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Community Rallies for Rodeo Team Fundraiser



The three seniors, with the help from one junior, welcomed guests to the annual **Belle Fourche High School Rodeo Team's annual Dinner and Auction**. From left: **Trigg Olsen, Sr.; JP Jensen, Jr.; Syd Pelster, Sr.; and Mason Nehl, Sr.** Longbrake photo (additional photos A8)

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BELLE FOURCHE—Belle Fourche High School Rodeo Team's long-standing fundraising tradition took place on the evening of March 7. The annual Dinner and Auction is fully embraced by the community, and turnout was impressive. The event was held at the Belle Fourche Community Hall, with a steak dinner catered by the Branding Iron Steakhouse. "We go back and forth between the Branding Iron and here," explained Rodeo Advisor Kerbi Bowden. "The kids just wanted to have it here this year." While the community's

support is essential, the event couldn't happen without the students' hard work. The rodeo team members handle every detail. "They do all the work—they sell all the tickets and they go out and get all of the donations," shared Bowden. Tickets were \$30 each, and everyone who purchased one was treated to a delicious steak dinner served by one of the rodeo team members. Attendees also had the chance to participate in a silent auction, live auction, and labor auction. Everybody on the team was responsible for bringing in items to be auctioned off. In addition, each team member was asked to

participate in the labor auction, an event where the public can pre-purchase labor and collect on that labor at a later date. Whether someone needed a babysitter or fencing work in the summer, this was the perfect place to hire a hardworking teen. It is a lot of work and planning for the Rodeo Team members, but the harder they work, the more rewards they have the potential to receive. "It goes back to the kids—it all goes back to help them with their costs to go to their rodeos—which is the regionals, the state finals, and then the national finals," said Bowden. Everyone who helps with the

fundraiser gets to receive the financial benefits. "Everybody, as long as they enter a rodeo, they get the base amount. And then there is incentive pay for making it to State or Nationals," explained Rodeo Advisor Kenita Jensen. "We also sponsor a saddle stand at state finals for one of the state champions—we sponsor that every year, and that money comes out of the money raised tonight." Curt Westland donated his time to be the auctioneer for the night, and once again Zeann and Sue Gollhofer volunteered to secretary the auction and keep track of all the money raised.

The kids and the advisors really appreciate the community for showing up and supporting the rodeo team. Bowden said, "They've always been very good support, we just thank everybody for coming out!" The Belle Fourche Rodeo Club has 29 members and is a young team, with only three returning seniors. "We have a lot of good competitors that have returned, and we have a pretty big freshman class that came in too," said Jensen. "We are now a three-time State Champion Team—so as a team, they're very competitive—Regional and State Champions!"

Spirit of Cheer and Dance Hosts Annual Father Daughter Dance

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BELLE FOURCHE—Dads from around the area took the opportunity to make Saturday, March 7, all about their daughters at the annual Father Daughter Dance. For the past four years, the annual Father Daughter Dance was put on by a different group. However, this year the event was taken over by Spirit of Cheer and Dance, Inc. "So in the past, father daughter dance was hosted by Belle Silver Lining. This year, they asked us if we would like to take over, because it can be quite a lot of work—so we thought, yeah, perfect and we took over," explained President Carrie Merjil. The Belle Fourche Rec Center gym was transformed into a blue

and white wonderland with an area for dining, visiting and another area for dancing. Roses in a variety of colors were available to purchase for \$5 as a special gift. With the theme of Denim and Diamonds, the event was a formal affair. Beginning at 5 p.m. with social hour, the participants showed up dressed to the nines. Giddy daughters and happy dads lined up to be introduced during the Grand March. Spirit of Cheer and Dance planned and prepared a special evening for all of the little girls and their special escorts for the night. Escorts were usually dads, but could also be a grandpa, a family friend, an uncle or anyone special in the child's life. Beginning at 6 p.m., a dinner of chicken or pork was served. Some

of the Belle Fourche Cheerleaders were on hand to help serve food and keep the event rolling. Throughout the evening door prizes were handed out. The dance began at 7 p.m. The fathers and their daughters lined the dance floor for a variety of dances including group line dances that had everyone on their feet. Laughter filled the air. Spirit of Cheer & Dance works to support cheerleaders and dancers in the Black Hills area and provide financial assistance to those who may need it. The dance was a fundraiser for the group and Belle Fourche Cheerleaders were on hand to help out. "The cheerleaders are here, part of getting a scholarship from Spirit of Cheer and Dance is donating 100 hours to our organization during

your school year. So a lot of these are seniors," explained Merjil. "Also, for the cheerleaders that are going to the Macy's Day Parade, we've asked that they donate five

hours to our organization and write us a note saying why they choose cheerleading." Tickets sold for \$60 a couple and over 70 tickets were sold.



Daughters and fathers could buy roses for each other at the Father Daughter Dance. Longbrake photo—more pics A5

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Wesley Cook 59

Wesley Cook, age 59 of Belle Fourche, died Monday, February 23, 2026 at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held 10:30am Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at the Belle Fourche Global Methodist Church. There will be no visitation. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Wesley James Cook was born September 16, 1966 in Mobridge, South Dakota. He was the son of Norman and Edith (Perry) Cook. Wes grew up in several areas including Timber Lake, Washington, and Belle Fourche. He was united in marriage to Kristine Juhala in 1988. When he was just 13 years old, Wes learned to drive a truck. By the time he was 16 he had his CDL. He drove truck for Rapid Construction, he hauled bentonite, but when he got into logging, that was his true love. In 2005 he purchased his first logging truck and then his trucking business began. For the past 7 years, Wes has been trucking over the road for W & K Trucking. For the



past two years it was a blessing to be able to truck with his son-in-law, Q'Andre. This past January, Wes was forced to retire from trucking due to health reasons.

Wes loved logging and trucking. His work ethic was very strong. He was also a caring man, softhearted, and loved his wife and family. He was talented at fixing things and making them work again. He will be missed greatly by his family.

Wes is survived by his wife, Kris of Belle Fourche; children, Amanda (Q'Andre) Edwards of Belle Fourche, Justin (Jordan Knight) of Belle Fourche, James of Belle Fourche; daughter Machellea Cook of Belle Fourche; 6 grandchildren: Isabelle, John, Davon, Remy, Alivia, Aksel; brothers, Monte Cook of Arizona, Robin Cook of North Dakota; and sisters, Margaret "Peggy" Tichi of Belle Fourche, and Ruby (Don) Kuhn of Canada. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandchild Jordan Curl; brother Andy Cook; and brother-in-law, Lurey Tishi.



Pastor's Perspective

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

"Taking It by Force"

From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force (Matthew 11:12).

These are among Christ's least understood words. They follow on the heels of His words about John the Baptist's break from the traditional image of a "religious person." He says, in effect, "If you went out to see Mr. Cool-and-Sophisticated, he had to be a disappointment!"

There's something blunt, rough, and unpolished about Kingdom people. Yet we're called to be gentle, harmless, gracious, and hospitable, too. How do those traits merge?

I believe the answer is in our spirit - the way we approach spiritual things. A Kingdom person is never called to reduce his or her sensitivity toward people, tenderness in loving, or generosity of attitude. To the contrary, you can count on a genuine believer to mature into a lovely lady or a real gentleman.

But when you get that lady or gentleman face-to-face with a spiritual challenge, she or he will become violent. The person will become indignant with the gall of the devil to attempt to encroach upon a realm wherein Christ has worked redemption. Such believers are impatient with demons and antagonistic toward any of hell's working. A person who has begun to understand the nature of the spiritual struggle will be kind in demeanor toward people, but vicious in his or her prayer life and spiritual warfare.

We don't need "mild-mannered Clark Kent" saints when super-prayer is the order of the day. There are times to get down on the prayer-bones, call out with strong cryings, seek hard after God, and strike down the work of the devil.

I don't know how to precisely describe this to you, but I know it works for me. Quite often, I find myself drifting in a kind of prayer limbo. Sort of "asking" God to "help" with some problem. Then, feeling I'm getting nowhere, I am jerked to the awareness that I'm praying the wrong way.

I'm begging when I ought to be battling.
I need to rise up in violent, fervent prayer to "possess



the land" in discussion. It's as though the Father is saying, "You've taken counsel with Me long enough. YOU go forth against the enemy - and I'll go before you."

Please understand. This violence is not a shrieking wrestling match to attempt to twist something from God's hand which He only reluctantly wants us to have.

No. But it is a contest. There is a "contending" that is needed, and the Holy Spirit wants to bring us all to a place of understanding that some obstacles yield before us only by forcible praying.

This is difficult to describe without sounding as though the accomplishment is a mere effort of human energy and emotionalism. It is neither. It is rather a release of divine intervention proportionate to our willingness to execute God's will in authoritative praying. Read Psalm 149...it's all there.

Begin with worship and praise.
Sing unto the Lord a new song,
And His praise in the congregation of saints.

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise His name with the dance (vv. 1-3).
Acknowledge your place in Christ - "humble" under His authoritative Lordship, and securely confident in His salvation, His finished work at Calvary.

For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;
He will beautify the humble with salvation.

Let the saints be joyful in glory
Let them sing aloud on their beds (vv. 4-5).

Then attack! Take the enemy off guard, and possess the land - the victory you seek - by force.

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,
And a two-edged sword in their hand,
To execute vengeance on the nations,
And punishments on the peoples;
To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron;
To execute on them the written judgment (vv. 6-9a).

As the psalmist says, "This honor have all His saints. Praise the Lord!" (v.9b).

Thank you

The family of Alice Evans extend our sincere appreciation to the many who thought of our family before and after Alice's death.

Please know that your kindness has brought great comfort and will always be remembered

Thank you and God bless.

Al & Valerie Garr & Family

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father, Thank you for the gift of a new week and a new day.

I am grateful for the opportunities ahead and the blessings you have in store.

Fill my heart with joy, my mind with peace, and my spirit with energy to embrace each day.

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Area Youth Compete in Basketball Skills Competition through Special Olympics

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Athletes from across the area showcased determination, teamwork and sportsmanship at the Special Olympics basketball competition held February 14, 2026, at Rapid City Central High School.

Competing in a Skills Competition and Basketball games, local athletes Emma Juelfs, Gracey Weishaar, Fara Bricker, Sadee Keil, Logan Carson and Brady Pierce proudly represented the community.

Each athlete demonstrated

perseverance and enthusiasm throughout the day, cheered on by family members, friends and supporters in the stands.

