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Proposal Submitted to Hand Count Ballots

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BELLE FOURCHE-A petition for "An Ordinance Regulating the Conduct of Elections Within Butte County" was presented to the Butte County Commission during the regular meeting May 7. The petition was signed by more than the required number of Butte County residents. The ordinance lays out several items, focusing on a new election process that includes hand-counting ballots.

Highlights of the petition state "all elections in Butte County shall be conducted by paper ballot only, tabulation of votes shall be by hand count, electronic voting devices are prohibited, absentee ballots properly obtained and marked shall be tabulated by hand after the polls close, and the establishment of vote centers in Butte County is prohibited."

County Commission A6

Krautschun Class A Boy's 3200 Meter Champion

Ryan Deal

Courtesy 605 Sports

SIOUX FALLS — Lane Krautschun added another title to Belle Fourche's distance legacy.

The Belle Fourche High School senior won the Class A boys 3,200-meter run in nine-minutes and :28.18 seconds, surging past Hill City's Luke Rupert (9:29.21) on the final lap under windy conditions.

For Krautschun, who finished fourth in the event last season, it kept the Class A 3,200-meter run title in Belle Fourche. Sawyer Clarkson, a current University of Gonzaga runner, won the Class A 3,200-meter run the past two seasons.

"That's really special to keep the Bronc running legacy going after such an incredible runner like Sawyer graduating," Krautschun said. "I am pretty proud of that. I hope he is proud too that we can keep that going."

Krautschun, a future Univer-

Veteran's Memorial Avenue of Flags



A snapshot of some of the many Memorial Day flags on the "Avenue of Flags" at Pine Slope Cemetary. *Beacon Photo*

The Veteran's Memorial Avenue of Flags at the Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche is a joint project of Center of the Nation, VFW Post 3312 and Miller Magee American Legion Post 32.

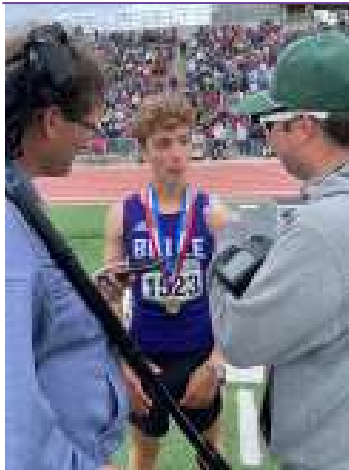
The Avenue runs three quarters around the outside perimeter of the cemetery and is best viewed from U.S. Highway 34 by the Belle Fourche Country Club heading west to the cemetery turn off and on toward

Wyoming.

The Avenue started with a small number of flags shortly after World War II and expanded to a maximum of 160 at its peak. Over the course of time some the first flags donated

have been retired due to age of the fabric more than wear and tear from display. Today there are 120 flags to fly.

Each flag on the Avenue has draped the casket at the burial **Avenue of Flags** contd A6



Lane Krautschun
Bronc Activities Photo

sity of Montana runner, kept the Bronc running legacy going in dramatic fashion.

Krautschun trailed Rupert for much of the race, but used a strong closing kick and moved ahead of the Ranger in the final 100 meters.

"He's been so hard to beat," Krautschun said. "I mean today. It was no different."

Belle Fourche Class of 2024 Graduation Is Official

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BELLE FOURCHE — Clad in purple and black gowns, 102 graduates strolled down the track at Lou Graslie Field to celebrate the end of their high school career.

The air was chilly and the wind was blowing, but that didn't stop friends and family from filling the stands to cheer on the graduates.

The BFHS All-State Chorus members accompanied the Senior Choir in singing the

National Anthem. Senior Class President, Jacie Baxendale, gave the opening dedication. She reminisced about their senior trip to Florida and the years of friendship she has had with her classmates. She gave

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Belle Fourche Class of 2024 celebrates with the traditional tossing of graduation caps in the air at Lou Graslie Field. The hat tossing tradition was started in the US Naval Academy in 1912. *Longbrake Photo*

So many candidates. So many yard signs.

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The June 4 primary election is closing in on residents of Butte County, and legislative District 28 at large.

So much is happening. Some candidates are running

for legislative seats, others are running for county commissioner seats.

Democrats and Republicans have separate ballots. The ballot a voter receives at the polls will depend on the voter's party affiliation, legislative district, county commission

district, and precinct. As they diligently stand strong against the wind and rain the gathering of yard signs are reminders that something important is about to happen.

Voting is an important civic responsibility. To better understand what to expect on the ballot, a brief civics tutorial might be helpful.

For those registered as Democrat or Independent, the ballot is simple. Voters will be asked to choose a presidential candidate. There are four options: Joseph R. Biden, (incumbent) Marianne Williamson, Jr., Dean Phillips, and Armando Perez-Serrato.

For Republicans, ballots will vary according to the voter's legislative district, county commission seat district, and

Election contd. B4



It is hard to find a street or an intersection in the area that isn't adorned with campaign yard signs. *Beacon Photo*

Two City Council Members Formally Reprimanded at Tense Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche council chamber was standing room only at the City Council meeting on May 20. As Mayor Randy Schmidt called the meeting to order, he asked for decorum amidst the brewing tension that had brought a significant portion of the community out that evening.

The City of Belle Fourche broadcasts all council meetings live on the city's official website, where they are also archived for public viewing.

On May 9, the Common Council met for an informational session. During this session, City Attorney Kellen Willert presented the Council Procedural Manual, which includes a Code of Ethics. Every council member

was required to sign a statement acknowledging the Code of Ethics.

After the meeting adjourned, council members Rhonda Schild (Ward 1) and Clark Sowers (Ward 2) remained in the council chamber, unaware that the camera was still recording. Their subsequent conversation, captured and broadcasted online, included several **City Council** Contd.A6

Broncs 10th at State Class A Meet

Coach Matthew Wattier

Bronc Track Facebook

What a great weekend the Broncs had at the state track meet! It's great to see all of the hard work

that these kids put in show itself in some great performances! This might be a long post, but

Track Contd. A5



Bronc Track Squad take group photo at State Class A meet at Howard Wood Field, Sioux Falls. *Courtesy photo*

Dr. Steve Willard Retirement Celebration

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Dr. Steve Willard is retiring. He plans to slow down, travel, enjoy family, and work on special projects. "Retiring" for Dr. Willard is also fitting description. Used as a descriptive adjective "retiring" refers to someone who is gentle, introspective, and unassuming.

Switching gears after a remarkable 45-year career in education is indeed reason for a celebration.

On Tuesday, May 21 the public

was invited to attend a retirement gathering for Dr. Willard at the Belle Fourche Public Schools Administrative Office. School district personnel, family, community members and several of Dr. Willard's children and grandchildren attended. Many stayed behind to wish Dr. Willard well, and to remind him that he would be missed. Dr. Willard's daughter, Kaylee Webb prepared a comprehensive PowerPoint detailing many personal and professional milestones. There was cake and balloons too, and plenty of good memories.

Originally from east river, Dr. Willard graduated from Grant-Duel High School in Revillo in 1975 and from Northern State University in Aberdeen in 1979. Following college, he went to work teaching, first as a shop teacher in Aberdeen for a year, then to Murdo as a Jones County High School CTE teacher.

Dr. Willard's twenty-year teaching career in Murdo was rich and varied. He coached boys' varsity track, earned some team trophies, and completed a master's degree from South Dakota State University.

Dr. Willard has served as the Belle Fourche Public School superintendent since 2008, the same year he completed his doctorate at the University of

Dr. Willard contd.A5



Mary Day, high school CTE business teacher congratulates Dr. Willard on his retirement. "Dr. Willard has been a great principal, superintendent and our visionary leader" She said. *Beacon Photo*



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Bob Schnaible 86

Robert A. Schnaible, age 86 of Belle Fourche, died Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the Crook County Long Term Care Center in Sundance, Wyoming.



He retired in 2000. Bob always stayed busy and he was a very hard worker. For many years he worked on cars and tractors, repairing and restoring them. He was passionate about tractor pulls and the won several competitions. When they first moved to Belle Fourche, Bob and Betty were active members at St. James Lutheran Church, where Bob helped construct the church building. Bob also helped construct the Moose Lodge where he was a long-time member. He was also a long-time member of the Lions Club. Bob was an avid hunter and fisherman. Together Bob and Betty were blessed with 65 years of marriage.

The funeral service was held Friday, May 24th, 2024 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Belle Fourche. Visitation was held Thursday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery, with Military Honors provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard.

Bob's funeral service can be viewed live or following the funeral from his obituary page located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Robert Arvade Schnaible was born April 5, 1938 in Linton, North Dakota. He was the son of Theodore and Hilda (Backhaus) Schnaible. Bob grew up in Linton, where he graduated from high school in 1956. During his school years he was very active with the Boy Scouts and FFA. This continued when he had children as well. Bob served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959. Shortly after his honorable discharge, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Marie Nieuwma on April 7, 1959 in Hull, North Dakota. Following their marriage, they moved to Belle Fourche where Bob was the Parts Manager for Hoseth Auto Parts

Robert is survived by his wife Betty of Sundance WY; sons, Robert (Susan) of Belle Fourche, Russell (Rita) of Douglas WY; daughter, Rhonda (Mark) Dick of Sundance WY; 5 grandchildren, Tyler (Dawn), Whitney, Terin, Erin, Liz (Drew); 6 great grandchildren, Drake, Jade, Noah, Anthony, Maya, Miles; and brother, Jerome (Jean) of Bismarck ND. He was preceded in death by his parents; stillborn son, Thurman James; brothers, Kenneth, Curtis, Duane, Fredrich; sister, Glenda Ost; and son-in-law, Russell Hart.



Curtis William Shaw 75

Curtis William Shaw, born on November 3, 1948, passed away peacefully at his home with his family by his side on November 22, 2023. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather.



Curtis and Marilyn moved to Arizona after their retirement, where they enjoyed year-round golfing and spending time with their family and friends. You could always find Curt on the golf course on Mondays and Wednesdays for men's league, Saturdays for couples and Sundays with his wife and son. Anybody who played with him knew his favorite shot the chip and run.

Curtis was an accomplished athlete, earning All-Conference honors in football and All-State honors in basketball during his high school years. Curtis enlisted in the Army on April 23, 1969, and served his country with distinction during the Vietnam War, earning a Bronze Star for his bravery and service.

In October of 1972, while stationed in New Mexico, Curtis drove up to Philip, South Dakota, to propose to Marilyn Cornish. They were married on Friday, October 13, 1972, and enjoyed 51 wonderful years together.

After his military service, Curtis became a teacher and coach in South Dakota. As a teacher he taught History, Government and Rural Economics which encouraged students to open a business and give back to the community. He was named Coach of the Year two years in a row. He led the Harding County girls' basketball team to the state championship for the first time ever and led the Belle Fourche boys' basketball team to the state championship in 1994.

Curtis will be remembered for his kindness, his sense of humor, and his unwavering love for his family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; Sheldon and Vi Shaw; brother, Doug Shaw and his son CW Shaw. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Shaw; son Sheldon Shaw, daughter Nancy Huls, sister Rita (Dick) Holdhusen their children Linn Holdhusen and Elizabeth (Tim) Stearns and their children, and two grandchildren Will and Finn Huls.

He will be laid to rest at the Black Hills National Cemetery on July 5th, 2024. The family invites you to join them for a celebration of his life at the Belle Fourche Country Club at 1:00pm on July 5th, 2024.

Scott Clarkson 78

Scott Mason Clarkson, 78, of Spearfish, SD passed away with his family by his side in Rapid City, after a brief but insurmountable series of medical crises.



Wyoming, where Scott enjoyed fishing (of course), raising pheasants, tying his own flies, reloading shotgun shells and teaching himself how to make sculptures out of driftwood and metal. Most were fish. Here he also developed a shooting clays range where he and Mary (affectionately dubbed the "theme queen") hosted friendly shooting competitions and fabulous dinner parties for their numerous friends and family.

Scott was born to Herbert and Dorothy (Herb and Dot) Clarkson on April 6, 1946 in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. He grew up with his sisters and brother fishing, hunting and trapping along the banks of the Belle Fourche River on the family farm east of town. He attended Ingersoll Country School just down the road from his home through 6th grade. He then attended Belle Fourche schools through 1962, Shattuck Military Academy in Faribault, MN for his Junior year of high school, returning to Belle Fourche High School to graduate in 1964.

Scott began his college career attending Black Hills State College (now University) and ultimately graduated from the University of Wyoming with a bachelor's degree in economics in 1969. While attending college, Scott was also a member of the South Dakota National Guard from 1967-1973.

In 2016 Scott and Mary settled in Spearfish to be close to family and enjoy their grandchildren. From here they also travelled extensively in their RV and spent time in Arizona.

Scott Clarkson was a brilliant businessman, a trained pilot, an expert marksman, a world-class fly-fisherman, an excellent skier and tennis player, and a connoisseur of fine cars, food and music. But above all, he was a loving and beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend who will be dearly missed by those whose lives he touched.

On August 20, 1966, Scott married Kathleen Soper. Scott and Kathy raised their three children Heidi, Dylan and Trey on the family farm. He loved sharing his passions of fishing, music, skiing, tennis, shooting sports and other hobbies with his children, and later his grandchildren, spending countless hours helping and encouraging them to develop a love of lifetime sports and hobbies.


Scott began his lifelong career in banking first in Laramie, WY, where he worked for one year at the Bank of Laramie. In 1967, he began working at the Bank of Belle Fourche (now Pioneer Bank & Trust) alongside his father Herbert, later his brother Jeb, and most recently, son Dylan as the family helped to grow the Bank of Belle Fourche from the original branch in Buffalo, SD (First State Bank) to what Pioneer Bank & Trust is today. Scott retired from Pioneer Bank & Trust in 2001 but remained a member of the Board of Directors until his passing.

On July 29, 2006, Scott married Mary Espeseth and they made their home along Piney Creek near U-Cross

He is preceded in death by his father Herb and sister Kelli. He is survived by his wife Mary, his mother Dotty, Spearfish, SD; daughter Heidi (Matt) Stefanich, Beulah, WY; sons Dylan (Nicki), Spearfish, SD, and Trey (Brittany), Belle Fourche, SD, and Mary's son Matt (Karen) Espeseth, Denver CO; grandchildren Logan and Myles Stefanich, Sawyer, Lennon, and Maddox Clarkson, and Benjamin and Elyse Clarkson; brother Jeb (Maureen) Clarkson, Belle Fourche, SD; sisters Karen (Doug) Anderson, Spearfish, SD, Cathy (Gerry) Bennett, Spearfish, SD, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and their children, and countless friends across the country and Canada.

On Saturday, June 15 friends and family are invited to celebrate Scott's life at the Clarkson family farm located East of Belle Fourche at 11510 US Highway 212 at 2 PM.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Dallas Scott 52

Dallas Roy Scott was born August 19, 1972, in Hot Springs, SD, to Gerald and Kathleen (Brown) Scott. He was welcomed home to Custer by siblings Cynthia and Allen. He was baptized and confirmed at Custer Lutheran Fellowship.



Buddies'. Dallas worked various jobs over the years; for the last 8 1/2 years being employed by Great Western Tire in Spearfish. He often said he "didn't love his job", but he did love his co-workers and customers. Dallas was a very giving person, always willing to help anyway he could.

He was a 10-year member of Custer County 4-H, as well as being in AAU wrestling, cross country, and track. He graduated from Custer High School in 1991, and, that same year, was the recipient of the 4-H "Citizenship Washington Focus" Award Trip to Washington, D.C. He took classes to become an EMT and was a member of the Custer Ambulance for several years.

In 1993 he moved to Rapid City where he met the love of his life, Denise Jackson. They married in Custer on July 15, 1995, and went on to make their home in Box Elder. Here they had two children, Allissa and Kyle. In 2001 they moved to Newell to help Denise's parents start their "Nogata Ranch". Dallas' love of wrestling was passed to both his children. He loved helping all the kids and was very active in AAU in Newell. He was very proud the tradition continues with his grandsons.


Family meant everything to Dallas. He was often heard quoting from Disney's "Lilo and Stitch" - Ohana means family... in a perfect Stitch voice imitation! His greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren. He was their biggest 'cheerleader' for their activities. He loved playing with them, teaching them to fish or just having quiet time with his 'Snuggle

On May 2, 2024, Dallas was involved in a tragic accident and on May 4th his family honored his wishes to give of himself one last time through organ donation. They have been notified that at least four people have been blessed through his gift.

Grateful for having Dallas in their lives are his wife, Denise; children, Allissa (Greg) Riter of Newell and Kyle of Belle Fourche; grandchildren, Criss, Kaisynn, Blakeleigh, and Nataleigh Riter, and Audrie Scott; father, Gerald Scott of New Effington, SD; sister, Cynthia (Steve) Bostrom of New Effington; uncle, Dennis (Betty) Brown of Spring Hill, FL, two nieces, one nephew, and many cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Kathleen; brother, Allen; grandparents, Ralph and Madge Scott and Elmer and Elfrieda Brown, unborn grandchildren, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorial services will be Tuesday, May 28, 2024, Kinkadee Funeral Chapel, Sturgis, SD, at 11:00 a.m. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com



Harriette Zimmer 91


Harriette Zimmer, age 91 of Belle Fourche, died Saturday, May 25, 2024 at the Hendricks Community Nursing Home in Hendricks, Minnesota.

22 grandchildren; 6 step-grandchildren; and several great and great great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Margaret Kozkowski of San Theresa CA.

Services are pending with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. When services times are set, the funeral home's website will be updated immediately: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Harriette is survived by her 3 daughters, Diane Bostick of Rawlins WY, Roberta (Mike) Fox of Belle Fourche, JoAnne (Marv) Ovall of Aurora SD; 2 sons, Bill (Jane) McTavish of Keokuk, Iowa, Tim (Kay) McTavish of Hill City; 3 step-sons, Steve (Sheri) Zimmer of Rapid City, Scott (Laurie) Zimmer of Oklahoma City OK, Dean Zimmer of Oxnard CA;

Harriette was preceded in death by her parents, Emmanuel and Mary (Fox) McGahn; husbands, Robert "Mick" McTavish, Robert Zimmer; step-son, Dan Zimmer; 1 great granddaughter; 3 brothers, Emanuel, Edwin, and John McGahn; 2 sisters, Helen Prothero and Mary Jane Hartman; and 3 brothers-in-law.



Notice of Primary Election

A Primary Election will be held on Tuesday June 4th, 2024, in all the voting precinct in Butte County.

The election polls will be open from seven o'clock a.m. to seven o'clock p.m. local time on the day of the election.

The polling places in each precinct of this county is as follows:

- BelleFourche-Precincts#21,#22,#23,#24,#25,#26,#27,#28- Belle Fourche Community Hall
- Fruitdale Precinct # 17 - Belle Fourche Community Hall
- Minnesela Precinct # 16 - Belle Fourche Community Hall
- Romans Precinct # 11 - Belle Fourche Community Hall
- Castle Rock Precinct #06 - Newell Community Hall
- Union Precinct # 8 - Newell Community Hall
- Horsecreek Precinct # 13 - Newell Community Hall
- Newell Independent Precinct # 14 - Newell Community Hall
- Orman Precinct #12 - American Legion Hall, Nisland
- Nisland Precinct #18 - American Legion Hall, Nisland
- Newell Precinct #20 - Newell Community Hall

Voters with disabilities may contact the county auditor at 605-892-4485 for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.

