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Dinosaur Easter Egg Hunt Draws Crowd at Hell Creek Museum

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BELLE FOURCHE—Imagine the excitement of hunting for eggs inside a dinosaur museum! Children ages five to twelve got to experience just that during a dinosaur-themed Dinosaur Egg Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, as part of the Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum's Grand Reopening.

Kids and their families lined up outside the Museum, eagerly awaiting the doors to open for the Easter egg hunt inside.

Participants traveled from across the area to take part in the first-ever Easter Egg Bash, with visitors coming from Belle, Spearfish, and as far away as Hulett, WY, to join in the dinosaur style fun.

Brightly colored candy-filled eggs were hidden throughout the museum. "You guys know this is a museum, so there are some pretty fragile things in here. You will not have to go digging through anything to find anything—

Hell Creek Hunt Contd. A3



Walter Stein opens the doors to the *Hell Creek Museum* and greets those outside. Longbrake photo

Dinosaur Museum Opens for 2026 Season with Multi-Day Grand Reopening



A family at the *Hell Creek Museum* takes time to stop and watch the presentation on screen. Longbrake photo

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BELLE FOURCHE—Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum kicked off their 2026 season with a spectacular multi-day grand reopening. From April 1 through April 4, the museum invited the public to come explore the displays, enjoy the exhibits, and experience all the excitement it has to offer.

If you have visited the Museum before, you are welcome to come see what has changed this year. If you have not visited yet, you are in for a treat! "We have a few new things, the museum is a work in progress.

We just got this up and running last year—if you were here a year and a half ago, you would have seen my wife and I hanging off the ceiling, painting the ceiling black," explained Walter Stein, owner. "This was a tractor repair shop for many years, and then it sat dormant for a couple years, and then we took it over.

We had to build pretty much everything from scratch, so all out of pocket—no federal grants or anything like that—so it's a work in progress."

As time goes by and new fossils are discovered, new exhibits get added to the Museum. "The nice thing is, every summer, we go out and find dinosaur skeletons and we bring them back here to prep, and eventually we'll have some of our own stuff up. This summer, I am working on a triceratops skeleton called Miss Rene—it's about 40 percent complete. You'll be able to see some of the bones in here," said Stein.

The Dinosaur Museum boasts that it is home to one of the largest private collections in the United States. Stein is often on site to answer questions and reveal new finds. He is passionate about his work, and that excitement easily spreads to those he shares his

Grand Re-Opening contd. A8

Outlaw Bar Opens Doors for Easter Potluck

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Sharing a meal with friends and family is at the heart of the holiday season, and at the Outlaw Bar, that tradition is

taken seriously. For the past twelve years, owner Rhonda Schild has welcomed the community to enjoy a meal together during the Christmas, Thanksgiving,

and Easter holidays. This Easter was no different, as the Belle Fourche establishment invited the community to come and enjoy a potluck dinner on April 5.

"We're doing a potluck for Easter, we always do a potluck on Thanksgiving, as well as, now Christmas—because we have so many people that don't have anywhere to go.

You don't have to buy anything if you come in—I'm not like that, it's just a place to get together," explained Schild.

There is a sign-up sheet available for anyone that wants to bring in a side dish or dessert to share.

Schild handles the main dish. "I generally make the primary meal like, tomorrow I'll bring the ham, and

on Thanksgiving I make the turkey, and on Christmas Eve, I make a big pot of oyster stew and potato soup," she said.

Schild has been in the area for a long time and really likes Belle Fourche. "Belle is a great town, it really is," she shared. "We're a community first, you know.

We have a lot of people that don't have either enough family, or it's none of my business—they choose to come and go, and you don't have to drink anything—I have a cup of coffee over there," explained Schild. "It's just something for the community—we're limited on what we have here... and some people just want that fellowship."

Kenneth Branich, employee, added, "A lot of folks don't

have the family members or are elderly, maybe their kids are grown up and moved, but for whatever the reason—we offer this place to come.

We have had a pretty good turnout today so far—I mean, they're still eating!"

If you are looking for something new to do, check out the Outlaw Bar. They have a lot of weekly events to entertain folks with, including bingo, karaoke, trivia, dart and pool leagues.

Coming up in June will be the fourth year for the Dive Bar Challenge, an event to introduce people to places they might not know about.

Schild said, "This year we have like five different bars people can drive to or ride to, and after you stop in, you get stamped at all bars and you get a t-shirt!"



Kenneth Branich, employee, checks on the food for the Easter Potluck at the *Outlaw Bar*. Longbrake photo

Community Fun: Easter Egg Decorating Contest for Kids and Adults

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BELLE FOURCHE—Making bright, colorful Easter eggs by drawing on them, dyeing them, and adding stickers is a fun, popular activity during the Easter holiday season.

Rhonda Schild, owner of the Outlaw Bar, turned this tradition into a fun contest by inviting the public to come in and spend time decorating eggs on April 4.

For an entry fee of \$2, anyone—young or old—could sign up to compete for the best-decorated Easter egg! For the entry fee, everyone received two hard-boiled eggs to decorate.

Schild gathered up all of the supplies and set up a long table full of cups of colored dyes running down the middle. Markers, clear wax pens, stickers, gems, egg dippers, and egg holders were all set out for anyone to use as they wished. Kids and adults came and went throughout the afternoon as they completed their artful eggs.

For the past 12 years, Schild has owned the Outlaw Bar and finds it important to offer activities to area kids and the community. She has had the Easter Egg Contest almost every year, as well as ornament decorating at Christmas and pumpkin decorating at

Halloween. The Outlaw owner shared that she doesn't require her employees to work during the holidays, only if they want to.

A few years, she wasn't able to have the Egg Decorating Contest, as employees were home with their families. She is glad they were able to have the competition this year and finds hosting it fun.

Kids and adults were judged separately, and judging took place by community vote. All entry fees were paid back to the winners.

If you are interested in participating in a variety of fun activities, Schild invites everyone to participate in music trivia at 7 p.m. on Tuesday nights with Pass the Mike Entertainment, with prizes from local businesses and door prizes. On Wednesday nights at 7



The winners of the kids' *Egg Decorating Competition*, left: 2nd place **William Bonefield** & 1st place **Corey Silvernagel**. Both kids took home cash prizes. Longbrake photo-Additional-Photos A7

p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m., there is bingo with a winner-takes-all format.

Twice a month on Friday and Saturday nights, Pass the

Mike Entertainment hosts karaoke. There are also pool and dart leagues—reach out to the Outlaw Bar for more information!

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Teala Onstott 77

Teala Onstott, age 77 of Belle Fourche, died Monday, March 30, 2026 at the Garden Hills Assisted Living Center in Spearfish.

Services will be held in Gordon Nebraska at a later date. When service times are set, the funeral home's website will be updated immediately. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Teala Rose Schaefer was born March 24, 1949 in Gordon Nebraska. Teala grew up on the family farm, attended country school, and graduate from Gordon High School. Teala attended cosmetology school and after receiving her certification and degree, she worked at various salons. She was united in marriage to Robert "Bob" Kimball and to this union two sons were born: Jason and Justin.



They later divorced. Teala was also married to Ernie Onstott and following their marriage, Ernie adopted the two boys. Ernie and Teala later divorced.

Teala had many different types of jobs throughout her life. They included hair stylist, bar tender, waitress, and more. She loved to travel and she loved the adventure of being on the go.

Teala is survived by her sons, Jason (Tonya) Onstott of Belle Fourche, Justin Onstott of Rapid City; brother, Ben (Barb) Schaefer of Gordon Nebraska; sister, Verla Schaefer of Gordon Nebraska; 7 grandchildren: Chaz, Justin Jr., Levi, Mariah, Tasha, Tessa, Austin; and 5 great grandchildren



Charles "Charlie" Owen Marousek 66

Charles "Charlie" Owen Marousek passed away on March 31st, 2026 in Jackson, Wyoming at the age of 66 due to complications from a long struggle with multiple sclerosis. He was born on February 16th, 1960 in Belle Fourche, South Dakota to Melvin Marousek and Jacqueline Marousek nee Jaquith.

Charlie lived in Jackson for the majority of his life and loved to tell the story of his meager start in town with "100 dollars, a pair of skis, and a busted van."

Charlie was married to Dawn Meckem for 20 years. They raised two sons together, Graham and Miles Marousek. Charlie later married Leslie Bauman, with whom he had a daughter, Shaina Bauman.

Charlie was an enthusiastic outdoorsman and athlete for most of his life. He was an avid climber, skier, hiker, mountaineer, biker, and motorcyclist and spent as much of his time as he could outdoors. Some of his favorite days were open-to-close ski days at Teton Village and Snow King. He captured many of his adventures on film and regularly carried a camera. He owned and operated the downtown Float-O-Graphs store for many years, which enabled his enduring love and passion for both the outdoors and photography.

Charlie will be remembered as an adventurer and jack of many trades; he lived a lot of life for his years. He told stories of attempting Kilmanjaro, smoking a cigarette



at the top of Devil's Tower, riding his bike across the country, teaching English in eastern Asia, attending MIT, and getting lost in a Mexican jungle. He was a pilot, a guitarist, and a photographer among many more hobbies. He often created his own idioms that had never been heard before and will only ever be used by those who remember him.

Charlie battled multiple sclerosis for nearly two decades. This caused a steady decline in his mobility, speech, and overall health. Charlie was cared for in his later years primarily by his caring wife, Leslie, as well as many skilled and compassionate doctors, nurses, and therapists. He stubbornly refused to let the disease take his livelihood from him and continued to paraglide, attend concerts, raft, find incredible wildlife experiences, make jokes, go skiing, and live life to the fullest from a wheelchair for his last decade.

Charlie will be cremated and services will be held at Snow King Lodge in Jackson on April 17th, 2026 from 4-7pm. If attending, please bring your favorite story from or about him.

Charlie is survived by his wife Leslie and his children Graham, Miles, and Shaina. His memory is also carried on by his siblings Linda, Steve, Gary, and Genevieve, and many good friends.

Allen Lloyd Marzolf Jr., 60

Allen Lloyd Marzolf Jr., 60 of Newell, South Dakota, passed away suddenly on March 17, 2026, at Monument Health Hospital in Rapid City, SD.

Allen was born on January 26, 1966, in Deadwood, SD, to Allen and Doris Marzolf. He attended school in Deadwood and Lead, graduating in 1985. During high school, he enjoyed playing football and running track. His first job was at the local bowling alley. Following graduation, he worked at Terry Schulte Chevrolet in Sioux Falls, Hersruds of Sturgis, Meade County School District 46-1, Newell School District 09-2, Black Hills Auto Care, and Hersruds of Belle Fourche. Allen married Kim Baker in Newell in October 2001.

He lived a simple life. He enjoyed Jeeping and 4-wheeling in the Black Hills, hunting deer and pheasants, doing 3-D puzzles, working with his hands, and spending time with his family and friends. Allen was a big fan of NASCAR, Dale Earnhardt, General Motors, and the Atlanta Braves. His two dogs, Yukon King (Malamute) and

Mack (Australian Shepherd/Black Lab), hold a special spot in his heart.

Due to health issues, he retired in January 2025. In June 2025, he was diagnosed with Stage IV Adenocarcinoma (NSCLC). He fought cancer to the end.

Surviving family members are: his wife, Kim; siblings, Gloria Clausen, David (Brenda) Marzolf, Shirley (Don) Harvey, Peggy Lundgren, Cindy Findley, and Tina Marzolf; brother-in-law, Steve Palmer; and many nieces and nephews.

Allen was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Debbie Palmer, and brother-in-law, Carl Clausen.

A celebration of life will be held from 4:00-7:00 pm, April 19, 2026, at The Thunderdome in Sturgis.