Adding to the spirit of inclusion were Unified Partners Emmitt Lipp, Joseph McLennan, Jaxon Sanderlin, and Danielle Vetter who competed alongside the athletes.

The Unified program brings athletes with and without intellectual disabilities together on the same team, promoting friendship, respect and understanding through sports.

Coaches Melissa Nore, Stacey Neuharth, and Ryan Bush praised the athletes for their

hard work and positive attitudes. "Our athletes put in countless hours preparing for this event," the coaches shared. "We are incredibly proud of their effort, sportsmanship and the way they supported one another."

The team will continue its season with another competition on March 24 in Spearfish, where they will face other Unified teams from across the region.

The event will provide another opportunity for the athletes and their partners to showcase their skills, strengthen friendships and represent their community with pride.



Brady Pierce and Coach Stacey Neuharth.



Basketball Team 2026



Emitt Lipp & Sadee Keil



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Logan Carson, Jaxon Sanderlin, Emmitt Lipp Joseph McLennan



Hustling down the court - Emma Juelfs, Jaxon Sanderlin, Logan Carson, Joseph McLennan, & Fara Bricker



Fifth graders are Laney Knutson and Cooper Strickland; sixth graders are Natalia Allart and Ellie Dacar; seventh grader is Samson Cronk; and eighth graders are Tanner Daniels, Alexandra Huber, and Bradley Dreiske.

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Use the Link or QR Code below for nominations:

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(top down) Fathers with their daughters enjoying the evening together; Members of the *Spirit of Cheer and Dance Inc.*, were on hand to help out and serve food; *Dusty Rose Photography* was on hand to take pictures of the daughters and their dads; (R) A father and his daughter enjoying the evening together; A tiny dressed up attendee having fun on the dance floor.

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Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor Receives Run of Show & Nomination for Golden Owl Award

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Belle Fourche High School FFA advisor and Ag teacher, Austin Bishop, has been nominated for the 3rd year in a row for the Golden Owl Award. He is the 1st and only teacher in South Dakota to be nominated for 3 years running.

“This annual award recognizes South Dakota ag educators for their tremendous contributions in preparing the next generation of young people for success and careers in ag,” states Tacha Artz, Nationwide Agribusiness representative presenting the award.

“Nationwide, South Dakota FFA and the South Dakota FFA Foundation present the award in effort to support educators who devote countless hours, and often their own resources, to positively impact the lives of their students.”

From October to December students and faculty are encouraged to nominate a teacher they feel deserving. Some of the nomination comments shared during the presentation Monday afternoon from Belle Fourche ag students and colleagues were, “He saw

potential in me and made sure I saw it too because he wants me to put everything I have into my passion- just like him,” as well as,

“He sees potential in every single person he meets and pushes everyone to be the best possible version of themselves.”

He is not only an astronomical teacher, but also an outstanding FFA advisor and great mentor,” and “His deep understanding of everyone in his classroom allows him to connect with them in ways that make them feel comfortable

and welcomed at all times.

He never fails to meet students where they are at. As long as I have known Mr. Bishop he has preached the idea of “What you put into FFA is what you get out of it”. I believe that his philosophy is largely to thank for the success of our chapter.”

187 nominations for 44 South Dakota Ag teachers were received this year. A committee then selects the Golden Owl Award finalists.

One honoree from each of the 8 South Dakota FFA districts are nominated for the South Dakota

grand prize and are selected based on additional review by the state’s selection committee.

The Golden Owl Award recognizes an Ag Educator of the Year in 15 states. Finalists receive \$500 and a plaque, and the winner receives an additional \$3,000 and an Ag Educator of the Year trophy.

The South Dakota winner will be announced at the fourth session of the South Dakota FFA Convention being held this year on Wednesday, April 22nd at the First Bank and Trust Arena at SDSU in Brookings.



Golden Owl Award Nomination 3rd Year Running for Austin Bishop pictured with FFA officers, ag students and Nationwide representative Tach Artz.



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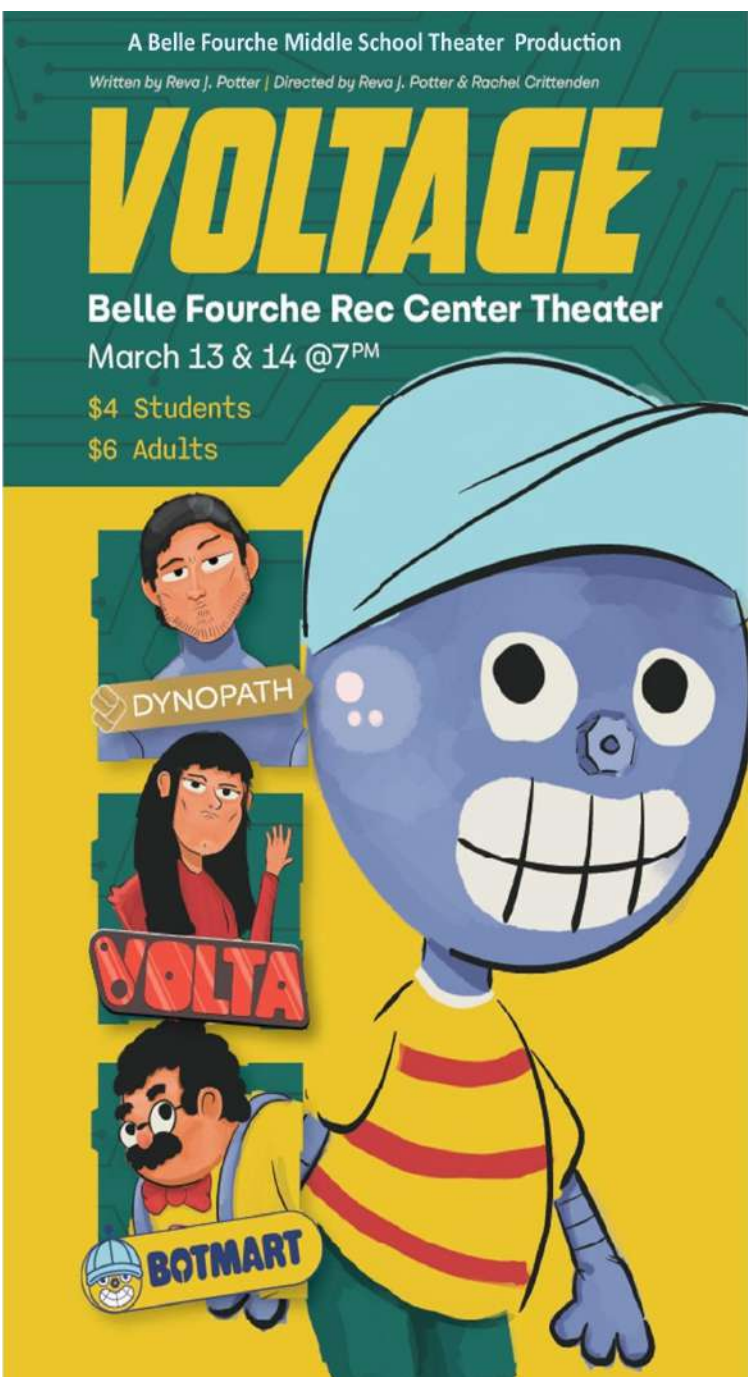
The Belle Fourche Middle School Theater's show **VOLTAGE** charges onto the stage this coming Friday & Saturday nights at 7 PM in the Rec Center Theater! Take a trip with the cast & crew to Circuitopolis & meet all the robots & their people. Robbie Bot innocently navigates among some shady characters - human & humanoid as he loses & regains his family. Adults and kids of all ages will enjoy seeing the future of technology in this energetic comedy!

Belle Fourche Area Community Theater has announced their season for this year beginning with **Curtain Call: A Night of One Acts** on March 27-29. Their summer production in July will be **Minnesela** - a western with a local connection! The local theaters will be Getting Our Acts Together in September, and the Christmas show will be a **Suessified Christmas** in December.

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

- Mar. 13, Friday, BFMS Play, **VOLTAGE**, @ the Rec Center Theater, 7:00 pm
- Mar. 14, Saturday, BFMS Play, **VOLTAGE**, @ the Rec Center Theater, 7:00 pm
- Mar. 16, BFHS Band / Chorus Concert @ the Rec Center Theater, 7:00 pm
- Mar. 17, BFMS 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Spring Choir Concert, @ the Rec Center Theater, 6:30 pm
- Mar. 27-29, BFACT's **Curtain Call: A Night of One Acts** @ the Belle Fourche Community Hall
- April 13, BFMS/BFHS Jazz Concert @ the Rec Center Theater, 7:00 pm
- April 24-26, BFHS Musical - **Suessical!**

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



In the BFMS production **VOLTAGE**, the future gets sad when the Brown family loses its Botmart Bot. L to R Ari Beguine, Mckenna Freed, Sawyer Stone, Addy Clem, Nathaniel Boicourt, Ember Olson, & Alexandra Huber. Courtesy Photos



The future is full of intrigue, espionage, and, of course, robots in the BFMS Play, **VOLTAGE** - a family-friendly comedy playing Friday and Saturday nights, March 13 & 14, at 7 PM. L to R, back: Ainsley Schmeltzer, Paisley Featherston, Grace Long, Elizabeth Bright, Aurora Elk Nation, Ruth Moore; Front: Lucia Rodriguez, Liliith Fay, Cade Pearson, & Daniel Eddy.



(L) The Botmart Bots (Ainsley Schmeltzer & Grace Long) have a message from the future - and it's a FUN one! Meet them this weekend at the BFMS show, **VOLTAGE**, Friday & Saturday night at the BF Rec Center Theater at 7 PM. (R) The art world survives into the future - but can it improve with the help of robots? Electric challenges await in the BFMS production, **VOLTAGE**, March 13 & 14. L to R: Natalia Allart, Sierra Saivong, Aspen Richter, Elizabeth Nikodym, Maddie Rhoads, & Alivia Allart.



From A1 HS Rodeo



The Belle Fourche Community Hall was full for the annual *Belle Fourche High School Rodeo Team's Dinner and Auction*. Longbrake photos



(L) Silent auction items lined the back and side wall. Community supporters made bids on the items they hoped to win and take home with them; (R) A popular area was the silent auction. Event goers lined up to see what items were up for sale and made bids.



Rodeo team members did all of the work to make the event happen, including cleaning up and removing plates after dinner.

