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Branding Iron Event Honors NFR-Bound Rodeo Athletes

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BELLE FOURCHE—It was a special night at the Branding Iron Steakhouse for their annual Las Vegas NFR send-off and Calcutta on the evening of November 8.

Two area rodeo athletes, Bull Rider Mason Moody and Breakaway Roper Joey Williams, were on hand for the celebration.

Breakaway Roper Joey Williams is heading to the National Finals Rodeo for the fourth time in her professional rodeo career. She is sitting in the 10th spot with \$110,550.03 in year-end earnings.

The roper hit the rodeo trail hard this year and entered a total of 76 rodeos to earn her spot. Not being new to the finals, Williams has her game plan laid out, which includes entering the Kimes Ranch Million Dollar Breakaway event for female breakaway ropers on her way to Vegas. "I think we'll just go this year—same game plan as always—we'll go about a week early and head down to Arizona the week before; they have that big Kimes Ranch breakaway roping, and I'll rope in that," Williams explained. "And then we'll head up to Vegas and get ready for the finals, and hopefully all the practice and preparation we've done will pay off."

Having been to the NFR before, Williams knows what to expect. "I think every year is still just as exciting as the last because, I mean, every year the road to get there looks so different; every year has a slightly different feel," she shared. "But yeah, I definitely think it helps to have been there before—maybe not quite as nervous anymore."

Joey is from Broadus, MT, and grew up in Buffalo, SD. She and her husband, Taylor, have three kids cheering her on—Landon is nine, Carson is seven, and Shay is four.

Mason Moody is from Letcher, South Dakota, and is headed to his first NFR rodeo. He goes into the finals sitting in 12th place in the standings. As he heads into the finals, he isn't quite sure how he is feeling. "Well, I don't know yet! I'll tell you after round one. I am really excited, but I have mixed emotions going into it," he said. Moody is no stranger to rodeo; he spent his youth rodeoing in all of the area South Dakota rodeo associations like National High School, National Junior High, and 4-H rodeo.

Before deciding to focus on bull riding, Moody participated in all of the boys' events. "I calf roped and team roped in high school, and then in junior high I did about

NFR Send Off contd. A3

(Below) Professional Cowgirl **Joey (Painter) Williams** is heading to Las Vegas to compete in the Breakaway Roping at the National Finals. She is sitting in 10th place. She is with her biggest supporters, her husband and three kids, from left: **Joey, Carson, Landon, Shay and Taylor**. Longbrake photo



Clark Sowers Sworn in at City Council Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The City Council held its first meeting of the month on Monday, November 3.

During the Mayor's Report, Mayor Randy Schmidt gave a Veteran's Day Proclamation. "The contributions and sacrifices of the people who have served in the armed forces have been vital in maintaining our freedom and way of life. Tens of millions of Americans have served in the armed forces of

the United States during the past century... South Dakota has more than 3,000 veterans that made the ultimate sacrifice. Although these heroes are no longer with us, their memories live on in the hearts of their loved ones and our state," said Schmidt, urging all residents of the City of Belle Fourche to observe a moment of silence at 11 a.m. on November 11, 2025 in honor of all veterans who fought to safeguard our heritage and freedom, and to celebrate and proudly display :

Council Contd. A3



Mayor **Randy Schmidt** gives the Oath of Office to Ward 2 Councilman **Clark Sowers** Courtesy Photo



All the models gathered together at the end of the show to take a bow. They are back row left: **Andrea Fayville, Michaela Horn, Linda Dreiske, Jenny Gaaskjolen, Michelle Jensen, Maria Ellendorf**, Front row: **Melissa Scofield, Heather Stein, Cassie Pannone, Julie Snoozy, Pat Main and MiKayla Boswell**. Longbrake Photo

Holiday Spirit and Camaraderie Shine at Pasque Ladies Fashion Show

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BELLE FOURCHE—An evening of holiday cheer and celebration of women, by women, and for women was the underlying theme for the Pasque Ladies Fashions Holiday Fashion Show on November 6. For the third time, Pasque Ladies Fashions was open late and transformed from a storefront into a fashion runway lined with chairs and surrounded by good cheer—a good time was had by all. With only 32 tickets

available for the exclusive evening, everyone who entered was treated like a VIP.

The event showcased women from the area working together to support each other in camaraderie rather than competition. From the MC to the bartender to the models, everyone came together from other professions and businesses to bring an exciting evening to those in attendance. "It's community over competition—I make sure that we talk about all the ladies and their businesses," said Michelle

Evans, Pasque Ladies Fashions owner.

Brittany Wilkinson, owner of Belle Flowers and Co., served as bartender and jumped in and helped wherever she could. Brianne Bonnet from the Chamber of Commerce served as the Master of Ceremonies and kept the evening moving along. She introduced everyone, told jokes, provided community information, and kept everyone at ease. The audience was filled with ladies ready for a holiday show.

Pasque Contd. A4



The audience waits with anticipation for the **Holiday Fashion Show** to begin. They indulged in pretzel and peanuts, charcuterie and refreshments while they waited. Longbrake photo

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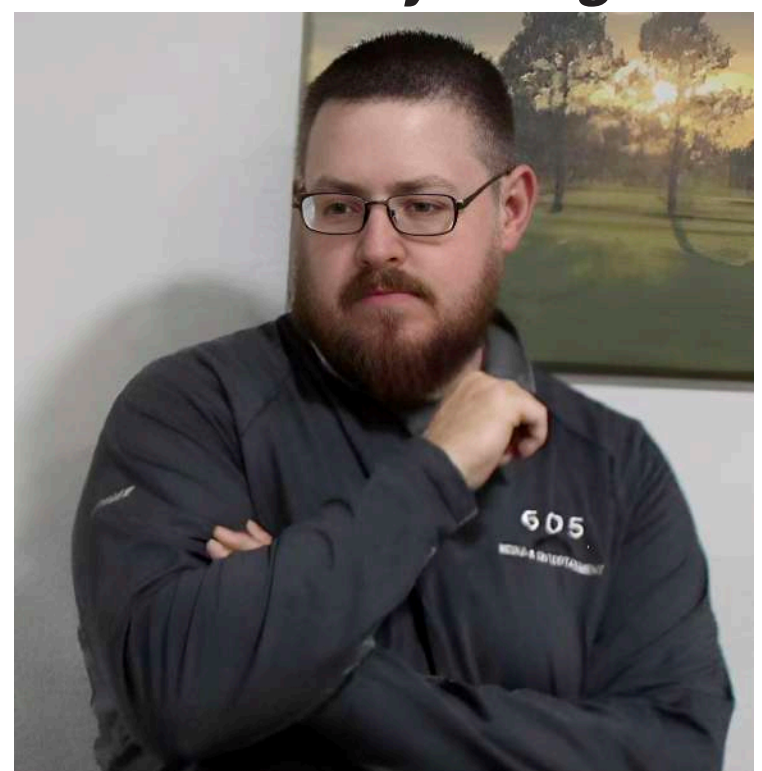
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BELLE FOURCHE—The duo that once filled dance floors with music now fills TV screens with content, operating under the name 605 Media and Entertainment.

Their roots can be traced back to 2011, when the pair first started out spinning records at weddings under the name Party On Productions.

The company is co-owned by Destyn Humann and Eric Skavang. "The company has been around since 2011. Destyn started with me as a DJ; we were just straight DJs—formerly Party On Productions was the name—and then we rebranded to 605 Media and Entertainment, just a bit more localized, and added the media aspect to that," explained Skavang. "Destyn's passion was really in film and storytelling, so we added that aspect of the company and renamed it."

It seemed to be a natural transition, utilizing the wedding connections that the business



Eric Skavang, co-owner of **605 Media and Entertainment** hosted the October Chamber Mixer. Longbrake photo

had made while working as wedding DJs to adding in wedding videos and what came next. Skavang shared, "Destyn really started doing wedding film, and then that kind of

transitioned into more business film and commercials that we're seeing on TV, doing ad campaigns for people on TV

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Shawna Weishaar 63

Shawna Weishaar, age 63 of Belle Fourche, tragically died Thursday, October 23, 2025 as a result of an accident when her automobile hit a deer on a highway near Aberdeen SD. A Celebration of Life Service will be held 10 am Saturday, November 15, 2025 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. The service will be live-streamed from her obituary page located on the funeral home's website at: www.Leverington-FH.com

Shawna Laree Viken was born December 28, 1961 in Hettinger, North Dakota. She was the daughter of Oscar and Bonita (Christenson) Viken. On November 5, 1984, Shawna was united in marriage to Loren Weishaar in Watford City, North Dakota. Following their marriage they lived in Belle Fourche. Loren died this past August. Shawna and



Loren loved playing games, especially Pinnacle. Shawna was a wonderful grandmother. Her grandkids meant everything to her. She loved music and she loved her cats and dogs.

Shawna is survived by her sons, Loren, Justin, and Andrew, all of Belle Fourche; step-daughter, Ivory (William) Vane of Maine; 9 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Les Viken and Kelly Viken of Minnesota; sister, Ronda Gripenrot of Fargo ND; her mother, Bonita Viken of Fosston MN; and several nieces and nephews.

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Shawna Weishaar, please visit our flower store.



Michael Dahlvang 53

Michael Dahlvang, age 53 of Belle Fourche, died Sunday, October 19, 2025 at his home, following a sudden cardiac event. Private family services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

Michael Lee Dahlvang Jr. was born January 17, 1972 in Staples, Minnesota. He was the son of Michael Sr. and Vicki (Kasper) Dahlvang. Mike grew up in Minnesota, living in Staples and in Oylen. When it was time to leave home, Michael moved to California, where he lived for a short time. Eventually he settled in South Dakota. Mike was united in marriage to Tammy Hunter in 1994. To this union two children were born: Seth and Marissa. After more than 20 years of marriage, Mike and Tammy eventually divorced. In 2023, Mike was married to Selina Lanphear. Mike worked at the Black Thunder Mine in Gillette. He was also a load operator for the saw mill at Hills



Products. Mike was forced to retire due to a disabling heart condition. He loved music and playing the drums. The louder it was, the more he liked his music. He enjoyed the outdoors and nature and he was very proud of his Norse heritage. He was also a very proud father, and loved his kids very much. He was a good man who will be greatly missed.

Mike is survived by his wife, Selina of Belle Fourche; son, Seth (Mariah Wainman) of Belle Fourche; daughter, Marissa Dahlvang of Lead; and granddaughter, Saylor Dahlvang. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Nina Dahlvang.

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Steven Harold Gustafson 76

Steven Harold Gustafson gained his joyous victory on November 7, 2025, in Spearfish SD at his home surrounded by family and friends.