You may sign his online guestbook and leave written condolences for the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



Marilyn (Scott) Freimark 89

Marilyn (Scott) Freimark, 89, passed away peacefully in the late hours of April 4, 2026.

Born on October 15, 1936, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Marilyn was a country girl at heart from the very beginning. Her love of horses started early and remained a constant throughout her life, shaping not only her path but the lives of generations that followed.

In 1955, Marilyn made history as the first Miss Rodeo America, representing Wyoming on a national stage and helping define what the role would become for decades to come. She excelled in horsemanship, personality, and appearance, winning all three divisions of the inaugural competition in Casper, Wyoming. Her time as Miss Rodeo America took her across the country, where she proudly represented the sport she loved and built lifelong connections.

Marilyn graduated from Cheyenne High School and attended Colorado State University, where she studied business and mass communications. A natural athlete, she embraced a wide range of activities including riding, polo, swimming, tennis, and marksmanship, and was also a very talented ice skater. In 1954, she competed in the Miss Universe Pageant, reflecting her poise, confidence, and competitive spirit.

She later married Paul Painter, and together they built a life near Buffalo, South Dakota, where they raised four children. The family was deeply rooted in ranching and rodeo, a lifestyle Marilyn carried with pride.

Later in life, Marilyn made her home in Spearfish, South Dakota, where she eventually met Dr. Lyle Freimark of Rapid City. They were married in 1985 and shared many years of travel, partnership, and adventure together.

Marilyn's impact on the rodeo community extended far beyond her title. She was honored with induction into both the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame and the ProRodeo Hall of Fame, recognizing her lasting contributions to western heritage and the sport of rodeo. She remained closely connected to the rodeo community throughout her life, mentoring young rodeo queens,



speaking at clinics, and supporting her children and grandchildren in their pursuits. Known to many simply as "Grandma M," she extended that role far beyond her own family. She rarely missed an event, traveling countless miles to cheer on her children and grandchildren in rodeo, basketball, wrestling, volleyball, football, and more.

Outside of rodeo, Marilyn found joy in the simple things. She loved flowers, birds, and gardening, and created spaces that reflected her appreciation for beauty and nature.

Marilyn was deeply devoted to her faith, which guided her life and shaped the way she cared for others. She believed strongly in education, independence, and living with purpose, encouraging her children and grandchildren to pursue their goals and take care of themselves in any situation.

She was preceded in death by her parents, M.L. and Mabel Scott, and her husband, Dr. Lyle Freimark.

Marilyn is survived by her four children, Laurie Mae Goehring, Cindy Lou Mankin, Joe Scott Painter, and Judy Ann Melvin, as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom carry forward her love of family, horses, and the western way of life.

Marilyn often said she had been blessed in life, with two wonderful husbands, four great children, and a family deeply connected to one another. Her legacy lives on not only in rodeo history, but in the generations she inspired, the lives she supported, and the love she gave so freely to all who knew her.

Marilyn's life will be celebrated 1pm Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. There will be no visitation. Inurnment will take place later this summer in the Ladner Cemetery. Friends may leave written condolences and view a video tribute online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com



Matthew 28:19 NLT

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After the **Hell Creek Museum** doors were open, families lined up inside to prepare to enter the museum. *Longbrake photos*

From A1 **Hell Creek Hunt**

they're pretty easy to find," explained owner **Walter Stein**.

A few moments of Stein explaining the rules and discussing everyone's favorite dinos kept the children entertained. Bags were handed out to anyone who needed one to collect their eggs. Finally, around 10 a.m., Stein gave the start, "One, two, three, **DINOSAURS!**" And off the kids went!

There were eggs hidden all around the Museum, including the gift shop. One special egg contained season passes to the Museum. Kids zoomed around with excitement, but were also very cautious and respectful of their surroundings. After one round was finished, the kids wanted more!

Stein announced, "What if we go up to the front, turn your plastic egg in, take your

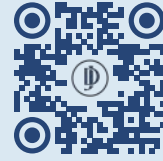
prizes—keep your prizes, obviously—give your plastic eggs to **Ginger and Kayla**. They're going to load them back up and we'll hide them again! We will go again!"

To this announcement, the kids were all in! They returned to the gift shop and waited as the staff of the Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum refilled the plastic eggs and hid the eggs in the Museum for another round of egg hunting!

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Stein said he was thrilled with the turnout as he didn't know how many kids to plan for with other towns having Easter egg hunts at the same time.

If your kids love dinosaurs, the Museum is available to rent for birthday parties and other events. Reach out to Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum for more information.



(AL) Kids hold out their arms, waiting to get wristbands so they can go inside!; (AR) **Walter Stein** talks to the excited kids; (BL) One child takes time to tell **Walter Stein** what his favorite dinosaur is; (BR) **Walter Stein** spends time talking to the kids and answering their questions.



(Clockwise from Above left) This child found the lucky grand prize egg that contained a season pass to the museum; Museum staff hide the eggs again for round two of the Easter egg hunt; **Walter Stein** helps hide Easter eggs. This one he buries in the sand; This little girl was clever and looked under the sand for eggs!; **Walter Stein** answers questions from curious kids. *Longbrake Photos*



Special Olympics & Inclusive Basketball Players Shine

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On Tuesday March 24th a group of Belle Fourche youth competed in a Special Olympics basketball event held in Spearfish.

Some of the highlights of that day are displayed here. The team consisted

of Brady Pierce, Kendall Owen, Emma Juelfs, Gracey Weishaar, Harper Pottorff, Berklee Nore, Brekyn Montgomery, Logan Carson, Jaxon Sanderlin, Sadee Keil, Jadah Adamson, Fara Bricker, with volunteers and coaches Ryan Bush, Kaycee Curtiss, Stacey Neuharth, and Melissa Nore.



(L) Fara Bricker & Jadah Adamson (R) Harper Pottorff, Emma Juelfs, Brekyn Montgomery, & Jadah Adamson. Tonsager Photos



(L) Brady Pierce;



(C) Emma Juelfs



(R) Gracey Weishaar



Team Photo

Track Meets Cancelled for Inclement Weather

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The first week of middle school track and field and the second week for high school was halted due to inclement weather moving into the area.

The middle school was set to compete at the Douglas (Box Elder) middle school meet on March 31st.

The high school was set

to compete at the Early Bird Invite in Sturgis on April 2nd.

Neither meet is expected to be rescheduled at this time.

The high school track and field team had a meet scheduled for April 7th at Douglas (Box Elder) at 9am.

Saturday April 10th they will participate in the Queen City Invite in Spearfish at 9am.

The high school's first home meet is scheduled for Saturday

April 18th at 8am.

The middle school track and field team is next scheduled for April 7th in Sturgis for a Quad event.

Saturday April 11th they will be in Spearfish for their invite beginning at 9am.

The middle school home event is scheduled for Friday April 17th at 9am at the Belle Fourche High School track and field.

From Beacon Archives 2019

Spring Weather Means Track Season

The 2019 Track season started Wednesday at Lions Park in Rapid City. The weather at the Developmental Meet proved excellent as a couple of Bronc team members took first in their events.

Sophomore Darin Hanson got the year off to a fine start as his toss of 131 feet 9 inches earned the first place ahead of 50 other competitors.

In the longest race of the day

eight grader Sawyer Clarkson ran the Boys 3200 meter race in 10:45.61 to win the season opener.

In other competitions Aiden Giffen was 8th in the Boys 100 meter, followed by Brextin Garza 32nd in the field of 115.

The Girls 100 Dru Keegan was 14th and Bella Jensen 22nd out of 85.

Brextin Garza and Wyatt

Keegan finished 33rd and 45th respectively out of 97 competitors, as well as 21st and 39th in the Boys 400 Meter race.

Dru Keegan was 22nd and Kaylin Garza 23rd in the Girls 200 Meter and Bella Jensen 16th and Kaylin 21st in the 400 Meter race.

Lady Broncs Molly Rhoads and Layla Hockenbary were 28-29th in the Girls 800 meter as Nathan McKenny finished 29th and Isaac McKenny 51st. In the 1600 Meter race Nathan finished 17th and Cole Hockenbary 26th.

In other Girl's Events Bella Jensen finished 6th in the Long Jump; Shyanne Howell 32nd in the Shot Put; and Morgan Collins 36th in the Discuss.

Aiden Giffen had an 8th place finish in the Long Jump. Brextin Garza was 26th.

In the Boys Shot Put, Darin Hanson was 4th and team mates Logan Goeders and Bryce Nicholas were 29th and 30th in the field of 77 competitors.

Belle Fourche athletes for the most part finished in the top half of their events in a meet dominated by Class AA schools.

The Broncs competed at the weather delayed Douglas Early Bird on Tuesday and will be looking forward to the 60+ temperatures at Saturday's Queen City Invite.



Sawyer Clarkson, Belle Fourche Bronc 8th Grade Distance Runner took home the first place medal at the Rapid City Developmental meet last Wednesday at Lions Park. Courtesy Photo



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(Clockwise from Upper Left) Women's A: **Hits & Giggles**: Linnea Grosz, Andrea Blauer, Bailey Moke, Sadie Bacon, & Emily Freeland, Amber Roberts; Coed A: **Aces**: Zach Lange, Gillian Watkins, Kelly Carmichael, Kristin Carmichael, Laura Young, JD Young, & Katelyn Pottorff; Coed B: **Hit It & Quit It**: Lindsey Jansen, Levi Jansen, Jade Ryan, Mike Ryan, Erin Jankord, & Nick Krcelic; Women's B: **Gnarly Girls**: Tiffany James, Maclyn Westland, Billi Seidel, Angela Reich, & Yvette Kirkman. *Courtesy Photos*



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Award-winning historian and author Dr. Bradley J. Birzer will be the featured speaker at the South Dakota State Historical Society's 2026 Annual History Conference. The event will take place June 1-3, at Drifters Conference Center in Fort Pierre.

Birzer is a Professor of History at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan, and is the author of several books. He is the co-founder of The Imaginative Conservative. He is also known as a scholar of J. R. R. Tolkien. Birzer will speak at the Wednesday afternoon luncheon, and the talk will focus on his newest book, The Declaration of Independence: 1776 and All That.

"Grit & Glory," is the theme of this year's conference. Marking the nation's 250th, the event will bring in speakers from across the state and the nation to speak about the Declaration of Independence and wider issues about the nation's founding. There will also be presentations specific to South Dakota and how its people have lived out the founding principles.

"This year gives us a unique opportunity to join the rest of the nation in marking the Semiquincentennial," said Dr. Ben Jones, the state historian and director of the South Dakota State Historical Society. "We invite anyone who is passionate about history to attend this event."

Registration is open now and can be found at <https://www.sdhsf.org/events/>. Attendees can purchase full registration, or they can choose which day and events they would like to attend.