Annie Capp
Butte County Auditor

Roots Grow Deep and Strong # 7

The World is a Classroom

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Note: I wrote this article fifteen years ago when our granddaughter, MacKenzie was three. She graduates from high school next week. Congratulations Kenzie!

Several years ago, when our two sons were in elementary school, I insisted they learn piano. I wanted the boys to have a rewarding and lifelong appreciation of music. It seemed like a good idea at the time. Piano lessons for me became an expensive Wednesday afternoon nap while they diligently hammered out scales.

Becoming a grandparent has provided me with a much healthier perspective on learning. Additionally, grandparenthood has enabled me to appreciate and apply John Dewey's educational philosophy. John Dewey was a philosopher, profound, prolific and given to pontification. At six, MacKenzie, our oldest granddaughter demonstrates Dewey's vision for learners with natural ease and aptitude.

During her frequent visits to our home, Kenzie enjoys a ritual of activities that coincidentally includes many academic disciplines. I never intended that our time together would be learning intensive. It just happened. Typically, we visit the neighbors' goldfish pond. Their yard is a giant wildlife park for her. She looks forward to feeding the fish (biology). The lily pads in the

pond are especially fascinating to her (botany). She has no fear of snakes and bugs because our neighbor has always shown her where to look for specimens and how to catch them in her plastic bug jar (entomology, or as she says 'antimology'). The neighbors also built a special hideout in the trees for their daughter when she was little, and now my granddaughter treats me to "elf food" that she makes from leaves and foliage as she describes elf folklore (creativity writing?).

Back at our house, she has a twilight ritual that includes visiting each tree and landmark to say "goodnight" to the world. This was inspired by Margaret Wise Brown's classic, Good Night Moon. And on the bridge at the park we play a game adapted from Winnie the Pooh called "Pooh Sticks" (literature). She guesses the amount of time it will take for pieces of wood to reappear on the opposite side of the bridge once they are dropped (physics and mathematics).

In summer, we visit the superintendent's house at the local fish hatchery. She is interested in the children's toys, especially the dolls (history). We make friends with other kids at the playground (sociology) and often take a bike ride along the park trails (physical education).

Watching her play and learn has brought John Dewey's complex philosophy of learning into clear focus for me. Throughout these writings, Dewey argues that education and learning are both social and interactive processes. According to him, students thrive in an environment where they are allowed to experience and interact with the curriculum. And, of course, all students should have the opportunity to take part in their own learning.

Dewey was convinced that learning could best take place in

It's What you Hear.

Letter to the Editor:
by Travis Martin

I've been hearing a lot of things lately, and the people in the district have been hearing a lot of things as well.

Some of what I've heard is that "Travis W. Martin supports SB201 and will take away your property rights!" "Support" is a gross overstatement of my feelings regarding SB201.

In fact, what I support is the right of South Dakotans to collect signatures and have it referred to the ballot where voters can decide if it stays or goes.

However, I did say that I, personally, may have voted in favor of it. It was far from a ringing endorsement and there are some caveats.

Hear me out... I took some time to really delve into the bill. I was hearing a lot of noise regarding SB201, and I mean A LOT. The opposition to the bill was loud and almost feverish in its push to stir peoples' emotions and invoke fear and anger.

Hearing so many political buzzwords and so much rhetoric made me curious to see what this bill was actually doing. So, I read it. Then I read it again. Then I proceeded to read the chapters and sections of codified law that the bill was amending so that I could put it all into context. I did something else. I listened.

I called the sponsors of the bill to have them explain their thoughts and tell me what they had hoped to accomplish with the bill. I called the "nay" vote from our district (the very seat that is open right now) to ask why he had voted against the bill. I listened, and I learned.

Each person I spoke to stated that the goal was to protect property owners and reduce their potential liabilities. None of them said it was a perfect bill (few are).

Even if it is enacted into law, all of them expect more work to be done with the bill in the next session. Amending and improving statute is what the legislature spends most of

its time doing.

But I wanted to know about the "granting of private companies the right to use eminent domain" that I was hearing about. I wanted to know about "the stripping away of local control and giving it to the PUC" that I was hearing about.

The truth is there is no mention of eminent domain in SB201. The same eminent domain rights that existed before the bill, exist now.

The PUC already had the right to override local governments when it comes to zoning, ordinances, etc. The eminent domain issue will actually be decided by our State Supreme Court when they decide if CO2 can even be considered a commodity. I've heard a great quote that states "You are entitled to your own opinion, but not your own facts." You can certainly dislike the bill and want to see it referred to the ballot, but no one should misconstrue the facts. It seems the bill was an attempt to get ahead of some issues and begin to put some protections in place. It prevents pipeline employees from showing up unannounced and entering properties, it removes liabilities from the landowners and makes sure landowners are paid. Those are black and white facts laid out in the bill. One could argue, and I certainly will, that it doesn't do enough. I'll push for more.

Hearing that I am somehow "against property rights" is more than a little alarming. For 20 years I have been a licensed abstractor and title examiner. It has, literally, been my job to protect landowners and their property rights for most of my adult life. I'm so passionate about it, that I have been the President of the South Dakota Land Title Association and am currently the Association's Vice President.

I have chaired the Association's Legislative Committee for many years and helped with bills that have allowed landowners to bypass costly probates, helped rural landowners have access to notaries, and prevented foreign ownership

of our ag lands. Just this month, I was in Washington D.C. fighting for property rights and against Federal Government overreach into our state. Protecting property rights has been my life and I always have supported the landowners of our district. Any suggestion to the contrary is disingenuous, at best.

Unfortunately, with the focus on a single issue, we haven't been discussing other important issues to our district. After meeting with some local teachers, it's apparent that we have some serious issues with the educational structure. Education issues extend all the way to the north with rural schools facing consolidation and the state's sparsity formula's effects on the smaller schools. We haven't had meaningful discussion on the reduction of property taxes, aside from one extreme idea of eliminating property taxes altogether, thereby effectively defunding public schools (60% of all property tax goes to the school district). I've been in contact with the County Assessor, Auditor and Treasurer. I've gathered the budgets and examined the mill levy. I'm finding reasonable, workable ways to reduce property taxes. I'm working. I'm listening.

The role of a Representative seems pretty clear. It is to represent the people of the entire district, on all the issues, and be their voice when decisions are being made. I read SB201. I researched SB201. I listened to the people who voted for and against it. I'm listening to the people in our district who are finding fault with it. Do I have issues with it? Yes. Do I personally feel that it is a workable start? Yes. But I don't represent myself, if elected. I will represent you - the reader, the member of this district, the teacher, the volunteer fireman and first responder, the landowner. Ultimately, how would I vote? How you want me to. I hear you.

Travis Martin

Don't Forget to Vote on June 4th!

Letter to the Editor

Please accept this as a letter of support for Mrs. Susan Peterson for the office of SD Senate in District 28. She will make an excellent voice for the greater Belle Fourche area and all of District 28. She has sufficient qualifications, is a sound voice of reason, and utilizes common sense in matters affecting people of this area.

Susan's qualifications speak for themselves. She is a small business owner acutely aware of the hardships faced by those willing to invest time and money in the local community and economy. She is a ranching landowner who grew up on a farm and knows the struggles of those who work tirelessly to feed the masses. She also cares dearly for public education, making it relevant and fulfilling for all students in District 28. She is certainly highly qualified to lead us in Pierre.

On a personal level, Susan

has supported me in all my big ideas and educational adventures. She was instrumental in helping me organize and advertise a Belle Fourche Book Drive which culminated with a visit to the kindergarten by former First Lady of South Dakota Linda Dugaard. Susan enlisted her business's advertising company to publish posters and run an event scroll message on local TV. My first Community Book Drive was an unbelievable success, none of which would have been possible without Susan's input and help.

She supports our public schools, and this is shown by her and Scott single handedly getting Purple Pride implemented in the Belle Fourche schools and community. This is a win-win situation for the community and our graduating senior students. Students volunteer in our community, and they receive scholarship dollars in return. This year alone, Purple

Pride sponsored 35 graduating seniors to receive \$1,200 each for fulfilling the scholarship requirements. It started in 2011, dispersing over \$300,000 to date, and it has done nothing but grow in popularity and sponsorship.

In closing, we can vote for the same person repeatedly, or we can get some new blood in Pierre who will be well-rounded, realistic, and supportive to all people in District 28. I know where my allegiance lies. I hope you too consider sending Susan to Pierre. She will not disappoint. She will work as hard there as she has worked in Belle Fourche to be essential in our area. Vote Susan Peterson for SD Senate in District 28.

Thank you,

Karen Schlekeway

Belle Fourche Resident and Public School Teacher

an environment where people are treated with kindness, and when the curriculum is matched to the learner's interests. The ideas of democracy and social reform are continually discussed in Dewey's writings on education. He makes a strong case for the importance of education, not only as a place to gain content

knowledge, but also as a place to learn how to live.

My granddaughter demonstrates that she can consume vast quantities of curriculum in a few hours, and curriculum is everywhere. Colleges may not be interested in her transcripts from Grandma's Backyard School of General Knowledge-but ironically, she has gained

learning skills that will improve her chances of success in anything she choose to do. Neither her father nor her uncle learned to play the piano very well, although both went on to discover other talents.

Learning doesn't need to be painful. Wise teachers and administrators and grandparents are part of the equation.

Track Meet Training

Meg English

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The weather has been a little less than favorable for the elementary school athletes K-5 who participated in the Fast Track program at the Lou Graslie Field in May. The program for elementary school children is sponsored by the Belle Fourche Rec Center. Since its beginning 9 years ago, the event has grown in popularity. This year there were over 80 participants.

The program consists of three practices and a final track meet. Events include a standing long-jump, a softball throw and several running events of varying lengths. This year, the Fast Track Meet originally scheduled on May 13 was rained out and rescheduled. The rains came again, but the athletes and their parents persevered.

Program Coordinator Tessa Anderson-Voyles created the Fast Track Program to introduce elementary kids to learn what track is all about. The mercurial weather was not planned.

Fast Track Results

1600 Meter Dash

2nd Grade - 1st place (Simon McKenney) Time (8:16)
4th Grade - 1st place (Finn Enos) Time (8:03)

5th Grade - 1st Place (Maddox Clarkson) Time (6:41)

50 Meter Dash

Kindergarten Boys

1st Place - Theo Zdenek (10.22);
2nd Place - Malcom Moelter (11.06);
3rd Place - Cameron Jasper (12.92)

Kindergarten Girls

1st Place- Anna Enos (11.69) 2nd Place- Kierra Roth (11.75) 3rd Place- Aliza Enos (12.18) 4th Place- Karilee Woxland (13.97)

1/2nd Grade Boys

1st place - Yoser Enos (10.38); 2nd place - Tyrian Somervold (11.25)

1st/2nd Grade Girls

1st place - Henlie Barber (9.52); 2nd place - Henley King (9.69); 3rd place - Abygail McKinney (10.40); 4th place - Maddilyn Woxland (10.56); 5th place - Abygail Watson (11.00) 6th place - Aria Frederickson (11.31); 7th place - Miranda Hudson (11.38); 8th place - Isla Fox (11.52); 9th place - Mitzie Brown (11.71); 10th place - Addyson McGarth (11.75)

100 Meter Dash

Kindergarten Boys

1st place - Theo Zdenek (20.56); 2nd place - Camerson Jasper (26.25)

Kindergarten Girls

1st place - Kierra Roth (22.76)
1st/2nd Grade Boys
1st place - Hudson Ritchie (17.33); 2nd place - Henry Zdenek (21.07); 3rd place - Adrian Cuff (22.62)

1st/2nd Grade Girls

1st place - Quincey Enos (18.19); 2nd place - Ivy Enos (18.56); 3rd place - Henlie Barber (18.81); 4th place - Anarra Lawson (19.49); 5th place - Delaney Brown (20.46); 6th place - Abygail

McKinney (21.06); 7th place - Maddilyn Woxland (21.16); 8th place - Abigail Watson (22.32); 9th place - Mitzie Brown (24.07); 10th place - Addyson McGarth (24.60)

3rd/4th Grade Boys

1st place - Royce Bachman (18.50); 2nd place - Simon McKenney (19.22); 3rd place - Ander Woxland (19.70)

3rd/4th Grade Girls

1st place - Rylee Woodroof (16.87); 2nd place - Kimber Mills (18.34); 3rd place - Aspen McKinney (18.50); 4th place - Reign Enos (19.02); 5th place - Britta Hagen (19.52); 6th place - Seren Bueno (22.19); 7th place - Greta Abraham (23.82)

200 Meter Dash

Kindergarten Boys

1st place - Malcom Moelter (52.5)
1/2nd Grade Boys
1st place - Hudson Ritchie (36.50); 2nd place - Kaine Enos (37.09)

1st/2nd Grade Girls

1st place - Quincey Enos (40.13); 2nd place - Ivy Enos (40.46); 3rd place - Cangleska Enos (44.28); 4th place - Delaney Brown (45.38); 5th place - Aria Frederickson (51.68); 6th place - Woniya Enos (53.62)

3rd/4th Grade Boys

1st place - Hunter Evans (38.27); 2nd place - Ander Woxland (38.76); 3rd place - Royce Bachman (38.94); 4th place - Zander Vice (46.62)

3rd/4th Grade Girls

1st place - Rylee Woodruff (37.38); 2nd place - Greta Abraham

(55.71)

5th Grade Girls

1st place - Emersyn Carmichael (36.26); 2nd place - Jysarra Lawson (39.59)

400 Meter Dash

Kindergarten Girls

1st place - Woniya Enos (1:52.78); 2nd place - Anna Enos (2:04.53); 3rd place - Aliza Enos (2:06.06)

3rd/4th Grade Boys

1st place - Hunter Evans; 2nd place - Zander Vice

800 Meter Dash

2nd Grade Boys

1st place - Kaine Enos (3:20.75)

2nd Grade Girls

1st place - Cangleska Enos (3:54.64)

5th Grade Boys

1st place - Maddox Clarkson

(3:04.07)

Softball Throw

5th grade Boys

1st place - Maddox Clarkson (117'8"); 2nd place - Canten Robinson (32' 5")

5th Grade Girls

1st place - Emersyn Carmichael (97'11"); 2nd place - Jysarra Lawson (68'2"); 3rd place - Audrey Jeitz (64'10"); 4th place - Ziann Norman (64'5") 5th place - Carli Knutson (54')

3rd/4th Grade Boys

1st place - Berkley Geffre (87'1"); 2nd place - Finn Enos (75'4"); 3rd place - Owen Daccr (68'2"); 4th place - Brantley Cleveringa (63'1"); 5th place - Royce Bachman (58'7"); 6th place -

Owen Jeitz (50'4")

3rd/4th Grade Girls

1st place - Kimber Mills (58'8"); 2nd place - Nichole Krantz (49'); 3rd place - Aspen McKinney (48'8"); 4th place - Nadia Bevier (38'6"); 5th place - Seren Bueno (38'5"); 6th place - Britta Hagen (32'8"); 7th place - Aubree Berglund (29'4"); 8th place - Greta Abraham (27'1")

1st/2nd Grade Boys

1st place - Henry Zdenek (80'8") 2nd place - Kaine Enos (76'2"); 3rd place - Yoser Enos (36'9"); 4th place - Tyrian Somervold (24'9"); 5th place - Adrian Cuff (21'5")

1st/2nd Grade Girls

1st place - Henlie Barber (60"); 2nd place - Woniya Enos (54'1"); 3rd place - Cangleska Enos (53'8"); 4th place - Miranda Hudson (43'8"); 5th place - Avery Carmichael (39'7"); 6th place - Anarra Lawson (30'3"); 7th place - Abigail Watson (28'7"); 8th place - Mitzie Brown (27'5"); 9th place - Isla Fox (21'5")

Kindergarten Boys

1st place - Malcolm Molter (30')

Kindergarten Girls

1st place - Kierra Roth (24'2"); 2nd place - Aliza Enos (11'3") \

Standing Long Jump

Kindergarten Boys

1st place - Marvin Krantz (4'6 ¼"); 2nd place - Sasha Bevier (4' 1 ½"); 3rd place - Briggs Geffre (4' 1"); 4th place - Theo Zdenek (4'); 5th place - Malachi Enos (3' 11 ½"); 6th place - Cameron Jasper (3' 8 ½")

Meet Results

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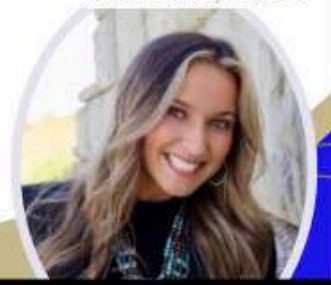
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Berdia Mae Martin 83

Berdia Mae Martin was born March 9, 1931 in Milwaukee Wisconsin. She was the daughter of George and Bethel (Parks) Martin. Berdia grew up and attended school in Milwaukee. It was there that she also met her future husband, Franz "Fritz" Flaigg. Fritz served in the U.S. Navy, and while stationed in the Milwaukee area, he met Berdia. They were united in marriage on March 11, 1949. Following their marriage, Fritz was honorably discharged from the Navy. They lived in Milwaukee and Oklahoma for a period of time before settling on the Flaigg Family Ranch near Hoover SD. In 1952 they moved to Rapid City, where Fritz worked as a Boiler Operator at Ellsworth Airforce Base. During those years, Berdia graduated from a Cosmetology School and worked at a salon at Ellsworth for many years. In 1967 they moved to Cheyenne WY, and then returned to Rapid City in 1970. They later retired to Spearfish, and then Buffalo WY where they lived for 20 years. In 2002 they moved to Billings MT, and then California in 2005. Fritz died in 2012. In 2020, Berdia moved with her son and wife Steven



(Kym) to Deadwood and since August of 2021 she has lived at the Belle Estate in Belle Fourche. She died Thursday, May 16, 2024 at the age of 93.

Berdia will be remembered for her spunkiness and how she was not shy of anyone. She had a great life, and enjoyed traveling. Berdia also loved hats, crafts, painting, and singing. She was a caring person and loved her grandchildren very much.

Berdia is survived by her son, Steven (Kymberly) Flaigg of Deadwood; 2 grandchildren, Ryan and Breanna McQuoid of California; and 2 great grandchildren, Ayvah and Maggie McQuoid. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and several brothers and sisters.

A graveside service will be held 11am Saturday, June 1, 2024 at Rosehill Cemetery in Spearfish. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com



Linda Taylor 68

Linda Taylor, 68, of Belle Fourche died at her home in Belle Fourche on May 14, 2024 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Linda was born September 25, 1955 in Belle Fourche to Marvin Sr. and Lucy Oster. She graduated from Fruitdale High School in 1973. She worked in housekeeping for 8 years and was a stay at home, mom.