He was born May 11, 1949, in Minneapolis MN to Gerald and Beverly Gustafson. He married Martha Daniels on August 29, 1969. They began their married life together in Minneapolis where their first 7 children were born.

Amongst the many families and friends in the Minneapolis congregation of the living Christianity, God began His work in Steve and in about 1976 he was given the grace to believe. This began his lifelong journey in the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church facing trials, tribulations and victories, through the redemptive work of Jesus and with the forgiveness of sins.

In 1980 Steve and Martha moved to the Black Hills and raised their 10 children in Spearfish South Dakota. Martha preceded him in death after 51 years of marriage. He spent most of his working years at Homestake Mining Company and then in various delivery jobs where he enjoyed being out in the community, often confessing his faith. This led him to meet his surviving wife Linda (Weidlein) Gustafson who has been a blessed helpmate, loving him in life and in death.

He is survived by his 6 sons, James (Paula) of Illinois, Joey (Rosanne) and Jason (Carrie) of Washington, Jay (Janice) of Wyoming, Jeff (Kari) of Alaska and Jack (Andria) of South Dakota; 4 daughters JoAnne (Dion)



Wilen of South Dakota, Jill (Jack) Sarkinen of Washington, Joyce (Bud) Williamson and Jennifer Mayzack of Wyoming. Also, Linda's daughters Tina (Larry) Peterson and Tammy (Jim) Allen and son Don Morrill; Numerous grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Steve is survived by his 2 sisters, Roxanne (Dave) Mickelson and Sue (Charles) Stenberg of Minnesota. He also has 2 stepbrothers Johnny and Leonard Wilhelm. Steve is also survived by brothers-in-laws and sisters-in-laws and a host of nieces and nephews and Christian friends.

Steve has been preceded in death by his parents, wife Martha, siblings Kenneth and Paula, 5 brothers-in-law, grandson Cameron Gustafson and great grandson Randall Gustafson.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, November 11th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Spearfish. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 12th at 11:00 am at the church. Interment will follow at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established. Arrangements are under the care of Kline Funeral Chapel of Belle Fourche. An online guest book is available at klinefuneral-chapel.com



Pastor's Perspective

This Perspective is from the archives of Four-square Pastor, the late Dr. Jack Hayford

"Peace and Vigilance"

The communist empire around the world may be crumbling, but at least one Marxist state in Asia has yet to get the message.

I've just returned from a visit to Panmunjom—scene of the signing of the armistice between North and South Korea in July, 1953.

The elaborate military installation which continues there at this writing is comprised of U.N. peacekeeping forces backed by a significant contingent of U.S. troops

A survey of the nearly forty-year history of efforts at sustaining the border against North Korean aggression is a study in the timeless and insidious persistence of evil.

No less than fifty thousand incidents of armistice violations have been documented as the South seeks to preserve its freedom from Northern intrusion. A seemingly endless web of conspiracy has been woven by the North against her fellow countrymen, ever seeking to duplicate a preposterously oppressive system below the thirty-eighth parallel. Everything from murder, bloodshed, and brutality, to armed assault and political chicanery of the worst order have been utilized.

Panmunjom is a solemn reminder that preserving peace requires vigilance. It's also a graphic picture of the need for such efforts in all of life.

Evil is a deadly presence orchestrated by hell in a quest to invade life at any point possible. Minds and



bodies, marriages and families, businesses and finances—all are open prey to the powers of darkness. Relentlessly, intentionally, hatefully, and fiendishly, the Adversary conducts a campaign designed to depress, divide, defeat, and destroy. There are no boundaries of blessing honored by hell except those which are guarded by the vigilance of prayer, faith, and obedience to God's Word.

I've stood at the ramparts of freedom in several parts of the world. Panmunjom summarized the spirit of them all: Peace doesn't happen without being sought earnestly and preserved diligently.

So the Word of God teaches us: Seek peace and pursue it; blessed are the peacemakers; let the peace of God rule in your hearts (1 Peter 3:11, Matthew 5:9, Colossians 3:15). To keep our hearts and minds under the protection and power of God's peace, we are told to fix our minds against a takeover by either anxiety or impurity (Phil. 4:6-8).

In short—whatever it is . . . yourself, your mind, your body, your family, your job, your life—peace must be preserved.

He will keep in perfect peace all whose minds are stayed on Him (Isaiah 26:3). Set yourself in partnership with Him. The Prince of Peace is able to sustain peace in your life and mind, even in the face of the Enemy's endlessly evil efforts.

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Philippians 2:3
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From A1 **NFR**

everything—I actually made it to nationals in the goat tying and ribbon roping and bull riding and the bareback steer riding,” he shared.

When the time came for Moody to specialize in one event going into professional rodeo, it was an easy choice. “Well, I was probably always a better bull rider than anything else, but I grew up wanting to be a bull rider and kind of put all my time into being the best at riding bulls,” he said.

In preparation for going pro, Moody said he had to get on a lot of bulls. “Now I’m kind of at the point where I don’t get on a lot of practice bulls unless I need it, but I still go to the gym a lot and try to stay as fit as possible,” he shared.

Coming off an injury to his knee last year, Moody has spent his time rehabbing from the injury and getting in shape to make a

run for the NFR this year. “I’ve been doing it pretty much since I was 18. I tried to make the NFR for the last two years, but last year I blew out my knee and had to sit out, and then this year it worked out, and here we are!”

To prepare for the upcoming finals, Moody has returned to his family’s ranch to enjoy working outside and spending time with his family. “I’ve been getting on a few practice bulls, and I’ve been going to the gym a lot, and it has been nice to be home,” explained Moody. “I live on a ranch, and being able to help out and just do that kind of stuff—that’s my other passion in life besides rodeo—so it’s been kind of nice.”

In addition to the festive send-off, the night was also dedicated to a local professional barrel racer, Jessica Routier, and her family, who recently suffered a devastating house fire.

A special live auction was held

to help the family with rebuilding efforts; all of the proceeds went to the Routier family. The live auction included a new saddle, an Aussie Shepherd puppy, leather chaps, various top stud fees, a basket of ropes and supplies, and much more.

The event was hosted by the Branding Iron and takes sponsors to help put together an evening of celebrating, honoring, and preparing for the NFR. Sponsors for the event are Branding Iron; Tony Moncur and Roxi Dobesh; Eaton Construction, Tessa and Wayne; Porterfield Elec., Sandie and Scott; Pete’s Clothing and Hodges Bootery, Sheila and Lee; and Exit 8 Phillips 66, Kelly and Ryan.

If you want to cheer on the two professional athletes at the finals, the 2025 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo is in Las Vegas at the Thomas and Mack Center from December 4–13. The National Finals Breakaway Roping is at the South Point Arena & Equestrian Center from December 2–3.



(L) A live auction to benefit Professional Barrel Racer **Jessica Routier** and her family after they suffered a house fire, was held during the NFR Send-Off; (H) **Mason Moody**, professional bull rider is heading to the **National Finals Rodeo** in Las Vegas. He is sitting in 12th place. He was honored at the **Branding Iron Steakhouse** NFR Send-Off; (Below) **Joey Williams** took the time to sign autographs and talk to young kids (and adults) during the NFR Send-Off at the Branding Iron Steakhouse. *Longbrake Photos*

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From A1 **City Council**

the Council Contd.: flag of the United States throughout the City of Belle Fourche on Veteran’s Day.

During Community Input, Raymond Allen expressed concerns regarding local roadway conditions, including ongoing construction, street maintenance, and malfunctioning streetlights. He also inquired about the absence of a playground and raised issues related to abandoned vehicles in his neighborhood. Randy Sowers addressed the Council regarding challenges encountered during his Airbnb permit application. He updated the Council that he had passed the State health inspection and was in the process of obtaining his tax ID. He acknowledged the City’s efforts and expressed appreciation for staff communication.

Greg Norwood thanked those involved in upgrading the skate park, noting its popularity and the positive impact on local children who frequently use and enjoy the facility.

Stacey Raisanen with CoNBA thanked the City and judges for the successful Halloween parade, noting high participation. She also highlighted ongoing collaborative efforts to promote holiday events in Belle Fourche, including working with the Chamber of Commerce to advertise the Parade of Lights and other festivities.

The Museum & Visitor Center reported that in October, the Museum welcomed 1,145 visitors from 46 states and several countries, including Australia, Finland, Italy, Spain, Canada, Germany, Romania, and the United Kingdom. Key events included the First Saturday Brunch with 71 attendees, Family Fun Day on “The History of Ghosts” with 27 attendees, three bus tours for 113 people, and the ninth

annual Pumpkinfest, which drew around 600 participants and featured a variety of activities, performances, and over 17 vendors. Planning is already underway for upcoming events in November and December, including a Family Fun Day, the 2nd annual Ginger Festival, and the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon.

Rec Center Director Westberg updated the Council on the installation of new speakers at the Rec Center and auditorium, noting their positive impact and announcing that the next Parks and Recreation meeting would be held there. She highlighted a record number of booths at the Halloween Spooktacular, increased participation in the Fearless 5K, and ongoing success of sports leagues and youth basketball programs. She also reported that the Rec Center received the

Governor’s Award for advancing employment opportunities for people with disabilities, thanked the community and local volunteers for their support, and noted the future need to replace the mural in the Wi-Fi room.

After covering Old Business, Mayor Schmidt declared to reconvene as the New Council at 6:34 p.m., when Clark Sowers was presented with a Certificate of Nomination as Council Member for Ward 2, for a term of 1.5 years. Mayor Schmidt gave the Oath of Office to Clark Sowers, and then Sowers took his seat at the front of the room with the rest of the Council members.

Councilperson Capp requested excusal from City Council from November 15, 2025 until November 30, 2025. He would be available for teleconference for meetings during these dates.



Councilpersons Fowler and Schild thanked the Public Works crew for repairing the water line within a day. Councilperson Elliott thanked City Administrator LaFayette for completing the Community Hall and Bowman Hall Policy.

Councilperson Sowers stated that it was good to be back on the Council and expressed that he looked forward to working with everyone.

Police Chief Cherveney informed the Council that the walls of the new police department building are being installed.

City Engineer Hardy informed the Council that the Xavier Street sewer project will begin soon.

City Administrator LaFayette explained that large sheets of plywood in Jones and Herman Parks are in place in preparation for new merry-go-rounds to be installed. He also reported that the concrete for the landfill exit scale has been completed, with installation of the scale and related technology currently underway and noted that the goal is to have the new scale operational by mid-November, with training for newly hired staff to begin soon.

The next City Council meeting will be held Monday, November 17 at 6 p.m.

