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The Butte County Lincoln Day Dinner was a Huge Success

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BUTTE COUNTY—The Butte County Lincoln Day dinner was held Saturday April 25th at the Silver Spur Ranch off SD Highway 34 adjacent Robinson Road on western edge of the county.

The over 220 attendees gathered at the politically adorned venue for a social hour of meet and greet. The party faithful then enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner prepared by the capable crew of the Branding Iron Steakhouse.

Butte County Republican Party chair Tom Brunner and Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce director Michaela Horn gave welcoming remarks.

Governor Rhoden gave the invocation and Erica Douglas led all in the Pledge of Allegiance and sang a beautifully the National Anthem.

The party faithful then enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner prepared by the capable crew of the Branding Iron Steakhouse.

A Pie and Dessert auction followed the dinner. Final tally was not available at press time, but funds raised from the auction will be used for the Republican candidates in the November General Election.

The evening's keynote speaker was the newly elected Chairwoman of the South Dakota College Republicans, Serenity Johnson. She along with several other College Republican members were in attendance.



Lincoln Day Dinner attendees seated. Jim Burrill photo

Following Serenity's speech candidates from top to bottom were each allowed an allotted time to speak.

Candidates in attendance were:

US House: Marty Jackley & James Bialota

US Senate: Justin McNeal

Governor: Larry Rhoden, Jon Hansen and a rep for Dusty Johnson (Max Mickelson), rep for Toby Doeden (Logan Manhart)

Lt Governor: Karla Lems

Attorney General: Lance Russell & Austin Hoffmann

Secretary of State: Monae Johnson & Heather Baxter

State Treasurer: Heath Shields & Melissa Hull

State Auditor: a rep for David Barranco – his wife Catherine Barranco

Public Utilities

Commission: Don Haggard & Jessica Bahmuller

School & Public Lands

Commission: Brock Greenfield

District 28A (house) : Rep Jana Hunt

District 28B (house): Travis Ismay & Larry Schmaltz

District 28 (senate): Sam Marty & Ryan Maher

Butte County Auditor: Annie Capp

Commissioners: Tom Brunner, Chad Erk, Cory Tolley (Candidate D1)

Sheriff: Fred Lamphere

We had also representation from Pennington County GOP,

Meade County GOP, Lawrence County GOP

Additionally, many other officials from South Dakota also including Wyoming Speaker of the house, Chip Neiman.

Following the candidate remarks and to finish of the fine evening Prize drawings and a 5-Hat Firearms Prize packages live auction were held.

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Fifth Graders Mark Arbor Day With Tree Planting Tradition

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BELLE FOURCHE—For 20 years, the Belle Fourche Middle School fifth grade class has celebrated Arbor Day by learning about trees and planting their own tree on the school grounds. The last Friday in April is Arbor Day.

The tradition of having students plant a tree each year started when Ann Anderson, fifth grade science teacher, started working at the Middle School. "I think trees are important, and it just was one of those things that I started when I first came here 20 years ago and it just continued to grow," she explained. "Trees are so important for the environment and health and it's part of the standards and the curriculum and the kids love it. They think this is pretty cool!"

Belle Fourche Mayor Randy Schmidt opened the program with a proclamation of Arbor Day. "I proclaim April 24, 2026, as the 154th anniversary of Arbor Day in the city of Belle Fourche," he said. "And I further urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands."

Following the official proclamation, Josh Larson, community forester with the State of South Dakota, educated the kids about the importance of trees.

He discussed how we use trees for food and food products. "I do a lot of education about trees and importance in our lives and the benefits that they bring to us in our daily life," he said. Then he asked the fifth graders what some of the benefits trees provide every day. The kids eagerly raised their hands and offered a variety of answers, from providing oxygen to making firewood to heat homes to giving homes for wildlife, soil stabilization and shade.

Larson quizzed the youth and handed out frisbees to the students who answered first with the right answer.

The program includes awarding essay competition and poster drawing contest winners. Melanie Williamson, representing the Butte County Conservation District, was on hand to award the winners a cash prize and give every student who entered the essay contest a packet of tree seeds along with instructions on how to grow their own tree. "I'm giving you these seeds today—to thank you for writing an essay, and we're giving you headphones and in a nice little bag that has our conservation district symbol that you can use for trinkets and things," said Williamson. "But I hope that you use the headphones to listen to other gardeners and master gardeners and how they can show you

how to plant more seeds for your area."

Each of the contest winners read her winning essay to the room full of classmates and parents. Receiving first place and \$25 was Jadah Adamson, second place and \$15 was Brekyn Montgomery and third place and \$10 was Nove Ripley-Wall. Greta Abraham was the winner of the local Arbor Day Poster Contest and her poster was sent in to the state competition.

As a special treat to the winners of the essay and poster competition, they go outside and lead the tree planting experience with Larson. "What I get to do every year is I get to show both the students and their parents or any adults here the proper ways to plant a tree," explained Larson. "Because believe it or not, there is a right way and many, many wrong ways to plant a tree—frequently trees get planted incorrectly!" He then led the four students on the proper way to plant the tree. He demonstrated how deep to plant it, how to make sure it doesn't get root bound and how to cover it with soil.

The students are encouraged to return to the school in the future to see how the trees they helped plant are growing. "I take very great pride in caring for these trees all summer

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(A) Josh Larson explains how to properly plant a tree so it will live for years to come. (B) Brekyn Montgomery reading her second place essay from the Arbor Day Essay Contest. Longbrake photos



Alley Fitness Showcases Facility During April Chamber Mixer



Alley Fitness & Recovery hosted the April Chamber Mixer. Attendees got to see everything the business had to offer. Longbrake photo

BELLE FOURCHE—The April Chamber Mixer was held at Alley Fitness and Recovery on April 22.

Turnout for the April Mixer was robust, the gym was filled with Chamber members networking and exploring Alley Fitness. The hosts offered delicious beef and chicken tacos, chips, salsa and queso from Rancho Los Agaves along with refreshments and water.

Alley Fitness offered tours of their workout facilities including the sauna and cold plunge room. "Everything's done right on your phone. You will check in at the front, and it will unlock the door. You can come right in anytime—24 hours, but you can also book tanning all on your phone, even a sauna session—just make sure that nobody's booked in front of you—it's always open," explained Joanna

Kapsch, owner. "We do shut the saunas off around nine at night. That's not 24 hours, but tanning, as long as you have that added membership, then you can book it."

Anyone is welcome to sign up for a membership to Alley Fitness. The price is \$45 per month, an additional \$35 for a couple and add \$20 for a family membership, that is for kids age 14 to 18.

In addition to the gym membership, Alley Fitness offers add-ons of tanning sessions, cold plunges and sauna sessions. "You can do it all from your phone—let's say that one night you just want to go sauna after a crazy week, you can just book right in and go," said Kapsch.

The fitness center offers a variety of classes each week. They have two certified yoga instructors.

"Every day, but Tuesday, we have classes morning and evenings. Those are available online as well," explained Kapsch. "You don't have to be a member to go to the classes, and all the classes are \$10. We also have punch passes for classes."

The Chamber of Commerce held the monthly Connect and Collect drawing. Board members Jennessa Dempsey with Black Hills Energy and Michelle Jensen with Monument Health drew this month's winner. Runnings was the Chamber member drawn. No one from that business was present at the Mixer, so the prize pot of \$400 rolls over to the next month.

The next Chamber Mixer will be hosted by Weather Hat Co. on May 19 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Pastor's Perspective

This Perspective is from Rev. Sheri Fadley archives

"The Abundant Life with Christ"

Our Good Shepherd, Jesus, promised an abundant life to those who enter through his gate. What did Jesus mean by an abundant life? For many American Christians, the abundant life means material wealth. But for some faithful Christians, this proves to be an elusive blessing, they aren't blessed with material wealth. Material wealth as part of the abundant life, is actually the most superficial understanding of Christ's abundant life.



abundant life. Creating something new we are experiencing the abundant life. Teaching others how to do any of the above we are living an abundant life. Being vessels of love, communicating encouragement, support, guidance, wisdom, we are participating in the abundant life. Working with others in all of these activities we are living an abundant life. Caring for our friends and family and enjoying fun times we definitely recognize our abundant life.

Deuteronomy 7:15 says: The Lord will turn away from you every illness; all the dread diseases of Egypt that you experienced, he will not inflict upon you. The blessing of good health could be part of the abundant life. And yet once again, this blessing proves to be elusive for many faithful Christ followers as well.

As we journey through life, we will encounter many challenges. We will experience suffering. Experiencing challenges and suffering is also a part of the abundant life. Consider the apostle Paul's life. He endured so much persecution, imprisonment, and eventually death, but he would also say this is part of an abundant life. We will gain a strength of spirit that only comes from the Lord who sees us through. Maturing in the faith and the ability to love are expressions of the abundant life.

Excluding wealth and health, what are some other blessings of an abundant life in Christ? Besides the gift of salvation, the greatest blessing that Jesus gives to his followers is a deep sense of purpose and meaning for life. There are plenty of people in this world who have wealth and good health, but they don't have a sense of what their life's purpose and meaning is. Those who follow Christ discover what their identity as a child of God is by living out the greatest commandment "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength and your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:30-31)

For those who think that being a Christian and experiencing the abundant life means mostly wealth and health, they are risking a weak faith that could eventually harm their relationship with Christ, and they are more apt to go astray. The gospel of health and wealth is not the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

Discovering your spiritual gifts, you discover ways you can serve the Lord as part of your abundant life. Embracing kingdom values like caring for the poor, sick, oppressed, imprisoned, travelers and newcomers we discover our abundant life. Caring for the creation, we embrace the

If you don't have a strong sense of purpose and meaning in your life, you may consider participating in a congregation's life. Within a church family, you will have the opportunity to develop that personal connection with God, discover your spiritual gifts, and live into the kingdom values which will help you to live an abundant life as you seek God's kingdom and his righteousness.

John 14:1-2

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

Prayer for the Week

I choose to find my joy and strength in you today. I choose to walk in love.

I choose to set my eyes on you and off all the struggles and chaos of this world. I choose your peace over worry. I choose kindness over a hurry.

I choose forgiveness over disunity and resentment. I choose your Spirit-filled power over-relying on my own strength and ability.

I know that my life is far from perfect, and the enemy would want nothing more than to take me straight down before I even get out the door.

But I believe in your truth, and I have Jesus in my life, and because of that, I have all that I need to live free and abundantly for this very day.

Lord, open my eyes to see the power in your Word. Open my ears to know what you are saying.

Fill me with your Holy Spirit and draw me close into your Presence.

Speak to me and show me your ways, oh Lord. Help me to know your voice above all else.

I love you and I need you today. Thank you for your huge grace.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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Most of us intend on "getting around to it someday," but that someday never comes and we leave our family wondering whether or not they did the right thing. It doesn't have to be like that. It's not pleasant to be reminded of our own mortality; we can laugh, cry, or do a little of both. Regardless of how we prefer to deal with the big questions of life, it always works out for the best when we face things head on, especially in regard to such a sensitive issue.

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long every year, hoping that when the students who planted them graduate, they can come back and say, ‘That’s my tree, I planted that tree,’” shared Williamson. “Because it’s important, you don’t plant trees so that you can enjoy their shade, you plant trees so that your next generation can share the shade.



(Above) **Josh Larson** demonstrates how to cut off the roots of the tree so they grow into the ground. (Below) **Essay and Poster winners** with their newly planted tree. From left: **Jadah Adamson, Nove Ripley-Wall, Greta Abraham and Brekyn Montgomery.** *Longbrake photos*



(Clockwise from Above) **Josh Larson**, community forester with the State of South Dakota, talks to middle school students about tree facts for Arbor Day; **Mayor Randy Schmidt** reads the Arbor Day proclamation to the fifth grade students at Belle Fourche Middle School; Third place winner of the Arbor Day Essay Contest was **Nove Ripley-Wall**. She read her essay to her classmates with the help of **Melanie Williamson**, representing the **Butte County Conservation District**; Arbor Day Essay Contest winners and the Poster Contest winner use tools to fill in the hole where the tree will be planted. *Longbrake photos*



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BELLE FOURCHE—A day celebrating the monumental mark of \$100 million in local giving through 35 years of philanthropic work was observed at each First Interstate Bank location on April 21.

From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. patrons were invited to an open house at the Belle Fourche branch, where community members joined in the celebration with refreshments and conversation. At the same time, similar events were held at nearly 300 locations across Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming.

“We are celebrating our \$100 million in donations,” explained **Amanda Kramp**, consumer and small business banker. “It’s a major milestone—we’ve donated \$100 million in total giving by First Interstate Bank and First Interstate Bank Systems Foundation since the foundation’s inception in 1990.”

Quite a milestone to reach and an event worthy of celebration. Right here in Belle Fourche, First Interstate Bank has deep roots in the local community, having opened in 2008. The local branch offered charcuterie and desserts along with a variety of refreshments to area residents. And right here in Belle Fourche, their giving has made an impact.

“So out here locally, at the Belle Fourche branch, our support focuses on the local

First Interstate Bank Marks \$100 Million Philanthropy Milestone



First Interstate Bank employees **Kassidy Jarding** and **Amanda Kramp** welcomed the public to the \$100 million in philanthropic giving milestone celebration. *Longbrake photo*

places. We have done things including financial literacy and youth development,” shared Kramp. “I know I just went and volunteered for Junior Achievement at the high school. We’ve also done a lot of volunteering and donations to the Belle Silver Lining, Compassion Cupboard and Meals on Wheels.”

Giving to the local areas where First Interstate Bank does business is important to them. “It is important for us

at First Interstate Bank, because being locally rooted and supporting our community means that we live and work in the same neighborhoods as our clients,” said Kramp. “So we actually can understand where the support is needed. We’re here, we see it and we want people to know that we care and they matter!”

The bank gives back in a variety of ways. “We have our Believe in Local, which each year 40 nonprofits are awarded \$1 million in support. Every

employee of First Interstate Bank can nominate a nonprofit... then 40 different nonprofits are awarded grants every year,” said Kramp.

Some of the other local programs that First Interstate Bank gives to include donating to the Festival of Trees, Out of the Darkness Walk, the coat drive for the schools and Fill the Bus for school supplies. Once a year the bank shuts down for the day and all employees participate in

Volunteer Day.

This day of celebration is the culmination of a multi-month celebration with community partner spotlights. Various businesses throughout the different communities have shared their stories about how First Interstate Bank has helped them. “The information has been shared online across our social media platforms, and then it’s concluding with our Community Open House today at all branches,” explained Kramp.