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Bred Cows - Sold by the Head

Randall, Curt, Broadus MT.....	22	Bbld	Broken	1442	\$3,485.00
Habeck Rev Trust, Lee, Sundance WY.....	13	Herf	Ss	1538	\$3,335.00
Habeck Rev Trust, Lee, Sundance WY.....	13	Herf	Broken	1521	\$3,025.00

Feeder Cattle

Burghuff, Lex, Ludlow SD.....	10	Bbld	Str	707	\$397.00
Saunders Land & Livestock, Gillette WY.....	18	BFR	Hfr	504	\$450.00

Weigh Up Cows

Baker, Mike J, St Onge SD.....	1	Blk	Hfr	1160	\$272.50
Clements, Austin, Glenville MT.....	1	Blk	Hfr	850	\$300.00
Craft, Jon, Gillette WY.....	1	Rbld	Cow	2070	\$160.00
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitehead SD.....	1	Chr	Hfr	1000	\$300.00
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitehead SD.....	3	Blk	Cow	1451	\$170.00
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitehead SD.....	2	Blk	Cow	1730	\$157.50
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitehead SD.....	1	Blk	Cow	1005	\$157.50
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitehead SD.....	3	Red	Cow	1213	\$155.00
Inn Cattle Co LLC, Newcastle WY.....	2	Blk	Hfr	1377	\$210.00
Inn Cattle Co LLC, Newcastle WY.....	2	Blk	Cow	1437	\$164.00
Konechne, Jim A, Rapid City SD.....	2	Blk	Cow	1535	\$174.00
Mackaben, Ronny, Broadus MT.....	1	Blk	Hfr	955	\$245.00
Mackaben, Ronny, Broadus MT.....	1	Rbld	Cow	1055	\$131.00
Metz, Dixie, Hermosa SD.....	1	Blk	Cow	1560	\$177.50
Miller, Biley, Newcastle WY.....	1	Rbld	Cow	1125	\$165.00
Millers Crow Creek Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD.....	1	Blk	Ovett	1390	\$196.00
Millers Crow Creek Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD.....	3	Blk	Cow	1448	\$175.00
Millers Crow Creek Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD.....	1	Blk	Cow	1305	\$160.00
Nuckolls Ranch, Hulett WY.....	1	Blk	Cow	1550	\$175.00
Nuckolls Ranch, Hulett WY.....	8	Blk	Cow	1181	\$164.00
Peterson, Scott Or Jon, Belle Fourche SD.....	2	Blk	Hfr	955	\$327.50
Peterson, Scott Or Jon, Belle Fourche SD.....	1	Blk	Cow	1500	\$162.50
Randall, Curt, Broadus MT.....	1	Blk	Hfr	995	\$327.50
Red Rose Cattle LLC, Caputa SD.....	1	Red	Hfr	1270	\$217.50
Red Rose Cattle LLC, Caputa SD.....	4	Red	Cow	1568	\$176.50
Todd, Tim Or Kris, Sturgis SD.....	3	Blk	Ovett	1511	\$179.50

Weigh Up Bulls

Mackaben, Ronny, Broadus MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	2095	\$212.50
Lindsey, William, Newell SD.....	2	Blk	Bull	2000	\$215.00
Inn Cattle Co LLC, Newcastle WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	2000	\$190.00
Mackaben, Ronny, Broadus MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	1915	\$210.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1870	\$187.50
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1735	\$190.00
Lindsey, William, Newell SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1680	\$215.00
Biggs, Chase, Sturgis SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1515	\$207.50
Clements, Austin, Glenville MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	1485	\$195.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY.....	4	Herf	Bull	2005	\$185.00
3 Fingers Ranch Inc, Newcastle WY.....	1	Red	Bull	1545	\$187.50
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitehead SD.....	3	R/Ch	Bull	1946	\$187.50

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Friday, March 13, 2026

Feeder Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special

10:00 AM - Weigh Ups

12:00 Noon - Bred Cows Followed By Feeder Cattle

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs Vaccinated NH-No Implants

Feeder Cattle

Lightning Ridge - 363 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 600-700# - Bt, Pc
Hamel Ranch - 170 Blk & Few Bldy Hfrs - 700-800# - Bt, Pc, Bv,
Replacement Quality - 25 Blk Hfrs - 650-725# - Bt, Pc
Bob Baker - 100 Blk Hfrs - 600-700# - Bt, Pc, Bv, Home Raised
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Leffingwell Ranch - 85 Blk Strs - 800-850# - Bt, Pc, Ni, Home Raised
Jack Duprel & Sons - 80 F-1 Bldy Hfrs - 725-775# - Bt, Pc, Bv
Ed Lockwood - 80 Blk Hfrs - 750-775# - Bt, Pc, Bv, Replacement Quality
Tee Ridley - 70 Blk & Red Strs - 400-600# - Bt, Pc
Ronny Mackaben - 55 Blk & Red Strs - 60-700# - Bt, Pc
Kammerer Livestock - 20 F-1 Bldy Hfrs - 675-725# - Bt, Pc, Bv
- 35 Blk Hfrs - 600-650# - Bt, Pc
Todd & Susan Dewey - 25 Blk & Bldy Hfrs - 600-650# - Bt, Pc

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2026 CATTLE SALES

March 20th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
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April 3rd - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
April 10th - Grass Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
April 17th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

2026 SHEEP SALES

March 19th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
March 26th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
April 2nd - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
April 9th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
April 16th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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April 30th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 7th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 14th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 21st - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 28th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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Sheep Report - Thursday, February 26, 2026

Good Run Of Sheep For Today's Sale
Lamb Market Was A Little Lower
A Lot Of People Wanting Bred Ewes & They Sold On A Good Strong Market
Slaughter Ewes Were \$5 To \$10 Higher

Next Sale - March 12th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats - Start Time 1:00 PM

Animals should be here by 10:00 am so they can be weighed before the sale
Thank you for your business!

Bred Ewes - Sold by the Head

Askins, Sage, Lusk WY.....	45	3yr	170	450.00
Askins, Sage, Lusk WY.....	98	3yr	168	450.00
Askins, Sage, Lusk WY.....	360	4yr	180	445.00
Hewson, Troy Or Elaine, Newell SD.....	45	2-4yr	215	400.00
Hewson, Troy Or Elaine, Newell SD.....	163	2-4yr	215	395.00
Hewson, Troy Or Elaine, Newell SD.....	62	2-5yr	183	380.00

Feeder Lambs

Bucklin Ranches, Redstone MT.....	25	Lamb	92	302.00
Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche SD.....	18	Lamb	78	331.00
Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche SD.....	105	Lamb	98	300.00
Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche SD.....	51	Lamb	127	237.00
Tie Ranch, Gillette WY.....	15	Lamb	114	263.00

Slaughter Ewes

Braun, Elizabeth, Newell SD.....	8	K Ewe	145	100.00
Hewson, Troy Or Elaine, Newell SD.....	23	K Ewe	191	131.00
Hoffland Ranch, Reeder ND.....	10	K Ewe	179	95.00
Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche SD.....	11	K Ewe	191	131.00
Larson Ranch, Meadow SD.....	13	K Ewe	128	100.00
Nelson, Larry Or Sandra Holcomb, Buffalo SD.....	19	K Ewe	188	131.00

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SDSU horse unit to host open house, horse sale this spring

BROOKINGS, S.D. The Equine Teaching Facility and the Department of Animal Science at South Dakota State University will host an open house from 2:30-4 p.m. March 28 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the on-campus horse barn. The brick-and-mortar building west of Medary Avenue on the north edge of campus was originally used to house draft horses that assisted in farming South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station acres. The land was an opportunity for SDSU to investigate innovative agricultural methods to share with the people of South Dakota and beyond. Agriculture remains a key focus of the university's educational programs, and the barn continues to provide hands-on experience for students, faculty and others who use it. The facility includes almost all original features, seeing little renovation

over the years. "It really is an icon here on the corner of campus," said Rosalie Nold, assistant dean for the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and faculty supervisor of the Equine Teaching Facility (horse unit). "The barn has been the center of numerous classes, outreach activities and student-centered activities such as Little International. The specific details have changed in terms of how it serves the university and the public, but it's always been there." The horse unit has made changes in the breeds of horses it works with, as well as some of their uses. These changes stem from innovations in agricultural technology, which in return have also shifted the focus in coursework. Despite these updates, the barn remains a key feature of the unit, especially for educational purposes.

Carmen Paulson currently teaches a variety of equine courses, providing students with real-world experience and preparing them for future career paths. The barn provides a space to foster growth and development across all classes. "I think it's just a great outdoor classroom," said Jennifer Eide, Equine Teaching Facility manager. "It's special to have this herd of horses that can do anything from little kids' classes up to adults and then fill in all the needs of the animal science department, whether its Little International, state FFA and other things like that." The barn will be open to the public for tours that afternoon, coordinated with the Little I Red Barn Reception held at the South Dakota Agricultural Heritage Museum for those interested in attending both. The horse unit is located at

1423 Medary Ave. in Brookings. Additionally, the department will host a horse sale at 1:30 p.m. May 2 at SDSU's Animal Science Arena. Approximately 10 horses are expected to be offered for sale, including a mix of yearlings and 2-year-olds. The sale catalog has not yet been finalized but is expected to be available in April. Updates will be shared on the Equine Teaching Facility Horse Unit Instagram page: @horseunit25. The colts were raised at the Equine Teaching Facility and have been incorporated into the department's teaching program, providing them with extensive handling appropriate for their age. Each horse is registered with the American Quarter Horse Association and is up to date on recommended vaccinations and health standards. Additional information is available on the

SDSU Department of Animal Science website: <https://www.sdstate.edu/animal-science/animal-science-equine>. On the day of the sale, the horse unit will be open from 10 a.m. to noon for prospective buyers to view the colts. Interested buyers may also visit the Equine Teaching Facility prior to the sale; weekday visits are available by appointment and strongly encouraged. To schedule a visit or request additional information, including photos or videos, contact Eide at Jennifer.Eide@sdstate.edu, or reach out to the Animal Science office at 605-688-5165. Advance bids may also be submitted by email to Eide or delivered by certified mail or personally delivered to: SDSU Department of Animal Science Attn. Horse Sale 1907 N. Campus Drive Brookings, SD 57007

DEHAAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Located along the U.S. Highway 14 Bypass north and east of the SDSU campus, the Nathelle and Lawrence DeHaan Equestrian Center became the new home for Jackrabbit Equestrian at South Dakota State University when it opened in the fall of 2008. Dedicated on Oct. 15, 2008, project benefactor Nathelle DeHaan's avid support of South Dakota State University and love for horses grew to make the SDSU Equestrian program and the Nathelle and Lawrence DeHaan Equestrian Center a reality. A 1937 graduate of South Dakota State, Nathelle DeHaan provided the initial gift to build the facility. For nearly five decades, she and her late husband, Lawrence played an active role in the local horse community, traveling to judge and show quarter horses. Nathelle DeHaan died on Jan. 24, 2011 at the age of 96, but not before she realized her dream of seeing the day when

young women could attend college, compete at the highest level and create experiences and memories that last a lifetime. "The Equestrian program provides a wonderful opportunity for young women," Nathelle said at the dedication of the facility. "I'm excited about the future of the SDSU Equestrian team." Completion of the building in the spring of 2008 more than tripled the team's previous training facilities. At nearly 26,000 square feet, the \$3.6 million climate-controlled facility features an indoor riding arena, 42 stalls with additional areas for grooming, washing and preparing the horses, as well as separate on-site work areas for veterinarians and farriers. In addition, the additional area for the horses, the building houses a team locker room equipped with a study area. "The DeHaan Equestrian Center is a beautiful and thoroughly modern facility, equal to any collegiate equestrian

center in the country," former SDSU Head Equestrian Coach Megan Rossiter said. "A facility this size allows us to provide a first-class practice and competition venue for our student-athletes and spectators." The additional space allows the team's roster to eventually grow to 60 riders while continuing to offer the NCAA-maximum 15 full scholarships. The proximity of the Nathelle and Lawrence

DeHaan Equestrian Center to the main SDSU campus makes it unique in the collegiate equestrian ranks and should allow for the equestrian program to become further ingrained in the SDSU Athletic Department as it continues to mature. Once the SDSU Foundation completes fund-raising for Phase I, planning begins for the second phase of the project. Phase II includes the addition of a stall barn, a large outdoor riding arena, viewing rooms,

coaching offices, a meeting room and trophy room. "Completion of phase II would allow the program to continue attracting top-level student-athletes from around the country and help us enhance the growth of our equestrian program," Rossiter said. For more information, or to make a donation for scholarship support or facilities, please contact the Jackrabbit development office by phone at (605) 697-7475.



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Looking Back in Belle

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by Mary Buchholz

100 years ago Northwest Bee March 11, 1926 WILL MOVE DRUG STORE Monday of next week the Brackett Drug Store will be moved from the Flat Iron building to the Lovinger building, formerly occupied by the C. & Q Grocery.

A new floor is being placed in this building and other repairs will be made to make it suitable for a drug store.

STURIS RESIDENCE DAMAGE The home of Louis Sturis, one mile east of Belle Fourche, was damaged to the extent of about six hundred dollars and the furniture and clothing about sixty dollars early Thursday morning of last week by fire. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was first discovered in a bed room where one of the girls was sleeping. The fire alarm was sounded about a quarter after six, and a very few minutes later the chemical truck from the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire department was slaying a stream on the fire and soon had it under control. Practically everything except some clothing was moved from the house. It will require two or three weeks to make the repairs necessary to the roof and walls of the house. Mr. and Mrs. Sturis appreciate very much assistance of the members of the fire department and the help of friends and neighbors.

IS "MRS" PROSECUTING ATTORNEY There are just six ladies in the United States who hold the office of prosecuting attorney of their counties, and one of these is a former Belle Fourche lady, Mrs. Emily N. Sloan of Red Lodge, Mont., who is in Belle Fourche this week visiting her sons. Mrs. Sloan is also secretary of the Montana State Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, belongs to the state and district bar association and takes an active part in the activities of this organizations. Mrs. Sloan lived for many years in this part of the country, but that was before she was a practicing attorney. In addition to her legal work, she is well-known as an author of western poems, having published a book, "Ballads of the Plains," prior to leaving Belle Fourche, and since going to Montana, has met with still further success in writing. Mrs. Sloan expects to remain here for a week or ten days.

75 years ago The Belle Fourche Bee, March 15, 1951

37 Teachers Offered Raises in '51 Contracts Contracts, calling for salary increases of \$20 a month for the 1951-52 school year, are being offered 37 faculty members in the Belle Fourche public schools. Final decision on the across the board \$240 annual pay raise was reached at the regular monthly meeting of the board of education here Monday evening. This salary increase will raise the average yearly wage of the instructor in the Belle Fourche public school to \$2625. With the increase, the average grade school instructor will be receiving a salary of \$2322, the high school teacher \$2972. Superintendent of Schools Frank Kober stated that

the board felt an increase in wages was necessary if the schools here were to retain their teaching staff. The teachers are to be given several days to consider the new contracts. Kober pointed out that the average high school instructors pay in this city is lower than any other South Dakota school having an enrollment of 200 students or more. Belle Fourche ranks at the very bottom of the list. Board members also voted to pay \$1 per month per teacher for health insurance, beginning in February. This is one-half the cost of an individual membership in the insurance program.

Round-Up Signs Up Famous Rope Act Prolonged efforts to secure Roy S. Seward and his famous rope act for the Black Hills Round-Up have been crowned with success at last. R. F. Volyles, chairman of the Round-Up talent committee, said yesterday that "Calgary Red" as he is called in the rodeo world, has signed to appear in the three-day rodeo here July 3, 4 and 5. The talent committee has been attempting to book him since 1942 when some of the board witnessed the unusual routines of the red-headed Canadian cowboy at a Nebraska show. No one in rodeo has yet been able to duplicate Red Seward's feats of spinning ropes while balancing on a slack rope suspended about the ground. He keeps it western by wearing cowboy togs, boots and walking a rope instead of the usual wire. Volyles said the appearances in Belle Fourche will be Red's first at a South Dakota show. The Calgary performer has a summer residence at Cody, Wyo., but returns to the Canadian mountains each fall to spend the winter trapping with his brother.

50 years ago Belle Fourche Bee March 12, 1976

Rites Monday for Mrs. Carroll Malvin

Funeral services for Mrs. Carroll (Margaret) Malvin, who died Wednesday evening at Escondido, Calif., will be held here Monday. Services for the former and long-time Belle Fourche resident will be held Monday at 10:30

a.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church, Father Winston Jensen officiating. Burial will be in the family lot at Pineslope Cemetery under the direction of Frost and Sons Funeral Home.

Margaret (Small) Malvin was born at Belle Fourche, Oct. 8, 1899, the daughter of pioneer residents. Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Small. The Melvins moved from Belle Fourche in 1959 to California and have made their home in Escondido since 1969. Mrs. Malvin was a member of Lebanon Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Chapter AT, PEO and Daughters of the Nile. She is survived by her husband—Carroll Malvin of Escondido, Calif., and one son—David O.

Wrong Time to Pick on Rancher, Says Banker

All of a sudden it seems as if the farmer and rancher is under attack from all sides. As a banker and an individual who is at least indirectly, "I am concerned about a situation in which it appears as if they were kicking the farmer and rancher when he is down" That statement was made this week by art Jones, Belle Fourche banker, in expressing concern about the recent state and federal government actions involving farmers and ranchers of the area. "The recent announcement that some farmers and ranchers face problem during the survive draught. Jones urged Rep. James Abdnor to declare Butte and Harding counties a disaster area for the grain program.

Vale Residents Protest Closing of Post Office

Some 112 persons representing 182 families served by the Vale post office turned Tuesday night for a meeting to protest closing of the Vale post office. The entire group was unanimous in wanting to keep the post office open. Eighty-eight men and women signed five letters each saying they were opposed to the closing. The residents claim the four options offered would give the community the service here would be more expensive than the present service.



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16 Ruben Sandwich & Sauerkraut/ Carrots & potatoes	17 Beef Stroganoff with Egg Noodle Broccoli Roll	18 Orange Chicken Buttered Rice Green Bean Roll	19 Meatloaf Mashed Potato/Gravy Corn Roll	20 Fish or Hamburger on a bun Potato Salad & Veggie
23 Chicken Cordon Bleu Buttered Noodle Spinach Salad Roll	24 Fried Chicken Oven Roasted Potato Corn	25 Pork Loin Rice Pilaf & Corn	26 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potato & Gravy Dinner Salad	27 Chicken Enchiladas OR Fish Black Beans with Rice Green Beans
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3/3 Bingo at Branding Iron 7pm | 3/11 - Computer Awareness 1pm
 3/19 - Hearing Health 11:30am | 3/26 Writing Workshop 12pm

Meat Raffle benefitting BSL at Circle Lounge from 2-4pm 2/28, 3/14, 3/28, 4/4, 4/18



“A Scary Fairy Tale, a Serious Serial Part 2”

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As readers may recall, today's Roots Grow Deep and Strong installment is part 2

in a serial story, titled “A Scary Fairy Tale, a Serious Serial”. Serialization is a story telling method in which longer stories are published in segments. Serialization was very popular in newspapers in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

“A Scary Fairy Tale, a Serious Serial” is the retelling of a classic fairy tale, Hansel and Gretel. Readers may recall from the author's caveat offered last

week, the Grimms Fairy Tale early versions of Hansel and Gretel may contain objectionable material. Thus, the story should be told with caution, preferably under supervision, and never as a bedtime story.

The storyteller is the author of this regular Beacon column, Roots Grow Deep and Strong. The story is being told to the author's 15-year-old Granddaughter Teannah (Tea), with discretion and is subject to Teannah's approval and inclusive of her commentary. Readers may recall that last week's segment concluded when little Hansel and his younger sister Gretel found themselves lost and alone in the deep dark woods abandoned and left to die at the hands of their father and stepmother.

For a minute Teannah was

silent when we concluded part 1, at which point Hansel and Gretel are utterly destitute, cold, hungry, and traumatized in the dark after being abandoned in the woods by their parents.

“So did the kids get rescued?”
“Yes, in a way.” I told her.

“Hansel had collected white stones before setting out on their ‘family hike.’ He used the stones to mark a trail so they could all find their way back home. So, the kids were able to follow the trail of white stones back to their parents’ cottage, but it took a long time.” I explained.

“When they arrived back home a couple of days later, bedraggled and covered with open wounds and insect bites, Hansel and Gretel thought the parents would be overjoyed to see their darling children.

They were expecting a warm reunion, but the father and stepmother parents were not at all pleased, especially the stepmother. ‘Come on, we’re going for another nature walk.’ The stepmother said coldly.

‘Here’s a thin slice of nutritious white bread. Don’t eat it all at once.’ This time the father and stepmother were so determined to get rid of the kids for good they led them farther into the woods than before where the branches were so thick, every movement ended up in a series of inexorable tangles.”