Linda married Rodney Taylor on October 19, 1974 and to this union 5 children were born. She enjoyed gardening and planting flowers, spending time with her grandchildren and children and watching the grandkids play sports, going to Spearfish Sasquatch baseball games. She loved going to Colorado to spend time with her family. She enjoyed going to Deadwood when she could to play her favorite slot machines. She enjoyed face timing her grandchildren and her favorite places to eat were the Milestone and McDonalds.

Grateful for sharing her life is her husband, Rodney; her mother, Lucy Oster, her daughters, Dawn Samples and Trudy (Jamie) Sexton all of Belle Fourche and Anna (Jere-



miah) Yanzick of Spearfish; her son, Christopher (Haley) Taylor of Colorado; 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren; her brother, Danny (Dee) Oster of Colorado; her sisters, Doris (Chucky) Isenberg of Belle Fourche and Rosemary (Dave) Abbott of Colorado and numerous nieces and nephews and adopted son, Brandon Nikodym of Belle Fourche.

She was preceded in death by her father, Marvin Oster Sr.; brother, Marvin Oster Jr.; daughter, Jennifer Taylor; son-in-law, Terry Samples Sr and adopted daughter, Terri Wilson.

Celebration of Life services will be held Saturday, June 1 at 11:00 am at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche.

The funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed by going to Linda's obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com.

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



Robert J. Buck – "Coach" 86

Dodgeville, WI - Robert J. "Coach" Buck, longtime Dodgeville High School coach, passed away on Monday, May 20, 2024, surrounded by his family. He was born on August 19, 1937 in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, to Dr. Robert M. and Mrs. F. Lucille Buck. After graduating from Belle Fourche High School, he received his B.S. in Education from Black Hills State University located in Spearfish, South Dakota. He then went on to take graduate classes at numerous universities. He taught for two years in Mobridge, South Dakota before moving to Dodgeville in 1963. While at Dodgeville, where he taught and coached for 36 years, he was the head football coach for 12 years.

In 1995, Buck was named to the Wisconsin High School Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. Followed by Black Hills State University Hall of Fame as a coach and the Wisconsin Football Coaches Hall of Fame as an assistant coach. In 2010 he was a charter member of the Dodgeville High School Athletic Hall of Fame. And he was involved in/directed numerous associations and committees over the years. He took great pride in having the opportunity to coach against 35 different coaches that are now in the Hall of Fame. Coach authored a book in 1970 titled, The Shuffle and Press Offense for High School Basketball and wrote articles for many athletic magazines.

He loved sports trivia, especially 1950's baseball. He also loved following his grandchildren in their activities such as sports, dance, band, and art. He followed the Brewers, Badgers, Bucks and Packers religiously and could give a play-by-play account of not only



their games, but his grandchildren's as well. His later years were spent managing numerous fantasy football and baseball leagues, where he was competitive until his last days.

He was married to the former Sandra Gossard in 1958 and together they had six children. He married Nancy (Eichorst) Hinderman in 1986 and gained two stepchildren. He is survived by his loving wife Nancy and his children: Robert C. Buck, Rebecca Buck, Kristen (Mike) Flanigan, Marylee (Dan) Oleson, and Melissa (Curt) Hames, and his stepchildren; Mark (Karla) Hinderman and Karen (Steve) Schultz. His sisters Rosemary Geis, SuzAnne (Bill) Howe, and LeeAnne (Gene) Schmidt. He is further survived by his 14 grandchildren as well as 8 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Richard S. Buck, his brother-in-law Ken Geis, and his parents-in-law Bob "Otto" and Loene Eichorst.

A Celebration of Life is being planned for June 1, 2024, at Dodgeville High School. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Dodger Food Locker, the Dodgeville Area Scholarship Foundation Inc (DASFI), or a charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank all his doctors and medical staff; everyone who visited, called, wrote, or was in any way impacted by Coach in their life. He will be profoundly missed, and we were all better for having known him.



Alan Van Kley 77

Alan Van Kley, age 77 of Spearfish, died Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center in Sturgis.

Graveside services will be held 1:30pm Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis. There will be no visitation. Military Honors will be provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Alan Kent Van Kley was born August 16, 1946 in Pasadena, California. At an early age he moved with his family to Pender, Nebraska where he grew up and attended school. He graduated from high school in 1964, and earned his Business Administration degree from Wayne State University at Wayne, Nebraska. During the Vietnam War, Alan served in the U.S. Army from May of 1968 until November of 1969. He was united in marriage to Debbie McClure on December 21, 1969 at the United Methodist Church in Belle Fourche. To this union was born two daughters: Jade in 1971 and Teri in 1975. Following their



marriage, Alan finished up his college and then began working as a News Reporter for Market News. This took him to Des Moines Iowa, Kansas City, and Los Angeles. In 1984 the family moved to Belle Fourche, at the McClure family ranch, where Alan learned to be a four wheeler cowboy. In 2006, Alan and Debbie retired to Spearfish, where they have lived since.

Alan enjoyed golf, and he was an avid fan of the Kansas City Chiefs and the Nebraska Cornhuskers. He was blessed with 54 years of marriage, and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Alan is survived by his wife, Debbie of Spearfish; daughters, Jade (William) Linseman of Rapid City, Teri Van Kley of Spearfish; 2 grandsons, Alexander and Jacob; step-granddaughter, Jennifer; 4 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; and very close friends, Merlin Porterfield, Don McCrabb, and the Feddersen family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Aric and Verna Van Kley.



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Thank you!

Thank you Belle Fourche Clinic/PT staff and Monument Health for the awesome retirement party!

Thank you for those who stopped by, gave cards, flowers, gifts, well wishes and your thoughts.

Words cannot express my gratitude for the all the wonderful words of appreciation!

With my sincere gratitude I wish to express a very warm thank you to the Belle Fourche Chambr of Commerce Clmmittee for selecting me for the "Spirit of Belle Fourche" award.

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June 1: First Saturday Brunch @Tri State Museum, Disc Golf Clinic @ Tri State Museum, Red Onion Market opens

June 3: BH Farmers Market @ MOW, STEM Camp @ Venue 519, City Council Meeting

June 4: Volleyball Camp @ Newell

June 6: Hometown Thursday @ Tri State Museum

June 7: Riverrun @ Downtown

June 8: Riverfest

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From A1 Track

these kids deserve all of the recognition that they can get! Kash Le LaCheur ran a blazing 11.20 and placed 10th in the 100 and was only .05 seconds away from making it to finals in his first year out for track with us! Kash also placed 13th in the 200. Jazlyn Olson placed 19th in the 100. She improved almost every race she ran and ended up as one of the top 20 sprinters in class A! Macy Krautschun placed 20th in the 100 Hurdles. She qualified for state after only 2 meets at the high school level! Lane Krautschun had an incredible weekend. He is the state 2 mile champion, placed 2nd in the mile, and 4th in the 800. He single handedly placed our boys in the top 10 as a team at state! Rhys Pearson placed 13th in the 800 as an 8th grader! I can't wait to see what she has in store for us next year!

Lia Mundt ran a huge PR in the 2mile placing her 14th! She also ran a great mile against a stacked field placing 20th. She did incredible things this year breaking

the school record in the 2 mile on 3 separate occasions! Lennon Clarkson ran a PR in the 2 mile placing 12th! Placing this high as a freshman against the extremely talented field he competed against is extremely impressive. Justus Funk placed 19th in the 2 mile. Justus had a fantastic senior year! The improvements he made throughout his career was awesome! Ava Allen placed 21st in the 2 mile. Ava also had an amazing senior season and was a great leader for our girls distance team! Sloan Young tossed a huge PR in the jav of 115 feet placing her 4th in the state! It's truly impressive how she rose to the occasion and threw a 6 foot PR on her final throw of the season! Mataya Ward capped off an incredible jumping career placing 15th in the long jump and taking home a medal for 6th place in the triple jump! Kailey Nowowiejski placed 19th in the long jump. This is pretty impressive considering she only started long jumping midway through the season!

Physical Therapy for Navigating the Spring Surge of Vertigo

As the gentle warmth of spring reawakens the earth, a less welcomed resurgence also occurs for many individuals—Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo (BPPV). Interestingly, medical practitioners have observed a spike in BPPV cases as the seasons change, particularly in spring. This phenomenon, while not fully understood, is speculated to be related to various factors, including barometric pressure changes, increased outdoor activity, and perhaps even seasonal allergies and sinus pressure affecting the inner ear. These symptoms can feel very dramatic where the whole room is spinning or be milder where a person feels brief episodes of unsteadiness. Regardless of the cause or intensity, physical therapy stands out as a beacon of relief for those experiencing this disorienting condition.

Understanding BPPV
 BPPV is the most common vestibular disorder, characterized by brief episodes of vertigo related to changes in head position. This condition is caused by dislodged otoconia—tiny calcium carbonate crystals that normally reside in the utricle of the inner ear. When these crystals migrate into one or more of the semicircular canals, they disrupt the normal fluid movement these canals use to sense head rotation, leading to the sensation of spinning or movement that characterizes vertigo. These sensations leave individuals at very high risk for falls or injury, which is why they need to be addressed as soon as possible.

Pain & Movement Solutions: A Path to Stability
 All physical therapists at Pain & Movement Solutions are able to provide Vestibular Rehabilitation Therapy (VRT), which is a highly effective treatment for vertigo. It involves specific maneuvers and exercises designed to move the dislodged crystals back to their correct position in the utricle, where they no longer cause vertigo. Pain & Movement Solutions will offer you an appointment within 24 hours so that you can get feeling better faster. Relief of your symptoms will be experienced within 1-3 visits, and most patients feel a markable improvement within the first session. If you are experiencing symptoms of vertigo, call Pain & Movement Solutions at 605-219-8888 to receive treatment quickly to keep yourself safe and return to a better quality of life.

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From A1 Dr. Willard

Dr. Willard and his family moved to Belle Fourche in 2000 when he was hired as the new high school principal. As an administrator his accomplishments have influenced public educational policy in South Dakota and closer to home, the lives of Belle Fourche children. He has served on both the Belle Fourche Development Corporation Board and the South Dakota School Superintendent Association Executive Board since 2008. More recently he served on the South Dakota Department of Education Standards Board from 2021-2024, and on the Western Dakota Tech Board of Trustees from 2021-2026, and the Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship Board from 2020-2025. He was the Beadle Club President in 2022. That same year Dr. Willard was named the South Dakota School Superintendent Association Outstanding Superintendent of the year. Dr. Willard is especially proud of the new Belle Fourche CTE (Career and Technical Education) center dedicated in 2018. The CTE facility offers space for a wide range of high school options to prepare students for the growing need for jobs in various fields. "It's been a great ride." He commented in reflection. "I'll miss the people, the colleagues, the teachers and of course the kids. "Belle Fourche is a great community. We have a growing career technical program, a strong administrative team. We continue to upgrade our facilities and to improve our curriculum." Dr. Willard "retiring" nature is ideal for "retirement". He's looking forward to some free time.



Dr. Willard's Retirement Gathering. Beacon Photo

Jordan Sandoval capped off a great pole vaulting career placing 18th! Logan Tyndall unfortunately didn't make a height due to a crash during warmups. Our boys of Kyren Nulle, Kash Le LaCheur, Gavin Pearson, and Justus Funk ran a tough medley relay placing 20th in the state. Mataya Ward, Jaz Olson, Mya Nowowiejski, and Kailey Nowowiejski placed 9th in the 4x200, but bounced back to place 3rd in the 4x100! They just missed the school record by .02 seconds!! Kailey Nowowiejski, Hannah Kirksey, Reese Larson, and Rhys Pearson ran a gutsy 4x4 in tough conditions. They placed 10th missing finals by just 2 spots! Lane Krautschun, Gavin Pearson, Harley Rivera, and Justus Funk placed 12th in the 4x8. Big shout-out to the senior boys on this 4x8 and all they have brought to our program! Shaine Weishaar, Lia Mundt, Ava Allen, and Rhys Pearson just missed out on a medal placing 10th in the girls 4x8. These 4 ran some awesome races this year! Finally shoutout to all of my assistant coaches Brittany Clark-son, Loree Schlichtemeier, Kyle Haxton, and Kyle Graslie for all of the hard work you put into these kids. None of this would have been possible without what you guys do!!



Show Up

by Belle LaVenue

The Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters hosted an outstanding 1920's Evening for the BFHS fine arts students on May 5th. Dressed in their best period outfits, the students danced with Mary Riley to learn the Charleston, enjoyed a multiple course Italian meal, and then enjoyed the theatrical mystery theater with audience participation from members of the Seraphim Theater. (Watch for May 29th, Mystery Night Out's Best Dressed!)

Announcing the cast of the BFACT's production of Murder on the Orient Express: Tyler Schone - Michell, Chyann Cody - Mrs. Hubbard, Owen Lightenberg - Ratchet, Timothy Thompson- Macqueen, Taffy Anderson - Greta, Sharon Thompson - Princess, Katharina Steeve's - Countess, Nathan Thompson - Poirot, Mitchell Clark - Bouc, Stephanie Bussiere - Mary, Austin Huether - Arbuthnot, Carston Sechser - Head Waiter. Practices for the production will begin May 13,



Mark your calendar for these upcoming fine arts events:

June 28, 29, & 30: Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express.

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October 10: the 3rd Annual Getting Our Acts Together: A Night of Northern Hills One-Acts.

December 13-15: BFACT holiday production: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, the Musical.

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

From A1 County Commission

There were several citizens attending the meeting who voiced their concerns and reasons for establishing this ordinance. First to speak was Bob Vansickle, who listed South Dakota codified laws pertaining to the enactment of the proposed ordinance. He pointed out that the petition was a "pretty popular thing" in that almost everyone he talked to was willing to sign it. Codified laws 12-20, 12-17-3, and 7-18a-3 were all cited by Vansickle lending to the validity of the petition.

South Dakota codified law 7-18a-13 states the Board action on an initiative petition. It is as follows: "If a petition to initiate is filed with the auditor, the auditor shall present it to the board of county commissioners at its next regular or special meeting. The board shall enact the proposed ordinance or resolution and shall submit it to a vote of the voters in the manner prescribed for a referendum within sixty days after the final enactment. However, if the petition is filed within three months prior to the primary or general election, the ordinance or resolution may be submitted at the primary or general election."

Vansickle told the commissioners to follow the "law you've been sworn to."

Rose Vansickle also told the commissioners to do the right thing as the law requires.

"People want to be heard," she said.

Dale Simanton questioned the process that had an attorney from outside Butte County present. He also pointed out that in his opinion, if ballots are left as is, "the opportunity is there to cheat."

Several other concerned citizens voiced their thoughts on the petition for the ordinance in favor of hand-counting ballots in future elections, additionally adding their concerns about an outside attorney. One resident pointed out that if the ordinance was not passed it was a violation of civil liberties.

Attorney Sara Frankenstein, Rapid City, stepped forward following an executive session to explain her knowledge of the hand-counting procedure and the petition. She vehemently stated that she was not against hand counting, but was addressing the petition itself.

Frankenstein pointed out that a county has the authority to adopt

ordinances "as may be proper and necessary to carry into effect the powers granted to it by law." But a county cannot enact an ordinance that conflicts with state law. In other words, a county ordinance is void if it duplicates state law.

Secondly, she said that there may be a conflict existing between state law and an ordinance because one prohibits what the other allows; "it impermissibly conflicts."

Thirdly, state law may "occupy a particular field to the exclusion of all local regulation."

According to Frankenstein, if any of these occur, state law preempts the conflicting local law.

Frankenstein then took the petition and pointed out the problems and why it should not be accepted.

First of all was the wording that "all elections in Butte County shall be conducted by paper ballots only."

"Federal Law allows optical scans," she said. There needs to be clarification on the term "paper ballot."

Number three on the petition reads - "Electronic voting devices, of any kind, are prohibited." Express Voting machines use a paper ballot, but are they considered "electronic" she asked. She said that this sentence violates state law. South Dakota already conducts elections on paper ballots only.

Number three also violates Federal Law.

Frankenstein summed up her arguments highlighting several areas saying that a number of its provisions are void including any local ordinance that duplicates state law, is void. South Dakota already conducts elections on paper ballots only. South Dakota already requires ballots to be counted after 7:00 p.m. And, she said, there are other language conflicts with state law.

There is a possibility that advocacy groups could likely sue the county.

"That situation results in county taxpayers paying both their own attorney's fees and often the prevailing plaintiffs' attorney fees," Frankenstein said.

Because of the conflicting wording of the petition, the county commissioners voted to deny the petition.

From A1 City Council

comments that violated the freshly signed Code of Ethics.

A letter from Mayor Randy Schmidt and Council President Monte Talkington to Schild and Sowers summarized the violations: derogatory comments about city officers and staff, intent to monitor city employees, potential conflicts of interest regarding liquor licensing, derogatory remarks about business owners and former council members, and discussions about confidential matters.

Schild claimed that she has to deal with the police "constantly circling the bars," as the owner of the Outlaw Saloon. Sowers, who was a member of the Police Committee, criticized an officer's demeanor during a traffic stop and said that he was "going to watch how the police drive." Schild also criticized the Black Hills Roundup, claiming it has a surplus of \$777,000 and questioning its nonprofit status. "They say they're not for profit, but they 100% are. But the city signs off that they're not for profit. So that's how they're able to get the beer and the liquor," declared Schild. "And then they hire bands and they're doing these events and it's not helping the community. They're pulling everybody and keeping them down there." Sowers added, "Kind of competing with the businesses in town. And yet, they don't want to have the parade down on State St." He also claimed that the Roundup's grandstand project was \$110,000 over budget. At the May 20 council meeting, City Attorney Kellen Willert clarified the classification of

a 501C as designated to the Black Hills Roundup and its entities. Police Chief Ryan Cherveney addressed Schild's claim about police patrols, explaining that two bars, including Schild's, are on the department's regular route and that their number one concern was public safety. City Administrator Jason LaFayette corrected Sowers's misinformation about the Roundup's budget, stating that the grandstand project was actually under budget by \$94,012.

During community input, Heidi Parker emphasized the higher standards expected of council members and expressed concern over potential conflicts of interest, especially regarding Schild's ownership of a bar. When discussion was opened regarding the councilmembers' misconduct, Dallas Conner, Chairman of the Black Hills Roundup, stood up and advised on the Roundup's available funds and the expenses involved with staging the Black Hills Roundup. In addition, Conner discussed the allocations they received in the past and how those funds have been used. She gave information on how funds are given back to the community and spoke about their effort to spend locally when possible. She praised her volunteers for their hard work and commitment, and noted the business the Rodeo brings to Belle Fourche.

Mayor Schmidt then opened the floor for council discussion. Schild addressed Conner and other members of the Roundup, saying, "I apologize if it seemed like I was coming across that I don't support the

Black Hills Roundup. I actually do. It was conveyed improperly." She also stated that she "unknowingly" broke the code of ethics. Sowers then apologized for his "imprudent and improper" actions after the May 9 meeting, and said that since the recording was still working, he "should have walked outside with Councilwoman Schild." The Council then took disciplinary action. Mayor Schmidt removed Sowers from the Police Committee and appointed Councilwoman Pam Somerville in his place, responding to a request from the local Teamsters to remove Sowers due to a conflict of interest.