High School Track Competes in Rapid City Invite at O'Hara Stadium

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On Tuesday April 21st a JV meet was on the schedule for the Broncos, however this was changed to a Varsity and JV meet combined, allowing for the whole team to compete. A number of athletes moved their way up the school leader board again at this meet. For the boys, Gabe Raba moved to 5th in the discuss with a toss of 147'11" and the boys 4x400 relay team consisting of Gavin Pearson, Caeyn Howard, Griffin Biehl, and Slater Humbracht moved to 8th all-time in the 4x400 relay with a time of 3:37.97. For the girls, Mya Nowowiejski moved to 10th in the 100m dash with a time of 13.09 seconds also earning her 5th in the meet, Betsy Moore moved to 8th all time in the 300 hurdles with a time of 52.05, also earning her 10th place in the meet, and Rhys Pearson moved to 2nd all time in the 3200m run with a time of 11:48.03, also earning her 2nd place in the meet. This was Pearson's first time competing in the 3200 race! The girls Sprint Medley relay team of Avery Coyle, Ella Bryan, Mya Nowowiejski, and Rhys Pearson moved to 7th all time with a time of 4:25.73.

Other top finishers in the meet for the boys were Gavin Pearson with a second place finish in the 400 meter dash with a time of 52.12, Gabe Raba placed 6th in shot put with a throw of 41'11.5" followed by Emmitt Lipp in 7th place with a throw of 41'8" and Carter Goeders in 8th place with a throw of 41'7".



Above: 4x200 meter relay team; Chris Jewett, Maliky Rodriguez, Hayden Mitchell, Johnny Estrada. Below: Triple Jumper Ella Bryon. Tonsager photos

Gabe Raba's aforementioned throw in the discuss earned him 2nd place with Emmitt Lipp coming in at 8th place with a throw of 124'8" and Johnny Estrada took 8th place in the high jump with a height of 5'5".

Next on the schedule for the Broncos is the Howard Wood Relays in Sioux Falls, a highly competitive prestigious meet with only top qualifiers being invited on May 1st and 2nd. On May 5th there will be a JV invite in Sturgis, followed by the Black Hills classic, also in Sturgis, on May 9th.



Clockwise from Above: Freshman Drew Coyle throwing Shotput; Caeyn Howard awaits baton handoff in a relay; Girls Sprint Medley Team- Avery Coyle, Rhys Pearson, Ella Bryon and Mya Nowowiejski; Slater Humbracht lands a jump. Tonsager photos



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Middle School Track Squeezes in Meet Between Rounds of Inclement Weather

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On Tuesday April 21st, the middle school track and field team travelled to Custer for a meet. For a number of 8th graders, this was their first meet of the season after a Math and Science Club trip to Florida and numerous inclement weather cancellations.

Top finishers for the boys were as follows with only the 100 meter races having a 6th grade division, all others are 6th/7th grade combined:

Sprint Race Results: 100 meter dash: 6th grade boys, Eli Woxland placed 8th with a time of 14.8; 200 meter dash: 7th grade boys, Kellen Williams placed first with a time of 27.12, Parker Martin placed 3rd with a time of 28.45; 400 meter dash: 7th grade boys, Austin Ramirez placed 10th with a time of 1:09.59;

Distance Race results were: 800 meter run: 7th grade boys, Maddox Clarkson placed 1st with a time of 2:29.63; 1600 meter run: 7th grade boys, Keaton Davis placed 6th with a time of 6:30.65;

Relay Results were: 4x100 meter relay 6th grade boys: team of Caleb Cherveney, Bayzen Curtis, Erik Randolph, Dale Humbracht placed 8th with a time of 1:11.62; 4x100 relay 7th grade boys: team of Parker Martin, Grady Martin, Gunner Walding, Kellen Williams placed 2nd place with a time of 52.72; 4x100 meter relay 8th grade boys: team of Cole Mailloux, Elijah Beatson, Devyn Perschbacher, Bradley Dreiske placed 7th with a time of 51.72; 4x400 meter relay 8th grade boys: team of Ben Raba, Cole Mailloux, Blaine Moke, Bradley Dreiske placed 2nd with a time of 4:05.46;

Filed Event Results were; Shotput, 8th grade boys: Ben Raba placed 3rd with a throw of 38-07; Discuss, 8th grade boys: Kason Lang placed 4th with a throw of 106-06, Ben Raba placed 9th with a throw of 102-05; High Jump, 7th grade boys: Maddox Clarkson placed 6th at a height of 4'8" and 8th grade boys: Max Coyle placed 2nd with a height of 5'2", Elijah Beatson placed 7th with a height of 5' Long Jump, 7th grade boys: Parker Martin placed 4th with a height of 14'10", Maddox Clarkson placed 7th with a height of 14'4" and 8th grade boys:

Blaine Moke placed 2nd with a height of 16'10", Max Coyle placed 9th with a height of 16'

Girls Results are as follows:

Sprint race results: 100 meter dash, 6th grade: 10th place Ainsley Schmeltzer time of 15.71; 7th grade: AnnaBelle Dighton placed 10th with a time of 14.9; and 8th grade: Skylar Randolph placed 4th with a time of 14.09; 200 meter dash, 8th grade: Berklee Nore placed 1st with a time of 28.71, Lochlin Tibbs placed 9th with a time of 30.99, Irie McQueen placed 10th with a time of 31.15; 400 meter dash, 7th grade: Emerson Carmichael placed 2nd with a time of 1:06.69, and 8th grade: Grace Long placed 1st with a time of 1:09.56, Skylar Randolph placed 2nd with a time of 1:09.73, Kylie Bidwell placed 6th with a time of 1:11.68, Elise Roberts placed 10th with a time of 1:14.8. 100 meter hurdles- 7th grade: Ruth Moore placed 8th with a time of 21.20; and 200 meter hurdles- 7th grade- Bryn Coyle placed 10th with a time of 37.17;

Distance Race Results: 800 meter run, 7th grade, Gracie Hodge placed 9th with a time of 3:02.23, Kaezlynn Jones placed 10th with a time of 3:03.58 and 8th grade- Elise Roberts placed 6th with a time of 3:03.52; 1600 meter run, 7th grade: Aubyn Hartman placed 6th with a time of 6:24.66, Gracie Hodge placed 8th with a time of 6:44.43; and 8th grade, Layla Drieling placed 1st with a time of 6:16.27, Isabela Torberson placed 2nd with a time of 6:22.47, and Piper Curran placed 4th with a time of 6:32.52;

Relay Race Results: 4x100-6th grade- the team of Kamryn VanSickle, Morgan Wainman, Everly Uttecht, and Brynlee Barrera placed 9th with a time of 1:09.39; and the team of Britta Hagen, Emma Schulze, Aspyr McKinney, and Kyra Kerr placed 10th with a time of 1:12.39; 7th grade- the team of Adilynn Burke, Charlie Huston, AnnaBelle Dighton, and Emersyn Carmichael placed 4th with a time of 58.52; and 8th grade- the team of Irie McQueen, Kylie Bidwell, Berklee Nore, and Grace Long placed 3rd with a time of 57.7; and the team of Gracelynn Gaffoglio, Lochlin Tibbs, Natalie Lei, and Ember Olson placed 6th with a time of 57.87;

4x400 - 7th grad: the team of Ivy Roberts, Rainley Roseland, Hope Willert, and Morgan Wainman placed 6th with a time of 5:59.61; 4x800- 8th grade: the team of Aubyn Hartman, Piper Curran, Layla Drieling, and Isabela Torberson placed 1st with a time of 11:32.65

Field Event Results: Shot put - 8th grade: Charlie Merjil placed 5th with a throw of 28-08; Discus- 8th grade: Charlie Merjil placed 4th with a throw of 65-04, and Layla Drieling placed 7th with a throw of 56-09; High Jump- 7th grade: girls all tying for 4th place at a height of 4'2" were AnnaBelle Dighton, Charlie Huston and Emersyn Carmichael; and 8th grade- Berklee Nore placed 1st with a height of 4'10", and Gracelynn Gaffoglio placed 4th with a height of 4'4" Long Jump -7th grade: Emersyn Carmichael placed 4th with a jump of 13-06, and AnnaBelle Dighton placed 9th with a jump of 12-11 and 8th grade: Berklee Nore placed 2nd with a jump of 15-01, Gracie Long placed 5th with a jump of 14-01 and Irie McQueen placed 6th with a jump of 13-11.

The middle school competes next in Sturgis on Saturday May 2nd at the Jeff Smit Invite, followed by May 5th at Sioux Park in Rapid City and ending with Black Hills Conference on May 8th hosted by Spearfish.

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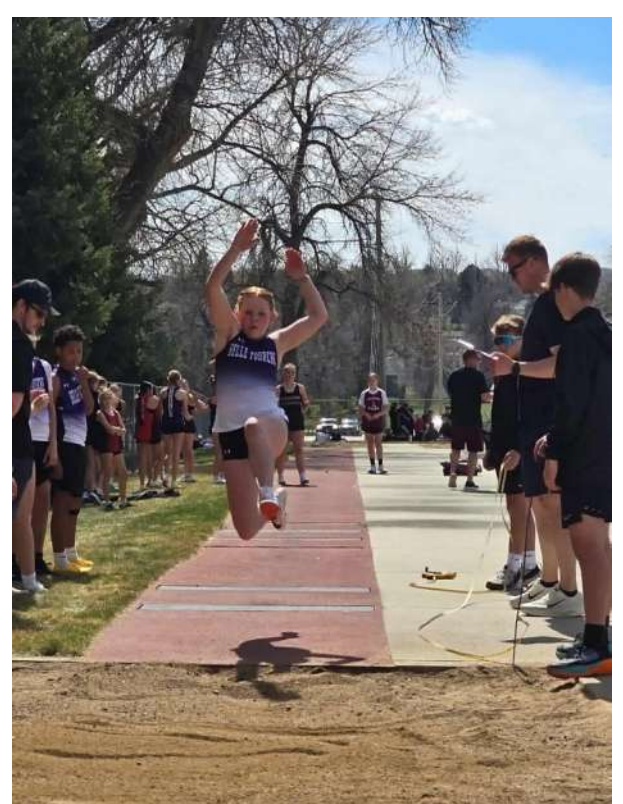
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(A) Middle School Girls posing at Custer meet. (L) William Collins, Austin Ramirez, Jake Tonsager ready for events in Custer. Tonsager photos



Winners of the Spring 2026 Belle Fourche Rec Center Random Draw Coed Volleyball Tournament. L to R: Grant Hagen, Mike Sprigler, Ashlye Olivares, Alix Crago, Kaysie Tope, Sierra Rosales, Jon Henderson Courtesy Photo



(AL) Middle school girls relay team. (AC) Ben Raba in line to throw discus. (AR) Addy Burke. ((BL) William Collins, Austin Ramirez, Jake Tonsager ready for events in Custer; (BC) Charlie Huston competing in High Jump; (BR) Isabel Torberson & Layla Drieling pose before middle school distance race. Tonsager photos



Tri-State Performers Stage "Dancin' Daughters of Diamond City"

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Tri-State Performers took the audience on an eventful trip through history to a time when settlers were swarming to South Dakota for the gold rush. The influx of people created boomtowns like Deadwood. A mining camp near there called Diamond City was the setting for Dancin' Daughters of Diamond City on April 24 and 25.

Kristi Thielen, playwright and director, wrote the play for the youth acting troupe, taking her experiences watching Westerns as a kid and the song "Oh, Dem Golden Slippers" always playing. "I love the fairy tale about the seven dancing princesses who go off at night and go someplace, and in the morning, their slippers are just worn from all the dancing that they did. So I thought, what if I put that in the Old West and use "Oh, Dem Golden Slippers" and a ghost town with a ghost saloon, and I came up with this play!"

The mom and primary character, Mineral Marge, played by Adalyn Savery, moved to the mining town of Diamond City with her daughters: Mildred, Katherine Fowler; Miriam, Abby Watson; Minnie, Madilyn Woxland; Minerva, Kinnley Ogaard; Mable,



At the end of the play, the cast all comes out together to take a bow on a wonderful performance. Longbrake photo

Melody Savery; and Zelda, Annabelle Coffelt. Marge ran the household while the daughters were sent out to mine for gold all day. Day after day, however, they slept rather than worked. Marge couldn't figure out what was going on with her daughters and why they couldn't find any gold. She offered a reward to find out what was happening at night. A variety of reward seekers came through trying to figure out what the daughters were up to. They were Cactus Clemmie,

played by Moriah Jones; Palomino Polly, played by Elise Wood; Lemonade Lucy, played by Rebekah Jones; and MacKenzie Modulate, played by Anah Jones.

After a variety of antics, it turns out the girls were going to an abandoned mine shaft that housed a ghost saloon and danced all night. Ghosts were played by Echo, Allison Venter; Persephone, Natalie Venter; and Mrs. Specter, Francine Lipp.

The play was a full

production with 14 roles. "Thank you so much for being here. These kids have worked very hard on this and it has a lot of technical aspects, the likes of which many of the Tri-State Performers have not dealt with before, so they really had to up their game to do this successfully," shared Thielen.

The events center at the Tri-State Museum had a full house for both performances, with the Saturday afternoon performance being standing room only.

The crew included Kim Reausaw on sound and screen, Jean Maher was house manager and on lights, 3 Hats Theatre provided costumes and props, and the set pieces came from the Tri-State Museum.

The next performance of Tri-State Performers will be this summer during Hometown Thursdays. There will be a performance of Brave Little Tailor. Watch the Tri-State Museum Facebook page for more information and how to participate.



(Clockwise from Above) Adalyn Savery and Cactus Clemmie, played by Moriah Jones; Elise Wood had the role of Palomino Polly; Sisters and dancing daughters, from right: Mildred, Katherine Fowler; Miriam, Abby Watson; Minnie, Madilyn Woxland; Minerva, Kinnley Ogaard; Mable, Melody Savery; and Zelda, Annabelle Coffelt; Echo and Persephone, ghost card players, were acted by Allison Venter and Natalie Venter. Longbrake photos



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The BFMS & BFHS Fine Arts departments will end the year with other entertaining events! Check out the list below for all the concert dates & times for your spring calendar.

The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater (BFACT) is hosting a COSTUME Workshop May 21 at 7 PM. More information to come next week!

BFACT also has auditions SOON for their Summer Production: *Minnesela, a Comedy of Western Proportions*. All are welcome to come to auditions May 25 & 26 at 6:30pm in the Rec Center Theater.

May 4, Monday, BFHS Band & Chorus Concert, BFCR Theater, 7:00 PM

May 7, Thursday, BFMS Band Concert, BFCR Theater, 6:30 PM

May 10, Saturday, BFHS Graduation

May 12, Tuesday, BFMS 6th, 7th, 8th grade Chorus Concert, BFCR Theater, 6:30 PM

May 25 & 26, Auditions for the BFACT Summer Production: *Minnesela, a Comedy of Western Proportions*



(L) Seniors in their last High school Musical! (R) *Fabulous Seussical Pit Band*: (Director: Micah Pennel & Accompanist: Lucy Cole): Hunter Cazer, Chase Huseby, Carlie Reeves, Merik McNeese, Jack Johnson, & Elsie Adams; (R) Derek Scott as the *Cat in the Hat* brought the mischievous energy to scene after scene as Horton (Tim Thompson) is tormented by Thing 2 and an Eagle (Samuel Savery and Slater Humbracht) *Courtesy Photos*



The cast & crew of *Seussical the Musical* filled the theater with large, enthusiastic audiences for three performances: (Thought you might want to know who's in this show!)

