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Middle School Theater's show VOLTAGE Electrifies Audiences!



The cast & crew of **VOLTAGE**, the BFMS drama production, was a large and enthusiastic group of students who took audiences into the future where robots & humans together are changing the world. *Courtesy Photo* (See program cast & crew list on A7)

National Park Service Announces Return of Independence Day Fireworks to Mount Rushmore National Memorial

WASHINGTON – The National Park Service today announced fireworks will again illuminate the sky above Mount Rushmore National Memorial on July 3, 2026, to celebrate the country's 250th anniversary. Public tickets for the event will be available through a lottery on Recreation.gov from April 8–12.

After a five-year absence, the return of fireworks to this iconic national memorial reflects President Donald J. Trump's vision of a "grand celebration worthy of the momentous occasion of the 250th anniversary of American Independence."

"In partnership with the State of South Dakota, we are excited to reinstate a spectacular fireworks show as the highlight of Mount Rushmore's Independence Day commemoration," said Dr. Jenifer Chatfield, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. "We invite the public to enjoy the show and reflect on our nation's remarkable journey and the great patriotic leaders who established, preserved and expanded our country's destiny."

"In just a few short months, our nation will throw the biggest birthday party ever for the United States of America," said Governor Larry Rhoden. "South Dakota is the freest state in a nation founded on the principles of freedom, so it is only fitting to celebrate in our backyard. We look forward to celebrating at the iconic Mount Rushmore National Memorial!"

Mount Rushmore's majestic carvings honoring Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln provide a stunning setting for a full schedule of activities during the Independence Day weekend. Details are available on the park's Event Calendar.

Tickets are required to attend the July 3 festivities and fireworks. The park will close to the general public the evening of July 2 and reopen for ticketed participants only starting at 1 p.m. Mountain Time on July 3. July 3 special events in the park will take place from approximately 4–10 p.m.

Applications for the ticket lottery can be submitted from April 8 at 8 a.m. MT through April 12 at 9:59 p.m. MT. There is a \$1 non-refundable lottery application fee. Each applicant can apply for up to four tickets and a parking space or shuttle service. Applicants will receive lottery results on April 14. Successful notices will include additional details and instructions for attendees.

As part of the Trump administration's commitment to enhancing access for American residents, the lottery and event are open only to U.S. residents. A valid, government-issued photo ID will be required for entry for ages 16 years and older. Visitors should allow ample time for security screening. There will be limitations on items allowed through security. Additional informa-

28th Annual Black Hills Job Fair A Success

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R. CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA
The Black Hills Regional Job Fair (BHRJF) on Tuesday March 10th hosted its 28th Annual Event at the Monument in Rapid City, SD.

A diverse group of volunteer professionals seek to provide an annual opportunity for employers and job seekers to meet and network.

The BHRJF Committee commits to promoting employment opportunities for persons with disabilities, minorities, women, and traditionally underserved populations.

This year, over 450 job seekers interacted with more than 70 employers looking to hire in the Black Hills.

Employers had access to interview booths to offer on the spot opportunities. Job seekers

who completed the exit survey reported the event met their expectations.

Of those surveyed, at least 50% indicated they were unemployed and looking for full-time opportunities.

The Belle Fourche Beacon who has been in communication with the communities of Sturgis and Box Elder about helping their communities to organize weekly newspapers in each.

Sturgis lost its local newspaper in 2017 at the same time the RC Journal closed the Belle Fourche Post & Bee.

The closure led to the development of the "Beacon" which began publication June 28, 2018. This issue marks the 9th calendar year of publication and the 9th issue in 2026.

Box Elder in the history of the town has never had a "local" newspaper.

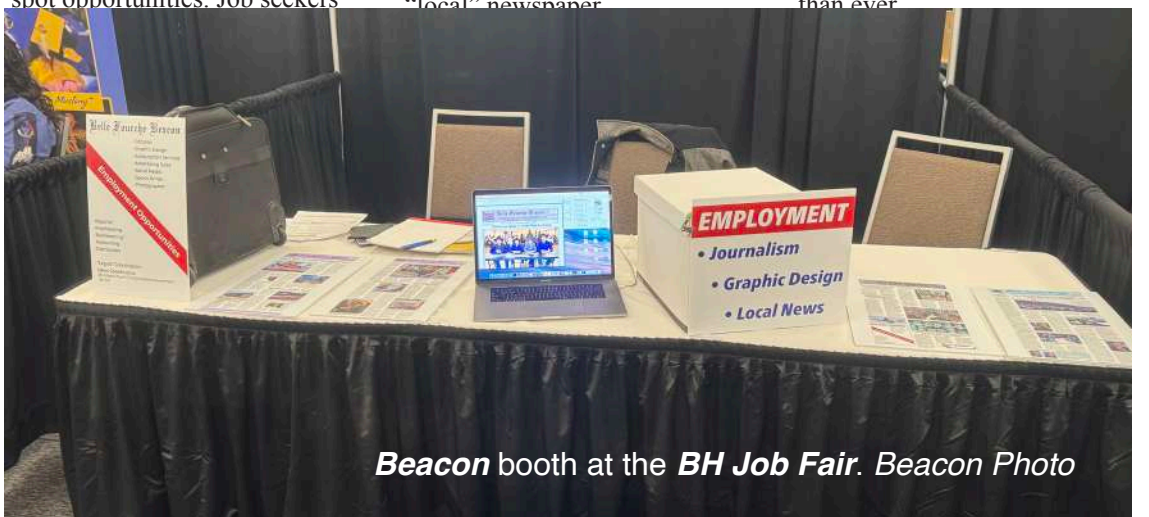
The Beacon attended the BH Job fair to better gauge the interest in pursuing local journalism from applicants hoping to secure employment in those areas.

The response was strong and we came away with 15 applicants that had a wide variety of experience and interest, including: Graphic Design, reporting, ad sales, accounting, proof reading, editing.

The Beacon's booth for applicant assistance was aided by Box Elder Mayor, Larry Larson.

A process of following up with each of the applicants is underway.

The Beacon in this age of electronic and online communication has understood that the demand and interest in news closest to home is still there and possibly stronger than ever.



Beacon booth at the BH Job Fair. Beacon Photo

tion is available on the park's Independence Day website.

About the National Park Service. Established in 1916, the National Park Service preserves America's most treasured natural and cultural places for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of current and future generations. Learn more at nps.gov.

Animal Care Center of Spearfish

is excited to announce that **Elizabeth (Liz) Boos, DVM** has joined their staff. Dr. Liz is a 2007 graduate of the **University of Minnesota Veterinary School**. She was employed in Belle Fourche upon graduation up until 2023. She was an associate veterinarian at **Animal Medical Center of Gillette** from 2023-2025 seeing horses, dogs, and cats.

Dr. Liz is glad to be back in the Northern Hills and happy to serve your cats and dogs at Animal Care Center for regular appointments and surgery. She looks forward to seeing some familiar faces!



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Melvin Eaton 72

Melvin Eaton, age 72 of Lead SD, died Thursday, March 12, 2026 at the Denver Hospice Center in Denver CO, following a hard-fought battle against cancer.

The funeral service will be held 10:30am Friday, March 20, 2026 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche, with John Rehmeier officiating. There will be no visitation. Interment will take place in Pine Slope Cemetery. Melvin's funeral will be available to view on his obituary page located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Melvin Wayne Eaton was born May 4, 1953 in Red Elm South Dakota. He was the son of Wesley and Barbara (Pesicka) Eaton. Melvin was the middle child of seven children, and he grew up on the family ranch near Red Elm. Melvin attended a country school near Red Elm and graduated from Faith High School. In high school, he excelled in athletics. He was a 5-sport letterman and in 1971 he won the SDHSRA All Around Cowboy. He rodeoed in his early years winning the SDRA Bull Riding Championship in 1972, 1974, and 1976. In 1974 he also was the NRCS Champion Bull Rider. In 1975 he graduated from Black Hills State University with a B.S. Degree in Industrial Arts. Melvin was united in marriage to Cathy Birkeland in 1974. To this union three children were born: Marty, Jaime, and Wayne. In 1975, Melvin started work as a contractor, which he did most of his lifetime, along with ranching land developer. In 1978 Melvin and Cathy moved to Belle



Fourche where they raised their family. They later divorced.

Melvin constructed many houses in the Belle Fourche area, and he always took great pride in creating energy efficient homes. He had a strong work ethic and he raised his children teaching them core principles that he valued.

On December 20, 2014, Melvin was united in marriage to Denise Laforce in Lead, SD. Together they were blessed with almost 11 years of marriage. During those years, Denise's medical career took them to Alaska, Washington, Kansas, New Mexico, and Arizona. Lead SD was always home however. The house they lived in there was the last one Melvin built. Traveling was something Melvin and Denise enjoyed. And wherever they went, Melvin always had to find a place to take Denise swing dancing or country two-stepping.

Melvin is survived by his wife Denise Laforce and her family: daughter, Marsha; granddaughter, Mia, great grandsons, Eli and Fin; Melvin's children: Marty (Kurt) Leibel; Jamie (Jason) Fearing, Wayne (Tessa) Eaton; grandchildren, Karsten, Cameron, Kipton Leibel, Taylor, and Layne Fearing; Ryan, Halle, Taiten Eaton; siblings, Judy (Dave) Gano, Jim (Candy) Eaton, Wendy Blunt; sisters-in-law, Laurie Eaton, Sharon Eaton, and Cindy Eaton; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Pastor's Perspective

This Perspective is from Greg Laurie

"Are You Running From God?"

Have you ever wished you could have a second chance in life? Have you ever done something that you deeply regretted the moment you did it?

We have all made mistakes. We have all done things that we know are wrong. But I have good news for you: God gives second chances . . . and third ones . . . and fourth ones . . . and fifth ones. **You Can't Run From God**

Jonah was a man who was given a second chance in life. He was given a job to do, but he basically refused. He was told to go and preach to some people known as the Ninevites, and he said no. Then he boarded a boat going in the opposite direction.

But Jonah found out that it's impossible to run from God. A great storm came, and he told the terrified crew that if they threw him overboard, the storm would stop. So over the side he went.

The Bible says that "a great fish" swallowed Jonah. This may have been a fish or a whale. In the original language, the term is sea creature. It might be something that exists today or something that no longer exists. Whatever it was, it swallowed Jonah.

Then, in the fish's stomach, Jonah prayed to God—after he already had been there for three days and nights. Talk about stubborn. I can imagine him wrapped in seaweed, little fish smacking him in the face, saying, "I'm not praying. I'm not budging." But finally Jonah cried out to God for help.