“Oh... That’s so messed up.” Teannah said for the second time, incredulous. “So, the parents have abandoned the kids twice???”

“That’s exactly right. The parents have abandoned the kids twice, Once seems bad enough but at least you can say that they demonstrate characteristics of firm resolve, so essential in most parenting literature.” I noted, then

continued the story,
“Once again Hansel had tried to mark the trail with white stones, but he had run out of stones and finding their way out of the forest would have been quite impossible. You can imagine how the darkness swallowed them up and how cold they were as they were barefoot and neither child had proper clothing.

Hansel comforted his sister when she began to cry. ‘Don’t fret Gretel, I have a plan’ But in truth he didn’t have even the slightest hint of a plan. So, they rested and continued to walk inch by inch. They rested and walked some more as the daylight brought new light and warmth. Hansel knew that they had to keep moving or they would succumb to hypothermia that is, if the wild creatures and sinister shadows didn’t tear them to pieces and drink their blood first.”

Teannah was intent, “This is getting serious.”

“Didn’t I tell you this was a dark story?” I interrupted before continuing.

“Hansel and Gretel walked and walked. All seemed hopeless. Eventually, on the third day of walking it seemed to Hansel that that there was more sunlight and the shaded spaces were diminishing.

And as if by magic they saw a clearing in the woods. As if to portend good will and happiness, they saw a beautiful white bird that landed on the roof of a little cottage that stood in the clearing. It was a friendly and welcoming little house.

With trepidation little Hansel and Gretel approached the house slowly. The house resembled a frosted cake with shiny sugar class for windows and frosting trim. Even the stone pebbles lead-

ing to the house were candied and the grass was sour apple flavored licorice.

Having eaten nothing other than some chokecherries they found and a half a slice of thin white bread, the children were incredulous at the sight of so much confection.

Hansel who was taller tore off a piece of the roof and bit into it. It was sweet with cinnamon and ginger and melted in his mouth. Gretel put her fingertips on the window and easily broke off a piece. Gretel shoved several pieces of candy glass. All the parts of the house were magically edible. Then they heard a cheerful voice.

‘Nibble, nibble, little mouse, Who is nibbling at my house?’

The children looked up startled. Hansel dropped the piece of door jamb he was about to eat.

“Now back to the story. An old woman with an endearing toothless smile opened the door and greeted them. Despite the three long black hairs sticking out of her chin, the old woman seemed respectable enough. One should never judge based on looks alone. Hansel thought.

“Come IN children! Please! DON’T be shy! And she produced a tray of hot fresh cinnamon buns as if by magic. The children transfixed by sweet treats and smell of food followed the old woman into the house. And then she slammed the cottage door shut, they didn’t even notice.

“Do Hansel and Gretel ever catch a break?” Teannah wanted to know.

“You’ll have to stay tuned for the conclusion of the story next week.” I said.

Installment 3 of Scary Fairy Story on March 18.



Belle Fourche Beacon
‘Happenings’ and News
Bytes Calendar

The Beacon Happenings Calendar is public service listing of meetings, events, and things to do in and around Belle Fourche. Happenings announcements may be sent to:

Belle Fourche Writers
Belle Fourche Writers March meeting schedule: March 21 from 10 AM to Noon. All writers are invited to attend! Meetings are held at the Belle Fourche Public Library.

Belle Fourche Recreation Center
Notes from Belle Fourche Rec Center Aquatics Manager: As always, please reach out of you have any questions, comments, or concerns! My email is listed below: collin@bellefourche.org 605-892-2467 as well as the Rec Center front desk number 605-892-2467.

March Events
Youth Strength & Cardio kicked off March 6th. This class targets 6th-9th grade kids, teaching them how to use the weight and cardio machines and gets them set up on a beginner training program **Classes**
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 - 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. 605-892-2467 bellefourcherec.com

Tri-State Museum Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center offers new exhibits
The Tri-State Museum spent January freshening some exhibits and creating other new ones. The changes occur in the mercantile and a new “transportation” exhibit in the center of the museum.
In the mercantile, the case that has exhibited dolls features a new collection of 12 dolls from the museum’s extensive **Millicent Henderson** collection. These new dolls are from the 1940s-1980s and include a Madame Alexander doll, a Romanian doll and a distinctive burlap doll of Central American origin.
Also in the mercantile is a mini “haberdashery,” filled with vintage men’s clothing and toiletries. “We’ve had a number of exhibits about women’s and children’s apparel, but nothing that focused on men,” said Collections Archivist Jada Udager. “We thought this was a chance to feature artifacts we’ve not featured before.”
Across the floor from mercantile is the museum’s collection of salt and pepper shakers. The museum has so many of these that the entire four-shelf case could be completely refreshed. Some of new novel shakers include a lock and key, loaves of bread – and a little green alien in a spaceship.
A new exhibit in the museum’s mid-section is “Transportation: From Stagecoaches to Trains to Cars.” This exhibit includes images plus artifacts such as spokes for wagon wheels, a lady’s travel case, a miniature car and a vintage model stagecoach crossing a “path” with grass on either side of the roadway. There is also a brick roadway made of the few surviving bricks from Belle Fourche’s brick factory.
This exhibit also includes a basket with vintage postcards from places across the U.S. and abroad, which can be examined by visitors.
There is no admission charge to visit the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center, which is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. For more information, call 605-723-1200 or visit the website at www.thetristatemuseum.com

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Dates: March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3

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For more info, contact Tessa Anderson-Voyles, ACSM Certified Exercise Physiologist @ 605.892.2467 or tessa@bellefourche.org

Name _____ Age _____

Grade _____ Phone # _____

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION (Return form to: BF Rec Center, 1111 National St. 892-2467)

Child's Name _____ Grade _____
Parent Name _____ Phone _____
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John Gerkin, Nisland SD	20	Red-Brd Cow 7/8 Yo	1437	3900.00	\$3,900.00
	17	Red-Brd Cow 7/8 Yo	1437	3625.00	\$3,625.00
	22	Red-Brd Cow Bm	1450	3400.00	\$3,400.00
Leroy Curren, Aladdin WY	18	Red-Brd Cow Sm	1378	3600.00	\$3,600.00
	8	Red-Brd Cow 3/6 Yo	1148	3900.00	\$3,900.00
Avery & Graham, Rozet WY	30	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1412	3650.00	\$3,650.00
	15	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1412	3600.00	\$3,600.00
	18	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1428	3850.00	\$3,850.00
Russell C Guyer, Ekalaka MT	8	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1491	3875.00	\$3,875.00
	26	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1405	3900.00	\$3,900.00
Labrees Red Hill Ranch, Ekalaka MT	8	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1445	3700.00	\$3,700.00
	7	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1318	3500.00	\$3,500.00
Lacy Williams, Broadus MT	15	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1384	3500.00	\$3,500.00
	18	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1384	3500.00	\$3,500.00
Taft Ranch, Upton WY	9	Black-Brd Cow Sm/Bm	1476	3900.00	\$3,900.00
	3	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1220	3700.00	\$3,700.00

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	15	Black-Cow	1452	175.00	\$2,541.58
Stack Rock Inc, Alzada MT	9	Black-Cow	1412	177.50	\$2,506.69
	10	Black-Cow	1344	180.50	\$2,425.92
	24	Black-Cow	1231	177.00	\$2,179.31
	8	Black-Cow	1127	237.50	\$2,676.32
Kermit Rumph, Biddle MT	1	Black-Hfrt	950	312.50	\$2,968.75
Mike Or Tammy Pecha, Powderville MT	1	Black-Cow	1615	178.50	\$2,882.77
	1	Black-Cow	1500	177.50	\$2,662.50
Mallett Cattle Co, Powderville MT	1	Black-Cow	1435	178.50	\$2,561.47
	1	Black-Cow	1295	180.50	\$2,337.47
	1	Black-Cow	1320	180.50	\$2,382.60
Patrick M King, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Hfrt	1020	297.50	\$3,034.50
	1	Black-Hfrt	1095	272.50	\$2,983.87
	1	Black-Hfrt	1015	287.50	\$2,918.12
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	5	Black-Hfrt	1110	251.00	\$2,786.10
	1	Black-Hfrt	1125	232.50	\$2,615.62
Kaufman Ranch Llc, Alzada MT	2	Black-Cow	1253	212.50	\$2,661.56
	2	Black-Cow	1445	180.00	\$2,601.00
Grady Matt, New Underwood SD	1	Black-Cow	1460	186.00	\$2,715.60
Troy Lorenz, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1400	176.00	\$2,464.00
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	1	Black-Cow	1420	190.00	\$2,698.00
Kelly Ostendorf, Boyes MT	1	Black-Cow	1515	177.50	\$2,689.12
	1	Black-Cow	1420	185.00	\$2,627.00
John Gerkin, Nisland SD	1	Red-Cow	1365	178.50	\$2,436.52
Shane Finn, Nisland SD	1	Red-Cow	1445	178.50	\$2,579.32
	1	Red-Cow	1350	180.00	\$2,430.00
	1	Red-Cow	1375	181.50	\$2,495.62
	1	Red-Cow	1320	181.00	\$2,389.20
	1	Red-Hfrt	1085	290.00	\$3,146.50
	1	Red-Cow	1640	175.00	\$2,870.00
Seldo Inc, Boyes MT	3	Blk/Bwf-Hfrt	1233	245.00	\$3,021.66
Anders Cattle Co Llc, Rapid City SD	1	Black-Cow	1665	176.00	\$2,930.40
Jeff Plucker, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1390	179.00	\$2,488.10
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March 12, 2026	FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL & WEIGH-UP SPECIAL - WUPS @ 10 AM MT, FEEDER CATTLE @ 12 PM MT
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March 26, 2026	REGULAR SALE - SELLING ALL CLASSES - WUPS @ 10 AM MT
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April 7, 2026	BAR 69 ANGUS RANCH BULL SALE
April 9, 2026	REGULAR SALE - SELLING ALL CLASSES & REICH CHAROLAIS RANCH BULL SALE
April 16, 2026	GRASS CATTLE & BANGS VACCINATED HEIFER SPECIAL
April 23, 2026	REGULAR SALE - SELLING ALL CLASSES
April 30, 2026	REGULAR SALE - SELLING ALL CLASSES & J SPEAR CATTLE CO BULL SALE

World Day of Prayer Held At St. James Lutheran

The 2026 World Day of Prayer was held at St. James Lutheran Church on March 6, 2026. Women from local churches in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, participated in a Christian program with a message focused on women in Nigeria facing human suffering and poverty.

