Marketplace. The new display hits close to home for Tri-State Museum's Jada Udager, Collections Archivist. She spent many

years as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). As an archivist it is common for her to gather all of the artifacts to be placed on display in the Museum's various exhibits. This time is no different, but this time, for the display she was able to draw from her own background. "I was an EMT for 11 years," she shared. "My son is a critical care paramedic so I used his stuff and mine for a lot of it!" The Museum has a history

of doing displays that honor public servants. "We did a firefighter display in the Mini and we did law enforcement so we figured we might as well keep going and do an EMS one," said Udager. In an effort to show thanks to EMS workers that may be passing through the area, there is a sign in the display asking EMS workers to let the Museum know. The staff will then take a picture of the visitor in front of the display with the hopes of posting it on Facebook and publicly

thanking the EMS visitor for their service. So far, there has been a handful of EMS workers stop by the exhibit. Visitors from as far away as New York and New Jersey have gotten their picture in front of the display. "It's been really good," explained Udager. "There was two of them that I was here for and they thought it was absolutely amazing!" Stop by the Mini Exhibit at Tri-State Museum and learn about different types

of ambulances, the differences between American EMS and other countries, what EMTs and paramedics do and the history of emergency medical services along with much more educational information. For the kids there is a packet of information about EMS along with games, word searches, mazes and coloring pages. There are a few books available for kids to read and learn. The EMS Mini Exhibit is scheduled to run through September 17, 2025.



## July 7 City Council Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The City Council held its first meeting of the month on Monday, July 7. In the Mayor's Report, Randy Schmidt gave Service Recognition Awards.

During community input, Aaron Circle Bear raised a concern about having received a No Trespassing notice the day he resigned from the Belle Fourche Rec Center. He stated that he was unaware of any misconduct that would justify the order and believes it may have been retaliatory. He urged the Council to review the situation for fairness and legality.

The Chamber of Commerce thanked Ryan and his team for stepping in to help during the bank robbery reenactment. Everyone was invited to the next Chamber Mixer and ribbon cutting for iLevel Construction on Thursday, July 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. at 619 5th Avenue.

The Museum and Visitor Center reported that in June, it had 4,646 visitors—its highest June count since 2021—with guests from 49 states, Washington D.C., and 14 countries. Seven bus tours brought in 233 people, and events like the First Saturday Brunch and Father's Day Family Fun Day saw strong attendance. A painted hide depicting the Lakota Sundance was added to the Native American exhibit. The Museum and Visitor Center has also been warning the public about online ticket scams related to the Black Hills Roundup and thanked Engineer Brent Hardy

for addressing their request for improved handicapped parking. Parks & Recreation committee reported that damage to the ceiling tiles caused by the rain has been cleaned up and replaced. In June, 214 kids joined activities, with tie-dyeing, volleyball, kickball, and wiffle ball being favorites.

July programs are held at the Rec Center (Mon/Wed/Fri, 2-4 p.m.) and local parks (Tues/Thurs, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.). This week includes Run the Bases, a fitness circuit, card games at Rob Park, and a collage art project. Upcoming events include youth strength classes, a sand volleyball tournament, and the Sunrise on State Walk/Run.

The Council was reminded that Council Budget Meetings will be held on July 15 and 17 at 5 p.m. Councilperson Capp advised he will be joining via phone as he will be in Pierre for training.

City Engineer Hardy provided a brief explanation of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for new council members, noting it is the city's input to the state's five-year transportation plan. Many projects appear repeatedly due to long timelines, including this year's requests for turn lanes at the Hat Ranch intersection and future support for extending 8th Avenue to Highway 34. The city is also supporting grant efforts for the proposed River Walk connection to Orman Dam.

Public Works Director Ste-dillie spoke about a water main break on Stanley Street, and City Administrator LaFayette gave a brief update about the skate park starting at the end of July.

The next City Council meeting will be July 21 at 6 p.m.

Upcoming events,  
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July 16 - Concert in the Park 7PM @ Hermann Park

July 17 - 7AM Board of Directors meeting @ Chamber office, 10:30AM Line Dancing @ BF Rec, 6PM Hometown Thursdays @ Tri State Museum

July 18 - 7:30AM Caramel Rolls & Coffee @ Belle Silver Lining, 5PM Angel Store @ BF Global Methodist

July 20 - 2PM Family Fun Day @ Tri State Museum

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**4-H Rodeo from. A1**  
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The rodeo date being moved until after the Black Hills Roundup worked to the benefit of the Butte County 4H rodeo, because even with the rain, the ground was good for the contestants and their animals.

Olson explained, “They’ve (BHRU Committee) done a lot of work preparing for the Black Hills Roundup, and they do a great job of getting the arena prepped for that.”

So we get to take advantage of it by having our rodeo right after them, so that is kind of nice!”

The date change didn’t hinder

turn out, in fact according to Olson turn out was higher on the second rodeo date.

Shanna Howell announced the rodeo for the main arena and kept things moving along. She made sure to thank sponsors and volunteers throughout the day. Danelle Mutchler was the voice for the roping arena.

New this year was the Hot Shot Award given in memory of John L. Skogberg. The award was presented to a rodeo contestant that excels in the arena but also in life. This year the honor was given to Bayzen Curtis, a junior boy from Spearfish, SD.

The Butte County 4H Rodeo gives out two special awards. “We give out two saddle certificates to Triple R and we award it to the high point cowgirl and the high point cowboy for all of the points they accumulate throughout the day,” said Olson. “So that is kind of the big surprise at the end!”



(Above) A junior boy **Breakaway roping** contestant ropes his calf in the rain. (Below) On a rainy cold day in July, **Butte County 4H Rodeo** contestants, friends and family try to get a little bit of shelter by the concession stand. *Longbrake photos*



## Chamber Mixer Enjoys A Spearfish Sasquatch Baseball Game

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BELLE FOURCHE—Take me out to the ballgame, take me out to the Chamber Mixer? That is just what the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce did for the June Chamber Mixer. It was held at the Black Hills Power Sports Complex in Spearfish on June 27.

Chamber members only were invited to a VIP experience at the Spearfish Sasquatch baseball game. The party deck was sectioned off for the VIPs and they had access to all of the hot dogs, brats, hamburgers and cheeseburgers they could eat. Water, lemonade and a cash bar was available to those who wanted it.

The Spearfish Sasquatch took on the Nebraska Prospects with the game starting promptly at 6:05 p.m. In the 7th inning, the game was called based on the mercy rule, when the home team went up by 10 runs.

The Sasquatch won 13-3. A fireworks display was held after dark.



**Sampson the Sasquatch** dances on the dugout at the Spearfish Sasquatch baseball game. *Longbrake photo*

Chamber Executive Director, Michaela Horn made a list of all the businesses represented at the mixer and welcomed them individually while encouraging them to mix with each other and network. The Connect and Collect pot was at \$320 and the business

must be present to win it. The winner this month was CBH Cooperative, but they had no one present, so the money will roll over to next month.

iLevel Construction will host the next Chamber Mixer along with a ribbon cutting on July 24 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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**Museum "On the Map" Exhibit**

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

**Belle Fourche Recreation Center Arts in the Parks**  
Various activities through the month of July. See BF Rec Centecalendar o

**Cowboy Band Concert**  
Thursday, July 17 (BF Middle School) Rehearse 3-4pm. Concert Library Lawn, gather 7:30pm play at 8PM  
July Family Fun Day is "Magnets and Magnetism"  
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**Superintendent of Schools**  
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Potential candidates will be interviewed at the regular School Board meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.

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# Hometown Thursdays in Full Swing

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**BELLE FOURCHE**—It was another successful Thursday night in Belle Fourche at the Tri-State Museum & Visitor Center for the yearly Hometown Thursdays.

The series kicked off on June 5 and serves as a community staple in Belle Fourche during summer months.

Every week, local bands play live music and people gather to hang out and have fun. Local vendors and food trucks line the area behind the museum.

Kids can participate in craft-making, a bouncy house, and train rides. Cornhole, disc golf, and other lawn games are set up to play.

This week's band providing live entertainment was Revolver. They played covers of classic rock songs and had the crowd dancing and singing along. Food trucks included PooterQ, Rolling in the Hills, Black Hills Brats, Quesadilloz, and Kona Icees.

The kids' craft-making project was coloring sheets and Hawaiian leis, and visitors could sign up for a Tri-State Museum Family Membership giveaway. Local business vendors set up booths selling items like jewelry and clothing.

"We try and do the bounce house and arts and crafts every Thursday night," said Jada Udager, Collections Archivist. "One of these Thursdays, I

don't know which one we're going to do it yet, we're going to have stick horse races." Udager explained that 96 stick horses from Pete's Clothing were recently donated. "Some of them, we're selling because they were autographed by the actors for The Cowboys. And then I have a bunch more to have stick horse races, we're gonna do kids and then we're gonna do some families," she said.

The next Hometown Thursday will be July 17 with Stereo Trip providing the live music. Hometown Thursdays will run through the second week in August. Come to the museum, grab a delicious meal or snack, and have fun!

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(L) The band **Revolver** plays live tunes for the crowd. (R) Food trucks and vendors line the park area for Belle's Summertime fun at **Hometown Thursdays**. (Bottom left) Kids enjoy the bouncy house. *Longbrake Photos*



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# 2025 Black Hills Roundup Royalty Crowned

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BELLE FOURCHE—Before everyone comes to town for the Black Hills Roundup Rodeo, those vying to represent the rodeo as Royalty arrive. A full day of activities is scheduled for them beginning the morning of June 30.

Rodeo queen judges had their hands full in deciding the outcome. Cody Skogberg, Susan Dewey and Brianna Bennett had the honor of judging this year's pageant.

Raye Brown, Queen Coordinator and the 2025 Miss

Black Hills Roundup Committee members, Brown, Kristy Eastman, Michelle Brownell and Braiden Reeder designed a contest that really tested the stamina of the contestants. Beginning bright and early at 8:30 A.M. the day started with a Photo shoot followed by contestant and parent meeting, after which the public was invited to come watch the contest.

Around 9:30 A.M. the public watched as the judges scored the royalty competition in the following areas: modeling, impromptu speaking, prepared speeches, and media interviews. Following a lunch break the

gals had to then participate in private personal interviews, one-on-one with the judges. After a few outfit changes and an action filled day, the contest moved to the arena.

Royalty contestants showed up with their horses to compete in the horsemanship competition.

Before the start of the Ranch Rodeo on July 1, the 2025 Royalty winners were announced. Representing the 2025 Black Hills Roundup Rodeo for the year are: 2025 Miss Black Hills Roundup is Bethany Behrendt; the 2025 Jr. Miss Black Hills Roundup is Morgan McGuckin;

and 2025 Black Hills Roundup Princess is Kendall Gillen. Other award winners are: Princess category, Miss Congeniality, Kendall Gillen; Speech Award, Kendall Gillen; Appearance and Modeling, Kendall Gillen; Photogenic Award, Kendall Gillen; Horsemanship, Bree McGuckin; 1st Runner up Bree McGuckin; and 2nd Runner up Kelsa Foreman.

Jr. Miss category, Miss Congeniality, Keaton Keil; Speech Award, Morgan McGuckin; Appearance and Modeling, Keaton Keil; Photogenic Award, Morgan McGuckin; Horsemanship, Morgan McGuckin; and

1st Runner up Keaton Keil.