Directors: Nathan Schreier & Allie Juso-Verry; Ensemble: Alice Biden, Brahnson Brink, Maddie Dalton, Tace Hartman, Slater Humbracht, Avery Mastin, Trey Shannon, Aolani Stone & Chelsea Zinke; Gertrude: Trinity Hostetter; Bird Girl Trio: Kate Blair, Tiril Brattas, & Abby Schmidt; Mrs. Mayor: Mollie Collins; Yertle the Turtle: Sonja Cropper; Thing 1 & Thing 2: Nathan Erhart & Samuel Savery; Jojo, Iva Hale; Wickersham Brothers 1, 2, & 3: Andy Pruitt, Logan Willert, & Trevor Welles; General Schmitz: John Hale; Cat in the Hat: Derek Scott; Mayzie: Alexa Stone; Mr. Mayor: Dillon Streeter; Sour Kangaroo: Kaeli Thompson; Grinch: Kale Williams; Horton: Timothy Thompson; Tech Crew: Madisyn Carson, Riley Okeson, Cierra Erhart, Veronika Crouch, Timothy Graig, & Braxton Reid; Pit Band (Director: Micah Pennel & Accompanist: Lucy Cole): Hunter Cazer, Chase Huseby, Carlie Reeves, Merik McNeese, Jack Johnson, & Elsie Adams.



(AL) Accompanied by the Cat in the Hat (Derek Scott), Mayzie (Alexa Stone) belts out the woes of motherhood from her fantastic nest. (AC) Gertrude (Trinity Hostetter) and Horton (Timothy Thompson) led the show with outstanding performances as seniors who have entertained audiences throughout their school years. (AR) The silly Circus McGurkus (Alexa Stone, Tace Hartman, & Sonja Cropper) made it all the way to Belle Fourche with Horton in tow! (BL) They're not "monkeying around!" in *Seussical* - the Wickersham brothers Trevor Wells, Andy Pruitt, and Logan Willert were a crowd favorite. (BC) The Cat in the Hat (Derek Scott) "helped" Jojo (Iva Hale) in his military school under General Schmitz (John Hale); (BR) General Schmitz (John Hale) whips the Butter-Side-Up troops into shape in *Seussical the Musical*. *Courtesy Photos*





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Groundbreaking Held for New Hotel and Conference Center in Belle Fourche

BELLE FOURCHE—A bright sunny morning set the stage for the April 22 groundbreaking of a brand new hotel and conference center.

Doug Peterson and Ambrose Hoff of DA Peterson Companies, along with Hollie Stalder, Economic Development Corp director and Mayor Randy Schmidt along with a few others all stood shoulder to shoulder with their golden groundbreaking shovels and welcomed the community to the momentous occasion.

Stalder started by introducing the new developers. "This is Doug Peterson and his partner here Ambrose Hoff have been tenacious about getting through all the project planning to be here today. We want to thank them for choosing Belle Fourche! This is going to be a great addition to the community, I am very happy for both of you! I think this will be a very successful project," she said.

The new hotel and conference center will house 76 hotel rooms along with extended stay and executive suites. An expansive hotel and conference center that will allow for the seating of 300 people along with a smaller 48-person meeting room; both will include high-speed internet along with audio/video capabilities. There will also be an indoor pool and spa.

Peterson shared his vision



A groundbreaking ceremony for the start of the new hotel and conference center by DA Peterson Companies was held on April 22 near the corner of Cowboy Street and Dakota Avenue. Longbrake photo

behind the project. "Our past history has been not to go into a community and try and duplicate what they already have, but to offer what they don't. So there were some needs, a convention facility, another restaurant, a fitness center... We offer a little different—24/7 access to the pool and things like that," he shared. "We are going to try and be a good neighbor who brings

things that you don't already have."

Hoff shared that he has been driving through Belle Fourche for the past 55 years and he has always liked this town and is thrilled to be a part of this new project. The new hotel and conference center won't be affiliated with a brand but it will be partnered with their Grazers Burgers & Beers

restaurant with seating for one hundred people that will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

The goal is to have the hotel and conference center up and running by May of 2027. Although they are still in the process of finalizing all the contractors for the project and are still sorting through bids for various projects.

Once open, the new hotel and conference center will bring approximately 30 new jobs to the area.

DA Peterson Companies adds this new venture to their other Hotel and Travel Centers in Bowman, North Dakota, Newcastle, Moorcroft and Gillette, Wyoming.



After the groundbreaking, Ambrose Hoff (left) and Doug Peterson spent some time answering questions and discussing their new project. Longbrake photo



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Chamber Mixer Photos



(AL) Each month at the Chamber Mixer there is a **Connect and Collect** cash drawing. Board members **Jennessa Dempsey** with Black Hills Energy and **Michelle Jensen** with Monument Health do the honors. (AR) **Alley Fitness** owner **Joanna Kapsch** gives tours of the sauna and cold plunge rooms. (B) Chamber members networking while enjoying beef and chicken tacos during the Chamber Mixer. Longbrake photos



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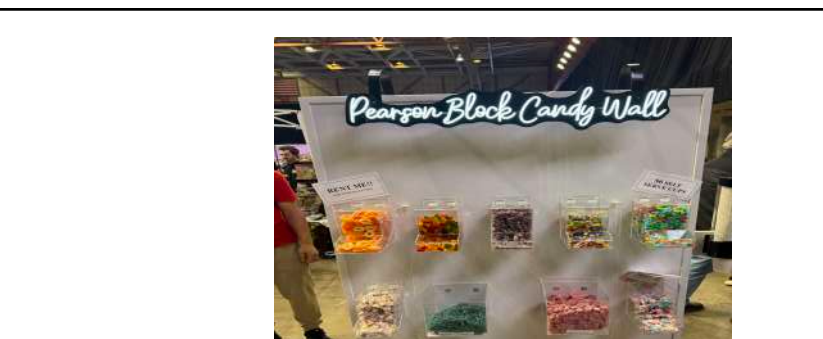
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Looking Back in Belle

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by **Mary Buchholz**

100 years ago **Belle Fourche Bee** May 6, 1926

ENCOURAGING INCREASED TONNAGE —“Big Beet Special” Demonstration Train Will Visit Belle Fourche and Nisland on May 20 The Belle Fourche valley will see it first “big beet special” train on May 20. The train will be in Belle Fourche Thursday morning, May 20, 15 8:30 and will remain here until 11 o’clock a.m., when it will go to Nisland, arriving there at 1:15 and remaining until 2:50 p.m. This is the second year the Great Western Sugar Co. has sent out these special demonstration trains, giving lectures and showing miniature beet fields. The train costs the Company many thousands of dollars and it is their desire that every beet raiser and all beet labor visit the train. Not only are the beet growers and their labor urged to be at the car, but all others who are interested in the beet industry in this part of the country are invited. Cooperation between the C. & N.W. railroad and the Great Western Sugar company brings to the project exhibit and auditorium coaches dedicated to higher yields per acre of sugar beets. When the train arrives in the local territory it will have been on the way since April 28, constantly flying the banner of “another ton in 1926.” Real interest and enthusiasm has greeted the special in Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana sugar producing areas. A year ago those districts saw a similar demonstration train, with the result that the yield per acre was increased. To some degree the Belle Fourche project farmers also applied the better farming practices of the “another ton” movement last year, and favored by natural conditions produced the highest average tonnage in history locally. “I believe that after getting nearly 17 tons to the acre last season, our growers will not again be satisfied with averages of 8 to 10 tons. “The benefits of increased yields of sugar beets,” said Mr. Steck, “are readily apparent to everyone. On the project we have contracted about 2,200 acres this season. Only on extra ton in yield from applying the methods to be demonstrated on the special train will mean \$25,000 additional in cash to the farmers.”

CHANGE AT FIRST NATIONAL Chas. A. Grow, who has been associated with the Federal Reserve bank of Minneapolis for the past six years, has purchased an interest in the First National bank of Belle Fourche and has assumed the duties of vice president of that institution, and as he becomes familiar with the work will assume active charge of the bank. Mr. Grow has been looking after the interest of the Federal Reserve bank of the ninth district, comprising North and South Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, Northwestern Wisconsin and Northern Michigan, and comes to Belle Fourche well informed as to the general conditions in the Northwest. In addition to the experience Mr. Grow has had over a wide section of the Northwest in the past six years, he has been a resident of the Dakotas since Territorial days, having located at Grand Forks, Dakota Territory, in 1888, later moving to Minto where for many years he took an active part in not only his own

business, but the development work of that section of the state. Last summer he spent three weeks here in the interests of the Federal Reserve bank, and was so impressed by the variety of resources in the Belle Fourche valley and tributary territory that he decided to become a resident of Belle Fourche. As a result of this decision he purchased an interest in the First National. He is accompanied by Mrs. Grow and daughter, Alice, and as soon as they can find a suitable house they will commence housekeeping. Mr. Grow will fill the vacancy of vice-president, formerly held by L. M. Simons. Mr. Gay will remain as chairman of the board of directors, Mr. Evans as assistant cashier. Owing to poor health, Mr. Gay will retire from active work but will remain as chairman of the board of directors. Mr. Evans, who has been at his desk aily for the past six years without a vacation will be relieved of part of his work. Mr. Gay and Mr. Evans will assist Mr. Grow until he gets acquainted with all the details of the bank. Mr. Grow comes to Belle Fourche highly recommended by the officers of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

75 years ago **Belle Fourche Bee** April 26, 1951

Swimming Pool, New Parks Asked in City Beautification Plan New parks, an outdoor swimming pool, the planting of trees and flowers, a wading pool and many other improvements were suggested for Belle Fourche improvement at a city beautification meeting Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Robert Wallace. Representatives from several organizations came to the meeting prepared with ideas to “dress up” Belle Fourche. The meeting was called by the Civic league for that specific purpose. On definite step that will be taken is the planting of trees in Highland Park by the Boy and Girl Scouts. Since tomorrow is Arbor Day, the Scouts have chosen this day to plant 25 or more trees along the east, south and north and possibly west sides of the park, in accordance with landscaping plans drawn by the city park committee. Other clubs or individuals who wish to contribute trees are asked to call Mrs. Wallace. Paul Brunet’s Boy Scout troop will pick them up, but the organization prefers that no cottonwood be donated. Hans Jeremiason will dig the holes for planting the trees. Oppose Softball at Highland. Representatives went on record saying that they were opposed to establishing a softball diamond in Highland park. They felt that the park should be reserved for smaller children who had no way to get farther from town by car or bicycle. However, if the softball diamond is established, they feel that driving restrictions should be put up for safety of the small children.

Irrigation Board Cuts Water Allotment in Half, Bans Rentals

Water allotments for farmers in the Belle Fourche Irrigation district have been cut in two for the 1951 growing season because of the present low level of Orman lake. A decision to reduce water allotments from the normal 25 inches to 12 inches an acre was made at the regular monthly meeting of the Irrigation district board at Newell Tuesday. Present supply behind the dam is estimated at 102,000-care feet,

compared to the 165,000-acre feet capacity which is stored up after a normal spring runoff. A snow deficiency and the lack of any appreciable spring rains have reduced the runoff into the dam this spring to a very small amount. Also voted to disapprove all application for water rental, eliminating approximately 2,000 acres from possible irrigation this year and effecting a saving of around 4,000 acres feet of water. Refused a state Game, Fish and Parks commission request to place a chemical in Orman reservoir to kill off the carp and urged instead that permission be given to the public to sein out the carp. Decision to reduce the water allotment followed a study of the probably acreage to be irrigated and the amount of water now in storage. In deciding to refuse all applications for water rentals on non-assessable lands the board will eliminate more than 2,000 acres which normally receive water service on a rental basis.

50 years ago **Belle Fourche Bee** April 30, 1976

Contract Let for Orman Project Big Horn Construction Company, which does business as the Highway Construction Company of Rapid City, was the apparent low bidder on the Bureau of Reclamation contract for upgrading Orman Dam in bid opening at Huron Tuesday. Work on the project is expected to begin in mid-June after the bids are checked to see that all is in order and the contract is let. Eight bids, including three from South Dakota firms, were received for the project. The bid of Highway Construction Company was \$1,1,225. The Bureau of Reclamation estimates the total contract at \$2,500,000. Second low bidder was the L. G. Everest, Inc. of Sioux Falls with \$1,775,176 and the third best bid was submitted by William Claremont, Inc. of Bismarck at \$1,812,933. Included on the project are a 70-foot wide new grass-lined spillway to be constructed 7000 feet south of the existing dam, a concrete culvert under the existing south canal and a new 150-foot long pre-stressed two-span concrete bridge. The bridge will cross the new spillway channel downstream from the concrete crest spillway structure. Letting of the contract culminates years of planning and promoting on the part of the board of directors of the Belle Fourche Irrigation District and interested citizens. Two years ago Rep. James Abdnor, after inspecting the Belle Fourche project, began work on a bill to provide funds for updating the dam. The entire South Dakota delegation joined in support of the effort and funding was finally approved. Orman was designed to hold over 177,000 care feet of water, but for more than 10 years the water level has been held some 20,000 acre feet below capacity because the deteriorated condition of the present spillway. The new rip-rapping on the upstream face of the dam will consist of huge rocks, which are expected to disperse wave action and eliminate the perennial problem of having to replace the present concrete slabs torn out by winds and aves. It is understood the rocks will be dumped on top of the concrete slabs. Officials say the water in the dam will be drawn down this fall to facilitate these repair work.