The worship service shared the lives of three women in Nigeria facing burdens of being single with young children, dealing with shame and poverty, and how their experiences reveal that God provides rest through community support, faith, and hope. We learn to embody Jesus'

invitation in Matthew 11:28-30: Come to me, all you who are weary. Seeking grace from each other will bring God's rest in our troubled world. The event was well attended, with 50 people from surrounding communities gathering to worship together. The Pickers

played hymns and music. A delicious lunch was provided after the program, consisting of Nigerian dishes such as rice, yams, and black-eyed peas. A free-will offering was collected to directly support women and children on this special World Day of Prayer, in remembrance of Nigerian women.

"It was a wonderful time of worship and an enjoyable lunch shared with our community," said Mary Wendt. "I want to thank St. James Lutheran for hosting this year's beautiful program." Next year's World Day of Prayer, which has been held nationwide for many years and always on the first Friday of March, will host the country of Ghana in March 2027.



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“Graveyard Girl,” keynote speaker at Genealogical Society Conference & Annual Meeting

Tasha Wesby Tietz, also known as the “Graveyard Girl,” is the keynote speaker at the South Dakota Genealogical Society Conference and Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at the Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Other presentations will be “Organization Tips of Your Genealogy Records,” by Yvonne Haefner, “Military Research in South Dakota,” by Virginia Hanson, and Pick an Apple from the Tree,” by Jody Weigel.

The conference is open to the

anyone who registers to attend. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the program begins at 9:00 a.m.

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More information on the conference and how to register can be found on the SouthDakota Genealogical Society facebook page,

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By John Newby *"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"*
"No - Your Community Isn't That Unique!"

Albert Einstein once observed, *"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them."* I keep that quote close whenever I sit down with a struggling community — and I've sat down with a lot of them.



ed \$5.68 billion in local reinvestment and helped open 6,630 new businesses. These are not unique communities with unique solutions. They followed a common framework — and it worked.

This was not by accident, none of it happened because those towns had more money to begin with. It happened because they shared a handful of constants, the same ingredients that appear in every successful community transformation.

The first constant is a willingness to shed old thinking; this sounds obvious until you're in the room. The communities that transform are ones where at least a core group of leaders stops defending the old way things are done and starts asking honestly why they haven't worked.

The second constant is an active volunteer culture. Communities that succeed aren't powered by paid consultants; they're powered by residents who show up. In 2023, Main Street programs across the country logged more than 1.6 million volunteer hours. That kind of community investment signals something that no grant can manufacture, people who believe the place is worth saving.

The third constant — and arguably the most economically powerful — is a genuine commitment to locally-owned business. This is not sentimentality. The numbers are unambiguous. Studies by Civic Economics

and the Institute for Local Self-Reliance consistently find that roughly 52 cents of every dollar spent at a locally-owned business is recirculated back into the local economy. At a chain store, that figure drops to about 14 cents. In practical terms, that means the money you spend at the hardware store on Main Street multiplies in your community at nearly four times the rate of money spent at a big-box retailer on the edge of town. Shift just 10 percent of consumer spending from chains to local businesses, and research suggests communities can generate millions in additional local economic activity — without a single new business opening its doors.

The fourth constant is unified public-private leadership. Transformation does not happen when city hall drives it alone, and it does not happen when chambers and nonprofits go it alone either. Every community that has genuinely turned itself around has found a way to get elected officials, business owners, and civic organizations working from the same playbook. That alignment is harder to build than any infrastructure project — and more valuable.

The fifth constant is transparent communication. Communities that transform keep their residents informed and engaged. They don't manage perception, they share progress honestly, celebrate small wins publicly, and acknowledge setbacks before the rumor mill does it for them. Trust, once built, becomes a community asset as real as any renovated building.

There is one more constant worth naming: persistence through financial constraint. Oklahoma's Main Street communities generated more than \$2.2 billion in reinvestment since 1986, they didn't start

The conversation usually goes something like this: leaders and residents spend the first hour describing everything that makes their town uniquely broken. The economy is different here. The politics are different here. It is a familiar refrain — and a convenient one. Because if the problems are truly one-of-a-kind, no outside solution can possibly apply. The status quo gets to stay.

After working with communities, chambers, Main Street programs, and local media companies across the country, I'll say plainly what the data shows: nearly every community shares the same fundamental challenges. They may wear different clothes, but the bones are identical. And more importantly, the roadmap to transformation is the same as well.

According to Main Street America, in the past four decades, over \$70 billion was reinvested in downtowns, 584,000 net new jobs created, and 268,000 buildings rehabilitated. For every dollar invested in operating a local Main Street program, \$32 in new investment has followed. In 2023, Main Street initiatives generat-

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with \$2.2 billion. They started with a framework, committed residents, and the decision to begin. Missouri's Main Street communities hit \$1 billion in investment in 2021 after 15 years of steady, unglamorous work. The money followed the vision, not the other way around. The next time someone in your community insists that the problems are too unique, too local, too specific for any shared solution to apply — point to the data. Point to more than 1,200 communities that heard the same voices of doubt and transformed anyway. The road to revital-

ization is not mysterious. It is well-documented, well-traveled, and wide open. Norman Vincent Peale said it best: "Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that."
John A. Newby, author of the *"Building Main Street, Not Wall Street"* column, assists communities and their local media companies combine synergies allowing them to not just survive, but thrive in a world where truly-local is lost to Amazon, Wall Street chains and others. His email: john@360MediaAlliance.net.



Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden March 1 2026

Sunday was an amazing day as far as weather. It reached into the 70s which made for easy travel and many options to do outdoors. It was quite breezy though.

March is the season when those who seek to run for office in different capacities take out petitions or sign up at the auditor's office at their local court-houses.

In Meade County reports are that 3 new challengers to the

legislature are Bill Meirose for Senate. Gary Deering and Gary Cammack are both running for the house. Three new candidates for Meade County commissioner are Glen Haines, Teri Jo Bruch, and former Rapid City mayor Steve Allender. Gary Deering, R. Liggett, and Talbot Weizorek are reportedly not seeking re-election.

Citizens will need to spend some time researching the candidates so they can vote in candidates in all of the races who are knowledgeable, put

our people first and serve with a common sense approach.

On Saturday, March 28, 8:00-3:00 Copper Coffee & Goods in Union Center will be host Collecting Ink & Ivy: a Spring Pop-Up. You can expect Emma's fine line tats, Ann's Country Junk, Rueben sliders and drink specials and more. If you are in the area, feel free to drop in and see what it's all about.

With 'springing ahead' last weekend, there will be more daylight later into the evening. Folks understand that this is South Dakota, so as much as we've enjoyed a very mild winter, we all know that anything

can happen even into these next two months.

The legislative session in Pierre will be a wrap at the end of this week. There were significant bills that passed and many more that didn't. It is always a relief for all involved when the session is over.

What has been done for South Dakotans to improve their quality of life is always the goal. Bills supported or rejected by legislators can sometimes make for enemies. But the legislators who go to Pierre to do their best to seek out information, research history, and talk to individuals who can advise them to make the right decision, and find

ways to work with others are our finest. Many friendships develop and last for years among legislators who respect the process and each other.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden were able to attend the Summit League Basketball Championships in Sioux Falls on Sunday. South Dakota State University's women's team played North Dakota for the championship and won.

It was a fairly close game throughout until the last 50 seconds where the gap widened a bit more. It was an exciting game with many energized and loyal fans to support the team. Congratulations to the Jacks on a job well done!



Capitol News March 1, 2026 by Karen Odell

Ronda Cordell had to go into Camp Crook for vet supplies, that had been left off at

Wolffy's. She went on to Buffalo for a late lunch at Saloon Number Three, for a change of pace. Curt and Carsen Zolnoski had come to the ranch while she was gone. They had supper, and stayed with her for a couple of nights, before returning to Rapid City on Thursday. Ronda had made a trip to Ekalaka on Thursday, and she stopped for coffee and a salad, before heading home to make lunch for Curt and Carsen, Jason Berg and Jake Reynolds. On Friday, Jake and Ronda watched the Express Ranch Angus Bull Sale on the internet. Later in the day, the Amdahl Angus bulls were branded.

Calving is coming up fast. On Saturday, Diane and Dave Adams helped bring the cows from west of Belltower to the corrals near the Yates place. They also helped Jake, Jason and Ronda sort the two-year olds from other cows, and then sort the heavies out of the two-year olds to be hauled home. A new baby had just been born when they began to move the cows. Another baby was born shortly after they were brought into the corrals at home. They hauled the new baby and mama home later that afternoon, so the coyotes wouldn't find it. One mama wouldn't have much a chance of saving her baby, while trying to fight off several of those predators. To meet the change in time on Sunday morning bright and early, Jason, Jake and Ronda trailed the remaining heifers on home from where they had been fed in the corrals on Saturday. Ronda wanted to be finished with the move in time to attend the play, 'Father of the Bride', at the Bullock Hall.

She commends all the people that had a part in putting the play on. It was well worth the 3-hour watch. Ronda hadn't seen a play on TV, or elsewhere, that had the audience so full of laughter. She stopped briefly for a visit with Cheryl Burghduff and Reuben Balderas, on her way home from the play.

Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy Padden went to Spearfish to watch the Buffalo girls' basketball team in their game against the Jones County girls, and to see who would get to the state tournament. The game was very well played by both teams, and the Harding County girls won, to earn a trip to the state tournament in Brookings next week. Their first game will be on Thursday evening against the Bennett County girls. On Saturday, Bryce went to Buffalo for the district AAU wrestling tournament. There were a great number of visitors in town that day. On Sunday, Dawn and Dorothy went to the Bullock Hall to see the play, and it was great, as usual.

Julia Davis went to work at the courthouse each day this week. On Wednesday, she had a doctor's appointment in Spearfish. Grandson, Keaton, had basketball games on Friday and Saturday at Belle Fourche. Jake Davis came out on Saturday for a visit, and to get some building supplies for work on his shed.

Lynn Gustafson had a doctor's appointment in Spearfish on Wednesday, and she picked up some supplies while she was in town. On Sunday, Bruce and Lynn went to church at the Little Missouri Church, where the church was full with forty-six people in attendance. Alvin and Marlee Cordell are just starting to be busy with calving. Ryan and Tawni have been coming to night check

the two-year-old heifers, and stay in the cabin. Alvin and Marlee went to Spearfish on Wednesday, to see a Black Hills State University conference basketball game. It was very exciting, and a close game, and Black Hills won. Marlee went back again on Friday, to see the next game, and that one was just as exciting, and Black Hills won by just one point. Grandson, Cade Pearson came home with her on Saturday. Then that evening, Marlee took grandchildren, Cade Pearson, and Kymbre, Kynlee, and Barrett Cordell to the play at the Bullock Hall. Cade stayed overnight, and Marlee took him home on Sunday, so he could go to his own play practice in Belle Fourche.