The Black Hills Roundup Royalty kept busy by visiting area businesses, reading to kids at the library and signing autographs.

Participating in meet and greets is an important part of getting out and meeting the public and letting them know all about the Black Hills Roundup as well as personally thanking area sponsors.

If you went to any of the PRCA rodeos then surely you saw the royalty, either out in the crowd or in the arena helping out in some way. Rodeo royalty is busy!



(L) All of the visiting Queens, 2024 **Black Hills Roundup Royalty** and 2025 Black Hills Roundup Royalty and judges posed together for a picture at the end of the morning competition. (R) **Bethany Behrendt** is all smiles when she learns she is the new **2025 Miss Black Hills Roundup**. (Bottom L) 2025 Jr Miss Black Hills Roundup **Morgan McGuckin** waves to the crowd as she rides forward to receive her crown, sash and other awards. (BR) Rodeo Royalty sign autographs for an excited fan outside of **Pasque Ladies Fashions**. Longbrake photos



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Sheep Report - Thursday, July 10, 2025

Heavy lambs sold higher than 2 weeks ago
Rest of the lambs sold steady
Slaughter ewes sold steady also

Next Sale - July 17 - Regular Sale - Selling all classes of sheep & goats
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Thursday, July 7, 2025
Regular Sale 1 PM
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St Onge Livestock has a receiving station for the Gillette Area every Thursday. It is on Northern Drive in Gillette. Call Doug Miller at 307-660-0960 to let him know what is coming. You can unload all day every Thursday until 3 pm. You pay receiving station fee of \$3 per head & \$2.50/cwt for trucking. You can also call Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259 & he can let them know your cattle are coming also. THE BROADUS RECEIVING STATION IS TAKING CATTLE EVERY THURSDAY FOR OUR SALES ON FRIDAY. You can drop your cattle off every Thursday by 3pm. You pay receiving station fee of \$3 per head & \$2.50/cwt for trucking. For more information, call Tyler or Brandy Escott at 406-421-5579 or 406-951-1666 or Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259.

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September 5th - Yearling & Fall Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
September 12th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
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September 26th - Yearling & Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

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Friday, August 1st - Weston County, Newcastle, WY - 6 pm
Friday, August 1st - Butte-Lawrence County, Nisland, SD - 7 pm
Saturday, August 2nd - Crook County, Sundance, WY - 2 pm
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Saturday, August 16th - Harding County, Camp Crook, SD - 2 pm
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Cattle Report - Friday, June 11, 2025

Table with columns for seller, animal type, sex, age, and price. Includes entries for Swalek Farms, Trucano Ranch, Ujell Johnson, etc.

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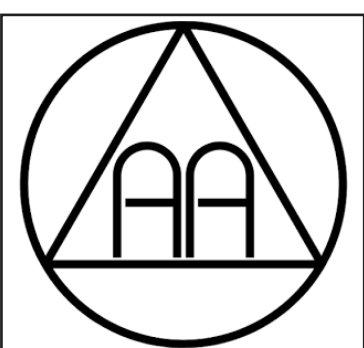
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**Looking Back in Belle**

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**124 years ago THE TIMES July 19, 1900**  
**Talk of the Town** A little excitement was caused this morning by an alarm of fire. The hose cart was at once run out by three or four men and an effort made to attach the hose, but before water could be secured the fire had been put out. John Wells, was at work in the rear section of the furniture store when he accidentally upset a coal oil burner, on which he had a pot of glue, setting fire in a sack, and as there was considerable paper and shavings lying about on the floor much damage might have been done. Prompt action by John Wells, however, in grabbing up the burning sack, throwing it into the street and smothering out the remaining fire, prevented any loss whatever. This should forcibly remind our people that we need a good live fire company. Just such a beginning might destroy the entire city, and we would be practically powerless.

**Don Roberts' Advertising**  
When it comes to latest novelties in the way of advertising, the idea being executed by Dan Roberts is the latest and most unique scheme it has been our pleasure to see. He is having the south and west walls of his bar room decorated with drawings of cattle, horses and sheep in squares of about four inches. On each one of these will be placed a brand of a ranchman. The greater part of the south wall will be devoted to cattle and about ten feet of this wall be given to horses, while the entire west end is reserved for sheep. In the center of the portion reserved for the cattle will be painted, in attractive and useful and will undoubtedly give Mr. Roberts' place that title to which it now has a strong claim the "stockmen's headquarters"

**100 years The Belle Fourche Bee July 16, 1925.**  
**A BENEFIT TO ALL** More than ever before, it was clearly demonstrated this year that the Tri-State Round-Up is a real community affair in which the entire Black Hills district lends a helping and in return receives much direct benefit. There were no celebrations of any magnitude at any place in the Hills on July 4, this year, the leading spirits in the various towns realizing that the Round-Up is the largest outdoor attraction in the state, with the exception of the State Fair, and on this basis gave their assistance. In return for that assistance each town in the Hills had the largest number of outside visitors in the days prior to and following the Round-Up they have ever had in the same length of time. A trip to Rapid City, State Game

Lodge, Sylvan Lake, Hill City, Pactola and Deadwood Sunday of this week found all of these places reporting capacity business for the days in question. This in spite of the fact that rumors relative to lack of water, lack of food, lack of rooms, and various other things that never happened, kept several thousand from coming to the Round-Up and the Hills as they were afraid they would not find sufficient amount of the necessities of life after they arrived here. Belle Fourche appreciates this cooperation of the other towns of the Hills, and is attempting to do its share toward making the "Wonderland of America" one of the best known spots in the United States.

**CIRCUIT COURT** The case of Bagley Elevator Co. of Faith, S. D. vs. M. J. Smiley of Belle Fourche occupied the time of circuit court in Butte county for a greater portion of last week. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the elevator company for the amount of their claim, \$2,064.00 and interest at 7 per cent from April 1, 1920. This case, which was brought from Meade to Butte county on stipulation by the parties to the suit, was to recover an amount claimed to be due for corn sold to Mr. Smiley during the winter of 1919-20. Mr. Smiley entered a counter claim for \$13,500, alleging that on account of the inability of the elevator company to deliver feed, for which he had a contract, at the proper time, caused a great loss of sheep. The elevator company claimed they delivered feed every time a driver came for it. Attorney Pat Morrison of Mobridge, Attorney Morrell of Faith and Attorney Dan McCutchen of Belle Fourche represented the Elevator company. Attorney J. W. Malvin of Belle Fourche and Judge W. G. Rice of Deadwood represented Mr. Smiley.

**75 years ago The Belle Fourche Bee July 20, 1950**  
Up to 50 Percent Hail Damage Found General half-inch rains over much of the Tri-State area the past weekend and continued cool weather will help fill early-seeded grain and feed crops but hail which fell around Arpan, east of Nisland and on toward Vale did up to 50 percent damage to fields hit, Butte Count Agent Dan Wiersma reported yesterday. Wiersma said several farmers where the ahil was heaviest Sunday reported 50 percent loses in grain, beet and corn field. Corn and beet will make some recovery, he said, but the grain were badly beaten up by the small but thick hail stones.

**Doris Pridgeon Enters SD Beauty Pageant at Springs** Doris Pridgeon, who was



by Mary Buchholz

chosen "Miss Belle Fourche" in a contest here last month, left Tuesday for the "Miss South Dakota" Beauty Pageant being staged in Hot Springs this week. Doris, traveling by car with her mother, stayed with relatives in New Castle, Wyo. She will be competing for some of the \$1,550 in scholarships and \$500 special awards. Scholarships are offered by the Homestake Mining company of Lead, \$600 the First National Bank of the Black Hills \$300, Butter Nut Coffee company of Rapid City, \$400 and the Rapid City Daily Journal, \$250. The four highest ranking contestants will win the awards, and must use them in South Dakota schools.

**50 years ago The Belle Fourche Bee July 19, 1975**  
**THIS IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.** Cliff Thomas, president of Belle Fourche Health Care, is about to place his signature on one of the last of the forms that will make the new Belle Fourche Health Care Center and Clinic a reality. Papers must not be submitted to state FHA office for final approval. Larry Anderson, county FHA supervisor, said Tuesday that there is every indication that all details have been cleared and the final OK will be just a formality. FHA will provide a \$1,551,000 loan to finance the hospital, when the final signature is on the dotted line.

**\$60,000 Plays Big Part in Project** That "extra" \$60,000 raised by Hospital Drive '75 was of critical importance in bringing a new hospital to Belle Fourche. When bids came in \$200,000 higher than original estimates, Belle Fourche Health Care officials and the contractor began paring costs and at least temporarily removing some items from specifications to make the project possible. Because the Hospital Drive '75 steering committee had designated all funds in excess of the original goal of \$100,000 to be used, for equipment, Health Care officials turned to the committee for help. The funds in excess of the original goal were committed to provide equipment for the intensive care unit which was part of the original specifications. Last week the \$60,000 was placed in two 90-day certificates of deposit jointly held by Belle Fourche Health Care and FHA, to guarantee that money would be available.



Local Pharmacist Cliff Thomas who was President of addresses the crowd as he prepares to sign the documents that will make Belle Fourche Health Care a reality. Chuck Snoozey looks on.

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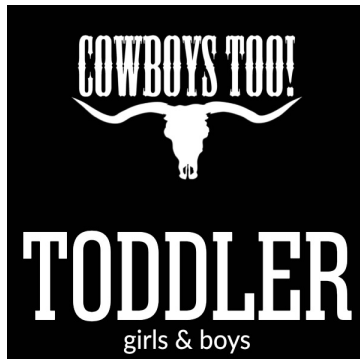
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|   | 1  | Black-Cow   | 1620 | 169.00 | \$2,737.80 |
| Lazy Y Quarter Circle Llc, Aladdin WY     | 1  | Red-Cow     | 1475 | 179.00 | \$2,640.25 |
|   | 1  | Black-Cow   | 1250 | 180.00 | \$2,250.00 |
|   | 1  | Black-Cow   | 1395 | 172.00 | \$2,399.40 |
|   | 1  | Black-Cow   | 1510 | 174.00 | \$2,627.40 |
| The Historic Gunn Ranch Llc, Spearfish SD | 1  | Black-Cow   | 1445 | 176.00 | \$2,543.20 |
| Jason Kuhbacher, Broadus MT               | 1  | Black-Cow   | 1445 | 177.00 | \$2,557.65 |
|   | 1  | Black-Cow   | 1340 | 174.00 | \$2,331.60 |
|   | 1  | Black-Cow   | 1600 | 171.00 | \$2,736.00 |
|   | 1  | BwF-Cow     | 1290 | 187.50 | \$2,418.75 |
| Maupin Ranch Llc, Hulett WY               | 4  | Black-Cow   | 1279 | 171.50 | \$2,193.05 |
|   | 1  | Black-Cow   | 1450 | 177.00 | \$2,566.50 |
| Riesland Ranch, Broadus MT                | 1  | Black-Hfrt  | 1015 | 260.00 | \$2,639.00 |
|   | 1  | Black-Hfrt  | 890  | 287.00 | \$2,554.30 |
| Rittberger Beef Inc, Fairburn SD          | 5  | Black-Cow   | 1351 | 177.50 | \$2,398.02 |
|   | 4  | Black-Hfrt  | 1264 | 209.00 | \$2,641.23 |
| Ryan Veal, Hulett WY                      | 4  | Black-Cow   | 1698 | 175.00 | \$2,970.62 |
|   | 1  | Black-Hfrt  | 1145 | 226.00 | \$2,587.70 |
| Guy Casteel Livestock Llc, Newell SD      | 22 | Blk/BwF-Cow | 1450 | 170.00 | \$2,464.22 |
|   | 1  | RwF-Cow     | 1270 | 172.00 | \$2,184.40 |
|   | 1  | Black-Cow   | 1310 | 176.00 | \$2,305.60 |
|   | 1  | Black-Cow   | 1370 | 175.00 | \$2,397.50 |
|   | 3  | BwF-Hfrt    | 1030 | 224.00 | \$2,307.20 |
| Dinosaur Cattle Llc, Missoula MT          | 26 | Blk/BwF-Cow | 1383 | 175.00 | \$2,421.05 |
|   | 1  | Black-Cow   | 1265 | 175.00 | \$2,213.75 |
|   | 1  | RwF-Cow     | 1380 | 177.00 | \$2,442.60 |
|   | 1  | Black-Cow   | 1335 | 171.00 | \$2,282.85 |
| Bill & Marcia Lambert, Osage WY           | 14 | Red-Cow     | 1480 | 177.00 | \$2,618.96 |
|   | 9  | Red/RwF-Cow | 1308 | 180.00 | \$2,355.00 |
|   | 1  | Red-Hfrt    | 825  | 262.50 | \$2,165.62 |
|   | 1  | Red-Cow     | 1570 | 174.50 | \$2,739.65 |
|   | 1  | Herf-Cow    | 1360 | 170.00 | \$2,312.00 |
|   | 1  | Red-Hfrt    | 945  | 275.00 | \$2,598.75 |