Council members expressed their dismay. Pam Somervold said she was "appalled" by the comments, while Tricia Fowler noted her disappointment at the violation of the Code of Ethics so soon after reviewing it. Monte Talkington suggested moving on, but Somervold and Fowler argued that the damage done required a thorough response. Mayor Schmidt asked City Attorney Kellen Willert about the disciplinary options available to them. After some discussion it was decided to take a recess to consider Council's action.

After a twenty-minute recess, the council reconvened and declared that Schild and Sowers's actions had jeopardized public trust. The council then took a roll call vote to formally reprimand Sowers and Schild for violating the Code of Ethics. Additionally, they recommended that the two councilmembers revisit the Ethics Training recording. The motion passed with all in favor except for Talkington.

From A1 Avenue of Flags

of a fallen comrade and was donated by the next of kin to be flown at the cemetery each Memorial Day. These flags are flown in honor of all deceased Veterans.

The original flag pole stands were pipe driven into the sod. These were later updated by incasing the pipe in concrete with covers over the holes for the poles. All work was completed by volunteers from the Legion and VFW Posts. In 2023, students from the Belle Fourche High School Career Technical Education program fabricated 160 flag pole hole covers to replace the degraded original covers. The covers are necessary to keep debris out of the holes for a proper fit of the flag poles.

Every flag has the name of the deceased Veteran written on the mounting seam.

Each year area volunteers assist in the posting of the flags on the Avenue early in the morning and recovering the flags in the afternoon on Memorial Day. Flags begin going up close to 6:00 a.m. and are generally recovered at 1:00 or 2:00 p.m..

But, that all depends on weather.

That many 5' X 9.5' cotton flags are a big responsibility. The flags do not fly if there is a forecast or active threat of rain, snow, fog, or any weather condition which would cause the cotton flag to absorb moisture. When the cotton casket flag gets wet, it must hang to dry. That requires a large, warm, dry room for over 100 flags

for whatever amount of time is necessary for them to dry. Once dried, it still takes a lot of volunteers to fold each on properly before storing. It has been proven in the past that if there is a remote chance the flags will absorb moisture and not be able to dry on the poles, it is better to not post them.

If you are interested in volunteering to post and recover flags on Memorial Day, or, if you are interested in donating a casket flag of a family member to be included in the display, you can contact the VFW on Facebook at VFW Post 3312 Belle Fourche and message us. If you don't know how to fold a United States flag we will be happy to teach you. You will know how by the end of the recovery of the flags.

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Meet Results Contd from A3

7th place- Sutton Johnson (3' 4 1/2") Kindergarten Girls

1st place - Anna Enos (3'8 1/2"); 2nd place- Karilee Woxland (3'5 1/2"); 3rd place- Cora Kukuchka (3' 5 1/4"); 4th place- Carissa Robinson (3' 3 1/2"); 5th place- Charlotte Berglund (2'10")

1st/2nd Grade Boys
1st place - Ritchie Hudson (5'8"); 2nd place - Yoser Enos (4' 2 1/2"); 3rd place - Adrian Cuff (4'); 4th place - Tyrian Somervold (3'11"); 5th place - Killian English (3'11")

1st/2nd Grade Girls
1st place- Ivy Enos (5'6"); 2nd place- Annara Lawson (5'2"); 3rd place - Quincey Enos (5'1 1/2"); 4th place - Delaney Brown (4'9 1/2"); 5th place - Abygail McKinney (4'8 1/2"); 6th place- Madilyn Woxland

(4'8"); 7th place- Addyson McGarth (4'7 1/2"); 8th place- Aria Fredericksckon (4'5"); 9th place- Avery Carmichael (4'3"); 10th place- Miranda Hudson (4'1"); 11th place- Isla Fox (3' 6")

3rd/4th grade boys
1st place - Finn Enos (6'3"); 2nd place- Ander Woxland (5' 4"); 3rd place - Simon McKenney (4'10"); 4th place - Zander Vice (5'4")

3rd/4th Grade Girls
1st place- Rylee Woodroof (6'3"); 2nd place- Kimber Mills (5' 6 1/2"); 3rd place- Reign Enos (5'6"); 4th place- Aspen McKinney (5'2"); 5th place- Seren Bueno (4'9"); 6th place- Britta Hagen (4'3")

5th Grade Girls
1st place- Jysarra Lawson (5'9")



The track meet was well attended by participants, parents, and officials. Beacon Photo

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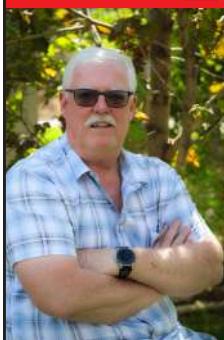
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April Students of the Month Recognized

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BELLE FOURCHE—The April Students of the Month were acknowledged at the May 13 Belle Fourche School Board Meeting. Two students are selected each month from the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. They were chosen based on academic perfor-

mance, extra curricular participation and outstanding attitude. Each student was recognized with a certificate and a t-shirt. April honorees were Ivy Olson and Daniel Eddy for fifth grade, Echo Dawn and Ember Olson for sixth grade, Ariel Jones and Sofia Duran-Garcia for seventh grade and Tenley Neuharth and Dillon Pea for eighth grade.



(left to right): Daniel Eddy, Tenley Neuharth, Ember Olson, Dyllon Pea, and Ivy Olson. Not pictured: Echo Dahn, Ariel Jones and Sofia Duran-Garcia. Longbrake Photo

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Belle Fourche School Board Holds Monthly Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche School Board met for its monthly meeting on Monday, May 13.

Business Manager Susan Proefrock presented information about the 2024-2025 school year budget. She said for the past five years enrollment has trended downward by about 30 students each year. If this trend continues then the district will lose approximately \$7405 per student or \$222,150 from the state for the upcoming year. Dr. Steve Willard added, "You can't keep funding the same amount of staff if you have student enrollment continue to fall." Proefrock explained that it is hard to budget for the next year when the enrollment numbers don't get counted until September 2024.

There is a public hearing scheduled for June 10, 2024 to review FY 2024-25 budgets.

High School Principal Mathew Raba discussed the upcoming graduation plan to have the ceremony outside and facilitating all the plans to have everything ready and in place for the event.

He also explained the contingency plan if it rains that day, as the high school gym is under renovations and not available for use. The middle school gym will be the backup location. About 30 graduating seniors took part in the Grad Walk, where the students dressed in their caps and gowns and

walked through the elementary school halls and high-fived and cheered to encourage the younger kids to set and achieve their goals!

Recognition was given to Jeff Caldwell for receiving South Dakota Counselor Association's Orv Scamieding Award and Dr. Julie Hatling for being named National Distinguished Elementary Principal of the Year for South Dakota.

The April students of the month awards were also handed out.

The Board had the official canvassing of school board

election results. They went through a process to tally each ballot and certify the results for the election.

There was one provisional ballot that needed to go through an investigation to make sure the person that voted was legally allowed to vote.

The investigation found the person was, in fact, registered and allowed to cast a ballot and the vote counted.

The board voted to certify the school board election results. There are three new members, with all three serving three-year terms.



President **Scott Reder** honors **Jeff Caldwell** with a plant. Mr. Caldwell was recognized at the May School Board Meeting for receiving the S. Dakota School Counselor Association's Orv Schmiending Award. This is an honor he received for many years of outstanding service in school counseling.



Dr. Julie Hatling was honored at the May Belle Fourche School Board Meeting for winning the National Distinguished Elementary Principal of the Year for South Dakota. School Board President **Scott Reder** presented her with a flowering plant in recognition Longbrake Photos

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Gouache study

This was a gouache study piece for a commissioned oil painting.



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Belle Fourche Published Poets

The poetry of seven members of the Belle Fourche Writers group was recently featured in the spring edition of Pasque Petals. Pasque Petals has been the official publication of the South Dakota State Poetry Society (SDSPS) since 1926. The publication features the work of poets throughout South Dakota and is published twice a year.



Published Poets From left to right: Kathy Bjornstadt, Angela Hastings, Jean Helmer, Meg English, Margie Bolte. Not pictured are Holly Moseley, and Bruce Roseland. Courtesy Photo

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Austin Zimmer, demonstrating his mechanical expertise.

Austin and Cassie Zimmer are enthusiastic about their new adventure. The adventure consists of a move to western South Dakota from Cuba City, Wisconsin six years ago, starting a family, and starting a new business. Cuba City is in southwest, Wisconsin just 15 miles east of Dubuque, Iowa. The business is a mechanic shop, offering repair services on diesel vehicles, skid steers, farm equipment, and lawn equipment. Basically, anything having to do with farm or ranch equipment. As a dealer for Amsoil synthetic oil dealer, the Zimmers are proud to offer a product that

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Austin and Cassie Zimmer work together. They pool their talents and maintain separate job titles to efficiently manage the undertaking of their new enterprise.

Austin is a trained mechanic with 15 years of experience. Most of his professional training has been on the job. He started out working on his own equipment and eventually found a niche in diesel mechanics. He has worked as a paid intern under several expert mechanics. He has certifications from noteworthy truck and engine manufacturers: Ryder, Mack Trucks, Cummins, Freightliner, Allison Transmission, as well as

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certification in General Alignment. Currently Austin works for Butte County equipment. In addition to being the book-keeper for Zimmer Repair and

Synthetics, Cassie is a trained dog groomer with seven years' experience. She hopes to offer dog grooming full time in June. Zimmer contd. C6



Cassie, Brayzen, and Austin Zimmer in the spacious, well-lit shop home of Zimmer Repair and Synthetics.



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Looking Back in Belle

-- These articles come from newspaper microfilm from the Belle Fourche Public library, using a new microfilm reader and printer. The photographs are from the Tri-State Museum. Paul Higbee's book about Don Smith First Strike is available at the Tri-State Museum.

125 years ago
Belle Fourche TIMES
June 1, 1899

CURRENCY REFORM AGAIN Someone has again put out a feeler on the "currency reform" movement, in the form of a reputed abstract of the main points in the bill framed and passed at Atlantic City by a select committee of republicans in secret a few days ago. The bill is said to embody the following features: 1 The redemption of all obligations of the government in gold on demand. 2 Greenbacks, when once redeemed for gold, to be reissued only for gold. 3 Permitting national banks to issue notes to the par value of their government bonds deposited in the treasury, instead of 90 per cent, as at present. 4 Permitting the minimum capital of national banks to be \$25,000, instead of \$50,000, as at present. Accompanying this feeler is the indorsement of the president that the bill is good. Secretary Gage is quoted as saying reservedly that it is "pretty good for a starter" which indicates that he regards this as only the entering wedge for the radical legislation which Indianapolis Hanna has been promising for some time. It is "pretty good for a starter" from a republican standpoint.

Memorial Day I wish to say a few words in regard to Memorial day, and the public exercises given at the M. E. church Belle Fourche. That day was named by the head of this government as a national holiday, for the purpose of honoring those who feel in the defense of the American flag, and those who have since followed them. It is a day that every patriotic citizen both male and female, ought to consider and make an effort to observe as one of those most sacred and show their respect for those who are sleeping the sleep that knows no waking. I may say there is no one but what has some dear relative or dear friend that has passed to their last resting place, and why not everybody help to make the day of the most honored of the whole year.

100 years
Belle Fourche Bee
June 5, 1924
TWENTY-ONE RECEIVED DIPLOMAS Dr. Pubsley's Talk Made Lasting Impression on Both Young and Old
 With the commencement exercises for the high school graduates at the Legion hall on

Thursday evening of last week, another school year closed for Belle Fourche, and taken as a whole it has been a most successful year. Teachers of ability, together with the close attention of superintendent of city schools and principal, well equipped buildings, have all tended to bring this about. Twenty-one received diplomas. Of these Chester McCumsey was awarded the scholarship for having the highest average grade of any boy in the class, and Inez Evans received a scholarship award for having the highest grade of any girl in the class.

VISITED THE STOCKMEN

H. M. Long, field man for the First National bank of Belle Fourche, and General Agent E. E Benjamin of the Northwestern, returned Tuesday evening from a five days' trip over the country west and north of Belle Fourche. They called on stockmen in the Alzada, Lightning Flat, Ridge, Boyes and Pinielle country, as well as all along Box Elder in Montana, and then went to Camp Crook, Harding and Buffalo. There will be a large amount of wool hauled to Belle Fourche from the territory visited, as the woolgrowers realize that when there is a market any place in this part of the west there is a good competitive market in Belle Fourche, with five to ten buyers on the job. The country visited by Messrs. Long and Benjamin needs rain, but so far no serious damage has resulted from the lack of moisture.

75 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
June 2, 1949

Covered-Wagon Symbol of Bond Drive Recalls 1876

1876 A symbol, deeply reminiscent of the "days of '76" in the Black Hills, has been adopted for the 1949 Opportunity Bond which opened May 16 and runs through June 30. Although it was chosen because this year marks the centennial of the 1849 gold rush to California, most of the living persons with a first-hand knowledge of the covered wagon had roots in a later gold strike - the Black Hills immigration 73 years ago. To focus more public attention on the bond drive, some of the original prairie schooners will tour throughout the nation "to remind Americans that this is still the land of opportunity and that when opportunity knocks, the golden key of savings opens the door." E bonds sales in Butte county the first tow weeks of the Opportunity Drive totaled



by Mary Buchholz

\$10,257, or 8 per cent of the goal, according to Robert I. Howlett, county chairman. **LOCAL ARTISTS EXHIBITING WORK** Among those exhibiting paintings at the annual Black Hills art exhibit in Woodburn Hall, Spearfish, on the campus of the Black Hills Teachers college are Helen Overpeck, Lorraine Naugle, Neva Pluimer, and Fidelia Auger of Belle Fourche. Also exhibiting their work are Philip Koontz of Sturgis and Cliff Glidden of Trojan, both formerly of this city.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
June 7, 1974

DeWitt Malvin Scores Second Hole-in-One

DeWitt Malvin, formerly of Belle Fourche, has scored his second hole-in-one. Most golfers are lucky to get a hole-in-one once in their golfing career, says the Apache Sentinel of Apache Junction, Ariz., but Malvin has done it twice. Playing the Camelot Golf Course April 26, Malvin scored a hole-in-one on the 146 yard seven hole with a No. 1 driver. Back on July 16, 1947, while playing the seventh hole at the Lead Country Club, Malvin scored his first hole-in-one, using a No. 3 iron on the 156 yard hole. Mr. and Mrs. Malvin live at Mesa, Ariz.

Queen to Direct Fruitdale Display

Asa Queen of Fruitdale will again serve as chairman of the annual Fruitdale fireworks display, which will be sponsored by the Fruitdale Community Club at the shores of Orman Lake at dusk on the night of July 3. Plans for the annual display were outlined. Other committee members are Fred Shimp, Russell McIntire and Jake Shimp.

Krause Writes For The Stars and Stripes

If you've ever been in the service, "The Stars and Stripes" is a familiar publication. And if you were in service today you might see a familiar by-lining some of the articles in the Pacific edition of the Stars and Stripes. The name is Doug Krause, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Krause, Belle Fourche. Krause recently received his Spec-4 rating with the army at Seule, Korea, where he is attached to the public affairs office.

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Memorial Day - 1974

OLD GLORY flutters in the morning breeze atop the memorial hill portion of Pineslope Cemetery as Memorial Day exercises were held. Participants in the program are standing in the new speaker's platform which was dedicated Monday, culminating several years of work in establishing the memorial hill. Featured speaker was Hoadley Dean, Rapid City, who grew up in the Buffalo area and is currently president of Western South Dakota Development Company. Dean noted that his grandparents and parents are buried in Pineslope Cemetery.
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From A1 Election

local precinct. There are 35 legislative districts in South Dakota. Each district elects one senator and two representatives. The legislative body in South Dakota is bicameral meaning it has two separate groups, the senate and the house. There are 35 members in the senate and 70 representatives in the house.

Butte County is part of legislative district 28 which consists of six west river counties Butte, Harding, Corson, Ziebach, Dewey, and Perkins. Included in district 28 are the Cheyenne River Reservation and the southern Standing Rock Reservation.

Only one senator will be chosen to this vast area. Susan Peterson, a businesswoman with a strong background in agriculture, from Belle Fourche and Sam Marty are the Republican contenders for the position. Marty is a Vietnam veteran, rancher, and former legislative representative. The Democratic candidate

is Dean Schrempp a life-long Lanry area rancher

Each district also elects two house representatives. Thus, District 28 is divided into two parts, 28A and 28B. (See map) Running against one another in 28B are Travis Ismay, a Newell area businessman and diesel mechanic and Travis Martin. Martin is a real estate professional and former Belle Fourche councilman.

Republican candidates in 28A are Jana Hunt and Ryan Maher. The Democratic candidate is Carl Peterson from Parade. Both Democratic candidates will appear on the General Election ballot on November 5.

Contests for Butte County Commissioners will take place in Districts 2 and 4. (See Map)

In District 2 Tom Brunner, a Nisland farmer and former legislator will compete with William O'Dea for the position. O'Dea is a Belle Fourche native, and former Belle Fourche principal, and superintendent.

Sue Broadhurst and Terry Batterman are running for commissioner's seat in district 4. As a long-term employee in Butte County government offices, Broadhurst has learned a lot about how counties run.

A native South Dakotan, Terry Batterman has lived in Belle Fourche for many years. His work in the telephone industry has raised his awareness to needs of residents in the county.

Precinct chairman and chairwomen are also important elected officials. Their jobs are to disseminate information to the voters, to facilitate voter registration, and absentee ballot access, to encourage voting, to distribute party literature and to address party concerns. Candidates for this office in Precinct 13 are Lori Deighton and Katheryn Rhoden, for chairwoman, and for precinct 13 chairman, Daniel Rhoden and John Deighton.

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sations presented by the candidates concern many common issues. Among these are the problem of rising property taxes, excessive and wasteful government spending, the problem of eminent domain, the unnecessary infringement of big government,

and the need for transparency and fairness, Candidate values seem to reflect strong family values, Christianity, fiscal responsibility and appreciation for the South Dakota, Butte County and preserving the culture of the region.