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Pasque contd. from A1
As each lady found a seat, she was greeted with a red holiday stocking that contained presents inside. A ticket for door prizes, coupons for discounts, candy from Pearson Block Candy Shop, and slipper socks were all stuffed inside. The stocking and the cute items inside highlighted the new stocking stuffer bar that Pasque is debuting this holiday season. Everything on the bar is under \$20. "We have a stocking stuffer bar, and I'll have the stocking stuffer bar loaded up all November and December, and we will be open Black Friday. Look for the Black Friday sales," said Evans. In the spirit of supporting each other, Evans took a few moments to introduce the owner of one of the newest businesses on State Street, Elizabeth Ann's Bridal. "We would like to start this off with just a quick blurb from our newest business on State Street. We would like to bring you Hannah, and she is with Elizabeth Ann's Bridal. We welcome you and appreciate you," said Evans.

As the audience awaited the fashion show to begin, they were treated to pretzel and nut cups, fancy individual charcuterie boxes, and desserts. Specialty drinks were served. The music started as the models began showcasing all the outfits available at Pasque for the fall and winter seasons. The crowd was treated to 36 different outfits, some of which were first looks—meaning they were first seen at the show and available after the show. All of the models in the show were either business owners, workers, or volunteers in the community. The ladies who strutted down the catwalk included: Pat Main, MiKayla Boswell, Melissa Scofield, Andrea Fayville, Cassie Pannone, Julie Snoozy, Linda Dreiske, Jenny Gaaskjolen, Maria Ellendorf, Heather Stein, Michaela Horn, and Michelle Jensen. The fashion show consisted of three rounds, with each model wearing different outfits. While the models were changing, drinks were refilled, and door prizes were given away. The audience enjoyed the program and often broke out into applause and cheers for each model. "We would like to thank everybody, all of our wonderful models for assisting us.

We find a lot of these women working hard and supporting local businesses or being volunteers in the community, so we appreciate them in all aspects of what they do," said Bonnet. One final round focused on what goes along with the outfits. "This round we are focusing on the accessories. The accessories can be found here! Some may be found at the stocking stuffer bar—you never know what they might bring out. Take a look," said Bonnet. The evening was a nice time for women to get together and just enjoy each other. "I don't think we take the time as women to slow down and take advantage of events like this and go to them, be with your friends, be a part of it, because we always have a reason not to do it. I'm already thinking about spring—I already have a couple of fun ideas, some surprises, hopefully some really good shocker surprises—I'll always continue doing it," explained Evans. "It's a lot of work, but then when you have everybody come through the checkout aisle and say this was so fun! Thank you so much—all that work, all the pain, it just kind of disappears, you know? And I like doing them. I really, really, really, really like doing them!"

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(Above L) On the microphone for the evening was **Brianne Bonnet, Chamber of Commerce**, assistant director; (Above R) **Pat Main** walks the runway in a sparkly black winter coat; (Next row from L) **Michaela Horn**, Chamber of Commerce Director, strikes a pose; Making her way down the walkway, **Julie Snoozy** shines; **Melissa Scofield** stops at the end of the runway to demonstrate the fancy zippers on her vest; Owner of the **Pearson Block** stores, **Jenny Gaaskjolen**, takes her turn on the catwalk; (Next Row) **Heather Stein** of **Dinosaurs of Hell Creek Museum** strikes a pose; **Pasque Ladies Fashions** owner, **Michelle Evans** awards a door prize to one lucky winner; Michelle Evans, with the help of **Brittany Wilkinson**, owner of Belle Flowers Co+ and Co., ring up the shoppers purchases; (Bottom) After the fashion show comes the shopping! All the ladies that watched the beautiful outfits go down the walkway, now get a chance to own the styles! *Longbrake Photos*



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well." Today, their company is a full-605 media production company. "So that's anything from short films to branding commercials what we call talking ad commercials as well as we do documentaries and those sorts of video aspects. Some of the projects on the reel would be Deadwood Mountain Grand our commercial actually played locally during the Super Bowl so it's kind of cool," said Skavang. "Rapid City Rush we do all their video production, all their intro videos and branding. And then we have a few different clients throughout

the Black Hills. We do live stream and conference production we'll do video along with audio. On the entertainment side, we book DJs for weddings or conferences or special events and MC work, and photo booth kind of all the fun stuff!" Their business takes care of everything! All you have to do is ask. "Typically, we bring everything we need, whether it's ours or rented, and we'll line up all the equipment needed," said Skavang. "We'll give you a full-scale, picture-by-picture plan—this is what we'll do: load in, load out, and then they can have the option of picking how involved they want us to be." Both of the co-owners are from the Northern Hills area. Eric was born and raised in Spearfish, while

Destyn grew up between Belle Fourche and Spearfish. Eric is the father of three kids and has been married for almost 20 years. Both co-owners work out of their homes. The tech-savvy pair utilize their home bases to work on video projects and travel for on-site work. "We both have home base officelocations. We have what I would call a web-based storefront, if you will," explained Skavang. Co-owners Destyn and Eric have worked hard to build their company from the ground up. They have transferred their small DJ business into a passion-driven company built on storytelling media that blends creativity with community. If you are interested in learning more about their company, you can find them at 605me.com.

BH&B HOSTS 85TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, LUNCHEON, & TOURISM AWARDS

RAPID CITY, SD- The Black Hills and Badlands Tourism Association (BH&B) held its 85th Annual Membership Meeting, Luncheon, & Tourism Awards on Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

More than 140 attended, representing 54 businesses throughout the region. Attendees were members of the association, association affiliates, dignitaries, and prospective members. At the meeting, BH&B staff presented election results for the Board of Directors, announced tourism awards recipients, and discussed marketing impacts alongside new goals for the 2026 fiscal year. "Our annual meeting celebrates shared successes and the people who make tourism thrive," said Michelle Thomson, President & CEO of Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Association. "We're proud of what our region has accomplished together and the strong foundation we've built to move our region forward. Tourism continues to drive opportunity and vitality across our communities and strengthen the future of the Black Hills and Badlands."

Industry Updates

Secretary Jim Hagen from Travel South Dakota spoke in regard to the Power of Partnerships in the tourism industry and how working together generates great successes or businesses, communities, and the labor force. Hagen reported that BH&B's partnership with Travel South Dakota generated \$20.9 million in revenue in 2025. Hagen noted the successful partnerships Travel South Dakota has with state organizations and businesses, as well national entities including the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the NFL team the Minnesota Vikings. Carrie Gerlach, BH&B Past Chair, remarked on the excitement and passion she has witnessed among the members, communities, and staff. "I am proud of where we are. The Association is healthy and focused and we're ready to grow and thrive along with it," Gerlach said.

2026 Board of Directors

BH&B announced the Board of Directors election results during this meeting. The Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from across the industry who are nominated and elected by BH&B's members. This year, newly elected representatives include the following:
Chris Pond, Reptile Gardens
Gina Konechne, Custer State Park Resorts
Bill Patterson, Big Pine Campground
Sarah Husted, Wall Drug Store
A current roster of representatives serving on the Board of Directors can be found on BlackHillsBadlands.com. This includes members from every category as well as leadership.

Annual Awards Presentations
BH&B presented its two prestigious Tourism Awards: The Pioneer Award and the Special Achievement Award.

Dan Wenk, who has served more than four decades with the National Park Service, received the Pioneer Award. Wenk was recognized for his tireless leadership and advocacy for parks, visitors, and the communities surrounding them. In 1998, Wenk approved the first modern fireworks display at Mount Rushmore in nearly six decades, as well as establishing safety and environmental criteria to protect the monument, surrounding forests, and visitors.

Mike Pflaum was also recognized as a recipient of the Pioneer Award. Pflaum celebrated a 41-year career in the National Park service where he first began as a Park Ranger at Yellowstone National Park. Notably, he was the Chief Park Ranger at Mount Rushmore National Memorial for more than 18 years before serving as the Superintendent of Badlands National Park. He was an instrumental partner in creating the Badlands National Park Conservancy, which is dedicated to supporting the park's

programs and projects. Dinosaur Park received the Special Achievement Award. The attraction, which was dedicated in 1936 and constructed by city crews and the Work Progress Administration, is recognized for the remarkable \$3.5 million renovation project. These improvements brought much-needed upgrades: accessible pedestrian routes, safety features, refreshed dinosaurs, and new visitor amenities—all while honoring the historic integrity of this WPA-era landmark.

2025 Fiscal Year Updates

Outlined in their publication, the Annual Report, BH&B provided a summary of the 2025 fiscal year, which included traveler demographics, the economic impact of tourism, and travel indicators such as tourism spending, hotel occupancy, and the average length of stay. BH&B's year-round consumer impact is estimated at 21.5 million impressions, 712.1K engagements, and an estimated \$17.8 million return on investments in paid marketing.

In the report, it was noted that the top travel origins, or spender markets in the Black Hills and Badlands region, stemmed from cities such as Sioux Falls/Mitchell, Denver, Minot/Bismarck Minneapolis-St. Paul, Fargo/Valley City, and Billings. The 2024 year-end estimated visitor spending in the region and state totaled \$2 billion as per Travel South Dakota research and reports.

Find more at sdvisit.com. An estimated 21,155 jobs have been supported in the Black Hills according to Economic Impact of Tourism in South Dakota, 2024 by Tourism Economics.

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The next annual meeting will be held on October 28, 2026, to discuss initiatives and results. Announcements and invitations to the event are posted and sent the month prior.



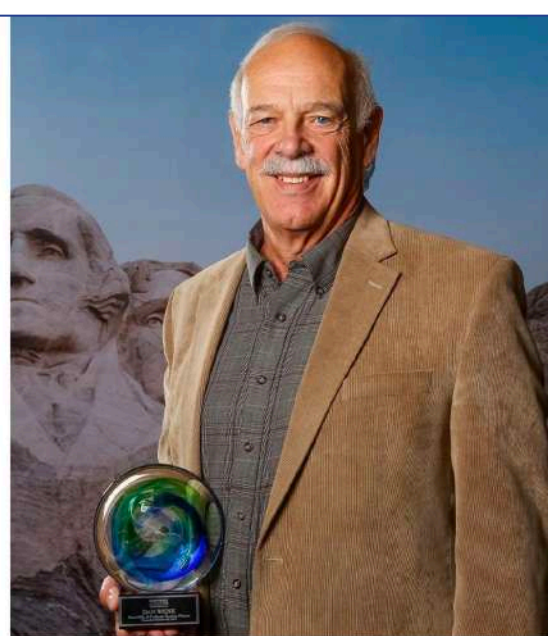
Special Achievement: Dinosaur Park

BH&B honored Dinosaur Park and Rapid City Parks & Recreation with the Special Achievement Award. The attraction, which was dedicated in 1936 and constructed by city crews and the Works Progress Administration, is recognized for the remarkable \$3.5 million renovation project. These improvements brought much-needed upgrades: accessible pedestrian routes, safety features, refreshed dinosaurs, and new visitor amenities to ensure the park be enjoyed for generations to come—all while honoring the historic integrity of this WPA-era landmark.