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|----------------------------------|----|--------------|------|--------|------------|
| Patten Ranch Co, Broadus MT      | 18 | Blk/BwF-Hfrt | 897  | 280.00 | \$2,511.44 |
| Neal Mccoy, Belle Fourche SD     | 1  | Black-Cow    | 1370 | 175.00 | \$2,397.50 |
|                                  | 1  | Red-Cow      | 1525 | 175.50 | \$2,676.37 |
| Janet K Evans, Weston WY         | 5  | Black-Hfrt   | 1076 | 241.00 | \$2,593.16 |
|                                  | 6  | Black-Cow    | 1288 | 178.00 | \$2,293.23 |
|                                  | 1  | Black-Cow    | 1395 | 173.50 | \$2,420.32 |
|                                  | 1  | Black-Cow    | 1420 | 171.00 | \$2,428.20 |
| Michele Smith, Sundance WY       | 1  | BwF-Cow      | 1610 | 173.00 | \$2,785.30 |
|                                  | 1  | RwF-Hfrt     | 1020 | 259.00 | \$2,641.80 |
|                                  | 1  | BwF-Hfrt     | 975  | 267.50 | \$2,608.12 |
| Consignment From MT              | 10 | Red-Cow      | 1627 | 175.50 | \$2,855.38 |
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**Band:** #132 Belle Fourche Cowboy Band  
**Youth Group:** #181 Born to Ride 4-H Club  
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**Capitol News July 6, 2025 by Karen Odell**  
Capitol and Tie Creek are lovely this year. We are getting along without grasshoppers, or mosquitoes, and even the flies are not so bad as usual. We got about another inch of rain this week, and things are looking good.

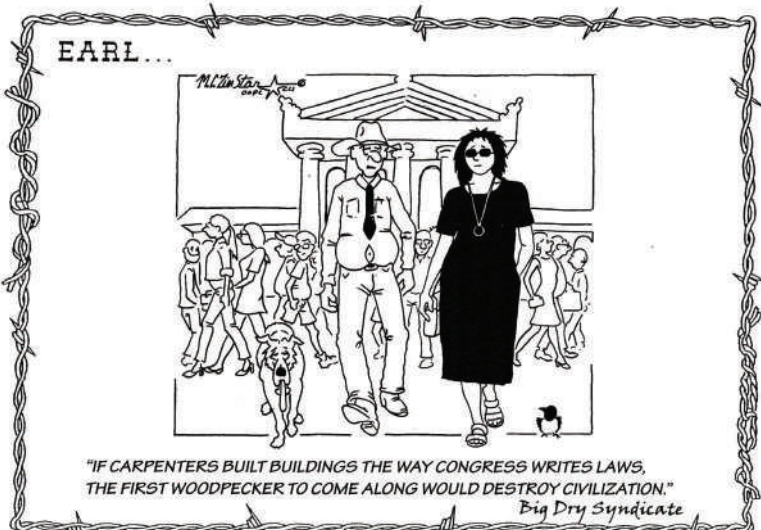
Last Saturday, Luke Basler, Jamie and Konnor, arrived at Ronda Cordell's, from Missouri. Oren and Arlie Basler, who are summering with their mother in Montana, joined them at Ronda's, too, bringing a hustle and bustle of activity when they arrived. On Monday, Luke put parts in the tiller and tilled Ronda's garden. The Basler family spent the afternoon at Clint and Denise Zolnoski's, where the kids enjoyed playing in the pool. Ronda joined them for supper. On Tuesday and Wednesday, Ronda planted some garden. It's late, but last year, she didn't get it planted until July second, and it turned out great. Ronda rode with Luke's family to Ekalaka, on Tuesday, where they treated her, and Marion Kerr to lunch at the Wagon Wheel. The women had a good visit while Luke and the kids toured the museum. The Baslers and Zolnoskis went into Belle Fourche for the carnival, on Wednesday. Chad and Roudy Zolnoski came, on Thursday. The guys went to the south pasture to eliminate some prairie dogs, and were all back for mid-afternoon for lunch. Oren stayed at Clint's with Chad and Roudy. Chad had the boys up bright and early, to head for Orman Dam, on Friday morning. The Baslers drove to meet the Zolnoskis at their camp site in Spearfish, where the Curt Zolnoski's family was also camping. Then, the Baslers attended the afternoon performance at the rodeo. That evening, Ronda joined Jake Reynolds and Jason Berg for supper at the Bergstrom place. Jake and Jason stopped by on Saturday, to pick up Oren and Arlie. Luke, Jamie and Konnor packed up to head home, after breakfast. They stopped briefly in Rapid City, for lunch with Cristen Westling. On Sunday, Ronda watched David Jeremiah, before doing chores. Then she

joined Jake, Jason, Oren and Arlie for church and lunch, in Ekalaka. On Tuesday, Erma and Dick Albert got to visit with a friend from Utah, who was traveling through the Black Hills. Erma had a chiropractor appointment in Spearfish, on Wednesday. They got to see the Belle Fourche parade and rodeo in the rain. They went to Delores Sperle's birthday party at the Rec Center, on Saturday, and visited with lots of her family. On Sunday, their new priest, Father Lee, held the church services for the first time, and they were so glad to have him. Dick and Erma had lunch at Saloon Number Three, with the Helms family and their daughter, Tiffany. Doug and Julia Davis have had an exciting week with their grandchildren. Jake and Callie got back from Italy on July third, so they took the boys and their dog back home. The boys had helped their grandpa during the week, and they even helped fix the swather. They all went to the parade in Spearfish, where Callie was on a float with her past graduating class. They heard about a huge rock that had fallen across the road in Spearfish Canyon, blocking traffic. On Saturday evening, they went to the wedding of Brad and Alix Manke in Belle Fourche.

The reception was in a beautifully decorated large shed. Before they came home, half of Belle Fourche had lost electricity after a storm. They discovered some hail in the ditches on the Norwegian Cut-Off, near the Alzada turn-off, and it looked like wash-outs, too. It had rained farther north, but they didn't find more hail. On Saturday night at Capitol, the skies turned dark, so the Ernie Melum family joined Junior and Shirley in their comfortable basement to watch TV, and wait out the storm. The worst of the storm seemed to go south of them, so they just enjoyed the evening together. Shirley had visited with her son, Tom Melum, on the Fourth of July. Dale Moncur enjoyed the Fourth of July out at the ranch, on his dad's place. He loves the peacefulness of being out on the ranch. Alex is about ready to begin haying. Dorothy Padden had a busy

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week, and spent lots of time over at the lake at the Stuart place. Dawn and Bryce were busy getting the campers ready. He, Brandon and Brenton had put up a new roof shelter to protect the cooks and the barbecues.


The big wind in last year's storm, had taken away the awning that they had used before, so they made this one more permanent and sturdy enough to fight the wind. Family came all during the week, and campers gathered along the edge of the lake. By July third, there were lots of people there, but the wind and rain made them decide against using their fireworks that night. On the Fourth of July, the day was beautiful

and everyone enjoyed the water. That evening they used up all their fireworks to make up for the day before. On Saturday, Bryce, Dawn, Dorothy, and many of their family guests went south of Broadus, to the old Woodrow Ewalt Ranch, where they had a memorial service for Peggy Ewalt.

On Sunday, Dorothy relaxed and regrouped. The Stuart place had gotten good rains during three days last week. BJ is still busy with work on his new house and he keeps his mom busy, too. They will soon have to start moving in, so they must hurry.

Karen Odell was glad for the evening rains, this week. It was near one-hundred degrees on

one day, but cooled down nicely in the evening. She spent lots of time hauling branches and mowing. A small fire in a nearby hayfield livened things up. It seems that 911 in Montana doesn't know that South Dakota exists, but Karen learned that Brandon has a county pump-er, and now, will know to try calling him first. Karen loved watching the musical 1776, on Saturday. The music was wonderful, with such realistic interpretations of the characters. Karen enjoyed visiting with Mollie, Kyia and Cody, this week, and wishes her sister-in-law, Patsy, a great 90th birthday. It's so much easier to be who you really are. Pretending is a strain on you character.



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them before the last local business turns off its lights for good. John A. Newby is the author of the "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street" column dedicated to helping local communities,

government and business combine synergies allowing them to thrive in a world where truly-local is being lost to Amazon and Wall Street chains. His email is john@truly-local.org

## "Building Main Street, not Wall Street" A Community Revolution

Economic Gardening, Food Halls & Micro-TIFs: The Triple Threat Against Corporate Colonialism!

Nia Peoples nailed it when she said, "Life is a moving, breathing thing. We must be willing to constantly evolve. Perfection is in fact, constant transformation." This wisdom is profound for communities watching their downtowns deteriorate or get steamrolled by corporate chains while local entrepreneurs struggle to find their footing. The harsh reality? According to the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, communities lose roughly 45 cents of every dollar spent at chain stores, compared to just 15 cents lost when shopping locally. That's not just math—it's a blueprint for economic hemorrhaging that's been bleeding Main Streets dry for decades.



It's economic ecosystems 101, yet somehow, we've been convinced that a national chain offering minimum-wage jobs is "economic development." Consider the stark contrast: A community might spend \$500,000 in tax incentives to lure a chain restaurant that employs 25 people at \$12 per hour. That same investment could fund micro-loans for five local food entrepreneurs, each creating 8-10 jobs while keeping profits circulating locally. The math isn't even close.

Food halls represent something profound—they're democracy in action, served with a side of economic empowerment. These aren't just trendy eating spots; they're incubators for culinary entrepreneurs who might never afford traditional restaurant build-outs.

