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Vic Fondy Honored for 80 YeARS

Vic Fondy was honored recently at the Moose Club to recognize his 80 years with the Belle Fourche Cowboy Band.

The 80th celebration was organized by band committee chair Ree Reich, Bobbe Ward and other committee members with a cake commemorating the event.

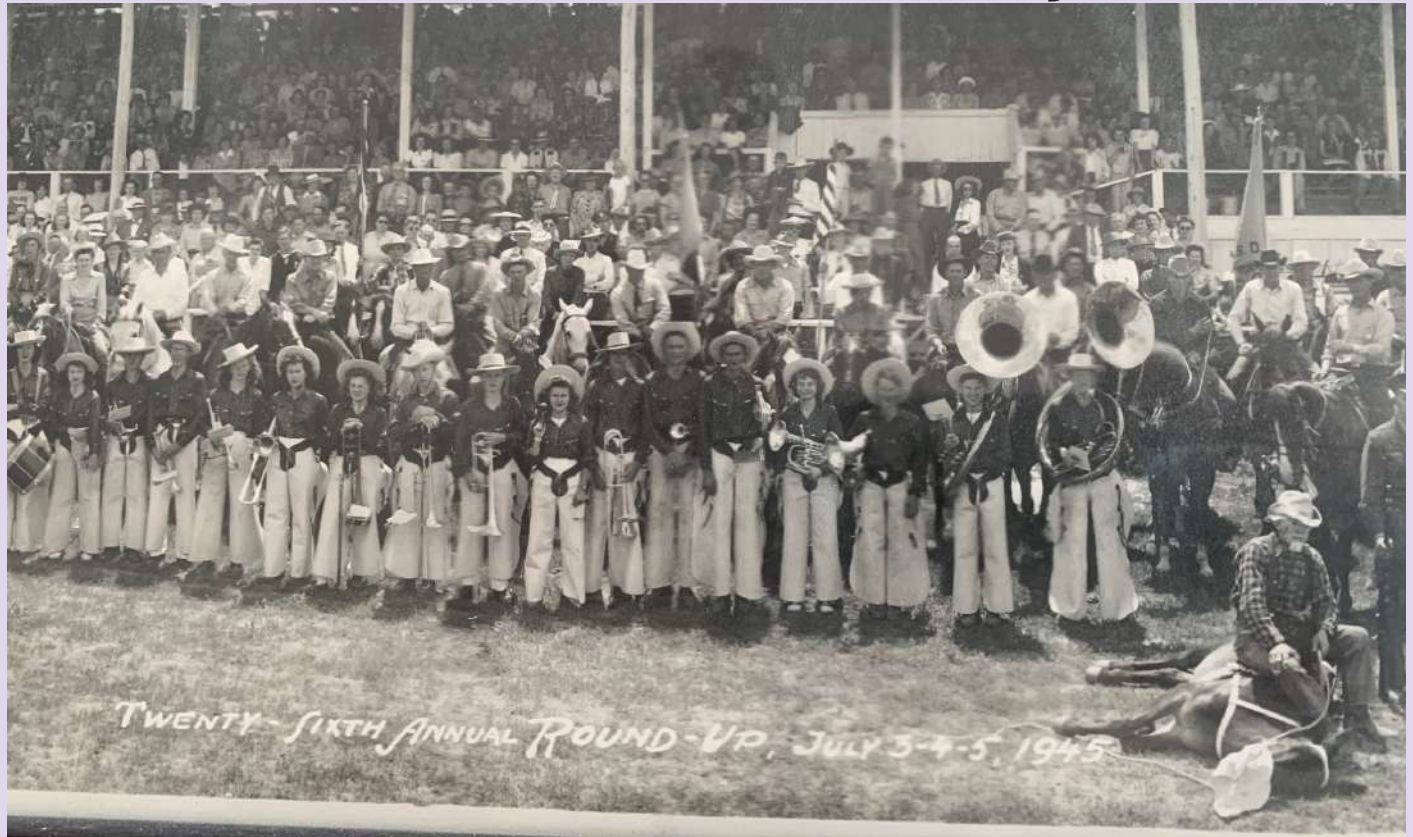
Vic joined the band in 1945 and is seen in the Round-up grounds photo taken on 7/4/1945.

Coincidentally, Vic's dad Homer Fondy is also in the photo as he was the rodeo clown in 1945.

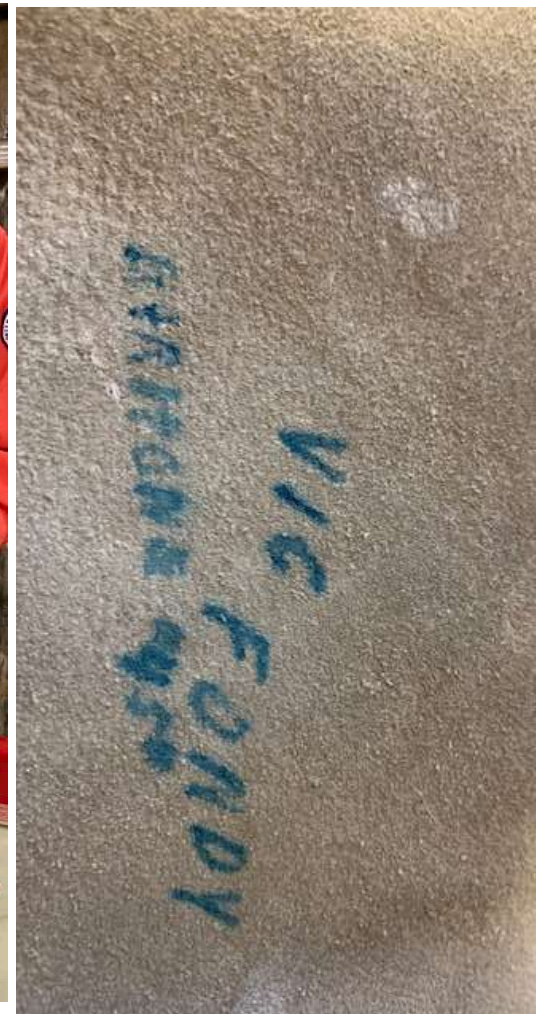
It was customary for band members to pen their name and year on the inside of the pair of chaps they were wearing during the first year.

The Beacon is honored to publish these photos of Vic's 1945 chaps and other photos taken at the event with the Cowboy Band in 2025.

80 Years with the Cowboy Band



Vic is present in the 24th Annual Black Hills Roundup photo as was his Dad Homer, the rodeo clown. Courtesy photo



(Left) **Vic Fondy** pictured performing with the Cowboy Band during **2025 Black Hills Roundup**; (Center) Vic and his wife **Donna** at the **Moose Lodge** hosted 80th Anniversary party; (Right) Vic's signed and dated Cowboy Band chaps. *Courtesy Photos*

Belle Fourche Writers 'Poetry on the Road' at Home



(From L) **Jean Helmer** shares from her collected poetry works; **Kathy Bjornstadt**, Belle Fourche novelist and poet; **Joan Gerkin** reading from the Belle Fourche Writers second **Anthology Life's Landscapes**; Belle Fourche Writer and South Dakota Poet Laureate **Bruce Roseland**. (Photos Courtesy Margie Bolte); (Below) **Poetry on the Road** Icon (Courtesy SDSPS)

Meg English

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Poets tell stories. They create with language and transform words into song, imagery, metaphor, irony, and ultimately performance.

An afternoon of poetry reading can be a relaxing, fun, and enlightening experience for both poet performers and audiences.

In the past three years, informal poetry readings have become somewhat common forms of entertainment throughout South Dakota, thanks in large part to the South Dakota State Poetry Society (SDSPS).

Belle Fourche is home to a group of published and unpublished poets who appreciate the opportunity

to share their work as often as possible.

On December 18, several Belle Fourche poets gathered at The Belle Fourche Silver Linings Senior Center for a December "Poetry on the Road" public reading. They included Kathy Bjornstadt, Jean Helmer, Margie Bolte, Lynnea Luebben, Bruce Roseland, South Dakota State Poet Laureate, and Joan Gerkin.

In 2022 The SDSPS initiated the "Poetry on the Road" project. The idea was to bring poets, and audiences together.

Several times a year Poetry on the Road presentations are scheduled in various communities throughout the state.

THE SDSPS mission is to "foster the creation and appreciation of poetry that appeals to the senses, challenges the imagination, and stimulates creative and intellectual thought."

The venues are often informal with open mics where any one can share original poems.

Anyone interested in hosting a Poetry on the Road email pasque. petals@gmail.com

South Dakota's State Poet Laureate, Bruce Roseland, along with other SDSPS member poets and audiences, will be visiting towns across South Dakota throughout 2025-2026.

Another South Dakota State Poetry Society project is the SDSPS

literary magazine Pasque Petals published twice a year, in spring and fall.

The closing date for the 2026 spring issue is February 1, 2026. SDSPS members may submit for free, a minimal \$3 fee applies to

non-members. To submit poems <https://sdsps.submittable.com/> submit

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C. Darlene Harms 90

C. Darlene Harms was born June 11, 1935 in Madison, South Dakota. She was the daughter of Hjelmmer and Marie (Larson) Arneson. At a young age, Darlene moved with her family to George, Iowa where she grew up and attended school. Darlene was united in marriage to Stanley Harms on December 23, 1954 in George Iowa. To this union four children were born: Brian, Randi, Dana, and Connie.
Stan and Darlene were blessed with 71 years of marriage to the day. During their first several years of marriage, Stan and Darlene lived in different areas of America, due to Stan's service in the U.S. Navy. The first place they lived was Jacksonville, Florida. In 1975, Stan retired from the Navy, and they moved to Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. In 1978 they moved to Belle Fourche, where they lived and raised their family, for many years. While Stan worked many years in county government, Darlene was at home, helping raise the children, and providing a wonderful family environment. For the past year, Stan and Darlene have lived in Cheyenne WY. She loved playing Bridge card games, and was



part of a Bridge Club. She also was a member of the PEO, the Belle Fourche Global Methodist Church, and in her younger years she volunteered in many ways, including helping with hair stylings at the nursing home. Darlene will be greatly missed by her family.
Darlene went home to heaven at the age of 90, on Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at the Davis Hospice Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She is survived by her loving husband, Stanley of Cheyenne WY; and children, Brian (Jean) Harms of George, IA, Randi (Mike) Todd of Cheyenne WY, Dana (Randy) Adkisson of Johnstown CO, Connie (Preston) Hesselgesser of Houston TX.
Darlene was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Marilyn Fredrickson, Evelyn Morrison; and twin brother, Darrell Arneson.
Private family services will be held at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis.



Wayne Massie

Wayne Massie was born in Spearfish, SD on October 12, 1932, to Walter and Jennie Massie. He spent his younger years growing up on the family ranch north of Hulett, Wyoming.
He started high school in Hulett before transferring to Belle Fourche High School in 1949 when his parents moved to their new ranch west of Belle Fourche and graduated in 1950.
After finishing high school, at the age of 17, Wayne joined the South Dakota Army National Guard in August of 1950 shortly after the start of the Korean War. The following month he was transferred to the US Army. He completed basic training at Camp Carson in Colorado Springs, CO, with additional training as a medical technician at Fort Sam in Houston, Texas. He was assigned to the 196th Infantry Regiment at Fort Richardson, Alaska where he completed the remainder of his military service. He highly regarded his military experience which left him with many lifelong friends. After an honorable discharge in June of 1952, he returned to Belle Fourche. Shortly thereafter, he met the love of his life, Margaret (Marge), in Spearfish, South Dakota and they were married on May 20th, 1953. They had three children: Debbie Long (Matthew) of Creston, IA; Larry (Adele) of Corrales, NM; and Curt (Jodi C) of Rapid City, SD.
The newlyweds moved to Denver for two years before returning to Belle Fourche, where he attended Black Hills State University for two years, then worked at the Sugar Beet Factory, Montana Dakota Utilities, and bartended at the Vets Club and Moose Lodge.
In 1970, they purchased land west of Belle Fourche and Wayne returned to his love of ranching. Despite the hard work involved, he always enjoyed ranching. Raising horses, sheep, chickens, and hogs but his real joy was raising cattle - particularly Herefords. While primarily focused on cow/calf pairs, he raised yearlings on leased land up by Camp Crook for a while. He also worked as a brand inspector for many years. He remained active in ranching into his late 80's. Wayne enjoyed playing



bridge and other card games, along with cribbage. He and Marge made a formidable bridge team. Wayne loved teaching his grandchildren to play various card games and how to ride horses.
Wayne passed away peacefully on December 30th, 2025, at Belle Estate with family and friends by his side.
He is survived by his wife, Margaret, of 72 years; daughter Debbie (Matthew) Long of Creston IA; 2 sons, Larry (Adele) of Corrales, NM and Curt (Jodi C) of Rapid City, SD; 6 grandchildren, Lyndsey, Dylan (Angela), Ashley (Ryan), Andrew, Nicholas and Allison; 11 great grandchildren, Colin, Quinn, Hazel, Dexter, Delaney, Stiles, Lucy, Anderson, Evelyn, Griffin, and Kirsten; 4 nieces and nephews, Pam, Jodi L, Jeff, and Wade; and Sister-in-law, Charlotte. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Clyde, and his wife, Shirley; brother Roger; sister, Virginia; niece, Penny; and nephew, Cory.
Services will be held 10am Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Visitation will take place 4 to 6pm Tuesday at the funeral home. Interment will take place 12:30pm Wednesday at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis. Military Honors will be provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard.
Friends may leave written condolences and view the funeral service from Wayne's obituary page, located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com
The family would like to recognize Dr. Deborah Kullerd, Lindsey Sainsbury and the staff at Belle Estate and his long-term nurse from Heartland Healthcare, Chelsea Dighton, for the excellent and compassionate care they provided him.