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BH&B ANNOUNCES NEW BOD MEMBERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

BH&B announced its 2026 Board Officers, as well as the four newly elected attraction and at-large representatives. BH&B members nominated and voted for the four new representatives.



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The French Family Band

Monday, March 30, 2026 7:00 PM
A unanimous choice by the CON Concerts Board and guests, Nashville-based Australian/New Zealander Family band to inspiration from country swing icons like Chet Atkins, A Murray, and Merle Haggard. They have appeared at the Grand Opry and have received 9 Australian Golden Guitar Awards.



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Thursday April 30, 2026 7:00 PM
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Now in the theater! Belle Fourche High School's Fall Production, *Sense and Sensibility*, is just over a week away! Directors Nathan Schreier and Allie Juso-Verry and their cast & crew are ready to entertain audiences Thursday - Saturday, November 20-22, at 7 PM. **Get ready to SHOW UP and support these high school thespians!** Tiril Brattas, Fanny Dashwood; Madisyn Carson, Mrs. Ferrars/Servant; Sonja Cropper, Mrs. Jennings; Nathan Erhart, Thomas/Doctor; Iva Hale, Anne Steele/Servant; Tace Hartman, Lady Middleton/Servant; Trinity Hostetter, Elinor Dashwood; Ainsley Jewett, Margaret Dashwood; Ellie Kukuchka, Gossip 5; Avery Mastin, Robert Ferrars/Servant; Kalani Meyers, Gossip 4; Neeko Piekkola, Gossip 3; Abigail Schmid, Mrs. Dashwood; Derek Scott, Edward Ferrars; Ember Shannon, Lucy Steele; Trey Shannon, John Dashwood; Dillon Streeter, Gossip 2; Kaeli Thompson, Marianne Dashwood; Timothy Thompson, John Willoughby; Bella Welles, Gossip 1; Trevor Welles, Colonel Brandon; Logan Willert, Sir John. Tech Crew: Hunter Brown; Madison Dalton; Riley Okeson. This timeless Jane Austen story's stage script is heartwarming, humorous and sure to be an audience favorite.

Auditions! The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater has one more evening of auditions for the holiday radio version of *It's a Wonderful Life*. This production will be performed on stage in radio show style, which offers a unique experience for actors who want to bring their acting skills to the stage - with a script in hand! Auditions are Thursday, November 13th from 6 to 8 PM.

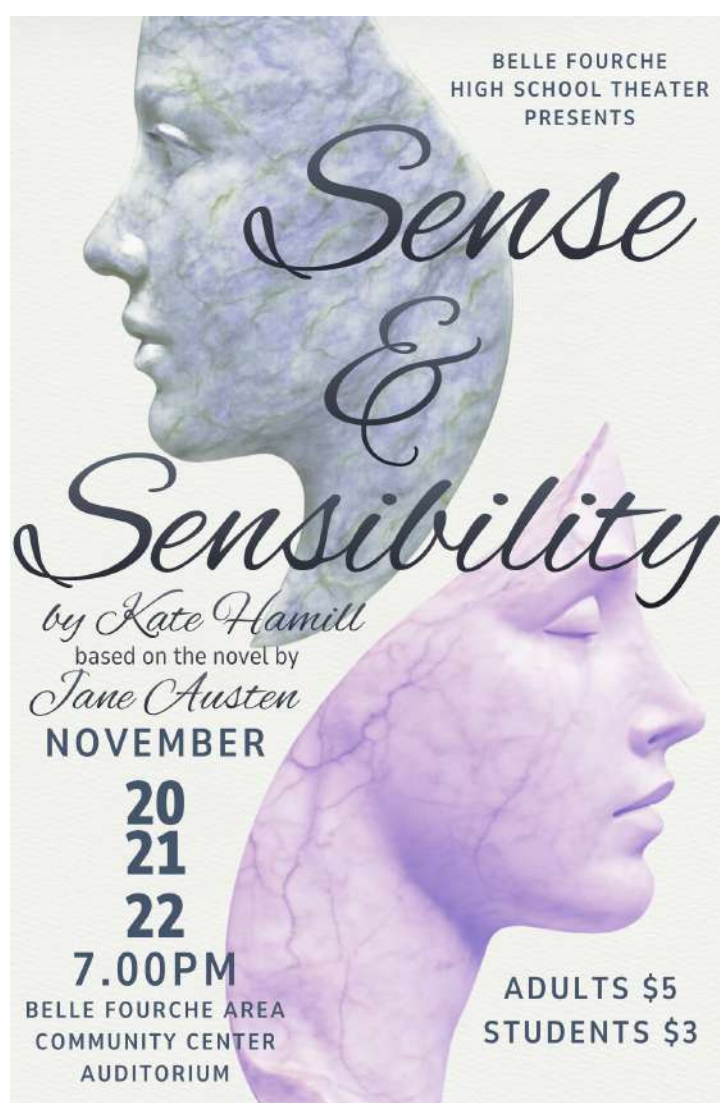
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November 13, Thursday, 6-8 PM: BFACT Auditions for *It's a Wonderful Life*, radio play
 November 20-22, Thurs.-Sat., 7 PM: BFHS Production of *Sense & Sensibility*, BF Rec Center Theater.
 December 1, Monday: BFHS/MS Jazz Concert, 7:00 PM, BF Rec Center Theater
 December 8, Monday: BFMS 6-8 Grade Chorus Concert, 6:30 PM, BF Rec Center Theater
 December 12-14, BFACT Radio Play Production of *It's a Wonderful Life*, Friday & Saturday @ 7:00 PM, Sunday @ 3:00 PM; BF Rec Center Theater

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BFHS thespians Trinity Hostetter, Tiril Brattas, and Derek Scott are bringing the set of *Sense & Sensibility* to life for their November 20-22 performances. *Courtesy Photo*



BFHS students Madisyn Carson & Tayce Harmon & Director, Allie Juso-Verry, are taking a keyboard back to the early 19th century for their production of *Sense & Sensibility*, November 20-22. *Courtesy Photo*

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Roots Grow Deep and Strong #42

“Armistice Day, Remembrance Day, and Veterans Day”

Meg English

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November 11, 2025 marks the first year that I have not participated in a Veterans Day program in the United States. This year I am in Europe where I observed Armistice Day, or the Day of Remembrance as November 11 is also known here. It's been a new experience, but a good one.

The usual solemnity and reverence for those who served was an important part of the day. Local towns and villages, no matter how small offered memorial presentations, and honorary red, white, and blue floral bouquets in remembrance of those who served in war. Banks, businesses, and schools were closed for the day. There was quite a lot of local fanfare, mostly quiet and solemn.

The sun was warm. A cool breeze rustled the remaining yellow leaves on the magnificent sycamore, oak, and chestnut trees releasing many to fall gently to the ground.

At 11 AM resounding church bells pronounced the time and the date: 11:00 o'clock on

11/11. Gatherings of citizens formed at the various monuments for the presentations and generally short, but reverent speeches.

Every French town or village no matter how small, or remote has a memorial to fallen soldiers. Usually, it's a tall stone structure or an imposing column listing the names of those who have died.

Typically, there are separate lists for fallen soldiers in World Wars I and II. Interestingly, the lists of World War I soldier casualties are two to three times longer than the lists of soldiers who did not survive in World War II. Both World Wars were devastating but European casualties in the first world war were especially high. The names of those who died are inscribed in stone or etched on metallic plaques.

“To Our Dead” is inscribed at the head of each memorial column. The casualties are identified by first and last names. First names such as Francois, Jean, Michele, Maurice, Theirre, or Laurant inspire me to imagine these young men as little boys with round faces, tousled hair, and youthful limbs good for kicking soccer balls or climbing trees.

November 11 is the day on which the Armistice agreement

was signed in 1918 ending the First World War. I spent much of the day reflecting on the differences between Armistice Day and Veterans' Day

November 11, 1918 was joyous day that inspired memorable celebrations world-wide. Now that the “Great War” was officially ended and a truce declared, who wouldn't want to celebrate? November 11, 2018 was a monumental day that would long be remembered.

Although the United States entered the Great War relatively late, the war took a brutal toll on America too. Calculating exact numbers of human casualties is a difficult science as is managing the final analysis of loss and gains that result from war.

Please remember that the Great War was also referred to as “the war to end all wars”. World War II hadn't happened yet, so no one thought of the war as World War I for several more years. The Great War was a world event. And in fact, war of any kind is a universal experience.

It is interesting to observe the variations in national commemorations of the Armistice.

Following the Second World War, many countries changed the name of the holiday. The United States opted for Vet-

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erans Day. Thus, after 1945, Armistice Day became ‘Veterans Day’ in the United States, while other countries prefer ‘Armistice Day’ or ‘Day of Remembrance’.

For Americans, Veterans' Day seems like the most appropriate nomenclature.

Nations are like families. Each has its own collective memory and its own perception of its history. It is interesting to observe the American observance of Veterans Day.

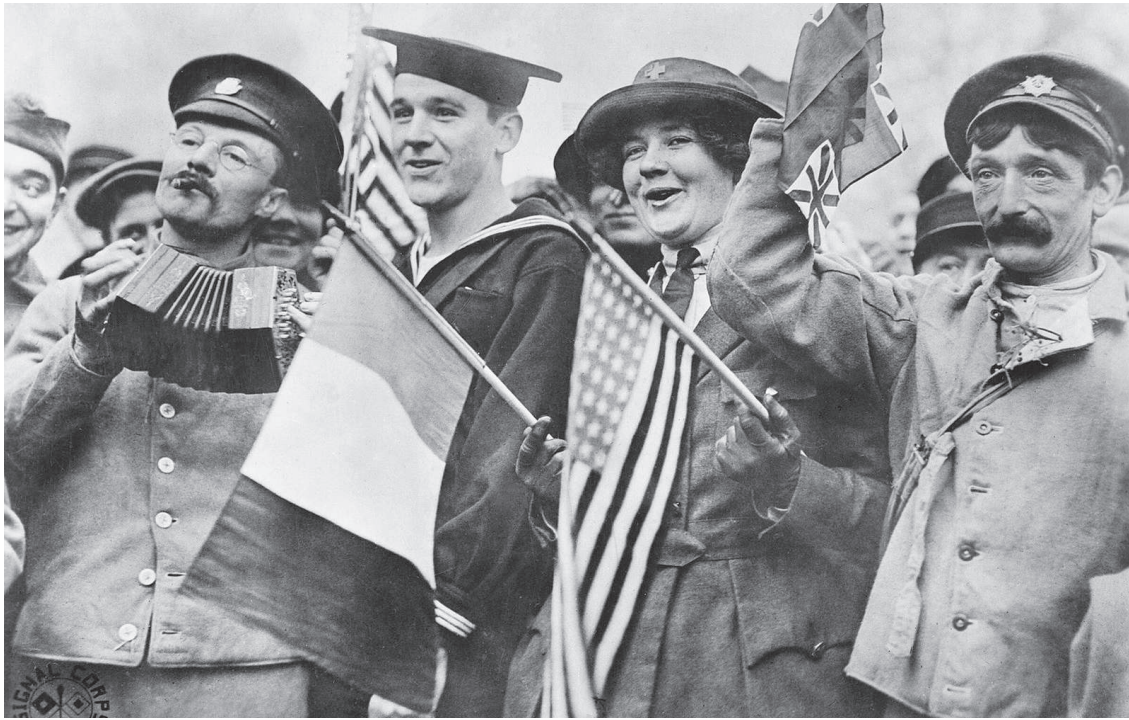
Although America was heavily involved in WWI, the war was generally regarded as necessary. American soldiers went home where they were honored and celebrated. Other wars since have been met with more social resistance. Perhaps these tensions have resulted in a possible sense of shame and guilt for participation in wars.