God directed the fish to the shore of Nineveh, where it opened its mouth and vomited up Jonah. Can you imagine sitting on the beach in Nineveh, catching some rays, and you suddenly see something just off the shoreline.

You say to your friend, "Wow. What is that? A boat coming in? Whoa! That looks like a fish. It's opening its mouth. . . Oh no! Sick!"

Out jumps Jonah, who warned the Ninevites of the coming judgment. God loved Nineveh, even though the people were sinful. And amazingly, the Ninevites repented after Jonah preached to them.

Some 600,000 people turned to God, and He spared them. He didn't judge them; He gave them a second chance. And He gave Jonah a second chance as well.

God accomplished His purposes through a storm and a large fish. Sometimes it takes something radical to get our attention.

We think we're indestructible, "Oh, that won't happen to me. That may happen to other people, but never to me." Then something takes place in our lives that's a wake-up call.

Have you had a wake-up call in life recently? Maybe it was a close brush with death. Maybe someone close to you suddenly died, or something happened that caused you to start thinking about the big issues of life.

lawyer who was trying to deliver an important paper to someone. Thinking it was some kind of a subpoena, the intended recipient avoided the attorney. But this was a very persistent attorney, and he would not give up.

This went on for 14 years, until the man ended up in a hospital bed, dying of cancer. As he was lying there, the lawyer wheeled up next to him with the paper. The man said, "I don't even care anymore. I'm dying of cancer. Give me the subpoena."

"What subpoena?" the lawyer asked. "I have a document here to prove that you've inherited \$45 million dollars!"

That is how it is when we're running from God. We're effectively saying, "Get away from me, God, with your forgiveness and your love and your mercy. I want to live the way I want to live."

Maybe you've run from God your entire life. Maybe you were raised in a Christian home and thought, "This is a complete drag. I don't want to live as a Christian, go to church, or live by what the Bible says. I want to go out and have fun—to do what I want to do."

Let me ask you a question: How is that working out for you?

After you've been out there for a while and have tasted some of the things this culture and this world have to offer, it's pretty easy to burn out and see the emptiness of it all. Have you come to that point in your life?

I reached total burnout at the ripe old age of 17. I was raised in everything the world had to offer. I saw my mom get married and divorced seven times. She essentially destroyed her life through drinking and partying and the rest. Then I got into the same scene.

I pretty much sampled from everything this world offers, and I knew at the age of 17 that it wasn't where it's at. I didn't know where the answer was, but I knew where it wasn't.

And through a process of elimination, for the first time in my life, I thought, "I'll check out what the Bible says." And I found what I had been looking for in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

There is nothing new under the sun. Solomon, who had 700 wives and 300 concubines, wrote, "Anything I wanted, I would take."

I denied myself no pleasure. I even found great pleasure in hard work, a reward for all my labors.

But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless—like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere" (Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 NLT).

Do you need a second chance in life? God can forgive you, wipe your slate clean and give you a fresh start in life. No matter what you've done wrong in your life, no matter what sins you've committed, God can and will forgive you if you will turn to him.

God Has Something Good for You
Are you running from God? I heard the story of a

Prayer for the Week

Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of this new morning and the blessing of life on this day. As I quiet my heart, I ask that you fill me with your peace, clearing away distractions so I can focus solely on you.

I acknowledge my shortcomings and ask for your merciful love to cleanse me and lift me up.

Lord, I surrender my heavy burdens, my worries, and my questions about the future into your hands.

I pray for guidance in my next steps, that I may trust in you with all my heart and not lean on my own understanding, as your Word says in Proverbs 3:5-6. Protect me and my loved ones from seen and unseen dangers, and cover us with your mighty wings.

Thank you, God, for your unwavering grace and for being my refuge. May I walk this week with a grateful heart, reflecting your compassion to others. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

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BELLE FOURCHE SENIOR IS SECOND RISING STAR OF THE WEST FINALIST



Belle Fourche High School senior **Alexis Pickett** is the third finalist in **KOTA Territory's Rising Star of the West Scholarship** contest. Pickett competed with three other outstanding Black Hills high school students the week of March 2nd on KOTA Territory News on FOX at 6 & 9. Pickett's commentary on 911 dispatchers was rated the best of the week by both viewers on www.kotatv.com and a KOTA Territory panel of judges. She will now be back on the air in late April and May, competing with the other three finalists for a total of \$7,500 in scholarship money from Black Hills FOX and Monument Health. The winner will receive a \$4,000 scholarship.

Superintendent's Corner

R. Orion Thompson
Special to the Beacon

During our most recent School Board meeting, members had the opportunity to enjoy lunch hosted by Lunchtime Solutions and sample the same meals many of our students enjoy each day. It was a great reminder of the work that goes into ensuring students have access to quality meals during the school day.

We also heard from our FFA students as they shared their experiences from the National FFA Convention. It is always impressive to see our students represent Belle Fourche with such professionalism and pride. The Board also welcomed the Belle Fourche Economic Development Director, who spoke about the continued growth and positive momentum in our community. One topic discussed was the concept of data centers and the importance of making sure that if conversations ever move in that direction locally, they are guided by accurate information and facts so the community can make informed decisions.

As we look ahead, our Buildings and Grounds Director and his team are already preparing for the summer months. Planning is underway for facility upgrades, maintenance work, and the annual cleaning and beautification projects that take place across the District.

This time of year, also brings the late-winter grind. The colder months can wear on everyone, but we are beginning to see spring on the horizon. I would like to congratulate our winter sports teams and individual athletes on their seasons. You represented Belle Fourche with pride and determination. Spring sports are already beginning even if the weather hasn't quite agreed yet and we look forward to cheering on our Broncs.

Activities across the District continue at a fast pace with competitions, performances, and events taking place regularly. It truly is a great time to be a Bronc.

State testing season is

also upon us, and families can support students by encouraging good sleep habits and making sure students start the day with balanced meals that help fuel their learning.

Finally, regular school attendance continues to be one of the most important factors in student success. Research shows that students who attend school consistently are far more likely to stay on track academically and graduate. Even missing just two days a month can put students at risk of falling behind. When students are present each day, they benefit not only from academic learning but also from the social connections and life skills that come from being part of a school community.

Everyday matters, and we appreciate the continued support of our families and community in helping Belle Fourche students succeed.

It's a Great Day to Be Bronc!

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Belle Fourche AAU Wrestling Club Qualifies 21 Wrestlers for State

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Junior athletes in the Belle Fourche AAU Wrestling Club are wrapping up their season with the run to state competition. On Saturday, March 7th, 38 wrestlers in 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U age divisions competed in District wrestling to earn top 8 placement in order to move on to the Regional competition. All 38 Bronc wrestlers made top 8 placing and moved on to compete on Saturday, March 14th at Rapid City Central hosted by the

Cobbler Kids wrestling club. The top 3 placers in 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U, and the top 4 placers in 6U, qualified for state competition this year. The 4th place spot rotates annually between age divisions to fill state slots fairly. Of the 38 Bronc AAU competitors at regionals, 21 earned their way to state qualification.

For the AAU girls in the 8U division, Riley Mehlhaff and Laiklynn Ager both earned 3rd place in their weight classes and Mila Hudson earned 1st in her weight class. For the 10U girls,

Nora Hodge earned 1st place in her weight class. For the 12U girls, Gracie Hodge and Lizzy Tonsager each earned 2nd place in their weight classes, and for the 14U girls, Madalynn Rhoads earned 3rd, AnnaBelle Dighton earned 2nd and Charlie Huston earned 1st in their weight classes to qualify for state.

For the boys, in 6U Tatum Rosenau earned 4th place, in 8U Easton Swaney and Joey Tonsager earned 3rd place and Brooks Lynch earned 2nd place in their weight classes. In 10U age division, Riddik Randolph

placed 3rd and Nash LaFrentz placed 2nd, in 12U Royce Bachman and Bayzen Curtis placed 1st, and in 14U boys, Tate Krul placed 3rd, Jaxon Linch placed 2nd and Logan Gleason and Neeko Pfister placed 1st in their weight classes to earn their way to state. Additional Bronc wrestlers in the Juniors division are able to register to compete in the state competition in USA Freestyle wrestling. The Broncs have a couple of wrestlers competing in this division, Caden Swaney at

113lbs and Lucas Tonsager at Heavyweight.

The state competition is being held in Sioux Falls this year in the original arena attached to the Denny Sanford Premier Center. USAW Juniors and 14U AAU wrestling divisions will compete Friday, March 20th.

The 6U-12U divisions will Wrestle Saturday, March 21st to earn their way to placing rounds. Small brackets finish Saturday, while full brackets compete in placing rounds following the Parade of Champions on Sunday, March 22nd. Good luck Bronc wrestlers!



Coaches Jade Ager, Antwon Randolph & Jason Swaney with wrestlers, Laiklynn Ager, Brooks Linch, Joey Tonsager ready to watch Easton Swaney



Gus Walding, Easton Swaney, Joey Tonsager & Addy Graslie watching wrestling at home meet in season. Tonsager photos



(L) Coach Sean Harris with a save in an on the edge of the mat take down by Riddik Randolph at Regionals; (C) Easton Swaney facing off at Regionals; (R) Joey Tonsager & Easton Swaney match poses watching a teammate wrestle.



Brooks Linch pinning opponant in a cradel.



Gracie Hodge begging of match hand-



Landen Swaney placing ankle band pre match.



Joey Tonsager working a pin at regionals.



Riddick Randolph in control.



Lizzy Tonsager fighting through her bracket at Regionals



Wyatt Ager in AAU season match up.



Kasten Pederson



Bronc Austin Ramirez vs Scooper at District Tournament

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Bronc Runners Compete in Off-Season

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Two Bronc runners have spent their off-season training and competing in races. Rhys Pearson and Lennon Clarkson have been racing in open events at South Dakota State University, Chadron State College, as well as the Heartland Nike Cross Nationals races during the winter season between cross country and track seasons. Individuals are able to run

unattached as individuals in the open races hosted at these colleges and events. In November the duo traveled to Sioux Falls for the Nike Cross National race, known as the NXR, Heartland Region, held at Yankton Trail Park. Pearson competed in the Rising Stars (for Sophomores and younger) race finishing 19th out of 177 runners. Clarkson missed running in the championship race by 1 second but was able to run in the Open race. In his section he

placed 24th out of 443 runners. The race was held on a blistering cold, snowy day with a real feel of 5 degrees making it less than ideal running conditions for an outdoor race. Coach Brit Clarkson who accompanied the runners stated, "There were some outstanding performances despite the weather. I am so proud of these two for showing their grit and their commitment to continue their training (after the cross country season ended)". In January Pearson and

Clarkson traveled to Chadron, Nebraska for an indoor event at Chadron State College. Both runners competed in the mile run on a flat 180 meter track. Pearson ran a time of 5:22 in the ladies division and Clarkson ran a time of 4:48 in the men's division. Coach Brit stated, "These are some great January times. Both have been putting in some work this winter!" expressing that

track season is just one month away from the time of this event. In early February Rhys Pearson travelled to SDSU in Brookings where she competed in the mile with a time of 5:27 and in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:22 and a 6th place finish in her heat. Next up for Pearson and Clarkson is high school track season beginning competitions late March.