Jacob Terrence Byrd 22

Jacob Terrence Byrd was born January 15, 2003 in Scottsdale, Arizona. He was the son of Thomas and Christine (Jacobsen) Byrd. Shortly after his birth, Jacob moved with his family to Belle Fourche, where he grew up and attended school. In 2021, Jake graduated from the Belle Fourche High School.
Jake loved his family, and together they made many memories and fun. Thanksgiving together last November will always be treasured. And Jake enjoyed working with his dad. Helping him at Black Hills Spraying and Upper-Level Fitness created some memories that will never be forgotten. This past January, Jake became employed at IDIC Inc., near Belle Fourche. It didn't take him long, and Jake became a Lead Man for the company. Jake enjoyed work and he always strived to excel.
Jake had big plans in life. He was going to make a lot of money, retire at a young age, and ride motorcycle. Jake certainly had the intelligence to succeed; in fact he intended to go back to school someday. One of the things he enjoyed doing was teaching himself the Japanese language. He also loved video games, hiking and exploring untraveled paths, jujitsu, and practicing his martial art skills on his sisters and even his dogs. And Jake could talk smack with the best of the best. Jacob was a great friend and brother who always wanted to help people, putting others first in his life. He loved



trying his sisters recipes, and coming to visit them in Arizona. Jake was a great son, a great brother, and he was a wonderful grandson, cousin and friend as well. He was loved so much by his family, and he will be missed forever.
Jake died at the age of 22 on Friday, December 5, 2025. He is survived by his father, Tom (Brooke Lunders) of Belle Fourche; mother, Christine of Scottsdale AZ; sisters, Ashley (Ryan Nelson) of Scottsdale AZ, Amanda of Scottsdale AZ; uncles and aunts, John (Kristen) of Maysville OK, Freddie (Heidi) Jacobsen of Phoenix AZ, Justine Torre of Gilbert AZ; cousins, Jaxon and Abby Byrd, Sarah, Andrew, and Luke Torre; and God Parents, Colleen and Steven Shulz and the girls, Sierra, Addison, and Samantha, all of Scottsdale AZ. He is also survived by other "family", John and Tonya Kjellsen of Newell, along with their children, Brock and Sydney.
Jake was preceded in death by his grandparents, Terry and Sue Byrd, and Fred and Paula Jacobsen.
Services will be held 10am Saturday, January 10th, 2026 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills. Friends may leave written condolences and view a video tribute on Jake's obituary page located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com



Cordell "Cord" Roeszler 77

Cordell "Cord" Roeszler passed away December 21, 2025, at the Michael Fitzmaurice South Dakota Veterans Home in Hot Springs, SD at age 77. He was born March 18, 1948 to Ade and Mazie Roeszler, in Jamestown, ND.
Cord grew up on the family farm, which was just below the current Pipestem Dam location. Hunting and outdoor adventures in the Pipestem valley, with his brothers and friends, was a big part of his childhood life. His teenage years were active with cars, girls, (occasionally beer), and fun - and still finding time for 4-H and FFA.
After high school, Cord joined the U.S. Army, via the Vietnam era volunteer draft option, in 1967, and served stateside until he was discharged in 1969. He received his Certified Welding degree from the Colorado School of Certified Welding of Colorado Springs, in the early seventies.
He owned and operated Frontier Welding Services for over 20 years - in the Jamestown area.
In the mid-nineties he moved to Boulder Canyon by Sturgis, SD and later bought a small ranch in Nisland, SD. He continued doing welding and fabrication, even



working on the metal sculptures that were at the entrance of the well known Buffalo Chip Campground.
Buying, selling and enjoying classic cars - especially Corvettes, was a constant piece of Cord's life, up to about 2015.
Medical issues forced Cord to a Custer nursing home in 2018, and he later moved to the veteran's home in Hot Springs.
Surviving Cord is his daughter Dawn (Mark) Theis of Shakopee, MN, granddaughter Vanessa Gunnell (Ethan) and great-grandsons Truman and Desmond of Provo UT, grandsons Tanner and Skylar, brother Roger (Tracy) Roeszler of Custer, SD, niece, Ana Roeszler (Rob) of Portland, OR, and nephew Nik Roeszler of Milwaukee, WI.
He was preceded in death by his parents, and older brother Bill.
A Celebration of Life for Cord will be held in Jamestown in the spring - date and location will be announced at that time.



Pastor's Perspective
"Discarding Old Baggage for a New Year"

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

What difference does a new year make? When we come to the threshold of a New Year, many people make a cynical assessment that the difference between a few minutes on the clock isn't really that important. Yet there is no question that the minute before and the minute after certain events represent a radical difference in the lives of people. Consider the minute before and the minute after responding to the gospel and receiving the gift of salvation, or entering the waters of baptism.
We aren't superstitious people living in the empty supposition that everything changes because we flip the page of a calendar. But we do know that the Lord is faithful to steward whatever is given to Him. Just as surely as a transaction takes place by the Holy Spirit to, in one moment, transfer a life from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Light, when we come together on the brink of a New Year and declare our commitment: "Lord, we're giving ourselves to You as we step into a New Year," we can be confident God will honor that.
His Word provides us with a framework for making and keeping that commitment in the first verse of Hebrews chapter 12: Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. - Hebrews 12:1
The practices of the ancient athletes included training with heavy clothing or weights that would be taken off before the athlete actually participated in the event. This reference made by the Apostle Paul is to the runner setting forth on a course and laying aside the things that would hold him back and slow him down. "Baggage" that would hinder his pace and keep him from accomplishing the goal. This passage of Scripture draws our attention to three things that will help us to stay the course:
1. See those that have gone before
"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..."
This is a direct reference to the "gallery of faith" in Hebrews 11, which speaks of the great people who succeeded in pursuing what the Lord intended for their lives. Their stories demonstrate



how God rewarded their faith with triumph.
2. Set aside anything that would hinder
"...Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us..."
The Bible says, as we look at the lives of those who have gone before us, let us lay aside anything that might drag us down or hold us back - anything that would keep us from running our best. Keep your eyes on Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith."
3. Recognize that the course has already been set
"...Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."
We are not setting out on an uncharted or uncertain course. As we embark upon a New Year, the Lord is calling us to a place of beginning fresh with Him; a place of moving on with faith and certainty. There's a way set before us with clear boundaries in which the Lord wants each of us to run. He is the One who sets the course. We can trust following Him, and we can step confidently into the future with Jesus, as Scripture tells us He is "the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End." He is 'who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.'" (Revelation 1:8). Jesus can prophetically say to us: If you'll just run the race I've set before you, you can't lose.
Come to the Lord's Table at the start of a New Year
When we come to the beginning of a New Year, it's been our tradition to partake of the Lord's Table to remember Him and the blessings given to us through Jesus' victory at the Cross. When you partake, imagine yourself - in the Spirit - dropping any baggage or bondage that has been holding you back.
The Lord wants you to know that as you come to His Table, He will break every bond to the past so that you may enter the New Year with a sense of freedom and victory.
As this New Year begins, I encourage you to let the Holy Spirit fill you afresh and drive out any oppressive works of hell. Welcome the oil of rejoicing be poured over your head, and enter this New Year as a runner, fit to run the race, with all eyes on your loving Savior, Jesus Christ.

Teen Blast Ends 2025/ Kicks of 2026

Special to the Beacon
With the enormous support of the Belle Fourche community, the annual Christian Life Center's New Year's Eve Teen Blast was once again a great success.
The fun-filled, safe environment for teenagers to ring in the new year was filled

with laughter, fellowship, fun games like nine-square-in-the-air volleyball, a captivating speech by Pastor Dan Carlson, many teenagers professing their love for Jesus Christ, great food and new friendships made.

The serious indoor snowball fight proved that cotton-filled snowballs create a massive, out-of-control, laughter-filled game for both kids and adults.
Throughout the night, to the delight of the attendees, many wonderful prizes were won by all

Scenes from Teen Blast



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Looking Ahead with Confidence

As We Head into 2026

The start of a new year always makes people pause. Sometimes that pause comes with optimism. Sometimes it comes with a little uncertainty. In rural communities, it is usually a mix of both.
As we move into 2026, I want you to know this. CBH CO-OP is focused on being steady, prepared, and dependable. That has not changed, and it will not change.

When you rely on us for propane in the middle of winter, fuel for your operation, feed for your livestock, or even a quick stop at one of our stores, you are trusting us with something important. We take that seriously.

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Our goal is not to push more

on you. It is to be a partner you can count on without having to think twice.

January Focus. Being Ready When Winter Pushes Back

Winter has a way of reminding all of us who is prepared and who is not.

January is when reliability really shows itself. It shows up in propane deliveries that happen before tanks get low. It shows up in fuel sites that stay supplied even when weather makes things difficult. It shows up in feed deliveries that stay consistent. It shows up in stores that stay open and staffed when it would be easier to close the doors.

Most of that work happens quietly. That is how it should be. When things run smoothly, it is because someone planned ahead.

Investing in Our Communities

CBH has always believed that strong communities matter. That belief goes beyond the services we provide.

Through the CBH CO-OP Foundation and our local partnerships, we support food assistance programs, youth organizations, education, and community groups across the areas we serve. Every dollar stays local and goes toward people and programs that make a real difference.

These are the same communities our employees live in. The same places our kids go to school. Supporting them is not an obligation. It is part of who we are. You can learn more at <https://cbhcoopfoundation.org/>

A Few Updates as the Year Gets Started

One of the biggest developments heading into 2026 is the

new feed plant in Belle Fourche, SD.

The plant is now fully operational and producing cattle cake. It was built to support local ranchers when they need it most, giving CBH CO-OP more control over quality, consistency, and availability during critical times of the year.

Grain mixes will be added next, further expanding what we can offer and strengthening our ability to serve operations across the region.

Our teams remain focused on winter operations across all divisions. Planning is also underway

for additional projects and improvements later this year. We also want to thank everyone who took part in year end programs and promotions. Your support does not go unnoticed.

If you are interested in our feed plant products, including cattle cake and mixed feeds contact us at 605-723-3333.

We will continue to share updates as the year moves forward.

Looking Ahead

At CBH CO-OP, we believe consistency matters. Showing



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Here is to a solid start to 2026.



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Bronc Wrestlers Win Five Duals at Wright Wyoming Team Tournament



Bronc Wrestlers Team photo taken after victorious tourney in Wright, Wyo. Pictured Back Row standing Left to right: Coach Abell, Michael Streeter, Jett Blakeman, Ethan Nail, Gunnar Jensen, D'Angelo Garduna, Thomas McCoy, Cade Bickerdyke, Nathan McKenney, Aiken Crowley, Noah Braning, Brooks Clooten Middle row kneeling: Hunter Quenzer, Walker Horn, Isaac McKenney, Chase Bickerdyke, Joe Hanson, Jaredon Dosch, Cayden Wolfe, Sean Wahlfeldt Front: Makenna Ward, Lane Longbrake, Coach Schleusner, Aspen Braning *Courtesy photo*

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The Bronc wrestlers took the momentum of a home win over Lead-Deadwood with them to Wright Wyoming as they won 5 straight duals to end the 2018 segment of their season. They won 58-16 over Graybull/Riverton; 69-12 over Kelly Walsh; 57-17 over Niobrara County (Lusk, Wyo. area); 68-12 over Torrington; and 46-24 over host school Wright. "Certainly, too many individual achievements to list, we had guys win matches that up to that point would have lost," remarked head coach Bill Abell. Overall Thomas McCoy (113) Jett Blakeman (120); Joe Hanson (132); Cayden Wolfe (145); Jaredon Dosch (153); Chase Bickerdyke (160); and Cade Bickerdyke (170) never lost a match.

Lane Longbrake (106); Hunter Quenzer (126); Gunnar Jensen (138); and Michael Streeter (285) only lost one each. Junior, Walker Horn not on the roster in prior outings won three of his five matches. "This team stepped up like I've never had a team step up in the past," added Abell. "They were excited, involved and inspired to perform their best for the team," the coach spoke of his squad. "Teams that throttled us last year we destroyed." Abell stated, "The guys finally felt momentum in their favor. We were physical, aggressive and assertive." "I am very proud of my wrestling team for overcoming such a brutal start to the season." "I hope we can continue to find success when we reopen our season after Christmas break," concluded Abell.

The Broncos travel to Rapid City for a JV/Varsity Quadrangular with STM, Hill City, and Spearfish, January 3 before heading to the Lyman Gardens in Presho on the 4th and 5th for the Mid-Dakota Monster and a taste of some east river teams. The twenty-eight team tourney that includes: Belle Fourche; Bennett County, Custer/Edgemont, Hill City, Hot Springs, Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes, Kingsbury County, Lead-Deadwood, Little Wound, Lower Brule, host Lyman, McCook Central/Montrose, McLaughlin, Mobridge-Pollock, Newell, O'Neill, NE, Parkston, Pierre, Pine Ridge, Potter County, Red Cloud, Spearfish, St. Thomas More, Stanley County, Sunshine Bible Academy, Todd County, Warner/Northwestern, and Winner.

Broncs Split Pair of Games on the Road

CHRIS RILEY
Special to the Beacon

Belle Fourche jumped out to a big first-quarter lead on Tuesday, December 18 in New Underwood and never looked back as the Broncs claimed a 56-27 victory over the Tigers in boys' basketball action. Senior Tate Hostetter led the Broncs with 16 points, 12 of which came via the three. Fellow seniors Chandler Kerr and Cauy Jennings added nine and eight points respectively while junior Kelby Olson had seven points and seven rebounds. Belle Fourche was 18-for-25 on free throws (72 percent) and held a 31-12 rebounding advantage over New Underwood. Junior Kolter Clark led the Tigers with 10 points. Belle Fourche was also victorious in the JV game, winning 48-10. Tate Larson and Aiden Giffin led the way with

12 points apiece. Belle Fourche traveled to Lemmon for non-conference boys' basketball action on Friday, December 21 before Christmas break but fell to the Cowboys, 61-51. Lemmon jumped out to an 18-13 lead after the first quarter and led 31-24 at the break. Juniors Kelby Olson and Tate Larson led the Broncs offensively, scoring nine points each. Belle Fourche had a solid effort from the free-throw line, making 13 out of 16 shots (81 percent). With the loss, Belle Fourche now sits at 4-2. The Broncs will play Aberdeen Roncalli and Madison on December 28 & 29 in Rapid City before resuming Black Hills Conference play at Red Cloud on January 5.