The bottom line is that America is home to many Veterans. Veterans Day is the best possible nomenclature for November 11 in the United States. Our

American traditions of honoring Veterans on November 11 in school assemblies, public halls, and other community presentations is uplifting. I miss the tradition of school children shaking hands with Veterans and listening to the songs they have prepared in honor of heroic men and women who have served.

Still, America also has memorials to those who didn't return. Veterans' is not complete without the “missing man” table display that has become a standing tradition. The table is set for one and symbolizes the absence and loneliness of an individual serviceperson who did not return.

Armistice Day or Veterans' Day it doesn't really matter. Both evoke similar emotional responses that oddly contradict one another and yet they belong together. It's impossible to walk away from either Armistice or Veterans' Day without feeling deeply saddened and happily grateful at the same time.



(Top) Armistice day on November 11, 1918 in Europe. Belgian citizens, French, English and America soldiers celebrate the end of the war in solidarity. (Courtesy Wikipedia); (Center) American troops marching through Winchester on their way to the railway station after attending the Armistice Service in London, November 11, 1918; (Bottom); Armistice Day celebrations in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 11 November 1918. (Courtesy Wikipedia); (BR) To Our Dead” is inscribed at the head of each memorial column. The casualties are identified by first and last names. (English photo); (TopR) War monuments are very common in cities, towns and even the smallest villages. (English photo)



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Dewey, Todd Or Susan, Box Elder SD.....	17	Bld.....	Str.....	697	\$362.00	
Diamond Hook Ranch, Ashland MT.....	11	Bk.....	Str.....	469	\$482.50	
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Draine, Larry, Boyes MT.....	15	Bld.....	Str.....	505	\$462.50	
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Draine, Larry, Boyes MT.....	27	Bld.....	Hfr.....	479	\$427.50	
Eaton, Halle, St Onge SD.....	14	Bld.....	Hfr.....	544	\$390.00	
Elgin, Theodore Or Catherine, Biddle MT.....	59	B/R.....	Str.....	573	\$404.00	
Elgin, Theodore Or Catherine, Biddle MT.....	17	Bk.....	Hfr.....	535	\$405.00	
Engesser, Neil, Spearfish SD.....	11	Bk.....	Str.....	416	\$520.00	
Frank, Brent, Newell SD.....	11	Red.....	Str.....	606	\$382.00	
Frank, Brent, Newell SD.....	32	Bld.....	Str.....	557	\$430.00	
Giacometto, Tom, Broadus MT.....	10	Char.....	Str.....	587	\$390.00	
Heier, Iver J, Prairie City SD.....	57	B/R.....	Str.....	770	\$345.00	
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Holland, David Or Sandra, Moorcroft WY.....	29	B/R.....	Str.....	500	\$450.00	
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Jespersion, Linn, Upton WY.....	74	Bld.....	Str.....	586	\$389.00	
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Kluver, Cortney, Forsyth MT.....	29	Bk.....	Str.....	534	\$425.00	
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Komes, Timothy J, Sturgis SD.....	18	Bld.....	Str.....	617	\$383.00	
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Mackey, Scott, Gillette WY.....	45	Bld.....	Str.....	460	\$474.00	
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Wessel Ranch, Lavina MT.....	52	Herf.....	Str.....	575	\$387.00
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Wessel Ranch, Lavina MT.....	18	Herf.....	Hfr.....	444	\$412.50
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Williams, Zane, Hammond MT.....	23	B/R.....	Str.....	506	\$432.50
Williams, Zane, Hammond MT.....	11	Red.....	Str.....	405	\$510.00
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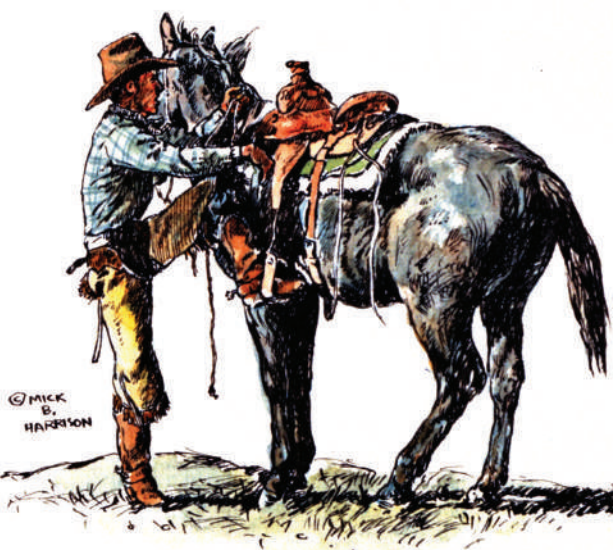


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by Mary Buchholz

122 years ago -- History of the Building of Belle Fourche Irrigation Dam and Project

After a few years' work on the projects, Widdle and Finley Company went broke. Bulter and Hayes took over and finished the dam in 1912. The diversion dam on the river, the inlet canal, and Johnson lateral were finished and had water in them in 1911. The Belle Fourche Diversion Dam is on the Belle Fourche River about 1.5 miles northeast of the city of Belle Fourche, S.D. It has a concrete ogee weir 400 feet long, a structural height of 36 feet, and a 2,100-foot-long earth embankment on the right abutment. A St. Louis, Missouri, contractor, S. R. H. Robinson won the bid for the Diversion Dam in August 1905. It was built on impervious shale and an eathen dike lined with cut stone. It would direct from the Belle Fourche river to the larger storage reservoir on Owl Creek. Wet weather in the winter and spring of 1905-06 cause several construction delays. Spring floods washed out a temporary footer dam in 1906 and 1907, delaying completion of the diversion dam by a year and half. The completed dam was 186 feet long and the stone-lined dike was 2523 feet long. The lake formed was called Belle

she said, "is credited with being the chief messiah for the project. Using carpenter's level and homemade tripod, Vallery and Alonson Giles, a Belle Fourche hardware dealer and rancher, located the diversion canal and hatched the original idea for a storage reservoir to irrigate 8,000 acres under shat is now the South Canal."

Vallery's dream, she continued, was realized when, in April, 1904, reclamation engineers recommended that 60,000 acres be investigated for possible irrigation and when, in 1908, the first water was delivered. The sites of the Diversion Dam and Inlet Canal vary little from the irrigation system mapped by Vallery and Giles. The second stop was, vis alfalfa, corn and other crops, at the former Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp at the south edge of Orman Dam, where Fred Winkler, Spearfish, former project manager, had 250 men under his command in 1934. "We got eastern South Dakota boys at first," Winkler said. "I had to find jobs for them because people were afraid of them at first. They replaced with concrete more than 1,000 wooden structures on the project, built flumes and a concrete building in Newell.

Later on, we got boys from Arkansas. We never had any trouble with them except when they went to dances in Nisland and Fruitdale where haxing of a new bunch sometimes got rough. And they had their own lingo. One of the Arkansas boys who drove a truck come to me one day saying, "The puffin' rod is broke." He meant the exhaust pipe."

The camp buildings, Winkler recalled, included an office, mess hall, officers' quarters, hospital, 25-men barracks, a big shop and a school where bookkeeping, photography, auto mechanics, truck driving and concrete construction were among subjects taught. John Daum, who taught welding and mechanics at the camp in 1940, was among those on the tour. Winkler also mentioned that the camp also published a newspaper, the Orman Duster, and that it became a German way prisoner camp in 1943. "We put a high wire fence around the camp and we had three guard houses," he said, "but the prisoners never caused any trouble. They went swimming in Belle Fourche Reservoir and always came back."

Keith Washburn, Belle Fourche, society president and emcee, read an interview from Mrs. Bess Kent Hawk, Vale, who had been the only woman guard car driver. She told of taking an armed guard in her car each day behind a truck driven by

her husband, Ernest Kent, manager of a pickling station at Vale. It hauled 18-20 prisoners from the camp to work in Vale area cucumber and sugar beet fields. "When the war ended, we not longer needed a guard car; I was relieved," she said. Philip Vallery, Nisland, a tour coordinator, told of five prisoners working for him during corn-cutting. "We couldn't understand them, but they surely could cuss in English. They craved fresh vegetables, even ate raw corn."

Tour chairman, R. D. Long, interviewed Peter Strand, Nisland, who told of early days in the Orman construction for which his father was the first blacksmith in 1905. "He did horseshoeing, machinery iron work and repaired the dinkeys used in construction of the dam." Those on the tour were granted to drive over the top of Orman Dam, over a mile long, to the site of former employee houses where Daryld Williamson, Vale, an irrigation district director, said, "The men who envisioned irrigation made a great impact on this region. Annual gross crop production on the project is now over \$5.1 million." He told how the dam was built by using horses, dirt cars, four-horse fresnos, steam engines, elevating graders, tipples and various other equipment, with the dicison to place thousands of cement blocks on the dam's face being made by engineers.