Numbers don't lie. Opening a traditional restaurant requires \$175,000-\$750,000 in startup capital. A food hall vendor space? Often as little as \$15,000-\$40,000. That's the difference between dreams deferred and businesses born. During the pandemic, while chain restaurants had corporate headquarters to weather the storm, local eateries faced extinction. Food halls provided a lifeline—lower overhead, shared resources, and built-in foot traffic. Many became community rallying points, proving that collective action beats corporate muscle when neighbors support neighbors. The ripple effects extend beyond economics. Food halls provide choices that corporate chains never could. They become gathering spaces where communities meet, rather than sterile envi-

ronments designed for efficient customer processing.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts have traditionally been sledgehammers—massive tools for massive projects. Micro-TIFs are scalpels, precisely targeting individual buildings or small areas for strategic intervention.

Here's where it gets interesting: Traditional TIF districts often span hundreds of acres and require decades to show results. Micro-TIFs can transform a single block in 2-3 years. They're particularly powerful for historic preservation and adaptive reuse projects that big developers ignore but that define community character.

The flexibility is game-changing. A micro-TIF might cover just the corner building that's been vacant for years, providing exactly the financial mechanism needed to convert upper floors to affordable housing while attracting a local business to the ground floor. It's urban acupuncture—small interventions with disproportionate healing power.

The statistics are sobering. Since 2005, the U.S. has lost over 65,000 independent retailers while gaining chains. Every closure represents not just lost jobs, but lost community identity, lost local ownership, and lost economic resilience. But here's the hopeful twist: Communities that embrace economic gardening, food halls, and micro-TIFs are writing different stories. They're proving that David doesn't just survive against Goliath—he thrives.

The choice couldn't be clearer. Communities can continue subsidizing corporate profits that flow to distant shareholders, or they can invest in neighbors who coach little league, serve on school boards, and show up when times get tough. Time is indeed short, but the tools are proven. The question isn't whether these strategies work—it's whether communities will have the courage to use

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**BFACT's Charlie & the Chocolate Factory: Scenes from the Play**



(L) *BFACT's Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*: Violet & Mr. Beurgarde announce their winning ticket. (R) In the most heartfelt solo of the show, Mrs. Bucket (Emma Tinsley) sings "If Your Father Were Here".



(TL) *BFACT's Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*: Oompa Loompas in tutus announce the end of Veruca Salt at the paws of the nut-sorting squirrels; (TR) Charlie (Titus Thompson) & Willy Wonka (Geno Pesicka) enjoy a happy ending to an eventful factory tour; (BL) Mike Teavee (Timothy Thompson) prepares to broadcast himself as Mrs. Teavee (Chyann Cody) protests. (BR) Geno Pesicka as Willy Wonka & Titus Thompson as Charlie take their bows to a standing ovation for the cast & crew of *BFACT's Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*. Courtesy Photos



|  | MON  | TUE   | WED   | THU   | FRI   |
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| 2025   | 30<br>Hot Beef Sandwich<br>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy<br>Roasted Vegetables   | 1<br>Burger / Bratwurst<br>Baked Beans<br>Potato Salad / Crab Salad<br>Chips          | 2<br>Chicken Alfredo<br>Egg Noodles<br>Salad<br>Breadstick                  | 3<br>Meatloaf<br>Mashed Potato with beef<br>gravy<br>Green Beans<br>Dinner Roll | 4<br>BLT<br>Broccoli Soup<br>Bread Stick                          |
| JULY   | 7<br>Sausage & Rice<br>Lettuce Boat<br>Dinner Roll  | 8<br>Cordon Bleu<br>Roasted Potatoes<br>Roasted Vegetables<br>Breadstick              | 9<br>Swiss Steak<br>Rice<br>Broccoli<br>Dinner Roll                         | 10<br>Baked Ham<br>Sweet Potato<br>Asparagus<br>Dinner Roll                     | 11<br>Sloppy Joes<br>Coleslaw<br>Chips                            |
| For information about Delivery or Frozen Meals, call Valerie - 892-6285 Milk & Fruit Served with all meals Menu subject to change based on availability. | 14<br>Pot Roast<br>Roasted Potatoes<br>Sautéed mushrooms, onions & peppers   | 15<br>Chicken Enchilada<br>Refried Beans<br>Spanish Rice                              | 16<br>Turkey ala King<br>Egg Noodles<br>Mixed Vegetables<br>Dinner Roll     | 17<br>Meatloaf<br>Mashed Potato with gravy<br>Green Beans<br>Dinner Roll        | 18<br>Zuppa Toscana Soup<br>Garden Salad<br>Breadstick            |
|  | 21<br>BBQ Chicken<br>Mac n Cheese<br>Spinach Salad   | 22<br>Liver and Onions OR<br>Deluxe Burger<br>Steak Fries<br>Mixed Vegetables         | 23<br>Hawaiian Pork<br>Scalloped Potatoes<br>Brussel Sprouts<br>Dinner Roll | 24<br>Goulash<br>Mixed Vegetables<br>Garlic Bread                               | 25<br>Tuna or Egg Salad<br>Sandwich<br>Croissant<br>Zucchini Boat |
|  | 28<br>Chili Cheese Dog<br>Steak Fries<br>Southern Pea Salad  | 29<br>Chicken Fried Steak<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Country Gravy<br>Salad<br>Dinner Roll | 30<br>Chicken and Dumplings<br>Creamy Spinach<br>Dinner Roll                | 31<br>Beef Spaghetti<br>Garden Salad<br>Breadstick                              |   |

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# Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



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Charlie & the Chocolate Factory - thanks audience members like you - had record-breaking ticket sales over all four shows the last weekend in June! The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater reported that each performance had sizeable attendance & increased throughout the weekend with an all-time record "house" at their Saturday & Sunday performances. The cast & crew of 60 appreciated the enthusiastic audiences, & they gave it their all at every show. From the youngest dancing, singing Oompa Loompa to the dynamic, vibrant Willy Wonka (played by Geno Pesicka), the show featured powerful ensemble numbers as well as heartfelt & vivid solo performances. The stage crew kept the show moving with quick scene changes & Act II assistance from the Oompa Loompa chorus, the ambitious changing scene elements keeping the audience entertained as the show moved from one vibrant event to the next. Director Nathan Schreier, Assistant Director Reva Potter, & Tech Director Terry Hoscheid expressed their appreciation for the hard working, united cast & crew who they hope will all continue as BFACT participants. Check out the photos from some of the Directors' favorite scenes

**HOMETOWN THURSDAYS** have been rockin' it & will continue into August. 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.

Your presence at all the upcoming events is much appreciated, so don't forget to add all these upcoming fine arts experiences to your calendars!  
June 5 to August 7, Hometown Thursdays throughout the summer from 6-9 PM. This summer's lineup:

July 17 - Stereo Trip

July 24th - Badger Horse,

July 31st - Wilt Brothers; &

August 7th - Dakota Country

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



The cast & crew of BFACT's *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*.

|                                |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Director</b>                | Nathan Schreier                   |
| <b>Assistant Director</b>      | Reva Potter                       |
| <b>Musical Director</b>        | Eliza Dosch                       |
| <b>Tech Director</b>           | Terry Hoscheid                    |
| <b>Stage Manager</b>           | Rachel Crittenden                 |
| <b>Assistant Stage Manager</b> | Hailey Hanzlik                    |
| <b>Choreographer</b>           | Sentel Schreier & Allie Juso-Very |
| <b>Costumer</b>                | Colleen Anderson                  |
| <b>Sound</b>                   | Mike Meemken & Braxton Reid       |
| <b>Lights</b>                  | Raya Meemken                      |
| <b>Tech</b>                    | Timothy Crittenden & Brux Hartman |
| <b>Producer</b>                | Derek Olson                       |



**BFACT's Charlie & the Chocolate Factory:** The show opens with Willy Wonka & his Candy Chorus.

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Willy Wonka</b>        | Geno Pesicka  |
| <b>Charlie Bucket</b>     | Titus Thompson  |
| <b>Mrs. Bucket</b>        | Emma Tinsley  |
| <b>Grandpa Joe</b>        | Colin Hanzlik   |
| <b>Grandma Josephine</b>  | Taffy Anderson  |
| <b>Grandpa George</b>     | Joe Savery  |
| <b>Grandma Georgina</b>   | Sarah Steeves   |
| <b>Augustus Gloop</b>     | Samuel Savery   |
| <b>Mrs. Gloop</b>         | Bethany Savery  |
| <b>Violet Beauregarde</b> | Talia Thompson  |
| <b>Mr. Beauregarde</b>    | Nathan Thompson   |
| <b>Veruca Salt</b>        | Lilly Kennedy   |
| <b>Mr. Salt</b>           | Chad Logan  |
| <b>Mike Teavee</b>        | Timothy Thompson  |
| <b>Mrs. Teavee</b>        | Chyann Cody   |
| <b>Mrs. Green</b>         | Kaitlyn Thompson  |
| <b>Jerry</b>              | Carston Sechser   |
| <b>Cherry</b>             | Katharina Steeves   |
| <b>Ensemble</b>           | Aliyah Ryan, Alora Thompson, Andrew Thompson, Clara Reid, Daniel Eddy, Dante Priest, Harper Davis, Hope Frasier, Katherine Fowler, Lucian Steeves, Madilyn Woxland, Paisley Featherstone, Sophie Wermers, John Hale, Melody Savery, Anah Jones, Kaya Pesicka, Moriah Jones, Nyomi Woltkamp, Rebekah Jones, Lucia Rodriguez, Kelsie Reid, Kaeli Thompson, Adalyn Savery, Avery Dobesh, Ember Olson, Piper Davis, Jen Zoller, Whitney Bridgers, Cortesa Devreaux & Elise Wood |



Grandpa Joe (Colin Hanzlick) leaps out of bed to escort Charlie (Titus Thompson) to Wonka's factory.



Young & old were entertained by **Geno Pesicka's** portrayal of *Willy Wonka*.



Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden July 6, 2025

We have enjoyed receiving moist-ure this past week including the 4th of July as well as the weekend. Those of us in Meade County sure appreciate green pastures to begin the month of July. Haying has been a bit delayed for many, but that isn't the worst problem we could have.

The 4th of July parade held every year was attended by Governor and First Lady Larry and Sandy Rhoden as they have for over 20 years. It is a great parade with a huge crowd. Their granddaughter, Birkin Rhoden, rode with them in the parade this year, making it a first for a grandchild on board. Her parents are Tristen and Kalen (Lemmel) Rhoden. The other grand baby in attendance was Lincoln Allen Rhoden. He watched from his stroller with him mos and dad, Reggie and Jenny Rhoden and joined us for lunch afterward.

On the 3rd of July, Larry and Sandy Rhoden had the honor of greeting Vice-President Vance and his family to South Dakota. This happened at Mt. Rushmore. We had a great short visit and they seemed happy to be in South Dakota for the first time. They had just finished a hike and headed to the monument right after our visit. On the way to Rapid City Larry and Sandy were the first to come onto a motorcycle accident on the New Underwood Road. The cyclist lost control when the pavement ended and turned to gravel. His bike took a couple of flips and he was thrown from the bike. He gained consciousness and managed to sit up in a position that he could tolerate as his wife was calling 911. Larry braced him in that position with his leg until the county deputies and someone from the fire department came to take over. He and his wife were on separate bikes and he was thankfully wearing a helmet. They continued on to greet the VP, did the parade the next morning, and then spent until Saturday afternoon in the Hills at the summer cabin with family.