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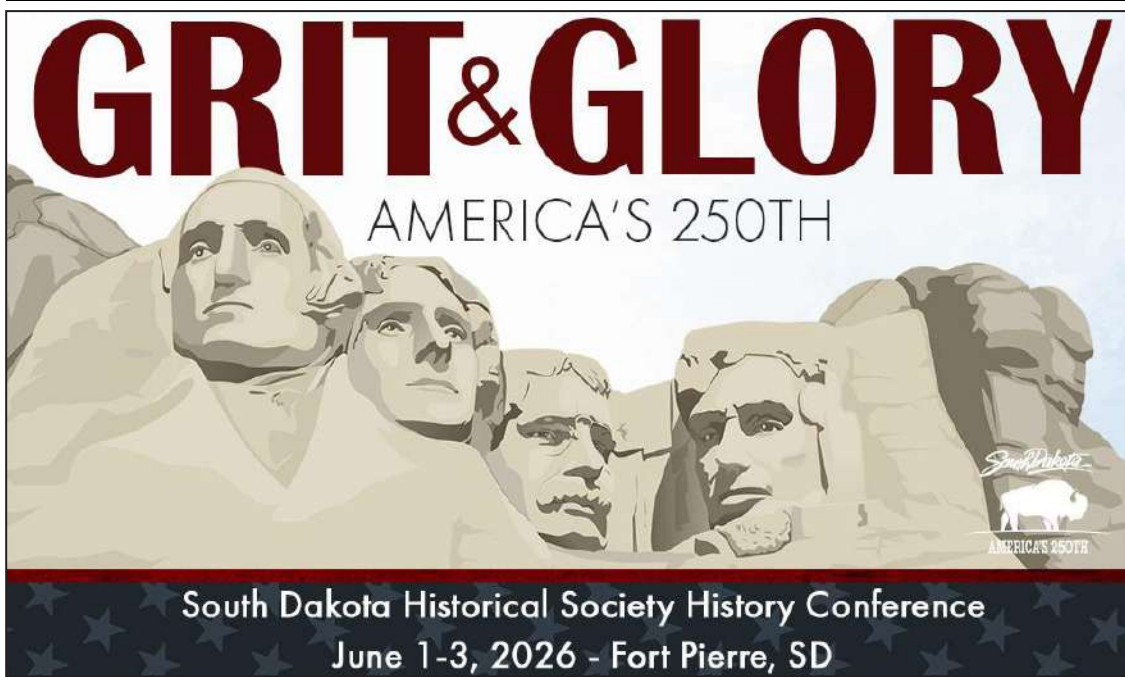
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The Belle Fourche High School Theater's spring musical, *Seussical*, is officially taking over the Belle Fourche Rec Center Stage. Do you want to know who's in the show? (Yes! You guessed! That was rhyme, now a second time!) Here is your cast & crew: **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; **Stage Manager:** Madisyn Carson; **Tech:** Kasey Dobesh, Riley Okeson, Cierra Erhart, & Braxton Reid. The show will be April 24-26: Friday & Saturday at 7 PM and Sunday at 2 PM. Your presence at all the upcoming events is much appreciated, so don't forget to add all these upcoming fine arts events to your calendars!

April 13, BFMS/BFHS Jazz Concert @ the Rec Center Theater, 7:00 pm
 April 24-26, BFHS Musical - *Suessical!*

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



Take a ride on the "Midnight Train to Georgia" over "River Deep, Mountain High" while award-winning vocalist CeCe Teneal delivers you the "R-E-S-P-E-C-T" you deserve in DIVAS OF SOUL.

The Center of the Nation Concert Association welcomes CeCe Teneal to the stage of the Belle Fourche Rec Center on Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 7:00 PM as the last concert in the Center of the Nation Concert Association's concert series.

This spectacular evening will include a celebration of thirty years of chart-topping music from artists like Aretha Franklin, Gladys Knight, Chaka Khan, Tina Turner, Whitney Houston and more. This performance has wowed audiences worldwide, featuring hits from the Disco Era to Broadway to Pop.

An award-winning songstress in her own right, Ms. Teneal has been nominated for four Independent Music Awards and claimed the title for 2011 Best Gospel Song and 2011 Best R&B Album, as well as 2018 Best Soul/Funk/Fusion Song. Her energy is contagious and will have you dancing in the aisles.

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Egg Decorating Photos (L) This young competitor is careful with the dyeing process as she decorates her Easter egg; (C) Deciding which dye to dunk the Easter egg in is half the battle when decorating eggs; (R) **Hali Jolley** spends time adding gem stickers to make her Easter egg pretty! *Longbrake photos*

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April
 9th - Pasque Fashion Show, Moose Lodge Burger Night
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Grand Re-Opening from A1

knowledge with. The Grand Re-opening offered guided tours of the exhibits and lab every hour, each day. Stein said, "We're hoping that every year we have something new to show people!"

The newly painted facade greeted visitors along with two Jurassic Park Jeeps by Fast Lane Autos. The fancy Jeeps were available for pictures and to explore.

Admission was discounted for the event and a 10 percent discount was offered for all gift shop purchases. At the end of the first day, a Grand Prize of a free Dino dig was given away. Throughout the four-day event, an online Spring Cleaning Auction was held each day, offering all kinds of unique finds, and fossils were up for bid.

The Grand Reopening drew in people from Belle Fourche and the surrounding areas. "We had a really good turnout," said Stein. "I wasn't sure what to expect."

There are days where we're out in the middle of nowhere, in the country, so it's a little slow sometimes. But April 1 Grand Reopening was great! There was quite a few people here—a whole bunch of folks, locals, and even some people from Deadwood came in and Sturgis and Spearfish. We're getting a really good turnout!"

Mother Nature put a damper on some of the festivities on Friday, snow and cold crept into the area, and the Museum closed for the day. Because of the weather, a planned garage sale was postponed and will be held at a later date.

Keeping true to Dinosaurs

of Hell Creek Museum's mission, that is dedicated to making valuable contributions to the science of paleontology, to educate the public about our amazing natural fossil resources and to help promote a greater public understanding and enjoyment of the fossils unearthed from the Hell Creek Formation, a day of educational lectures was scheduled.

On Saturday, April 4, Harrison Duran gave a talk on Triceratops, following him at 2 p.m., Loui Otero spoke on Mosasaurus, and then at 3 p.m., Walter Stein discussed the War between Commercial and Academic Paleontology.

The Museum is also working on a Mosasaur and they hope to have it up and by this time next year. "Mosasaur is basically a giant marine

lizard—if you could cross a Komodo dragon with a killer whale, you get something like a Mosasaur," shared Stein. "This one we call Shannon's Mosasaur, and she is about 80 percent complete—original bone.

She is missing the end of the tail, looks like sharks may have chewed up the tail, but this is all original bones... we're hoping to finish this one completely here in the next month, and then by the fall, we're going to have it mounted."

If you didn't make it to the Grand Reopening celebration, the Museum has more events scheduled throughout the year. Some of the highlights are the following: One Year Anniversary on May 23, Second Annual Dinosaur Kids Camp on June 26-27, America's 250

Anniversary Event and Celebration July 2 through July 5, 2026 Rock'in Rock, Mineral & Fossil Show August 15 and 16.

Many more events are scheduled from April all the way through the end of the season, check out the Dinosaurs of Hell Creek website to find out about all of them. Also watch for the Dinosaurs of Hell Creek traveling show. "We have a traveling exhibit that's going around to different places.

It started out at the Northern Hills Cinema for the Jurassic Park, and then went to Deadwood," explained Stein. "So it's up in Deadwood right now at the Welcome Center. Then it's gonna go to the Spearfish Library for a month—then we don't have a home for it, so I'm looking for people who want to have it!"



(Top L) Visitors enjoying the **Hell Creek Museum** exhibits; (TR) Even adults enjoy playing in the sand during the grand reopening event! (2L) This little guy found a crocodile swimming in a pond at the museum; (2R) The kids enjoy the hands-on displays at the **Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum**; (3L) Spending time looking at the exhibits during the grand reopening of the museum; (3R) Three kids take time to touch and read about the **Diplodocus** femur on display at the museum; (BL) Guided tours were given every hour during the multi-day grand reopening event; (BR) **Walter Stein** visiting with kids who are enjoying a hands-on exhibit. Longbrake Photos

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Baker, Robert K Or Rita B, Buffalo Gap SD.....1...Blk...Cow.....1405...\$180.00
Baker, Robert K Or Rita B, Buffalo Gap SD.....1...Blk...Cow.....1195...\$180.00
Baker, Robert K Or Rita B, Buffalo Gap SD.....1...Blk...Cow.....1400...\$177.50
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....1...Blk...Hfr.....1060...\$310.00
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....3...Blk...Hfr.....1125...\$285.00
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....2...Blk...Cwette 1257...\$247.50
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....3...Blk...Cwette 1423...\$189.00
Bruch, Bruce, Sturgis SD.....1...Blk...Cwette 1015...\$232.50
Duprel Livestock, Vale SD.....6...Blk...Cow.....1637...\$184.50
Duprel Livestock, Vale SD.....2...Blk...Cow.....1636...\$184.50
Duprel Livestock, Vale SD.....3...Blk...Cow.....1495...\$184.00
Fuler Livestock LTD Liability, Gillette WY.....2...Blk...Hfr.....892...\$309.50
Fuler Livestock LTD Liability, Gillette WY.....12...Blk...Cwette 1284...\$217.50
Fuler Livestock LTD Liability, Gillette WY.....10...Blk...Cow.....1240...\$184.00
Fuler Livestock LTD Liability, Gillette WY.....4...Blk...Cow.....1425...\$183.50
Fuler Livestock LTD Liability, Gillette WY.....6...Blk...Cow.....1395...\$180.00
Fuler Livestock LTD Liability, Gillette WY.....3...Blk...Cow.....1313...\$180.00
Fuler, Brandi, Wright WY.....1...Blk...Cow.....1580...\$183.50
Giacometto, Tom, Broadus MT.....1...Red...Cow.....1200...\$182.50
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD.....4...Blk...Cow.....1363...\$184.50
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD.....1...Blk...Cow.....1320...\$184.50
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD.....1...Blk...Cow.....1325...\$181.00
Hansen, Kelly, Fruitdale SD.....1...Blk...Cwette 1265...\$197.50
Hansen, Ken Or Pam, Fruitdale SD.....1...Blk...Hfr.....850...\$321.00
Hansen, Ken Or Pam, Fruitdale SD.....1...Blk...Hfr.....980...\$306.00
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Janis, Wesley, Rapid City SD.....1...Blk...Cow.....1345...\$187.00
K & D Livestock, Volborg MT.....4...Blk...Hfr.....1026...\$301.00
Kerstiens, Jack, Piedmont SD.....2...BR...Cwette 1322...\$188.00
Kruppe, Monica, Buffalo Gap SD.....4...Blk...Hfr.....955...\$307.50
Kruppe, Monica, Buffalo Gap SD.....1...Blk...Cwette 960...\$215.00
Maul, Robert Or Laura, Gillette WY.....2...Bld...Cwette 1377...\$195.00
Maul, Robert Or Laura, Gillette WY.....1...Blk...Cow.....1210...\$184.00
Meiners, Charles, Hermosa SD.....1...Red...Cwette 1325...\$210.00
Moore, Eric, Miles City, MT.....4...Bld...Cow.....1332...\$185.00
Moore, Eric, Miles City, MT.....2...Blk...Cow.....1577...\$184.50
Moore, Eric, Miles City, MT.....37...BR...Cow.....1492...\$184.50
Moore, Eric, Miles City, MT.....2...BR...Cow.....1450...\$184.50
Moore, Eric, Miles City, MT.....12...BR...Cow.....1252...\$178.50
Ogle, Dean, Belle Fourche SD.....1...Blk...Cow.....1375...\$180.00
Olson, Fred Jr (Ole), Piedmont SD.....3...Blk...Cow.....1530...\$179.00
Open 8 Ranch, Broadus MT.....3...Blk...Hfr.....1138...\$262.50
Open 8 Ranch, Broadus MT.....4...Blk...Cow.....1400...\$180.00
Open 8 Ranch, Broadus MT.....2...Blk...Cow.....1125...\$172.50
Peterson, Jon, Belle Fourche SD.....1...Char...Cwette 1090...\$242.50
Peterson, Jon, Belle Fourche SD.....1...Blk...Cow.....1390...\$183.00
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Peterson, Steve, Lebanon Ks.....4...Blk...Cow.....1563...\$180.00
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Peterson, Steve, Lebanon Ks.....2...Blk...Cow.....1497...\$179.50
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Randall Inc, Broadus MT.....1...Blk...Hfr.....810...\$330.00
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Red Rose Cattle LLC, Caputa SD.....5...Red...Cow.....1672...\$178.00
Red Rose Cattle LLC, Caputa SD.....2...Red...Cow.....1352...\$174.00
Rosenoranz, Zane, Belle Fourche SD.....1...Blk...Hfr.....1220...\$257.50
Ryan XZ Ranch LLC, Aladdin WY.....1...Blk...Cow.....1530...\$182.50
Ryan XZ Ranch LLC, Aladdin WY.....1...Blk...Cow.....1340...\$156.00
Rypkema Family Ranching LLC, Hermosa SD.....1...Blk...Cow.....1505...\$177.50
Schaffer, Enoch, Broadus, MT.....1...Bld...Hfr.....1010...\$302.50