Past Arpan farm and rangeland, the tour next stopped along a deep drainage ditch on the Andrew Straub farm where Washburn said, "If you don't get water off that land soon, you won't stay in the farming business long." Long told of how W. W. Walker, drainage engineer, investigated serious seepage problems in the project and in January, 1924 recommended that the federal government build 143 miles of open drain ditches costing \$1 million. By Thanksgiving 1931, he said, 207 miles of open ditches had been completed on the project. Thirteen miles were dug by government employees, the balance by three firms operating dredges weighing up to 55 tons (smaller ones scooped 1.5 years of dirt at a throw) 24 hours a day in eight-hour shifts. Costs ranged from \$3,700 per miles on those 7-10 feet deep to \$1.15 per lineal foot for closed drains. Part of the 5th annual Historical Society's Tour, September 8, 1974 included Orman Dam, CCC camp, POW (Prison of War) camp during WWII, Diversion dam

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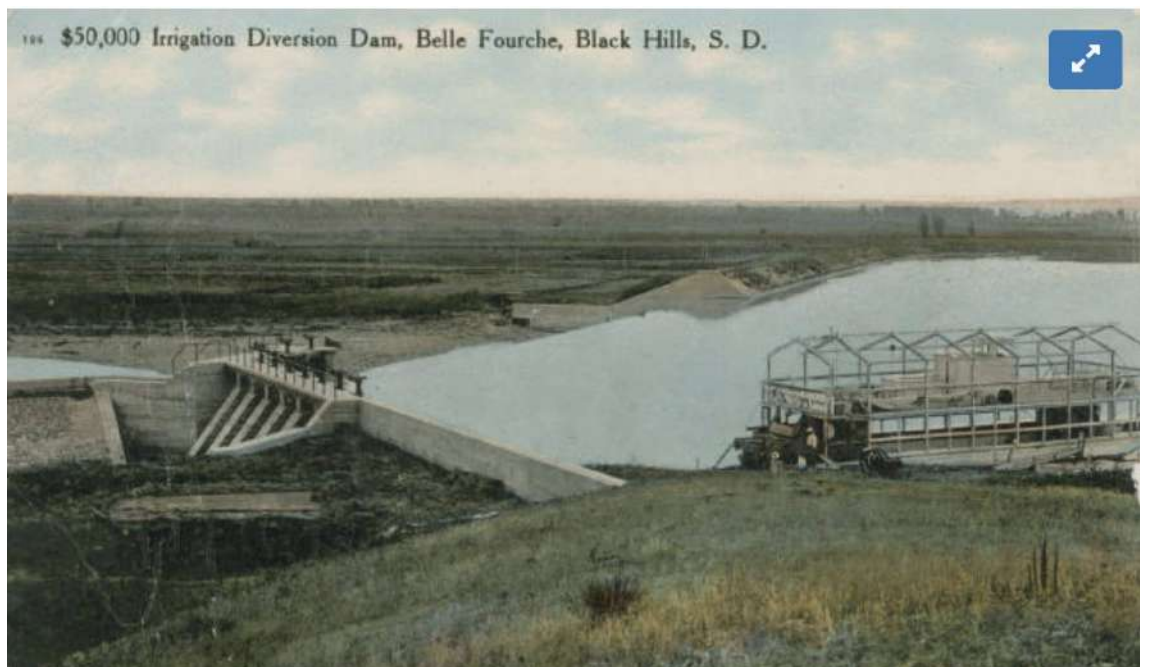
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CALF SPECIAL NOVEMBER 13, 2025 9 AM MT

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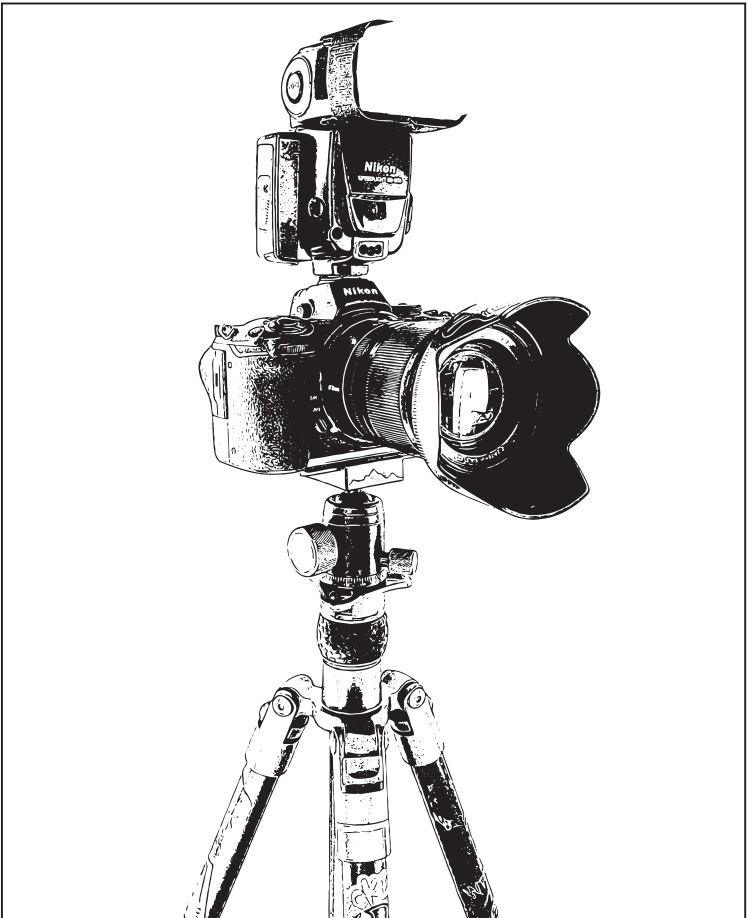
Governor Larry Rhoden, Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Secretary Kevin Robling, GFP Project Lead John Kanta, and GFP Commission Chair Stephanie Rissler were available for interview following the opening of the complex.

at 4:00 p.m. Governor Rhoden cut the ribbon with a bullseye shot on the Complex Rifle Range to the cheers of the large crowd on hand., Friday, November 7

Pete Lien and Sons Shooting Sports Complex is located at 14514 Bill Janklow Rd. Piedmont, SD 57769 From I-90, take Exit 61. Go north on Elk Vale Road for approximately 11 miles to Bill Janklow Rd. The shooting complex is located on the east side of Elk Vale Rd. off Bill Janklow Rd.



Gov. Rhoden lines up his shot at the ribbon cutting at the Pete Lien Shooting Complex Grand Opening. He hit bullseye first shot. Photo C.J. Keene SDPB



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Nov 16 - 1PM Bluegrass Festival at St James Church

Nov 17 - 6PM City Council Meeting

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Defendant.

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SUMMONS

THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT, GREETINGS:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff in the above-entitled action, a copy of which was filed with the Clerk of Courts of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Butte County, South Dakota, on October 8, 2025. The address of the Butte County Clerk of Courts is 839 5th Avenue #5 in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. You must serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscribers, Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz & Smith, L.L.P., at their office at P.O. Box 1030, 206 West 14th Street, in the City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you. The time in which to answer the Complaint shall commence to run on the day following the fourth and final publication of this Summons. You will hereby take notice that in case of your failure to answer said Complaint, judgment by default may be rendered against you as requested in the Complaint.

Dated at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this 22nd day of November, 2025.

DAVENPORT, EVANS, HURWITZ & SMITH, L.L.P.

/s/ Anthony M. Hohn

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IN CIRCUIT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
File No. 09PRO24-000019

In the Matter of the Estate of)
ALAN J. BENNETT,)
Deceased.)

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Dated this 19th day of September, 2025.

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

By John Newby "Building Main Street, not Wall Street"
"The Forgotten Senses: Imagination Marketing"

Picture yourself walking down a street filled with billboards. Every surface scream for your attention with bold fonts and bright colors. Yet somehow, you remember none of them by the time you reach home.



the sizzle of a steak hitting the grill or the aroma of fresh coffee that hits you the moment you walk through the door. Real estate agents who bake cookies before showings aren't being hospitable—they're being strategic. That smell transforms four walls and a roof into a home in ways that square footage and granite countertops never could.

The Sixth Sense of Imagination
But there's something even more powerful than these five physical senses: imagination. The most effective marketing doesn't just engage your senses—it helps you imagine yourself transformed by the product or experience. The greatest marketing campaigns in history understood this instinctively.

The Marlboro Man didn't just sell cigarettes; he sold the fantasy of rugged independence. Nike's Air Jordans weren't just shoes—they were the gap between you and greatness. That impossibly perfect burger in the commercial, with steam rising and cheese melting just so, doesn't make you want to see it. It makes you taste it, crave it, need it.

Consider the psychology behind Coca-Cola's advertising. When you see condensation beading on an ice-cold glass, hear the fizz as it's poured, and watch someone's satisfied expression after that first sip, you're not just observing—you're experiencing. You're imagining that refreshment. This is why people will pay six dollars for a fountain drink they could make at home for pennies.

The Local Application
So what does this mean for your business or community? It means you need to stop simply listing features and start creating

experiences—even in your marketing. If your town calls itself "musical," visitors shouldn't just read that claim on a website. They should hear live music spilling from every corner, see instruments in shop windows, and feel the rhythm in the very culture of your streets. The music should be so embedded in the experience that visitors imagine themselves returning, perhaps even living there.

If your community promotes itself as a barbecue destination, every marketing touchpoint should make mouths water. Your social media shouldn't just show photos of ribs—it should help people taste the smoke, feel the sauce's sticky sweetness, and imagine themselves loosening their belts after the best meal of their lives.

This is what separates branding from marketing. Branding tells people what you are. Marketing—real, effective imagination marketing—shows them and makes them feel it in their bones.

The Bottom Line
Everyone has an opinion about marketing and branding. Every stakeholder wants their "two-cents." But most of those opinions focus on the wrong metrics: impressions, reach, clicks.

These numbers matter, but they're not the goal—they're just measurements of how many people you've reached, not how many you've moved. True imagination marketing doesn't chase minnows with tiny hooks. It sets out quality bait capable of landing the big fish—customers who don't just visit once but become advocates, telling everyone they know about the experience they had.

Your marketing should help people imagine themselves transformed: healthier, happier, more fulfilled, more connected. Whether you're selling a product, a service, or an entire community, the question isn't how many eyes you can reach. It's how many hearts and imaginations you can capture. Don't just tell the world what you are. Show them. Better yet, help them imagine

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Capitol News
November 9, 2025
 By Karen Odell
 The week at Capitol, and on Tie Creek, was mild, with little moisture. Most days

were cloudy, but the sun came out on Friday morning, after a few days of overcast.

Dick and Erma Albert were happy to see six of their good friends from eastern South Dakota. The group had come to camp and hunt in the Short Pines, and they so enjoy it when they visit. On Tuesday, Dick and Erma made a trip to the Hills for groceries. It was an expensive trip. They went to the Senior Citizen dinner on Friday.

The food was delicious. There were few people there, this week. Erma stayed for a while in the afternoon, to play cards. On Sunday, they went to church at

the Catholic Church. It was a special Sunday with a baptism of Yolanda's baby. Dick and Erma, then went to Saloon Number Three for lunch. Marlee Cordell went to Belle Fourche, on Tuesday, and her daughter, Ashley Pearson, came back to the ranch with her. Ryan Cordell shipped calves on Wednesday.