On Sunday the Community Baptist Church in Union Center held a pot luck dinner as they

do on the first Sunday of the month. There was a baptism afterward in a tank outside the church. Josh Sandrine, married to Talina Spring and also helps with the technical portion of the church service, chose to be baptized. It was a wonderful prairie church day with great food, fellowship and the sound of laughing children playing safely in the yard after having received well over an inch of rain.

This Saturday, July 12, will be the Grand Opening of a new salon and boutique in Union Center. The new business called 'Sage Brush' will open its doors to the beautifully restored Union Center School. The Grand Opening will take place between 9:00 - 4:00 pm. There will be a Trucker Hat Bar 9am-2pm, create your own custom hat by Blondies Brims! Giveaways- because who doesn't love surprises? Shopping, and Mimmi's Prairie Lunchbox will be serving up everyone's faves 11am-4pm. You can help Bailly Enright kick things off in style by stopping in next Saturday between 9:00 - 4:00 on 19631 Ball Field Road in Union Center.

The history behind the building is that it was first known as the Sunshine School, built in 1924 a couple of miles northwest of Union Center. It was moved in 1938 along Hy. 34 and became known as the Union Center School. It was in operation through the fall of 1984. It then opened in 1987 as the rural supply center, or depository, until 2017. In October of 2024 it was 100 years since it was built. Purchased recently by John and Sylvia Rhoden it was moved just south of the CMCCC and the new Meade Rural School in hopes to preserve the building, its history, and the memories associated with the privilege of attending or teaching at this special country school. Sylvia Rhoden would have been the last teacher to teach in the old Union Center School building.

A little reminder that came to my attention today was that Union Center will celebrate its 100th year of existence next year, 2026!

GFP Commission Holds July Meeting

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission held their July meeting at the NFAA Easton Archery Center in Yankton, July 10-11.

WILDLIFE PROPOSALS

Aquatic Invasive Species The Commission proposed to add Prussian Carp to the Aquatic Invasive Species list.

The Commission also proposed to create an exemption so that live Red Swamp Crayfish can be possessed in certain instances for human consumption. Live Red Swamp Crayfish could not be at a location that sells bait.

The Commission also proposed to modify the European Rudd and Snakehead species listings to align with common name changes.

Mountain Lion Season The Commission proposed to expand the season dates for hunting intervals allowing the use of dogs and increase the unit size where hunting with dogs is allowed in the Black Hills Fire Protection District. The proposal would eliminate the requirement for access permits to hunt mountain lions in Custer State Park without the use of dogs.

Hunting mountain lions in the designated area with the use of dogs will be allowed for a total of fifteen individuals with access permits, provided the harvest limits have not been met. Three access permits will be issued in each of the five 21 day intervals, starting Dec. 26.

WILDLIFE FINALIZATIONS Custer State Park Antelope Season The Commission voted to have an antelope hunting season in Custer State Park for 2025. Five buck antelope licenses will be available to residents. The season will run from Oct. 4-19.

Shooting Sports Complex Fee Schedule The Commission established fees for the Pete Lien and Sons Shooting Sports Complex in Rapid City. Specifically, these fees would be: Individual day permit, twenty dollars; Individual annual permit, one hundred dollars; Family annual permit, one hundred and fifty dollars; Annual club permit, five hundred dollars; Competitive event permit, twenty dollars per competitor; and Non-competitive events cost five hundred dollars per-shooting bay for two days and two hundred dollars for each additional day.

The Pete Lien and Sons Shooting Sports Complex will always be available to the public throughout normal range hours, and there will always be free opportunities to shoot at the complex. There will be no charge to use the 50, 100, 300 yard bays and archery range on the south end of the complex. Overall, 140 of the 160 total pistol and rifle shooting positions, as well as the archery range, will be free on the south range.

The shotgun areas, long range, and north end of the range will feature more limited access. These modest fees for those areas will generate revenue that can be used to leverage federal funding to use for maintenance and operation of the complex. Revenue generated will help offset the costs for materials such as clay targets that will be offered at the complex.

The Department is committed to providing a shooting sports opportunity in western South Dakota, while responsibly managing the facility and the associated fees and licenses from hunters, trappers, anglers, and other recreational shooters.

Area Church Schedules

BLACK HILLS GOSPEL ASSEMBLY

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

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

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

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC)

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

EMMANUEL BAPTIST

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

FIRST BAPTIST

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

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Sheri Fadley 1804 7th Ave. Belle Fourche 605-892-2405 Worship: Sunday 10:30 am - FB Live Sunday School 9:30 am Small Groups & Studies schedule online at www.bellefourchegmc.com

LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

(ABA) - 2.2 miles east on Hwy 34 723-1092 Sunday: 10 a.m. worship service

NEW COVENANT PCA

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

NEWELL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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

NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

NORTHERN HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

NORTH POINT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

10959 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

RED WATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: 11 a.m. Worship Nursery available Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Learning and Discovery Study

SPEARFISH ADVENTIST® CHURCH

290 W Highway 14 Pastor Darren Purdy and Pastor Marveen Gentillon Join Us This Saturday Morning Prayer: 9:00am Sabbath School: 9:30am Worship Service: 10:45am Bible Study-Tuesday: 6:00pm

SPEARFISH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

920 N Main Street, Spearfish Sunday Service 10 a.m. in person and on Facebook. Pastor Randy Hedge 605-642-8253

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL

6th and Roundup 892-2446 The Rev. Evelyn Weaver The Rev. Sandy Williams, Priests Deacon Rev. Mike Weaver Sunday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN

1100 Stanley Street Open for in-house worship Sunday Worship 10:AM with coffee fellowship following the service. Watch live-streamed services: www.sjclbellefourche.org Wednesday at 5:55 PM during the school year. Watch our Sunday service live on Facebook.

ST. ONGE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 Mass Times: Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass: Weds. & Thurs. 12:15 p.m. Confessions available one hour before all Masses

SUMMIT OPEN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

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 Fosander St. Vale SD 57788 Service Sunday: 10 a.m. 605-210-0512



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"Staying Connected"

"Stay Connected!" The message called from the clear pocket in front of me through liftoff, turbulence, deceleration, and a rather bouncy landing. The airline obviously wanted me to come back soon for more twisty pretzels.



by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel

On these trips to visit California daughter, I sometimes reflect on life in covered wagon days. When a mother hugged her daughter goodbye, chances were good they would never see each other again.

It should be easier to stay connected in this day and age, shouldn't it? Airline travel is far more prevalent than when we were growing up. Today, it is the way people travel. Happy to get a window seat, I waited for takeoff. Behind me a baby cried. Young children squabbled. A boisterous high school soccer team filed in. I could tell that most of the travelers were familiar with flying.

Before the flight attendant launched her seat-belt-and-oxygen-mask spiel, nearly everyone had focused on some type of screen before them. I glanced at the person next to me. He was immersed in something on his iPad, ear buds blaring. Friendly chatter was out of the question. My trips by airplane can be

counted on two hands. I still find liftoff amazing and I love watching the ground below. Even the clouds fascinate me. My window shade was one of few that were open.

Growing up on the farm sixty-plus years ago, when the family traveled, we rode in the car. Dad drove. Mom was front passenger.

When I was really young, I sat between them and the other kids sat in the back. No air conditioning besides Mom and Dad's front vents and the hand crank windows.

The folks commented on the crops, beautiful yards, trees and livestock. Kids in the back pointed at the changing scenery. "Those trees are huge!" "Look at all the baby colts." Nature fascinated us. There were so many things to see, so much to imagine.

When we drove next to a train, we counted the cars. License plates on passing and oncoming vehicles were better than "Jeopardy." How many South Dakota counties could we spot? Deloris recalls Mom reaching for the map in the glove compartment to show us where the counties were located. (Better than GPS!) It was fun to tally all the different states.

There were no mobile

phones then, at least not in our world. No iPads or laptops. No Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or TikTok. Today, billions of people have access to social media platforms. We live in the Age of Technology. We can access information instantly. We can socialize. We can communicate. We can connect.

So, why do some educators say today's students have a difficult time listening and following directions? Why are sharing and cooperating skills waning?

Why are so many people lonely? Government studies report that loneliness is on the rise, especially among younger adults. A book by Jonathan Haidt, The Anxious Generation, addresses the present-day crisis in technology. He also tells how we can fix it. I recommend it for every parent, grandparent and adult who cares about the future.

Technology is a wonderful thing. (I would not want to give up flights to visit family or connecting with phone and computer.) Turns out, we just need to learn how to use it. However, we can still keep counting train cars, playing license plate games and just plain talking!

More Stories!

All nine of Kruempel's books are available on Amazon. Contact the author at deannkruempelaauthor@gmail.com.

ACTION PLANS

The Commission voted to adopt the Department's Black Hills Beaver and State Wildlife Action Plans. Public Comments Being Accepted

To hear the discussion on these proposals, audio from the meeting is available through South Dakota Public Broadcasting and will soon be available on the GFP website as part of the meeting archive.

To see these proposals in their entirety, visit gfp.sd.gov/commission/information. To be included in the public record and to be considered by the Commission, comments must include a full name and city of residence and be submitted by 11:59 p.m. CDT on Aug. 31.

The next GFP Commission meeting will be held at Rapid City's the Outdoor Campus West, Sept. 4-5.

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Jonathan Ellis & Joe Sneve



# Monument Health is nationally recognized for its commitment to providing high-quality stroke care

Rapid City, S.D., July 10, 2025 — Monument Health Rapid City Hospital has received the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke GoldPlus quality achievement award for its commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines, ultimately leading to more lives saved and reduced disability.

Monument Health also received two additional recognitions, the first is the American Heart Association's Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll award. To qualify for this recognition, hospitals must meet specific criteria that reduce the time between an eligible patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with thrombolytic therapy.

The second recognition is the American Heart Association's Target: Type 2 Diabetes™ Honor Roll award. Target: Type 2 Diabetes aims to ensure patients with Type 2 diabetes, who might be at higher risk for complications, receive the most up-to-date, evidence-based care when hospitalized due to stroke.

Stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the U.S. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or bursts. When that happens, part of the brain cannot get the blood and oxygen it needs, so brain cells die. Early stroke detection and treatment are key to improving survival, minimizing disability and accelerating recovery times.

Get With The Guidelines puts the expertise of the American Heart Association and Amer-

ican Stroke Association to work for hospitals nationwide, helping ensure patient care is aligned with the latest research- and evidence-based guidelines. Get With The Guidelines - Stroke is an in-hospital program for improving stroke care by promoting consistent adherence to these guidelines, which can minimize the long-term effects of a stroke and even prevent death.

"Monument Health Rapid City Hospital is committed to improving patient care by adhering to the latest treatment guidelines," Jill Tice, Monument Health Vice President of Quality, Safety and Risk Management. "Get With The Guidelines makes it easier for our teams to put proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis, which studies show can help patients recover better. The end goal is to ensure more people in the western South Dakota can experience longer, healthier lives."

Each year, program participants qualify for the award by demonstrating how their organization has committed to providing quality care for stroke patients. In addition to following treatment guidelines, Get With The Guidelines participants also educate patients to help them manage their health and recovery at home.

"We are incredibly pleased to recognize Monument Health for its commitment to caring for patients with stroke," said Steven Messe, M.D., volunteer chair of the American Heart Association Stroke System of Care Advisory Group. "Participation in Get With The Guidelines is associated with improved patient outcomes,

fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates — a win for health care systems, families and communities."