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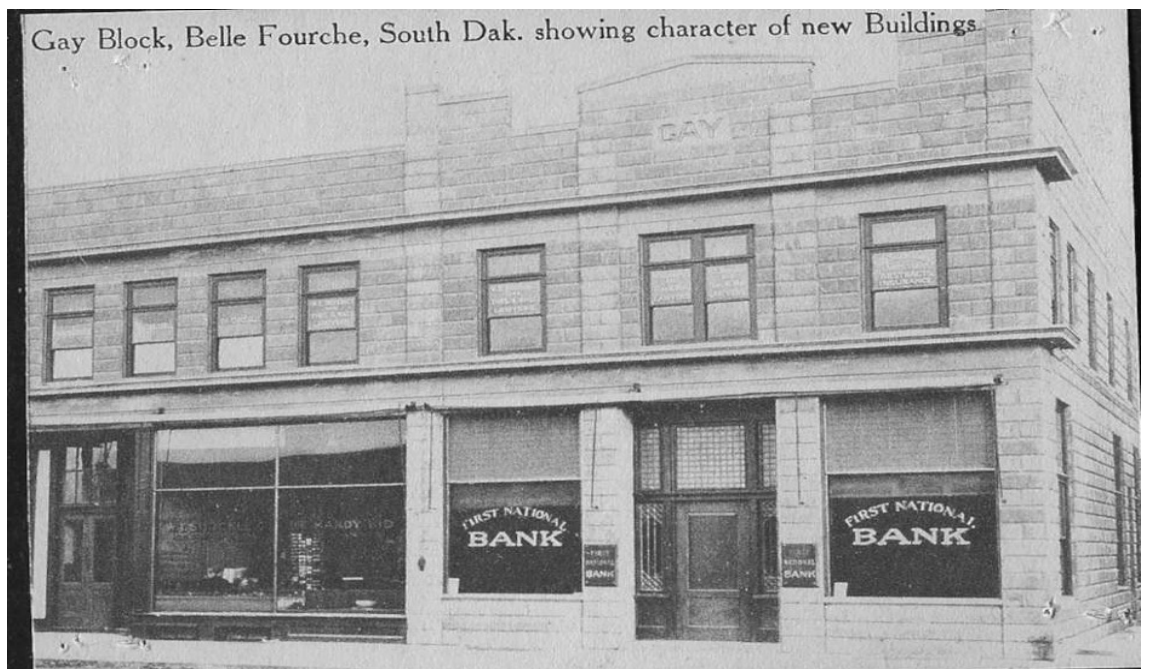
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| Marty Mopherson, Piedmont SD | 1 | Black-Cow | 1495 | 212.00 | \$3,169.40 |
| Wade Or Laney Dungey, Aladdin WY | 1 | BwF-Cowette | 1310 | 232.50 | \$3,045.75 |
| Greg Williams Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT | 1 | Black-Cowette | 1015 | 285.00 | \$2,892.75 |
| Ryell Reynolds, Ekalaka MT | 1 | Black-Cowette | 1110 | 280.00 | \$3,108.00 |
| Tenadore Kittelmann, Ekalaka MT | 1 | BwF-Cow | 1275 | 202.00 | \$2,575.50 |
| Lauren Reynolds, Ekalaka MT | 1 | Black-Cow | 1250 | 230.00 | \$2,875.00 |
| Svenson Operating Llc, Sundance WY | 1 | Red-Hfirt | 865 | 230.00 | \$1,989.50 |
| | 1 | Rwf-Cowette | 925 | 290.00 | \$2,682.50 |
| | 1 | Red-Cow | 1200 | 201.00 | \$2,412.00 |
| | 1 | Red-Cowette | 1040 | 225.00 | \$2,340.00 |
| Jake Or Matt Disney, Sundance WY | 2 | Red-Cowette | 1200 | 217.50 | \$2,610.00 |
| Kady Creek Cattle, Broadus MT | 3 | Black-Hfirt | 937 | 327.50 | \$3,067.58 |
| Beth Michele Smith, Sundance WY | 1 | BwF-Cow | 1040 | 280.00 | \$2,912.00 |
| | 1 | Black-Cow | 1160 | 205.00 | \$2,378.00 |
| Barry Blair, Ekalaka MT | 1 | Black-Cow | 885 | 325.00 | \$2,876.25 |
| | 1 | Black-Hfirt | 880 | 325.00 | \$2,860.00 |
| Dunning 3l Ranch Llc, Otter MT | 1 | Black-Cowette | 1095 | 295.00 | \$3,230.25 |
| Edwin Lookwood, Volborg MT | 1 | Black-Cow | 1210 | 265.00 | \$3,206.50 |
| | 1 | Black-Cow | 1310 | 255.00 | \$3,340.50 |
| | 1 | Black-Hfirt | 1195 | 262.50 | \$3,136.87 |
| Wyatt Foulger, Ashland MT | 1 | Black-Cowette | 1170 | 285.00 | \$3,334.50 |
| Loyd Williams, Broadus MT | 1 | Black-Cowette | 1125 | 295.00 | \$3,318.75 |
| | 1 | Black-Cowette | 1130 | 270.00 | \$3,051.00 |
| Sonya Mallett, Powderville MT | 1 | Black-Cowette | 1185 | 270.00 | \$3,199.50 |
| Emmons Cattle, Olive MT | 1 | Black-Hfirt | 1045 | 300.00 | \$3,135.00 |
| | 1 | Black-Cowette | 1190 | 272.50 | \$3,242.75 |
| Tom Blair, Ekalaka MT | 1 | Black-Hfirt | 980 | 320.00 | \$3,136.00 |
| | 1 | Black-Cowette | 1045 | 250.00 | \$2,612.50 |
| | 1 | Black-Cow | 1070 | 292.50 | \$3,129.75 |
| Iron Mountain Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD | 1 | Black-Hfirt | 990 | 290.00 | \$2,871.00 |
| Mike Malenovsky, Ekalaka MT | 1 | Red-Hfirt | 865 | 327.50 | \$2,898.37 |
| | 1 | Red-Cow | 1235 | 200.00 | \$2,470.00 |
| J-Six SD Ops, Seneca Ks | 1 | Black-Cowette | 1175 | 262.50 | \$3,084.37 |
| | 1 | Black-Cow | 1300 | 217.50 | \$2,827.50 |
| Bret Clanton, Buffalo SD | 1 | Red-Cowette | 1225 | 237.50 | \$2,909.37 |
| K & D Livestock Inc, Volborg MT | 1 | Black-Hfirt | 890 | 322.50 | \$2,870.25 |
| Daniel Davis, Buffalo SD | 3 | Blk-BwF-Hfirt | 1015 | 315.00 | \$3,197.25 |
| | 1 | Black-Cow | 1370 | 193.00 | \$2,644.10 |
| | 1 | BwF-Cow | 1330 | 192.00 | \$2,553.60 |
| Evan Rumph, Biddle MT | 1 | Black-Cow | 1225 | 194.00 | \$2,376.50 |
| Greg Williams Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT | 4 | Black-Cow | 1286 | 191.00 | \$2,456.73 |
| Lauren Reynolds, Ekalaka MT | 1 | Black-Cow | 1215 | 193.00 | \$2,344.95 |
| | 1 | Black-Cow | 1090 | 189.00 | \$2,060.10 |
| | 1 | Black-Cow | 1280 | 189.00 | \$2,419.20 |
| | 1 | Black-Cow | 1125 | 183.00 | \$2,058.75 |
| Borchgrevink Livestock, Belle Fourche SD | 1 | Red-Cow | 1315 | 191.00 | \$2,511.65 |
| Matt Borchgrevink, Hammond MT | 1 | Black-Cow | 1450 | 188.00 | \$2,726.00 |
| Kermit Rumph, Biddle MT | 1 | Black-Cow | 1095 | 215.00 | \$2,354.25 |
| | 1 | Black-Cowette | 1085 | 300.00 | \$3,255.00 |
| Monenny Ranch Inc, Sturgis SD | 1 | Black-Cowette | 1180 | 271.00 | \$3,197.80 |
| | 1 | Black-Cow | 1305 | 230.00 | \$3,001.50 |
| | 1 | BwF-Cowette | 1195 | 255.00 | \$3,047.25 |
| Tom Riggs, Broadus MT | 6 | Black-Cow Open | 1386 | 195.00 | \$2,702.37 |
| X Heart Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY | 7 | Blk-BwF-Cow | 1621 | 183.00 | \$2,967.21 |
| | 1 | Black-Cow | 1330 | 197.00 | \$2,620.10 |
| Matt Or Donna Perino, Newcastle WY | 2 | Black-Cowette | 1148 | 280.00 | \$3,213.00 |
| | 3 | Black-Cow | 1392 | 192.00 | \$2,672.00 |
| | 1 | Char-Cow | 1290 | 196.00 | \$2,528.40 |
| | 1 | Black-Cow | 1115 | 194.00 | \$2,163.10 |

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| Ryan Xz Ranch Llc, Aladdin WY | 1 | Black-Cow | 1270 | 196.00 | \$2,489.20 |
| Riley Ranch, Spearfish SD | 2 | Black-Hfirt | 950 | 317.50 | \$3,016.25 |
| | 1 | Black-Cow | 1290 | 198.00 | \$2,554.20 |
| Monenny Ranch Inc, Sturgis SD | 1 | Black-Cow Open | 1270 | 217.50 | \$2,762.25 |
| Laird Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT | 1 | Red-Hfirt | 990 | 312.50 | \$3,093.75 |
| Juanita Delbridge, Union Center SD | 1 | Black-Cowette | 1175 | 267.50 | \$3,143.12 |
| Harvey Beug, Sturgis SD | 2 | Black-Cow | 1285 | 195.00 | \$2,505.75 |
| Guy Howell, Belle Fourche SD | 5 | Black-Hfirt | 1097 | 280.00 | \$3,071.60 |
| | 1 | Black-Hfirt | 925 | 327.50 | \$3,029.37 |
| Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish SD | 1 | Black-Cow | 1200 | 199.00 | \$2,388.00 |
| Johnson Sheep & Cattle, Belle Fourche SD | 1 | Black-Hfirt | 1230 | 265.00 | \$3,259.50 |
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| Matt Or Donna Perino, Newcastle WY | 1 | Black-Bull | 1965 | 201.00 | \$3,949.65 |
| Ryell Reynolds, Ekalaka MT | 1 | Black-Bull | 1620 | 201.00 | \$3,256.20 |
| Kady Creek Cattle, Broadus MT | 1 | Black-Bull Drug Fre | 1805 | 211.00 | \$3,808.55 |
| | 1 | Black-Bull Drug Fre | 1805 | 201.00 | \$3,628.05 |
| Bill Shorb, Hermosa SD | 1 | Black-Bull Drug Fre | 1990 | 225.00 | \$4,477.50 |
| | 1 | Black-Bull Drug Fre | 2000 | 222.50 | \$4,450.00 |
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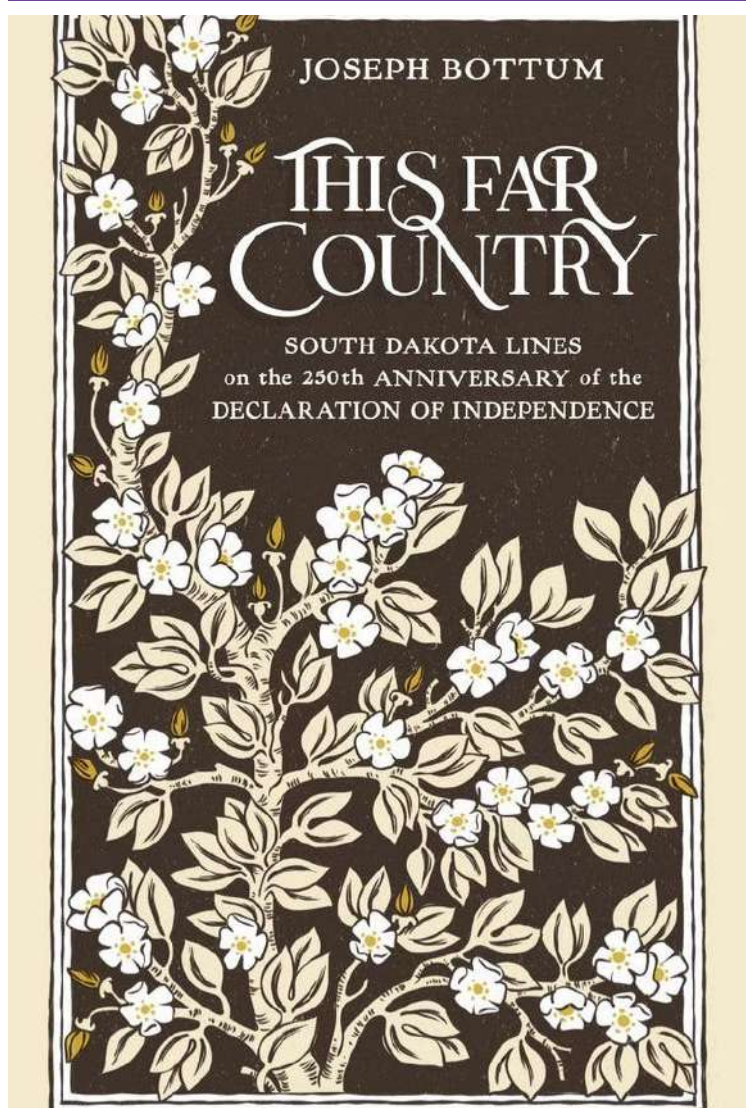
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America's Time Capsule is the official, congressionally mandated time capsule, developed by scientists at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, preservation experts at the Library of Congress and the National Park Service to withstand 250 years underground.

CBH CO-OP Foundation Expands Scholarship Program to Support Future of Rural Communities

The CBH CO-OP Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of its 2026 scholarship program, awarding 15 scholarships of \$1,000 each to students across South Dakota and Wyoming.

This year marks a significant expansion of the program, growing from 5 scholarships to 15, tripling the number of students supported and reinforcing the Foundation's commitment to investing in the future of rural communities.

The CBH CO-OP Foundation serves as the charitable arm of CBH CO-OP, a regional provider of propane, refined fuels, feed and agriculture products, and retail Cenex locations across South Dakota and Wyoming. CBH CO-OP operates 12 locations and employs more than 200 people, allowing the organization to serve communities at scale while maintaining a strong local presence. Through the Foundation, CBH CO-OP is able to give back in a focused and lasting way to the communities it serves.

The Foundation was established to support youth, agriculture, and local initiatives. This year's scholarship recipients represent a wide range of career paths, including agriculture, healthcare, education, and skilled trades. These are fields that are critical to sustaining and growing rural areas.

"We're not just helping students go to school. We're investing in the next generation of people who will come back and strengthen our communities," said Mike Galloway, Executive Director of the CBH CO-OP Foundation. "Expanding this program is a big step forward and shows what's possible when a community comes together."

The scholarship program received a highly competitive pool of applicants from across the region, highlighting the depth of talent and dedication among local students.

Recipients expressed strong appreciation for the support and the role it will play in their futures.

"This scholarship is much appreciated, and I'm thankful for the contribution to my higher education," said Kingston Wulf of New Underwood, South Dakota.

"I am very grateful for the opportunity and excited to grow with the help of your organization," added Kamryn Gladson of Gillette, Wyoming.

Families also emphasized the broader impact of community investment.

"This just brings us so much joy seeing the community support for his dreams," shared the family of Braxton Watson of Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Funding for the scholarships is made possible through a combination of CBH CO-OP support, community contributions, and the Foundation's round-up program, which allows customers to donate small amounts that collectively make a meaningful impact.

"The unique part of this foundation is that it's community-driven," Galloway added. "Our members and customers are directly contributing to the success of students and organizations in the areas they live and work."

In addition to scholarships, the CBH CO-OP Foundation supports local food pantries, youth programs, agricultural initiatives, and other community-focused efforts throughout the region.

The Foundation plans to continue expanding its impact in the coming years through increased funding, additional scholarships, and broader community partnerships.

"At the end of the day, this foundation is about making sure the communities that built us are still here and thriving for the next generation," said Galloway.

For more information about the CBH CO-OP Foundation, visit: <https://cbhcoopfoundation.org/>

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4th - 6pm City Council Meeting
5th - Center of the Nation Sportsman's Monthly Meeting

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By John Newby **"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"**
Trends Are Awesome – Till They Aren't!