Lady Broncs Continue to Win



5' 11" Senior, Ashley Byrd goes in the air to make the block on Lemmon Coyote as teammates Bella Jensen, Rylee Young, Payson Birkeland, and Harley Fisher keep control of the zone. *Courtesy photos-Laura Young*



Rylee Young nails a short jump shot for two of her 21 (left); and Payson Birkeland (31) uses the bank board for a pair as three Lemmon Cowboy teammates look on. *Courtesy photo-LY*



Colby Nowowiejski (4) is high in the air to block the Lemmon Cowboy's shot as Kelby Olson (10) and Cauy Jennings (20) move in *Courtesy Photos-Traci Nowowiejski*



5' 10" Soph. Tate Larson launches from behind the arc as Aiden Giffin (42) gets position in the lane. *Courtesy photo-TN*

Boy's Varsity Basketball 4-2

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Head: Cory Neuharth | Asst: Nathan Juelfs | Volunteer: Andrew Dighton

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
1/3 - Saturday	Invite - Girls' @ Spearfish	Away	10:00 am
1/9 - Friday	Invite @ Hettinger, ND	Away	9:00 am
1/10 - Saturday	Invite @ Hettinger, ND	Away	8:00 am
1/15 - Thursday	Quad (Douglas, RC Central) @ Spearfish	Away	4:00 pm
			9:00 am Girls
1/17 - Saturday	Black Hills Conference Invite @ Spearfish	Away	1:00 pm Boys
1/24 - Saturday	Invite @ Chadron, NE	Away	10:00 am
1/29 - Thursday	JV/V Dual @ Sturgis	Away	5:00 pm

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7th Grade Girls Basketball Squad - Front: Anika Main, Ariana Richter, Allison Hayes, Reese Larson, Sloan Young, Keenan McInerney
Back: Manager Kailey Nowowiejski, Lorelei Seaman, Hannah Kirksey, Avery Cherveny, Mataya Ward, Olivia Nehl, Sarah Juelfs, Shaine Weishaar, Coach Chris Riley *Courtesy Photo*



8th Grade Girls Basketball Squad - Front: Dylan Stedillie, Grace Clooten, Tia Williamson, Ayden Kummer
Back: Coach Kyle Ryan, Manager Lainey Crago, Presley Fischer, Halle Eaton, Chloe Crago, Cheyenne Shiffnar, Tori Brill, Tayrah Tanska, Manager Lily Nore, not pictured Charlie Henwood. *Courtesy Photo*

COOKIES: Wednesday, December 19th, the Independent Living class from the high school made cookies for their Family & Consumer Sciences (FCCLA) project. They delivered them to Mrs. Bergman's friendship group to decorate for the Holiday. *COURTESY PHOTO*



Battery Bonanza: Members of the Belle Fourche Fire Department were on hand Friday to pick up the large collection of batteries from local Family Dollar Store. Pictured from left are: Aaron Thrammer, Family Dollar Store Manager, Jada Udaker, Andy Anderson, and Cory Char-michael. Family Dollar is part of a store region that runs from Illinois to Colorado. In their region they were the number one battery donation store with the exception of just a few days. Two large boxes of the donated batteries were turned over for use by the Department. The Bonanza continues till the end of the month. Jada said she was overwhelmed by the communities willingness to participate in supporting the local fire department. *Beacon photo*

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Friday March 13th
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January
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WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA GARDENING

- Feb 17 - Philip
- Feb 19 - Kadoka
- Feb 26 - Lemmon
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- Mar 12 - Faith
- Mar 17 - Winner

Join a one-hour gardening workshop in one of seven locations. Open to all skill levels!

Registration is \$10. Participants will receive gardening resources, enjoy snacks and drinks, and have the chance to ask questions and share ideas with others.

Time and Location Details Available in Registration

Notice of Application for Executive Clemency
Michael Jenkins who was sentenced in Butte

County on the 11 day of July, 2001,

to 15 years suspended, 60 days county jail; 10 years probation; fines & costs; restitution (indicate what the sentence was including any fines, forfeitures, and time of incarceration in jail or prison)

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The Butte County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications from individuals who are interested in serving on the Butte County Planning Board.

- One (1) Opening Available
- Appointments are for a Four (4) Year Term
- Term of office will be 01/01/2026 – 12/31/2029
- Must be a Butte County resident

The Butte County Planning Board is a five-member advisory Board – including four members appointed by the Butte County Board of Commissioners and one County Commissioner representative.

The Planning Board is tasked with ensuring the county ordinances are implemented consistently and offers oversight to the growth, planning, and development activities in the County. This Board makes recommendations to the Butte County Commission regarding planning functions and procedures.

The Butte County Planning Board meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the commissioner's room on the main level of the courthouse (839 5th Ave, Belle Fourche, SD).

Individuals who want to be considered for an appointment are asked to submit a request for consideration via application to Director of Equalization Office located at 117 5th Ave. Belle Fourche, SD, 57717 or email Cristina Wilson at cristina@buttesd.org. All applications must be received by 12/12/2025.

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Good Shepherd Clinic

Next Clinic: Lead - January 8 and 22, 2026.
Registration will be from 6:00-7:00pm..

Good Shepherd Clinic is a medical clinic for adults, ages 19-64, who meet our income guidelines. Medical services will be available at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lead. Enter the church through the Julius Street parking lot (below 825 W. Main Street).

Good Shepherd Clinic-Spearfish is open Monday nights at 1020 State Street.

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Show Up

by Belle LaVenué



School and Community events on Holiday Break. See you next year!

The BFHS One Act is already practicing for their competitive performance in January with the show, *The Day the Internet Died*. The show is directed by Michale Kane - & we look forward to sneaking into rehearsal this month to learn more about the show & the high school performers.

The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater is also busy in January with three important and theatrical events:
IMPROV WORKSHOP - JAN 6 & 7 - a FREE BFACT EVENT. Want to pump up your stage muscles - or just build up your on acting strength? The BFACT Improv Workshop will be hosted by **Geno Pesicka** (You may remember him as the amazing Willy Wonka in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!*) The workshop will be held January 6th & 7th at 6:30 PM at the Rec Center. Improv comedy is a form of live, unscripted performance where actors create characters, dialogue, and scenes on the spot. Geno will teach & lead participants in various exercises and games throughout the night and explain how improv can make you a better actor. **You can do this!!** Both nights will cover the same material, so you only need to attend one evening. The workshop is **FREE** and open to those 18 years and older.
BFACT ANNUAL MEETING - JAN 24 at 2 PM, at the Branding Iron. Find out what's going on with all things community theater. All are welcome to attend. Also, if you're interested, they are looking for new BFACT board members. Please contact Derek with any questions: director@bellefourcheact.com

BFACT DIRECTOR'S WORKSHOP - JAN 28 at 6:30 PM - another FREE EVENT! Derek Olson, BFACT Executive Director, will be hosting this Directors Workshop for anyone interested in the many facets of directing.

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

January 6 & 7, Tuesday & Wednesday: BFACT FREE Improv Workshop, 6:30 PM BF Rec Center Theater
 January 19, Monday: BFMS Band Concert, 6:30 PM, BF Rec Center Theater
 January 24, Saturday: BFACT ANNUAL MEETING, All welcome, 2 PM at the Branding Iron
 January 26, Monday: BFHS One Act Public Performance, 6:30 PM BFRC Theater

Travel South Dakota's Rose Parade Float Wins Americana Award

Pasadena, Calif. – Travel South Dakota's Carved in Stone; A Legacy of Teamwork float in the 2026 Rose Parade® presented by Honda, has been awarded the "Americana Award."

The award recognizes the "most outstanding depiction of national treasures and traditions," honoring the artistry and collaboration behind South Dakota's most spectacular float yet at the 137th Rose Parade.

"As we kick off a new year and our nation's 250th birthday, our goal is to share the bold spirit that defines South Dakota with millions of viewers around the world," said James Hagen, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Tourism. "This award is a testament to the incredible teamwork behind the float and to the iconic landmarks and cultural treasures that make South Dakota an unforgettable destination."

Travel South Dakota's

award-winning float showcased Mount Rushmore National Memorial alongside the signature experiences that draw nearly 15 million visitors to the state each year. Parade viewers saw South Dakota's famous faces rise above a vibrant landscape of adventure — from thundering bison to the cultural reverence of the Dignity: Of Earth & Sky sculpture. The state's natural beauty and heritage were brought to life through more than 40,000 floral elements, including corn, wheat, sunflowers, light blue iris petals, and palm bark that formed a bison's coat.

South Dakota's presence in Southern California extended beyond parade day. During Decorator's Week in Pasadena, Travel South Dakota hosted immersive experiences featuring locally inspired treats, interactive moments, and social media-friendly activations that allowed visitors to interact di-

rectly with the state's culture and creativity.

"It feels incredibly meaningful to engage with people who have yet to discover that South Dakota is their favorite road-trip getaway," said Hagen. "We hope that this time next year, Californians and those who may be viewing the Rose Parade are

reminiscing about their own experiences in South Dakota."

The 2026 parade marked Travel South Dakota's second appearance in the Rose Parade, following its first entry in 2016, and served as a national kickoff to America's 250th anniversary celebration.

Travel South Dakota's

Carved in Stone; A Legacy of Teamwork float was 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.



COMMUNITY MILEAGE CHALLENGE

NEW NOW

2026 RESOLUTION RUN/WALK Rec BELLE FOURCHE

Kicks off January 4 @ 1:30 pm

Month-long Mileage Challenge! Sign up ANYTIME between Dec 22-Jan 31.

Contact the Rec for details! 605-892-2467

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Log your miles ALL MONTH!

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 -Record your mileage weekly on the log sheets provided by the Rec.
 -Mileage on ALL cardio machines counts as well!
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2-Program Finale: February 1 ~ 1:30 pm @ the Rec Center
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 -Event shirts will be awarded this day!

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Roots Grow Deep and Strong #46

“Special Education Review”

Meg English

news@bellefourchebeacon.com



During the past few weeks, I've spent a lot of time with a middle school student. I'm

her tutor. We've been working on math, social studies, and language arts. She has had an Individual Education Plan (IEP) since second grade.

We both struggle with math. I'm learning with her and am grateful to practice the skills that didn't sink in the first time around. We talk about many things, but she is always willing to get down to schoolwork, unless she is tired or overwhelmed.

When that happens, we take a break, switch gears, or maybe move on to something else for the moment. Ours is a comfortable productive relationship. I like her and I like being her tutor. She thinks I'm amusing and tells me so.

As it's been a couple of years since my last day as a

classroom teacher, I decided it would be a good idea to review (and share) my understanding of special education legislation. For parents, grandparents, anyone who has ever attended school or who knows someone who has attended school (including homeschool), or who pays taxes, it's a good to know a little about special education legislation.

Special Education in America reminds me of a family heirloom—an antique Queen Anne Chair that has been recovered many times and has lots of springy stuffing.

These days the most important pieces of legislation that apply to students with disabilities are the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); Section 504 from the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

This collective legislation resulted from various federal initiatives that were intended to improve the quality of education for individuals with disabilities. It has occurred over the span of many decades and has reflected changing values and educational trends.

Today these rulings have dramatically altered how schools must respond to student needs.

The ADA provides protection for people in the workplace, and in other places that serve the public, by requiring certain accommodations such as wheelchair ramps and elevators.

Both the ADA and Section 504 from the Rehabilitation Act are civil rights acts.

The Individual with Disabilities Act (IDEA) is specifically an education act. It was signed into law in 1975 as the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (EAHCA). In 1990 it was changed to IDEA in 1990 and was amended in 1996 and 2004. Final regulations were published in August 2006 (Part B for school-aged children) and in September 2011 and (Part C, for babies and toddlers).

According to the IDEA a disability is defined as one of 13 conditions: autism, deafness, blindness, hearing impairment, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, emotional disturbance, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury or visual impairment.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 has a much more inclusive definition. A person with a disability “has a mental or physical impairment or is regarded as having such an impairment and is substantially limited in his or her major life activities that include abilities such as (but not limited to) self-care, breathing, walking, seeing, performing schoolwork, speaking and learning.” Thus, a child who has trouble learning for any reason is eligible for services.

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The IDEA is far more comprehensive in terms of guidelines. It mandates that all students with a disability will be provided with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and that all students are entitled to a Free Appropriate Public School Education (FAPE).

The spirit of the IDEA is to educate students with disabilities in inclusive settings, to the greatest extent possible.

The regular education classroom is regarded as representing the diversity of the real world.

Students in the regular classroom learn to work side by side with students with disabilities, and vice versa. Inclusion is designed to benefit both the students with disabilities and those in the regular classroom.

The IDEA mandates specific procedures that ensure the law will be followed. School districts are required to follow these procedures carefully. There are numerous guidelines to ensure that students are provided with a FAPE. The IDEA does not especially care about the costs to school districts.

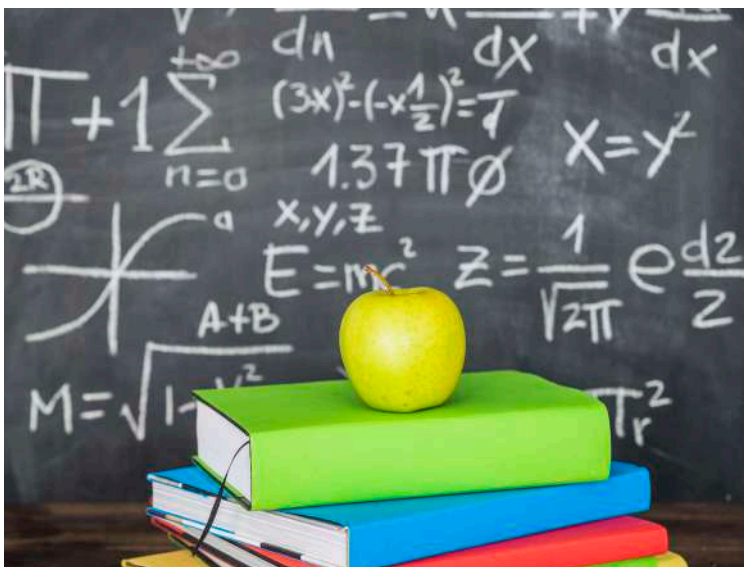
When disciplining a student on an IEP, the school district must determine that there is no relationship between the behavior and the disability. Students who misbehave may be suspended for up to 10 days. The student can be suspended or expelled if the safety and education of others is at stake.