Lennon Clarkson at Nike Cross Regionals (Courtesy Photos)

Rhys Pearson NXR race SF



(L) Lennon running the mile in Chadron; (C) Rhys & Lennon ready to run Chadron State College; (R) Rhys Pearson Chadron Mile Race.

5 things to know about open government

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Dave is Executive Director S. D. NewsMedia Association.

This week is *Sunshine Week* – a national observance highlighting the importance of openness and transparency in government at all levels.

South Dakota NewsMedia Association and our partner members – the newspapers and digital news outlets across the state – have long been supporters of *Sunshine Week*. This week represents a nationwide nonpartisan collaboration among groups in journalism, civic, education, government and private sectors.

In South Dakota, here are five things to know about open government and freedom of information laws.

1: Open meetings brochure
The South Dakota open meetings laws brochure is an excel-

lent guide to understanding the laws that direct government boards and commissions on how to conduct their official meetings in public, when they can meet privately in executive session and how the public may participate in a public meeting. You can find a copy of the brochure on the South Dakota attorney general's website.

2: Open Meetings Commission

The Open Meetings Commission was created in 2004 to provide a way for citizens' complaints about alleged violations of the open meetings laws to be heard. Over the years, the commission has reviewed dozens of cases and has rendered decisions that have helped provide a better understanding of the open meetings laws as well as guidance for improving the laws legislatively. Learn more

about the commission on the open government page of the attorney general's website.

3: Open records laws

Open records laws help define what is publicly accessible and what is not when it comes to records, documents and files kept by government. Given the vast amount and types of information that the government has, as you can imagine, these laws are numerous and complex. Many of them can be found in one chapter of the state's code of laws – Chapter 1-27. It's important to know that the fundamental presumption is that all government information is open and accessible to everyone, unless otherwise expressly prohibited in statute (see SDCL 1-27-1.1). **4: Appeal of denial for government information**
Like the Open Meetings Commission, which hears

complaints about open meetings laws, there is also a process for the public to appeal if their request for government information has been denied. You don't need to hire an attorney to use the process, and from time to time it has led to records denials being overturned. To learn more about how you can make an open records appeal, click on the "public records" link found on the open government page of the attorney general's website.

5: South Dakota lags in open meetings and records laws

Finally, know this: South Dakota has a long way to go when it comes to robust and meaningful open government. Our open meetings and open records laws are weaker than those of other states. Beyond the laws themselves, there has long been a mindset in government in South Dakota to say no first when someone asks for government

records, to go behind closed doors when discussing official business during official public meetings and to otherwise pay lip service to these laws because the penalties provided are nothing more than a slap on the wrist. I say this as someone who has worked over the years with many elected officials and others to improve our open government laws and have always appreciated their willingness to do so. We've made progress, but there is much more that needs to be done.

Summary

This election year is a good time to let candidates for public office know you want better, stronger open government laws in our state and that you want them to approach their duties, if elected, with a mindset that the public's right to know comes first. That would be a win for more sunshine in South Dakota.



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Show Up

by Belle LaVenue

The Belle Fourche Middle School Theater's show VOLTAGE, featuring 66 enthusiastic middle school actors and tech crew, provided some electric entertainment for the past weekend.

Both shows had great audiences, despite the weather on Saturday night. BFSM also videotaped the performances, so all family and friends could catch the show. The livestream is available on the district webpage.

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.



SHOW UP
by Belle LaVenue

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. 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!



The Robot Companies

Harlow...Titus Thompson
Betty...Lucia Rodriguez
Volta...Lilith Fay
Rueben..Tanner Wright

The Brown Family

Grandma Lou...Ember Olson
Trixie...Alexandra Huber
Danny...Nathaniel Boicourt
Mary...McKenna Freed
Donald...Sawyer Stone
Rhoda...Addy Clem
Belinda...Ari Beguine

Circuitopolis Citizens

Mayor Devoyle...Cade Pearson
Vivaca Devoyle...Kaya Pesicka
Ms. Montrose.....Aspen Richter
Polly....Kaileigh Grant
Letty....Alivia Ewalt
Prof. Harry....Keaton Davis
Boto Officer Juliet...Lola Hoffman
Boto Officer Charlie...Elise Wood
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Clarice...Reagan Eck
Mavis....Sierra Saivong
Jen....Claire Fickbohm
Teresa...Elizabeth Nikodým
Cookie...Maddie Rhoads
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Botmart Sales...Railey Fisher
Volta Sales...Alivia Allart
Dynopath Sales...McKenna Freed
Darcy Darwin...Natalia Allart
Marge Van Been...Lola Hoffman

Circuitopolis Robots

Robbie Bot...Blake Willert
Frisco...Daniel Eddy
Journex...Ruth Moore
Bobbie #5...Talia Thompson
Bobbie #51...Grace Long
Bobbie #33...Ainsley Schmeltzer
Samba...GiGi Harr
Tandy...Kylie Bidwell
Tobor...Paisley Featherston

Marbie...Avery Dobesh
Samson...Siliias Palmer
Calculex...Adalyn Savery
Formatex...Jeselyn Carr
Karmex...Elizabeth Bright
Pollitex...Aurora Elk Nation
Volta Proto...Chaylee Carr
Botmart Proto...Madelyn Adams

Stage Managers

Ivy Olson
& Jake Tonsager

Sound

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Wyatt Stumpf, &
Tristan Wishard

Prop Masters

Maddie Rhoads &
Ainsley Schmeltzer

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Aria Baker,
Matthew Nikodým,
Matthew Jones,
Aspyn McKinney,
Brady Wilbur,
Pearl E' Silva,
Abby Schwede,
Marcus Shannon,
Emma Raber,
Logan Dennis,
Khloey Bean,
Chaz Piekola, &
Rainley Roseland

Directed by

Reva Potter & Rachel Crittenden

Set Design Construction:

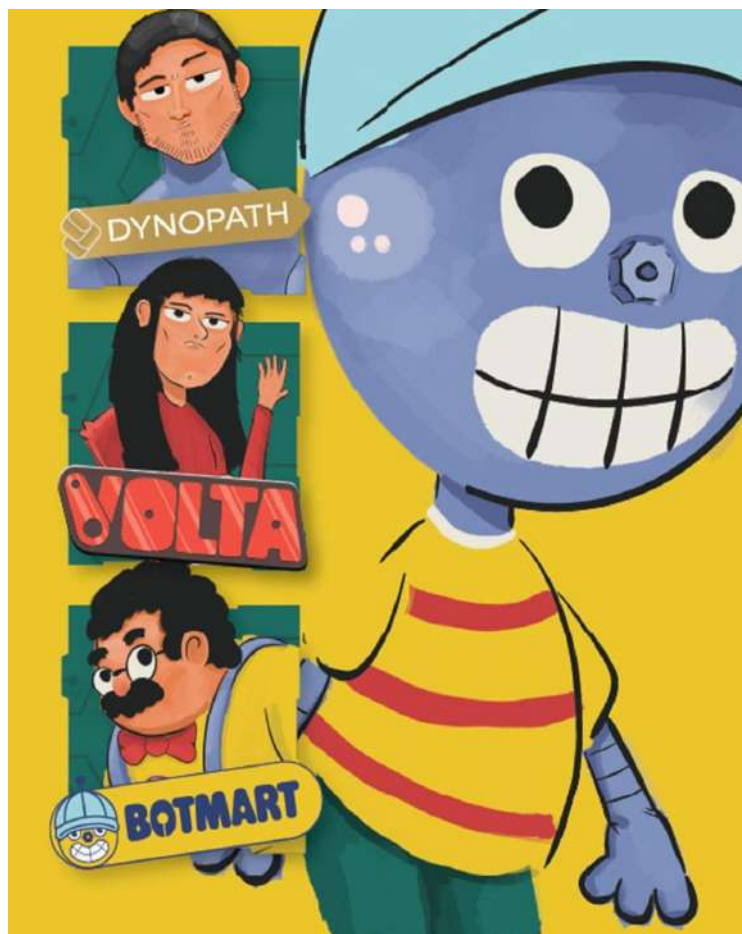
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Table with 5 columns: Name, Exempt, Parcel, Legal, Location. Lists various organizations and their tax-exempt properties.

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Upcoming events, for more information call: 605-892-2676



12th - Good Shepard Lead Clinic
Casino Night March 13th

14th - 8AM Flea Market @ Comm Hall

15th - 2PM Family Fun Day @ Tri State Museum

16th - 6PM City Council, 7PM Spring Concert by BFHS

17th - 12PM Animal Chiropractic @ BF Chamber, 5PM Candidate Forum @ Grap's

18th - Hat Bar @ Weather Hat

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ST. ONGE LIVESTOCK Now Broadcasts our Sales live on the internet at WWW.CATTLEUSA.COM

Cattle Report - Friday, March 13, 2026

Nice Run Of Cattle Today - Just Under 2000 HD

Next Sale - March 20th - Bred Cow Special - 10 AM
Thank you for Marketing with St Onge Livestock!