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Todd, Tim Or Kris, Sturgis SD.....1...Blk...Cow.....1250...\$173.00
Unlir, Jordan, Hermosa SD.....1...Red...Cow.....1660...\$167.00
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Weigh Up Bulls

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Duprel Livestock, Vale SD.....1...Blk...Bull.....1925...\$210.00
Duprel Livestock, Vale SD.....1...Blk...Bull.....1460...\$192.50
Johnson Sheep & Cattle, Belle Fourche SD.....1...Blk...Bull.....1760...\$197.50
Sand Rock Angus, Broadus MT.....3...Blk...Bull.....1508...\$212.50
Sinson Livestock, Moorcroft WY.....1...Blk...Bull.....1710...\$205.00
Sinson Livestock, Moorcroft WY.....1...Blk...Bull.....1425...\$197.50
Sinson Livestock, Moorcroft WY.....1...Blk...Bull.....1360...\$194.00
Unlir, Bart, Hermosa SD.....1...Red...Bull.....2105...\$190.00
Unlir, Bart, Hermosa SD.....1...Red...Bull.....1740...\$202.50
Unrig, David, Hermosa SD.....1...Blk...Bull.....1520...\$207.50
Wiggers, Shannon, Newell SD.....1...Blk...Bull.....1820...\$205.00

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Sheep Report - Thursday, April 2, 2026

Small Run For Today's Sale
Lambs Sold Steady, Slaughter Ewes Sold Lower

Next Sale - April 9, 2026 - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats - Start Time 1:00 PM

Animals should be here by 10:00 am so they can be weighed before the sale
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Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head

SD Consignment.....20.....2-3yr.....165.....\$290.00

Feeder Lambs

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Slaughter Ewes

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Olson, John Or Jennie, Broadus MT.....3.....K Ewe.....198.....\$117.00
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Reid & Sulzbach, Nisland SD.....5.....K Ewe.....191.....\$117.00
Reid & Sulzbach, Nisland SD.....5.....K Ewe.....156.....\$102.00
Sarlsand, Richard & Ruby, Ludlow SD.....5.....K Ewe.....168.....\$127.00
Sarlsand, Richard & Ruby, Ludlow SD.....15.....K Ewe.....182.....\$117.00
Slaughter Bucks
Lakeview Ranch, Newell SD.....1.....K buck.....210.....\$104.00

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April 9, 2026

Bred Ewe Special

1:00 PM

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May 7th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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by Mary Buchholz

136 years ago
Deadwood Pioneer-Times
Tue, Dec 30, 1890
Belle Fourche The railroad depot at this new town on the Elkhorn road, at the crossing of Belle Fourche, will be completed in a few days. Work on a freight warehouse will begin next week. H. T. Cooper will move his freight and passenger outfit from Whitewood to Belle Fourche as soon as stables can be built at the latter place. All freight and passengers for Sundance, Beulah, Spearfish, Camp Crook and the Little Missouri country will now go via Belle Fourche. The large ditch for irrigation and manufacturing purposed, conveying the waters of the Redwater to a point 60 feet above the new town, will be new town, will be pushed to completion at an early day. A number of new buildings will be put up and the town fairly started on its prosperous journey the coming month.

100 years ago
The Northwest Post
April 15, 1926
BAKERY CAPACITY INCREASED The steadily increasing business of the Model bakery and Grocery has necessitated several important improvements at that establishment, in order to make the bakery output equal to the demand. An addition has been built at the rear of the building and a new and up-to-date moulder and an additional oven has just been installed. With the new equipment the Model Bakery is now able to turn out 3,000 loaves of bread daily, together with a vast amount of cakes, cookies and other delicacies in the pastry line. Model Bakery products have always enjoyed popular favor with the public, not only locally, but in the trade territory adjacent to Belle Fourche, and with the firm's capacity nearly doubled, it has become one of the important manufacturing institutions of the Hills.

MAY GET FISH LADDER AT THE Dam *Chance For Izaak Walton League to Co-operate With the Upper Belle Fourche Riverites* Several times in the past few years The Northwest Post has suggested the advisability of having the reclamation service construct a fish ladder at the diversion dam in the Belle Fourche river, which would permit the fish from the Orman lake and lower Belle Fourche river to once more seek the natural spawning grounds in this vicinity and west of town. Before the diversion dam was installed, hundreds of fine catfish were caught all along the upper Belle Fourche

river, and this condition will again prefill if proper fish ladders are provided. This matter has been brought to the attention of the Belle Fourche chapter of the Izaak Walton league, and that organization is preparing to take action which it is hoped will get results. In reference to this matter, the Crook Country News f Hulett has the following to say: At various times for several years efforts have been made by interested parties to have the reclamation service erect a fish ladder the Belle Fourche dam to allow fish to come up into the river above the dam.

Since construction of the dam was completed the upper waters of the Belle Fourche river have been depleted of fish that have gone down the river through the dam outlet and are unable to get back for spawning purposes. The older settlers along the river, who formerly were able to catch fish at will, especially mis the fishing at the present time.

Dr. Mead, director of reclamation, states the ladder would cost all of \$5000 and may then not be satisfactory. It is also informally understood that the Bureau of Fisheries would be willing to furnish one or two employes and equipment for seining the fish below the diversion dam and transporting them to points above in the Belle Fourche river.

75 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
April 7, 1951

Reds Give Ground On 38 Mile Front Tokyo, April 5 - Several hundred miles below the Manchurian bypass today. Chinese communists were giving ground along most of the 38-mile allied front in North Korea. Eight American and allied divisions pushed ahead after two days of bitter fighting above the river. But the enemy stopped one Yank division cold five to 10 miles below Chorwon, in central North Korea. United Press Correspondent Richard Applegate reports that the Chinese poured mortar, machine gun and rifle fire from eight hill bunkers down the slope into oncoming GI's. The united Press writer says every time the Yanks neared the top, they were driven back by the hail of Chinese "potato-masher" grenades.

STITES HERE MONDAY
FOR A. E. BRONSON Funeral service will be held Monday for A. E. Bronson, 82-year-old Belle Fourche resident who died late Thursday night at his home on State Street. The family has requested that memorial gifts be made in leu of flowers. Bron-

son has been a resident of Belle Fourche since 1904, had been engaged in business here and was at one time a member of the post office staff. Alfred Engene Bronson was born Sept. 3, 1868, at Waterloo, Iowa. He grew up in that area, was graduated from Great Western College in Iowa. Following his graduation he was employed by the Milwaukee railroad at Sanborn, Iowa, off and on for 11 years. He was married June 18, 1896 at Sanborn to Mabel Jackson.

The couple farmed in Iowa eight years, and in 1907 moved to Belle Fourche. Bronson was associated with his brother, R. L. Bronson, in the drug business here for several years, then joined the postoffice staff, from which he retired in 1936. He was a member of the Modern Woodman lodge. Surviving are Mrs. Bronson, a daughter, Mrs. Florence McMains of Sturgis; two grandchildren; one sister Mrs. Etta Osborn of Long Beach.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
April 10, 1976

Market Scores Big Gains
Here There was a sharp upturn in the cattle market this week at the Belle Fourche Livestock Exchange. Yearling steers were \$3 to \$4 higher, yearling heifers \$3 and \$4 higher, cows about \$2 higher and bulls \$3 to \$4 higher than a week ago. Actually, exchange officials say there was a "real good sale on everything." Leonard Mumedey, Ekalaka, 40 wf str, 511, \$47; 35 wf hfs, 531, \$40.90 Reinhold Brunner, Nisland, 15 b-brhc hfs, 514, \$40. Clair Ripley, Aladdin, 4 wf cows, 1120, \$30.25.

Barbecue Fund Drive Under Way The fund drive for the annual Community-Unity Barbecue is underway. Barbecue committee members worked out more details for this year's event at a meeting Wednesday night. Meanwhile, letters have been mailed out to Belle Fourche firms and organizations requesting financial support for the 1976 Barbecue. If your did not receive a letter, you are invited to drop a contribution at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Committee members hope as many people as possible will make their donations by April 24 so specific planning for the June 9 event can proceed. The finance committee points out that last year the carry-over fund amounted to \$1600. This year that fund is \$500, so additional revenue will have to be raised for 1976.

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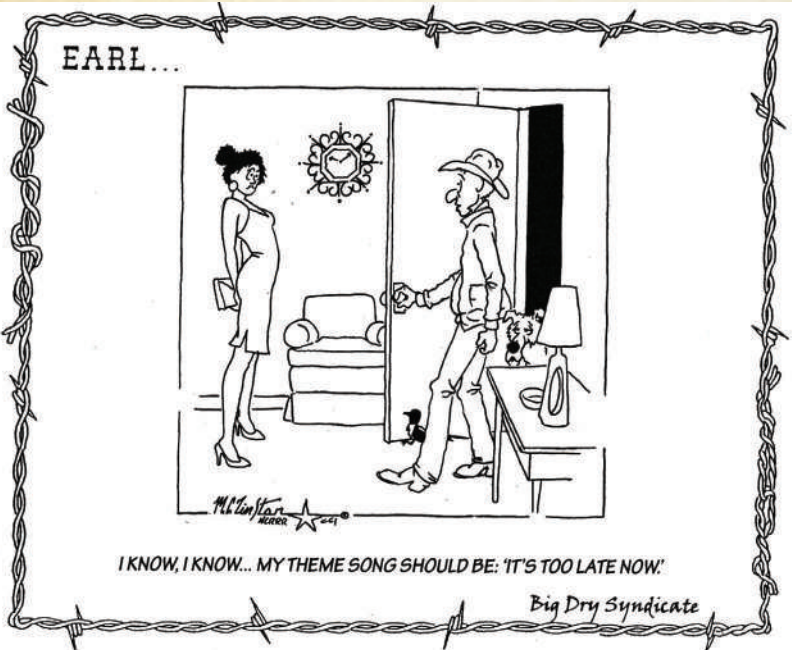
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John Nyquist, Bainville MT	100	Black-Str	645	465.00	\$2,999.01
Schultz Lic, Ekalaka MT	59	Black-Str	617	492.00	\$3,036.64
	14	Black-Str	468	570.00	\$2,664.75
	35	Black-Hfr	539	475.00	\$2,562.28
Ivn Cattle Co Lic, Newcastle WY	65	Blk/Bwf-Str	634	467.00	\$2,961.85
	25	Blk/Bwf-Str	527	535.00	\$2,820.52
	18	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	517	472.50	\$2,442.56
Jeff Plucker, Aladdin WY	21	Blk/Bwf-Str	638	450.00	\$2,872.50
	20	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	601	417.00	\$2,505.12
Shane Finn, Nisland SD	20	Red-Str	752	402.00	\$3,022.03
	9	Black-Str	731	409.00	\$2,987.97
	70	Red-Hfr Bv	755	388.00	\$2,928.29
Curren Ranch, Aladdin WY	51	Red-Hfr	550	469.00	\$2,581.33
	6	Black-Hfr	608	427.50	\$2,600.62
Mecaha Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD	36	Black-Hfr Bv	663	403.00	\$2,670.99
Burke Ranch Lic, Newell SD	35	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	728	369.50	\$2,689.43
Box L Cattle Co, Hammond MT	39	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bv	767	360.00	\$2,762.76
Ketelsen Or Beug, Sturgis SD	23	Black-Hfr Bv	703	389.00	\$2,733.14
	8	Black-Hfr	567	452.50	\$2,565.10
Anders Cattle Co, Rapid City SD	61	Black-Str	796	386.25	\$3,073.22
	30	Bwf-Hfr Bv	569	457.00	\$2,600.33
Tit Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD	34	Black-Str	727	415.00	\$3,015.46
	35	Red-Str	730	417.00	\$3,042.90
	52	Red-Hfr	672	383.00	\$2,572.72
Dave Mader, Biddle MT	23	Black-Hfr Bv	619	428.00	\$2,648.94
	44	Black-Hfr Bv	606	429.00	\$2,600.32
Nance Cattle Co, Birney MT	31	Black-Str	639	476.00	\$3,041.02
Rael Friesen, Hardin MT	16	Black-Str	719	408.00	\$2,932.50
	6	Black-Str	539	525.00	\$2,830.62
Sterling & Victoria Holland, Alzada MT	6	Red-Hfr	640	409.00	\$2,617.60
Dallas Grubbs, Upton WY	27	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	565	447.00	\$2,525.55