However, a longer time will be regarded as a change of placement. Students with an IEP may not be moved to another school or setting until a hearing takes place, unless drugs or weapons are involved.

Under the IDEA school districts are responsible for finding any children between the ages of 3 and 21, even those not yet of school age who may qualify for services under the IDEA.

Understanding the role of special education, its guidelines and history can be difficult and time consuming. Fortunately, there's help. IEP Parent Hub is one of my favorite resources. There are others too, of course.

Special education legislation is obviously needed. Although it is a serious challenge for school districts and their budgets. Special Education is the springy cushion that kids with disabilities need. It's an heirloom worth keeping and reupholstering as needed



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Belle Fourche Writers
Belle Fourche Writers December will meet Monday, January 5 at the Belle Fourche Public Library from 2-5 PM for the January editing meeting. The regular January meeting will be held on Saturday January 17.
All writers are invited to attend!

Belle Fourche Recreation Center
Winter class offerings at the Rec Center:
Water-walking - This class is held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:30 - 8:15 am. This class involves walking in waist-deep to chest-deep water. Water resistance provides a low-impact, full-body workout that strengthens the core while also improving cardiovascular health.
Silver Splash - This class is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 - 12:15 pm. Silver Splash is part of our Silver Sneakers program. It involves a series of low-impact workouts with specially designed Boogie Boards. This class is great for core strengthening and for cardiovascular health.
AquaFit - Starting December, we will hold AquaFit every Monday and Wednesday night from 6:30 - 7:15 pm. This class is higher intensity than what we currently offer. The workouts all involve using either dumbbells or foam weights. The class is designed to target multiple different muscle groups while also strengthening your core. The Rec Center will be closing at 4 pm on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve! 605-892-2467 bellefourcherec.com

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Cattle Report - Friday, December 19, 2025

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Next Sale - Friday, Jan. 19 - Feeder Cattle Special - 8 AM
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Bred Hfns & Cows - Sold by the Head

Table listing various cattle sales with columns for seller, quantity, breed, and price. Includes entries like Blair Brothers, Sturgis SD and others.

Weigh Up Cows

Table listing cow sales with columns for seller, quantity, breed, and price. Includes entries like 2 Cattle Company LLC, Three Forks MT and others.

Main livestock sales table listing various cattle and sheep sales with columns for seller, quantity, breed, and price. Includes entries like J-L Livestock, Melville MT and others.



Everyone at St Onge Livestock & the Newell Sheep Yards would like to thank you for a record breaking 2025 & look forward to working for you again in 2026.

We wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



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Sheep Report - Thursday, December 18, 2025

Table listing sheep sales with columns for seller, quantity, breed, and price. Includes entries like Bucklin Ranches, Redstone MT and others.

2026 SHEEP SALES

- January 8th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
January 15th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
January 22nd - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
January 29th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 5th - No Sale - Visit The Black Hills Stock Show
February 12th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 19th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 26th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goat

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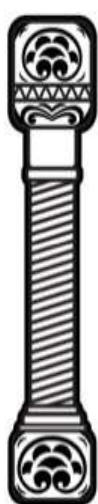
St Onge Livestock has a receiving station for the Gillette Area every Thursday. It is on Northern Drive in Gillette. Call Doug Miller at 307-660-0960 to let him know what is coming. You can unload all day every Thursday until 3 pm. You pay receiving station fee of \$3 per head & \$2.50/cwt for trucking.
THE BROADUS RECEIVING STATION IS TAKING CATTLE EVERY THURSDAY FOR OUR SALES ON FRIDAY. You can drop your cattle off every Thursday by 3pm. You pay receiving station fee of \$3 per head & \$2.50/cwt for trucking.

Attention to all sheep & goat producers: It is required that every male & female animal over the age of 12 months have a scrapies tag in place to sell. These tags can be obtained by the producer for FREE by calling 1-866-873-2824.

2026 CATTLE SALES

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by Mary Buchholz

163 years ago Homestead Act of 1862
 In U.S. history, significant legislative action that promoted the settlement and development of the American West. It was also notable for the opportunity it gave African Americans to own land. Pres. Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act into law on May 20, 1862. The act, which took effect January 1, 1863, granted 160 acres (65 hectares) of unappropriated public lands to anyone who paid a small filing fee and agreed to work on the land and improve it, including by building a residence, over a five-year period. The Homestead Act proved one of the most important pieces of legislation in the history of the American West, as hundreds of thousands of people moved to the Great Plains in an effort to take advantage of the free land. Several additions to the Act included in 1877 the Desert Land Act authorizes the disposition of 640-acre tracts of public lands to homesteaders upon proof of reclamation of the lands by irrigation and later in 1916 the Stock Raising Homestead Act authorizes homesteads of 640 acres and separates surface rights from subsurface (mineral) rights. From early colonial days, the desire for "free land" had generated successive waves of westward migrations. In 1812 the General Land Office, responsible for all public land sales, patents, and entries, is established within Treasury Department to oversee disposition of ceded and acquired lands. (As successor agency to the GLO, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) maintains more than nine million historical land documents: survey plats and field notes, homestead patents, military warrants, and railroad grants. Many of these records can be found at: www.glorerecords.blm.gov. including individual records of homestead patents. By the 1850's, prominent individuals such as New York Tribune editor Horace Greeley and organizations such as the Free-Soil Party and labour unions were urging enactment of homestead legislation. In

1846 Congress was presented with the first homestead bill, which Ohio Sen. Benjamin Wade called a "great question of land to the landless." In 1860 Congress finally passed a Homestead Act, but Democratic Pres. James Buchanan vetoed it. Southerners opposed the act on the grounds that it would result in antislavery people settling the territories. Employers argued that it would deplete the labor market, thereby increasing wages. The Republican Party platform for the 1860 election promised a new homestead bill, and Lincoln's victory, along with the secession of the Southern states, ensured its passage. The act, which took effect January 1, 1863, granted 160 acres (65 hectares) of unappropriated public lands to anyone who paid a small filing fee and agreed to work on the land and improve it, including by building a residence, over a five-year period. The Homestead Act proved one of the most important pieces of legislation in the history of the American West, as hundreds of thousands of people moved to the Great Plains in an effort to take advantage of the free land. The only personal requirement was that the homesteader be either the head of a family or 21 years of age; thus, U.S. citizens, freed slaves, new immigrants intending to become naturalized, single women, and people of all races were eligible. The potential for free land attracted hundreds of thousands of settlers to move to Kansas, Nebraska, the Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma), Dakota Territory, and elsewhere in the West and enticed a migratory wave of thousands of African Americans from the South. Rumors of better race relations in the West served as an added attraction; more than 25,000 southern Blacks moved to Kansas during the 1870s and 1880s as a part of the Exoduster Movement. While Black access to land never equaled that of whites, the Homestead Act of 1862 gave thousands of ex-slaves the opportunity to own their own land, something that was unattainable in the South. In total 97,197 homesteads were proved up in South Dakota. The total acreage of home-

steaded land was 15,660,000 which is 32% of the land in the state. Some strings (beyond the inevitable, even then, bureaucratic paperwork) were attached to getting the land in the first place. Among them: Claimants had to be at least 21 years old. They had to be head of a household. They had to fork over about \$18 in filing fees. They had to be a U.S. citizen, or be eligible to become a U.S. citizen. They had to swear that they never had fought against the United States. And they had to promise to improve the land that was being given to them. Anyone who met those criteria would be granted full title to the plot after five years (and some more paperwork and a few more dollars in fees) proved that they had lived on the land for five years, built a home and improved the land. **140 years ago Black Hills Weekly Times May 30, 1885** Long and prolix relinquishment, covering more than one-third of the back of the receiver's receipt are wholly unnecessary before either of the land offices. If made elsewhere, it should be before an officer with a seal, not a justice of the peace. It should be on the back of the receiver's receipt, and need not occupy over five lines, so as to leave room for land office notations. When but a part of a tract is relinquished, it must be on a separate piece of paper, giving number, description, date, etc, of filing or entry. When the receiver's receipt is lost, affidavit must be made of that fact on same paper with relinquishment. Settlement should precede a preemption filing. The notion that parties have thirty days after filing to go on the land is erroneous. The first actual settler, who files within three months after settlement, is entitled to the land, while the first man who files may have been the last to make settlement, and hence have least claim to the land



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Garlic Toast

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14
Turkey Noodle Soup
Garden Salad
Biscuit with Butter

15
Chicken Sandwich
Garden Pasta Salad
Cowboy Beans

16
Breaded Fish
Sandwich
Bacon & Pea Salad
Sweet Potato Fries

19
Tortellini Soup
Garden Salad
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20
Turkey Pot Pie
Roasted Veggies
Dinner Roll

21
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes &
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Corn

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Sandwich
Fries
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Tuna Noodle Casserole
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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Case Number: A-25-921604-C

Aces Harris
Brenda Carr
Brooke Rocha
Candice Carr

Dept. Number: 18

Plaintiff,
Vs.
Drew and Marla Harris
Defendant.

COMES NOW, Plaintiff Aces Harris and hereby submits an Amended Complaint.

Amendment

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Aces Harris, in proper person, complaint against Defendant, Drew and Marla Harris as follows:

-Plaintiff decided rather than being isolated with abusive relatives he would isolate himself, by going live outside and rebuild himself, while waiting to take a student loan out by himself

-2009- 2020 California/Nevada continuing studies on his own Plaintiff found lovers, took up odd jobs, built his resume and network of people

-Contact was cut and Defendant told to stay away

-2019 Defendant starts stalking Plaintiff after being told to stay away.

-2019 California Plaintiff started being harassed, drugged, slandered and abused by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department with Defendant being connected with them

-2020- 2025 Nevada Plaintiff put under the care of Defendant where he was slandered, drugged, and abused by Defendant.

-2025 May- Defendants left Plaintiff to live in a backyard alone for two months with no shower, air conditioning, or a place to protect himself from rodents, insects, and bacteria. When Defendants returned they illegally evicted him, stole all his property, and started tampering with his mail.

III. CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

A. Slander 28 U.S.C. § 4101

-Within the Statute of limitations Defendant has told Plaintiff "he was mentally ill and going to prison repeatedly

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
COUNTY OF BUTTE) : SS
IN CIRCUIT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN SIOUX FALLS,
Plaintiff,
vs.
RAYMOND D. HUSEBY d/b/a OUTLAW EXPRESS.
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 October, 2025.

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I. PARTIES

Plaintiff Aces Harris owns and operates a film production company, has received his education from middle school through college in, and worked all over Clark County, Nevada. Defendants are the parents of Plaintiff.

II. FACTS

-California 1988- 2025 Defendant kept Plaintiff in an environment with large aggressive animals from the carnivora order

-Fed Plaintiff a pack of cigarettes introducing him to the drug nicotine, took pictures, and publicly humiliated him while laughing joyously

-1993 Defendant had Plaintiff held back in school for isolation and to stunt his educational growth

-1988- 2000 Plaintiff showed too much interest in the opposite sex, Defendant had Plaintiff (unable to protect himself at a young age), 'diagnosed' with a mental condition, had him heavily drugged with amphetamines, separated him from his family, friends, and girlfriends for further isolation and abuse. He was put into homeschooling to keep him away from his friends and females he knew.

-1998 Plaintiff while being isolated, drugged, and slandered by Defendant found female without being in school and built a relationship

-Nevada 2000- 2005 Plaintiff still being slandered and drugged by Defendant rebuilt some friends and picked up some lovers

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SUPREME COURT
STATE OF NEVADA

Aces Harris
Brenda Carr
Candice Carr

Supreme Court No: 91300
District Court Case No. A-25-921604-C

Plaintiff, Plaintiff's Opening Brief

Vs.
Drew and Marla Harris
Defendant.

COMES NOW, Plaintiff Aces Harris hereby submits an Opening Brief for Plaintiff's of the case.

In violation of Article 1 Section 8 of the Nevada Constitution Defendant's set up a secret meeting with the District Court to arrange a dismissal. Under these circumstances the dismissal of Plaintiff's claim should be dismissed as a under handed way for Defendant to win a case

DATED this 23th day of December, 2025

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Pro Se Plaintiff

-Defendant started slandering the character of any blood relative that they would share an inheritance in

-2005 Defendant having slandered their relatives in line for an inheritance receiving a large inheritance having pushed out their other parties

-Defendant moved Plaintiff further away from his original friends, lovers and ones just made for further isolation and abuse

-2006 Drew came home drunk to get physical with everyone at home and a fight happened.

-2007 Having graduated High School as an advanced math student (Plaintiff was held back so he just caught up with being held back) and an athlete all through High School.

-2007- 2016 Having built neurological connections in his brain at a young age rewarding him with serotonin and dopamine for being fed a pack of cigarettes Plaintiff developed a cancer causing habit with the drug nicotine, with chewing tobacco and smoking cigarettes.

-Having built the relationship at an older age and being more recent, Plaintiff moved back to Nevada to continue and excel in his education while rebuilding relationships

B. Damage to Aces body being held back economically having been exposed to large amounts of sunlight. Having drugs enforced on him damaging his body.