He had a big crew to help him. Rod Bisgaard came out to Alvin and Marlee Cordell's to help out for a couple of days. On Friday, they all went to the Lyle Sainsbury funeral in Camp Crook. Then, Ashley rode back to Belle Fourche with Rod. Rhys Pearson competed in a cross-country meet in Sioux Falls, on Saturday. On Sunday, Alvin and Marlee went in to Camp Crook for the Ethnic Supper at the Community Center. Alvin has had no hunters this week.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson went to the Lyle Sainsbury funeral, on Friday. Lynn helped serve the food, and worked in the kitchen. Lynn was busy making Mississippi Mud, and other wonderful dishes for the Ethnic Supper. They both helped with the Ethnic Supper, that was held at the Camp Crook Community Center, on Sunday Evening. There was a good crowd for the supper.

Julia Davis spent Wednesday in Camp Crook, with a group of other ladies, to make lefsa for the Ethnic Supper. They worked from noon until six-thirty at the hall. Doug and Julia Davis had scheduled semi trucks for shipping, on Friday morning, so they had to miss the funeral in Camp Crook. Travis's and Jake's families came out to help, and once the trucks were loaded, they hurried to change clothes and go to the

Lyle Sainsbury funeral in Camp Crook, while Doug and Julia took a load to Belle Fourche, and stayed for the sale. Doug helped with shipping at the Latham Ranch, on Saturday and Sunday, and then hurried to get ready and help with the Ethnic Supper at the Camp Crook Community Center. Brian Teller did a wonderful job of cooking lutefisk, this year, and got many compliments.

Rachel and Tommy Melum visited at Junior and Shirley Melum's, on Saturday evening. They had been to church in Baker in the morning, and stopped to get groceries to bring to Shirley.

In the evening, they went to the Ethnic Supper in Camp Crook. With shipping over, their weeks are filled with moving hay and fall work. Karen Odell made a couple of trips to Camp Crook for mail

and groceries. She attended the Lyle Sainsbury funeral on Friday. Saturday was her birthday, and she talked to two sisters-in-law, one brother and her four children, and five of her grandchildren, to celebrate the day. She went to the Presbyterian Church in Marietta, Georgia on the computer, on Sunday. Megan Reedy got home from her wonderful and informative trip to Ireland. She had a very interesting and fun time, and needs to remember and relate all her adventures. She found a little Odell history while she was there. Chancey Odell did some gravel work on Karen's road, on Wednesday, and it was a great improvement. Karen and the UPS man are very grateful.

Every human being who loves another, loves imperfection. For, as we know, there is no perfect being on earth.

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Community Gathers to Restart Newell Economic Development Corporation

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NEWELL—Seeking to foster economic growth in Newell and the surrounding area, the Newell Economic Development Corporation held its annual meeting on November 5 at Newell City Hall. The meeting was aimed at restarting the previously inactive group.

The corporation has not held a board meeting in the past two years, which means it does not have a board.

According to Article 3, Section 1 of the bylaws: “The annual meeting of the members

shall be held at the Newell City Hall, Newell, SD, in November of each year, beginning with the year 1996.”

Melanie Williamson, the last official secretary of record, confirmed that no meetings had been held, leaving the board inactive. “We have not had an annual meeting for the past two years, and with advice from the economic director in Rapid City, who covers the West River area, we technically don’t have a board,” she said.

About 30 business owners and community members attended the meeting at the City Hall to support the restarting of the

Newell Economic Development Corporation. The first order of business was to elect a board. New board members for the year going forward are President, Pandi Pittman; Vice President, Ryan Dennis; Secretary, Melanie Williamson; Treasurer, Dallas Conner; and Public Relations, Shelby Schuelke.

The board accepted the resignation of the last board president of record, Ken Wetz, who is stepping down due to health issues his family is dealing with at the moment.

Going forward, it was agreed that the bylaws would have to be updated and a mission statement

developed.

The new treasurer, Dallas Conner, suggested that since no 501(c)(3) paperwork has been filed since 2017—more than six years ago—it may be easiest and most cost-effective to dissolve the current group and start a new one with the same bylaws and scope, completing the EZ paperwork to save on costs.

Williamson reported that the Newell Economic Development Corporation had a treasury balance of \$25,200.54.

It was suggested that the group meet again after all of the paperwork is filed and the board is up and running in its official

capacity. After discussion, it was determined that could happen fairly quickly, and the next meeting was set for Wednesday, December 3, at 6 p.m. in the Irrigation District office.

The December agenda will include: discussing 501(c)(3) status, picking a new name for the group, creating a mission statement, determining priorities, updating articles, deciding who the 12 voting members of the board are, determining membership fees, and any additional steps needed to get the Economic Development Corporation in good standing once again.



Area community members and business owners gather to learn about the **Newell Economic Development Corporation**. (Below) Newly elected board leaders for the **Newell Economic Development Corporation** are from left: Treasurer, **Dallas Conner**; Secretary, **Melanie Williamson**; Vice President, **Ryan Dennis**; President, **Pandi Pittman**; and Public Relations, **Shelby Schuelke**. Longbrake photos

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her triple bypass surgery, she received three units of blood that helped keep her alive.

Although she can no longer be a donor, she continues to coordinate blood drives, and she does so with pride. The next Newell Community Blood Drive she is organizing is scheduled for December 1 at Newell Christian Fellowship Church, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Vitalant has chosen to recognize Harmon’s efforts in coordinating local blood drives by putting her in the spotlight and creating an ad highlighting all the ways she has given back to the community.

Anyone wishing to donate blood or needing help scheduling an appointment can reach out to Harmon at 605-381-9136.

Vitalant reports that they need to collect more than 4,500 blood donations every day to meet current patient needs. “Thank you, Sabrina, for living the mission and inspiring others to give the gift of life,” they said.

Giving blood is vital. Vitalant’s website states that every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. That makes the act of giving blood more important than ever.

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Last year, Harmon suffered a heart attack and can no longer donate blood. However, during

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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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Reub and I had a wonderful time Sunday evening at Grace Fellowship Church in Bison celebrating the 100th anniversary of the church. Our friend Pastor Audie Brockel from Lemmon gave a great speech about the church that he grew up in and Pastor Phil Hahn spoke about the years he had served the church and the wonderful people that have gone to the church through the years. We got to visit with a lot of people that I knew while I grew up in Bison.

It was nice and warm Monday morning so I washed clothes and hung them out to dry on the clothesline while Reub started cleaning the chicken coop for me. The chickens had a lot of fun running around outside while Reub had the door open on the coop so he could load what he was digging out

of the coop into the tractor to haul to the manure pile. I found four white eggs from the pullets under the roost that afternoon so even though the old hens aren't laying many eggs, I'm still getting enough to keep us from buying eggs!

It was still nice and warm on Tuesday so Reub and I cut up another batch of firewood and hauled it home in the side-by-side to put it in the wood pile outside the house and fill the entry with wood to burn in the woodstove. Reub finished cleaning the chicken coop and hauled a lot more stuff to the manure pile to be used to fertilize the gardens next year.

Casey hauled a load of dry cows down to the sale barn in Faith that morning before he went to Buffalo that afternoon for wrestling practice. I went to Reva that afternoon to pick up Copper, Knox, and River, and Beau and Hannah Doll off the

school bus and bring them up to meet Kelli Doll at her mailbox to drop off her kids and bring the rest home. That's always a fun time for this old lady.

I watched the news Tuesday night to see that the Muslim socialist Mamdani won the race for mayor of New York City. It's hard to believe that the people in NYC could be so stupid! It's been 24 years since the Muslim terrorists killed three thousand people in 9-11 and Mamdani ran on giving everyone free stuff without telling the voters who will have to pay for all that "free stuff".

Reub and I went to Hettinger on Wednesday and stopped in Reeder on the way home to have coffee with the Prairie Pioneers. Scott Hanson and I had a good visit about the horrible messes that New York City and California have turned into. Our daughter Teri Dee McNelis took me on a trip

to New York City a year after 9-11 and it was a nice place to visit back then because people remembered what the Muslims did to them and the city, but it has definitely changed for the worst. My sister and I went with our parents to California to visit my great aunt Cora and Bill Contreras when I was just a kid and California was a great state back then. Scott owns rental houses in California and it has also changed for the worst.

It was 60 degrees on Thursday when I harvested the last of the beets, beet greens, and the last onions to empty out my gardens before winter hits.

Our good friend Lyle Sainsbury, 79, of Camp Crook, passed away Monday, November 3, at Belle Estate Assisted Living Center, Belle Fourche. Lyle's funeral was on Friday, November 7, at the Camp Crook Community Center in Camp Crook with burial at the Fairview Cemetery in Camp Crook.

Reub and I joined a huge crowd at Lyle's funeral in Camp Crook on Friday to say goodbye to this really nice man. Our granddaughter Bryce Hespe and her two little boys came up from Rapid City for the funeral and she left the boys with Missy to keep until she gets them back on Sunday.

Casey left from the funeral to take the junior high wrestlers to a wrestling meet in Belle Fourche. That evening we were invited to supper at Taz and

Amanda's house to celebrate our great granddaughter River Lu's birthday with a lot of friends and family and that was a lot of fun.

I called Sen. Sam Marty to wish him happy birthday Saturday morning and it was cold and windy down at his ranch too.

When I went out that morning to take care of my chickens the ground was wet and some snowflakes were falling. It rained a little in the night and enough snow fell during the day that some piled up on our deck. I don't know about you, but I'm not ready for winter.

It was only 11 degrees when we got up Sunday morning and it stayed cold all day, but didn't feel too bad with not much wind. Tanner and Kelsey Besler brought their new baby girl to church that morning and she's a cutie! Little Bellamy Jo was born October 27th in Spearfish, weighing in at 7 lbs. 7oz. and 19 inches long and she joins two nice older brothers. Reub and I went to the Gideon meeting at the Coal Springs Church that afternoon and prayed for our veterans and people who have lost loved ones.

November 11th was Veterans Day and we owe our veterans everything for putting their lives on the line to protect us and our freedom.

Thank God for what they've done for us and don't forget to thank these veterans for their sacrifices.

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

November 11, 1915

Mrs. E. G. Tindall, who lives in the Empire District, departed Tuesday for Liverpool, England. Mrs. Tindall has been feeling poorly for some time and it was thought that she would be benefited from a sea voyage. She will visit with her two sons in England until next spring.

Last week H. D. Richards had a notice in the paper for some yearling steers. The steers bore the brand K when they left home.

He located them during the latter part of the week near the forks of 4-Mile, but the brand had been worked from K to HB (connected) but the work was so bungling as to be easily detected. This ought to be enough to put others on their guard.

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The Sioux warriors who voluntarily gave up their war dances during the sugar beet harvest season, resumed the ancient custom today. For the first time the warriors saw the benefit in this arrangement of the government authorities.