WEIGH-UPS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Brian Or Hallie Budmayr, Belle Fourche SD	3	Black-Hfrt	1088	307.00	\$3,341.18
	1	Black-Hfrt	1020	308.00	\$3,141.60
Luke Mopherson, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Hfrt	935	332.50	\$3,108.87
	2	Black-Hfrt	1055	300.00	\$3,165.00
	3	Black-Hfrt	882	332.50	\$2,931.54
Gladson Family Trust, Gillette WY	1	Black-Hfrt	1025	315.00	\$3,228.75
	1	Black-Hfrt	1130	280.00	\$3,164.00
Perino Ranch, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Hfrt	810	330.00	\$2,673.00
	1	Black-Hfrt	895	327.50	\$2,931.12
	1	Black-Hfrt	1090	242.50	\$2,643.25
Verona Cattle Co, WYarno WY	6	Black-Hfrt	1021	322.50	\$3,292.18
Dane & Kristi Dobesh, Belle Fourche SD	1	Herf-Hfrt	1015	300.00	\$3,045.00
Ray Randall, Broadus MT	2	Black-Hfrt	1073	313.00	\$3,356.92
	1	Black-Hfrt	1090	307.50	\$3,351.75
Lucas Waterland, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk/Bwf-Hfrt	925	332.50	\$3,075.62
Joe Or Jane Burke, Newell SD	6	Black-Hfrt	1118	275.00	\$3,075.41
Rafter Diamond Lip, Buffalo SD	7	Black-Hfrt	1173	279.00	\$3,272.27
Busentz Land & Cattle, Hulett WY	20	Black-Cow	1251	230.50	\$2,882.97
	25	Black-Cow	1433	185.50	\$2,658.58
J-Six Enterprises, Vale SD	1	Red-Cow	1575	183.50	\$2,890.12
	1	Bwf-Cow	1135	260.00	\$2,951.00

Lucas Waterland, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1450	184.00	\$2,668.00
Tooke Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1010	320.00	\$3,232.00
	1	Black-Cow	1320	195.00	\$2,574.00
	1	Black-Cow	1100	282.50	\$3,107.50
Ivn Cattle Co Lic, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Cow	1195	180.00	\$2,151.00
	1	Black-Cow	1370	187.00	\$2,561.90
Dane & Kristi Dobesh, Belle Fourche SD	3	Herf-Cow	1213	180.00	\$2,184.00
Gary Or Deb Mailoux, Vale SD	1	Black-Cow	1645	180.00	\$2,961.00
Ivan Bierema, St Onge SD	1	Black-Cow	1430	183.00	\$2,616.90
L. Russell & Sheri Stinson, Hulett WY	2	Black-Cow	1200	270.00	\$3,240.00
H-C Feeders Lic, Rozet WY	1	Black-Cow	1270	247.50	\$3,143.25
	2	Black-Hfrt	995	327.50	\$3,258.62
Russell C Guyer, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1460	185.00	\$2,701.00
Perino Ranch, Newcastle WY	1	Red-Cow	1455	184.00	\$2,677.20
Steven Schuldis, Nisland SD	3	Black-Cow	1363	184.00	\$2,508.53
Byce Sigman, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1095	285.00	\$3,120.75
	1	Black-Cow	1095	265.00	\$2,901.75
	1	Black-Cow	1085	280.00	\$3,038.00
	1	Black-Cow	1230	205.00	\$2,521.50
	1	Black-Cow	1130	257.50	\$2,909.75
	1	Black-Cow	1170	262.50	\$3,071.25
	1	Black-Cow	1155	267.50	\$3,089.62
	1	Black-Cow	1030	245.00	\$2,523.50
Gladson Family Trust, Gillette WY	1	Black-Cow	1220	247.50	\$3,019.50
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Carson Walker
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Aberdeen businessman Toby Doeden, state House Speaker Jon Hansen, U.S. Rep Dusty Johnson and Gov. Larry Rhoden are vying for the GOP nomination in the June 2 primary.

"Voters need to make an educated decision when they go to the ballot box, and the best way to do that is to question our candidates and have them respond," said Cara Hetland, director of journalism content at SDPB, which has produced televised forums since the 1970s.

"You can't get that just from someone's social media feed. And they need to be held accountable for their record."

Times, locations and moderators

- 8 p.m. CT Monday, April 13: South Dakota Public Broadcasting's forum from its Sioux Falls studios will be moderated by SDPB's Jackie Hendry and South Dakota News Watch's Alexander Rifaat.

A limited number of tickets will be available for an in-person audience. SDPB will archive the forum on its YouTube channel immediately afterward.

- 7:30 p.m. CT Monday,

April 27: The Dakota Scout and Forum Communications will host the final debate in front of an audience of subscribers at the Belbas Theater in the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls.

It will be moderated by Dakota Scout co-founder Jonathan Ellis and Patrick Lalley, editor of Sioux Falls Live, and broadcast on Forum's TV stations, KSFL-TV in Sioux Falls and KNBN-TV in Rapid City. Forum also owns the Mitchell Republic, Pierre Capital Journal and Madison Daily Leader newspapers.

The debate will be available online afterward.

SDPB will also air forums for other primary contests if more than one candidate qualifies for the ballot.

Veteran and new media players Anna Peters, Keloland Media Group's director of news and multimedia content, said the station received a flood of viewer questions that will be asked of the candidates.

"It's one of the most important things we can do as a TV station, a news station. This gives the voters a chance to see the candidates, hear what they have to say and see how they interact because, honestly, sometimes that interaction during a debate can help decide a race," she said.

Peters said she looks forward to seeing how many people tune in live on their smartphones because that audience is growing.

While KELO-TV and SDPB have televised candidate debates for decades, this is a first for The Dakota Scout and Forum Communications in South Dakota.

Lalley and Ellis worked together at the Argus Leader newspaper in Sioux Falls with Joe Sneve, the Scout's other co-founder, who organized the event.

The idea came from his time as a city beat reporter at the Argus when he live-streamed city council forums. He wanted to bring that format to the Scout, which launched in 2022.

"The fact we got all four candidates to a debate shows how the Scout has grown in its influence," Sneve said.

"I think it demonstrates the credibility of the players here," Lalley added. "Our reputations were built in the mainstream media at the Argus Leader."

And one of the reasons we've been able to do what we do is because of that reputation."

Sneve said the debate builds on the Scout and Forum's working relationship.

"I don't know that we would have gotten the invitations to do something like this if we weren't also offering a broadcast arm, which is where Forum and Sioux Falls Live come in," he said. "They print our paper. We run their sports content in our printed product. They're building out a broadcast division in South Dakota, so it felt like a perfect fit."

SDDVA Secretary Schneider's April Column Military Child Month: Honoring the Quiet Strength Behind the Uniform

Each April, we observe the Month of the Military Child — a time to honor the sons and daughters of those who serve. Their strength reminds us that service to our nation extends beyond those in uniform. In South Dakota and across the country, military children exemplify resilience, courage, and patriotism long before they are old enough to wear the uniform themselves. This year, Purple Up! Day will be recognized on April 15.

Military children grow up learning lessons that many adults take a lifetime to master. They adapt during deployments, face frequent moves, navigate new schools, and endure holidays marked by an empty chair at the table. Yet, through these challenges, they continue to thrive with quiet determination and pride. They are vital members of the military community whose sacrifices often go unseen but are no less profound.

As Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA), I view Military Child Month as more than a recognition—it is an expression of gratitude. These young people serve in their own right. Their contributions may not be measured in medals or ceremonies, but they deserve our deepest respect. Behind many service members and veterans stands a child who learned patience, perseverance, and sacrifice at an early age.

Military children benefit from schools, neighbors, coaches, and communities that recognize their experiences and celebrate their strength. The greatest gift we can offer is acknowledgment. Seeing them, encouraging them, and reminding them that their sacrifices matter. When we honor military children, we honor the full family commitment behind military service and invest in the next generation of leaders and citizens.

This April, I encourage all South Dakotans to recognize the courage and resilience of our

military children. Wear purple, extend encouragement, and support military families in your community.

When we honor military children, we honor the quiet strength that sustains our armed forces and veterans. May each of these young people know they are seen, valued, and deeply appreciated.

April also brings other important military observances:

- April 5: Gold Star Spouses Day
- April 9: National Former POW Recognition Day
- April 14: Air Force Reserve Birthday
- April 15: Purple Up! Day
- April 23: Army Reserve Birthday


These dates remind us that service impacts entire families and communities. They also invite us to pause, remember, and recommit to supporting those who carry the weight of service.

April is set to be a busy month for the SDDVA. We warmly invite veterans, their families, and community partners to participate in a series of events designed to foster connection and support.