Feeder Cattle					
Lightning Ridge, Olive MT	49	Blk	Str	696	\$414.00
Lightning Ridge, Olive MT	80	Blk	Str	676	\$431.00
Lightning Ridge, Olive MT	50	Blk	Str	595	\$485.00
Lightning Ridge, Olive MT	48	Blk	Hfr	652	\$396.00
Lightning Ridge, Olive MT	90	Blk	Hfr	646	\$406.00
Lightning Ridge, Olive MT	37	Blk	Hfr	568	\$449.00
Duprel & Sons, Jack, Sturgis SD	65	Bld	Hfr	882	\$337.00
Duprel & Sons, Jack, Sturgis SD	12	Bld	Hfr	877	\$332.00
Lockwood, Ed, Volborg MT	75	Blk	Hfr	749	\$402.50
Baker, Robert K or Rita B, Buffalo Gap SD	80	Bld	Hfr	674	\$387.50
Baker, Robert K or Rita B, Buffalo Gap SD	16	Bld	Hfr	564	\$442.50
Brownfield Ranch Inc, Hammond MT	35	Bld	Str	763	\$381.00
Dewey, Todd or Susan, Box Elder SD	26	Bld	Hfr	672	\$384.00
Gay Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	20	B/R	Hfr	414	\$512.50
Hammel, Tim, Hot Springs SD	48	Bld	Hfr	816	\$341.00
Hammel, Tim, Hot Springs SD	70	Blk	Hfr	878	\$332.50
Hammel, Tim, Hot Springs SD	63	Blk	Hfr	862	\$333.00
Hammel, Tim, Hot Springs SD	20	Bld	Hfr	862	\$326.00
Kammerer, Matt or April, Rapid City SD	18	Bld	Hfr	648	\$395.00
Kammerer, Matt or April, Rapid City SD	13	Blk	Hfr	735	\$375.00
Kammerer, Matt or April, Rapid City SD	21	Bld	Hfr	714	\$389.00
Leffingwell Cattle Co, Broadus MT	57	Blk	Str	793	\$370.00
Mackaben, Ronny, Broadus MT	10	Bld	Str	761	\$374.00
Mackaben, Ronny, Broadus MT	18	Bld	Str	736	\$390.00
McFarland Land & Livestock LLC, Newcastle WY	72	Bld	Str	591	\$484.00
McFarland Land & Livestock LLC, Newcastle WY	20	Bld	Str	515	\$535.00
McFarland Land & Livestock LLC, Newcastle WY	30	Bld	Hfr	522	\$445.00
McFarland Land & Livestock LLC, Newcastle WY	11	Blk	Hfr	475	\$500.00
Powell, Stanley, Biddle MT	47	Blk	Hfr	689	\$394.00
Powell, Stanley, Biddle MT	10	Blk	Hfr	588	\$432.00

Weigh Up Cows					
Baker, Robert K or Rita B, Buffalo Gap SD	1	Blk	Cow	1580	\$160.00
Barnes, Peggy, Rapid City SD	1	Xbrd	Cow	1150	\$160.00
Carrol, Donald, Fairburn SD	1	Blk	Hfr	1050	\$260.00
Carrol, Donald, Fairburn SD	4	Bld	Owett	1288	\$191.00
Carter, Zach Or Sara, Spearfish SD	1	Red	Owett	1400	\$186.00
Carter, Zach Or Sara, Spearfish SD	2	Red	Cow	1600	\$185.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Rbld	Hfr	900	\$282.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	2	Bld	Hfr	1060	\$277.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Rbld	Owett	1275	\$187.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	3	B/R	Cow	1356	\$185.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Bld	Cow	1355	\$183.00
Davis Ranches, Belle Fourche SD	1	Hfr	Cow	1480	\$185.00
Davis Ranches, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bld	Cow	1595	\$182.00
Dickschat, Emmitt, Hermosa SD	2	Blk	Cow	1135	\$177.00
Heier, Ner J, Prairie City SD	3	Bld	Cow	1393	\$175.00
Heier, Ner J, Prairie City SD	1	Rbld	Cow	1395	\$171.00
Heier, Ner J, Prairie City SD	1	Blk	Cow	1705	\$168.00
Hoffman, Matt Or Jana, St Onge SD	1	Blk	Cow	1505	\$180.00
Jewett, Tyler Or Sally, Belle Fourche SD	1	Hfr	Cow	1450	\$183.00
Jewett, Tyler Or Sally, Belle Fourche SD	3	Hfr	Cow	1210	\$183.00
Jewett, Tyler Or Sally, Belle Fourche SD	1	Hfr	Cow	1395	\$182.50
Malenovsky, Mike, Ekalaka MT	1	Red	Cow	1165	\$180.00
Paulsen, Mitch Or Mitchell, Custer SD	2	Blk	Cow	1375	\$185.00
Paulsen, Mitch Or Mitchell, Custer SD	1	Blk	Cow	1185	\$183.00
Paulsen, Mitch Or Mitchell, Custer SD	1	Blk	Cow	1410	\$177.50
Paulsen, Mitch Or Mitchell, Custer SD	1	Blk	Cow	1290	\$160.00
Peter, Henry (Toby) Or Connie, Sturgis SD	1	Red	Hfr	1005	\$282.50
Powell, Brad, Biddle MT	1	Bld	Cow	1185	\$177.50
Moore, Eric, Miles City, MT	4	Blk	Cow	1461	\$184.50
Moore, Eric, Miles City, MT	1	Hfr	Cow	1430	\$180.00
Moore, Eric, Miles City, MT	15	Red	Cow	1411	\$179.50
Moore, Eric, Miles City, MT	33	B/R	Cow	1605	\$177.00
Moore, Eric, Miles City, MT	7	B/R	Cow	1659	\$176.50
Moore, Eric, Miles City, MT	4	Hfr	Cow	1646	\$174.50
Red Rose Cattle LLC, Caputa SD	1	Blk	Cow	1470	\$178.00
Red Rose Cattle LLC, Caputa SD	6	Rbl	Cow	1650	\$177.00
Red Water Ranch LLC, Sundance WY	1	B/R	Cow	1380	\$183.00
Rourke, Beau Or Megan, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Hfr	885	\$297.50
Schlecht, Kirby, Whitewood SD	1	Blk	Hfr	1080	\$280.00
Schuchard, Eric Or Amanda, Prairie City SD	1	Blk	Cow	1460	\$175.00
Schueneman Rvcl Tr, John E, Spearfish SD	1	Hfr	Cow	1465	\$183.00

Shepperson, Bob J & Julie G, Upton WY	1	Blk	Hfr	830	\$305.00
Shepperson, Bob J & Julie G, Upton WY	2	Blk	Cow	1437	\$174.00
Tetraut Ranch Trust, St Onge SD	1	Red	Cow	1520	\$185.00
Tetraut Ranch Trust, St Onge SD	1	Red	Cow	1335	\$184.00
Tibbets, Tyler Or Kelly, Buffalo Gap SD	1	Blk	Hfr	945	\$287.50
Williams Ranch Co. LLC, Moorcroft WY	8	Blk	Hfr	1010	\$287.00
Williams Ranch Co. LLC, Moorcroft WY	18	Blk	Hfr	1288	\$206.50
Williams Ranch Co. LLC, Moorcroft WY	1	Red	Cow	1195	\$187.00
Williams Ranch Co. LLC, Moorcroft WY	1	Blk	Cow	1660	\$180.50
Williams Ranch Co. LLC, Moorcroft WY	4	Blk	Cow	1472	\$180.50
Williams Ranch Co. LLC, Moorcroft WY	2	Blk	Cow	1115	\$177.50
Williams Ranch Co. LLC, Moorcroft WY	2	Blk	Cow	1228	\$177.00
Williams Ranch Co. LLC, Moorcroft WY	1	Blk	Cow	1228	\$177.00
Williams Ranch Co. LLC, Moorcroft WY	1	Blk	Cow	975	\$170.00

Friday, March 20, 2026
Regular Cattle Sale
Cactus Cattle Co Angus Bull Sale
10:00 AM - Weigh Ups
12:00 Noon - Feeder Cattle Followed By Bred Cows
1:00 PM - Cactus Cattle Co Angus Bull Sale

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI-No Implants
Bred Cows
Cow Creek Livestock - Dispersion - 24 Blk 3 To 8 Yr Old Cows - Bred Blk - 5/5
- 11 Charx 3 To 8 Yr Old Cows - Bred Blk - 5/5
- 11 Blk & Charx Hfrs - Ai Bred, Blk Bred To Institution, Char Bred To Jamar Jefferson - 5/10 For 10 Days
Plus More By Sale Time!

2026 CATTLE SALES
March 27th - Grass Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
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 SPRING BULL SALE LIST
March 20th - Cactus Cattle Company Angus Bull Sale
March 27th - Mills Cattle Co Angus Bull Sale
April 3rd - CK Bar Ranch Sim-Angus Bull Sale
April 17th - Baker Lemar Angus Bull Sale
April 24th - Jordan Cattle Co Sim Angus & Angus Bull Sale
May 15th - Turn-Out Bull Sale

Attention to all sheep & goat producers: It is required that every male & female animal over the age of 12 months have a scrapie tag in place to sell. These tags can be obtained by the producer for FREE by calling 1-866-873-2824. If they come to the sale barn without being tagged, you will be charged \$4/head for our vet to do them. Please call us if you have any questions.

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

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Sheep Report - Thursday, March 12, 2026
Small Run Of Sheep Today
Lambs Sold Steady
Slaughter Ewes Sold \$10 Higher
Next Sale - March 19th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats - Start Time 1:00 PM
There Are Bred Ewes Listing For This Sale on www.stongelivestock.com

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

Feeder Lambs				
Boller Mills Limited Partnership, Gillette WY	19	Lamb	95	\$294.00
Boller Mills Limited Partnership, Gillette WY	8	K Ewe	133	\$141.00
Boller Mills Limited Partnership, Gillette WY	8	K Ewe	155	\$126.00
Clarkson, Bill Or Reece, Buffalo Sd	9	K Ewe	163	\$126.00
Dye, Robert E Jr (Chip), Alzada MT	5	K Ewe	186	\$126.00
Olson, John Or Jennie, Broadus MT	5	K Ewe	182	\$126.00
Olson, John Or Jennie, Broadus MT	6	K Ewe	175	\$120.00
Orwick, Jack Or Cindy, Newell Sd	14	K Ewe	143	\$134.00
Orwick, Jack Or Cindy, Newell Sd	14	K Ewe	166	\$126.00
Riesland Ranch, Broadus MT	21	K Ewe	136	\$140.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS
MARCH 19, 2026
Regular Sale
1:00 PM
BRED EWES
Arledge Ranch - 300 6 Yr Old Ewes - WF Bucks - 5/12
Trent Turbiville - 46 2-5 Yr Old Ewes - WF & BF Bucks - 5/8 To 5/31
- 160 6 & 7 Yr Old Ewes - WF & BF Bucks - 5/8 To 5/31
- 40 Mixed Age Ewes - WF & BF Bucks - 6/1 For 30 Days
PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!
Please Have Animals In By 10:00 AM
So They Can All Be Weighed Before The Sale!
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2026 SHEEP SALES
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
April 23rd - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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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First day of Winter?

Doug Cole
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Don't you just love South Dakota weather? With record breaking warmth the last several months; severe draught; high fire danger, and then a day that finally gives a glimpse of what we should have

been experiencing for some time. Snow fall totals in the double digits and picturesque scenery across the region. Oh, don't let me forget to tell you, by the time you read this temps should reach close to 80 degrees!