### About Monument Health

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## Job Corps program at risk

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The Boxelder Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center in Nemo, S.D., is facing potential closure due to federal budget cuts that close 124 of the job training and education centers for low-income youth and young adult across the country. The Department of Labor has called for a halt to a majority of those programs, and federal budget documents show the remaining centers are also targeted for closure.

The Trump administration has said it wants to cut the

program as part of a larger effort to streamline government spending, and due to a report that showed low graduation and job-placement rates at some centers.

In June, a federal judge paused the closures, saying only Congress can cut the spending. Meanwhile, officials with Job Corps are worried that low-income youths in South Dakota and across the country could lose an opportunity to get a high school diploma and job skills needed to help pull them out of poverty.

## South Dakota Impacted by Federal Budget/Program Cuts

The spending and taxation bill signed in July by President Donald Trump and the spending cuts made by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and other federal departments are having a wide variety of impacts on South Dakota.

The nearly 900-page bill was signed into law on Friday, July 4, and includes about \$4.5 trillion in tax cuts and supports other Trump administration priorities, such as boosting defense spending and immigration

enforcement. The measure also reduces Medicaid and food aid for the poor and will add \$3.3 trillion to the national deficit over the next decade, according to The Associated Press.

Over the past six months, South Dakota News Watch has tracked how the federal cuts will affect the Rushmore State. While timely and concrete information has at times been difficult to come by, News Watch has sought to highlight the impacts that are of greatest interest to the state.

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# Pause of after-school funding part of larger education freeze

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Thousands of South Dakota children – many from low-income working families – could lose the opportunity to attend after-school or summer education programs under the latest funding freeze enacted by the Trump administration.

The \$6.5 million in federal grants for community learning centers across South Dakota is part of a larger set of possible grant reductions that would eliminate \$25.8 million in federal spending on five education programs in the state.

### Federal cuts roundup:

The impact on South Dakota A developing list on the effects of federal job cuts, program reductions and hiring freezes in the state.

Nationally, the administration has frozen \$6 billion in grants for the five education initiatives, including after-school and summer education, adult literacy, migrant education, school instructional assistance and English language instruction.

Money that was allocated and expected to be received by states on July 1 is on hold, as are any future grant allocations, The Associated Press reported.

The administration has frozen the grants as it reviews all spending to ensure it aligns with the goals of President Donald Trump, according to the AP. Beyond the current grant freeze, the president has not included funding for the five programs in his proposed 2026 spending plan.

South Dakota Secretary of Education Joseph Graves told News Watch that he has alerted all school superintendents across the state that the grants are on “pause.”

“They’re under review, but that doesn’t mean they’re being eliminated,” Graves said. “For reasons they haven’t talked about, they’re being reviewed.”

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Graves said he urged school officials to prepare to adapt if the grant funding is eliminated.

“At this point, what we’ve said to people is that we don’t know when the final decision will be made. And if I was a

school superintendent, I’d be trying to figure out how I can be flexible if the money doesn’t come,” he said.

11% of federal education funding for SD

The \$25.8 million attached to the five grant programs would amount to a loss of nearly 11% of the total federal funding provided for education in the state, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

The grants include \$10.8 million for instructional assistance in schools, \$6.7 million to support student achievement, \$6.5 million for after-school and summer learning as well as cuts to migrant and English language learning programs.

If the grant freeze becomes permanent, South Dakota would lose grants that serve an estimated 6,800 children in 84 communities through after-school or summer learning programs, according to the Afterschool Alliance, a national nonprofit advocacy organization. Many of the programs are run by school districts or through the Boys and Girls Club and other community organizations.

This article is the latest in an ongoing effort by South Dakota News Watch to document the changes in spending by the Trump administration. News Watch is also examining other programs, including Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, though details on those and other program impacts are only slowly becoming available.

Children and families aided in Kadoka

About 40 children in the rural community of Kadoka, located 100 miles east of Rapid City, attend the Kadoka Academy and Rural Connections program, which provides after-school education and activities during the school year and every day for eight weeks during the summer.

But the fate of the program is now uncertain due to the grant freeze.

For Nikki Bonenberger, who runs the Kadoka academy program, the grant freeze has caused uncertainty and raised concerns that children in her community who need educational help after school and during the summer could miss out on critical services. The programs, she said, help prevent children from falling behind in school or being left alone while

their parents work.

“We provide a safe place, but we also provide the education piece that supports the schools on a daily basis,” Bonenberger told News Watch. “We’re in rural South Dakota, so it would affect us and create a really big deficit here.”

Bonenberger was unsure how much federal grant money the program receives. But federal guidelines for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant allows for funding of \$50,000 to \$300,000 a year for up to five years for qualified programs. Graves said the learning center grants are doled out after a competitive process among school districts and other community service providers.

Programs run outside the traditional school day have long-range benefits for many children, especially those with working parents or from low-income families, the Afterschool Alliance reports.

Children who attend after-school programs are less likely to get into trouble, do better in school and have the potential for greater educational

and financial success later in life.

### Preparing to adapt in Belle Fourche

Orion Thompson, superintendent of the Belle Fourche School District, said he is keeping an eye on the grant pause because his district uses federal funding for after-school and summer school programming and as a supplement to the salaries of some district employees.

“My hope is that it’s just short-term posturing and not a permanent situation,” Thompson told News Watch.

Thompson said he is considering options to adapt if the freeze becomes permanent.

“This has the potential to create restrictions or a re-evaluation of services,” he said. “If we can’t do these things anymore, it really just falls back on the parents.”

### Low-income families rely on programs

Sandra Waltman, spokeswoman for the South Dakota Education Association, said the program cuts will hurt students and their families, especially those with lower incomes.


“It will really affect low-income families whose parents might not have the ability to provide after-school or summer care while they’re at work,” Waltman said. “These are vital programs to help students reach their full potential and not fall through the cracks.”

Waltman said the timing of the grant freeze — coming a month or so before the school year — is causing deep uncertainty for school districts and families.

“With school just around the corner, it could leave a lot of families scrambling and trying to figure out what to do now,” she said.

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## EDUCATION GRANTS

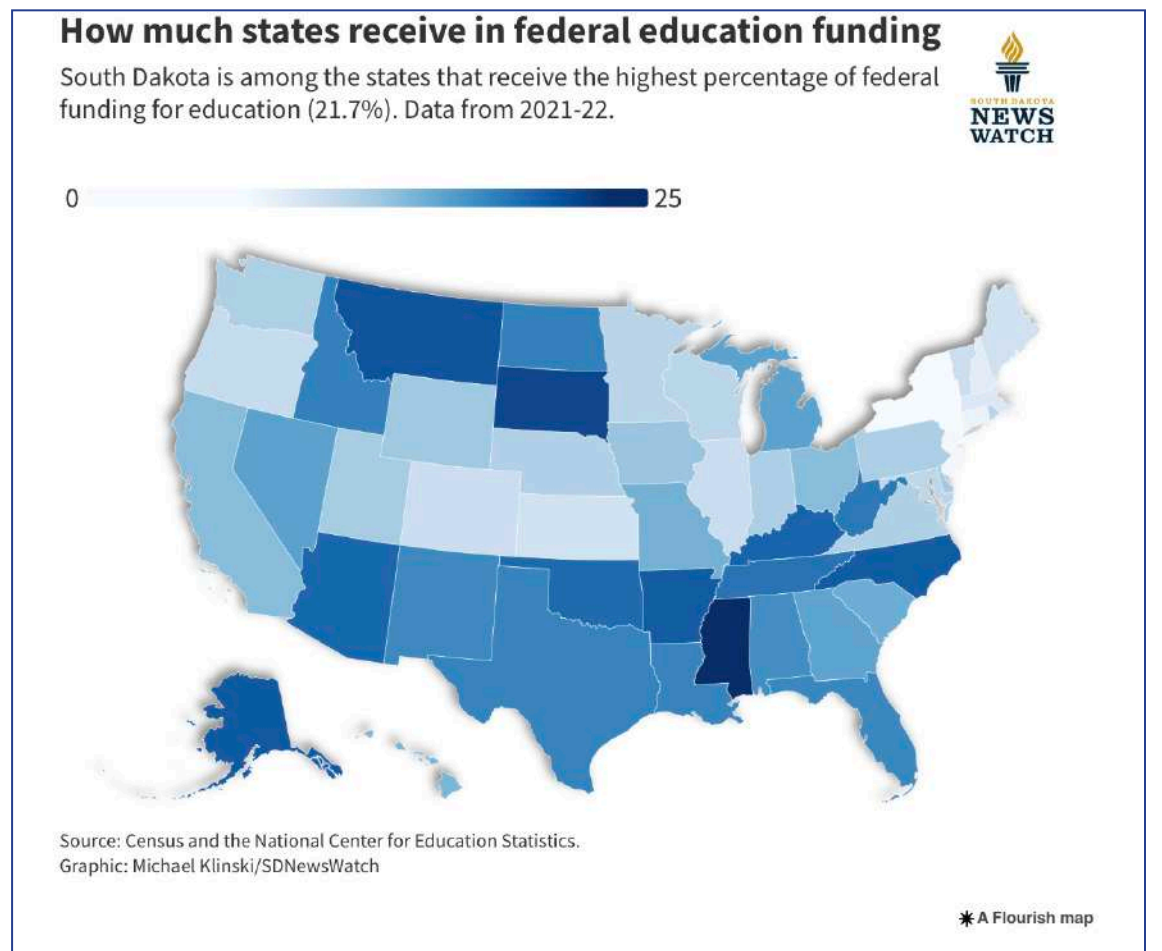
Here is a look at the federal grant funding that was frozen by the Trump administration on July 1, 2025 in South Dakota. The grants total about 10.8% of overall annual federal education funding provided to the state.

- \$10.8 million** for supporting effective instruction
- \$6.7 million** for student support and academic enrichment
- \$6.5 million** for after-school and summer school programs
- \$925,000** for English language acquisition
- \$839,000** for migrant education

**Note:** \$25.8 million total  
**Source:** Department of Education



The Youth & Family Services complex in Rapid City, S.D., shown on July 8, 2025, hosts one of the supplemental learning programs being paused by the Trump administration. (Photo: Bart Pfankuch / South Dakota News Watch)



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## B's Buzz

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I've said it before and I'll say it again. Lines are our friends. We should color inside the lines, drive inside the lines and keep things in straight lines. Nothing looks better to me than to see a line of books or a line-up of objects-all neatly placed in even straight rows, preferably set by size, smallest to largest. It's soothing to see the cows on their way to water nose to tail, headed in one direction with one thing on their minds. It's a wonder to see a mama duck with her babies all in a row. And the pure joy of seeing a line of kittens as they follow mom across the yard on an adventure does my heart good. Nose to tail, step by step, animals understand straight lines.

Of course, if I do go beyond the comforts of a line drawn in any portion of my life, I begin to shutter and shake. To go past my comfort zone, the place where there is safety and knowledge of what will happen, is sometimes just too frightening. But, my life is continually taking me past my own set limits. Isn't there any fairness when it comes to making my own decisions!? Why can't it just be that I go to work, cook lunch for the kids,

do paperwork for the school, and then head to another job three times a week, and then head home to relax. But, no each day is full of surprises! One day everything goes as planned within the straight lines I've planned. Suddenly, there's a crooked line! Everything is redrawn. New people to meet, new places to go, new things to figure out! What ever happened to a mundane life? Sometimes I think that I'm stretched beyond the lines and will burst apart (that would be impossible, I know).