J. Paul Getty once said, "In times of rapid change, experience could be your worst enemy." That quote has never been more relevant. We live in an era where the strategies that built successful communities and businesses over decades can become liabilities almost overnight. And here's the uncomfortable truth layered beneath that: most people despise change. According to research from McKinsey & Company, roughly 70% of change initiatives in organizations fail — not because the ideas are bad, but because people resist them. So, what does that mean for your town, your chamber, your local business district? It means the playbook has expired.



your zip code. A community operating as a unified team will always outperform one where every organization is running its own play.

That means your community, businesses and chamber can't operate in silos. Your economic development office can't either. When these groups align around common goals — shared data, shared messaging, shared accountability — the results compound. A Harvard Business Review study found that organizations with high internal collaboration are 5x more likely to be high-performing. There's no reason that math stops at the city limits.

Building that kind of communitywide synergy is rarely easy, largely because local politics, longstanding rivalries, and competing agendas get in the way. That's not cynicism — it's just reality. But communities that have pushed through those frictions to find common ground have unlocked something powerful: a foundation strong enough to support real transformation.

We must realize the being busy is not the same as being productive. Here's where many communities go wrong. They hold meetings. They form committees. They draft plans. They stay busy — and they mistake that motion for momentum. It isn't. According to a Gallup study, only 23% of employees worldwide feel strongly engaged at work, and local civic engagement numbers aren't much better. Effort without direction is one of the most expensive mistakes a community can make — it drains volunteers, burns out leaders, and produces nothing measurable.

The hard question every community must ask is: Are we doing the right things, or just the comfortable things? There is a significant

difference. Doing the comfortable thing — hosting the same annual events, running the same promotions, attending the same networking breakfasts — keeps people busy without moving the needle. Real progress requires stepping into uncomfortable territory: new partnerships, new models, new asks.

The innovators dilemma is your dilemma. Harvard Business School professor Clayton Christensen introduced the concept of the "innovator's dilemma" — the idea that successful organizations often fail precisely because they keep doing what made them successful, even as the world around them shifts. Kodak invented the digital camera in 1975, then shelved it to protect film sales. Blockbuster had the chance to buy Netflix for \$50 million in 2000 and passed. Both companies no longer exist.

Your community faces the same fork in the road. The question isn't whether change is coming — it is. The question is whether you'll be the one steering it or the one flattened by it. The potential is already there. Across the country, local communities are overflowing with creativity, pride, and entrepreneurial spirit. The raw ingredients for success exist nearly everywhere. What's missing in most cases isn't vision — it's execution, and the courage to act on that vision together.

Awareness is the first step. Acceptance follows. But action is what changes the trajectory. The storm clouds are visible on the horizon. The only question left is: will your community harness the storm, or wait to get soaked?

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden, April 2026



Our warm, summer like days came to an end last weekend in preparation for a much cooler week. We received some moisture on a cool, cloudy Sunday which was welcome all over west of the river. We were happy to hear that Custer area received several inches of snow which will be a great help in preventing more fires. They certainly have had their share for this time of year. It is a love-

ly green hue in Central Meade County at this time. Some of the church crew went to Nellie's at Enning for lunch on Sunday. Jack Sellers and Darrell Wilcox, Sandy and Larry Rhoden, Lorie Hausmann and Bill Meirose enjoyed food and fellowship there. The Caden and Jori Smiley family also enjoyed lunch there on Sunday. They are expecting child #4 in October. Lorie Hausmann, and Larry

and Sandy Rhoden attended the Lincoln Day Dinner in Belle Fourche on Saturday evening. It was at a lovely venue south west of Belle Fourche. It was beautifully decorated and well planned out as they served a beef and mashed potatoes dinner and auctioned off desserts to raise funds. Governor Larry Rhoden delivered the invocation for the meal. Tom & Quinn Brunner and others provided a fine event and hosted many candidates who are running for office.

The final debate for the race for Governor was held on Monday evening at the Pavillion in Sioux Falls. It is a busy time for the Rhodens as Larry keeps busy with the many responsibilities of being Governor in all areas of the state. But he tries to stay engaged in what is happening at home as he works with his busy schedule. Larry will be singing with the Circuit Riders Quartet on Saturday at the Raymond Howie Funeral in Union Center. The funeral service begins at 10:00 am.

Amy Cammack is up and around after knee surgery. She has surpassed the 4 week mark so will hopefully be back to her very busy pace soon. Linda Opstedahl has recovered well from her illness and was in church on Sunday looking well and recovered. Time is flying by and before we know it, it will be May and school will be out. Vacation Bible School at Union Center will be from June 29 - July 2 for ages 5 and up. I you have questions or are interested in helping you may contact Melanie Cammack.

Capitol News

April 26, 2026

by Karen Odell

This week has been another variety of weather at Capitol and on Tie Creek. It



went from summer at over eighty degrees to winter at below freezing. There were some days for sitting outside to read in the sunshine, and others sitting inside to watch the snow through the window. The weather inhibited school track meets. With calving and feeding, most people were busy at home.

Dick Albert had a doctor's appointment in the Hills, on Tuesday. Erma and daughter, Heather, went with him. Heather did the grocery shopping while they were there. Heather's family headed for home on Friday, and they will really miss them. Dick went to the Senior Citizen chicken dinner on Friday. He brought

home some food for Erma. On Sunday, Dick went to the Catholic Church for mass, and then had lunch at Saloon Number Three. He brought a lunch home for Erma from there, too.

Alvin and Marlee had two visitors from Pennsylvania on Monday. They had come for turkey hunting. They got their turkeys right away, and only stayed a day, before heading back home. On Wednesday, Alvin and Marlee went to Belle Fourche to watch grandson, Gavin Pearson, play baseball against Rapid City Central. Gavin's Belle Fourche team won the game. Marlee is back in the chicken business. She got a few hens from Hewsons, and they are already providing eggs for them. She has some baby chicks, this year, too. Ryan Cordell has gotten some barley planted for hay. On Saturday evening, Alvin and Marlee joined a group of family and friends who gathered at the

Corner Bar in Camp Crook to help celebrate Dana Selting's birthday. We can't guess how old she is, but she must be at least thirty.

Lynn Gustafson joined others, on Wednesday, for Bible Study at the Camp Crook Town Hall. Bruce and Lynn have spent a quiet week, but they went to the Little Missouri Church for services, on Sunday.

Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum went to Baker, on Wednesday, to visit with Junior and Shirley Melum. On Thursday evening, Ernie and Rachel went to Ekalaka for the FFA banquet at the high school. The food was really great, and a good crowd came for the evening. FFA members were auctioned off for a day's work, each. The club earned lots of money when the bidding got very high. Tommy earned his Green Hand degree, and was elected as an officer

for next year. On Saturday, Ernie and Rachel did their first session of branding for this spring. The family went to church at Baker, on Sunday.

Dorothy Padden's week was more quiet than most. The track meets had been canceled. It was good to see Brenton Padden, when he came home from college, for the weekend. It was a special weekend, because it was also Brenton's birthday. Dorothy has gotten some tomato plants started, but the snow is still keeping the plants indoors for a while longer. She hopes to use her big planter containers for her summer garden.

Karen Odell got to visit with her brother, Jim Evans, who is in Bluffton, Ohio. It was good to hear his voice. She also got to visit with high school friend, Bill Foulkes, and cousin, John Odell, on Friday. John lives far over on the busy east coast. His big family keeps him busy, and he enjoys riding his electric bicycle on nice

days. He is also busy doing his beautiful artwork. Karen's granddaughter, Kenna Odell, went to prom in Mitchell, and Karen got to see her in the Grand March on YouTube. It's hard to believe that her little granddaughter is already a beautiful young lady. Mollie and Kyia Smith had gone to the Harry Potter musical in Minneapolis. Karen's grandson, Murphy Hinds, was singing in his spring music concert, on Sunday in Tacoma, and Karen hopes to see videos of that performance, too. Son-in-law, Jesse Hinds, wrote, produced, practiced and performed in a 10-minute play, last weekend. All of that work had to be done in one day. Jeff and Amanda Odell got an extra tree in their yard in Iowa, after a big wind storm. The tree actually belonged to their neighbors, but the wind moved it. There are more storms predicted for their area, this week.

Nothing's more fun than doing housework, so someone else will have to do it.

PRESSED BETWEEN THE PAGES

by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel



"Don't lose the key!" Mom admonished in a way that made me wonder if that metal key with the butterfly handle came with stories about my siblings. The key was attached to a string of red yarn and hung from a nail in what we called the porch, which was basically the entry.

The key was the secret to a whole new set of experiences on wheels—the steel wheels of roller skates. Ours, which were handed down through my siblings, clamped onto shoes and could be adjusted in length. The key was made to adjust the metal clasps that curved up on each side of the front and held the toe in place, and to tighten the nut underneath that locked the two metal foot plates together. The back of our shoes butted against a "heel" which had slots for

"Wheels, Keys and Freedom"

leather straps that buckled in front of the ankles.

I sat outside on the wooden stoop. Stepping each shoe onto its metal platform, I pressed the ends together, then used the key to tighten the hexagonal nut that held the two plates in place. Satisfied that the skates were firmly attached to my shoes, I buckled the straps and stood up. In spite of much arm flapping and breath holding, I still had to pick myself up and dust myself off a few times. Eventually I caught on and learned to keep the wheels under my feet. The three yards of cement sidewalk provided barely enough runway to get started before having to turn around. The wooden surface of the stoop provided a whole new experience; the wheels turned faster and the "clunks" thumped louder with each skating step. Deciding I needed more space, I clunked up to the front door and did a roll/walk/teeter step

into the house.

"Mom, is it ok if I go down to the basement and skate?" Mom was likely envisioning me crashing into her jars of garden produce that lined the basement walls. She told me to be careful. Never did it occur to me to remove those skates going down the wooden steps or even to tighten them with the key. I simply butt-scooted down.

As often happens in life, great expectations turn

to disappointment. The cement was rough down there. And the steps divided the room, so I had to slow down and totter around them. Already-scraped knees got me back up the steps, though one skate flopped off its shoe and crashed along behind me.

Back outside, I removed the skates and sat on the stoop, chin in hands feeling sorry for myself. After what seemed like forever, Dad came through the yard gate. He took in his little girl's skinned knees and roller skates lying on the ground, one splayed to Big Foot size.

"If you sweep out the corn crib you can skate in there."

Suddenly, a whole new world opened. I spent many afternoons that summer gliding (Ok, maybe lurching) back and forth in the corn crib, skate key swaying back and forth around my neck. I still crashed a few times. I still neglected to adjust the key-tightening places and ended up dragging one skate behind me when it fell off. The side door closed down behind me, giving me my own private space. The open-spaced red boards allowed the South Dakota breeze inside. I felt free and independent. I had wheels. What more could a kid ask for? And I didn't even lose the key!

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Readers may recall a popular radio program called Car Talk, that ran on National

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Car Talk was a call-in radio show. On Saturday mornings listeners would call in with questions about motor vehicle and maintenance problems. Questions came from car owners who represented a wide range of car owners.

With plenty of self-deprecating humor Tom and Ray Magliozzi would offer an attempt to determine the caller's problem over the

telephone and then provide advice. The Magliozzis were usually able to arrive at a diagnosis, and thousands of listeners benefitted from Tom and Ray's conversational auto mechanics insights. The show was entertaining in a way that even non-car enthusiasts could relate to easily.

Although Tom passed away in 2014, the podcasts continue to be available. https://www.cartalk.com/radio/our-show

Ray Magliozzi is still writing a car-talk blog and producing radio programs.

The following story is a futuristic monologue where self-driving cars are the norm and AI expertise prevails. The fictitious monologue is told from the point of view of an ordinary woman, Helen Simmons, who is having a problem with her new vehicle. However, could the story be something other than fiction?

Futuristic car images courtesy of https://www.topgear.com/car-news/concept/seven-concept-cars-predicted-future

"Hello? Car Talk AI? My name is Helen... Helen Simmons... Yes, please call me Helen, 'Human Helen', if that makes a difference. You just never know these days, do you? I mean who's human and who isn't?" Helen laughs good naturedly.

"Just out of curiosity, will I be speaking with both Tappet-model brothers AI Tom and AI Ray?" I so enjoy your program! You guys, a I mean you robots... I mean! Opps, my mistake! I meant to be a little more politically correct, you are both MAAIMs, Right? Mechanically Animated Artificial Intelligence Models? Of course, My apologies! I should know better.

The term 'robots' is old-fashioned and no longer acceptable according to the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI). The nomenclatures keep changing! I can't keep up!"

(AI Tom and AI Ray laugh good naturedly and AI Tom makes a benign remark about political correctness, but kindly thanks Helen for her sensitivity.)

"Yes, I have a troubling, and well embarrassing problem with my new vehicle..."

Helen digresses... "You two are so funny and helpful, and I want you to know how much my husband and I have enjoyed this talk show.

But seriously, I told you my problem was a bit embarrassing but here it is: We are in the vehicle and were driving down the road.

Well, that is we, the car and I are driving down the road, and it keeps talking about our trip to South America, but I live in Pennsylvania and I programed the car to go to visit my mother in Rhode Island, but I think the car is going to South America and I don't know how to make the car go to Rhode Island. (There is quaver of apprehension in Helen's voice.)

"What is the vehicle's model name, number, production lot number, and date of activation, you ask? I knew you were going to ask me those questions! Oh, let me think! I have the information here, but it's in my handbag and I can't reach it because the car has me fastened in for my safety and I can't move.

Well, I'll just try to remember. So, the vehicle is brand-new, just off the 3D Cubed Printer lot. My husband purchased it in April. Why, I believe he referred to it as an 'new all-electric Supercharged Hydra 17 with extra planetary surveillance voltage'. I could be wrong.

I recall that we purchased the extra package for protection against mythical beasts and black holes. No, the vehicle does not have extra under chassis security cameras. Crazy.

Huh? OK AI Tom and AI Ray, what do I do? This is getting weird. The vehicle is moving faster and I can't tell where might be. Yes, Thank you AI Ray that's a good idea. I will take a deep breath and try to stay calm. Breathe deeply. Stay calm. (Helen takes deep breaths. She inhales and exhales to the count of five.) There. That's better. I can continue now. (Helen regains her composure.)

Well, I can't make the car stop. I've issued all the normal commands. (Helen is becoming hysterical)

What did you say AI Tom? Did you say that you are 'unencumbered by the thought process'? What does 'unencumbered by the thought process' mean exactly? AI Tom and AI Ray, I hope you are joking!

What do you mean you don't know what to do! I'm trapped in a vehicle careening along a road potentially on the way to South America... Can't you CALL 911? Isn't there a way to bring this vehicle to a stop???? (Helen is on the verge of hysteria)

At that moment she the vehicle speaks to her. "Helen, would you enjoy some relaxing Latin guitar music? Perhaps you might prefer the soothing sounds of Portuguese guitar? And, also Helen, you should know that 911 assist is set to off."



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South Dakota Society for Technology in Education Launches Bicycle Build Event to Support Local Children

WHO: South Dakota Society for Technology in Education (SDSTE)

WHAT: SDSTE is holding their annual spring conference and will be presenting 10 Bicycles to 10 kids.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 28th, 2026, closing event from 8:00AM – 11:00AM. (Bike reveal at 10:20) The press is welcome to cover the entire event; the bike build will start around 9:15 after a short presentation.