Winter Scenes



Belle Fourche Lions Club PANCAKE BREAKFAST!
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Looking Back in Belle

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121 years ago
The Daily Deadwood Pioneer Times
Nov. 26, 1905
One of the Thriving Cities of South Dakota A FEW FACTS In Regard to Its Business Institutions Its Advantages as an Industrial Center Cannot Be Denied

The city of Belle Fourche because of its altitude, the mild climate which it enjoys and its excellent schools and churches, is a most desirable place to live. Its climate is similar to that of Hot Springs in the southern part of the Black Hills, but the cost of living is not so high. The people of this city are of the most enterprising and all lines of business are represented, as well as the professional field. Two newspapers are published in the city, the Belle Fourche Bee and the Northwestern Post. There are also two excellent banking institutions, the Butte County bank and the First National bank, both good, reliable institutions and doing a thriving business, having money to loan at reasonable rates. The Butte County bank was established in 1891 and is the oldest bank in the county. Its capital is \$25,000 and the deposits are \$440,000. The officers are John Cly president; James T. Craig vice-president; A. H. Marble vice-president; W. B. Penfold, cashier, M. W. Real, assistant cashier. The First National bank is a younger institution but already has the confidence of the people of the vicinity, and is the county depository. Its officers are T. J. Steel, president; Thos. H. Gay vice-president and D. R. Evans cashier.

100 years ago
Northwest Bee
March 11, 1926
TOM MIX WILL ATTEND ROUND-UP *Noted Movie Star Says he Will Be in Belle Fourche July 5, 6 and 7.*

Tuesday morning of this week a telegram was received from Secretary R. I. Bronson of the Tri-State Round-Up, who is in Los Angeles, Calif., stating that Tom Mix of moving picture fame had promised to attend the first reunion and twenty-first anniversary of Captain Seth Bullock's Cowboys and Rough Riders, twenty-one years ago. Shortly after the presidential election of 1904, Captain Seth Bullock, who was a close personal friend of President Roosevelt, conceived the idea of having a cowboy section in the inaugural parade, and as a result sixty-two men from the west donned their high heeled boots, chaps and other cowboy rigging, took their ponies and went to Washington for the inauguration. This unique feature caused much comment all over the nation. After the cowboys left Washington they returned to their homes and many of them have not met since that time. The reunion in Belle Fourche July 5, 6, 7 will give these men an opportunity to renew acquaintances, and it is probable that they will

form an association to keep this acquaintanceship alive in the years to come.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
March 22, 1951
Clark Named to State Highway Commission Appointment of Sterling Clark, present Butte county states attorney, as a member of the South Dakota State Highway commission for a four-year term was announced in Pierre yesterday by Gov. Sigurd Anderson. Clark, currently n Ft. Leonard Wood for a two-week refresher as a lieutenant colonel in the Army reserves, will succeed Matt Stephenson, formerly of Dupree but now of Spearfish. Clark, whose appointment becomes effective April 1, virtually was drafted for the commission post. R. A. Smiley, Clark's law firm partner here, said yesterday he accepted only after repeated insistence by Governor Anderson, and the chief executive's assurance that it would not interfere with his duties as Butte county states attorney. A member of the Smiley and Clark law firm, Clark came to Belle Fourche in 1945 following four years active Army duty. He is a past president of the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce and the U. S. Highway 212 association, present chairman of the local Chamber's highway committee and was veterans service office for Butte county for three years. A graduation of the University of South Dakota law school in 1927, he practiced as an attorney at Clark, S. D. until 1936 when he moved to Sturgis to act as receiver for banks at White-wood and St. Onge. From 1939 until he began active Army duty in 1941, he served as assistant attorney general and deputy industrial commissioner at the state capital at Pierre.

Hospital Trustees Purchase Needed X-ray Equipment, Seek \$13,000 in Donations When the new x-ray equipment is installed next month in John Burns Memorial hospital it will replace a machine that has been in constant use for 22 consecutive years. Dr. J. L. Chasell, who willed the present machine to the hospital three years ago with the provision it could be traded in on new equipment, purchased it in the fall of 1928. It was sometime in the early 1920's Dr. Chasell recalls, that the first x-ray machine was brought to Belle Fourche by Dr. C. A. Cook, a dentist now living in Washington. Dr. Cook was an expert in the use of gas and Dr. Chasell used to take many of his patients with fractures to Dr. Cook's office for x-rays and setting bones while the patient was anesthetized. After Dr. Cook sold his practice and equipment to Dr. D. A. Lind, the latter traded the old machine for a new dental x-ray. In the meantime, Dr. Chasell had learned to operate the x-ray and when the company showed a reluctance to ship it out of town for re-sale it was purchased by the hospital here. That original

by Mary Buchholz
equipment was used at John Burns hospital as a mobile unit for approximately 15 years and only a year ago was exchanged for a more modern machine that could be moved from room to room. During all those years, Dr. Chasell took all the x-ray films from the hospital to his downtown office for developing and interpretation, a work he will continue to perform as a member of the hospital staff. The long-time Belle Fourche physician considers the new x-ray equipment as "the finest the hospital could purchase." "It will be the best x-ray installation in the Black Hills," he declares from his many years of experience in x-ray development and interpretation. Members of the board of trustees, Hospital Manger Jack Rogers, the First National Bank and the Bank of Belle Fourche have been qualified to accept donation to the X-ray fund. From time to time, report on what financial support has been received for the installation will be published in the newspapers.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
March 26, 1976
Senate Okays Shearing Exemption Washington, D. C. -The United States Senate Tuesday adopted an amendment offered by Senator James Abourezk (D-SD) and Senator Robert Dole (R-Kan/) that would exempt sheep shearers and custom grain harvesters from U. S. Labor Department regulations. The effort came about after the labor department expanded its authority under the migrant labor act to include sheep shears and custom grain handlers - two groups previously exempt. Department officials have refused to change the regulations by administrative directive. Abourezk says the amendment was added during senate floor action on an agriculture bill already passed by the house. To become law the bill must survive a joint house-senate conference committee. The labor department rules would require fingerprinting.

Lori Bean Wins Belle Cook-Off Honors Lori Bean, daughter of the George Beans and a sophomore in the Belle Fourche High School, won first place in the Tri-State Cow-Belles sponsored Beef Cook-off Tuesday afternoon at the local high school home ec room. Lori won the right to represent the school at the regional contest which will be held April 3 at New Underwood. Locally she won a \$10 cash award.

Tom Moseley Rites Held at Camp Crook Services were held at Camp Crook Monday afternoon for Thomas E. Moseley, 76 year-old Camp Crook resident, who died Thursday at Ekalaka following a heart attack. Moseley suffered a heart attack at his ranch and was rushed to Ekalaka by his sons. Thomas E. Moseley was born June 23, 1899, at Camp Crook to Greenup H. and Alice A. Moseley. He grew up and received his schooling in the Camp Crook area and on Nov. 28, 1921 was married to Ransy F. Clark at Belle Fourche. The Moseley's ranch near Camp Crook since their marriage. Survivors include his widow Pansy, Camp Crook; three sons - Tommy and Maz of Camp Crook; Richard of Aladdin; one daughter, Mrs. Joan Baier, Bement, Ill.; four sisters - Irene Armstrong, Leona Meyers, Margeret Moseley and Eunice Moseley, all of Spearfish; 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, one sister and one grandchild.



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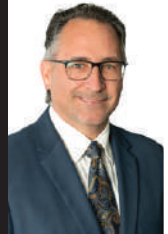
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"A Scary Fairy Tale, a Serious Serial Part 3"

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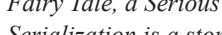
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is part 3

in a serial

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Fairy Tales. Readers should

know that the story contains

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

Teaunah (Tea), with discretion

Readers may recall that last

week's segment concluded when

little Hansel and his younger

sister Gretel became lost in the

deep dark woods after being

abandoned and left to die at the

hands of their parents for the second

time and how they are lured to a

house made of confection.

When the kids start to nibble on

the house, they meet the owner,

a little old woman with three

unsightly black hairs growing

from her chin.

"She sounds horrible."

Teaunah said

"She was." I said. "And

scary too. Hansel and Gretel

were terrified. So, the old woman

spoke to them in a sweet voice.

"No harm shall happen to you."

But the old woman who was

really a witch also added.

"Oh, I do love children! Es-

pecially fat ones. With dumplings

of course." "Eat, children!" She

proclaimed, then corrected her

tone, "I mean ah, er you children

must eat!"

Not that anyone should actu-

ally EAT children, although there

are those who do savor the flesh

of sweet tender young children.

Uh ur, would you children like

more carbs, I mean and mac and

cheese with these pancakes?

"Oh my!" Is she going to

EAT the kids?" Teaunah asked?

"Sounds like it to me." I

said.

Hansel and Gretel were too

hungry to notice that the room

was darkish. They devoured the

high carb supper and soon felt

sound asleep in the little beds

with clean linen the witch had

prepared for them."

"Are you making this up?"

Tea interrupted.

"Well, I have been embel-

lishing some," I admitted.

"However, if you think you're

ready, and just to prove that I'm

not making up the cannibalism

parts, I'd like to start reading

from the original text of the story

straight from the Grimm's 1837

edition starting on page 95."

Tea nodded her approval and

so I began to read aloud from the

original text.

"When a child fell into her

power, she killed it, cooked and

ate it, and that was a feast day

with her. Witches have red eyes,

and cannot see far, but they have

a keen scent like the beasts, and

are aware when human beings

draw near. When Hansel and

Gretel came into her neighbor-

hood, she laughed with malice,

and said mockingly: 'I have them,

they shall not escape me!'

Early in the morning before

the children were awake, she

was already up, and when she

saw both sleeping and looking so

pretty, with their plump and rosy

cheeks she muttered to herself:

'That will be a dainty mouthful!'

Then she seized Hansel with her

shriveled hand, carried him into

a little stable, and locked him in

behind a grated door. Scream as

he might, it would not help him.

Then she went to Gretel, shook

her till she awoke, and cried:

'Get up, lazy thing, fetch some

water, and cook something good

for your brother, he is in the

stable outside, and is to be made

fat. When he is fat, I will eat him.'

Gretel began to weep bitterly,

but it was all in vain, for she was

forced to do what the wicked

witch commanded.

And now the best food was

cooked for poor Hansel, but Gre-

tel got nothing but crab-shells.

Every morning the woman crept

to the little stable, and cried:

'Hansel, stretch out your finger

that I may feel if you will soon be

fat.' Hansel, however, stretched

out a little bone to her, and the

old woman, who had dim eyes,

could not see it, and thought it

was Hansel's finger, and was

astonished that there was no

way of fattening him. When four

weeks had gone by, and Hansel

remained thin, she was seized

with impatience and would not

wait any longer. 'Now, then,

Gretel, 'she cried to the girl, 'stir

yourself, and bring some water.