Dick and Erma Albert had another of their regular weeks of activities. They went to the Hills, on Tuesday, with some tax papers, and picked up cold medicine and groceries. They went to the Senior Citizen dinner, on Friday, but Erma didn't stay to play cards. On Sun-

day, Erma was a little 'under the weather,' so Dick went to church, and then picked up some lunch to bring home to Erma from Saloon Number Three.

Karen Odell's dog Hywel is a very large Scotch collie. He is totally against having his hair trimmed or his toenails cut, and is too strong for Karen to hold, so she has had extra worry when Hywel began limping. Karen knew his toenails were probably causing the problem. She was told that her veterinarian does not help with these problems, so she had the big worry that he might become crippled. Ronda Cordell offered to help her, so she ordered some special nail trimmers, and tools, but still she felt inadequate in helping the dog. She finally looked for dog groomers.

She searched the internet in four bordering states, without success. Some only worked with small dogs. Then she finally found Jeannie's Pet Grooming in Spearfish, and she was very happy when they told her to bring him in, this week. They did excellent work, although Hywel was totally against

it, but Hywel was soon walking better. Karen was asked to come back again the next day, so that Hywel could get his shaggy hair trimmed, and he is now the happiest, and most beautiful dog around. His trepidation and fear, relaxed a little more the second day, and Karen's worries were greatly relieved. Karen is so thankful for your help. What a great job they did. Two trips to the Hills in one week, is a lot of travel for Karen. During the week, she visited on the phone with Shirley Melum, one day, and texted with her family. She spent much of her home time, on the computer with Matt Morse TV podcast, to keep informed about the war and other world happenings.

The Camp Crook Methodist Church will have services on March 15th, Palm Sunday, and Easter Sunday. Hope to see you there.

My Grandma started walking five miles a day, when she was sixty. She's ninety, now, and should just be reaching Tierra Del Fuego.

Legals

Position: Full-Time Deputy Auditor
Reports to: Butte County Auditor

Summary of Duties: The Sworn Deputy Auditor's main emphasis will be on Local, State, and Federal financial reporting. Other duties include maintenance of County asset inventory, insurance, and leases, administering and training the Financial, Payroll, and Human Resources Software (Tyler Incode). The Deputy Auditor will perform Auditor duties in the Auditor's absence.

Salary: \$23.87-\$29.49 DOQ
Hours/Week: 40 hours Mon-Fri

Education Required: GED/High School Equivalent - Bachelor's degree preferred

Abilities/Skills: A successful applicant will have knowledge of accounting principles and financials, strong numerical aptitude and attention to detail, skills in Microsoft Office, leadership skills, supervisor experience, knowledge of Insurance policies and claims process, written and verbal communication skills, time management, and organizational skills

Benefits: Retirement, Health insurance, Holidays, Vacation

Applications may be picked up at the Auditor's office at the Butte County Administration building 117 5th Ave, Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

Interested individuals can apply by the submission of an Application, Resume and Cover Letter addressed to the Butte County Auditor, Attn: Annie Capp, 117 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717. Phone 605-892-4485. Email: auditor@buttesd.org

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A list of tracts available for lease may be obtained at the Butte County Auditor's Office or by contacting the Office of School & Public Lands, 500 E Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD, 57501-5070 at (605) 773-3303.

You may also visit the SPL website www.sdpubliclands.sd.gov. Phone bidding will be allowed on a recorded conference line at 1-848-777-1212 with access code of 18892020#

Disabled individuals needing assistance should contact the Office of School and Public Lands at least 48 hours in advance of the auction to make any necessary arrangements.

Position: Full-Time Director of Equalization and Planning
Reports to: Butte County Commission

Summary of Duties: The county Director of Equalization is responsible for confirming that all property in the county is accounted for on the tax list. They are also responsible for guaranteeing that these properties are all assessed in an equal and uniform manner.

Salary: \$66,901.43 Annual
Hours/Week: 40 hours per week M-F

Education Required: High school diploma required.

Abilities/Skills: A successful applicant will have the ability to obtain the South Dakota CAA certification within one year, with prior property assessment or appraisal experience preferred, and experience with typical office software, such as Word, Excel, and Outlook. Advanced Excel experience preferred.

Additional Information: The work environment is split between typical indoor office duties and outdoor inspection of property activities. Travel will be required for certification and training.

Benefits: SDRS Retirement, Health insurance, Holidays, Vacation, Sick Time

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Position: Full-Time Highway Administrative Assistant

Reports to: Butte County Highway Superintendent

Summary of Duties:

This position will assist the Highway Superintendent in conducting the functions and responsibilities of the Butte County Highway Department. The ideal candidate for this position must have exceptional communication and customer service skills. The candidate will be positive, self-motivated, detail oriented, resourceful, and organized.

Salary: \$21.80 - \$24.57 DOQ
Hours/Week: 40 hours Mon-Fri

Education Required: Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience.

Abilities/Skills:

A successful applicant will have strong knowledge of clerical practices and procedures, excellent written and verbal communication skills, knowledge of grant writing, knowledge of budgeting and SD DOT reports, good time management, and organizational skills.

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Community Enjoys Pancake Feed Fundraiser



Men of the **Newell Christian Fellowship Church** prepared the food for the evening fundraiser. *Longbrake photo*

Robbi Longbrake

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NEWELL—Breakfast for supper with pancakes, eggs and sausage, topped with whipped cream and a variety of syrups for the hot cakes? Yes please! The men of the Newell Christian Fellowship Church served up a Pancake Supper on Saturday, March 7.

The men were all volunteering for a good cause—fundraising. “We are going to use the money raised to finish the hall here,” said David Krcelic, church member.

Not only did this group of hard-working men cook all of the food, but they greeted everyone at the door, showed each person to his or her seat and waited on each hungry guest. “I’m just here to say hello to people and get you to a table, so come on in,” explained

Krcelic.

After guests were ushered to their seats, Krcelic asked, “What would you like to drink?” He quickly returned with drinks and took food orders.

Within a few minutes, hot food was brought out by the server—Danny made sure everything was on the table. In the meantime, Krcelic stopped by to tell a few jokes—the evening was filled with laughter! With good food and plenty of laughs, the night was enjoyed by all.

The Newell Christian Fellowship community has been working to finish a Community Hall located right next to the church at 306 4th Street in Newell.

Milk, juice, water and coffee were also served, and the meal was provided for a free will donation.



Pancakes hot off the griddle were served. *Longbrake photo*

Celebrate Recovery Support Group is now meeting at **Emmanuel Baptist Church**

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Whatever It Takes Coalition LUNCHEON MEETING INVITATION

When:

Monday, April 27, 2026 * 11:30 am

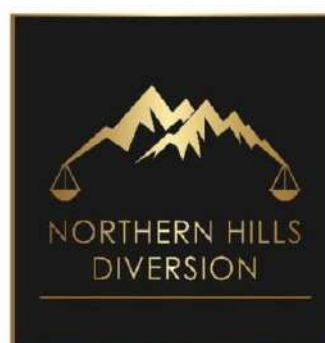
Free Luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. with program to follow.

Where:

Newell Christian Fellowship Community Hall
306 4th Street, Newell, SD 57760

Program:

Christine Allen & Verla Little with NH Diversion (Teen Court • Diversion • Truancy Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative) will be here to give a overview of what they do at Northern Hills Diversion and will have a few youth that will do a mock trial to give us a first hand experience of the program.



Helping Youth Become Contributing Members of Their Community.

Please let me know if you can make it, so I can plan accordingly.

Want to make sure I have enough for lunch and seats set up.

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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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Last Monday was a beautiful day with no wind so I washed a lot of laundry and hung it outside to dry, which didn't take long. We got several calves that day and Reub and Sandy Dan fixed the door on the warehouse above the old garage in that nice weather. Reub's classmate, Elke (Schmidt) Brock sent me the obituary of another of their classmates in Hettinger high school that afternoon. Larry Dean Luc-kow, age 83, passed away peacefully just after midnight on February 28, in Casper, WY, surrounded by the love and memory of his family. His funeral was Tuesday, March 3, at St Patrick's Catholic Church in Casper, Wyoming. Larry's family has our sincere sympathy and he will be missed.

Tuesday was another beautiful day with a temperature of 70 degrees so I didn't have to put many warm clothes on to take my walk

across the prairie while the guys were checking cows and calves. It was so warm that I didn't even fire up the woodstove that evening, which hadn't happened in a long time.

Reub and I went to Hettinger Wednesday afternoon for his yearly checkup with Leslie Kling at the West River Health Services clinic. We stopped in Reeder on the way home for coffee and some quick visits before going home to do our chores in time to make it to the Lenten service and supper at Slim Buttes Lutheran that evening. While we were having supper at the church, I got a text message from Reub's cousin Billie Dee Altman in Portland, Oregon letting us know that their cousin Zane Larson had passed away that day. Zane was 93 years old and was just recovering from surgery. He had trouble breathing and was on oxygen. Of the 31 Delos Olson's grandkids there are only nine of them left, including Reub

and Billie Dee. Our grandson Trig Olson came to the ranch that evening to help the guys with calving and chores while Taz was getting ready for the Jensen bull sale on Friday.

Trig helped Casey, Sandy Dan and Reub with calving and chores on Thursday while Taz was up at Ralph helping Jace Jensen get everything set up for the bull sale on Friday.

Sandy Dan helped with chores Friday morning before going back to Newell that afternoon. Casey and Missy, Taz and Amanda and the kids went up to Ralph early that day for the bull sale and Trig, Reub and I went up to eat that delicious lunch there before the sale started to visit with a lot of people that came to the sale. The three of us didn't stay for the whole sale because we went home to do the chores and check the calving cows, but the sale went really well. The game warden Edger Meza came down from Lemmon that afternoon to have Reub sign the papers to renew the Walk-In Area on the ranch for another five years. We had a really good visit with Edger and I showed him a bunch of stuff that I found sorting through things we had from the mission trip that Reub and I took Sandy Dan and Sage with us to Mexico in 1993. Edger is Mexican and can read Spanish so I sent a couple of the things

home with him after we had a really good visit about it. We hope he stops to visit with us again soon.