- Coffee and Camaraderie:
 - April 7: McIntosh Town Hall, McIntosh, 11:00 a.m. (MT)
 - April 9: Rosalie's Restaurant Bakery & Lounge, Sisseton, 11:00 a.m. (CT)
 - April 13: American Legion Post #22, Rapid City, 4:30 p.m. (MT)
 - April 11: Women Veterans & Military Spouses Wellness Retreat – Savior's Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, 9:00 a.m. (CT)
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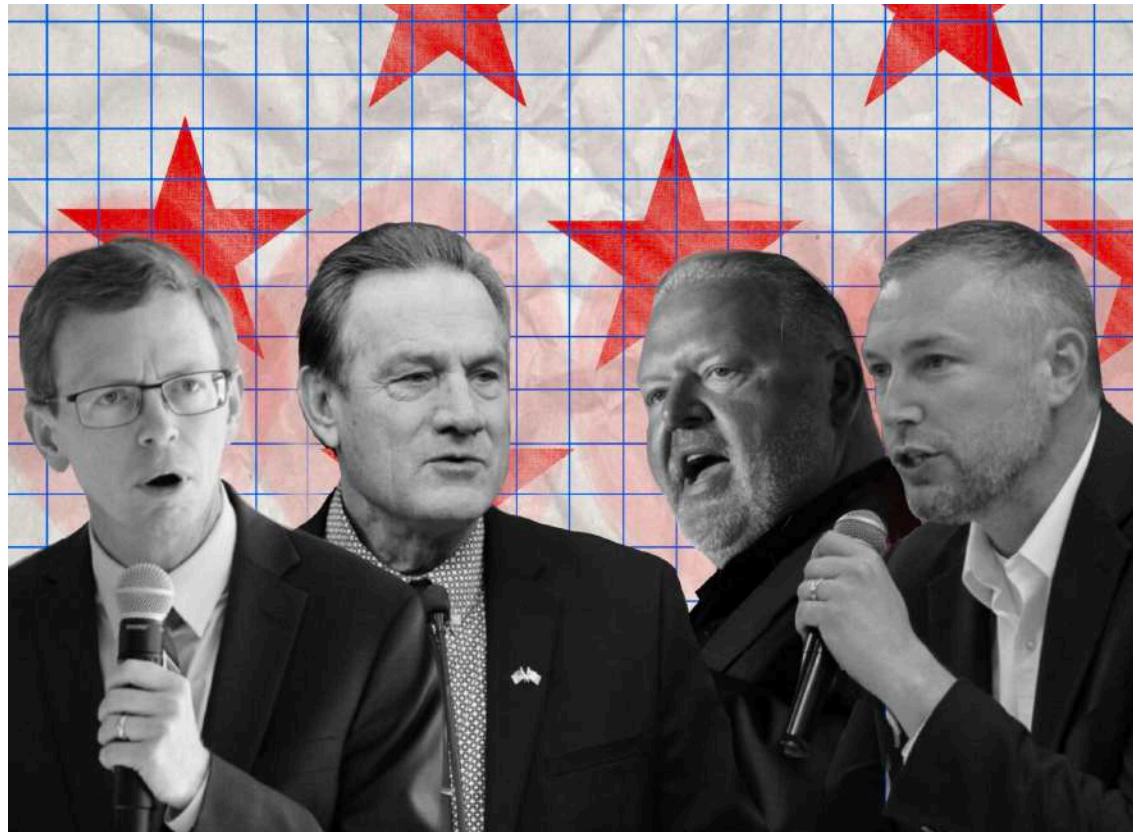
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By John Newby "Building Main Street, not Wall Street" "Transforming a Community Takes an Army"

A LinkedIn post by community advocate Jeff Siegler hit close to home for many of us working in small-town revitalization.

For four years, Siegler dutifully responded to his community's calls for input — planning boards, chamber surveys, economic development forums — and heard nothing back.

Not a word. The requests weren't genuine invitations; they were theater. Going through the motions while the same insiders kept their hands on every lever.

Tom Peters, one of the sharpest business minds of our era, put it plainly: "Community organizing is all about building grassroots support. It's about identifying the people around you with whom you can create a common, passionate cause — and ignoring conventional wisdom to play the game by very different rules."

Those rules matter, because the conventional playbook is failing communities across America.

Here's what you'll find in nearly every struggling town: the same one or two dozen faces rotating through nearly every board seat in the county. The Chamber board. The Main Street board. The planning commission. The economic development authority.

Different letterheads, same people. This isn't a conspiracy — it's inertia. But it is, without question, one of the most stubborn obstacles standing between a struggling community and a transformed one. Expecting the same group that presided over a community's decline to engineer its renaissance is, at best, wishful thinking and a fool's errand.



The data backs this up. According to joint research by the U.S. Census Bureau and AmeriCorps, the national formal volunteering rate increased 5.1 percentage points between 2022 and 2023 — a growth rate of more than 22 percent in just two years, the largest expansion of formal volunteering ever recorded. The desire to serve is surging. The problem isn't a shortage of willing hands. The problem is that the door to meaningful participation often stays shut.

An estimated 137.5 million Americans — 54.2% of the population — helped their neighbors informally in the past year. People are ready. They're looking for a way in. Your community just must open the door wide enough to let them through.

The fastest path to building a transformation army is usually through an outside catalyst — someone with no political debts and no turf to protect.

Like the neighbor who tells a teenager the same thing his parents have said for years, but this time it lands. An outside voice breaks the spell. From there, you identify a small core of energetic, clear-eyed locals who already sense that something must change. Then you cast a wide net.

And "wide" means genuinely wide — not just the usual suspects wearing different name tags. You need healthcare. You need veterans' organizations — the VFW, the American Legion. You need the civic clubs: Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions. You need local churches and faith communities, which in most small towns represent some of the deepest reservoirs of organized volunteer energy in existence. You need

educators at every level. You need first responders — police, fire, rescue. You need local business owners. Underrepresentation in community governance means the concerns of minority, low-income, and younger populations get overlooked — and over time, issues for higher-engagement groups dominate the agenda. A true transformation army corrects that imbalance by design.

Once that broader coalition is assembled, you then bring in the established organizations — the Chamber, Main Street, city government — not by seating their leaders at the head of the table, but by welcoming their members into the work. There's an important difference.

In 2023, 76% of adults reported being satisfied with their neighborhood, and 61% held favorable views of their local government — far higher than views of the federal government. People still believe in their communities. They still want to fight for them. The role of this new, broadly representative army isn't to tear down what exists — it's to accelerate what's possible.

Once organized, the next imperative is choosing the right project: something visible, achievable, and energizing. Something that proves, quickly, that working together produces results. Nothing recruits like a win.

Transformation is a marathon, not a sprint. But every marathon starts with a single step — and the first step is building a team worthy of the distance.

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden March 23, 2026



Folks enjoyed a great Palm Sunday with temperatures in the low 70s. We are still dry with each day becoming a bit more serious concerning our drought conditions. Other places in the state are much dryer, so we continue to pray for rain.

There was a legislative candidate forum held in Union Center last Thursday with all of the candidates for District 29 in attendance. It was hosted by Meade

County Republican Women. Lorie Rhoden, Deb Schnell and Lana (Speed) Anderson were a part of the host group. It was a good way to introduce our Meade County citizens to all of the candidates. Current legislators who just served their first terms were Kathy Rice and John Carley from the Summer/Piedmont area and Teresa Jorgenson from southwestern Meade County. New challengers are Bill Meirose who pastors at Union Center and lives in Sturgis, Gary Deering

of the Hereford area, and Gary Cammack of Union Center. Stay tuned for more informational forums.

This past Sunday was Palm Sunday and Bill Meirose had family as visitors in attendance. His son, Josh and Nicole (Brink) and their sons stayed for the service and lunch afterward. Their son, Levi, was celebrating a birthday that day.

This Friday, Good Friday, there will be an evening church service. On Easter Sunday there will be a Sunrise Service at the Community Baptist Church in Union Center at 6:24 am. If weather co-oper-

ates it may be held outdoors. Regular Easter service will be held at 10:00 with no Sunday School. This allows families to attend church and be at their destination for Sunday dinner.

The Larry Rhodens will spend Easter in Pierre as they host the Easter Egg/prizes festivities on the lawn of the residence that day.

Monday was VETO Day in Pierre in which two bills have been VETOed. The VETOs need to have a vote of 2/3 to be overturned. Tuesday was the first Gubernatorial debate of the four candidates. Larry Rhoden is the only west river candidate

in the race. Serving in the full time position of Governor and involved also in a campaign means long hours and many miles. June 2nd is election day so there is an end in site for everyone.

May we all take account of the many ways we have been blessed this year. It is easy to take for granted all of the good things in our lives, but all good things are a gift. We remember the reason we celebrate Easter with thanks and gratitude that we have eternity to look forward to, thanks to the sacrifice made on the Cross for each of us. Have a wonderful and blessed Easter! He has risen.

Capitol News April 5, 2026

by Karen Odell

Well, we have had our spring calving snowstorm at Capitol and on Tie Creek. It was not a blizzard, but a nice day-long shower, that stayed right over our area for an entire day, bringing a constant shower of snow.

It's been a whirlwind with calving, at Ronda Cordell's.

Her grandkids from Missouri have come and gone. Blaine Chapman from Bison installed a few more cameras for her, this past month. They were up and going, then a bug caused them to refuse to open after the power was turned off for a few minutes for repairs on the meter pole. The cameras shut down when the power was clicked back on. Those cameras save a lot of going out for nothing, and have saved the lives of several baby calves, since the first cameras were installed.

Jordan Hamilton and a crew from Rapid City spent a long day in February leveling the little shop, and getting it ready to pour a cement floor in April. Curt and Carsen Zolnoski came fairly often, this month. They were here over a week ago, when everyone was in late for supper, so Curt made burgers on the grill. While going in and out to check on burgers, Sophie

managed to slip out without our knowing. Of course, it was dark by the time we ate. After supper Curt and Carsen were going out to the shop, when Carsen asked, "What is that sound? Could it be a mountain lion?" They drove towards the sound and found Sophie in the little dam to the east of Ronda's house. Luckily the water wasn't too deep, but if she'd have been there any longer, hyperthermia would have set in. She had a bathtub treatment to warm her trembling body. Ronda swears it was a revival for her. She's been pretty spunky since the swim. Sophie will be seventeen in May. Diane and Dave Adams came last Tuesday, to help bring a group of cows from below the mailbox, and sort off the later calving cows. Ronda's cow working crew consisted of Jason Berg, Diane and Dave and Ronda. The calves have been coming fast.

The snowstorm, this week, brought some much-needed moisture. It makes the calving more work, but it was very welcome. While attending Mary Brewer's 100th birthday party at the community center in Camp Crook on Saturday, reports on the snow varied between eight and ten inches. Jake Reynolds had gone to meet Luke Basler in Sioux City, to bring the kids for a few days in Montana. Ronda's Easter Sunday included watching Rev.

David Jeremiah, and then, the rest was spent tending calving cows. Ronda's Easter dinner, was just leftovers from Saturday, and now she will get a little sleep before time to check cows again.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson saw the huge flakes of snow coming down, on Friday morning. The flakes progressively got smaller, but the showers continued all day long, and soon there were nine inches of snow on the ground. Lynn did some cooking for the Mary Brewer birthday party, that was held on Saturday at the Camp Crook Community Hall. The Diligent Doers Extension Club, and other helpers, prepared food for the meal, and people came from near and far for the day. On Sunday, the Little Missouri Church was packed for the celebration of Easter. After church the children were out hunting Easter eggs, when a blue plane flew over and dropped candy for the kids to race to find. As it turns out, the plane had visited many places on Easter, and dropped candy. It had been seen at Ekalaka and Camp Crook, also. What a great idea and fun occasion for the pilots and kids. It will be a great memory for the kids to remember.

Bryce, Dawn, Brandon, Ashley and Dorothy Padden attended the birthday party for Mary Brewer on Saturday, too.

Dorothy had gone to the Little Missouri Church for the Easter service, and had heard the plane fly over, too.

Dick and Erma Albert were glad to have daughter, Heather, and great-granddaughter, Amarie, visit for Easter. They had come a few days before, and worked their way through the snow storm to get to Buffalo. It is great to have them here for a few days. Alvin Cordell had a chiropractor appointment in Belle Fourche on Thursday. By Friday morning there was plenty of snow on the ground. Alvin said that Bobby Cordell and his sister, Wanda, had guessed that there was about nine inches of snow down by the river. Alvin has been busy checking the older cows at home, while Ryan and Tawni have been staying and checking cows at the Horton place. Collin has been helping too. On Sunday, Marlee, Mary Tarter, and Rexene Till provided a wonderful Easter dinner for church members at Camp Crook.