Let Hansel be fat or lean,

tomorrow I will kill him, and

cook him. 'Ah, how the poor little

sister did lament when she had to

fetch the water, and how her tears

did flow down her cheeks! 'Dear

God, do help us,' she cried. 'If

the wild beasts in the forest had

but devoured us, we should at

any rate have died together.' 'Just

keep your noise to yourself,' said

the old woman, 'it won't help you

at all.'

Early in the morning, Gretel

had to go out and hang up the

cauldron with the water, and light

the fire. 'We will bake first,' said

the old woman, 'I have already

heated the oven, and kneaded the

dough.'

She pushed poor Gretel out

to the oven, from which flames of

fire were already darting. 'Creep

in,' said the witch, 'and see if it is

properly heated, so that we can

put the bread in.'

And once Gretel was inside,

she intended to shut the oven and

let her bake in it, and then she

would eat her, too. But Gretel saw

what she had in mind, and said:

'I do not know how I am to do it;

how do I get in?' 'Silly goose,'

said the old woman. 'The door is

big enough; just look, I can get

in myself!' and she crept up and

thrust her head into the oven.

Then Gretel gave her a push

that drove her far into it, and shut

the iron door, and fastened the

bolt. Oh! then she began to howl

quite horribly, but Gretel ran

away and the godless witch was

miserably burnt to death.

Gretel, however, ran like

lightning to Hansel, opened his

little stable, and cried: 'Hansel,

we are saved! The old witch is

dead!'

Then Hansel sprang like a

bird from its cage when the door

is opened. How they did rejoice

and embrace each other, and

dance about and kiss each other!

And as they had no longer any

need to fear her, they went into

the witch's house, and in every

corner, there stood chests full of

pearls and jewels. 'These are far

better than pebbles!' said Hansel,

and thrust into his pockets what-

ever could be got in, and Gretel

said: 'I, too, will take something

home with me, and filled her pin-

afore full. 'But now we must be

off,' said Hansel, 'That we may

get out of the witch's forest.'

(Hansel and Gretel)

"Wow." Said Teaunah. "So,

is that the end? I can see why

you said it's not a bedtime story.

There's some serious bad stuff in

the story."

"You mean thematic topics

such as death by immolation,

cannibalism, child trafficking,

thievery, profound child abuse,

neglect, and endangerment?

Yes, these are heavy themes." I

agreed.

"Were there any good adults

in the story?"

"Well, no. I would say not.

That's why I thought it would

be fun if you and I embellish the

Grimm's ending for the 4th and

final installment of Hansel and

Gretel, A Scary Fairy Tale"

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**Rhoden for Governor
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Pierre, SD – Today, the Rhoden for Governor campaign announced key staff for the upcoming June primary. Ian Fury will serve as Campaign Manager, and Lexie Warejcka will serve as Finance Director.

“I have a capable team in both my official office and on my campaign,” said Governor Larry Rhoden. “Ian and Lexie are both incredibly competent, and I look forward to having them work with me on this campaign to help us keep South Dakota strong, safe, and free.”

Ian Fury has served as Director of Communications for both Governor Rhoden and Former Governor Noem for the last six years.

Most recently, he also served Governor Rhoden as a Senior Advisor and Unborn Child Advocate. His wife, Hannah, is from Winner, and they live in Pierre with two young children.

“I am unbelievably humbled that Governor Rhoden asked me to serve in this capacity,” said Campaign Manager Ian Fury.

“The Governor is a leader who is Built to Last. He has already proven his ability to get things done. Now, we just need to deliver a victory so he can keep racking up results for the next four years.”

Lexie Warejcka has served in several capacities across state government, most recently as Administrative Director for the Governor’s Office of Economic Development. She and her husband, Wade, live in Platte with two young children.

“Thank you to Governor Rhoden for the opportunity! I look forward to connecting with supporters across South Dakota who are committed to keeping our state strong, safe, and free,” said Finance Director Lexie Warejcka.

Fury and Warejcka are both taking unpaid leaves of absence from state government employment while they serve the Rhoden for Governor campaign.

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By John Newby "Building Main Street, not Wall Street" "Town Square Is Still Open; You Just Have to

If you are reading this column, you are lucky, you still have a newspaper in your town. Thank them! Many towns are not so fortunate, they have lost theirs. The county weekly that smelled like ink and arrived on Thursdays, folded on the porch. The radio station where the morning host knew everyone by name. The TV news anchor who mispronounced local streets in a way only locals noticed. Those outlets were imperfect. They were late on some stories, silent on others. But they served a function that is quietly going extinct: they gathered the whole community into one shared room.

Nielsen's 2025 data shows that audiences are splitting their attention between broadcast television, streaming services, podcasts, social media, and a growing constellation of niche platforms. The average American now toggles between 6.7 different social platforms each month. No single channel captures more than 20% of any given demographic's attention.

The old town square is gone. But here's the thing: the tools to build a new one have never been cheaper, more accessible, or more powerful. Small communities that figure this out first will have an enormous advantage in civic engagement, in local resilience, and in something harder to quantify but deeply real: the feeling of belonging to a place. The blueprint is not complicated. It is, in fact, what old media companies used to

do, but now distributed across a network of channels.

Start with email. A neighborhood newsletter costs nothing to start and very little to scale. One remarkable example from the Strong Towns network: a neighborhood association in a mid-sized Canadian city launched an email newsletter in 2016 after a local zoning fight galvanized resident. Seven years later, it reaches an estimated one in three households, with an open rate consistently between 55% and 65%, triple the national average for marketing emails. The reason is simple: local information is irreplaceable. Nobody in your neighborhood needs help choosing between Netflix and Paramount+. They do need to know about the zoning meeting Tuesday, the pothole on Elm Street, and other purely local information.

Layer texting on top of that. A group text on a very inexpensive platform allows for real-time alerts, a road closure, a missing dog, an emergency city council vote. Text messages have an open rate north of 90%. They are read within minutes. They are the fire bell in the digital age.

From there, build a newsletter in the more traditional sense, a publication distributed digitally and, if resources allow, in print. The print version matters more than it may seem. It sits on the coffee table. It gets passed to a neighbor. It reaches the older resident who doesn't

use a smartphone. A community magazine, even a simple, black-and-white one will work.

Now think about social media, but with a discipline that most users abandon. Instead of trying to maintain a presence everywhere, pick one or two platforms where your specific community gathers. For many small towns, that might be a private Facebook group and a public Instagram account. For younger communities, perhaps a Discord server and a YouTube channel. The goal is not virality. The goal is consistency. Show up every week. Post the school board agenda. Share the photo of the kid who won the science fair. Celebrate the business that just turned twenty-five years old. Platforms come and go, but the habit of showing up doesn't.

Podcasting is where the real magic can happen. Starting a podcast costs less than \$100 in equipment and nothing in distribution. A weekly or monthly conversation between neighbors, about local history, about a contentious development project, about the story behind the diner that's been there since 1962, creates something a tweet never can: it creates intimacy. The independent media world has proved the power of this model. The Free Press, started as a solo Substack newsletter by Bari Weiss, grew to over \$10 million in revenue by diversifying into written work, podcasts, and events. That is not a model reserved for national political commentary. The same logic applies to a ten-square-mile watershed community or a neighborhood of four thousand families.

Finally, consider a YouTube or internet video channel. Filming a city council meeting, a school play, or a community garden harvest requires nothing more than a smartphone and a steady hand. Video is the most

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The fragmentation of media is real, and it is accelerating. But the media industry's problem, too many channels, too little audience is a community's opportunity. You need to reach the few thousand people who share your zip code. The tools are free or nearly free. Content is all around you. The only thing missing is someone willing to start. In most communities, that person is probably reading this column right now. The town square was never really a building. It was

the habit of paying attention to the same things at the same time. That habit can be rebuilt. The question is not whether your community deserves its own media or communication network. The question is who will build it.

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.

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden March 15, 2026

Our best gift of moisture in the past weeks happened late Saturday night with snow and wind. We have been quite dry, as is western South Dakota, so what moisture we received was appreciated. It was a reminder that we were blessed to have an open winter as we did for most of the winter.

Temperatures look to be very spring like by the end of the week.

Sunday church services were cancelled in Union Center as others were as well. The wind and snow died down around noon and the afternoon turned out to be sunny and much more calm.

While Meade County received some snow, the Custer

area didn't seem to get weather that sent enough moisture to put the fires out there. Please pray for all flames to die today.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden attended the 9th birthday of their first grandchild in Sturgis on Saturday. The party was held at the home of Jesse and Sarah Rhoden's home west of Sturgis. It was a special day as 7 of their 8 grandchildren were there along with their parents.

There is a sigh of relief among legislators who ended this year's legislative session on

Thursday. The Governor's office is also breathing a sigh of relief as well.

While the budget was tighter this year than it has been in years, the legislature and Governor's office ended with a year that looks good for South Dakota.

Governor Larry Rhoden is traveling around different communities to explain what took place this past session and to answer questions folks might have. He will spend time in Western South Dakota the first

three days this week working to the east side.

To those who are Irish, have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day! If you are not, I'm half Irish (Murphy is my maiden name), be sure to wear green to protect yourself from getting pinched and find a good reason to celebrate the Irish and all they have brought to our great country! May we Irishmen begin a new tradition of remembering to pray for those near and far for protection from fires, floods, crime and war on St. Patrick's Day.



Capitol News March 15, 2026 by Karen Odell

Alvin and Marlee Cordell are busy calving three-year-old heifers. Ryan and Tawni have been night calving, and staying in their cabin, part of the week. Then, Tawni and Kynlee went to Brookings to watch the Harding County girls play basketball in the state tournament. Kymber was a member of the team and had gone with the team on the bus.

Ryan and Barrett stayed home to check on the heifers. On Friday, Alvin and Marlee went to Belle Fourche to see grandson, Cade Pearson in the school play. Alvin came home, but Marlee stayed overnight to go to an eye appointment, the next day. Alvin and Marlee have been watching the Harding County team

on the internet, and they are also watching the Black Hills State University games in their tournament on RMAC on TV. Black Hills is doing quite well. Dick and Erma Albert made a trip to Rapid City, on Monday, for an appointment, but will have to go back again this week, with more paperwork. Erma stayed home most of the week.

Dick went to the Senior Citizen Dinner, on Friday, and brought dinner to Erma. Then, Dick went to church, and Saloon Number Three for lunch afterward, on Sunday. John and Carol Helms had lunch with him, and he took some lunch back home for Erma.

Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum are busy with calving, now. Last weekend, Rachel and Tommy went with the church youth group to Red Lodge, for a skiing trip. They had a great

time. Tommy is preparing for the state FFA competitions in Mechanics, Agronomy, and Poultry Judging. The Carter County FFA will compete at the state competition in Great Falls.

Bryce and Dawn Padden went to the South Dakota Girls' State Basketball Tournament, on Thursday. Dawn got hundreds of great pictures during the three days of play. They stayed with friends who live north of Brookings. The tournament was well worth the travel. Brandon, Ashley and their family and Dorothy stayed home, and watched the games on TV.

The coverage was very good, and those that watched at home felt part of the tournament. The snow storm spread across the state just as the tournament was ending. Bryce and Dawn headed back home on the northern route. There was some icy spots, but the wind fighting against them was their only big hindrance. Of course the snow storm brought on calving, and soon things were getting busy at home. The school bus had to

spent another night in Brookings, because some highways had been closed after the storm came through. The tournament coverage is a great thing, and even Willard John Padden and Juanita had been watching up in Helena.

Karen Odell joined others that spent lots of time on the computer watching the South Dakota Girls' Basketball Tournament. She got to see the qualifying game on KDSJ TV on YouTube. Then she watched the state tournament games on SDPB on YouTube. It is really a great service to the local people who have spent years traveling to games on the farthest opposite side of the states. Sometimes they were lucky to just getting a phone call from someone describing what happened.

The games were exciting, and sometimes scary, but it was fun to feel a part of the crowd, and sometimes even see the crowds that were there watching the games. The first of the week was good enough weather for Karen to work outside when it warmed up, but by Saturday the snow had moved in and Sunday may have had a few people snowbound.


Karen couldn't find out if there

was church, on Sunday, but the snow inhibited her from going. On Sunday afternoon, Karen looked outside to see Chancey Odell on his bobcat, plowing her road. Chancey and Megan had gone to the Hills on Saturday, but had hurried back home before the storm settled in. The mega storm had begun on the west coast, and Micki Odell and Murphy were already skiing on new snow in Washington over the weekend. Then it reached Capitol and Tie Creek, by Saturday.

It went on to Cody Odell at Mitchell, and then, Mollie Smith at Minnesota. The storm caused the main South Dakota roads to be closed, and those who got a late start home from the tournament games, may have had to spend another night in eastern South Dakota, before heading back home.

The most extremely heavy snows were in Wisconsin and Michigan.

For relaxation, you can read a book, sing a song, watch a baby, or close your eyes and feel the cool ocean breeze. What does congress do for relaxation? Nothing.



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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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Reports to: Butte County Auditor

Summary of Duties:
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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

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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.

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Narcan Kits Beneficial Addition to Butte County

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NEWELL- The Western Resource Center was represented by Bill Elger at the local Whatever It Takes (WIT) Coalition luncheon March 12 at the Newell Christian Fellowship. Elger was on hand to explain recent South Dakota drug overdose data reported by the SD Dept of Health.

Also, as part of the main topic, Elger went into some detail about the use and necessity of Narcan kits in opioid overdose episodes.

He is part of the Overdose Drug Task Force and has first-hand knowledge working with drug use in South Dakota and Wyoming. Education is the key to prevent accidental overdose and limit opioid drug use, he stated.

Elger continued with interesting statistics in drug use in South Dakota, identifying Fentanyl and the highly addictive Carfentanil, which is 100 times more potent than heroin. Carfentanil is especially dangerous due to its rapid onset. Symptoms can develop within minutes of exposure. The body cannot safely tolerate any amount of the drug. The toxicity has been compared to nerve gas.

According to the State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS), from 2020 to 2024, there were 357 unintentional and undetermined overdose deaths in South Dakota. There were 73 deaths in 2024, a 12% increase from 2023. Elger said that there is a major problem in the reporting of unintentional overdose deaths, as there is no set formula for reporting. The type of overdose isn't always known, but the most common overdose category was overdose related to substance use/misuse. It may be caused by accidentally ingesting the drug or an excessive dose of a drug, or even overdosing while taking a prescription dosage.

Opioids and stimulants account for the greatest proportion of overdose deaths in South Dakota. Fentanyl was the most common opioid involved in unintentional overdose deaths.

Western and Central regions of the state had higher percentages of methamphetamine-related deaths than opioid-related deaths. Males make up the largest group. Overdoses impact all age groups, but adults aged 35 to 44 years had the highest proportion and rate of overdose deaths. Sixty-three percent were white, 29% American Indian, and 8% included Black, Asian, or unknown. American Indians died of overdose deaths 4.4 times higher than whites.

Elger pointed out the opportunities for intervention. Over 60% of overdose deaths had at least one opportunity for intervention. These opportunities include a potential bystander during or preceding the overdose, a known mental health diagnosis, having received treatment for substance use disorder, the fatal drug use was witnessed, or a prior overdose event was reported. A potential bystander was present in 43% of these deaths, showing that there was opportunity to provide life-saving actions.

Signs of a Carfentanil overdose include immediate dizziness and shallow breathing, followed by pinpoint pupils and cold, clammy skin. Rapid progression leads to severe respiratory depression and unconsciousness.

Bystander response to an overdose includes calling 911 and/or performing CPR. Elger highlighted the utilization of Narcan and the importance of having Narcan kits available to the public. Butte County has a slightly lower saturation of Narcan kits than other parts of the state. It's important to have the kits available in public places, ready for use and to educate people in their use.

"As long as you are doing it



Bill Elger shows a map of South Dakota showing the presence of drug use.

legit," he said, there can't be any civil or legal complaints against using the Narcan because of the Good Samaritan Laws. He also added that as long as the person is breathing, there is the window of opportunity for survival.

Narcan (Naloxone) can be effective in treating drug overdoses. Multiple doses are often necessary for Carfentanil's extreme potency.

A Narcan kit can be obtained without a prescription and can be requested from a pharmacy. Elger also had some available for those in attendance. He urged education as the best way to curtail drug overdose and handle the situation.

Substance use disorder is a treatable disease. Visit the Let's Be Clear website (letsbeclearsd.com) to view resources and learn more.

Sabrina Harmon, on behalf of the WIT Coalition, sponsors several community education meetings a year. She can be reached at sabrina.harmon.wit@sdplains.com or 605-381-9136.



Bill Elger, demonstrated the contents of the large Narcan kit that is available. It includes supplies for CPR and the Narcan. Bruner Photos



Bill Elger, Western Prevention Resource Center, explained the use and importance of Narcan kits.

Celebrate Recovery Support Group is now meeting at **Emmanuel Baptist Church**
Every Friday at 6:30 pm.
10913 Sourdough Rd.
Come for potluck on the last Friday of each month.



Audrey Pruitt, Butte County Extension, celebrated her 50th birthday March 12 at the WIT Coalition luncheon meeting.

Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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It was pretty chilly with a temperature of 39 degrees on Monday when the great grandkids went horseback to help Casey and Taz move some pairs into another pasture, but they were all dressed for the weather and did just fine out there in the cold. It was National History Day in Harding County that day and everyone that didn't have a history project didn't have school that day so it was a fun day for Copper, Knox and River Lu. Dennis and Roger Nash's tractor caught fire that afternoon and Casey and Taz went over to there to help fight the fire. Dennis was in the tractor when it caught fire, but thankfully he got out of it quick enough that he didn't get burned.

We went to Hettinger on Tuesday, but didn't leave until after 1:00 that afternoon because Reub had a phone call about his doctor appointment last Wednesday and everything turned out well for

him. They don't have coffee in Reeder on Tuesday so we got home a little early. I had a ZOOM meeting on my cell phone that evening with SDPRLCA about Conference Committee bills SB3, HB 1200, and HB 1209.

The guys moved some more pairs to another pasture on Wednesday. Reub and I went down to the Lenten supper and service that evening where I helped serve supper with my Aunt Patsy Wilkinson, who made an absolutely delicious soup that I ate two bowls of it.

It was really windy on Thursday with 89mph at Ludlow west of us, 85mph at Ralph just north of us and 78mph at Reva south of us so I didn't put my flag up outside because I didn't want it ripped up. That nasty wind blew several semi-trucks off the highway around here.

The Harding County girls' basketball team beat Bennett County Thursday evening at the state tournament in Brookings. Reub went down

to Taz and Amanda's house to watch the ball game while I stayed home because I was on a ZOOM call with the SD Coalition of Counties to listen to what Heath Shields had to tell us about why he is running for the State Treasurer this year. The Coalition invites everyone running for a public office to come on our ZOOM call to let us know why they are running for that position in South Dakota and we will have this call every Thursday evening for several weeks.

Melvin Eaton, age 72 of Lead, died Thursday, March 12, at the Denver Hospice Center in Denver CO, following a battle against cancer. The funeral service will be held 10:30am Friday, March 20, at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche with interment in Pine Slope Cemetery.

The wind went down on Friday so I was able to hang the flag outside without it getting torn up. Reub and I went down to Taz and Amanda's house that evening to watch the Harding County girls' team play Parkston in the semi-finals. The Harding County team won to move on to the championship game Saturday evening. It was really fun watching the game and we had so much fun playing with all the little kids while we were watching the game.

It was so snowy and cold on Saturday that I spent most of the day reading "Building An

Empire", a historical booklet put together and published by the old Buffalo Times-Herald newspaper for the 50th anniversary of Harding County in 1959 by the editor Don Cammack. Several old cowboys were listed in the book, including W.W. Mitchell, Joe Driskill, Fred Jennewein and Reub's grandfather Delos Olson. Delos moved to Harding County in 1898 while he was working for the E6 cattle company along the South Grand River.

I got to know Fred Jennewein, a 1902 cowboy, when my family moved to Bison when I started second grade. Fred ran the museum in Bison that was built by my great grandfather Carl Hallan. I spent a lot of time at the museum when I was a little kid and Fred would show me things in the museum and tell me about them. There were nine Indian skeletons in there that people had found and brought to him. After Reub and I were married I found out that their hired man had found an Indian woman that was buried up northwest of the ranch and he had taken the skeleton to the museum in Bison. By the time I found out that was one of the skeletons in Bison, Fred had died and the museum had been closed, torn down and everything was sent to down to Custer state park. I called to see if I could get the woman's skeleton back so I could bury her in

the grave she was taken from and they wanted to know if I was Indian. I said I wasn't and I couldn't take her if I wasn't Indian. I called our Indian neighbor JJ Hunt, and asked him if he would help me bury her and he was really excited to do that. I called back to tell them Indian JJ Hunt would bury her and they said that someone had stolen all the skeletons and all the rifles that they had gotten from the museum in Bison! The Harding County girls lost the championship to Ethan Saturday evening but otherwise they had a really good year.