C. Emotional Distress- Defendants have been harassed by their family seen as beneath Defendants to prop up Defendants status in society

IV. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

-For the general damages to reputation, emotional distress, and future earnings for \$2,000,000

V. Amendment and Conclusion

Plaintiff's Brenda Carr, Brooke Rocha, and Candice Carr need to be added to the complaint. There have been some small changes to the complaint as well The purpose of this complaint is to return the character of the parties to working order at the value of two- million to recover from the damages done to Plaintiff's character.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the state of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

Terms and Definitions

frivolous- not having any serious purpose or value

DATED this 24th day of July, 2025

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8 Plaintiff,
9 vs.
10 DREW HARRIS
11 Defendant

Case No: A-25-921604-C
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ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS

THIS MATTER having come before this Court for a hearing on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss on the 2nd day of September, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., the Plaintiff did not appear and the Defendants appearing pro per.

WHEREAS, having fully considered the pleadings, and following colloquy on the merits of the Motion, for good cause appearing, and with no opposition filed.

THIS COURT FINDS that Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Plaintiff's Complaint is HEREBY GRANTED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2025
Mary Kay Holtius
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA. Docketing Statement Civil Appeals. General Information section.

6. Pending and prior proceedings in other courts. 7. Nature of the action. 8. Issues on appeal. 9. Pending proceedings in this court raising the same or similar issues.

10. Constitutional issues: Does this appeal challenge the constitutionality of a Nevada statute or ordinance?

19. Are there any motions other than those identified in #18 above still pending in the district court?

22. Specify the statute or other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review the judgment or order appealed from.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE. I certify that on the date of month, 2025 year, I served a copy of this completed docketing statement upon all parties to this appeal.

11. Other issues. a. Does this appeal involve any of the following issues?

12. Assignment to the Court of Appeals or retention in the Supreme Court. 13. Trial. 14. Judicial Disqualification. 15. Oral argument.

16. Date the written judgment(s) or order(s) appealed from was/were filed in the district court. 17. Date written notice of entry of the judgment(s) or order(s) was/were served.

23. List all parties involved in the action or consolidated actions in the district court. 24. Give a brief description (3 to 5 words) of each party's separate claims, counterclaims, cross-claims, or third-party claims and the date of formal disposition of each claim.

3. Nature of disposition below (check all that apply). 4. Does this appeal raise issues concerning any of the following? 5. Pending and prior proceedings in this court.

25. Did the judgment or order appealed from adjudicate ALL of the claims alleged below and the rights and liabilities of ALL of the parties to the action or consolidated actions below? 26. If you answered "No" to question 25, complete the following.

27. If you answered "No" to any part of question 26, explain the basis for seeking appellate review. 28. Attach file-stamped copies of the following documents.



EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CASE SUMMARY
CASE NO. A-25-921604-C

Aces Harris, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
Drew Harris, Defendant(s)

Location: Department 18
Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay
Filed on: 06/29/2025
Cross-Reference Case Number: A21404
Supreme Court No.: 91300

CASE INFORMATION

Statistical Closure: 09/09/2025
Motion to Dismiss by the Defendant(s)
Case Type: Other Tort
Case Number: A-25-921604-C
Department: II
Date Assigned: 06/30/2025
Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay
Case Status: 09/09/2025 Dismissed

CASE ASSIGNMENT

Current Case Assignment
Case Number: A-25-921604-C
Court: Department II
Date Assigned: 06/30/2025
Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay

PARTY INFORMATION

Plaintiff	Harris, Aces	Pro Se
		725-265-5530(3)
Defendant	Harris, Drew	Pro Se
	Harris, Marla	Pro Se

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[13] Certificate of Interested Parties

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[14] Summons Issued

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Plaintiff was a vexatious litigant. Court inquired if Plaintiff was present, which Ms. Harris argued Plaintiff was not present for the third time, which he filed the Motion. Motions and doesn't appear. Court noted it was his Motion. Ms. Harris requested the Court dismiss with prejudice. Court advised it could deny Motion to Reconsider or do an order to show cause in 30 days as to why Plaintiff didn't appear. Colloquy regarding the amount of cases Plaintiff had. Court noted it would speak with the Chief Judge to see what it could do. COURT ORDERED. Motion to Reconsider was hereby DENIED. Court noted if Ms. Harris wanted the Court to look into something further, to give the Court 30 days. Ms. Harris concurred. COURT FURTHER ORDERED. status check SET in 30 days. 11/04/25 10:00 AM STATUS CHECK: VEXATIOUS LITIGANT.

SCHEDULED HEARINGS

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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CASE SUMMARY
CASE NO. A-25-921604-C

06/30/2025 Subpoena Duces Tecum
Filed By: Plaintiff Harris, Aces
[6] Subpoena Duces Tecum for Business Records

06/30/2025 Subpoena Duces Tecum
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07/01/2025 Subpoena Duces Tecum
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Filed By: Plaintiff Harris, Aces
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07/01/2025 Motion
Filed By: Plaintiff Harris, Aces
[11] Motion for a Court Ordered Subpoena for Sealed files and Jail Records in Steamboat Springs, CO between the times 2005 and 2008

07/01/2025 Amended Subpoena Duces Tecum
Filed By: Plaintiff Harris, Aces
[12] Amended Subpoena Duces Tecum

07/03/2025 Certificate
Filed By: Plaintiff Harris, Aces
[13] Certificate of Interested Parties

07/03/2025 Summons Issued
[14] Summons Issued

07/14/2025 Motion to Dismiss
Filed By: Defendant Harris, Drew; Defendant Harris, Marla
[15] Motion to Dismiss Lack of Merit

07/14/2025 Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis
Filed By: Defendant Harris, Marla
[16] Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis-Marla Harris

07/14/2025 Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis
Filed By: Defendant Harris, Drew
[17] Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis- Drew Harris

07/15/2025 Order to Show Cause
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07/30/2025 Amended Complaint
Filed By: Plaintiff Harris, Aces
[20] Amended Complaint

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07/30/2025 Not Found Affidavit
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07/31/2025 Summons Issued
[25] Summons as to Marla Harris

07/31/2025 Order to Proceed in Forma Pauperis
[26] Order to Proceed in Forma Pauperis

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08/01/2025 Motion
Filed By: Plaintiff Harris, Aces
[28] Motion to Reconsider

09/09/2025 Order Granting Motion
[29] Order Granting Defendants' Motion to Dismiss

09/11/2025 Notice of Appeal
Filed By: Plaintiff Harris, Aces
[30] Appeal

09/12/2025 Case Appeal Statement
[31] Case Appeal Statement

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Filed By: Plaintiff Harris, Aces
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[34] Not Found Affidavit

Affidavit of Service
Filed By: Plaintiff Harris, Aces
[35] Affidavit of Service

HEARINGS

Show Cause Hearing (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Wise, Jerry A.)
Show Cause Hearing - IFP - MARLA HARRIS
Granted;
Journal Entry Details:
Marla Harris and Drew Harris SWORN and TESTIFIED. COURT ORDERED. matter GRANTED as qualified under the statute.

Show Cause Hearing (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Wise, Jerry A.)
SHOW CAUSE HEARING - OTA - DREW HARRIS
Granted;
Journal Entry Details:
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Motion to Dismiss (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay)
Motion to Dismiss Lack of Merit
Granted;
Journal Entry Details:
Marla Harris and Drew Harris present via Zoom video conference. Court inquired as to what type of service Def. did. Ms. Harris noted she mailed via paperwork to his last known address. COURT ORDERED. Motion to Dismiss Lack of Merit was hereby GRANTED. Court would prepare the Order. Ms. Harris noted there were two more accounts on calendar, and inquired if those would be dismissed as well. Court explained they should be off as moot, however, suggested Ms. Harris log onto Zoom on September 9, 2025. COURT FURTHER ORDERED. status check SET as to Order. 9/9/25 10:00 AM STATUS CHECK: ORDER.

CANCELED Motion (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay)
Vacated - Moot
Motion for a Court Ordered Subpoena for Sealed files and Jail Records in Steamboat Springs, CO between the times 2005 and 2008

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STATUS CHECK: ORDER
Matter Heard;
Journal Entry Details:
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Motion (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Holthus, Mary Kay)
Motion to Reconsider

MINUTES

Denied;
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	50	Black-Brd Cow 4yo	1350	4400.00	\$4,400.00
	50	Black-Brd Cow 4yo	1342	4400.00	\$4,400.00
Schultz Lic, Ekalaka MT	30	Black-Brd Cow 3/4yo	1153	4400.00	\$4,400.00
	28	Black-Brd Cow 3/4yo	1100	4275.00	\$4,275.00
	14	Black-Brd Cow 5/6o	1270	4300.00	\$4,300.00
	43	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1383	4000.00	\$4,000.00
Bruce Crago, Belle Fourche SD	36	Black-Brd Hfr	1205	4500.00	\$4,500.00
Ellis Livestock, Pompeys Pillar MT	50	Black-Brd Cow 3/4 Yo	1091	4400.00	\$4,400.00
	50	Black-Brd Cow 3/4 Yo	1114	4375.00	\$4,375.00
	37	Black-Brd Cow 3/4 Yo	998	4100.00	\$4,100.00
Wes & Lisa Steppeler, Culbertson MT	11	Black-Brd Cow 3/4 Yo	1072	4050.00	\$4,050.00
	19	Black-Brd Cow 5/6 Yo	1337	4000.00	\$4,000.00
	15	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1341	3150.00	\$3,150.00
	14	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1381	3000.00	\$3,000.00
Patrick M King, Aladdin WY	14	Black-Brd Hfr	1159	4200.00	\$4,200.00
	15	Black-Brd Hfr	1118	3950.00	\$3,950.00
Cathy Ranch, Hammond MT	34	Black-Brd Hfr	950	4150.00	\$4,150.00
Todd Meccage, Baker MT	35	Black-Brd Hfr	1096	4200.00	\$4,200.00
	17	Black-Brd Hfr	1096	4200.00	\$4,200.00
	12	Black-Brd Hfr	1103	4000.00	\$4,000.00
Dave Price & Kenneth Talcott Inc, Hammond MT	32	Black-Brd Hfr	1032	3950.00	\$3,950.00
	15	Black-Brd Hfr	1042	3950.00	\$3,950.00
	10	Black-Brd Hfr	1058	3850.00	\$3,850.00
Daniel Bird, Olive MT	10	Black-Brd Hfr	1022	3850.00	\$3,850.00
	26	Black-Brd Hfr	993	3750.00	\$3,750.00
Lawson McGill, Powderville MT	41	Black-Brd Hfr	1003	3750.00	\$3,750.00
Steve Thoeny, Rosebud MT	20	Black-Brd Hfr	999	4050.00	\$4,050.00
	21	Black-Brd Hfr	971	3850.00	\$3,850.00
	19	Black-Brd Hfr	1031	3850.00	\$3,850.00
Wes & Lisa Steppeler, Culbertson MT	16	Black-Brd Hfr	972	3500.00	\$3,500.00
	11	Black-Brd Hfr	979	3400.00	\$3,400.00
Paul Or Judy Hinkhouse, Nisland SD	28	Black-Brd Hfr	968	3800.00	\$3,800.00
	10	Black-Brd Hfr	968	3700.00	\$3,700.00
	45	Black-Brd Hfr	968	3550.00	\$3,550.00
	10	Bwf-Brd Hfr	966	3550.00	\$3,550.00
Houston Creek Cattle Co, Sundance WY	15	Black-Brd Hfr	1011	3800.00	\$3,800.00
	11	Bwf-Brd Hfr	1032	3900.00	\$3,900.00
Cathy Ranch, Hammond MT	19	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1457	3300.00	\$3,300.00
	16	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1440	3100.00	\$3,100.00
Moke Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	35	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1349	2650.00	\$2,650.00
	6	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1384	3000.00	\$3,000.00
Jon & Becky Carr, Newcastle WY	16	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3yo	1160	4050.00	\$4,050.00
Travis Loehding, Ekalaka MT	25	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1355	3100.00	\$3,100.00
	18	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1261	2850.00	\$2,850.00
Victor Jones, Sundance WY	20	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3/4yo	1117	4000.00	\$4,000.00
	41	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow 5/6yo	1285	3450.00	\$3,450.00
	20	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow 5/6yo	1218	3300.00	\$3,300.00
	23	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1288	3150.00	\$3,150.00
	23	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1321	3075.00	\$3,075.00
	23	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1292	3075.00	\$3,075.00