Karen Odell had calls and texts from all of her children this week. She talked to her cousin, Ralph Anderson, and friend, Bill Foulkes, in Ohio. The snow that showered down all day on Friday was welcome, even when she looked out to see nearly a foot tall pile of snow on her outdoor table. It was a calm storm that showered lots of needed moisture, and stayed all day. Karen's big dog, Hywel, wanted out, and

each time, came in with snow piled high on his head and back. By Saturday, Hywel, and Karen's indoor cats had cabin fever, and wanted to get outside. The cats were even willing to venture out into the snow, but then turn around and run back in. Chancey Odell came over on Saturday and plowed Karen's road for her. Chancey went in to Camp Crook on Saturday afternoon to Mary Brewer's 100th birthday party. There was a large gathering, even after the snowstorm, and it was a great party. On Sunday, Karen went to church at Camp Crook Methodist Church for the Easter service. Alan Loken conducted the service, and Karen played for the hymns. After the service everyone stayed for a wonderful pot-luck Easter dinner that was really a feast. In the afternoon, Karen talked to all her children. Kyia Smith had gotten to visit with her friend in Saudi Arabia, Murphy Hinds joined the Easter egg hunt on the beach in Tacoma, Jeff and Amanda Odell went to church in Iowa, where Amanda performed as a member of the bell choir. Cody Odell's family spent Easter at the Thomas farm at Kimball. Easter Sunday was a beautiful day.

A little boy was asked where his grandma lived. He said, "Oh she lives at an airport. When we want her we go and get her, and when we are done with her, we just take her back."

PRESSED BETWEEN THE PAGES

by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel



Growing up on the farm in the 1950s and 60s meant being around animals. Daily responsibilities required caring for cattle, hogs, sheep and chickens. For years we milked a cow. A dog and barn cats did their part in protecting the farm and animals.

Dad, Donald and Delmer shouldered the main jobs for large livestock care, while Deloris, Darlene, Dorothy and I helped Mom with gathering eggs and caring for the chickens. In the summer, the older girls padded barefoot to the far pasture to bring home the milk cow. When extra help was needed for catching or moving livestock, or for emergency situations, every one of us stepped up.

All those animals around us meant that every so often a creature needed to be rescued. Baby calves were born outside on the coldest late winter nights. In spite of watchful farmers, it never failed that a heifer showed no signs, yet chose the worst time and place to produce her firstborn. Chilled

and barely alive, the tiny calf needed immediate attention. A warmup near the wood stove in the kitchen along with a brisk rubdown with a rough gunny sack sometimes brought the little one around.

Once in a while baby hogs and sheep came into the world with health issues. Occasionally one was injured by the mother or pushed away from the milk bar by tougher siblings. Sometimes a runt piglet required tender loving care. There was once a just-hatched baby chick that had to have foot therapy before she could stand. I recall times when a mother cow didn't claim her calf. Rex was called into the barn for assistance.

Dad had read that seeing a dog, which I assume Momma Cow perceived as a threat, sometimes inspired her to protect and claim her offspring. If the plan failed, the kids in the family assumed bottle feeding duty, which was needed every few hours the first days. We learned the critical value of colostrum before we were old enough to go to school.

Even wild animals sometimes came within our

care when accidents or Mother Nature dealt harsh blows. Dad rescued young pheasants that were nearly frozen. A gradual warmup in the basement was all they needed. He brought home nests of duck eggs when the mother was killed. A setting banty hen gladly kept those eggs warm until hatch-time.

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"Heartbreak and Miracles"

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Roots #58 "Welcome Back Turkey Vultures"

Meg English

news@bellefourchebeacon.com



The 'buzzards' are back! The surest sign of spring!

'Turkey buzzard' is

the common nomenclature for the graceful birds who make Belle Fourche their home from the first week in April until the first week in October when they vanish completely until the following spring.

Our Belle Fourche 'buzzards' are not really buzzards at all, but 'turkey vultures'. Buzzards are birds of prey who catch, and kill their food. Turkey vultures do not. In fact, tur-

key vultures are not related to any birds of prey, but rather, are members of the stork family.

They are the subject of a timeless pun "Vultures never check their luggage at the airport. They prefer carrion."

Turkey vultures are social birds who roost in large communal groups. They usually return to the same location and make it their home for generations as they have in Belle Fourche. Turkey vultures have been known to live up to twenty-four years. The average age is around twenty years.

Throughout the day, they tend to stick together and forage in small groups. Often in early morning, they 'commute to work' in pairs.

Toward sunset, the birds

return home. In the evenings, they can be seen gracefully soaring on high air currents in a flock called a 'kettle'.

In late summer or early fall, turkey vultures may be seen sunbathing with their wings spread out on a fencepost. This helps them increase their body temperature after the cooler fall nights.

I love to watch these majestic, enigmatic creatures. Turkey vultures have a six-foot wingspan and stand about two and a half feet tall. And yet, they weigh only about three pounds. The birds can glide low to the ground, sniffing for carrion, or ride on high thermal wind currents.

They may soar in groups and roost in large numbers. Turkey vultures are common around open areas such as roadsides, farm fields, and landfills. In these areas they can smell carrion only twelve to fourteen hours old. Occasionally they feed on decaying vegetable matter, live insects, or live fish in drying-up ponds.

Although they are beautiful in flight as they soar on wind currents, turkey vultures are awkward on the ground and perhaps unattractive up close.

Like all other vultures, the turkey vulture has a bald head. Close-up, their naked red heads resemble those of turkeys, hence the name, 'turkey

vultures'.

Turkey vultures are the best of citizens. Never mind their fierce appearance, and reputation for regurgitating half-digested pre-decayed rotting roadkill and casting it on predators. They only do that when really threatened.

They don't seem to mind curious trespassers near their roosting trees, but please don't threaten their fledglings!

Turkey vultures are good parents. They mate for life. Females lay two, sometimes one, or rarely three eggs typically on the ground. The eggs are botched whitish with brown and lavender coloring and hatch in about thirty days.

Both parents take turns incubating the eggs and feeding their babies by regurgitation. Chicks learn to protect themselves. They learn to regurgitate early from their parents, and they may hiss and regurgitate on strangers if approached.

When the chicks learn to fly at about three months of age, they are ready to begin searching for their own food and are accompanied on foraging outings by a parent for several months more.

Turkey vultures are exceptionally efficient when it comes to cleaning up icky, putrid dead things that no one else wants to deal with.

Dead animals are a dan-

gerous breeding ground for infectious diseases such as rabies, botulism, anthrax, and cholera that can be passed to humans.

Vultures have strong digestive acids in their stomachs that can destroy these toxins. The Latin name for turkey vulture is "cathartes aura" which means 'cleansing breeze.'

Turkey vultures eat carrion mostly. Feeds mainly on dead animals, preferring those recently dead. Vultures prefer meat as fresh as possible and won't eat extremely rotted carcasses. They feed by thrusting their heads into the body cavities of rotting animals.

Some Belle Fourche summer activities and natural events seem to agitate the turkey vultures. For example, summer storms, wind, the fourth of July carnival and parade, outdoor concerts, etc. During these occurrences the kettles tend to circle more vigorously.

Our Belle Fourche vultures are the same birds who were here in past years. In the winter they may travel as far as South America.

They will migrate in flocks and travel long distances without feeding. Researchers have determined that turkey vultures can travel at up to two hundred miles in a day.

Once again, welcome home Belle Fourche Turkey Vultures! It's great to have you back!




Belle Fourche Beacon 'Happenings' and News Bytes Calendar

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

Belle Fourche Writers
Belle Fourche Writers April meeting schedule: Monday April 6 is the editing meeting. Bring whatever you are working on and copies to share 2-4 PM. The Regular April Meeting is Saturday April 18 from 10 AM to Noon. All writers are invited to attend! Meetings are held at the Belle Fourche Public Library.

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

April Events
Line Dancing! Thursdays 5:30 PM in April. No partner needed. Bring your friends and have fun. Free for members. (14 yrs and up) Non-members \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$4 youth.

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

Women's Basketball League Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament Sunday, April 19.

Belle Fourche Rec Center Wellness Fair & Marketplace
DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 18 TIME: 9:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.
Please schedule your blood donation appointment by visiting www.donors.vitalant.org and enter the blood drive code: bellefourcherec. Let's save lives together at the 12th Annual Wellness Fair & Marketplace. Join us for a variety of vendors, door prizes and refreshments too. For more details, call the Belle Fourche Rec Center at 605-892-2467

Tri-State Museum
Tri-State Museum opens Rocks and Minerals mini exhibit; The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will open a mini exhibit entitled, "Rocks and Minerals," on Saturday, April 11.; The exhibit will be in the Visitor Center and include rocks and minerals to examine, storyboards, photos, geologic equipment, a microscope, books and guides, a touchscreen quiz and a take-home workbook on the subject for young people; Beverages and specially themed cupcakes will be served throughout the day and the museum is open from 9 to 5. There is no charge to enter the museum or see this mini exhibit which is up until June 12; The Tri-State is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. It can be reached by calling 605-723-1200.


Astronomy class for kids in grades 2-4
The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold an astronomy class for kids in grades 2-4 on Saturday, April 11th from 10 a.m. to noon; The class will consist of a video, a kids' Power Point, activities and crafts, a book drawing and refreshments. Kids will learn about the vastness of space plus planets and meteor showers to look for in 2026; Cost of the class is \$2 per person or free with museum membership and reservations are required; call 605-723-1200.

Family Fun Day: Science and Beauty of Crystals
Families learn the science behind crystal formation and how they are used and collected. Film, activities, book-drawing, free take-home packet. Refreshments served. \$2 per person or free with membership. 2-4 PM April 19

Tri-State Performers: Dancin Daughters of Diamond City
Comedic play about Mineral Marge, her many daughters and the fact that they go out dancing at night and are too tired to work the next day in Marge's mine. Where are they going? Mineral Marge hires several unusual characters to learn the truth. Entertainment for the whole family. Admission is \$2 per person or free with membership. 7-9 PM April 24-25

Mini Exhibit Reception: Rocks and Minerals
Opening reception for an exhibit on Rocks and Minerals, with storyboards, photos, artifacts, touchscreen quiz, take-home workbook, refreshments served. \$2 per person or free with membership 2-4 PM April 11.

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Saturday, April 18th 2026
9:00 am-3:00 pm

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Contact Tessa for more information
605-892-2467 or tessa@bellefourche.org

NORTHERN HILLS AREA CASA CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



- April 1 - Spearfish Chamber Coffee Connection; NHCASA Office; 8:00 - 9:00 AM
- April 1 - Caring Community Night; Sawyer Brewing; Spearfish; 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- April 6 - Arby's Fundraiser Night; Spearfish; 4:00 - 7:00 PM
- April 9 - Community Cup O'CASA; Brew Berry Bistro; Sturgis; 9:00 - 10:00 AM
- April 16 - Community Cup O'CASA; That Place; Lead; 9:00 - 10:00 AM
- April 23 - Community Cup O'CASA; Wild Magnolia; Belle Fourche; 9:00 - 10:00 AM
- April 30 - Community Cup O'CASA; Ally's Eats; Spearfish; 9:00 - 10:00 AM

We are excited to connect with our local community members to raise awareness about the CASA mission and child maltreatment. Wear blue in April to support child abuse prevention. Consider getting involved and discover how **YOU** can change a child's story!

Pinwheels for Prevention launched in 2008 as a national campaign to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect. Pinwheels represent playfulness and joy. They serve as a physical reminder of the great childhoods we want for all children. As a symbol, the cyclical nature of the pinwheel calls to mind the positive cycles of love and support we want to help families create. It also signifies America's efforts to change the way our nation thinks about prevention by focusing on community activities. Prevention happens when a community comes together to bring awareness and education to the issues surrounding child maltreatment. Every child deserves the chance to be raised in a healthy, safe, and nurturing environment.



Please stop by Northern Hills CASA, located at 741 N. 5th St. in Spearfish, during the month of April and "Pick a Pinwheel" from our garden. Display it to demonstrate your commitment to preventing child abuse.