Winter is still here. There was no church Sunday morning because of all the cold and snow we had.

I'll leave you with this: It's winter in South Dakota, And the gentle breezes blow, Seventy miles an hour At twenty-nine below. Yes, the weather here is wonderful So I guess I'll hang around. I could never leave South Dakota 'Cause I'm frozen to the ground!!



Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

March 9, 1916

It is reported that on Sunday the anemometer at the Orman Dam registered a maximum wind velocity of 64 miles per hour. From the way the wind struck here we are lead to believe that some one had been tempering with the instrument and threw it in the low gear. If these high winds continue in this section tie-on sun bonnets will become popular as the healthful recreation of chasing hats is becoming wearisome.

"Oh Waltz With Me Around Again", will be the theme at the dance at Schipke School House on Dry Creek Sunday evening March 11th. All welcome, good food and good time for all.

John W. Hartwich, the newly appointed Town Clerk, has the books for the registration of the electors of the Town of Newell, for the May Primary. All the voters should sign the Register.

March 11, 1926

George Hill is erecting a new annex to Butch's Garage and intends to open a battery and tire shop. He will manufacture the Goodyear Battery and give a general battery and tire repair service and expects to be ready for business about April 1st. Mr. Hill is locating on the site of the August Schedwin building which was moved the first of the week to the latter's lots on the south part of town.

Postmaster Elmer Hill was presented with a golf ball Monday in a rather unusual fashion, while walking

in front of a north window he was startled by hearing the crashing of glass and upon investigation found that someone had driven a golf ball through the window. Elmer thinks that either Tom Wall or Oscar Mathews is the guilty party.

Clarence Lewis severed his connection with the Bratton's Mercantile Company store Monday and is busy moving his household effect to the Erickson place on Willow Creek, southeast of town, where he will engage in extensive farming. The many friends of Mr. Lewis wish him success in his ventures.

March 12, 1936

In a recent court case, the co Prof. A. S. Khilkoff, representative of USSR, Soviet Republic, has purchased 600 pounds of pure seed grain from Sam H. Bober, local seedman, who shipped the seed to the Soviet Government across the waters. The seed grain raised in western South Dakota will be used by the Russian plant scientists to cross with their own varieties of grain to improve the disease and drought resistance of their grain.

Mrs. Ross Whitney, nurse from Deadwood, is now in charge of the Newell Hospital and expects to remain permanently. She comes highly recommended and Newell is fortunate in having this able nurse in the community. Mrs. Alice Mundell, of Deadwood, a registered nurse, says, "Mrs. Whitney is capable efficient

and pleasant." We solicit your patronage.

Business conducted at the recent Newell School Board meeting, the Bus Route No 5 defaulted by Walter Palo was given to Lars Larson at \$24 per month. The Odd Fellow Lodge was granted the use of the gymnasium for a banquet, if the date could be arranged not to conflict with school affairs. Also, all teachers will be retained for the school years 1936-37 and given until the April meeting of the board to accept or reject contracts. Misses Getz, Beebe, King, Pearson and Nuchol to receive \$5 per month increase in salary. Balance of teachers to receive present salaries.

Bring the family. It's a real show! Whether Scottish, English, Italian or any other nationality, you will get a real kick out of "The Irish In Us" at the Arcade Theater on Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14th.. Here is a real show! Old Irish tunes that will vibrate on the heartstrings, a ring fight that is second to none and the best role James Cagney has had in many moons. Allen Jenkins, as a somewhat punch-drunk slugger, is good for a barrel of laughs. You can't go wrong on this one!

Another new residence will soon be seen in Newell. Mr. & Mrs. Albert Rielly has had one of the government granaries moved onto the lot which they recently purchased in the west part of town and plans to start work at once to convert it into a nice home.

March 2,, 1946

The Spearfish Snapper Club is the sponsoring organization of an Air Fair to be held July 29 and 30. Ralph Stordahl, President of the club, states that they plan the best show ever put on at the Black Hills Airport. Like many other community events in the Black Hills, the Air Fair was a war casualty and has not been staged since 1942.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Maass, drove to Rapid City Monday where Mrs. Maass entered the hospital and underwent a tonsilectomy on Tuesday morning. At the last report she is recovering nicely. Mr. & Mrs. Norris Soma are staying at the Maass farm during the absence of the Maass', doing up the chores.

At a Vale Township meeting held last week, Ray Rivinoja and Charles Bader were elected Supervisors; Rudolph Boe, Justice of Peace; A. C. Drake and



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Coney Lungren Constables; Earl Holtry Treasurer and Dale Kingsbury Clerk. All for one-year term.

March 15, 1956

A benefit dance from which The Newell Congregational Church choir will appear and sing several selections on a program over KOTA-TV, Rapid City Sunday, March 18th it was announced this week by Rev. Wm Reitmeier, pastor of the church.

He will also be interviewed at 6:30 PM. Members of the choir include Sopranos Mrs. R. N. Price, Mrs. C. E. Milberg, Mrs. Clarence Anderson, Mrs. Lyn Gladstone, Mrs. Charles Lund; Altos Mrs. Maurice Townsend, Mrs. Kirk Malcolm, Mrs. L. C. Williamson, Anne Milberg, Mrs. Clyde Schallenberger; Tenors Roger Van derBoom, Edgar Anderson and Bass Harry Cunningham and Charles Lund. Mrs. R. C. Johnson is director and organist.

Jr. and Sr. girls of the Nisland High School, who are interested in nursing as a career will attend a tea sponsored by the Women's Medical Auxiliary of Sturgis at the Ft. Meade Recreation Hall, Friday afternoon, March 23 at 2:30 PM.

Relatives in Newell received word that Bill Breckenfeldt, former Newellite left from Houston, Texas on March 1 with an Oil Seismograph Company for

Pakistan where they have an 18-month contract. The wives and families of the men plan to go to Pakistan later.

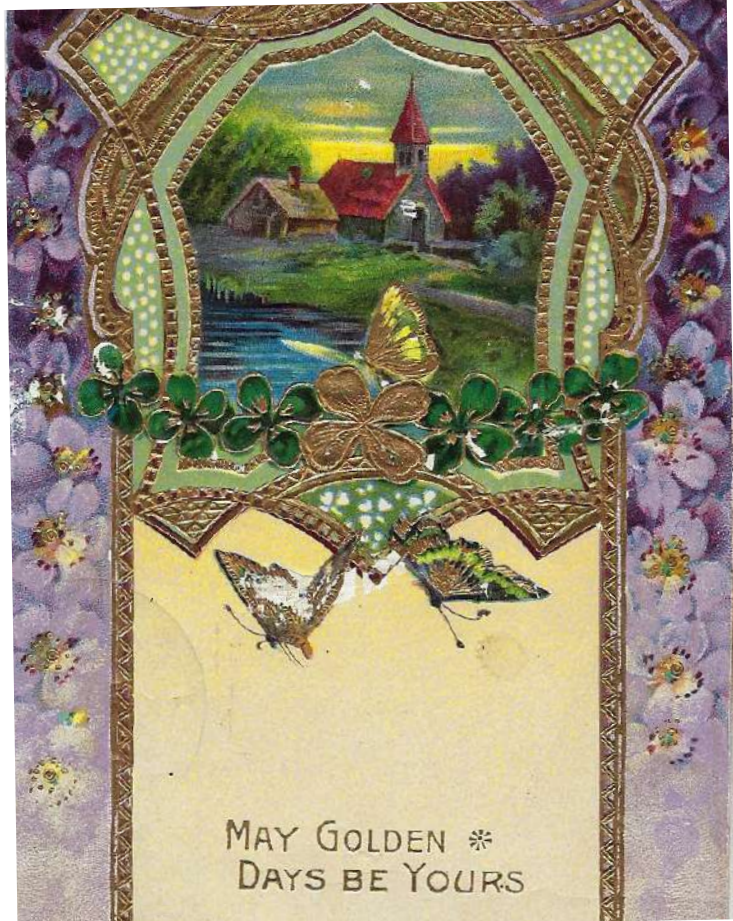
March 17, 1966

Mrs. Carol Hunt and Mrs. Evelyn Alexander gave a demonstration on creative baking with boxed cake mixes at the regular March meeting of the Happy Homemakers Extension Club at the home of Mrs. Mildred Brunner. After the business meeting, lunch was served by the hostesses and samples of the products made from mixes were also served. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Jeanette Hawley.

In response to numerous inquiries, W. C. Witch, District Director of Social Security, Aberdeen, called attention today to a provision of the Tax Code relating to disaster losses such as occurred during the recent storms in South Dakota.

Taxpayers who suffer losses from a disaster occurring between the end of the taxable year and the dates for filing the return for the taxable year may elect to deduct such losses for the taxable year immediately preceding the disaster.

Mr. Witch said that taxpayers who are interested in obtaining additional information on this subject, may write to the District Office in Aberdeen, to obtain document 5174.



St. Patrick's Day Greeting, Penny Post Card sent March 3, 1912



Selmer Nelson and George Moore in costume at the St. Pat's Party

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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!






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Application Deadline: April 24, 2026

About the Grant
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What can the funds be used for?
These funds can be used for any literacy project that impacts children from birth through age 9. We highly encourage the collaboration of programs to allow entities to support each other in their efforts to help children prosper. This grant is open to all Black Hills agencies.

About Black Hills Reads
Black Hills Reads (BHR) is the United Way of the Black Hills' education initiative, which helps ensure children are proficient readers by the end of third grade. BHR promotes early learning and literacy opportunities for the 24,085 early learners under nine and their families throughout the Black Hills and Western SD. Visit - to learn more about the BHR initiative.

How to Apply
Scan the QR Code or visit:



Or Visit:
<https://agency.e-cimply.com/login.aspx?org=44150U>

When you go to the site, it should say United Way of the Black Hills on the top of the page. It should NOT ask for an organization code. If it does, try using the link with a different browser.

Contact Info
For more information or any additional questions, please contact Lisa Stanley, Early Education Project Manager, or call (605) 343-5872.



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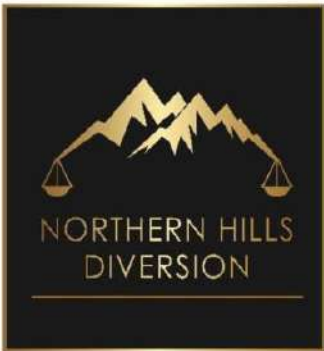


Whatever It Takes Coalition LUNCHEON MEETING INVITATION

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.



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