I don't think I'd want my life to be anything other than what it is, though. Anyway, there's not much that I could do to change it. A few small things to be sure-take more time to "go with the flow" and stop to consider other people and their needs. I need to learn not to worry about "the plan" so much and above all carry an eraser!

This week try to redraw the lines of your life. Step beyond the boundaries and see what makes other people tick. Who knows, you may just find a place within someone else's lines.

I believe that's what I'll try to work on this week. But first, I need to find my eraser. Does anyone know where I can find a BIG one?

## Tot 'N Twenty Primes for County Fair



Edith Harmon, left, and Judy Wilbur worked industriously on pieces for the backdrop to be used for Tot 'N Twenty's Butte-Lawrence County Fair entry.

Betty Bruner photo



NEWELL-The Butte-Lawrence County Fair is coming quickly and the Tot 'N Twenty Extension Club members are busy preparing for the annual event. The club has been part of the county fair for several decades and always put on a fabulous show of talent.

Each year, TNT has various projects usually in at least two booths and sometimes more. This year the club members will have entries in Booth #6, Fruity Foods and #7 Mighty Muffins.

Making the food is only part of the project, though. Each booth must be designed to show off the baked goods. Club members put their heads together and

brainstorm ideas to come up with something special. It's always exciting to see what they have developed.

The Butte-Lawrence County Fair will be held July 28-August 2 this year at the county fairgrounds in Nisland. There are many events planned this year including a Talent Show on Thursday, July 31 and a Sew Your Own Contest on the same day. Pig Wrestling and fishing,

too. And the never-to-be outdone Catch-a-Sheep contest.

The young people will be showing off their 4-H and FFA projects and displaying their livestock. A youth rodeo will take place on August 2.

Plan on attending the Butte-Lawrence County Fair this year and take a moment to check out the Tot 'N Twenty booth. There will be other things to see, too.

Above: Wilma Dick, left, readies one of the backdrops while Patty Karas stands ready with more pins.

Right: Brady Wilbur put in some time helping Tot 'N Twenty members prepare for the county fair.

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## Grand River Roundup



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Reub and I went Jim LeFebre's funeral last Sunday afternoon at the Holland Center Church near Lodgepole and saw a lot of friends and Jim's family members. Jim was the kind of guy who could fix anything and that made us remember the time Reub asked my father Bryce White how to wire in a 4 point electric switch because Dad had wired our old house when we moved it into the ranch years ago. Dad couldn't remember how to do it, but told Reub to call Jim LeFebre because Jim could fix anything. Dad was right because Jim knew exactly how to do it. This community is really going to miss our handy old friend.

It was hot and dry on Monday so I watered all my gardens and all my flower pots outside. Reub mowed a lot of grass around here and Phyllis Brown called that afternoon to let us know that the mower blades John Brown had ordered for us had come in. The guys hauled

bulls up to the Horse Creek pasture that day.

Reub went back up to spray weeds at the Horse Creek pasture Tuesday morning. Missy was the hostess for Ladies Aid at the church that afternoon and both of us went down there before Reub got home so he had to eat leftovers for lunch. We prayed for our nation and president, our missionaries, and several of our friends and neighbors with health problems. All nine of the WMF members were able to attend the meeting and Missy fed us some delicious treats before I left to get groceries from the Reva Store. Reub and I went to Hettinger to watch the "Parables of Jesus" play at the Army that evening and got to sit with Lester and Sharon Longwood. I hope most of you got to see that play because it was really good.

Sadly, there are more deaths to report: Bonnie (Seymour) Rosander, 71, of Belle Fourche passed away peacefully in her sleep June 20th at home following a hard-fought battle with

cancer. Her funeral service was Monday, July 7 at Kline Funeral Chapel with interment following at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

Timothy Kok, 72, from Whitewood passed away on July 2, surrounded by his loved ones. He grew up on the family farm and ranch along Duck Creek Road, 12 miles southwest of Lodgepole. A celebration of Tim's life was held at the Sturgis VFW Club on July 13. The following week, his children honored his wishes by returning to the family ranch to spread his ashes, where he will be eternally laid to rest alongside his beloved wife.

Reub and I went to Hettinger Wednesday afternoon to get stuff from Runnings and White Drug, where Reub always gets a squeeze from his cousin Roxie Finck who works at White Drug. We went home through Reeder to pick up the mower blades from John Brown and had coffee with the Prairie Pioneers before heading home.

Reub went back to spray weeds at our Horse Creek pasture early Thursday morning, but he got a flat tire on the sprayer so he had to load it on the flatbed to haul it home to get it fixed. I got all my gardens and flowers watered before he got home because it was really hot and dry here. Casey helped Reub get the tire off but it was ruined so Reub and I drove to Bowman late that afternoon to get a couple new tires for the sprayer at Northwest Tire. We got back home just in time for my ZOOM call with the SD Coalition to hear Speaker Jon Hansen speak on why he's running for governor of South Dakota. I served in the legislature with Jon and the way he voted really impressed me. The Coalition will have all the other candidates for governor address us on the ZOOM calls to let us know what their beliefs are and what they plan to do if elected governor.

It sure cooled off on Friday, it was so chilly that I had to wear a jacket to go out to take care of my chickens. It was windy and the weatherman said it was supposed to rain that day so Reub didn't go up to spray weeds at Horse Creek. Reub stayed home and worked on his other weed sprayer but all we got was a tiny sprinkle of rain that didn't even get the ground damp.

It warmed up again on Saturday with no chance of rain so Reub went to spray weeds at the Horse Creek pasture and never got home for lunch until 1:30. Casey and Missy went over to Shadepole Lake on Saturday to spend the day with a bunch of wrestling coaches and their

wives. Becky Holt and Mary Lou Holt fed us coffee and a delicious lunch after church Sunday morning while we had fellowship with each other. I had a good visit with Sen. Sam Marty and Marc Hotchkiss talking about the old days when my father and Sam's father and his uncle grew up together. Reub and I and a whole bunch of friends and neighbors went up to Louise Jenson's open house that afternoon to see the hundreds of beautiful flowers she is growing all over her yard. She had the open house on July 13th in memory of her mother-in-law, Bernice Jenson because that was Bernice's birthday.

Sunday was one year since the assassination attempt on President Trump at his rally in Butler, PA. Thank God he survived with just a shot through his ear when he turned his head just as Thomas Crooks fired at him and he gives all the credit to God.

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## Then and Now in Newell

### "Looking Forward to our Past"

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Chuck Wilsey sold his propane distribution business to Dempsey Fenner in 1965 Newell Museum

The archbishop had preached a fine sermon on married life and its beauties. Two old women were heard coming out of church commenting on the address. "It was a fine sermon his reverence gave" said one to the other. "It was indeed", was the quick reply, "and I wish he knew a little more about the matter as he does."

**July 9, 1925**

Complaints have been made to the City Council that the Curfew Ordinance is not being enforced, and after this date the bell will be set off at 9:00 PM and the Ordinance strictly enforced. Conviction carries a fine. Parents will kindly help to prevent infractions as Chas Lawell will be on duty.

Dr. L. H. Dunn has contrived a new machine for beet topping and expects to have the device perfected in time to give it a thorough test at harvest time. The machine, he thinks, will save beet growers \$10 an acre in harvest operations. Beet Sugar companies have offered a large prize for a practical

topping machine for several years. Mr. Dunn also is working on an attachment to a beet plow intended to do away with the necessity of hand loading.

Practically all the population of South Hilan attended the Round-Up at Belle Fourche Saturday. Mrs. Eli Long and daughter kept a nursery at their home for some of the neighbors who did not wish to take their little folks to the Round-Up. They had a real party, a jolly day and evening and went to bed like good little children until their folks came for them sometime after midnight.

**July 11, 1935**

A deal was completed during the past week whereby Govert Van derBoom of the Newell Implement Company will take over the Newell Garage building from Edward Bushnell. The repair department will be in charge of Kenneth and Vern McRoberts, who will be assisted by their father and the International Harvester business will be conducted in the front end. The McRoberts brothers have already moved their machinery and are now installed in the new location. Mr. Van derBoom expects to move his implement business in by August 1st. Ed Bushnell, has conducted a garage business at this location for many years, has not announced his plans. He is visiting for a few days this week in Lead with family.

Robert Keene, charged with shooting and critically wounding James Knight last month in the climax of a cattelman-sheepman feud, was charged with assault with intent to kill and was bound over to the Fall Term of Meade County Circuit Court. He was released on Bond of \$1000. The shooting occurred near Mud Butte, when Knight and Keene quarreled over grazing rights. A bullet entered Knight's body and lodged near the spine. The bullet was later recovered in a Rapid City Hospital and the injured man released.

Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Noltensmeier and children, accompanied by a host of friends, picnicked at Bear Butte on the 4th of July. They had planned to climb the Butte, and the children do some swimming, but the rain prevented it.

**July 12, 1945**

Mr. & Mrs. Merle Smith have moved into an apartment in the Wall Building. They have been living near Castle Rock but lost their crops in the hailstorm which struck that

by Linda Velder

community on July 4th. Winds of cyclonic intensity caused much damage in that area to crops and outbuildings.

Shoe retailers will be required to take an inventory of their shoe stocks at the close of business July 31, it was announced by the OPA. The count of the nation's rationed and non-rationed shoes will help to determine whether or not any shoes may be released from rationing.

The grove at the Kenneth Viken farm was the scene of a family picnic on the 4th of July, when 21 relatives were present,



Edward Bushnell owner of Newell Garage, sold the building to Govert Van derBoom 1935. The building was erected in 1913 as a repair shop and Ford Dealership. Mr. Bushnell is standing on the right in inset photo.

including Mr. & Mrs. George Stockfleth of Napa, Idaho and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Keene and children, to enjoy a bounteous lunch and an afternoon of visiting by elders and games played by children.

Ernest Valerio, returned last week from northern Idaho, where he has been "frozen" in the mines for nearly 4 years. He is now "thawed out" and says good old Newell looks pretty good to him.

**July 14, 1955**

Roger Van derBoom of the Newell Implement Company, returned here Tuesday evening from Ohio bringing back the new International 42-passenger school bus, which they have sold the Newell School District. The title to the R-163 truck with Superior Pioneer body was handed to Superintendent G. W. Austin and Board Member Robert Fabricius and Bill Clark, bus mechanic, accepted the

3 skunks, 2 cattle and 1 hog. Eight counties had single cases while Jackson had 2.

The question of whether Newell will have an annual Labor Day Celebration this year or not will be considered at the regular meeting of the Newell Community Club, Tuesday at the Skyroom of the Cove Café. The annual celebration has been sponsored by the Newell Jaycees with help from Community Club and Fire Department every year except during WWII since 1939, but because of other activities and likely shortage of personnel the latter organization voted at their last meeting not to sponsor the event this year. There is a feeling among many businessmen that, since this annual event is primarily of value to the business of the town, that the Civic organization ought to contribute.

**July 8, 1965**

Newell's prime target for a robbery 212-79 Servicer was

burglarized last Thursday night, with \$75 or \$85 being reported taken. However, there was no break-in, owner Cy Colgrove reported that a hitchhiker seen earlier that night and since disappeared, was suspected of the theft. It was apparent that the thief was in the establishment before it was locked up for the night and had hidden in a shower stall, which had not been used for several years. In the morning, it was discovered the cash had been removed from the safe and some \$60 café receipts from the safe in the station. The Hiwayman had not been entered.