November 5, 1925

At the regular meeting of the City Council Monday evening, Mayor Kennelly brought up the subject of extending the city water mains to the depot, for the benefit of the pickle company.

The Mayor thought it would be well to investigate the matter of extension and the proposal of selling water to the Railroad Company and other water users

in the depot vicinity. It was estimated by the councilman that a 3" water main would cost approximately \$2. per foot and the distance 3,000'. J. W. Price, Chairman of Water Commission, is to make investigation and report at next meeting.

Henry Hogan, Wesley Babb, Charles Sundstrom and Frank Lanman from the Twilight Community, were freighted winter supplies from Newell all last week.

The Horse Creek High School boys have organized and begin basketball practice, with Walter Killinen as Captain and Frederick Viken as Manager. The line-up is Walter, Milberg, Fred Viken, Edwin Ranta, Leo Doody and Henry Schipke. The Newell High School boys' basketball tournaments will soon be in full swing.

The girls' team will also stage a tournament. Watch for the date and location of the first games. These games will give the basketball fans an opportunity to get a line-up on the material on hand and needed for the High School teams.

November 7, 1935

G. W. Atchison of Chadron, Nebraska was in Newell last week at the home of his brother-in-law, Arthur Noltensmeier, living on the former C. C. Miller ranch. Mr. Atchison is an experienced auctioneer and recently has been conducting community sales in Nebraska. He is interested in building a sales pavilion in Newell for us to conduct regular community market days and to serve as a place where farmers and others could bring livestock of all kinds for sales.

The search for 35 Morgan draft horses, stolen from a Government Experiment Farm near Miles City, Montana, has spread to Butte County. Police officials have been asked to cooperate in the hunt.

M. C. Michelson, Fred Mullinex and Kenneth & Keith Wood left Friday for the Hills to hunt deer. They returned Saturday empty handed. Nels Kingsbury and Iver Anderson

by Linda Velder

were among those who tried their luck at deer hunting, also with no results.

Lee Semmons and Allen MacKrell left Saturday for the Hills to spend a few days hoping for better luck at deer hunting.

November 8, 1945

Governor Sharpe has proclaimed Thursday November 22, as Thanksgiving Day in South Dakota this year. The Governor cited "abundant prosperity and progress" and "the victorious conclusion of the global war" as special reasons for South Dakotans to give thanks, as "special recognition of service and sacrifices of our peoples", he urged the display of the flag on that date.

A prairie fire which started in the suburbs of Buffalo, burned over 1,000 acres before it was stopped at the Grand River. Iver Iverson, one of the fighters, was badly burned about the face and hands when he fell into the fire. He was taken to Belle Fourche Hospital for treatment.

Driven by the high wind, fire fighters were unable to cope with the blaze which raced eastward at a 20-mile-per hour clip. The W. A. Hunsucker Ranch, 4 miles east of Buffalo, was the principal sufferer, where full granaries, a shed housing a car and several stacks of hay were destroyed. The dwelling house was saved.

A real old cat fight was staged in the Corner Store the other day. The fur flew for a time. Howard Wilcox, in the role of peacemaker, escaped with a few scratches.

In a bowling tournament at the local alleys, last Friday evening the Rural Electric Assoc. team took the Farmers by a score of 1,791 to 1,789, a margin of only 2 pins. Herman Falk was high man for the evening with 418.

Anyone desiring to knit sweaters for the Red Cross, please call at the home of Mrs. C. O. Fogelberg for the yarn. Mr. & Mrs. L. R. Chiesman have received a cablegram in-



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forming them that their daughter Allene was due to leave Manila enroute home. Miss Chiesman is with the American Red Cross and has seen service in a number of overseas stations.

November 10, 1955

At the regular meeting of the Newell Parents Teachers Association, the needs, possible costs and plans for new school buildings for the Newell School District were discussed. "Let's Talk About Building" was the title of a panel.

A panel led the discussion of the primary needs of the local school, building place and costs.

The committee consisted of Supt. G. W. Austin, Principal Langdon, R. C. Johnson and Alfred Burke and Lyn Gladstone acted as moderator. PTA Program Chairman, Mrs. Norris Soma announced the Annual "Go To School Night" program, sponsored by the organization at which time parents are urged to visit the classrooms in which their children attend. This also gives the parents the opportunity to visit with teachers between 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Smeenk visited Monday with their son Bill, who has been ill with the mumps and a virus infection. He is feeling much better this week. Stanley Smeenk helped with farm work at Bill's during his illness. Stanley's wife visited one day and was an evening supper guest.

Church property of the Evangelical Lutheran Zion's Congregation property will be sold to the highest bidder on or after November 22, 1955. The lots are 8 and 9 of Block 5 of the Town of Nisland. The undersigned directors reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Written bids directed to any

director or to their attorney, at Overpeck & Hamblin, Belle Fourche, at any time after, the first publication of this notice. C. R. Schuldies, Peter Stark and Henry Ruff Directors, Nisland, SD.

November 4, 1965

The Sage & Cactus 4-H club sponsored a Halloween Party at the Moreau-Castle Rock Community Hall Sunday evening. The Redig, Cottonwood, Storm, and Moreau School children and their parents and other families with small children in the area were guests. The children arrived dressed in costume and games were played, followed by lunch and Halloween treats.

The Orman-Arpan Club held a meeting and the Community Hall recently where Butte County Agent Kenneth Leslie was guest speaker. Mr. Leslie gave an educational program and showed a few colored slides that were more proof, that the serious infestation of the noxious weed perennial peppergrass, has been party spread by irrigation water. He stressed the need for a revised weed situation.

For the first time ever, a new atlas for Butte County. The atlas will contain a rural directory listing all rural residents and their families. It will also show the plats of cities and a condensed history of Butte County. Eight fieldmen of the Midland Atlas Company started this week in compiling this atlas, aerial photos, courthouse records and a complete ranch to ranch survey.

Also shown on the township mapping will be registered livestock brands and ownership of land. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated and when completed this will be the finest atlas ever published.



Picture of Indian beet laborers, 1915: The program to bring Indian workers off the Reservation did not work out very well. So Mexican workers was a better plan.

Here's What's Happening in Newell!

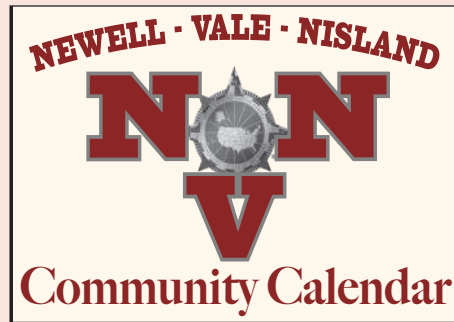
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September 29) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Fruit, Milk	30) Long Johns, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Chicken Strips, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	October 1) Turkey Wraps, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Tangerine Chicken, Rice, Fruit, Milk	2) Egg Tortilla Wraps, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Biscuits, Fruit, Milk	3) NO SCHOOL
6) Cheese Omelet, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk ADAM SANDLER DAY BLT, Fruit, Milk	7) Potato-Tomato Rhyme Hashbrowns/Eggs, & Tomatoes, Fruit, Milk Peach-Beach Rhyme Pinwheel Sandwiches, Tuna Salad, Peach Crisp, Fruit, Milk	8) Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk DECADE DAY-THE 70S Chicken Pot Pie, Salad w/ Green Goddess Dressing, Carrot Cake, Fruit, Milk	9) Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk BARBIE & KEN DAY Pink Chicken Alfredo, Beets, Fruit, Milk	10) NO SCHOOL
13) Scrambled Eggs & Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk French Dip Sandwich on Flat Bread, Potato Wedges, Fruit, Milk	14) Long Johns. Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Enchiladas, Corn, Broccoli Salad, Fruit, Milk	15) Dutch Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Patty Sandwiches, Corn, Potato Salad, Fruit, Milk	16) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Corn Dogs, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	17) NO SCHOOL
20) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	21) Breakfast Egg Roll, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Pulled Pork, Pasta Salad, Fruit, Milk	22) Quiche, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Burrito, Coleslaw, Fruit, Milk	23) Tornadoes, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Nuggets, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	24) NO SCHOOL
27) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Nachos, Black Beans & Rice, Fruit, Milk	28) Long Johns, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Quesadillas, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	29) Turkey Wraps Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chili, Sweet Rolls, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	30) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Bat Wings (Chicken Wings), Corn, Fruit, Milk	31) NO SCHOOL

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Travel South Dakota Brings the Spirit of The Mount Rushmore State to the 2026 Rose Parade®

PIERRE, S.D. – Travel South Dakota will kick off America’s 250th anniversary celebration on one of the nation’s most iconic stages: the Rose Parade® presented by Honda.

On Jan. 1, 2026, the state will roll through Pasadena with its most spectacular float yet, showcasing South Dakota’s spirit, beauty and adventure to millions of viewers around the world.

Travel South Dakota’s float, named “Carved in Stone; A Legacy of Teamwork” will feature larger-than-life icons, cultural treasures, and the bold spirit that

defines South Dakota with the focal point being Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

The float will feature nearly 40,000 floral elements, including corn, wheat, sunflowers, textured rust cornsilk for the bison’s coat, and light blue iris petals.

Parade viewers can expect the state’s famous faces to rise above a landscape bursting with adventure, from thundering bison and the cultural reverence of the Dignity: of Earth and Sky sculpture to iconic native grasses and florals that showcase South Dakota’s beauty.

Nearly 15 million visitors journey to South Dakota each year to marvel at its monuments and explore the state’s wide-open spaces, agritourism offerings, and unique cities.

The float celebrates those unforgettable experiences while introducing the world to the flavors, heritage, and sense of wonder that make South Dakota more than just a stop along the way.

“As we kick off 2026 and our nation’s 250th birthday, our goal is to showcase the majesty of South Dakota to millions of viewers watch-

ing the parade around the world,” said James Hagen, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Tourism.

“With our float, we’re highlighting the iconic landmarks that define South Dakota, and sharing some of our hidden treasures that make us an unforgettable destination.”

South Dakota’s celebration in southern California will extend beyond the parade. During Decorator’s Week in Pasadena, the Travel South Dakota team will offer immersive experiences that give visitors a taste of the state, including locally inspired treats, interactive

moments, and social media sharing opportunities.

This is Travel South Dakota’s second appearance in the Rose Parade, the first being 10 years ago in 2016. Travel South Dakota’s 2026 “Carved in Stone; A Legacy of Teamwork” float is being designed and built by Artistic Entertainment Services.

The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Travel South Dakota and the South Dakota Arts Council. The department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen.



Artist’s rendition of what will be displayed on **South Dakota the Rose Bowl** float.



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