Saturday was warm and windy when Amanda and the kids went back up to Ralph to help clean things up and put stuff away after the bull sale on Friday. Casey and Missy drove up to Dickinson that morning to watch their daughter Lanie and Matt Klug's son Trace and our son Sage and Alaina's son Dathan wrestle each other because they are the same age in the same weight class. They also got to watch Sage and Alaina's daughters Ellarie and Irelyn wrestle each other! I spent a lot of time that afternoon setting all eleven clocks in the house forward an hour because of the ridiculous Daylight Savings Time that started on Sunday morning.

We came home after church Sunday morning to eat a quick lunch so we could get to the Gideon meeting over at the Coal Springs Church south of Meadow Corner by 2:30. That time change sure messes stuff up for us, but we made it in time and everyone else got there on time too. Hank Taton brought his son Orin with him and Orin is on crutches after the horse he was riding slipped and fell on down, landing on Orin's foot and breaking it. Orin isn't very old, but he's

a tough kid. We always pray for everyone we know that needs prayer and we also prayed for Orin's healing. With the really warm weather that day, I didn't even fire up the woodstove when we got home and our little great grandkids were playing basketball down in front of our basement with bare feet and no jackets. We love this weather, but we could sure use some moisture with all the wind and dry pastures because we worry about fires starting.

With that crazy time change messing everything up, I'll leave you with this:

A baby is born on Sunday at exactly 2 am, but the clocks turn back to 1 am, creating a paradox; the baby is no longer born. The baby now spends eternity stuck in a time-loop, which could've been avoided.

Get rid of Daylight Saving Time before it's too late for some baby.



Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

March 2, 1916

Ice on the Belle Fourche River backed up the latter part of the week and Sunday a gorge was formed around the bend of the Fair Grounds. Water was running across the lower end of the fairgrounds Sunday afternoon, but this had subsided Wednesday and the ice had settled to the bottom of the river. A few more warm days will cause the snow to melt in the Hills and then there will be some real high water here.

Yesterday, W. B. and Dwight Herman took possession of the Newell Garage and will conduct the business in the future. Mr. Amunson, current lease, has ordered himself a gas tractor and intends to tear up some of the sod on his claim northwest of town during the coming summer. At least four new gas tractors will make their appearance in this section within the month. This certainly doesn't speak much of hard times, as at least three of these machines have been purchased by farmers for their own use.

C. J. Hall, known as the eloquent Californian, gave an address in the Congregational Church on Friday evening in the interest of the state and

national prohibition. Those who were in attendance state that Mr. Hall certainly upheld his reputation for eloquence and his address was both interesting and instructive.

March 2, 1926

W. R. Bondurant, Fruitdale, has a rare collection of about 50 old coins. One coin is supposed to date back to before the time of Christ. Three are European three-cent pieces and are dated 1700, a US half-cent coin of 1828, several 25 cent gold pieces of 1850 and others of equal interest.

John Hoover, Day Hoover and Earl Bresee cleaned culverts toward Newell and drained ditches on the road from Hoover to Highway No. 79, last Saturday. Some areas were ready to wash out the road.

Some of the proceeds from the recent entertainment and box social at the Milberg School house will be spent on stage curtains and for some new phonograph records. The school is also in need of playground and athletic equipment which may be gotten in the near future.

Antone Johnson and his lady friend had a nice little walk of about a mile and half

by Linda Velder

home Friday night when their car encountered too much mud on the Horse Creek to Newell Road.

March 5, 1936

In a recent court case, the council for a divorce case asked the wife if it was true her husband led a dog's life? She replied that he did. He would come in with muddy boots, leaving footprints all over the carpet. He took the best place near the fire and waited to be fed. He growls at the least provocation and snaps at her a dozen times a day.

The first practice of the Easter Cantata to be given by the Community Chorus was held Tuesday evening at the Congregational Church. There were over 60 people at the practice. The next practice will be held at the Methodist Church next Tuesday evening March 10 at 7:30 PM. The title of this year's concert is "Mt. Olivet To Calvary". Dr. Jamison and Mr. Burns Taft are directors and Mrs. Osenbrug accompanist.

An 80-acre tract of irrigated land, 3 miles west of Nisland brought \$4,160 at a sale held on Monday at the courthouse in Belle Fourche. The sale was made by the South Dakota Rural Credit Department and was under direction of George J. Gunnison, Secretary of Agriculture, Pierre and L. A. Stearns, field man, of Newell. Under the terms of the sale the purchaser assumes the government liens which include construction and drainage charges.

March 2, 1946

The Lawrence County Sheriff's office at Deadwood was informed Friday that Lawrence Johnston, of Butte County, who was sentenced to 3 years to the State Prison at Sioux Falls for grand larceny of beaver hides, is actually an Army deserter and that his correct name is Clarence Denboe. The identification was made through fingerprints, which were sent to Washington, DC for the man's record.

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Nisland called at the Valley Irrigator office Tuesday. He was accompanied by a grandson who recently arrived from Texas by plane and is booster for that method of travel.

The Government's Veterans Service Commission has requested an additional 2 million dollars in funds for the Farm Security Administration in South Dakota this year, to be used in aiding veterans to purchase land. Such additional funds for aid to veterans would not affect the regular FSA program but would be of great benefit to service men seeking to purchase farm land and farm equipment.

March 8, 1956

A benefit dance from which it is hoped to raise sufficient funds to build restrooms at the Newell Lighter Athletic Field will be held at the Newell City Hall, Saturday March 17. The dance is being sponsored by the Newell Softball Association and the fact that it is being held on Saint Patrick's Day lends added significance. Good music is being arranged by Francis Jacobsen of Castle Rock and advance ticket sales is underway. People from over a large area are expected to join in, the effort and many tickets will be sold in blocks to help the cause along.

About 5 tons of wet cinders were hauled and spread over the athletic track at the Newell School Lighted Athletic Field, it was reported by William J. Clark, school custodian. The cinders were hauled by Kenny Anderson, Bernard Laumer, Don Van Loan, Joe Klein, Walt Milberg, Lee Post and Robert Getty driving their own trucks, Byron Schipke driving a truck furnished by Wm Smeenk, Clark driving Klein's truck, Bob Connor driving L. C. Williamson's and Willie Keller driving the City's truck. Dinner for the drivers was furnished

by the Newell Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Another special public meeting on Social Security will be held at Newell City Hall Tuesday evening, it was announced by Art Jones, program chairman of the Newell Community Club. The meeting will be conducted by Joe Etienne, field representative of the Social Security Department, at 8:00 PM and will consist primarily of discussions of individual problems and questions on Social Security. All persons interested are invited to attend.

March 10, 1966

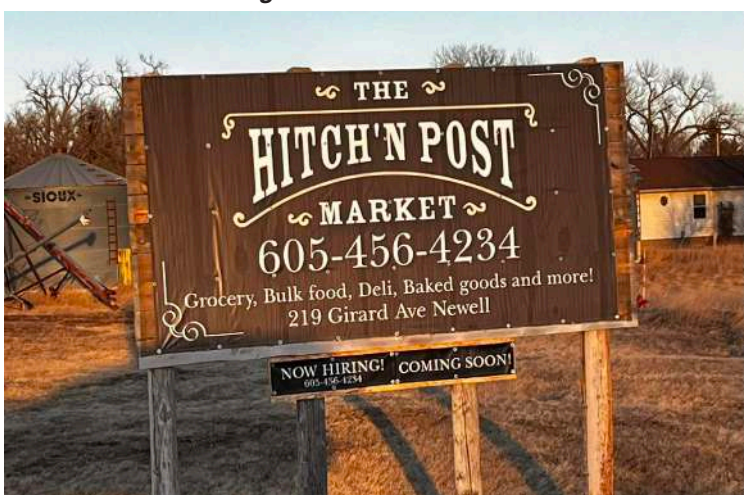
Hugh Caton, L. C. Williamson, Ken Steiner and Darrell Blomberg left Tuesday morning by plane for Billings, Montana, where they attended a US. Chamber fly-in meeting. Because of the blizzard they were not able to return home until Friday afternoon. The plane was expertly piloted by Mr. Blomberg.

People getting their mail on Rural Route are urged by Newell Postmaster Daniel Wiest to clear the snow from around their mailboxes as soon as possible. This, he notes, will assist the carriers to get to such boxes. Mrs. Wm Yaeger Rural Carrier for the Nisland Route, reports that she delivered the entire route Monday. On Saturday she was able to get through only the south part of the route after no deliveries on Thursday and Friday.

One Block in the north part of the town of Nisland had a power outage Saturday morning. A tree branch had fallen over the line. No severe loss of livestock was reported in the immediate vicinity. The Andy Michelson farm, east of town, lost about 80 young lambs, but do not consider this a heavy loss.



Ice Gorge



Woman and horse team

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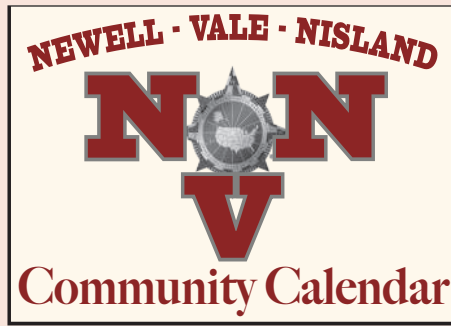
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9) Cheesy Eggs, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Nuggets, Peas & Carrots, Fruit, Milk	10) Turkey Bagel Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit, Milk Sweet & Sour Pork, Sugar Snap Peas, Fruit, Milk	11) Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Patty Sandwiches, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	12) Croissant Sandwiches, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Cook's Choice, Fruit, Milk	13) NO SCHOOL
16) Pancake Wraps, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Grilled Hot Turkey Sandwiches, Brussel Sprouts, Fruit, Milk	17) St Patrick's Day Biscuits & Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Cottage Pie, Cabbage Soup, Irish Soda Bread, Fruit, Milk	18) Pancakes, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk French Dip on Flatbread, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, Milk	19) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk BBQ Pork Patties, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Fruit, Milk	20) NO SCHOOL
23) Hashbrown Eggs, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Fruit, Milk	24) Tornadoes, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Fruit, Milk	25) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, Milk	26) Cheesy Eggs, Cereal, Juice Fruit, Milk Cook's Choice, Fruit, Milk	27) NO SCHOOL
30) Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Cordon Bleu, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	31) Quiche, Cereal, Juice Fruit Milk Pigs in a Blanket, Pork 'n Beans, Fruit, Milk			

Salad Bar available. Menu is always subject to change!