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	18	Black-Pair Sm/Bm	1555	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00
	17	Blk/Bwf-Pair Sm/Bm	1654	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00
	14	Black-Pair Sm/Bm	1594	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00
	21	Black-Pair Sm/Bm	1564	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00
	16	Char/Blk-Pair Sm/Bm	1656	\$3,025.00	\$3,025.00
Tom Sparks, Plevna MT	13	Blk/Bwf-Pair 3-4s	1042	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
	5	Rwf-Pair 2-3s	1079	\$3,050.00	\$3,050.00
Joe Trask, Wasta SD	20	Black-Pair Bm	1423	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
Armie Mader, Biddle MT	20	Black-Pair Bm	1345	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
Weigh-Ups					
Jay Staba, Ludlow SD	1	Black-Cow	1050	\$168.00	\$1,764.00
	1	Bwf-Cow	1410	\$146.50	\$2,065.65
	1	Bwf-Hfr	1080	\$171.00	\$1,846.80
6 Creeks Farm, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1325	\$147.50	\$1,954.37
Frank J Nies, Ekalaka MT	2	Black-Cow	1320	\$147.50	\$1,947.00
	1	Black-Cow	1445	\$146.50	\$2,116.92
	3	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1178	\$159.00	\$1,873.55
	1	Black-Hfr	945	\$193.00	\$1,823.85
Mocabe Ag Lp, Ekalaka MT	5	Black-Cow	1374	\$147.50	\$2,026.65
Samuel Sandoz, Newell SD	2	Black-Cow	1335	\$148.00	\$1,975.80
Dwight Sandoz, St Paul Ne	1	Xbrd-Cow	730	\$142.50	\$1,040.25
Double Cross, Forsyth MT	1	Black-Cow	1035	\$185.00	\$1,914.75
	1	Black-Hfr	745	\$217.50	\$1,620.37
Garrett Cunningham	1	Black-Cow	1160	\$142.00	\$1,647.20
Lynn Weaver, Newell SD	1	Black-Cow	1255	\$146.00	\$1,832.30
Kady Creek Cattle, Broadus MT	3	Black-Cow	1360	\$141.50	\$1,924.40
	1	Black-Cow	1470	\$145.50	\$2,138.85
	1	Black-Cow	1180	\$140.00	\$1,652.00
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Aladdin WY	1	Black-Hfr	870	\$198.00	\$1,722.60
	1	Black-Hfr	1070	\$192.00	\$2,054.40
	1	Black-Hfr	875	\$198.00	\$1,732.50
	1	Bwf-Hfr	890	\$197.50	\$1,757.75
Doyle Or Lorie Dejong, Box Elder SD	1	Black-Cow	1250	\$147.50	\$1,843.75
Mulshoe Ranch Inc,					
Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Hfr	865	\$200.00	\$1,730.00
	1	Red-Cow	1360	\$147.00	\$1,999.20
	2	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	973	\$198.00	\$1,925.55
	3	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	960	\$203.00	\$1,948.80
	2	Rd/Blk-Hfr	935	\$191.00	\$1,785.85
	2	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	1043	\$194.00	\$2,022.45
Neal Mccoy, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Hfr	950	\$190.00	\$1,900.00
Kelsie Dejong, Box Elder SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1470	\$140.00	\$2,058.00
	1	Bwf-Hfr	990	\$167.50	\$1,656.25
Bill & Susan Paulton, Edgemont SD	1	Black-Cow	1180	\$144.00	\$1,699.20
Shannon Secrest, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1545	\$144.50	\$2,232.52
	1	Black-Cow	1720	\$144.00	\$2,476.80
Cory R Peterson, Upton WY	4	Black-Cow	1326	\$148.50	\$1,969.48
	4	Black-Cow	1516	\$147.50	\$2,236.46
	1	Black-Cow	1180	\$149.00	\$1,758.20
	1	Black-Cow	1175	\$146.50	\$1,721.37
Scott & Christine West, Oshoto WY	1	Black-Hfr	970	\$194.00	\$1,881.80
Wm Reno Revoc Trust, Gillette WY	8	Black-Cow	1478	\$146.50	\$2,164.53
	1	Black-Cow	1200	\$142.00	\$1,704.00
Riley Routier, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1475	\$148.00	\$2,183.00
	2	Black-Cow	1435	\$143.50	\$2,059.22
Terry & Laurie Goehring, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1395	\$147.00	\$2,050.65
Waite Ranch Lp, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1340	\$140.00	\$1,876.00
Lance & Cassidy Marshall,					
Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1115	\$145.50	\$1,622.32
Wwf Livestock, Alzada MT	4	Black-Cow	1324	\$145.50	\$1,926.05
	2	Black-Cow	1163	\$146.00	\$1,697.25
Brian W Birkley, Osage WY	5	Black-Cow	1442	\$147.00	\$2,119.74
	2	Black-Hfr	1155	\$174.00	\$2,009.70
Quentin Rumph, Biddle MT	7	Black-Cow	1477	\$147.50	\$2,178.78
Evan Rumph, Biddle MT	1	Black-Cow	1130	\$162.00	\$1,830.60
	1	Black-Cow	1445	\$147.50	\$2,131.37
	1	Black-Cow	900	\$161.00	\$1,449.00
	1	Bwf-Cow	1580	\$145.00	\$2,291.00
Clint Westover, Moorcroft WY	2	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1535	\$142.00	\$2,179.70
	1	Black-Cow	1210	\$140.00	\$1,694.00
	1	Black-Cow	1285	\$147.50	\$1,895.37

David Cadwell, Alzada MT	2	Black-Hfr	795	\$209.00	\$1,661.55
Charlie Williams, Alzada MT	6	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1485	\$147.50	\$2,190.37
	1	Black-Cow	1255	\$141.00	\$1,769.55
Jerry Landa, Boyes MT	1	Black-Cow	1445	\$141.00	\$2,037.45
J.J. Or Cathy Landa, Boyes MT	1	Black-Cow	1190	\$163.00	\$1,939.70
Selby Graham, Rozet WY	1	Black-Cow	1430	\$147.00	\$2,102.10
T Millron Livestock Lic, Rozet WY	1	Black-Cow	1345	\$140.00	\$1,883.00
	1	Black-Cow	1480	\$145.00	\$2,146.00
	1	Black-Cow	1220	\$144.00	\$1,756.80
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka MT	3	Black-Cow	1420	\$140.50	\$1,995.10
Agri Steer Inc, Johnson Lake NE	1	Black-Cow	1485	\$147.00	\$2,182.95
Carl Bruch, Sturgis SD	3	Black-Cow	1182	\$144.00	\$1,701.60
	1	Black-Cow	1525	\$146.50	\$2,234.12
Peggy Bruch Trust, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1485	\$143.50	\$2,130.97
Tammy Tetraut, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Cow	1450	\$145.00	\$2,102.50
	1	Black-Cow	1395	\$140.00	\$1,953.00
Kermit Rumph, Biddle MT	2	Black-Cow	1558	\$140.00	\$2,180.50
	6	Black-Cow	1333	\$144.50	\$1,925.46
	4	Black-Cow	1194	\$145.50	\$1,736.90
	1	Black-Cow	1190	\$140.00	\$1,666.00
	1	Black-Cow	1060	\$172.50	\$1,828.50
	1	Black-Hfr	870	\$191.00	\$1,661.70
	1	Black-Cow	1110	\$140.00	\$1,554.00
	1	Black-Cow	1200	\$142.00	\$1,704.00
	1	Black-Cow	1025	\$175.00	\$1,793.75
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Newcastle WY	1	Red-Cow	1210	\$140.00	\$1,694.00
	1	Red-Cow	1200	\$161.00	\$1,932.00
	1	Red-Cow	1065	\$180.00	\$1,917.00
Kp & Keith Stevens Inc, Ashland MT	9	Black-Cow	1584	\$147.50	\$2,336.23
Zeke Mader, Biddle MT	1	Black-Cow	1260	\$141.00	\$1,776.60
Armie Mader, Biddle MT	1	Red-Cow	1205	\$148.00	\$1,783.40
	1	Red-Cow	1180	\$148.00	\$1,746.40
	1	Red-Cow	1065	\$179.00	\$1,906.35
	1	Red-Cow	1305	\$142.00	\$1,853.10
Swenson Operating Lic,					
Sundance WY	1	Red-Cow	960	\$143.00	\$1,372.80
	1	Red-Cow	1035	\$150.00	\$1,552.50
	1	Red-Cow	1235	\$142.00	\$1,753.70
	1	Red-Hfr	910	\$191.00	\$1,738.10
Robert Budmayr, Belle Fourche SD	9	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1022	\$175.00	\$1,787.91
	4	Black-Cow	1125	\$164.00	\$1,845.00
Douglas Halbraier, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1385	\$145.00	\$2,008.25
	1	Black-Hfr	1045	\$169.00	\$1,766.05
J&J Livestock, Ekalaka MT	2	Black-Hfr	878	\$194.00	\$1,702.35
Gail Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	5	Black-Cow	1151	\$146.00	\$1,680.46
Skyler Gail, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1075	\$140.00	\$1,505.00
J&J Livestock, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1130	\$140.00	\$1,582.00
4w Family Limited Partner,					
Newcastle WY	1	Red-Cow	1325	\$145.00	\$1,921.25
	1	Red-Cow	1205	\$142.50	\$1,717.12
	1	Red-Cow	1400	\$146.00	\$2,044.00
	1	Red-Cow	1295	\$144.50	\$1,871.27
	3	Red-Cow	1272	\$142.00	\$1,805.76
Donald & Dipper Brunson Famil,					
Aladdin WY	3	Black-Hfr	1050	\$193.00	\$2,026.50
Billy J Gergen, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1495	\$142.00	\$2,122.90
Hagen Ranch Llc, Ashland MT	1	Black-Cow	1200	\$140.00	\$1,680.00
	1	Black-Cow	1670	\$144.50	\$2,413.15
	3	Black-Cow	1448	\$147.00	\$2,129.05
	1	Black-Cow	1440	\$146.50	\$2,109.60
Bryan Tarter, Ashland MT	1	Black-Cow	1380	\$146.00	\$2,014.80
	1	Black-Hfr	1070	\$192.00	\$2,054.40
	1	Black-Hfr	1030	\$194.00	\$1,998.20
Lynn Jespersen, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	1580	\$144.00	\$2,275.20
	1	Black-Cow	1340	\$147.00	\$1,969.80
Gordon Or Sandra Helms, Reva SD	1	Red-Cow	1275	\$145.00	\$1,848.75
Jason Bollinger, Jordan MT	2	Black-Cow	1160	\$173.00	\$2,006.80
	1	Black-Cow	1275	\$143.00	\$1,823.25
	1	Black-Cow	900	\$140.00	\$1,260.00
	1	Black-Cow	990	\$140.00	\$1,386.00
Darrell Or Shaunee Groth,					
Aladdin WY	2	Black-Cow	1090	\$143.00	\$1,558.70
Houston Creek Cattle Co,					
Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1265	\$142.50	\$1,802.62
Ryan Or Taylor Vroman, Buffalo SD	2	Black-Cow	1155	\$140.00	\$1,617.00
	1	Black-Cow	1025	\$152.50	\$1,563.12
2 Lazy H Llc, Arvada WY	2	Black-Cow	1278	\$140.50	\$1,794.88
	1	Black-Cow	1265	\$145.50	\$1,840.57

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June 20, 2024	REGULAR SALE / ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT, HORSE SALE TO FOLLOW CATTLE SALE
June 27, 2024	REGULAR SALE / ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT
July 11, 2024	REGULAR SALE / ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT
July 25, 2024	REGULAR SALE / ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT, HORSE SALE TO FOLLOW CATTLE SALE
August 1, 2024	FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, FEEDERS @ 12 MT
August 15, 2024	FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, FEEDERS @ 12 MT, HORSE SALE TO FOLLOW CATTLE SALE

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Broadus, MT Rod Schaffer 406-672-5546	Ekalaka, MT Riley Lesh 406-697-0573 Brett Loughlin 605-210-0615	Jordan, MT Jason Bollinger 406-690-8344
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	1	Black-Cow	1355	\$150.00	\$2,032.50
	1	Black-Cow	1085	\$141.00	\$1,529.85
	1	Black-Cow	1195	\$146.00	\$1,744.70
	1	Black-Cow	1505	\$144.50	\$2,174.72
	1	Black-Cow	1325	\$141.00	\$1,868.25
	2	Black-Cow	1218	\$141.50	\$1,722.76
	1	Black-Cow	1425	\$150.00	\$2,137.50
	1	Black-Cow	1155	\$157.50	\$1,819.12
Mary Giberson, Riverton WY	1	Black-Cow	1340	\$146.50	\$1,963.10
Ryan Cordell, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Cow	1315	\$143.00	\$1,880.45
	1	Black-Cow	1335	\$140.00	\$1,869.00
Larry & Deanna Steele,					
Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1575	\$147.50	\$2,323.12
	1	Black-Cow	1345	\$143.50	\$1,930.07
	1	Black-Cow	1090	\$181.00	\$1,972.90
	1	Black-Cow	1140	\$140.00	\$1,596.00
Levin Ranch Inc, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1120	\$178.00	\$2,003.90
	3	Black-Cow	1388	\$14	



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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.

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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

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10 a.m. Sunday Worship
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613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche
(605)-210-2150
Pastor Stephen Carson
Worship Pastor Ashton Rone
Sunday Worship: 8:45 to 10:15 am

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

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

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10:30 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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Friday: 7:30 p.m.

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Worship: 11 a.m.

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Sunday: 9am Sunday School and Bible Class, 10am Worship

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1804 7th Ave. Belle Fourche
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605 569-3057
Sermons: fightintheshade

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden May 19, 2024



It was a beautiful weekend for high school graduations. Faith and Sturgis as well as other schools held many celebrations. Kade Lemmel

and black tuxedos. It will take place in Rapid City.
Mike Cammack and his friend, Sandy, were back in South Dakota and attended church on Sunday in Union Center. Jack Seller and Darrel Wilcox headed to Nellie's after church on Sunday for lunch as well as Kevin and Deb Vig, Larry and Sandy Rhoden and Lorie and Gary Hausmann.
Nellies continues to serve the public and we certainly appreciate Karen for keeping the doors open.
However, the business is up for sale. We hope someone who is adventurous and knows the business of food and service is out there wanting to give it a go.
James and Tashonna Ingalls welcomed their 5th gift from God into the world and are now at home in Union Center.
Adaira Jean arrived on Monday, May 13 at 10:00 am weighing 7 lbs 3 oz and was 20 inches long. She joined three older brothers and a big sister at home. Congratulations James and Tahonna.

was one of those graduates from Sturgis whose graduation reception was very well attended at the Iron Horse in Sturgis. Many friends and family were in attendance. Being the rodeo family that they are, the Cowboy Channel was on as they were able to watch Kade's sister's boyfriend ride in the saddle bronc event live.
After having a senior graduate on Sunday, Rorey and Krista Lemmel, of Whitewood, will be hosting the wedding of their oldest daughter, Kalen Lemmel on Friday. She will be marrying Tristen Rhoden, youngest son of Larry and Sandy Rhoden. Family and friends are all looking forward to a very special wedding and reception on Friday.
All of Larry and Sandy's six grandchildren will be in the wedding wearing white dresses

Capitol News

By KAREN ODELL

May 27, 2024



Alvin and Ryan Cordell, and Charlie Casteel, have

been busy sorting cows, and moving them to summer pasture. Marlee went to an appointment in Spearfish, on Tuesday. Then, on Saturday, she went down to the wedding of her cousin, Kelly West's, son. Paul O'Toole stopped in for a visit with Alvin. Paul has a hunting cabin in Camp Crook, and has been coming out this way for hunting for nearly fifty years. On Thursday, Alvin got thirty-five hundredths of rain, and then another three-tenths on Saturday. It had been terribly dry, and that rain helped things perk up. On Sunday, Alvin and Marlee went to the Camp Crook cemetery and the Ekalaka Cemetery, to decorate graves.
Ronda Cordell has her new rain gauge up and got a total of nearly an inch this week. It's amazing how so little rain can perk up the countryside. She watched cows grazing in the rain and wondered if they felt like we do after a bath. Ronda drove to Buffalo for an appointment, on Monday, and had a delicious salad at Blossoms n Brew. Later she started on yard work. Weeds can grow without the rain, but it took some watering to pull them. After the rain she made better headway, and hoped to get them pulled before they go to seed. She doesn't use weed spray because of her pets, but paints it on the cut stem of a sapling to get rid of some chokecherries. Curt Zolnoski came to help Clint Zolnoski and Gene Secrest haul pairs to the Desert, on Tuesday. Ronda took salad and garlic bread to Clint's to add to Denise's lasagna. Denise had gone to work in Camp Crook. There had been a scheduled power outage at home that day. On Wednesday morning, Ronda helped Clint and Gene get cows to the upper corrals. Tod Dague hauled a load to St Onge. The Zolnoski's went to the cow sale, on Friday, to see the pairs sell at noon, and then, they spent a few days in the Hills with family. Diane Wear came from Ekalaka, on Friday. She rode with Ronda to Buffalo, and treated her to lunch at Blossoms n Brew. Diane had taken her pick-up to Camp Crook, so she could stop to do graves at Fairview Cemetery, and Ronda went on home to pull more weeds.
Lynn Gustafson made a trip to the Hills for an appointment, on Tuesday. Thursday was the Spring Council meeting of the Extension Clubs, and Lynn picked up Dorothy Padden for the day-long meeting at the Ridgeway Hall. Craig Nelson came to visit them on Friday. On Saturday, they went to Piedmont for a graduation reception for a friend. They both went to church at Little Missouri Church on Sunday, and that afternoon, David Douglas, Hannah and Naomi stopped in for a visit.
Erma and Dick Albert had a normal week. Erma had chiropractor and physical therapy appointments, in Buffalo, on Wednesday. Friday was the Senior Citizen dinner. Father Gary was in charge of the Sunday service at the Catholic Church. Then Dick and Erma had lunch with Larry and Sandra Lyons at Saloon Number Three.
Dale Moncur was out to the ranch for the weekend. They had gotten about an inch of rain during the week at the Moncur Ranch, and

things were looking greener. Dale got some chores done, and went up to the Capitol Cemetery to do some work for Memorial Day. Dorothy Padden had ridden with Lynn Gustafson to the Ridgeway Spring Council meeting of the Carter/Fallon Extension Clubs. On Saturday, Dorothy went to the Buffalo Hardware to get some flowers and plants. She stopped at the Camp Crook Cemetery to do some decorating. She also got to listen on the computer, as some of her great-grandchildren competed in the state track meet. Dawn Padden had joined in with some of those traveling to Sioux Falls for the State Track Meet. She got some great pictures of the students, and enjoyed three completely different days. Thursday was very hot for this time of year. Friday was cold and windy. Saturday turned out to be the best day, but there was a rain shower during the time Kamry was competing in javelin. Still she schuchart had a wonderful time by earning a second and a fourth place in the tournament, and Lexi Rolph earned a fifth. Dawn's pictures recorded the events, and by Sunday evening she had them all ready for publication. On Monday, Karen Odell tried to catch some cats to take to Holcomb-Metzger Vet Clinic. The trouble was that they knew enough not to trust her, so she finally had to give up and try another day. Now she feeds the cats in cat carriers, and maybe that will trick them into trusting those carriers the next time. She took a battery to Wolffy's and ordered a new one, and did some work outside. Karen is still updating Vaughnsville High School books that she compiled for those back in Ohio, where she went to school. She got some flowers planted, and some of her plants outside, even though the night temperatures were still very low. On Wednesday and Thursday, she visited at Chancey Odell's to do some chores. Then on Friday, Chancey picked Karen up to go shopping in the Hills. They ended up in Rapid City, and brought home a Honda 700 side by side. Karen can now do some hauling, even though one lawn mower needs a battery, and the other needs a tire put on it. During the week, her grandchildren had a few problems. Kyia Smith opened a can of cat food, and the lid took a big slice out of her thumb that had required three stitches. Kyia declared that the cats must eat pouches of food from now on. Then, Karen learned that Murphy Hinds had broken his arm when playing on the monkey bars at school. Of course it was his left hand, the hand he writes with, so he will have to learn to write with the other hand. A few weeks ago, Kellan Odell had had surgery on his arm from a sports injury, and he is now hoping to be healed up for football next year, as a senior. That was three, so maybe things will improve, now. On Saturday, Karen got a call from her niece, Martha Nau. Then she called her brother, Jim Evans, in Ohio. There had been trouble with his phone, and they hadn't talked for a long time, so they talked for a couple of hours. On Saturday, she finally got some rain, and it rained again early on Sunday, to help settle the dust. Karen went to the Harding Church, on Sunday, for the special hymn singing. It was a wonderful time, and so much fun singing four-part harmony. Thanks to the Belle Fourche Mennonite Church for planning the event.
Disliked by stupid people is good.