WHERE: The Holiday Inn Express, Main St. Deadwood, SD

SDSTE attendees will be attending a series of speakers, presentations, and events to further their education in technology and teamwork.

They will be broken into groups based on personality types and must work together to build a bike where all the tools are mixed up. At the end, they will be giving these bikes to kids that will be waiting in the other room. The kids have no idea that they are receiving a bike, and the conference participate has no idea why they are building the bikes. It is philanthropy and teambuilding at its best.

WHY: When you learn how personality types that aren't exactly like yours can compliment your own in the workplace it helps you be a better human.

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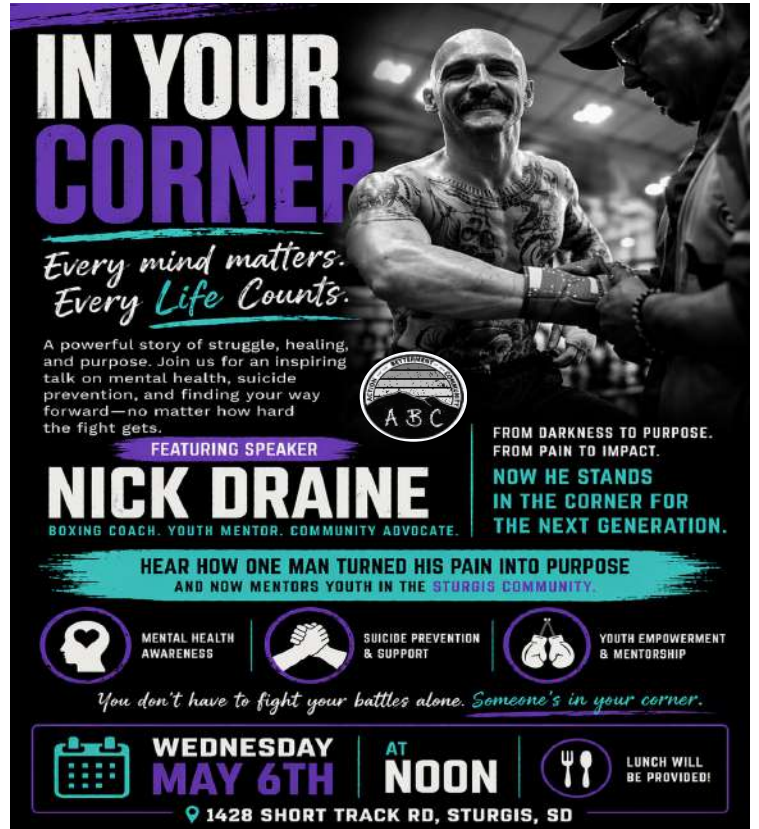
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County Appeals

| NAME/MAILING ADDRESS | PARCEL # | LEGAL | REASON FOR APPEAL | ABSTRACT | LAND | STRUCTURE | TOTAL | CITY BOARD | CITY BOARD | CITY TOTAL | ABSTRACT | LO LAND | LO STRUCTURE | LO TOTAL | DOE RECOMMENDS |
|---|--------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------|------------|--|
| DINOSAURS OF THE HILL CREEK MUSEUM 1432 MILL ST BELLE FOURCHE SD 57717 | 33.09.3.7 | LOT 7 WYATT WAY SUBDIVISION | VALUE TO HIGH | NA-C | \$180,900 | | | | | | NA-C | \$180,900 | | | PAID \$200,000 IN 2024 FOR PARCEL. CANT JUSTIFY LOWERING VALUE. NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED |
| DEVOE, SANDRA PO BOX 82 NEWELL SD 57760 | 08.5.01.4 | SE4PT | VALUE TO HIGH | AG-A AG-A1 NA-A1-S AG EXEMPT | \$165,505 \$25,793 \$221,018 -\$10,000 | | \$180,900 | | | | AG-A AG-A1 NA-A1-S AG EXEMPT | \$185,505 \$25,793 \$221,018 -\$10,000 | \$185,908 | \$185,908 | PROPERTY OWNER CONFIRMED INTERIOR INFO ADDED VALUE FOR MINISPLIT AND FINISHED BASEMENT OUTBUILDINGS SHOWING DEFERRED MAINTENANCE |
| STARK, VICKI D PO BOX 52 NISLAND SD 57762 | 08.5.04.1 | LOT 1-2, S2NE4NW4SE4PT | POLE-BARN TO HIGH | AG-A AG-A1 NA-A1-S AG EXEMPT | \$190,264 \$52,821 \$1,968 -\$10,000 | | \$402,314 | | | | AG-A AG-A1 NA-A1-S AG EXEMPT | \$190,264 \$52,821 \$1,968 -\$10,000 | \$312,055 | \$312,055 | POLE BARN ALREADY IN POOR CONDITION WITH LOW GRADE. NO CHANGE RECOMMENDED |
| JOHN BURKE ENTERPRISES, LLC 3941 FOREST PARK CIRCLE RAPID CITY SD 57702 | 15.57.5A | WILLOWBROOK SUBD BFC LOT 5A | | NA-D NA-D1 | \$17,059 \$229,147 | | \$246,206 | \$17,059 | \$229,147 | \$246,206 | NA-D NA-D1 | \$17,059 \$229,147 | \$246,206 | \$246,206 | SENT A LETTER OF APPEAL COMPARED TO VALUE OF SIMILAR HOUSES IN AREA. NO CHANGES TO VALUE RECOMMENDED |
| JOHN BURKE ENTERPRISES, LLC 3941 FOREST PARK CIRCLE RAPID CITY SD 57702 | 15.57.6B | WILLOWBROOK SUBD BFC LOT 6B | | NA-D NA-D1 | \$35,606 \$233,821 | | \$269,427 | \$35,606 | \$233,821 | \$269,427 | NA-D NA-D1 | \$35,606 \$233,821 | \$269,427 | \$269,427 | SENT A LETTER OF APPEAL COMPARED TO VALUE OF SIMILAR HOUSES IN AREA. NO CHANGES TO VALUE RECOMMENDED |
| JOHN BURKE ENTERPRISES, LLC 3941 FOREST PARK CIRCLE RAPID CITY SD 57702 | 15.57.17A | WILLOWBROOK SUBD BFC LOT 17A | | NA-D NA-D1 | \$26,558 \$241,071 | | \$267,629 | \$26,558 | \$241,071 | \$267,629 | NA-D NA-D1 | \$26,558 \$241,071 | \$267,629 | \$267,629 | SENT A LETTER OF APPEAL COMPARED TO VALUE OF SIMILAR HOUSES IN AREA. NO CHANGES TO VALUE RECOMMENDED |
| SYMONDS, MARVIN & ILENE PO BOX 314 NEWELL SD 57760 | 09.7.30.2.1M | 1976 CHICKASHA SER # 23032 | PROPERTY VALUE STRUCTURE FALLING APART ROOF AND FLOOR SAGGING UNOCCUPIED SINCE 2009 | NA-AM1 | \$3,553.00 | | \$3,553.00 | | | \$3,553.00 | NA-AM1 | \$3,553.00 | \$3,553.00 | \$3,553.00 | TALKED TO PROPERTY OWNER - TRAILER SITS ON FAMILY LAND AND HER SON WOULD NOT ALLOW US TO ENTER THE PROPERTY TO REASSESS. |
| TENNIS, NANCY PO BOX 102 NEWELL SD 57760 | 09.7.30.2.3M | 1973 GUERDON SER # MN7945 | PROPERTY VALUE ROOF ALLOWING MOISTURE IN ROOF FLOOR WINDOWS LEAK UNOCCUPIED SINCE 2009 | NA-AM1 | \$4,277.00 | | \$4,277.00 | | | \$4,277.00 | NA-AM1 | \$4,277.00 | \$4,277.00 | \$4,277.00 | TALKED TO PROPERTY OWNER - TRAILER SITS ON FAMILY LAND AND HER SON WOULD NOT ALLOW US TO ENTER THE PROPERTY TO REASSESS SAME LAND AS 09.7.30.2.1M. NO CHANGES TO VALUE RECOMMENDED |

| NAME/MAILING ADDRESS | LEGAL | PARCEL # | ACRES | LAND | STRUCTURE | ASSESSMENT | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---------------------------------|------------|-------|----------|-----------|------------|---|
| WOOD, SHIRLEY PO BOX 106 NEWELL, SD 57760 | SW4SW4SW4SW4NW4SW4SW 4SW4SW4 | 08.7.17.33 | 3.13 | \$38,520 | \$0 | \$38,520 | AFTER EXTENSIVE DEED RESEARCH IT WAS FOUND THAT THERE WAS AN ERROR IN CONVEYENCE OF LAND BACK IN 1994. THIS PROPERTY LOCATED S. OF THE BELLE FOURCHE RIVER WAS NEVER OWNDER BY THE WOOD FAMILY AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF 08.7.17.3. PARCEL WAS RETIRED BUT WAS NOT UPDATED IN BOTH SYSTEMS. |

| STIPULATIONS | NAME/MAILING ADDRESS | PARCEL # | LEGAL | 2025 ASSESSED VALUE | STIPULATION | DOE NOTES | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------|---|--|--|--|---|
| NAME/MAILING ADDRESS | PARCEL # | LEGAL | ABSTRACT | LAND | STRUCTURE | TOTAL | ABSTRACT TYPE | LAND | STRUCTURE | TOTAL | DOE NOTES |
| 1 CBIC, JESSE A & BRUNNER, SARA A 13554 REMINGTON RD VALE SD 57788 | 08.24.15 | S2SW4SE4 | NA-C-S NA-C1-S | \$126,746 \$0 | \$0 \$312,371 | \$439,117 | AG-A NA-A1-S | \$10,428 \$0 | \$0 \$312,097 | \$10,428 \$312,097 | QUALIFIES FOR AG LAND BASED ON PRIMARY USE AND ACREAGE. |
| 2 HOPPER, PENNY LEE 11585 ROCKY RD BELLE FOURCHE SD 57717 | 21.09.3.08 | LOT 8 ROCKY POINT RANCHETTES SUBD | NAC NACM1 NAC1 | \$75,235 \$0 \$0 | \$238,481 \$0 \$178,448 | \$492,164 | NAC-S NACM1S NAC1S | \$75,235 \$0 \$0 | \$0 \$238,481 \$164,141 | \$75,235 \$238,481 \$164,141 | CONFIRMED WITH PROPERTY OWNER ONLY 1,600 SQFT OF SHOP AREA WAS HEAT |
| 3 PARKS, KELLY 19689 BEET RD NISLAND SD 57762 | 09.4.34.4.2 | SE4PTW OF HWY | NACS NAC1S NAC1 | \$86,506 \$0 \$0 | \$0 \$184,842 \$41,664 | \$313,102 | AG-A AG-A1 NA-A1S AG EXEMPTION | \$2,890 \$0 \$0 -\$10,000 | \$0 \$41,664 \$185,212 -\$10,000 | \$2,890 \$41,664 \$185,212 -\$10,000 | PROPERTY QUALIFIES FOR AG BASED ON PRIMARY USE AND INCOME. SHOULD HAVE BEEN APPLIED FOR THE 2025 ASSESSMENT YEAR. |
| 4 CHENEY, JONATHAN 11694 SNOMA RD BELLE FOURCHE SD 57717 | 08.3.05.1.6 | TR J OF LOT 1 | NAC NAC1 NA-CM1 | \$81,322 \$33,163 \$74,384 | | \$188,869 | AG-A NAA1 NA-AM1 | \$5,887.00 \$33,163.00 \$74,384 | \$5,887.00 \$33,163.00 \$74,384 | \$5,887.00 \$33,163.00 \$74,384 | QUALIFIES FOR AG LAND BASED ON PRIMARY USE AND INCOME. |
| 5 CHENEY, JONATHAN 11694 SNOMA RD BELLE FOURCHE SD 57717 | 08.2.14.1.6.A1 | TR A1 IN E2 | NAC NAC1 NA-CM1 | \$166,652 \$9,589 \$229,962 | | \$405,783 | AG-A NAA1 NA-AM1 | \$55,958 \$9,278 \$232,855 | \$55,958 \$9,278 \$232,855 | \$55,958 \$9,278 \$232,855 | QUALIFIES FOR AG LAND BASED ON PRIMARY USE AND INCOME. |
| 6 RONKEN, DAN E & CONNIE JO 12952 193RD ST VALE SD 57788 | 08.5.36.4.2 | LOT 1 IN S2SE4 T8N R5E SEC 36 | NACS NAC1S NACM1S NAC1S | \$172,626 \$4,341 \$43,610 \$159,430 | | \$380,007 | AG-A AG-A1 NACS NAAM1S AG EXEMPTION | \$33,230 \$78,021 \$1,972 \$43,697 -\$10,000 | \$33,230 \$78,021 \$1,972 \$43,697 -\$10,000 | \$33,230 \$78,021 \$1,972 \$43,697 -\$10,000 | AMMENDED SQUFT OF LIVING AREA AND SOME OUT BUILDINGS. AMMENDED QUALITY OF LIVING FINISH IN SHOP. PROPERTY OWNER QUALIFIED FOR AG BASED ON PRIMARY USE AND INCOME. |
| 7 BROOKS, BECKY K 19071 STANGERONE RD BELLE FOURCHE SD 57717 | 27.08.2.1.B2 | LOT B2 OF CARTER SUBD | NACS NAC1S NAC1S | \$70,858 \$127,793 \$5,315 | | \$203,966 | NACS NAC1S NAC1S | \$70,858 \$124,820 \$5,315 | \$70,858 \$124,820 \$5,315 | \$70,858 \$124,820 \$5,315 | VERIFIED NO GARAGE FINISH. REMOVED VALUE. |
| 8 TURBVILLE, DONALD H & WILSON, N 18835 KINDFATER LN BELLE FOURCHE SD 57717 | 08.2.11.1.3.1 | LOT B OF TR 3 | AGA | \$445.00 | | \$445.00 | AGA | \$45.00 | | \$45.00 | PROPERTY IS AN ACCESS EASEMENT THAT IS A GRAVEL ROAD. |
| 9 RUBY, DOUGLAS & CATRINA 278 OUTBACK LN GILLETTE WY 82718 | 09.6.08.6 | S2NW4 LESS HWY LOT H2 | AG-A | \$53,299.00 | | \$53,299.00 | AG-A | \$9,193.00 | | \$9,193.00 | REMOVED HWY ACRES AND CHANGED LEGAL DISCRPTION TO REFLECT THE CHANGE. |
| 10 RANKIN, CYNTHIA 12103 ORMAN RD NISLAND SD 57762 | 09.4.22.1.S | SMALL SUBD IN NW4NW4 | NACS NAC1 NAC1S | \$55,361 \$3,050 \$53,579 | | \$111,999 | NACS NAC1 NAC1S | \$55,361 \$3,050 \$28,914 | \$55,361 \$3,050 \$28,914 | \$55,361 \$3,050 \$28,914 | HOME IN VERY POOR CONDITION. LOWERED THE GRADE AND CONDITION TO REFLECT OUR FINDINGS. |
| 11 TOM BRUNNER 18789 QUIN RD NISLAND SD 57764 | 08.5.06.41.1 | SW4SE4 BLOCK E | NAC | \$27,443 | | \$27,443 | NAC | \$4,800 | | \$4,800 | PROPERTY IS A CEMETARY |
| 12 STUART, BRITTANY & MARK 19279 WHITEWOOD VALLEY RD NISLAND SD 57762 | 08.5.31.43M | MH ONLY 2007 SKYLINE SER#R3300179V | NA-CM1-S | \$108,789.00 | | \$108,789.00 | NA-CM1-S | \$9,837.00 | | \$9,837.00 | HOME HAS SIDING COMING OFF AND LEAKING IN THE ROOF. DROPPED THE CONDITION AND GRADE GAVE 3% OBSSO ON HOME UNTIL DAMAGE IS FIXED. |