Wayne & Christina Pollat, Gillette WY	41	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1286	2900.00	\$2,900.00
	11	Black-Brd Cow 5/6 Yo	1376	4000.00	\$4,000.00
	6	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1408	3500.00	\$3,500.00
Tom Riggs, Broadus MT	11	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1496	2800.00	\$2,800.00
	5	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1568	2800.00	\$2,800.00
Ballou Angus Ranch, Hulett WY	13	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1427	3500.00	\$3,500.00
	20	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1427	3200.00	\$3,200.00
Border Grain, Opheim MT	17	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1339	3025.00	\$3,025.00
	15	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1304	2650.00	\$2,650.00
Jeff Medearis, Plevna MT	15	Black-Brd Cow Sm/Bm	1424	2900.00	\$2,900.00
Box L Cattle Co, Hammond MT	21	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1345	2550.00	\$2,550.00
Emmons Cattle, Olive MT	15	Black-Brd Cow 3/4 Yo	1234	3500.00	\$3,500.00
	11	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1552	2750.00	\$2,750.00
Brownfield Ranch Inc, Hammond MT	10	Herf-Brd Cow Sm/Bm	1415	3000.00	\$3,000.00
	7	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1419	2850.00	\$2,850.00
WEIGH-UPS					
Burdick Ranch, Baker MT	8	Black-Cow	1228	200.50	\$2,462.39
	7	Black-Cow	1367	173.00	\$2,365.15
	26	Bk/Bwf-Cow	1491	173.00	\$2,579.03
Box L Cattle Co, Hammond MT	34	Bk/Bwf-Cow	1426	173.50	\$2,473.65
	22	Black-Cow	1261	171.00	\$2,156.54
Moke Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	2	Black-Cow	1340	172.00	\$2,304.80
	1	Black-Cow	1130	232.50	\$2,627.25
Leroy Schallenberg, Ekalaka MT	32	Bk/Bwf-Cow	1261	167.00	\$2,105.24
	10	Black-Cow	1061	237.50	\$2,518.68
	7	Black-Cow	881	290.00	\$2,556.14
Paul Or Judy Hinkhouse, Nisland SD	3	Black-Hfrt	912	310.00	\$2,826.16
	13	Black-Hfrt	905	304.00	\$2,750.03
Wokwire Livestock, Aladdin WY	5	Red-Hfrt	976	298.00	\$2,908.48
	7	Red-Hfrt	1030	275.00	\$2,832.50
	2	Red-Cow	1300	182.00	\$2,366.00
Orwick Ranch, Newell SD	1	Herf-Cow	1225	172.00	\$2,107.00
	1	Bwf-Cow	1385	168.00	\$2,326.80
Keith Rosencranz, Broadus MT	1	Black-Hfrt	1135	250.00	\$2,837.50
	1	Black-Hfrt	1030	270.00	\$2,781.00
	1	Black-Hfrt	950	272.50	\$2,588.75
Austin T Risty, Reva SD	1	Black-Cow	1510	170.00	\$2,567.00
	1	Black-Cow	1130	210.00	\$2,373.00
Emmons Cattle, Olive MT	1	Black-Cow	1355	191.00	\$2,588.05
Schultz Lic, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1540	170.00	\$2,618.00
	2	Black-Cow	1260	172.00	\$2,167.20
Keyhole Ranch Inc, Moorcroft WY	10	Herf-Hfrt	918	267.50	\$2,456.65
	5	Herf-Cow	1412	160.00	\$2,259.20
Brian W Or Harriet A Birkley, Osage WY	11	Black-Hfrt	1203	221.00	\$2,658.02
	3	Black-Hfrt	1615	170.00	\$2,745.50
	5	Black-Cow	1365	170.50	\$2,327.32
Ketelsen & Beug, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1470	170.00	\$2,499.00
	10	Black-Cow	1167	232.50	\$2,713.27
Cole/Gina Ketelsen, Sturgis SD	7	Black-Cow	1471	171.50	\$2,523.50
	7	Black-Cow	1261	173.50	\$2,188.57
Antlers Angus Ranch, Moorcroft WY	13	Black-Cow	1330	169.00	\$2,248.35
	7	Black-Cow	1569	171.00	\$2,683.47
	4	Black-Hfrt	1055	255.00	\$2,690.25

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Tribal nations in SD are betting on tourism on reservations

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Some members of the state's tribal nations are beginning to slowly embrace visitors, as the South Dakota Native Tourism Alliance (SDNTA) works with tribal leaders and organizations to reframe tourism on the nine reservations as an engine for economic development.

Tourism and visitors haven't always been positive concepts in these communities, Sarah Kills In Water of SDNTA told News Watch. There has long existed on reservations a hesitation to allow outsiders into certain traditional spaces and a general fear of exploitation. That's especially true in South Dakota, where some Native lands are among the poorest regions in the country.

"When we first entered these spaces, they didn't want to know about tourism. They already had this idea that we were selling our culture. And so we had to do a lot of work in educating," Kills In Water said. "But once we did that, their little light bulb started to click on and you could see them starting to dream and starting to think, 'What can I do?'"

"We want to want them to see us for who we are, not for what they've been told we are by somebody else. We want to share, authentically, our story with every person who comes, who has an interest to learn." - Sarah Kills In Water, South Dakota Native Tourism Alliance

SDNTA was recently awarded the \$175,000 J.M. Kaplan Innovation Prize, one of 10 organizations of more than 3,500 applicants to receive ongoing funding, training and resources to grow their efforts.

Rhea Waldman, executive director of SDNTA, and Kills In Water envision a world in which reservations are crucial destinations for South Dakota visitors, as much as Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Badlands National Park and Crazy Horse Memorial.

"Tourism is, just in South Dakota, a big thing. And so what we're trying to do is highlight the gems that stand on every single reservation, and they're very different. Every reservation has their own own cultural pieces, their own stories, they have their own museums," Waldman said.

Nationwide, tourism on reservations has quietly grown. The Navajo (Diné) nation's tribal lands are home to iconic natural landmarks like Monument Valley and Antelope Canyon - though hiccups like the COVID-19 pandemic and a drop in international visitors have inhibited some tour operators.

Kills In Water said that many of the possibilities tribal members find the most exciting are outdoor activities that they think travelers will enjoy, which also allows for connection to the land that Indigenous people have called home for thousands of years.

"There's a lot of ideas surrounding outdoor recreation on the Rosebud reservation. Our people want to take people out on hiking trips and look at our medicines and teach them about the flora and the fauna of our reservation," Kills In Water said.

Reconnecting Native Americans to their own culture

In addition to economic development, reconnecting with cultural traditions can be beneficial for tribal members as well, promoting greater community connection and leadership development.

"I see this as the main opportunity to reconnect our people to our culture. Through learning about our culture and reconnecting, they're going to find ways that they can educate visitors about who we are today. Not in a way that's exploiting our culture, not selling our ceremonies. But

educating our visitors about who we are today, about all of the things that we've been through and that we're still here. Yes, we still have struggles, we're still challenged. But we're still here to tell our story," Kills In Water said.

Several significant historical sites exist on those tribal lands, including the Wounded Knee Memorial on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, land which President Donald Trump recently signed legislation protecting.

Visitors interested in the history of the country would find trips to reservations in South Dakota especially insightful, Waldman said.

Tourism on tribal lands, though, will always look different than other trips across the country. The more rural nature of most reservations will change things as well as the inherent cultural conversations that occur when visiting historic sites or witnessing tribal traditions.

Sherry L. Rupert, CEO of the American Indigenous Tourism Association, said that the experiences tourists are not expecting, especially when it comes to Native culture, are often the most rewarding.

"Oftentimes people don't know it, but that's really what they're looking for - being outside and learning about people that have been here for thousands of years. It changes their perspective of the world. They go back and share that with their families, and it changes who they are as people," Rupert said.

Barriers to successful tribal tourism

Though the opportunities that a tourist economy holds are enticing to many, there are still barriers to many tribal nations' entry into the industry.

In South Dakota, where reservations and trust land comprise more than 12% of the land, population centers are few and far between, which can make travel difficult.

Support services may also not be sufficient to accommodate groups of tourists.

"It's really hard if you have a community that doesn't have the infrastructure to bring tourists there," Waldman said. "If the restaurant that we were planning on going to is closed and there aren't really a lot of other options, and then you're an hour and a half away from anything else, that is not necessarily helpful."

And then there's the challenge of basic economics.

"If you have a community that really wants to build tourism and you have artisans and artists and other people in the tourism industry that are trying to build their business," Waldman said, you also need an influx of tourists and their dollars in order to support those business owners.

"So that is really the big chicken-and-the-egg situation that we're in, where that is a real challenge. How do we make sure that we build demand and supply at the same time?"

The balance between allowing tourists into Native communities to learn more about the culture, while also protecting sacred spaces is also a challenge, Waldman said. Tribal members' level of comfort with tourist engagement varies greatly, so any ongoing work requires tailored plans for each tribe.

Bus tour company Trafalgar launched a "National Parks and Native Trails of the Dakotas" trip in 2022, which made stops on reservations in North Dakota and South Dakota, including the Pine Ridge, Rosebud and Standing Rock reservations.

Though Waldman said large tours can often be difficult to navigate when it comes to lodging, meals and other logistics, continued partnerships with tour companies like that allow for further visibility among potential visitors.

"We're trying to navigate this place and say, 'What are you looking for?' Because we don't want to

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create something that no one takes. And there are some that say, 'You create what you want to create. We will find the right people.' Those are exactly the partners and the partnerships that we need," Waldman said.

State support crucial for ongoing tourism efforts

In 2016, South Dakota Republican U.S. Sen. John Thune co-sponsored the bipartisan NATIVE Act - or the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act.

That legislation was unanimously approved by the Senate and ensures that tribal nations are represented among federal agencies working within the tourism industry, that continued infrastructure development is supported and that data is collected and analyzed surrounding tribal tourism.

"South Dakota is rich in the culture and traditions of the Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota nations," Thune said in a statement after the legislation passed. "We should do all we can to help celebrate and recognize the numerous and oftentimes invaluable contributions our tribal communities provide to our state."

Rupert told News Watch that ongoing collaboration with state and federal tourism agencies is crucial to ensuring ongoing exposure for tribal experiences.

Travel South Dakota, which promotes the state as a vacation destination, did not respond to requests for comment for this story. The agency hosts a list of ways to experience Native culture in South Dakota on its website, including several attractions on tribal lands.

"Support from the state destination marketing organization or the state tourism office is necessary. They're tasked with marketing all the destinations and experiences in your state, and that should include the Indigenous offerings as well," Rupert said.

Waldman said that working with the state's tourism office has allowed SDNTA to understand what visitors are looking to get out of experiences, how to market them and how to use data to their advantage.

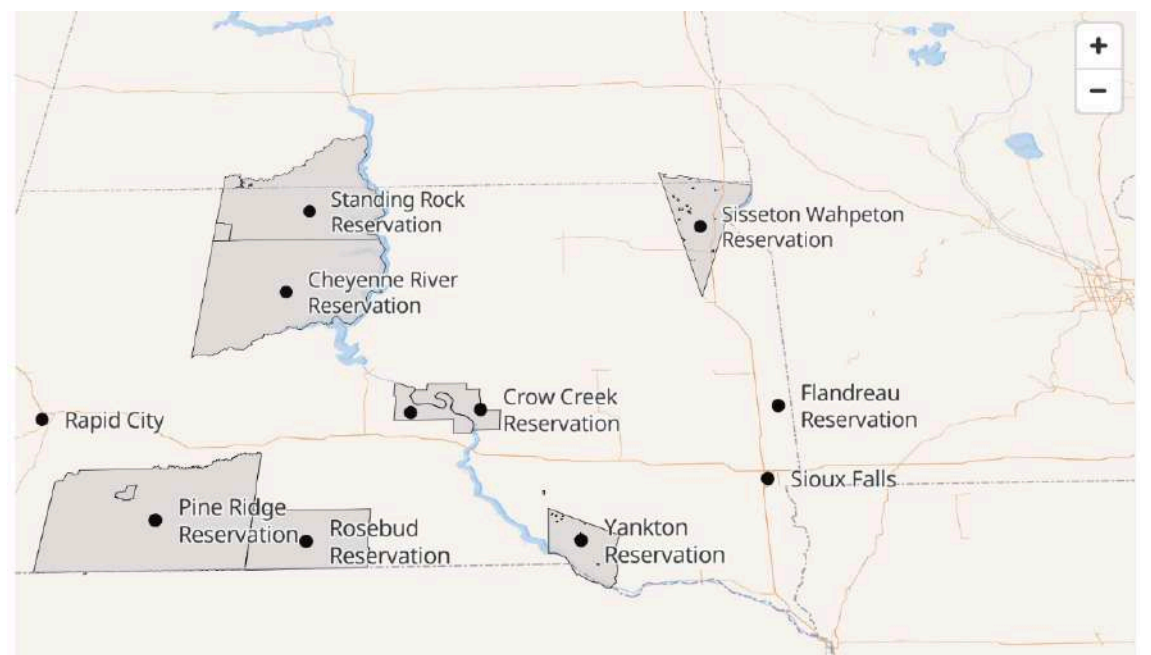
"There's definitely places where working together is really important because they have a huge budget for marketing, for example. They have a lot of contacts. So they're helping us to get the word

out and also make sure that we are at the table to make some of the bigger decisions," Waldman said.

South Dakota is well known for several attractions with connections to Native culture - especially in the Black Hills, the traditional sacred lands of the Lakota and other Native people. But Waldman and Kills In Water hope that visitors see the value in visiting tribes where they currently exist.

"What we hope to create are these powerful connections between our guests and who we are," Kills In Water said. "We want them to see us for who we are, not for what they think we are, not for what they've been told we are by somebody else. We want to share, authentically, our story with every person who comes, who has an interest to learn."

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Native leaders teach a group about indigenous flora and fauna in the Black Hills. (Photo: Provided by the South Dakota Native Tourism Alliance)



A girl kneels in front of a rock formation at Wind Cave National Park, which is a sacred site to the Lakota people. (Photo: Provided by the S.D. Native Tourism Alliance)

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Friday: 7:30 p.m.

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892-4767
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Paul Howard, Pastor
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Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

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By John Newby "Building Main Street, not Wall Street" How The Transformative Power of Music Can Rebuild Communities

There's a moment in every person's life when a song becomes more than just melody and lyrics. It becomes a memory, an emotion, a connection to something larger than ourselves.



as a music mecca. The city strategically embraced music as an economic development tool, understanding that festivals attract tourists who spend money on hotels, restaurants, and local businesses. These visitors don't just attend events—they often return throughout the year, establishing the city as a popular destination.

While Austin's success story is impressive, smaller communities prove that music-driven revitalization doesn't require superstar status or massive budgets. Rochester, MN centers its downtown around music and arts, drawing crowds on weekends. Moline, IL transformed its riverfront with Bass Street Landing and an outdoor band shell, creating new vibrancy where there was once emptiness.

The District in Rock Island, IL weaves arts and music year round, while Ogden, Utah—once plagued by a blighted downtown—has become a destination for music lovers of all ages. These communities share a common thread: strategic vision paired with community-wide planning. They didn't inherit rich musical histories; they created them. They understood that music isn't just entertainment—it's infrastructure.

Research from the University of Pennsylvania's Social Impact of the Arts Project reveals striking patterns. During the 1980s and 1990s, low-income neighborhoods with many cultural providers or participants were three to four times more likely to revitalize—gaining population and reducing poverty—than other at-risk areas.

Between 2001 and 2003,

distressed neighborhoods rich in cultural assets saw dramatic improvements in their housing markets. The economic impact extends far beyond ticket sales. A \$100 concert ticket purchase from an out-of-town visitor can generate up to \$350 in additional spending on accommodations, dining, and retail. The New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, attracting 475,000 annual attendees, creates over \$350 million in regional economic impact. Even smaller festivals like the Telluride Bluegrass Festival, with just 12,000 attendees, generate nearly \$10 million in total local impact.