Success of Local Businesses Resides in Our Hands

We often underestimate the significant impact that residents can have on local businesses without spending money. Yes, spending money ultimately is what keeps any business in business, but not every business is needed by everyone at any given time. However, here are ten ways that residents can support local businesses in becoming more vibrant.



by John Newby

Supporting and promoting local events hosted by businesses can help increase their visibility. Whether it's a store opening, a local market, chamber ribbon-cutting, or a community event, showing up and sharing these events on social media or community boards can drive attendance and interest in local enterprises.
Facilitating connections between local businesses and potential partners or customers can lead to mutually beneficial collaborations. For example, a local café could partner with a nearby bookstore to host a book club, drawing customers to both businesses. Networking within the community can uncover numerous opportunities for such synergies.
Active participation in local government can influence policies that benefit local businesses. Attending town meetings, voicing support for business-friendly initiatives, and participating in planning committees can lead to a more supportive environment for local commerce. For instance, advocating for reduced business regulations or improved infrastructure can have long-term positive effects.
Creating or participating in community groups focused on supporting local businesses can consolidate efforts. The American Independent Business Alliance documented numerous cases where "buy local" campaigns have successfully shifted consumer spending towards local businesses, resulting in significant economic benefits for communities.
Initiatives like "buy local" campaigns or "shop small" events can raise awareness and encourage more residents to support

their local economy. Studies by Civic Economics show that local businesses recirculate a higher percentage of revenue locally compared to national chains, which highlights the importance of these initiatives.
Residents can create blogs, vlogs, or social media content featuring local businesses. Highlighting the unique aspects and stories behind these businesses can attract attention and interest. Content creation not only provides businesses with free publicity but also helps build a stronger connection between the business and the community. Providing constructive feedback can help local businesses improve their products and services. Positive reviews are crucial, honest, and provide constructive feedback given directly to business owners that can help them understand customer needs and enhance their offerings.
Putting it all together, a great example is Detroit SOUP, a micro-granting dinner celebrating creative projects in Detroit. It is an excellent example of community-driven support for local businesses. Residents pitch in by attending events, voting on pitches, and networking, leading to the funding, and nurturing of local initiatives.
Residents have multiple avenues in which they can support their local businesses without spending money. Through word-of-mouth, social media engagement, positive reviews, attending events, networking, volunteering skills, participating in local governance, organizing support initiatives, and providing feedback, residents can help create a thriving local economy. These efforts not only benefit local businesses but also enhance the overall vibrancy and cohesion of the community.
John Newby is a nationally recognized Columnist, Speaker, & Publisher. He consults with Chambers, Communities, Business & Media. His "Building Main Street, not Wall Street," column appears in 60+ newspapers

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"Reunion of Prairie Folks"

Our Committee is requesting publication of the following non-profit community event in your newspaper as a Public Service Announcement/Community Happening/Event. We hope to reach as many people as possible to attend this "Reunion of Prairie Folks" from Dupree and the surrounding areas, including those who now live in the Black Hills and beyond.
This event was held for 30 years before it lapsed in 2014. We are trying to get it going again.

Because summer planning can be very hectic, we would like to get the information out to the public as soon as possible so they can save the date and make plans to attend.
We expect more than 150 people from various communities and states.
We know many who will also vacation, attend other events and visit sites in your areas.
Sincerely,
Ruth (Bakeberg) Slaughter Dupree Area BH Potluck Picnic Committee Chairman
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Contd. from A1 **Graduation** gave special thanks to Superintendent Dr. Steve Willard, who is retiring this year, and presented him with a tumbler and card on behalf of her class.

Dr. Willard went on to welcome everyone to the ceremony. He thanked the community for welcoming his family to Belle Fourche 24 years ago. 44 years of his life has been spent in education.

In 2021 he was named Innovator of the year. Hunting, fishing and dump is what he plans on doing when he retires. He explained that his grandson

loved seeing the big trucks at the dump and so he could foresee spending lots of time with his grandson there. He emphasized helping others when they need it, offering the advice to "be the friend you want to have."

BFHS Choir, under the direction of Micah Pennel, performed a beautiful rendition of "You'll Be in My Heart" while Lucy Cole accompanied.

School Board President Scott Reder introduced the Salutatorian and Valedictorian. Alexis Anderson, Salutatorian, graduated with a 4.25 GPA.

She shared that her future plans include studying landscape architecture and horticulture with minor in nonprofit leadership of organizations at SDSU.

She credits her success to hard work and dedication. Anderson discussed opportunities for woman and said "I, especially as a woman, am grateful for what I have." She reiterated that she feels lucky to be given the opportunity to learn in a safe environment. And finally, she reminded her class: "Don't take opportunities for granted."

Valedictorian was Sarah Juelfs with a 4.27 GPA. Sarah

shared that she is going to USD to study social work and psychology.

She looked back on firsts in high school, and her own personal growth over the four years. Juelfs thanked everyone in her class who pushed her to succeed.

She commented that high school was about the memories made with everyone and said, "I won't remember our assignments, but I will remember all the things I went through with my classmates and friends." Her speech ended with a Ferris Bueller quote: "Life moves

pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, You could miss it."

Principal Mathew Raba told the graduates, "I know you're all destined for great things."

He also made the Presentation of the Class of 2024, and School Board President Scott Reder handed out diplomas to the graduates.

Final activities included moving their tassels from the right to the left to signify graduating followed by tossing graduation caps into the air for celebration. Family and friends rushed the field to congratulate them.



Salutatorian, **Alexis Anderson**, addresses the Class of 2024.. Longbrake photo Beacon Photo



Senior Class President, **Jacie Baxendale**, gives the opening dedication. Longbrake photo



Class of 2024 changes their tassels from the right to the left side. Longbrake Photo



Valedictorian, **Sarah Juelfs**, discusses her future plans and thanks her classmates. Longbrake photo



Superintendent, **Dr. Steve Willard**, welcomed family and friends to Graduation. Longbrake photo



After you toss the cap, you must retrieve the cap. BFHS student searching for their caps. Longbrake Photo



Students show their creativity by decorating their caps. Longbrake Photo




Micah Pennel led the BFHS Choir. Longbrake Photo



Graduating students congratulating each other after the ceremony. Longbrake Photo

2024 RIVER RUN




Rec on the river walk

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When: Friday, June 7

Where: Start and finish at Rail Park during the River Fest



Check-In: 6:15-7:00 pm

Start Time: 7:00 pm

Distance: 1.9 – 2.75 miles ~ You choose your distance!

Cost: 18 and under \$5.00 (without shirt) ~ Adults \$10.00 (without shirt)

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Questions? Contact Tessa @ 892.2467 or tessa@bellefourche.org

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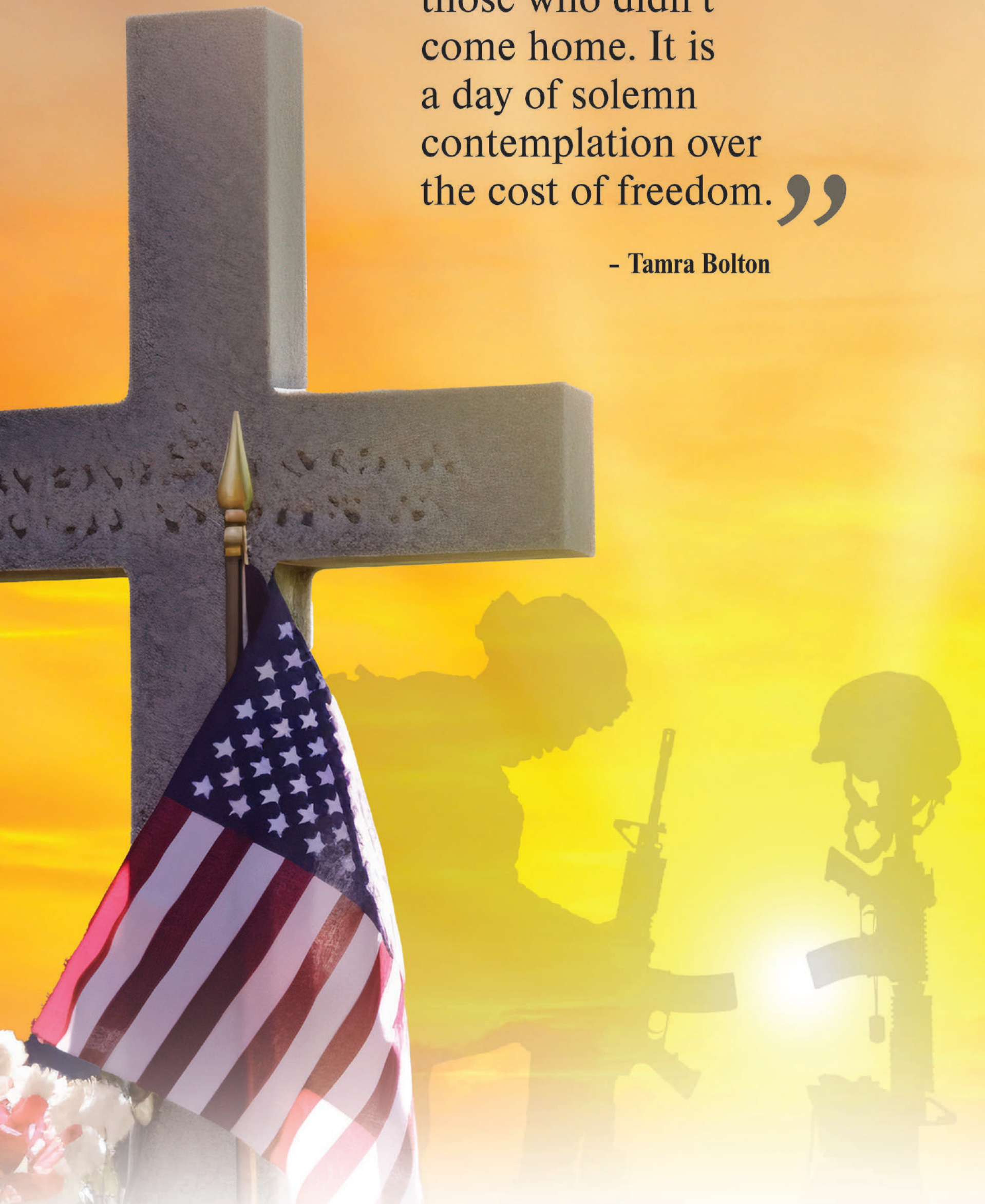


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- Tamra Bolton



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From B2 Zimmer

Like her husband, Cassie is highly qualified. She worked under a professional pet stylist for a year in Illinois.

Prior to that she did an internship with Petsmart and does continuing education with Petco. She has ER vet tech training. "Very handy in bringing comfort to my clients." She explained.

Moving to South Dakota was a big step for Austin and Cassie as was taking on a new business. However, things seem to be falling into place nicely.



Zimmer Repair and Synthetics is easy to locate on Highway 212. The address is 12459 US Highway 212, Nisland. Beacon Photos

They like the area, the people and feel at home. "We like the opportunity to work hard at something we enjoy doing." Austin said.

Zimmer Repair and Synthetics has drawn a steady clientele since opening for business last July. Located on Highway 212 between Newell and Belle Fourche just outside Nisland, the full-service mechanic shop is easy to find and easy to contact at telephone (815) 517- 8746 or (815) 762-6524, or email zimmerrepair@gmail.com



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A pre-bid meeting will be held on a Teams Meeting on June 4th at 1:00 P.M. Contractors shall familiarize themselves with the project site prior to the pre-bid meeting. There will be no site visit for this meeting. The pre-bid meeting can be accessed at the following link.

https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_NjhmjBjODMtn213My00NzQwLWI2MwItNTU5MDRiYzkwMDg4%40thread_v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224d32f97c-dcd2-4a39-b8cb-b375f635ad84%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22df3fc9f3-9d30-4663-aa86-5c0e1bb60a2f%22%7d This link can also be found within the QuestCDN Project Prebid Meeting section under Bid Information.

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Signed: [Signature] Date: 05/24/24

Owl Creek Organic, Where Fruit Meets Honey

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The directions are easy to follow. From Belle Fourche travel east on Highway 212 to Arpan Road It's about 10.5 miles. Turn left on Arpan Road and go three miles to Sagebrush Road. Turn right onto Sagebrush Road and go 1.75 miles.

The drive beside the Belle Fourche Reservoir through rolling prairie, under vast open skies is pleasant.

The destination is a stunning modern building with a friendly, red, and white metal storefront. Fresh gravel in the parking lot makes a pleasant crunching sound beneath the car tires.

The Owl Creek Organics and Natural Products storefront is open on Saturdays from 10 AM to 4 PM.

The business is the creation of Bernadette Barnaud-Jensen. Bernadette is a 2004 graduate of Belle Fourche High School who earned undergraduate degrees in Spanish and French and an Master's degree in French before returning to the farm in 2012.

The store is bright and offers a wide variety of organic products. Organic herbs-Lavender, Rosemary & Thyme grow in containers in the South window of the store and are used some of Owl Creek honeys. These herbs are common in the Southern part of France and are staples in French and mediterranean cooking.

"I love my toast" Bernadette says, "whether it's for breakfast or a snack in the afternoon. The topping that goes on a good piece of toast is what I live for in running my business. I love finding that topping that even I can't believe I made. I think my favorite jam right now is Raspberry, but it changes from week to week." Bernadette gestures to the attractively arranged selections of delicious toast toppings on display and reads off different kinds of jams. "Gooseberry, Pomegranate, Red Currant, Marionberry Huckleberry are some of the unique berries... they're all sweetened with honey to emphasize the flavor of the fruit. I use my French skills in converting French recipes to English and making them. I find that French recipes use less sweetener" Bernadette substitutes honey for sugar. "You use less honey in recipes than you do sugar so it's a win-win." She continues reading some of her flavored honeys "Caramel Cinnamon, Caffè Mocha, Blueberry, Huckleberry, Lemon Poppy Seed, Cranberry and Lingonberry. They are used as spreads for toast, or you can put them in coffee or tea or oatmeal." Owl Creek of course has a lot of regular honey on display. Owl Creek honey pours from the jar slowly, steadily unlike honey with added corn syrup, typical of commercial honey.

"There's a lot of French influence in my products but I also cater to our American tastes. One of my favorite

jellies ever is Grape Jelly. I love it but I also love to make more complex jams like Banana Rum, Cherry Amaretto, 4 Red Fruits and Fruits of the Forest. I continue to learn and attend shows that can give me ideas and where I can make connections." Bernadette will be going to the National Restaurant Association Show in Chicago in May, The Fancy Food Show in New York in June and to A Taste of the States in Miami in September to introduce her products to restaurant owners, chefs, and buyers from the United States and internationally as well. "I like to keep expanding my horizons. Even if I just get some ideas or make some connections, this is an opportunity for me to learn more and to do some networking. I'll also hopefully get to use my French and Spanish skills."

Visitors to the store on Saturdays can expect to be greeted at the door. There will be a table featuring the 'treat of the week' along with coffee or tea so that customers can sample the products while shopping.

The difference between fresh, organically grown food and processed products is noteworthy. Some of the organic fruit is grown in South Dakota, on the 25 acres that Bernadette owns adjoined to the family farm near Nisland. Plums do well in this area, although other fruit varieties are harder to nurture here. For this reason, Bernadette sources fruit from a company in the Northwestern part of the United States. They source high quality berries that are organic or wild and that grow in Europe and different states including Montana, Idaho, Washington & Oregon.

Fruits of the Forest or "Fruits des Bois" in French is a newer jam derived from a French recipe. It contains 4 different berries-blueberries, strawberries, blackberries & raspberries. The combination is delightful. These berries are known to grow wild in the woods in France and in the United States which is why it gets its name "Fruits of the Forest".

The labels created by Bernadette are attractive artistic renderings of each jar's contents. The list of ingredients is an easy read as there are no additives or preservatives.

"We support the organic industry. Every little bit you buy or that you're contributing helps shift the demand and in turn helps shift the production. Higher demand in organics means more people will produce organic." Bernadette grew up in a farming family very serious about organic integrity. There is more than one pathway to certification. Bernadette prefers the OCIA label or Organic Crop Improvement Association International. The annual certificate cost last year was \$2400, a small percentage of which was be reimbursed by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Other agencies are less expensive.

June marks the onset of the summer extension club season at the Butte-Lawrence County Extension Office in Belle Fourche. Now that school is out, 4-H club members have time to participate in myriad outdoor activities and competitive events.

Also, there are the usual deadlines, camps, and many other instructional events. Of course, it's not too early to begin preparation for showing animals, and projects at the mention the Butte Lawrence County Fair at the fairgrounds in Nisland, July 29-August 3.

Here is a summary of important June dates:

- June 1-2 -4-H Summer Outdoor Archery Match-Yankton
June 1 Animal entry Deadline in 4-H Online
June 1 DNA Envelopes due to County Offices
June 1 Deadline to Upload Animal Lease Forms to 4-H Online
June 1 Deadline to identify Replacement Animals to 4-H online
June 1 Deadline to complete Youth Horse Literacy
June 3-Butte/Lawrence County Fair Board Meeting 6:30 First Interstate Bank in Belle Fourche.
June 3- Public Presentations St. Onge Sale Barn 4:30-8:30- Here is your opportunity to do a County Presentation. Call the office to schedule a presentation!
June 3-5- 4-H Camp Session 1: Camp Poinsett
June 3-7- SkillsX by 4-H
June 5-7- 4-H Camp Session 2: Camp Poinsett
June 7- ETHICS Class 3-5 PM
June 10-12-4-H Camp: Camp Poinsett Going Beyond
June 9-15 4-H Performing Arts Camp
June 9- Crochet Class in Newell with the Tot & Twenty Extension Club held at the NVN senior center in Newell. All 4-H ages welcome!
June 12-13 19th Annual Soils Days & 40th Annual Rangeland Days Pre-register by June 2, 2024
June 15- Deadline for Heifers for 4-H essay to be sent to Mackaben Family
June 15-22- Citizenship Washington Focus - Washington, DC
June 15 Fair Entry Opens for State Fair
June 16-19-4-H Camp: Storm Mountain
*June 17- Butte/Lawrence County Horse Show- Seven Down Arena-Spearfish
June 20- Fashion Revue 1:00pm @ First Interstate Bank in Belle Fourche
June 21- ETHICS Class 3-5 PM
June 23-28-4-H SS National Championships-Grand Island, NE
June 23-Jr. Leaders 5:00pm TBD
June 24- Butte Lawrence County Fair entries open



To the consumer, the certified organic label means that the item was produced without synthetic pesticides, herbicides, or fertilizers and is GMO free. To the Barnaud family, producing and marketing organic products is important.