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|---|--------------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|--------------|---|--|--|--|---|
| 13 PFARR, JAY D & MELYNDA PO BOX 686 BELLE FOURCHE SD 57717 | 25.02.E | LOT E BEARLODGE ADDN #2 | NACS NA-C-S NA-C1-S | \$73,852 \$472,432 \$2,843 | | \$548,127 | NACS NA-C-S NA-C1-S | \$73,852 \$436,240 \$2,843 | | \$73,852 \$436,240 \$2,843 | FIXED SQ FT OF HOME AND GARAGE. REMOVED OPEN PORCH ADDED AN OVERAHANG FIXED SQ FT OF BACK PATIO |
| 14 JOHN A & PATRICIA A DANIELS 1887 HERMITAGE LN BELLE FOURCHE SD 57717 | 22.08.2.A | LOT A PEACEFUL PINES SUBD | NAC-S NAC1-S NAC1-S | \$73,553 \$241,289 \$17,382 | | \$332,224 | NAC-S NAC1-S NAC1-S | \$73,553 \$241,289 \$3,853 | | \$73,553 \$241,289 \$3,853 | CHANGE YEAR ON CONTAINER AND CONFIRMED THAT ONE IS LEAVING AND NOT LIVING ITS LIFE ON THE PROPERTY |
| 15 WESTLAKE, RYAN A & ANDREA N 19964 SPRING CREEK LN BELLE FOURCHE SD 57717 | 08.2.22.414 | E2 TR B IN NE4SE4 | NA-C-S NA-C1-S NA-C1 | \$87,000 \$373,483 \$1,792 | | \$462,275 | NA-C-S NA-C1-S NA-C1 | \$87,000 \$373,483 \$0 | | \$87,000 \$373,483 \$0 | REMOVED SHIPPING CONTAINER FROM PROPERTY. |
| 16 SHAYKETT-LONGMONT RANCH, LLC PO BOX 9153 SIOUX FALLS, SD 57109 | 08.6.19.11 | N2NEPT, SW4NE4 E2NW4, NW4SE4 | AG-A NA-A1 | \$122,015 \$387,710 | | \$509,725 | AG-A NA-A1 | \$122,015 \$312,710 | | \$122,015 \$312,710 | USING LISTING FORM WE MORE ACCURATELY CALCULATED THE OBSSO THAT WAS NOT COMPLETE. |
| 17 WENDT PROPERTIES LLC 107 CLARK LN SPEARFISH, SD 57783 | 71.08.2.01M | MH ONLY 1980 WINDSOR SER# ZWK80746907 | NA-CM1 NAC1 | \$30,444 \$8,593 | | \$39,037 | NA-CM1 NAC1 | \$11,553 \$8,593 | | \$11,553 \$8,593 | MH INHABITABLE. CHANGED GRADE, CHANGED CONDITION, AND ADDED OBSSO FOR CONSTRUCTION. REMOVED 1 BATH AND HALF BATH DUE TO NON FUNCTIONING |
| 18 WEBER, TODD & CURTIS-WEBER, JILL 562 WILLIAMS ST DEADWOOD, SD 57732 | 09.6.28.22 | NW4NW4 | NAC NAC1 NA-CM1 | \$81,944 \$32,918 \$8,078 | | \$123,440 | AG-A AG-A1 NA-CM1 AG EXEMPTION | \$34,498 \$25,484 \$8,078 -\$10,000 | | \$34,498 \$25,484 \$8,078 -\$10,000 | APPEALS QUALIFIED FOR AG STATUES DUE TO PRIMARY USE AND INCOME |
| 19 COWBOY'S LEGACY TRUST TERRY L MAJOR, TRUSTEE PO BOX 579 LAKE SIDE, AZ 85929 | 09.4.08.3.2 | SW4PT EX TR NE SIDE & N OF CANAL | NA-C NA-C1 | \$113,000 \$6,656 | | \$119,656 | AG-A AG-A1 | \$47,185 \$2,862 | | \$47,185 \$2,862 | ADJUST BARN-POLE TO REFLECT CURRENT CONDITION. PUT AG STATUS ON LAND. QUALIFIED DUE TO TOTAL ACRES OF ALL LAND |
| 20 MAJOR, TERRY TRUSTEE SLUFER, CAMP & CATTLE CREEK TRUST PO BOX 579 LAKE SIDE, AZ 85929 | 65.12.9.27.1 | LOTS 1-2, 7-8, W2NE4 | AG-A AG-A1 NA-A1 NA-AM1 | \$46,047 \$30,090 \$8,432 \$110,636 | | \$196,105 | AG-A AG-A1 NA-A1 NA-AM1 | \$46,047 \$30,090 \$2,656 \$119,636 | | \$46,047 \$30,090 \$2,656 \$119,636 | REMOVED 288 SQ FT SHED THAT WAS REMOVED FROM THE PROPERTY |
| 21 MOYLE PETROLEUM CO 2504 W MAIN ST RAPID CITY, SD 57702 | 15.48.12 | FORMERLY CHW RRRWY BFC TR 11A & LOT 12PT N OF SPUR & LOTS 10A & 13 | NA-DC NA-DC2 | \$106,421.00 \$48,019.00 | | \$154,440.00 | NA-DC NA-DC2 | \$106,421.00 \$50,702.00 | | \$106,421.00 \$50,702.00 | CORRECTED SF OF PROPERTY BUILDING AND CANOPY. ADDED SHED IN BACK OF BUILDING. PRICING WAS ALSO TO HIGH SO LOWERED IT TO AVERAGE. |

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| ALEXANDER, SHEREE 19100 YOUNGBERG RD NEWELL, SD 57760 | 08.6.27.1.2 | NE4PT LYING N&E OF BF RIVER | NA-CS | \$56,826.00 | | \$56,826.00 | NA-CS | \$28,470.00 | | \$28,470.00 | PROPERTY OWNER APPEALED PRIOR YEARS AND WAS GIVEN OBSSO FOR BEING LAND LOCKED. CHANGES WERE MADE IN CAMA BUT WERE NOT CHANGED IN INCODE. WRONG ASSESSED VALUE WAS SENT OUT SINCE THE CHANGE WAS NOT ENTERED INTO OUR INCODE SYSTEM. *VOTE FOR CHANGE AND TO GET CORRECTED IN SYSTEM* |



Regular Meeting Minutes
Butte County Court Room
839 5th Avenue
Belle Fourche, SD 57717

Tuesday, April 07, 2026

THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, April 07, 2026. Commissioners present were Erk, Brunner, Batterman, and Ager. Absent: Kari.

Chair Erk called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Ager to adopt the meeting agenda with the addition of 14.e (burial request). Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Norwood led in a moment of prayer.

Beginning at 9:32 AM, the opportunity for public comments was opened, with Sue Broadhurst speaking on the agenda (room change) and varying speed limits on Sourdough Road.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner, to approve the Consent Agenda Items with no changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda - The following items were placed on the consent agenda for final action to be taken on all items by a single vote. Any item may be removed from the consent agenda by any member of the Commission for separate consideration.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Regular meeting minutes – 17Mar2026
- b. Bills per Printout
- c. Apportioning and Other Payments
- d. Abatements:
 - i. Parcel: 16.02.01.03N Abate:\$1,170.14
- e. Travel Request:
 - i. Sheriff: Sheriff Lamphere to attend National Sheriff's Association Conference in Omaha, NE June 10-11, 2026.
 - ii. Auditor and Treasurer: Annie Capp, Kayden Steele, Debbie Lensegrav, and Deputy Treasurer to attend 2026 SDACO Spring Workshop in Pierre, SD from May 5-7, 2026. Equalization: Corey Somervold and Nancy Kinsfater to attend USPAP Training in Pierre, SD from May 3-5 2026.
 - iv. Equalization: Corey Somervold, Stephanie Lippincott, and Nancy Kinsfater to attend Deed & Sales Ratio Training in Pierre, SD from May 5-6 2026.
- f. Wage Adjustment:
 - i. Auditor: New Hire: Kayden Steele Deputy Auditor \$26.68
 - ii. Highway: John Zeestraton Skill level 3 \$27.20
 - iii. Highway: Sean Stegelman Skill level 3 \$28.55
- g. Highway
 - i. Application to Construct an Approach or Driveway to a County Road
 - ii. Application to construct a cattle guard by Weinreis Brothers on Twilight Road.
 - iii. Application for occupancy of the right-of-way, Butte Electric.
- h. Planning:
 - i. Floodplain Development Permit – Str #10-357-312
 - ii. Planning: Floodplain Development Permit – Str #10-324-337
 - iii. Planning: Floodplain Development Permit – Str #10-496-208

Bruce Hintz – SD Legislative Audit gave the closing report for 2023-2024, including written findings (2), oral findings, adjustments to be made, and Federal Clearinghouse Audit requirements. The



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The transportation committee of the Belle Fourche School Board has announced that there will be a bussing meeting in the **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES of the BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2305 13th Avenue (southend of Middle School)**

• 5:30 p.m. • Tuesday, May 5, 2026

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the bus routes for the upcoming school year. Those patrons of the Belle Fourche School District who are interested in possible changes in the bus routes are urged to attend.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT
BUTTE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

The Butte County Highway Department currently has an opening for a full-time Highway Crew Maintenance Worker. Great wage starting at 23.82/hour and excellent benefit package. No matter the weather- guaranteed work.

This person will be required to operate light highway equipment and perform maintenance on signs and cattle guards. Some heavy lifting is required. Job duties include working outdoors in inclement weather. CDL is a plus but not required. Other duties exclusive to the position will also be assigned and required.

It is essential to be able to pass a background check and pre-employment drug test prior to employment.

Application may be acquired between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM at the Butte County Highway Administration office located at 117 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD. An application can be requested by calling 605-892-4414.

Please send resume and application to:

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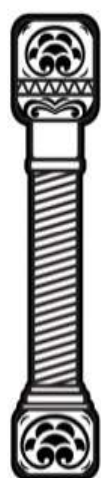


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Lincoln Day Dinner Photos



(AL) Rep Jon Hanson; (AR) Samantha Johnson; (BL) Travis Ismay; (BR) Sam Marty with Tom Brunner.



(1L) Lawrence County republican chair Dave Samuelson and wife Valerie; (1R) Rep Jana Hunt; (2L) District 28 Candidate Larry Schmalz; (2R) Erica Douglas; (3L) Ryan Maher; (3C) Governor Larry Rhoden; (3R) Chamber Director Michaela Horn.



Teens Take the Lead in Mock Trial at WIT Coalition Meeting



During the Teen Court mock trial, **Jasper Fjellan** from Spearfish High School takes the role of defense attorney. *Longbrake photo*

Robbi Longbrake

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NEWELL—The Whatever It Takes Coalition (WIT) convened its monthly meeting on April 27, at Newell Christian Fellowship Community Hall. The coalition is a group of Butte County citizens united to do “whatever it takes” to help form cohesive partnerships within the community.

A free lunch offering of walking tacos with all the fixings was served. Cheesecake, cookies along with refreshments were also provided. As people were finishing up their lunch, Sabrina Harmon, director of WIT, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the monthly meetings, one area organization spends the lunch hour educating attendees about the services it offers. This month, Christine Allen and Verla Little with Northern Hills Diversion (NHD) were on hand to explain how they help youth in the area.

Northern Hills Diversion works with youth between the ages of 10 and 18 who have committed a criminal offense. There are four different programs offered through NHD: Teen Court, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, Diversion and Truancy. “Think of it like Teen Court: least serious offenses, then Diversion and then maybe Conditional Release,” explained Allen.

If a youth gets into trouble and goes through the Teen Court program and finishes it, they will then get the charges

against them dropped—keeping a clean criminal record. “Teen Court is an opportunity for kids to get their record expunged to restore the injustice to the community through community action and community service, online classes, things that make them better citizens within our community,” explained Little. “Then we get the record expunged with local law enforcement agency, as well as the state’s community service.”

State statute only allows misdemeanor-level offenses in Teen Court, with more serious offenses like DUI not eligible.

The Diversion Program works with youth who commit felonies. The program operates in Lawrence County, Meade County and Butte County. “I get to work with JSC and Arise and these wonderful people back here for Conditional Release. Conditional Release—if your youth gets arrested and they get taken down to JSC, it can cost around \$300 a day for them to be there, and that’s the family’s responsibility to pay,” said Little. “We started Conditional Release in Lawrence, Meade and Butte County. And often times the judge orders the youth to be on an ankle monitor—a GPS monitor that lets us know where they are at all times... but they are with me until they are adjudicated.” Moving youth out of detention centers saves the county and the families added expense. The first year of the program saved Lawrence County \$300,000.

Five Teen Court volunteers



Community members enjoying lunch before the meeting begins. *Longbrake photo*

held a mock trial to demonstrate how Teen Court operates. Teen Court is voluntary and open to youth ages 14 to 18. There are currently 15 teen volunteers total across the three counties served. “These teenagers volunteer twice a month, about three hours a night, and they will decide the sentence that the other kids are going to get,” explained Allen. “We can’t do Teen Court without teenagers—it is not for adults to run, it is for teenagers to do.”

There are few adults involved

with the Teen Court process. Allen said, “Teen Court is run entirely by teens. The only two adults that are involved are the judge and the jury monitor. The judge’s job is obvious, right? The jury monitor’s job is just to make sure that it’s fair.”

Teenagers take on the roles of prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, court clerk, court bailiff and jurors, and they provide restorative justice. “The goal is to hold the respondent accountable by providing opportunities for her

to understand the effect her actions have on others and to assist the offender in enhancing and developing skills that will make her a more productive and competent citizen,” explained Hunter Scott, who played the mock judge. “The ultimate purpose is to assist the offender in repairing harm caused by her actions.”

The next event for the WIT Coalition will be a candidate forum at the Newell City Hall on May 12 beginning at 6 p.m.

Mock Trial Photos D4

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

Every Friday at 6:30 pm.

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Grand River Roundup



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Reub and I joined a huge crowd of friends and neighbors at Duane Harris' funeral in Lemmon Monday morning with Charlotte Kvale and Ben Wiechmann officiating. Duane was such a nice guy and his family has our sympathy.