Success requires more than booking bands. Communities must invest in infrastructure improvements—venues, transportation access, public spaces, performance halls, and pedestrian zones. These developments enhance overall quality of life and attract future events. New businesses follow; restaurants, cafes, galleries, and shops open in areas experiencing increased foot traffic.

The transformation happens through intentional partnerships between government, businesses, and the creative sector. Newark, New Jersey exemplifies this approach. The New Jersey Performing Arts Center, which opened in 1997, catalyzed unprecedented revitalization in a city many had written off.

Yet many communities still overlook music in their economic development plans. A community without music faces the same challenges as one without retail or restaurants—it loses residents to neighboring towns that understand music's binding power. Music alone won't transform a downtown, but music combined with unique retail and dining opportunities creates a formula for success.

The planning stages needn't be long and laborious. What matters is long-term vision and strategic precision. Communities must piece together a shared vision, then commit to making it reality.

French author Andre Gide understood this when he wrote, "Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore." For communities across America, music is that courageous leap—the catalyst that transforms struggling downtowns into thriving cultural destinations. The universal language of music is transformative, it possesses a unique power to connect strangers, spark innovation, and capture possibility. On an individual level, we all recall songs that marked pivotal life moments. But what happens when we scale that emotional impact to an entire community? Can music truly revitalize a downtown, create jobs, and breathe new life into neglected spaces? The answer, backed by compelling evidence, is a resounding yes. The numbers don't lie, consider Austin, Texas—the self-proclaimed Live Music Capital of the World. The city's Austin City Limits festival alone generated \$534.8 million in economic impact in 2024, supporting the equivalent of 3,607 full-time jobs. Since 2006, ACL has contributed over \$4.1 billion to the Austin economy. Across all of Texas, the music industry employs hundreds of thousands of people and generates more than \$31.7 billion in annual revenue. But Austin didn't just wake up one morning

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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.

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA) IN CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF BUTTE) ss. FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
File No. 09PRO24-000019

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred.

Claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or may be filed with the clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the Personal Representative.

Dated this 19th day of September, 2025.

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For local leaders considering their community's future, the evidence is clear: music isn't a luxury—it's an economic driver. Communities that fail to embrace music as part of their transformation strategy will watch their residents seek this emotional and economic stimulation elsewhere. The courage to lose sight of the shore means taking that first step—booking a concert series, renovating a performance space, or simply committing to make music central to community life. The ocean of possibility awaits those brave enough to set sail. John A. Newby is the author of the "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street" column dedicated to helping local communities, gov-

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

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Capitol News
Dec. 28, 2025
 By Karen Odell
 Karen Odell remembers a trip to Italy. Her daughter, Micki, was there, and Karen flew to Rome to meet her there. The two of them had a great time traveling by train to visit interesting places, but one memorable event happened when Karen was waiting at the airport for her flight back home. She was alone at the gate, and sat waiting to board. Two young boys of about eleven years of age, came and sat in chairs at the corner next to her where she could have easily been a part their conversation. They spoke English, and sound-

ed very American. Finally she heard one boy say that people from the United States were very arrogant to call themselves Americans. The other boy argued against that idea. The first boy stated that people from the United States were not the only ones in North or South America. They had no right to claim they were the only Americans. Karen's years of teaching experience, finally forced her to interject a comment into their conversation. She said, "It's 'The United States of America'. It isn't 'Mexico of America' or 'Brazil of America'. It's 'The United States of America.'" The boy said, "Oh." The other boy said, "Yea." Then Karen said no more, and they went on with

their own conversation. When she thinks of that incident, she wonders where those boys are now, and if they remember that brief encounter in an airport in Rome. Karen also remembers listening to programs on the radio, like Amos and Andy, The Lone Ranger, and the George Burns Show. She remembers going to the neighbors to watch Lawrence Welk on TV, before her parents had a TV of their own. She remembers the beginning of the space program and the 'splash-down' when astronauts splashed into the ocean after they had returned into the pull of Earth's gravity. She learned about one of the most amazing studies the space scientists

had done, that few people may know about. The space scientists at Green Belt, Maryland were trying to determine the position of the sun, moon and planets 100 years, and 1000 years in the future. In order to do that, they had to plot the orbits backwards through past centuries. They ran their computer over the years back and forth again, but the computer suddenly stopped with a signal that something was wrong with the times. They brought in the computer specialists, but no matter how they checked it, there was always a day missing in the time shown. The group studied, discussed, and thought out the problem for hours, until one of them remembered reference in the



Bible when the sun stood still, in Joshua 10:13, when Joshua had asked God to make the sun stand still for nearly a day. When checking the computer, they discovered the time that the sun had stood still had been 23 hours and 20 minutes. That still left 40 minutes of the missing day unaccounted for. The computer continued to find no reason for the lost 40 minutes, until a scientist remembered that in the Bible the sun had gone backwards. They found this in II Kings 20, when Hezekiah asked that the sun be moved back ten degrees. That ten degrees was exactly forty minutes.
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Email questions to cobbleryouthwrestling@gmail.com



Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden December 28, 2025

Our weather this past week seems somewhat like a roller coaster with fairly warm days, filled in with a bitter cold, windy day, then temperatures go back up again. While Christmas was celebrated in very mild weather, by the time Sunday rolled around the winds stayed strong to bring in a brutal day to spend outside. The cold wind on Sunday didn't stop a church full of people from helping Bob Barry celebrate his 70th birthday, Family, friends and neighbors showed up to wish him well and enjoy good fellowship, cake and drinks. Family came from Sturgis, Pierre, Black Hawk, Rapid City and all over Meade County. Bob has been a faithful and loyal friend to many for a long time. He was the one who stepped in to do chores every day for Larry Rhoden when he first got in the legislature and continued doing that so that his west river rancher friend was able to serve the state of South Dakota. He has served as a church deacon for many years and is a dedicated family man. Happy 70th birthday to Bob and may he and Yvonne enjoy the next six weeks in the warmth of Arizona having great fun. The next church service in Union Center will be the first service of the month, which means there will be pot luck dinner after services. It also means there will be a Bible study

at 4:00 pm where they will be looking at certain social issues and a Biblical response to them. Our thoughts and prayers are with Chris Anders and family in the passing of her dad, Carlos A Fenhaus. His funeral service was held at 10:30 am at the Kirk Funeral Home in Rapid City. Carlos and his wife, Charlotte, had eight children and he was survived by six of those children. Carlos is remembered for his kindness, his steady presence, and the love he poured into his family. One can see he was a kind man by viewing his photo if you didn't know him. Our sympathies go out to Chris and family during this time of loss of their father and grandfather. Next week's news will take place in 2026. This week has been a time to reflect on our lives in the rear view mirror and to look ahead and picture what a good vision might be for the new year. Many changes will be taking place for many of us. Loved ones will pass and there will be new arrivals. Moving to different locations, new jobs, weddings, hospital stays, "aha" moments, and so much more is waiting for us. It is a good time to look around at the good people around us, the gift of a strong faith, and so many blessings that we could not have made happen on our own. May you embark on a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

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2 and 3 p.m. according to Castle Rock Fire Chief Chad Erk.

Erk said that seven Castle Rock FD rigs were joined by four Butte FD rigs, a tender from Newell, and the Belle Fourche FD to fight the fire that consumed about 189 acres. There were more than 30 firefighters on hand.

The cause of the fire remains unclear, according to Erk. It started in a pasture that held no livestock.

"It takes great volunteer fire department to leave family and friends on a holiday to help a neighbor in need," Erk said.

Everyone in Butte County is thankful for neighbors who care, he added. "We are lucky to live here."

December Newell City Commission Meeting

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NEWELL—The Town of Newell Commission convened in Regular Session at 5 p.m. at the Town Office Building. Mayor Tennis initiated the meeting at 5:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken; Commissioner Mackaben, Commissioner Clausen, Commissioner Kopetsky, and Mayor Tennis were present. Commissioner Taton was absent.

Commissioner Mackaben made a motion to adopt the agenda; Commissioner Kopetsky made a motion to approve November 10 regular meeting minutes with changes; and Commissioner Mackaben made a motion to approve the November 17 special meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Bills and payroll were approved. Commissioner Kopetsky made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2 2025 – 2026 Appropriation Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Clausen. Roll call:

Commissioner Mackaben; Aye, Commissioner Clausen; Aye, Commissioner Kopetsky; Aye, Commissioner Taton; absent. Motion carried.

Kristin Thompson and Zach Grapentine were at the meeting to give information on the services they provide. Several areas of concern were discussed, including drainage, sidewalks and the Splash Pad.

Several building permits were discussed. Commissioner Kopetsky made a motion to table the building permit for lots 1-2 Block 104 to later in the meeting. The motion carried. Commissioner Mackaben made a motion to approve the building permit for 119 Girard Avenue. Motion carried. Commissioner Clausen made a motion to approve the replat of Block 26 Lot 10-11. Motion carried. Commissioner Mackaben made a motion to approve the building permit for lots 1-2 Block 104 if the living space is at least 700 square feet. Motion also carried.

Commissioner Kopetsky made a motion to pay half the cost of a street sign for East 4th Street once the address of the business in question has been verified or corrected. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mackaben made a motion to allow Mayor Tennis to sign the title to the

2002 Ford ambulance so it can be sold as surplus. Motion carried.

There was some discussion on the cost to replace the combined shut offs for many of the residents in Newell. The discussion centered around who should be responsible for the cost to split the lines. The suggestion was to split the expense. Upon failing for lack of motion, Commissioner Mackaben made a motion to leave as existing. This motion carried.

There was some question who would pay for the upkeep of the city pond amenities. Commissioner Clausen made a motion to postpone a decision until the next meeting. Motion carried.

There was a discussion about having the checking account converted to an ICS account. Commissioner Mackaben made a motion to postpone a decision until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Clausen made a motion to approve the Christmas party to be held on December 20, 2025. A quorum Agenda will be posted.

There was a discussion about the zoning ordinance and whether there is any flexibility. Dave Krcelic gave a progress update on the Library door and entrance. Quiet times and noise ordinances were discussed.

Committee and Department Head Reports were given. Economic Development Commissioner Kopetsky discussed the restructuring and renaming to Newell Area Economic Development. Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Tennis mentioned that she would like to schedule a Christmas tree lighting ceremony; she is hoping to have more working lights soon. She also spoke about the Newell Area Economic Development meeting on January 7, 2026.

Commissioner Kopetsky made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel 1-25 2(1) at 6:37 pm. Mayor Tennis declared to return to regular session at 7:06 pm with no action taken.

The Commissioners discussed current job applications, as well as issues with irrigation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m. The next regular Commissioner Meeting will be on January 12, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Moving Out the Old

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NEWELL-The grandstands at the Newell rodeo grounds are headed to a new home on the other side of South Dakota. A crew was busy preparing the old grandstands for transport the weekend of January 24.

The five trucks from

the Stickney area brought the equipment to disassemble and haul the monstrous structure.

New grandstands will make their home at the Newell rodeo grounds hopefully by May 1, according to Newell Community Club Chair Morgan Wulf. The old grandstands sold for \$4,050, adding to the money already raised by the Community Club. The new

grandstands will be \$58,944. The club paid 75% now and will pay the remaining 25% two weeks before delivery.

The goal of the Community Club is to have the stands up and ready for Labor Day. The community has been key in raising money for the grandstands and will soon see the result of all the toil behind the project.



A Welcome Addition to Hope Cemetery

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NEWELL-With funding coming from the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission Outside of Deadwood Grant Program, the directory for Hope Cemetery

has a new home.

The polycarbonate panels surround the directory, shielding it from the elements. New panels are on the way to complete the directory.

According to Newell Museum Curator Linda Velder,

the new shelter will protect the displays from severe weather.

The contractor for the project was NEEDAK Manufacturing Company. Ken Ballou and the 2024-2025 NHS welding class also helped with the project.



Hope Cemetery new home. Bruner Photo

Why Newell?

If you like discovering small friendly towns "off the beaten path", you will love Newell, situated between the Black Hills and the expansive wide open spaces to the north.

Welcome to Newell, the "gateway to the Black Hills", route of historical trails and sites and great recreation areas. Newell offers lasting friendships, cafes serving home-style meals, well equipped hardware and grocery store ready to assist your outdoor needs. Plan to stop by

the Museum where you can step into past history through collections that are as vast as the cultures of western South Dakota.

Make plans to celebrate Labor Day in Newell, where dancing begins the festivities on Saturday evening, then on Sunday view an art, quilt, car & tractor show, band concert and tractor pull then stay over for Monday's celebration; parade, street sports and amateur rodeo featuring the National Championship Sheep Teepeeing

Finals.

Because Newell is the Nation's Sheep Capital, the Annual Ram Show & Sale is held the second week in September, watch 1,000's of head of sheep bought and sold in one day.

Lakes and reservoirs

nearby provide an excellent opportunity for water skiing, boating, swimming and fishing. Hunters can bag pheasant, duck, wild turkey, grouse, antelope and deer with game processing available.

Golfers can tee-off on a nine-hole modern well-groomed

course in view of Bear Butte and the Black Hills with a lake and other surprise hazards.

Visitors are always welcome. If you want something different to look at, visit one of the working farms or ranches, just ask someone will steer you in the right direction.

Grand River Roundup



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We had a wonderful week on this Christmas season. Sunday morning we went to Bucyrus for Sage and Alaina's kids Christmas program at the church. They had a good Nativity program that ended with a potluck dinner. Sadly, we missed Taz and Amanda's kids Christmas program at Slim Buttes Lutheran at the same time that morning followed with a potluck dinner. We went to Hettinger after lunch and stopped at the nursing home to visit Cathy Donner and got there in time for the church service led by Barb West. After the church service and visiting Cathy, we headed south on the White Butte Road to go to the Bible Study at Lester and Sharon Longwood's that afternoon with John and Corinne Erickson, Eric Seim and Susan Gunn. That was a really fun day.