While Bernadette is travelling to shows and spending time at home with her husband Brandon, in McVille, North Dakota, the store is run by her mom and dad, Bernard and Laurie Barnaud.

Bernard is French and was born and raised in Burgundy, France. Laurie is from Broadus, Montana. Bernard and Laurie were both raised on farms, one near a small village in France and the other near a small town in Montana. After

getting married, they continued living the farming and ranching lifestyle and raised all their kids in the country. They have passed on their love for agriculture to their children, four of whom live and work in the country today.

While Bernadette and her siblings (2 sisters and 4 brothers) are growing up, the family raised cattle, sheep, chickens, goats, pigs, and horses. Her brother Francois has taken over the family farm so Laurie and Bernard can retire to enjoy their grandkids, travel, enjoy the country as well as partake in some of their many hobbies including raising chickens and producing eggs.

Owl Creek products are available locally at Lueders in

Belle Fourche and Spearfish, Lynn's Dakota Mart in Sturgis, Staple and Spice in Rapid City and of course at Owl Creek Country Storefront. Bernie's in East Grand Forks, North Dakota also sells Owl Creek products. You can of course order online as well at www.owlcreeknaturalproducts.com.

Bernadette is hoping that the store will attract more local visitors. "We haven't had a lot of customers yet, but we just started opening the store consistently on Saturdays from 10-4. We are testing it out to see if we want to open it every Saturday or just do an event once a month. We are excited to offer this unique country shopping experience to the local community and to the tourists."



Bernadette Barnaud-Jensen and her mom Laurie Barnaud Beacon Photos

Open Saturdays 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.



The Storefront is open on Saturdays from 10 AM to 4 PM Beacon Photos



Belle Fourche School District Staff Awards 2024

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The 2023-24 Teacher of the Year and Employee of the Year Reception was held on Thursday, May 23 in the Belle Fourche Area Community Center (BFACC) Auditorium.

The purpose of the annual event is to honor achievement and celebrate staff accomplishments. High School principal Matt Raba filled in as master of ceremonies for Superintendent Steve Willard. Principal Raba's delivery of a classic time-honored idiomatic story about a misplaced glass eye was well

received and set the tone for a happy, informal end of the school year event.

Each year, the Belle Fourche Education Association (BFEA) presents 'The Friends of Education Awards' to a community member who has gone above and beyond in support of education. This year the award went to Fred and Judee Wilson for their generous contributions of time and talent to the Belle Fourche schools.

There were also special accolades presented to three staff members for distinctive professional achievements:

Jeff Caldwell for earning the South Dakota School Counselor Association's Orv Schmeiding Award; Dr. Julie Hatling, for being named National Distinguished Elementary Principal of the Year Award; and Michelle Stumpf, who was the South Dakota state-level finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Six retirees, Jana Bastion (10 years), Mary Beth "Buz" Bevier (27 years), Genine Mace (29 years), Kristy Messner (24 years), Shelly Mikkelson (28 years), and Dr. Steve Willard



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(24 years) were honored with a special gift of thanks.

Staff leaving the district were also recognized: Jeff Caldwell (24 years), Wayne Tonsager (15 years), Louise Compton, Dionne Heilman, Hayley Miller, Tony Musilek, Justin Walker, Mikayla Watson, and Amy Williams.

Years of service pins were awarded to all teachers who have reached five, ten, fifteen, and twenty-year milestones.

The final two awards were presented to Brian Aspen, Employee of the Year, and Ann Anderson, Teacher of the Year.

There were several nominations for each award. Other employee of the year nominations included Christina Ager, Brenda Grusing, Jazmyn Hunt, Kayla Jones, Terri Kraklow, Dee Liggett, Toni Long, Hidi Ozuna, Amanda Quenzer-Hays and Brandi Vansickle.

Other nominees for teacher of the year included: Penny Austin, Jana Bastian, Tiffany Bierschenk, Austin Bishop, Susan Cody, Jordan Esmay, Megan Haag, Lindsey Haber, Jim Hartwell, Kyle Haxton, Nicole Hayworth, Dionne Heilman, Ann-Marie Hostetter, Brenda Huffman, Danielle Hunt, Samantha Hunter, Chase Huseby, Christine Kinard, Brenda LaBau, Shelly Mikkelson, Stacey Neuharth, Melissa Nore, Jammie Raba, Courtney Svoboda, Monica Tabisz, Justin Walker, and Melanie Williamson. The program was a fitting end for another successful school year.



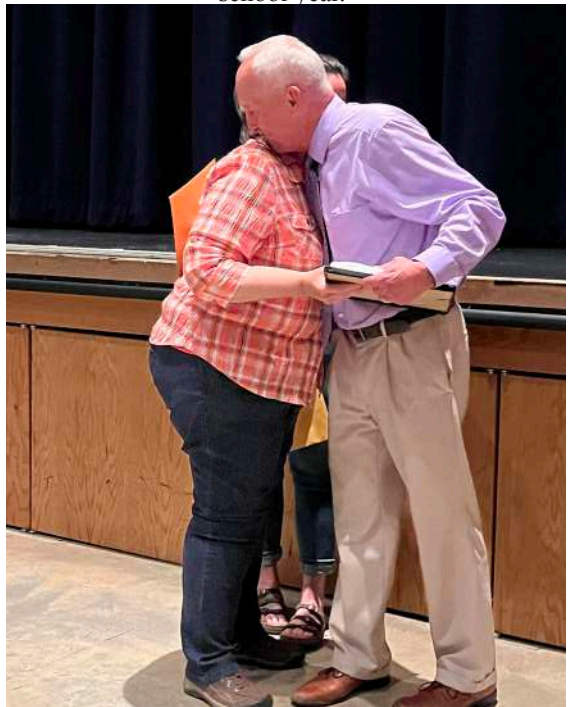
All School Staff at 2024 Teacher of the Year and Employee of the Year Reception. *Beacon Photo*



Ann Anderson, Fred and Judee Wilson, Kim Smeen. Fred and Judee received the Friends of Education Award sponsored by the Belle Fourche Education Association (BFEA)



Ann Anderson with 2023-24 Belle Fourche Teacher of the Year Award, recognized by Sandra Baker.



Brian Aspen accepting the award for 2023-24 Employee of the Year.

Summer Recreation Opportunities

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School is out, and warm sunny weather is sure to follow. The Belle Fourche Rec Center has some plans to make summer healthy and fun for kids. Jody Westerberg, Recreation Center Director, understands the importance of the rec center to the community. "It's a place where people come to escape." She said explaining how the warm Caribbean color theme in the swimming pool area makes people feel like they are on va-

cation. Jody hopes the pool will reopen in July, but the exact date depends on the contractors hired to complete the job.

Jody is a native South Dakotan who grew up in White-wood. A professional marine biologist she has spent the past 27 years in San Diego working with creatures of the sea and people too. Jody has considerable experience in facility management, and leadership. She needed a change and is very glad to be back in Belle Fourche, despite having to

adjust to a cooler climate.

Jody is very positive about the direction of the rec center and has great things to say about the staff too. When the conversation turned to things the rec center has planned for kids during the summer, Jody complimented program director Tessa Anderson-Voyles. "I can't say enough about Tessa." Jody noted explaining that Tessa was responsible for the Fast Track Elementary Track and field program now in its 9th season.

This summer Tessa has


organized free activities for kids at Belle Fourche City Parks. The idea is to get kids outside, to acquaint them with the parks in their neighborhoods and to teach them some fun activities.

Tessa has also created some summer weight training sessions for boys and girls entering grades 6-9 in the fall. In these sessions kids will learn to use weight and cardio equipment. They will receive safety training and will learn the rules and etiquette of working out in a gym. After completing the training, students will be able to use the cardio and weight rooms

without supervision.

The June weight training session will be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm on June 3, 5, 7, 10, 12 with a makeup class on June 14.

Another fun activity is the June 7 River Run held in connection with Riverfest. There is a nominal fee, and participants don't have to run, they are allowed to walk. Many of the other outdoor activities are completely free although some events at the rec center may require membership or the purchase of a day pass.



BF Rec Center Summer Parks Activities 2024

GOALS:
 -To promote our local parks and the outdoors
 -To promote health and wellness in our community
 -To promote socialization with friends, make new friends, family, and community
 -To give kids ideas on activities they can continue doing all summer, with fun giveaways to help!

This program will incorporate all of our beautiful parks. Enjoy a park that you haven't been to before, or not in a long time! Some activities are free, some have a small fee and others may have an event/team registration cost to participate. *We have giveaways and free snacks too! See the monthly calendar for details!*


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

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
 1-Parents: Complete your child's summer waiver at the Rec Center or at the park prior to an activity.
 2-Pick up your monthly calendar or check out Facebook @BFRecCenter or our website www.bellefourcherec.com.
 3-Look to see if any activities you are interested in require a fee. These fees may be paid at the Park the day of or at the Rec in advance. *Fee based activities are first come first served while supplies last.*
 4-Tell your friends and have fun!
 Questions? Contact us @ 605-892-2467 or tessa@bellefourche.org. Stay up to date on all of our happenings as we have summertime fun activities inside the Rec as well! Signing the waiver for the parks activities also gives you access to attend summertime programs at the Rec. Membership or day pass is required for free activities at the Rec. For indoor activities requiring a fee, non-member participants will be offered a discounted day pass if desired.

WHERE ARE THE PARKS?

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

PRICING: Activities are free unless a (\$) symbol is listed.
GIVEAWAYS: Must be present to win!
 Disc Golf Frisbees, Kickball, Pickleball Paddle & Ball Set, Wiffleball Set, Water balloons, Basketball, Football, Art Supplies and more!
MONTHLY THEMES: June is National Fruit & Veggie Month & July is National UV Safety month. A fruit or art snack will be offered on special days in June. In July we will be giving away sunglasses and sunscreen while supplies last.



BF Rec Summer Activities June 2024

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Mondays: 2:00-4:00 pm In the Park Free	Tuesdays: 10:30 am-12:30 pm In the Park Free	Wednesdays: 2:00-4:00 pm At the Rec Membership or day pass (\$)	Thursdays: 10:30 am-11:30 am On the Library Lawn Free	Edays: 2:00-4:00 pm At the Rec & Parks Membership or day pass (\$)
3 Wiffleball 2:00-4:00 pm (Jones)	4 Giant Kickball 10:30 am-12:30 pm (Herrmann)	5 Pickleball 2:00-4:00 pm (Rec Center) \$	6 Storytime Yoga 10:30 am-11:30 am (Library Lawn)	7 Art @ the Rec \$ 2:00-4:00 pm Sketchbooks
10 Spikeball 2:00-4:00 pm (Eagle)	11 Beach Ball Volleyball 10:30 am-12:30 pm (Highland)	12 Horse 2:00-4:00 pm (Rec Center) \$	13 Storytime Yoga 10:30 am-11:30 am (Library Lawn)	14 Art @ the Rec \$ 2:00-4:00 pm Rock Painting
17 Read in the Park 2:00-4:00 pm (Herrmann)	18 Pickleball 10:30 am-12:30 pm (Gay)	19 Dodgeball 2:00-4:00 pm (Rec Center) \$	20 Storytime Yoga 10:30 am-11:30 am (Library Lawn)	21 Art @ the Rec \$ 2:00-4:00 pm Paint Resistance Art
24 Cornhole 2:00-4:00 pm (Highland/Pool Deck)	25 Side Walk Chalk 10:30 am-12:30 pm (Weyler)	26 Dance Party 2:00-4:00 pm (Rec Center) \$	27 Storytime Yoga 10:30 am-11:30 am (Library Lawn)	28 Art in the Park (Jones) 2:00-4:00 pm Bookmarks

HOW TO PARTICIPATE/RULES:
 1-Complete your child's summer waiver at the Rec Center or at the park prior to an activity.
 2-All ages welcome, however, ages 7 and under must be supervised by someone 12 years and older.
 3-Outdoor activities are weather permitting.
 4-We have giveaways and snacks too! Tell your friends and have fun!

Art at the Rec activities are free for members. A day pass is required for non-members to attend. (\$3.25)

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Compass direction
 - 4 Caviar
 - 7 To be announced (abbr.)
 - 10 Other (Sp.)
 - 11 Yale student
 - 12 Heat
 - 14 Charged lepton
 - 15 Apt
 - 17 Aid to Dependent Children (abbr.)
 - 18 Flexible wood
 - 19 Noun-forming (suf.)
 - 20 Ironwood
 - 22 Nose (pref.)
 - 24 Fort
 - 27 19th century rifle bullet
 - 31 Blue (Fr.)
 - 32 Stool pigeon
 - 34 Estrade
 - 35 Showy flower
- DOWN**
- 1 Detachable button
 - 2 Upholstery fabric
 - 3 Eternity
 - 4 Roe (2 words)
 - 5 Strong-scented
 - 6 Iron (Ger.)
 - 7 Brace
 - 8 Low
 - 9 Son of Zeus
 - 10 Tumor (suf.)
 - 13 Physicians, for short
 - 16 Carriage
 - 18 Old times
 - 21 Seal with oakum
 - 23 Ancient Syrian port
 - 24 Can. Broadcasting Corp. (abbr.)
 - 25 Bantu language
 - 26 Shellac
 - 28 4th incarnation of Vishnu
 - 29 3 (Rom. numeral)
 - 30 Compass direction
 - 33 Palm
 - 36 Russ. inland sea
 - 38 Swed. county
 - 40 Bastard wing
 - 42 Abnormal (pref.)
 - 43 Pledge
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 - 51 Television channel
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "I" = "O"

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— BAUST VMUST

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "It is not the place, nor the condition, but the mind alone that can make anyone happy or miserable." — Roger L'Estrange

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	2 Club Sandwich Wild Rice Garden Salad Peas and Carrots	3 Roast Turkey Sweet Potato Veggie Medley Banana Cream Pie	4 Baked Chicken Parsley noodles Roast Zucchini	5 Meatloaf Baked Potato Green beans Dinner Rolls	6 Smothered Pork Chops White Rice Mixed Veggies	7 Tuna or Chicken Salad Sandwich Potato Salad Broccoli	8 Indian Taco Refried Beans Mexican Corn
	9 Pork Roast Wild Rice Broccoli Cranberry Sauce	10 Chicken Parmesan Dressing Sweet Potato Roasted Carrots	11 Liver & Onions or Cheeseburger Roasted Reds Peas & Carrots	12 Broccoli & Cheese stuffed Chicken Wild Rice Garden Salad	13 Taco Casserole Refried Beans Tossed Salad	14 Spaghetti & Meatballs Garlic Bread Green Beans	15 Ham Salad Sandwich Steak Fries Veggie Medley
	16 Bratwurst on Bun Coleslaw Steak Fries Lemon bar	17 Swiss Steak Rice Pilaf Roasted Carrots Snickerdoodles	18 Pork Loin Sweet Potato Veggie Medley Cranberries	19 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potato & Gravy Mixed Veggies	20 Chicken Fried Rice Asian Veggies Egg Roll Fortune Cookie	21 Pulled Pork Pea Salad Steak Fries	22 Cheesy Mac Caserole Green Beans Biscuit Pickled Beets
	23 Turkey Pot Pie with peas & carrots Biscuits No bake cookies	24 Chicken alfredo Noodles Veggie Medley	25 Lasagna Focaccia Bread Green Beans Oatmeal Raisin Cookie	26 Sweet n Sour Pork White Rice Egg Roll Broccoli	27 Baked Ham Sweet Potato Scalloped corn Dinner Roll	28 Cheeseburger Steak Fries Baked Beans	29 Chicken & Rice Soup Peas & Carrots Biscuit
	30 BLT Pie Broccoli Banana Cream	1	Look What's Cooking at Belle Silver Lining Come Join us every day 11:00am-1:00pm 828 Kingsbury Street, Belle Fourche				

Be a Beacon

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NVN-Three Memorial Day Services were held in the NVN area Monday morning with small crowds gathered at each of the cemeteries, Vale Cemetery, Wilson Cemetery, and Hope Cemetery. Services were organized by Quartermaster Nila Charles, VFW Post 5807.

This year's speaker was Greg Todd, an Air Force veteran.

Todd encouraged the crowd to be a beacon of hope to the people. He said that because of the sacrifice of those who gave their lives we should "proudly carry the flag and stand behind it."

Many lives were cut short by those who answered the call to give up their hopes and dreams and to protect our freedom.

They served, fought and died to protect us, he added. Many veterans served alongside those that lost their lives. Some veterans were wounded, some scarred, all were affected by the "horrors of war."

Todd encouraged those present to remember the sacrifice, don't forget.

"Respect those who gave their all," he said. "Protect our nation."

When you show respect to one veteran, you have shown respect to all he concluded.



They Did It in Style



As the Class of 2024 was officially presented, the graduates released confetti cannons and cheered.

Heitz photo

Confetti Fills the Air As Seniors Graduate

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NEWELL—Newell High School's Class of 2024 celebrated their graduation in a heartfelt ceremony featuring inspirational speeches,

emotional reflections, life lessons, and enthusiasm for the future.

The ceremony began with a welcome and opening remarks from Dr. Pandi Pittman, the school superintendent, who

expressed her long-standing admiration for the graduates. "I've been your fan for a long time," she said, setting a tone of warmth and encouragement for the ceremony.

Guest speaker Mr. VanderVorst, a teacher who arrived at Newell High School the same year the class entered as freshmen, delivered a poignant address. Describing the Class of 2024 as "different in the best way possible," he highlighted their unique qualities and the lessons they imparted on him. "This class has taught me to appreciate the little things," he said. He advised the graduates to slow down and appreciate the little things and reminded them that life's challenges often yield the greatest rewards.

The audience then got a glimpse of each senior's personality with the senior slide show, which had each graduate's senior photos, senior quotes, and a song choice. Some quotes were funny, others sentimental. The graduating class then had a presentation of flowers, where they gave a bouquet to their loved ones in the audience.

Salutatorian Rachel Erk delivered a speech emphasizing the importance of hard work and determination. She spoke about the diversity within their class and how it strengthened their bond and achievements. "Winning comes from dedication to hard work with a determination to succeed," she

said, inspiring her classmates to strive for excellence in their future endeavors.

Valedictorian Kimberly Johnson spoke about the lessons she learned from her high school experience and passed on advice from both of her parents: Focus on the positives and avoid getting bogged down by negativity. In closing, Johnson expressed her pride and excitement for her classmates, declaring, her classmates, declaring, "Class of 2024, I'm so, so, so proud of us! I cannot wait to see where we will go!"

Tyrel Bonnet then presented diplomas as the 19 names of the graduates were called. As Steve Schoenfish officially presented the Class of 2024, the students released their confetti cannons, tossed their caps, and cheered. The class song, "Good Ole Days" by Macklemore, played as the newly graduated students made their way outside.

Congratulations to the Newell Class of 2024!

See Grad Photos Page D-3

Left: Mike Koelker raised the flag while speaker Greg Todd salutes at the Vale Cemetery.