Karen Lyons of Minneapolis, Minn and her friend Will Gapp, of Walhalla, North Dakota, were guests overnight this weekend at the home of Karen's mother, Mrs. Teresa Lyons and family. The family and guests enjoyed a sightseeing trip through the Black Hills. Beth Lyons was an overnight guest at the home of Valerie Hafner and Eileen Lyons returned to Minneapolis with her sister Karen to seek employment.

Mr. & Mrs. Dempsey Fenner have taken over complete management of Chuck's Propane Gas Service at Newell by lease from the owners, Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Wilsey, it was transacted this week. Fenner's have been employed by Wilsey's in operation for the past 7 years. Wilsey's disposed of their gas business in Rapid City and now moved back to Rapid City.

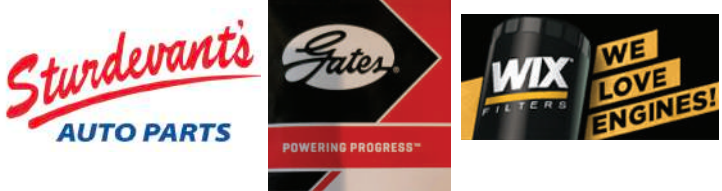
Members of the Jukkola family have gathered at the home of Mrs. Hilma Jukkola, Maymie and Walter at Newell for a family get-together and also for the Alumni reunions this week end at the South Dakota School of Mines in Rapid City. Arriving were Mr. & Mrs. Walford Jukkola and family Westport, Conn.; Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Jukkola and family Boulder, Colo.; Dr. Waino Jukkola of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania and Mr. & Mrs. George F. Ganskow Bellevue, Wash. Walford, Waino and Edwin plan to attend the Alumni reunions beginning today, all are graduates of Newell High School and the Rapid City School of Mines.

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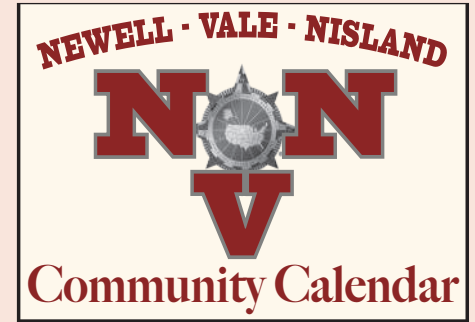
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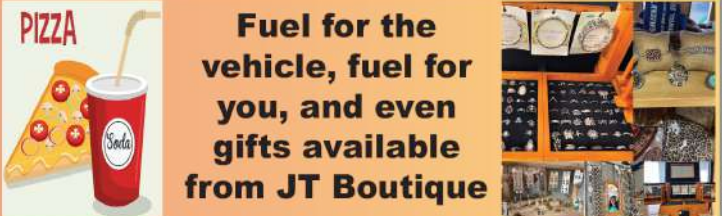
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## Newell School Board Begins New Year

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NEWELL-The last official meeting for the 2024-2025 School Year closed with approval of the Student Handbook and Activity Handbook. Coaches and supervisor assignments were also approved.

The 2025-2026 School Year board meeting was opened by Superintendent Dr. Pandi Pittman. Tyrel Bonnet and Dawn Gardner were given the oath of office by Amy Williams before the election of officers took place, with Tyrel Bonnet elected as the Board President and Dawn Gardner elected as Vice President.

During public comments, Cody Burke addressed the board with his concerns about the bus routes. He explained the importance of continuing the north route. Board members decided later that any decision will be tabled until the Transportation Committee can investigate and bring a recommendation.

Business Manager Amy Williams will be attending training and is working on preparations for the upcoming year. K-8 Principal Paul Clark has plans for trainings for teachers and is focusing on Special Education.

Principal Clark noted that there will be an Open House August 14 from 5-7 p.m.

During New Business for '25-'26 School Year, designations were approved by board members. The Official Depository is First National Bank, Official Newspaper is Belle Fourche Beacon, the Superintendent will be the Purchasing Agent, and the Business Manager is the designated Trust and

Agency Account and School Lunch Fund administrator.

The second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. was established as the time for regular school board meetings.

After lengthy discussion, meal prices were set as follows:

K-5 Breakfast \$2.75  
Lunch \$3.50 there may be a charge for a second entrée  
6-12 Breakfast \$2.75  
Lunch \$4.00 Second Entrée \$2.75  
Adult Breakfast \$3.50  
Lunch \$5.00 Salad Bar \$4.50

Lodging rates and mileage rates were also set as follows:

Lodging \$133 a night  
Meals Breakfast \$6, Lunch \$14, Supper \$20.

Mileage is set at the IRS rate

Substitute teacher pay was set at \$100 for non-certified and \$110 certified teacher. Long-term substitute rate on the 12th day after 11 days consecutively worked in the same classroom, \$140 for certified and \$125 for non-certified teachers.

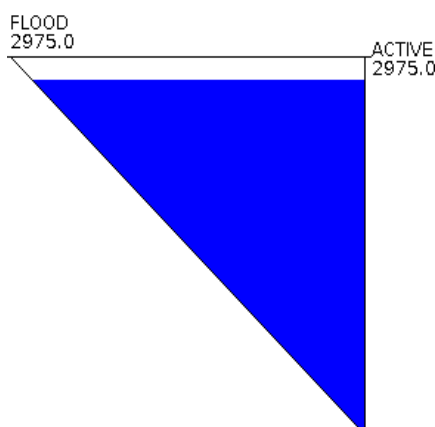
Whatever It Takes Coalition was approved to use the building/room for the year.

Several people were approved for positions including Vincent Brechtel, halftime Industrial Arts teacher; Meghan Erickson, Second Grade teacher; Molly Moes, Academic Advisor; Jesse Engel, Head Cross Country Coach; Courtney Svoboda, Technology Coordinator; Kim Hamilton, Summer Custodian, and Michelle Stockert as mentor.

Next regular School Board meeting is scheduled for August 11 at 6 p.m.

Daily Reservoir Data as of 07/11/2025

Pool Elevation is 2972.3 Feet  
Reservoir Storage is 151887. Acre-Feet  
Reservoir Inflow is -60.6 CFS  
Reservoir Outflow is 244.4 CFS  
Reservoir is 87.9 % Full\*  
Reservoir Flood Control Pool is filled 0.0 %  
Belle Fourche River Flow at State Line is 96.8 CFS



## OFF TO AQH Youth Association



Sorley and Rowdy Wetz participated in the American Quarter Horse Youth Association National conference in Amarillo, TX this past week.

Courtesy Photos



# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We've updated our website to a more user-friendly format  
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**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

**PRE-SCHOOL**

- 2 containers of disinfectant wipes
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 box of cereal or crackers (1 box at the beginning of every month)
- 24 pack of crayons
- 4 expo markers
- Watercolor paint set
- 2 glue sticks

**KINDERGARTEN**

- 1 Container of Clorox wipes
- Backpack—with child's name on it
- Headphones
- Water bottle
- A box of individually wrapped snacks for snack time
- PE shoes, optional
- Pencil box
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 1 box of wooden #2 pencils
- 1 package of highlighters
- 1 pair of scissors
- 5 glue sticks
- 1 pack of 24 crayons
- 1 pack of 10 broad line markers
- 1 package of dry erase markers

**FIRST GRADE**

- Backpack
- Scissors
- 2 Boxes Crayons—we'll save one for later
- 2 folders with two pockets
- 1 box of wooden pencils
- 2 Big pink Eraser
- 1 pack of highlighters
- 1-1.5 in 3-ring binder
- 1 watercolor paints
- 6 glue sticks
- 2 pack of Dry Erase Markers
- Washable Markers
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- Pencil Box
- 1 Container Clorox Wipes
- Water Bottle

- Gym Shoes
- Headphones-no ear buds
- 1 Box of individually wrapped snacks for snack time

**SECOND GRADE**

- 2 dry-erase markers may need more 2nd semester
- Pencils (wooden, NOT mechanical)
- Crayons Markers
- Colored Pencils
- 4 glue sticks
- 2 large pink erasers
- Pencil top erasers
- Scissors
- 1 wide-ruled, spiral bound notebook
- Pencil box
- Headphones (NO earbuds)
- Tennis shoes for P.E. to be left in locker
- 1 container of Clorox Wipes
- 2 - 2 pocket folders
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- Water Bottle
- Snack for afternoon each day

**THIRD GRADE**

- Sharp Pointed Scissors
- Colored Pencils 24 Count
- Crayons Markers
- 1 Highlighters Erasers (large and pencil top)
- Pencils 1 - School Glue and at least 2 - Glue Sticks
- 1 Wide Ruled Notebook
- 2 Pocket Folders
- Pencil Case
- Gym Shoes-Non marking
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 container of Clorox Wipes
- Water Bottle
- Headphones (no ear buds) for Computers
- Colored Pencils
- Colored Pencils 24 Count Crayons Markers



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- 1 Highlighters Erasers (large and pencil top)
- Pencils 1 - School Glue and at least 2 - Glue Sticks
- 1 Wide Ruled Notebook
- 2 Pocket Folders
- Pencil Case
- Gym Shoes-Non marking
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 container of Clorox Wipes
- Water Bottle
- Headphones (no ear buds) for Computers
- 1 Box of individually wrapped snacks for snack time

**FOURTH GRADE**

- 1 pencil box
- Pencils
- 1 package colored pencils
- 1 package markers
- 1 set Scissors
- 2 Highlighters
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Package Dry-Erase Markers
- 1 Spiral Notebook
- 1 Composition Notebook
- 1 two-pocket Folder
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 1 cont. Clorox Wipes
- 1 Hand Sanitizer

- Headphones (no wireless please) Water Bottle
- Non-Marking P.E. shoes
- FIFTH GRADE**
- 2 - Spiral Notebooks
- 1 pkg. loose leaf paper
- 1 dozen pencils
- Liquid glue
- 1 Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- 1 boxes Kleenex
- 1-Pencil Pouch or pencil box
- 1 pencil box
- 2 Composition Notebooks
- 1 package of markers optional
- 1 dry erase marker
- Water Bottle
- Headphones/earbuds

**NEWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- Most items will be used all 3 years.
- Accordion file or Trapper keeper with file pockets
- Pack of 24 #2 pencils, Ticonderoga are the best
- Pencil tip erasers or a large eraser
- 1 pack of loose-leaf paper, turn

- into McCann
- 3 - composition notebooks
- 4 - individual spiral notebooks or one multi-subject notebook with 4 sections
- Set of 4 dry erase markers (replenish 2nd semester)
- Basic scientific calculator (should be about \$20)
- 2 - Highlighters
- 1 - pack of notecards
- Plastic pencil box or large zipper pouch that will be your project pack that contains:
- 1 - package of colored pencils
- 1 - package of markers
- 1 - black permanent marker
- 2 - glue sticks
- 1 - pair of scissors
- Corded headphones - to be kept at school
- 2 boxes of Kleenex - give to your study hall teacher
- Non-marking gym shoes
- Water bottle
- 1 lock for a gym locker - Combinations and extra keys will need to be kept in the office.
- Set of shower supplies: Soap, deodorant, shampoo, towel, etc.
- Please mark all items with a permanent marker and replace as necessary throughout the year.



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