A couple neighbors passed away: Francis

Allen Kaitfors, 85, of Reeder, passed away Friday, December 19, at West River Health Services in Hettinger. His memorial service will be held at a later date. Francis is a year older than Reuben and they went to school together.

Linda (Norton) Humbracht, 72, of Camp Crook, passed away on Dec. 21, at the Southwest Healthcare Services in Bowman. Funeral Services for Linda were held on Monday, December 29, at the Camp Crook Community Center with burial in the Fairview Cemetery at Camp Crook. Linda is Karen Wilkinson's sister and she will be missed.

After Reub got done feeding on Monday, he sawed down a dead tree back of our house, cut it up into firewood, and I helped him bring it to the wood pile so I could fire up the woodstove that evening while we got a little sprinkle of rain.

I baked bread for the first time in a long time on Tuesday to get ready for the

holidays and that fresh bread sure made it smell good in the house. I need to do that more often, but since Reub and I are usually the only ones eating here, we don't need as much bread as when all six of our kids lived at home.

Wednesday was Christmas Eve and Casey, Missy, Taz and the kids went down to celebrate with Rick and Cindy Engle's while Amanda stayed home with River Lu because she was sick. Bryce and Braxton Hesper and their little boys joined them to celebrate Christmas Eve. Reub and I went to the Christmas Eve candlelight celebration at church that afternoon and we were joined by a huge crowd of people from all over who came to celebrate Christ's birth.

Thursday was Christmas Day and it was a nice warm day with no snow. I'm sure glad we didn't have a white Christmas! I called a bunch of our kids to wish them Merry Christmas that morning before Reub and I went up to Sage and Alaina's house west of Hettinger to celebrate Christmas with them and our grandkids. Alaina's mother Polly Markegard and her Uncle Larry Stadheim were also there to celebrate with us. Sage cooked an absolutely delicious prime rib roast and there was so much delicious food and desserts

that we couldn't eat as much as we wanted because our bellies got too full too fast! When we came home that evening Ron, Starla and Josi Jensen, and Casey and Missy were celebrating Christmas with Taz and Amanda and the kids. It was a wonderful day.

When I was a little kid our family and Dad's sister Mary Haggart and her family would always celebrate Christmas Eve with his sister Claire John and her family in the basement of the Prairie City café. We didn't exchange presents but we really had a fun time together. On Christmas Day all my Mom's family would go up to my Grandma Lydia Wilkinson's ranch at Glendo to celebrate Christmas and Grandma, who had been a widow for years, would give every one of her eight children a box of chocolate covered cherries for their family to eat from that small box of candy. There was never a Christmas tree, but we sure had fun together there too!

Friday was a beautiful warm day with no wind so I washed all the laundry and hung it on the clothesline outside to get dry. Everything smelled so good when I brought the clothes in to fold and put away. I'm glad I have a dryer to use when it's freezing outside, but I much prefer doing it the old fashion-

ed way. I remember when I was a little girl my Grandma Lydia Wilkinson used to haul water to her house from the well on the hill, heat the water on her woodstove and wash the laundry on a washboard, wring the water out of it with her hands and hang everything inside to dry when it was cold outside. We are really blessed with all the appliances we have now!

It was 5 degrees below zero and really windy when we woke up Sunday morning and the 50mph wind about blew me off the porch when I went out to feed my chickens before church. Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen were up in North Dakota celebrating Christmas and New Years with their family so Dan Aichele gave the sermon that morning. Dan and his wife and kids were on their way down to their house in Lead after having Christmas in North Dakota with their family and there was a potluck dinner after church so that worked out well for everyone.

I'll leave you with these New Year's jokes:

Q: What happened to the person who stole a calendar on New Year's Eve?

A: He got 12 months.

Q: Why does the person who runs Time's Square on New Year's feel like a failure?

A: He always drops the ball.

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

December 30, 1915

A good assortment of holid The band boys ae busily engaged in selling tickets to their concert and dance which takes place Saturday night. They are meeting with very good success, and the present sales indicate a goodly crowd will be in attendance. The reorganized band will be assisted by the Belle Fourche Concert Band. A boost of the band boys means a boost for Newell; help them out. Concert is 25 cents, dance \$1.00 and supper 50 cents per plate.

Sam H. Bober, wants to milk a number of cows and raise their calves on shares next summer. He has studied dairying and has managed dairy farms for the past 5 years. Your cattle will be well treated and cared for. He has a good proposition to offer you; write P. O. Box 366, Newell.

Our first touch of real winter came yesterday morning when we were greeted with a stiff northwestern and considerable snow thrown in. Now is the time of the year when colds and coughs are prevailing. It is better to check a cough before it is too late.

December 24, 1925

The Project Telephone Company is preparing to issue a directory, and a copy will be furnished to each of the phone users. The copy for the booklet has been furnished the printer, and the work will be completed sometime next month. The company conducts 2 exchanges at Newell and Nisland with a total of about 215 individual phones in the complete system. The Directory will be turned out by the Valley Irrigator printery.

L. H. Dunn, Horse Creek farmer, is still carrying on his fall farming operations with 4 teams and a like number of men moving dirt to fill in low places on his land which interferes with

irrigation. The frost is getting into the work now, so he has to resort to dynamite in some cases.

Art and Ed, two of Newell's inveterate hunters, went up the valley a couple of weeks ago, in quest of geese. The honkers evaded them, but enroute home they spied a bunch of ducks on the river. The ducks were so thick you couldn't see the water a-tall. They sneaked up the bank, and both fired. The flock immediately arose; after reaching a little height, the birds tumbled to the ground, some 30 dead ones.

"What God Hath Wrought", was the first message transmitted over any wire using the Morse Code. If interested in learning code, send your name to Box 284.

December 26, 1935

Anyone knowing of Miss Euarda Podoll of Newell was named as the winner of the Rapid City Journal's weekly poem contest last week, when her poem "No Room" was named as the best by C. M. Rowe, of the State School of Mines.

Fred Mullenix, as timekeeper for the Relief Work in the Vale Section, opened an office last week in the basement of the school building. John Hosfelt is the only worker in the vicinity at present, being engaged at present in digging a well on the school grounds.

Members of the Congregational Church Jr. choir met Monday evening and went caroling around the community after which they attended the picture show. Refreshments were served after the show at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Burns Taft.

The Irrigator this week received a card from Dr. Fr. Peter Morantz, former Spanish Priest at Newell and Vale, informing that he spent the past 2 weeks in Chicago and now leaving for a 2-week's visit in Winnipeg, Canada.

December 27, 1945

Hulin M. Arpan of Eka-

by Linda Velder

laka, Montana, son of Louis Arpan of Newell, is back home with an honorable discharge from 39 months of overseas duty as an automatic rifleman on the Asiatic-Pacific Theaters. He received several battle ribbons and a bronze star.

There has been a pack of dogs invading several flocks of sheep around the Vale vicinity. Adams, Schenenman and the Tysdal brothers have all lost several head of sheep.

Mrs. Edith Fardig and children, Mrs. Edna Smart and Horace Currington of Deadwood spent Christmas day in the South Hilan community, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Loren Eichler.

More than 65,000 farmers in South Dakota are without central electric services, according to H. H. DeLong of the State College of Agriculture Engineering Department.

Electrification of farms in the state is a major post-war project of the Rural Electrical Administration. Rural power lines will go up just as fast as materials and labor can be secured. The most recent lag in line expansion has been due to a shortage of poles. As line conditions progress, South Dakota businessmen will have a wide market for line construction materials, electrical appliances of all kinds, new water systems and wiring for homes.

December 29, 1955

PVT Buster P. Doud, 19-year-old son of Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Doud of Vale recently graduated from the transportation School's Stevedore Course at Ft. Eustis, Virginia. He was trained to load and unload military cargo and to maintain freight records. PVT Doud, a 1955 graduate of Newell High School, entered

the Army in August and completed Basic Training at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

Four hundred sacks of candy, nuts and fruit were handed out to children in Nisland Thursday evening by Santa Claus. The Community Club, American Legion & Auxiliary and volunteer contributions made the treats possible. A program of music by the school band, glee club, trumpet trio composed of Jerry Ellenberger, Bradley Herman and Arthur Beckett and vocal selections by Gayle Craig.

Members of the Newell Masonic Lodge will observe St Johns Day by attending church services in a body this coming Sunday, it was announced by Herman Shipley, W M. All members of the order are to meet at the local temple at 10:45 AM, after which they will attend service at the First Congregational Church.

The last call for shopping is in Newell, your hometown where you can do your shopping best now and every store closes at 6:00 P M on Christmas Eve and closed Monday December 26th and January 2nd. Your cooperation in shopping accordingly appreciated

December 23, 1965

Citizens of western South Dakota and area adjoining states were again disappointed in hearing of the latest proposal of the US Department of Agriculture, for closure of the US Newell Field Station July 1, 1966, in

an attempt for an ever-larger research facility for the entire region. It is important to note that the closing date is contrary to Congressional intent as last recommendation of continuous various lines of research and appropriated \$65,000 to the Newell station. It behooves every farm and business organization in this region to express to Senators and Representative for their efforts to continue the station.

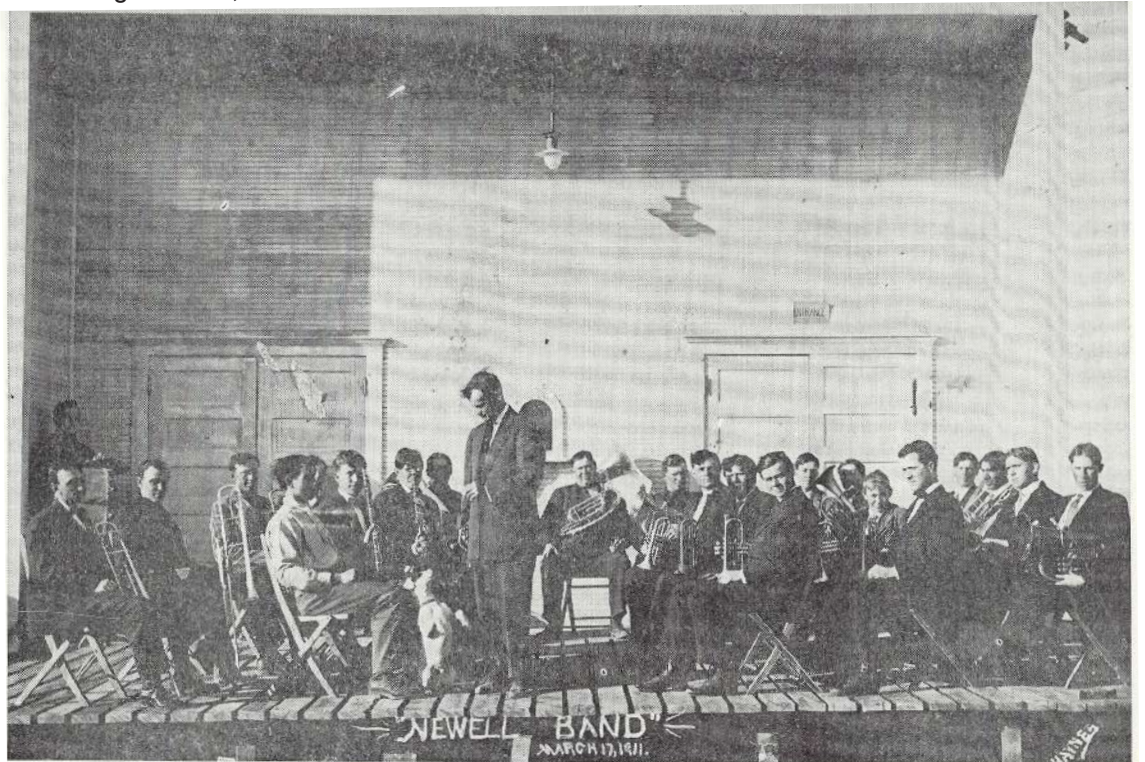
The Hiwayman Café has good news; they have a "Big Order" of good wishes for you. They will be open Christmas Day. They are offering two mealtimes to accommodate: 5:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

The Newell Independent School District will operate a kindergarten program beginning January 17, 1966, according to action taken by the Board of Education. The board voted to take responsibility for administering the program, which for many years was administered by the Parent-Teacher Association.

Superintendent Don Heil announced that to attend the kindergarten program, students should be 6-years old on or before October 31, 1966. Sessions will be held both morning and afternoon. The reason for split classes are for class size and to prepare the children for 1st grade; 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. respectively.



1911, Penny Post Card, New Year Greetings 2. 1915, Newell Community Band, George Fry Director.



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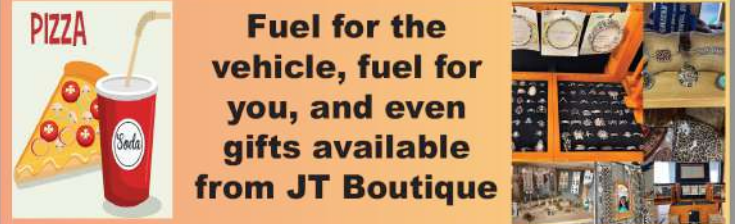
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8) Croissant Sandwiches, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Turkey Pot Pie, Fruit, Milk	9) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Turkey & Stuffing Casserole, Brussel Sprouts, Fruit, Milk	10) Muffins, Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Mac & Cheese, Monterey Veggies, Fruit, Milk Broccoli Cheese Soup	11) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chili, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk	12) NO SCHOOL
15) Egg Omelet, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Sloppy Joes, Potato Wedges/FF, Fruit, Milk	16) Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage. Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Empanadas, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk Turkey Noodle Soup	17) Long Johns, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Ground Beef Stroganoff on Noodles, Corn, Fruit, Milk	18) COOK'S CHOICE, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk COOK'S CHOICE, Fruit, Milk OUT AT 1:30	19) NO SCHOOL
22) CHRISTMAS VACATION	23) CHRISTMAS VACATION	24) CHRISTMAS VACATION	25) MERRY CHRISTMAS! 	26) NO SCHOOL

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