Reub and I went to Buffalo on Tuesday to get the license plates for our pickups and a trailer that Reub hauls his side-by-side on. We went to my chiropractic appointment with Josi Jenson and Reub got to play with Scout and Shylo while Josi was working on me and that was a lot of fun for Papa Reub! Amanda brought the twins to town with her to play while she was helping her sister Josi. I had a ZOOM call that evening with SDPRLCA for the 2026 Legislative Primary Candidate Survey Review and it was very interesting to hear about all the candidates running for seats in the legislature this year.

We went to Hettinger on

Wednesday and I got to visit with Deb Beld who told me that her brother Ashley Beld had been found passed away on the second floor of a house in Reeder that he used to live in. It's sad to know he died, but at least he's been found a long time after he disappeared. The really good news we heard later was that our granddaughter Brinley and Aaron Powell had their baby boy that night. Ronan James was born that evening in Rapid City weighing in just a hair over 6 pounds and he's 19 inches long. Little Ronan James is our 16th great grandkid, with 8 boys and 8 girls.

I had a ZOOM call Thursday evening with the SD Coalition of Counties to listen to my friend Don Hagggar, who is running for the PUC. I served in the legislature with Don and he's a strong conservative Christian. I couldn't sleep at all that night because of the pain in my right leg was terrible so I decided I had better call the Hettinger clinic to see

if I could get an appointment with Lesley Kling to find out what's wrong with it.

It was cold and windy on Friday when Reub and I went to Hettinger to keep my appointment with Leslie Kling at the clinic. After my Xray Lesley could see what the problem was on my spine, so she gave me some medicine and recommended physical therapy to fix my problem. When I put the pain patch on that she told me to get, I slept really well that night and I'll be going to therapy next week so it looks like things are beginning to work.

There are more deaths to report: Avis Yvonne Howe, 86, of rural Northwest Perkins County, passed away peacefully at her home with family all around her on Tuesday, April 7. Her funeral service will be Saturday, May 2, at Hettinger Lutheran Church with burial at the Hettinger Cemetery.

Betty (Vetter) Nelson, 80, passed away Monday, April 20, at Western Horizons Care Center in Hettinger. Betty's memorial service was on Saturday, April 25, at the American Lutheran Church in Bison. Betty and I graduated from Bison High School together and sadly, only about ten of our class of 16 are left. I went to her funeral in Bison on Saturday and visited with a lot of our old friends who were also there to mourn her loss. It seems like going to funerals

is my social life anymore, but I suppose it has something to do with my age. I got home from Betty's funeral early enough to go over to the lambing shed and help water all the sheep in the pens in both the north shed and the south shed. Reub started farming down in the south field and got home late that evening. I was sitting in my recliner getting ready to watch the White House Correspondents Dinner at the Washington Hilton hotel when a 31 year old criminal from California showed up with two guns and several knives with a plan to kill President Trump. He shot a secret service agent who was wearing a protective vest before he was brought down by law enforcement. The secret service agent survived because of the protective vest and the criminal was taken down and arrested. This was the third attempted assassination of Trump and we thank God he's still alive and able to keep helping to improve this country!

Pastor Henry and Linda Moberg were up in North Dakota on Sunday and we were blessed by having Pastor Tom Davis and his wife come down from Hettinger to give a great sermon for us that morning. Little Scout May and Shylo Kay turned 3 on Monday so we sang Happy Birthday to the twins during the service. We got our church calendar and Pastor Henry had this

written on the back of it: IN GOD WE TRUST

The path we travel is narrow and long, beset with many dangers. Each day we must ask that Almighty God will set and keep His protecting hand over us so that we may pass on to those who come after us the heritage of a free people, secure in their God-given rights and in full control of a government dedicated to the preservation of those rights. Without God, there could be no American form of government, nor an American way of life...thus the Founding Fathers saw it; and thus, with God's help, it will continue to be. - Author Unknown



Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

April 20, 1916

Allen Temple of near Lovell brought his 12-year-old daughter to the Newell Hospital Sunday and upon advice of our physician here, was taken to the Deadwood Hospital for x-ray examination. No particulars were revealed.

A fire of unknown origin destroyed the big icehouse on the J. M. Hodgeson Ranch southwest of town on Saturday night. The loss of the building is estimated close to \$2000 besides a loss of nearly 150 tons of ice. The ice was property of W. N. Quinn, who immediately set his men to work erecting a temporary shelter for the remaining ice. During the work, Eber Lyon, brother of W. R. Lyon, narrowly escaped injury when a 300-pound cake of ice fell, sticking him on the head and glancing in such a manner to strike him on the leg. He great pain was able to walk to town for medical attention.

A good crowd was present at the picture show Tuesday night to witness the opening, Chapter of "The Red Circle", one of the biggest and best serials. The performance hereafter will reveal the successive steps to the great drama. The title of the next installment is "Pity The Poor". On account of the war picture on Saturday night the management of the picture show announced that the regular Mutual Masterpiece, "The Seventh Moon", will be shown next Thursday.

April 22, 1926

Wesley Horton of Castle Rock is inquiring about possibly for 100 head of cattle to pasture on the Henry Wendt Ranch this summer; a non-failing water supply in center of pasture and no loco weed.

Due to lack of interest, the Grade School Marble Tournament, which was to have been conducted in the grades, has been called off. Every boy in

school has his mind on baseball and track these days. Plans are being made for a track meet for the 5 lower grades.

Eighteen riders in the Ft. Meade Endurance Contest were in Newell Tuesday in the second lap of their 14-day ride. The big event started the test Monday morning and will ride until Thursday evening, covering a total of 200 miles or more. Among the judges present in Newell were H. J. Peterson, Sturgis and Capt. Fisk, of Ft. Meade. The contest is held primarily to determine which horses will be sent to the Colorado Endurance Contest held later in the year.

April 23, 1936

Jr. Tysdal was seriously injured last week when a team of horses ran away and drug him for some distance. He was taken to Rapid City and then to Rochester Hospital where an operation was to have been performed Monday. Edwin Cruikshank of Sturgis took Jr. to Rochester. He is reported to have stood the trip well.

A group of local boxers gave a banquet last Thursday evening at the Wood Café in honor of Mickey Dahlberg, who won the state championship at the Golden Gloves Tournament recently. E. E. Youngberg, Commander of the Newell American Legion Post, attended as a guest.

Juniors of Newell High School are busily engaged this week preparing for the annual Jr.-Sr. Banquet and Prom which will be held Saturday evening. Decorations will be placed on Friday, while the Seniors are away on the annual skip day outing.

A warning was issued today by County officials to all farmers that wooden bridges must be planked before driven over with tractors equipped with mud lugs. Violators will be punished, warned V. F. Matter,

by Linda Velder

Butte County Superintendent. L. E. Westfall, Arpan was recently fined the minimum of \$1 and costs, amounting to \$10 for violation. A wooden bridge must be planked with timbers at least 3 inches thick and 1 inch wide. There are approximately 1,200 wooden bridges in Butte County.

April 18, 1946

Former Army Chaplain, Fr. Jerome A. Major, whose separation from the US Army became effective this week, when he was appointed new Priest for the Newell St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic parish. But his ranks and titles were always confusing. A Chaplain is called "Chaplain" and also by his rank and name, so he has been "Chaplain Lieutenant Major", then "Chaplain Captain Major", and "Major Major", was confusing enough, but what he was called at time of separation from the service was a "through channels", title that would have sent anyone not accustomed to hearing such combination running to "Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Major" with the T-S slip, but this community is glad to welcome Fr. Major as a civilian. He has moved into the rectory here and will serve the Newell, Mason and Fairpoint Parishes.

Mrs. Jerome Hayes, Mrs. Mable Weiss, Bill Hayes and Donald Donahey, Newell, were business and pleasure visitors in Deadwood last Wednesday. Donahey, a former Marine, marched in the parade at Quantico, Virginia, last fall when Lt. Col. Wilbur McNenny, son of Mrs. James McNenny, Deadwood, received the Legion of Merit Award.

Thieves broke into the Christopherson Elevator sometime on Friday evening, was reported by Martin Berg, Business Manager. Mr. Christopherson who had fed and looked at some baby chicks there around 10:00 PM, reported all was in

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order The thieves struck after that time. The safe was unlocked and they had broken and removed a small drawer which had been locked for several years, because the children had locked an article in the drawer and lost the key. The thieves pried open the drawer, they found the relic, left it, a crude hand-carved wooden pistol.

April 26, 1956

The White House announced this week that President Eisenhower had signed the appointment of Sam H. Bober, Newell seed dealer and farmer, for a 6-year term on the Federal Farm Credit Board. The appointment is to be approved by the Senate Agriculture Committee and confirmed by the full Senate. Bober has also long been interested and active in farm and civic organizations in the area. He was a member of National Loan Association, Advisory Committee which helped with the Farm Credit Act of 1953 signed into law by President Eisenhower.

A blinker light facing south along Highway 79 has become the "umpteenth" warning at the state's dangerous Highways ST 79 - US 212 option junction south of Newell. The blinker light along 79 has been completed by a state crew and hooked up by the Butte Electric Coop. It faces south to where north bound traffic at 212 junction and will flash an amber warning day and night. North bound traffic on 79 is supposed to come to a full stop. Since construction of the junction at a point in the curve of 212 to the west, both north and

south bound vehicles have been involved in accidents.

May 5, 1966

Although the US Dryland & Irrigation Field Station at Newell is expected to continue in operation for at least another year, there must be more interest shown there, particularly by farmers and ranchers, Sam H. Bober told members of the Newell Community Club at their regular May dinner meeting at the Cove Cafe Tuesday evening. Bober called for more demonstration work and more publicity to secure and hold such interest, pointing out that farmers would be interested in seeing the work and research in progress there, if it could mean immediate dollars and cents to them.

110 persons attended the May Day Tea held by St. Mary's Altar Society in the church parlor Sunday afternoon. The ladies were welcomed by Mrs. Tom DeGarlais and Mrs. Alfred Silvernagle, the first 25 ladies were presented corsages. The hall was decorated with white and blue streamers, a lace tablecloth over blue organdie, a Madonna centerpiece accented with blue and white carnations and a lighted candelabra. Mrs. Bob Peterson and Mrs. Jack Heidrich poured coffee and Mrs. Richard Schnell and Mrs. Teresa Lyons poured tea, while background music was played by Miss Karen Wurnig at the piano. The May Day theme was carried out by cupcakes fashioned as May baskets and various fancy cookies were served.



(L) 1946 - Christopherson Elevator, victim of attempted robbery. (R) 1952 - Fr. J. Major with NHS Graduates Florence Kuntz and Marlene Palmer.

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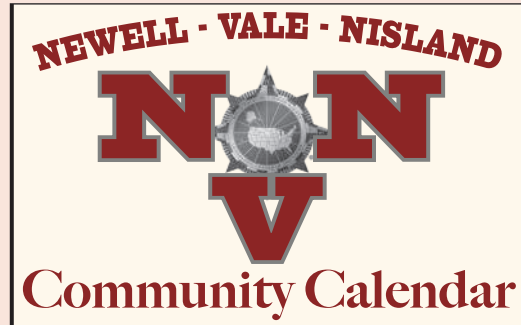
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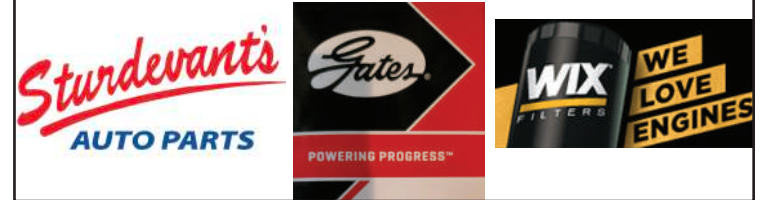


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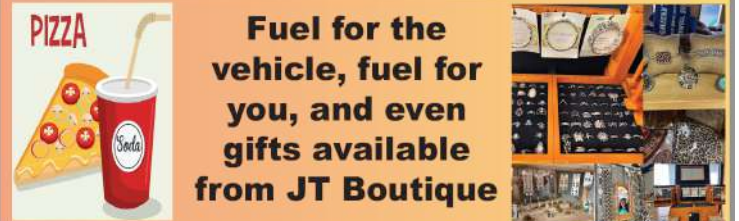
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| March 30) Scrambled Eggs/Sausage, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Chicken Patty, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk | 31) Quiche, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Pigs in a Blanket, Corn, Fruit, Milk | April 1) Turkey Bites, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Shredded Turkey & Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, Milk | 2) Baked Egg Muffins, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Fruit, Milk | 3) NO SCHOOL |
| 6) NO SCHOOL | 7) Long Johns, Cereal, Fruit, Milk Tangerine Chicken, Cream Cheese Wontons, Chinese Veggies, Fruit, Milk | 8) Turkey Tornadoes, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Salisbury Steaks, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, Milk | 9) Scrambled Eggs & Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Dorothy Lynch Sloppy Joes, Cream Corn, Fruit, Milk | 10) NO SCHOOL |
| 12) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Soft Shell Tacos, Refried Beans, Fruit, Milk | 13) Turkey Sticks, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Walking Tacos, Onions, Peppers, Refried Beans, Fruit, Milk | 14) Croissant Sandwiches, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Tater Tot Casserole, Fruit, Milk | 15) Muffins, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Fruit, Milk | 16) NO SCHOOL |
| 20) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Corn Dogs, Corn, Potato Salad, Fruit, Milk | 21) Biscuits & Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Poutine, Fresh Rolls, Fruit, Milk | 22) Egg Omelet, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk | 23) Maple Baked French Toast, Cereal, Juice Fruit, Milk Chicken Gyros, French Fries, Fruit, Milk | 24) NO SCHOOL |
| 27) Hashbrown Eggs, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Fajitas, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk | 28) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice Fruit Milk Mac & Cheese, Pork 'n Beans, Fruit, Milk | 29) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice Fruit Milk Burgers, Chips, Corn, Fruit, Milk | 30) COOK'S CHOICE, Cereal, Juice Fruit Milk Chicken/Turkey Taquitos, Fruit, Milk | NO SCHOOL |

Salad Bar available. Menu is always subject to change!



Mock Trial Photos



Teen Court volunteers put on a mock trial to educate attendees about the program. From left: **Jasper Fjellan**, Spearfish High School; **Ariana Short**, Spearfish Middle School; **Kaelyn Schone**, Sturgis Brown High School; **Hunter Scott**, Sturgis Brown High School; and **Savannah Pletan**, online high school. *Longbrake photo*



Clockwise from Above: Meeting participants grabbing some lunch before the **WIT meeting** begins; The defendant in the mock trial is **Kaelyn Schone** from Sturgis Brown High School; **Verla Little**, bailiff, administers the oath to tell the truth; **Hunter Scott**, junior at Sturgis Brown High School, played the role of the judge during the mock Teen Court trial; During the Teen Court mock trial, **Verla Little**, Diversion Coordinator, acts as the bailiff. *Longbrake photos*




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