Right: John Maxwell salutes the flag as Taps is played. He is Sergeant at Arms for VFW Post 5807

Below: Members of Post 5807 and others fired the gun salute in honor of those who had given their lives for our freedom. From the left: Sergeant at Arms John Maxwell, Dale Grant, Zack Grant, Kyle Cox, Fred Wells, Larry Schumacher, Riley Crockford, and Cory Codi.
Photos by Betty Bruner



City-wide Yard Sale

There will be a city-wide yard sale on Saturday, June 1. You must contact Patty Karas, 605-641-5510 or VIP Agency, 605-456-1321 by May 29 to be included on the list. Donations will be accepted for the NVN Senior Center fund for a new roof.

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Grand River Roundup



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This has been a really warm week with a high of 90 degrees on Friday, making spring feel more like summer. We had a little shower on Monday, 3/4th of an inch on Tuesday, and a third of an inch on Friday so the prairie is really greening up nice.

I planted two more of my raised bed gardens on Monday and one of the dogs dug holes in one of them that night. I set out my tomatoes and cucumber plants that afternoon before I went down to pick up Copper from Doll's mailbox after Kelli Doll brought the kids home from the school bus at Reva.

I got so busy helping Reub cover my gardens with wire nets that I forgot to go to Ladies Aid Tuesday afternoon but Missy went to it down at the church. Knox stayed to help me and Grandpa Reub cover the raised bed gardens while Amanda, River Lu and the twins went to Buffalo to pick up Paisley Parnely and Copper after they

played volleyball after school.

Reub and I went to Hettinger Wednesday afternoon to get the leak in the air conditioner fixed on our pickup at Laufer Vermeer. They couldn't find the leak, but they put more of the cooling agent in so we were able to get cool again. Wednesday was the last day of school in Harding County and Amanda went to town to get Copper and bring all her school stuff home. I got a call from Florence Thompson from Pennington County wondering if I knew the three guys running for county commissioners down there. I told her I would vote for Todd Trask because he's a good conservative rancher that thinks like she does, so she said Todd would be the one she votes for.

Missy hauled a load of old ewes to the sheep sale in Newell Thursday morning and I spent most of the day planting more of the beautiful flowers I got from Buffalo Hardware using the gift card that Missy and Amanda gave me for my birthday. I planned to go to

Faith that evening for the meet the candidates running for the legislature from District 28 and 29 at the Legion Club, but I was too tired by the time I got done planting. It doesn't take much to wear this old lady out anymore, but I still have more flowers to plant. I do plan to go to the Meet & Greet at the Lonesome Dove in Lemmon on Thursday, May 23 at 6:30pm to see Sam Marty for Senate in District 28, Jana Hunt for the House in District 28A, and Travis Ismay for the House in District 28B and to enjoy conversation over coffee and snacks after the meeting.

On Friday, the guys sorted the cows and calves they wanted to take over to Cow Camp south of Lodgepole and then Casey, Taz and Missy hauled the cattle, some horses, and a loading chute over there in three different vehicles. Kami Jenson brought little Keen down to play with his cousins that day while she went to work in Buffalo. It was really hot outside with rain and hail that afternoon and 80mph winds that

blew branches off the trees and scattered stuff all over the yard. Uffda!

Saturday, May 18th was high school graduation in Harding County, with 14 seniors graduating that afternoon. Amanda, Taz and family went in to Buffalo to watch Amanda's relative, Trey Tetralt, and all the other seniors accept their diplomas. Amanda's cousin and Trey's uncle, Tanner Tetralt from Gillette, Wyoming, was the graduation speaker. Reub and I went to Buffalo that evening to listen to the wonderful southern gospel music with Bryan and Dee Dee Jacobson at the Buffalo Gospel Tabernacle. That is where David Douglas preaches now in the same church where his father Milton Douglas used to preach. The Jacobson's work for Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, North Dakota. That is where Tim Waddington, another terrific musician, also went to school. Hannah Douglas served us a great lunch after the music and we got to visit with a lot of nice people.

Bill Holt told us that another former neighbor of ours, Shawn Prendiville, passed away out at Walla Walla, Washington Friday night. Shawn was the youngest child of Mick and Corinne (Oase) Prendiville, who lived just north of us and south of Ralph. Dean Wagner had called Bill Holt to tell him about Shawn's death

Saturday morning because Bill and Shawn are the same age and were good friends. They haven't heard anything about a funeral yet.

Pastor Michael Brandt came to church at Slim Buttes Lutheran Sunday morning, while his wife Colleen was in Hettinger for the graduation of her grandson. Jill Hotchkiss didn't come to church because Marc told us that she is in Ireland after just leaving Scotland. I would love to visit those countries where some of my ancestors came from. We will be having Cleanup Day at the church and cemetery on Wednesday, May 22 at 5:00pm and Thrivent will be providing supper for us.

Sunday evening Reub and I went to Prairie City to celebrate Will Burkhalter high school graduation at his parents' house. A large crowd of friends and family came to help him celebrate with a lot of delicious brownies and all different kinds of yummy ice cream.

I'll leave you with this: Advice for High School Graduates

*Laughter is the best medicine. Laugh out loud. Laugh often.

*Eat healthy food and exercise. That's all you will ever need to know about staying fit.

*Don't put anything on Facebook, Twitter, email or any social media that you wouldn't want your grandma to read.

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

May 21, 1914

Alan Giles of Belle Fourche has for the past week been assessing in the Township and a half, comprising Hilen School District and known as the Newell School District.

Pat Meskel, Town Marshall and State Commissioner, is busy these days looking after the parks and putting in ditches to carry water to every lawn and garden in town. By the way, John Anderson, the newly elected Trustee, is leaving no stone unturned in seeing that every person who has a tree to wet is getting the irrigation water. Life would have no pleasure for John if he couldn't see trees and shrubs and a vegetable gardens growing.

Blakely, the proprietor of the only Independent blacksmith shop on the project will guarantee that any sickle he welds will not break on his weld. He was admitted to the US Quartermasters' Department-at-large, where they used no rubber pads or bar shoes and had absolutely no lame horses. He guarantees all work to be first class and will give you a square deal at all times. The man who will stand on a square deal.

May 15, 1924

The towns in the Black Hills are making preparations for taking care of almost twice the number of tourists who took

stand they have taken on the pool hall. These halls should be run in accordance with the law.

A number of young people from the Vale vicinity enjoyed the dance at Deer Creek Community Hall Saturday night. Many pretty waltzes were played by the orchestra as well as other popular selections rendered by "The Serenaders". The American Legion plans on holding these dances every 2 weeks during the summer months.

Graduates in the time and place where the trail divides. Members of the Class of 1924 will go their own way. That parting will not be so sad where classmates have exchanged graduation photos and autographs.

May 17, 1934

Mr. & Mrs. August Ypparila and son and Evert Isto, Mrs. Ypparila's brother all of Newell have made application for passports to visit their old home and relatives in Finland and in Sweden. The tickets for the trip were purchased through Enard Muotka, Newell local representative of the European steamship line. Mr. Ypparila came to the US from Finland in 1911 and has resided here entirely since; he became a citizen of the country in 1912. They plan to leave New York about May 28th, sailing on the SS Crispsholm, to be gone about 3 months.

part of the door sliding up over his leg. An x-ray examination showed no bones broken, but Mr. Christopherson had to resort to the use of crutches to get around.

Owing to the prevalence of whooping cough in our schools, Dr. Clark has secured vaccine for the prevention and for the treatment of this dreaded disease. Three inoculations are required for preventing and 5 for treatment.

May 18, 1944

Rev. O. T. O'Hora returned last week end from a 10-day visit with relatives in California. He says he enjoyed



The high wave action on the face of Orman Dam pulled the concrete blocks into the dam. Newell Museum

the time on the Coast, but the rail trip each way was real punishment. The railroad served only 2 meals a day on the train and you had to eat what they gave you. Asked what he got, he said: "Scrambled eggs going out and scrambled eggs coming back."

Pupils of the Karinen School together with their teacher, Mrs. Catherine Hice and their mothers enjoyed a picnic in Newell last Saturday after which Mrs. Hice took the children to the office of Dr. V. B. Francis, who showed them how x-ray pictures were taken, then they went to watch Mrs. Floyd Byrd test cream at the station and to the Valley Irrigator, where Frank Martin showed them how the Newspaper is printed. Mrs. Bonestell took them through Bratton's Bakery after which they were guests of Mr. & Mrs. Hice for supper and later the picture show. Everyone enjoyed their day very much.

The Girls Scouts will make the last definite final; pick up of papers and magazines on Friday, May 26th. Papers and magazines must be separated and tied into bundles. Call 4928 before the 26th if you have anything to give to this salvage paper drive.

May 20, 1954

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week. Besides becoming unsightly from weathering, posters and such tacked to the poles constituted a danger to linemen who must climb the poles.

Clem Velder and Vern Hafner, Newell won 3rd and 5th places respectively in individual competition in the Second Annual National Flyspeck Rifle

officials. The party will be beginning at 7:30 PM at the Izaak Walton Club House and will include moving pictures on Wild Life, other entertainment and a nice lunch.

May 14, 1964

Mr. & Mrs. H. H. "Happy" Hunt of Newell has purchased the Mathews Service Station & Store along US Highway 212. Mr. & Mrs. Hunt, who moved here several years ago from Lantry, have taken immediate possession of the business and plan to re-open it about June 1. Meanwhile they are preparing to have an auction sale of their personal property here and move to Nisland. Jim Mathews, who has operated such establishment at Nisland for 12 years, has no definite plans for the future.

The time is now to stop at the Drive-Inn for a tasty snack or meal. They feature really BIG Burgers, porkies, chicken, shrimp, French fries and a big assortment of refreshing Sundaes and drinks. Stop in along US Highway 212 just west of the K-Diamond Motel.

Jerry Kuchera, who has been engaged in the bulk oil business in Newell for the past 15 years, this week announced that he had withdrawn from the Humble Oil Distribution partnership with Dale Anderson and Dick Friedel. That business will continue by Anderson & Friedel having been employed for a number of years before taking over the Carter-Enco-Humble Agency. Patrons and friends wish him well in whatever he undertakes.



The area CCC Camp sent a unit to the great Forest Fire in the Hills Newell Museum

vacations here last summer. The last season had a record of 250,000 people and close to half a million is booked for this tourist season. Newell can benefit greatly from these statistics.

We heartily commend the Empire Women's Club in the

O. Christopherson sustained severe body bruises last week when he attempted to close the large door at his grain elevator during the wind storm. A strong gust of wind blew the door against him knocking him down and catching his foot, the lower



The Newell Garage, now the location of the Newell Museum and Community Hall. Newell Museum

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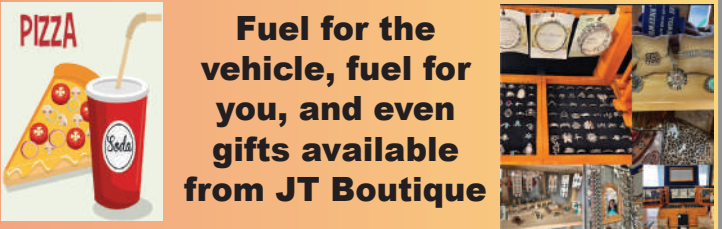
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Candidate for SD House District 28B Travis Ismay

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of serving our community, we have established a good reputation of excellent work and being fair and honest with people. I am also the Butte County committee man, responsible for informing the people in my precinct on upcoming election candidates and ballot initiatives. I am also part of the central committee of the Republican Party in South Dakota. My wife Dusta is the Vice Chair of the Butte County Republican Party.

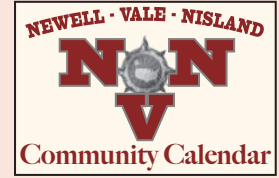
Several years ago, I started looking into our local and state government and was shocked at the amount of corruption I witnessed, even at our local level. I am not a politician. If elected, I will consider myself a statesman, but will never conform to

Story Time with Miss Patty
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Center, 12:30 P.M.

Every Monday, Bingo, NVN Center, 6-8 p.m.

NVN Food Bank Distribution-Feeding South Dakota-Every 1st Tuesday of each month in front of the NVN Senior Center and on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Dakota Life Christian



Words of Wisdom from Newell's Superintendent

Dr. Pandi Pittman, Newell School Superintendent will be sharing a column in each issue of the Beacon/Irrigator.

It is a pleasure to be back in Newell as the school Superintendent. The Color Run was a fantastic way to end the school year. We have some new plans for the 2024-2025 school year and hopefully the community is willing to join in.

Wednesday Work nights are planned throughout June and July. We will start every Wednesday at 4:00 PM. There will be a variety of volunteer opportunities such as replacing bathroom fixtures, landscaping, painting, moving, etc. The goal is to have a pristine campus by the first day of school. Please join us on this venture.

Updating the classroom settings for next year will be different in some respects. The goal is to condense the use of facilities to make the safety and security, culture, and management smoother. The limited number of classes will be moved from the main high school building to the Middle



School and Ag/Science building.

In the main high school building, the business office and Whatever It Takes coalition room will be on the main floor. The wrestling room will be located on the top floor with the weightroom still accessible in the basement. Classrooms in the building will be utilized for storage.

Condensing the classrooms will allow for teachers to be closer together to support one another. Curriculum alignment is an important part of the educational process and by having teachers closer to one another, more time is available to discuss subject matters.

Limiting student travel

between buildings will allow for increased administrative and teacher presence as well as limit outside access to students. Access doors will be on a timer and students will no longer be carrying key cards. Safety and security is an important part of school facility management to provide healthy learning environments.

Lowering maintenance costs by condensing the classrooms will be a benefit to the school district. Building maintenance, utilities, and upkeep are important to manage as those funds that come from the General Fund. Limiting the square footage of space will allow for funding resources to be used in other areas of education.

As time goes on, I hope to increase the enrollment at the Newell School District. Developing a positive culture that is safe and secure is an important step. The goal is to replenish the extra space with students and staff.

Please join me on Wednesday evenings to rejuvenate the campus and come together as a loving community. This will be a great opportunity to take a great step toward the future.

Blood Drive to Support Scholarship Efforts

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NEWELL—Recent Newell High School graduates Kimberly Johnson and Rachel Erk will host a community blood drive on Wednesday, June 5 at the Newell Evangelical Church. They are working towards the Vitalant Student Leader

status quo. My vote cannot be bought and I will not tolerate immoral or dishonest behavior. I will work tirelessly to inform myself on every bill that I vote on, and in the end, I will use the morals and values that I have obtained from God to weigh the pros and cons of every bill and vote accordingly.

I am a strict Constitutionalist and believe that all laws contrary to our constitution, Federal or State are null and void.

I believe in lowering taxes by reducing government bu-

raucocracy and overreach. I believe that we need to start bringing agriculture back to the forefront in South Dakota. I'm not against economic development but we are an agricultural state and we need to start acting like it again.

After researching many of the past legislative sessions, I noticed that rarely do we need more laws, but rather we need

at 8:30 a.m. and run until 2:15 p.m. Donors will receive enough points for a \$10 gift card via Donor Rewards and have a chance to win a \$5,000 gift card.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Sabrina Harmon at: (605)381-9136.

better enforcement of the laws. One of my goals would be to encourage the enforcement of the laws that we have on the books and eliminate the laws we don't need.

My main goal, however, is to do what is right and just 100% of the time.

I would appreciate your vote June 4 for District 28B Representative.

2024 Graduation



Left Top: Megan Jackson descends with her diploma, assisted by Chase Johnston (left) and Jamin Davidson (right).

Below Left: Valedictorian Kimberly Johnson gives her speech.

Below Right: Rachel Erk gives her Salutatorian address. Heitz photos



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A New Roof for NVN Center

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NEWELL-It has been a mainstay on Third Street in Newell since 1973, not only as somewhere for seniors to meet but for many birthday parties, graduations, suppers, and a place to sit and visit. The NVN Senior Citizen building has been an integral part of this community and needs the help of community members.

a monthly meeting, social activities such as cards, potlucks, bunko, music and bingo. It is rented out to individuals and organizations and used by County Extension leaders and the Ministerial Association Food Pantry.

Once a month the center has a pie day, Bingo once a week and for eight Saturdays of the year a vendor market.

The existing roof has extensive damage and allows moisture to seep in which is damaging the insulation and the ceiling tiles. After consulting with a roof contractor, the members of NVN see that the only viable solution if extensive repairs of the roof.

All these events are fund raisers for the Senior Center and help to pay utilities and upkeep. But there needs to be extra for the roof repairs. The members of the center would appreciate any donations or matching funds for the repairs. Please contact President Marjorie Adams at 605-456-2155 or 605-641-1058.

The total cost of repairs will be greater than \$14,000. The group has nearly \$3,000 in savings, but that's a long way from the \$14,000 needed.

The NVN Senior Center is a necessary part of the community and serves a special purpose to members of the Newell Community.

The center holds several activities each month including

Charlie Clements Signs On



LATC Diesel Instructor Tyler Rumpca were present as Charlie Clements signs on to attend the technical school. *Courtesy Photo*

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Newell FFA Closes the Year

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NEWELL-The year end was celebrated in true FFA fashion with a buffet of brisket, mashed potatoes, potato salad, and various salads and then topped off with a special cake. The brisket was donated by Too Tall's Café and the cake was donated by Lynn's Grocery.

in Brookings, SD. The horse evaluation team placed sixth, livestock team 32nd, the poultry team placed 25th, ag mechanics placed 18th, and the floriculture individual placed 70th.

with the audience and fellow FFA members. She said that FFA has given her life-long friendships and strengthened her self-confidence. She has learned the importance of responsibility, accountability, and the importance of taking action.

The evening was highlighted by honoring the accomplishments of the FFA members. There were 13 members who went to the state convention

Fruit sales are always the main fundraiser for Newell's FFA. This year a total of \$16,585 was sold. The top three individuals in fruit sales were Kianna Miller with \$2,225, Justin Yates with \$2,054, and Kimberly Johnson with \$1,788.

"Take action even when it feels scary and uncomfortable. Take a leap of faith because you never know where you'll land," she said.

FFA President Kimberly Johnson shared a few words

The evening ended with the installation of the new officers.



Members of the Newell FFA celebrated the end of the year with a banquet for parents and guests. The cake was donated by Lynn's. *Betty Bruner photo*



The new officers for the school year 2024-2025 are ready to take their positions and begin a new year. From the left, Rachel Stranberg, Natalie Yates, Shannon Yates, Kendra Johnson, Sorely Franklin, and Rowdy Franklin. *Betty Bruner photo*

Right: These individuals received Honorary Alumni Awards for their outstanding help in advancing agriculture education and the FFA. From the left are Randy Oliver, Mark Yates, and Dean and Becky Johnson.



Below: The second step of the FFA Degree ladder is the Greenhand Degree. This year's FFA Greenhands are Kate High, Rachel Stranberg, Sorely Franklin, Kendra Johnson, and Natalie Yates (not pictured).

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The FFA Creed outlines the organization's values and beliefs regarding agriculture, FFA membership, and citizenship and patriotism. Creed speakers for Newell FFA are Sorely Franklin, Bristol Bachman, and Natalie Yates (not pictured). *Photos by Betty Bruner*