TRACK SCHEDULE 2026 BELLE FOURCHE

Head: MATTHEW WATTIER | ASSTS: BRITTANY CLARKSON, SAMANTHA COMES, KYLE GRASLIE & KYLE HAXTON

DATE	MEET	SITE	TIME
3/26 - Thursday	Newcastle Invite ^	Away	9:00 am
4/2 - Thursday	Early Bird Invite (Sturgis) ^	Away	9:00 am
4/7 - Tuesday	Douglas Early Bird Invite (Box Elder)	Away	9:00 am
4/10 - Friday	Queen City Invite (Spearfish)	Away	9:00 am
4/14 - Tuesday	Spearfish JV Invite ^	Away	11:00 am
4/16 - Thursday	Track O' Rama (O'Harra) ^	Away	9:00 am
4/18 - Saturday	Center of the Nation Invite (Belle)	Home	8:00 am
4/21 - Tuesday	Rapid City JV Invite (O'Harra)	Away	11:00 am
4/23 - Thursday	Custer Invite	Away	9:00 am
4/28 - Tuesday	Northern Hills Invite (Belle)	Home	8:00 am
			10:30 am CST
5/1-2 - Friday / Saturday	Howard Wood Relays (Sioux Falls)	Away	9:00 am CST
5/5 - Tuesday	JV Invite (Sturgis)	Away	10:00 am
5/9 - Saturday	Black Hills Classic Invite (Sturgis)	Away	8:00 am
5/12 - Tuesday	Mountain West Invite (Lead)	Away	10:00 am
5/14 - Thursday	Black Hills Conference Invite (Custer)	Away	9:00 am
5/19 - Tuesday	Last Chance Invite (Rapid City - O'Harra)	Away	9:00 am
5/28-30	State A - Sioux Falls	Away	TBA

Bold @ Belle Fourche | Red - Playoff / State | ^ Denotes Update on 1/14/2026

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK SCHEDULE 2026 BELLE FOURCHE

Head: SARAH THOMPSON | ASSTS: BRODY BENSON, LARS DUNAVANT, KARLEE GUSO & JIM MARTIN

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	Start Time
3/31 - Tuesday	Douglas (Box Elder) Invite	Away	9:00 am
4/7 - Tuesday	Sturgis Quad	Away	1:00 pm
4/11 - Saturday	Spearfish Invite	Away	9:00 am
4/17 - Friday	Belle Fourche Invite	Home	9:00 am
4/21 - Tuesday	Custer Invite	Away	TBD
4/24 - Friday	Lead-Deadwood Invite ^	Away	Cancelled
5/2 - Saturday	Jeff Smit Invite - Sturgis	Away	8:00 am
5/5 - Tuesday	West River Invite - Rapid - Sioux Park	Away	8:00 am
5/8 - Friday	Black Hills Conference Invite (Spearfish)	Away	9:00 am

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^ Denotes Update on 3/18/26

Social Security & Medicare Basics

Hosted by



12 pm Wednesday, April 22, 2026

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Guest speakers

Ashley Sanders, NSSA
Certified National Social Security Advisor



Stephanie Salazar
Health & Life Insurance Advisor



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- How much can I earn before Social Security payments are taxable?
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- When do I sign up for Medicare?
- What are the Medicare A, B, C & Ds?

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SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026
REGISTER BY APRIL 8, 2026

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RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

**SATURDAY MAY 2, 2026
8AM - 12PM**

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Belle Fourche Veterinary Clinic
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Belle Fourche, SD



The City of Belle Fourche will be onsite for city licenses.

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April 1 - May 15, 2026
Chakki Arts Center at Michipyo Lala
Pierre Ridge, SD 57770

Reception: Thursday April 23, 2026 4-7p

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April 18, 2026

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Saturday, April 11th 8am-2pm
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- Jewelry, purses, books, collectibles
- Antiques, tools, and much more....

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENT RETAIL (ON-SALE) LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Butte County Commissioners will meet in the Commissioner's Room at the Butte County Courthouse, which is located at 839 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD, 57717 on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 9:45 p.m.** to consider a special event retail (on-sale) liquor license.

Said applicant is as follows:

Retail (on-sale) Liquor Special Event License:

APPLICANT	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF LICENSE
Branding Iron Steakhouse 19079 US Hwy 85 Belle Fourche, SD 57717	Lot 1 Subd TRA in SE1/4 SE1/4 Ex. Lot H1 & H2 Section 22, Twp 8, Range 2	Retail (on- sale) Liquor Special Event Retail Liquor Wedding July 15, 2023

Notice is further given that any person, persons, or their attorney may appear at said scheduled public hearing and present objections to any or all applicants, if any objections there be.

Dated at Belle Fourche, SD, this 31st day of March, 2026.
/s/ Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of April at the hour of 9:50 AM., the Board of Butte County Commissioners will be in session at the Butte County Courthouse in the City of Belle Fourche at 839 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, Butte County, South Dakota for the purpose of approving Resolution 2026-18 Providing for Cancellation of Liens Issued by Butte County After Being Determined Uncollectable Due to Death, Bankruptcy, or Other Circumstances

RESOLUTION 2026-18

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF LIENS ISSUED BY BUTTE COUNTY AFTER BEING DETERMINED UNCOLLECTABLE DUE TO DEATH, BANKRUPTCY, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.

WHEREAS, the following is a list of the liens where the County Auditor has confirmed that person or persons have been declared deceased, have declared bankruptcy, or otherwise are unable to pay the debt incurred.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the County Auditor and Register of Deeds be authorized to cancel these accounts in the lien register and cease to carry these as outstanding liens.

Name	Amount	Reason
Ager, Mac	\$372.75	Deceased
Amos, Steven	\$55.00	Deceased
Azure, Steven	\$1,100.00	Deceased
Barnes, Eric	\$3,233.55	Deceased
Bartels, Barry	\$116.10	Deceased
Bartrillo, James	\$693.70	Deceased
Batton, James	\$3,486.06	Deceased
Belsom, Leslie	\$124.25	Deceased
Boisjolie, Lloyd	\$305.10	Deceased
Boyd, Randy	\$570.80	Deceased
Bradley, Laverna	\$371.10	Deceased
Brown, Joann	\$74.20	Deceased
Carlson, Richard	\$226.10	Deceased
Cass, Shane	\$220.00	Deceased
Coleman, Timothy	\$3,037.80	Deceased
Collins, Carmella	\$355.00	Deceased
Cooper, Charles	\$220.00	Deceased
Davis, Gary	\$90.00	Deceased
Deak, James	\$278.65	Deceased
Delatore, Salvador	\$2,131.00	Deceased
Dibeluis, Gerald	\$612.40	Deceased
Eatherton, Patrick	\$348.80	Deceased
Flaigg, Christopher	\$1,030.00	Deceased
Foster, Gregory	\$199.80	Deceased
Frendan, John	\$140.00	Deceased
Fritzler, Dawn	\$6,090.47	Deceased
Gaffey, Ronald	\$684.00	Deceased
Gambell, Shirley	\$799.30	Deceased
Garreau, Gibson	\$275.00	Deceased
Gauze, Heath	\$65.00	Deceased
Geigle, Robert	\$190.00	Deceased
Glasgow, David	\$10,863.14	Deceased

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Robbi Longbrake

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NEWELL—Neighbors gathered for an evening of fellowship, food, and fun to celebrate Holy Thursday on April 2 at Newell City Hall.

Everyone was invited to the community program and encouraged to bring a friend! Meat was provided; the choices were lamb and chicken. For the potluck, each was encouraged to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Pastor Terri Dutton Blanchett with the Dakota Life Christian Center welcomed everyone and gave the blessing before supper. "We're so glad you're here joining us tonight. We're going to say a prayer over our food, there's plenty of it," she said.

After everyone finished their hot, fresh food, Pastor Terri and her son Jason Blanchett invited the audience to sing along with them as they guided everyone through the hymn Amazing Grace.

Jason then took the microphone and gave words of encouragement. "I'm not going to speak too long, but, you know, I was praying about what to talk about a little bit for this service today, and I felt the Holy Spirit give me the word family, and how that ties into this weekend and us celebrating Easter and the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus," he said.

He looked up the word family and learned it was basically a group of persons united by the ties of marriage,

blood, or adoption, and wondered how that coincided with what is celebrated on Easter Sunday. He then referred to John 3:16 and read, "For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

The speaker then explained that God loved us so much, He sent His only Son to die on the cross, to sacrifice Himself in blood for us to become family, and that we are children of God or family. And that as a true father, God sacrificed for us, His children. He then likened the relationship to those who have children and would do or sacrifice anything for them. He said, "we help them get through school, get education. When

they graduate, we try to help them, get married, get good jobs. I mean, all anything we can do as parents to help them to succeed, God's doing the same thing for us."

Communion was offered for anyone who wanted to take part; it was led by Fred Wilson. He explained, "when we really think about communion and attitude, our attitude toward communion should cause it to be one of the most sacred and holy things that we do, and that should be our attitude."

Sabrina Harmon, Director of Whatever It Takes Coalition, was a driving force in putting together the evening. She thanked everyone for coming. "I want to thank you guys all for coming out. I know with this

weather—we had a lot of calls for people trying to get their cattle in before the storm and such. But I really appreciate you guys, because it is a lot of work to put this together, and you never know if you're going to serve 50 or 150," she said. She then invited everyone to take leftovers home for another meal later.

Pastor Lance Putnam of Newell Christian Fellowship gave the closing prayer. He also thanked everyone for coming out. "Thank you everybody that worked so hard to put this together. Thanks everybody for coming out tonight as well," he said. Putnam then went on to take prayer requests and finished the evening in prayer.

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Community members enjoy each other's company. Longbrake photo

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

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Pastor Lance Putnam serves up a choice of lamb or chicken. Longbrake photo

Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson
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We had a fun time last Sunday at the Hymn Sing in Bison at the Grace Bible Fellowship Church. Choirs from all local churches sang some beautiful Christian songs and we ended the evening having lunch and fellowship with a lot of friends.

Ed Laisy built out of rock and it was the Gill Post Office where Ed was the postmaster. Lois gave me a picture of the Sorum store that Carl Hallan built after the old store burned down.

Monday was a nice day with a 60degree temperature. Flu is going around here on the ranch so none of the great grandkids went to school that day and Papa Reub didn't feel very good either.

I got a couple of fun phone calls on Tuesday. Jens Hansen called me to talk about the old days and the uranium claims in the Slim Buttes and then I got another good call from Les Wolff.

Wednesday was April 1st, which is April Fool's Day, and that always makes me remember my father's older sister Clair (White) Johns because that was her birthday.

April 2nd was Maundy Thursday so we had a potluck supper and service with communion following at Slim Buttes Lutheran Church that evening with a good crowd

in attendance. It started to rain and snow by the time we were ready to go home and the sidewalk and the highway were both icy, so I drove pretty slow heading back to the ranch.

It snowed hard all day on April 3 which was Good Friday and the snow was pretty deep between the house and the chicken coop, but I kept reminding myself that "It's moisture". The really exciting news we got that day was we have another great grandson! Our grandson Trig and Dakotah Olson became new parents to little Haze Samuel.

There are more deaths to report: Robert Lee "Bob" Hall of Hettinger, North Dakota, passed away peacefully March 5. Graveside Service of Remembrance with Full Military Honors will be Friday June 19, at 3:30 p.m. at the

Hettinger Cemetery in Hettinger. Following the graveside service, a reception will follow at the Pastime Steakhouse in Hettinger.

Baine Arthur Maupin, age 74, passed away Saturday March 28, at Rolling Hills, Nursing Home in Belle Fourche. His funeral service was April 7, at the Harding County Recreation Center.

A huge crowd came to the Easter Resurrection Celebration service at Slim Buttes Lutheran Church Sunday morning. After the service there was an Easter egg hunt for the little people and a pancake and sausage breakfast for everyone with the men doing the cooking and the serving.

He is risen! Death has been defeated and victory belongs to Christ. Have faith in Him and He will always be there for you!



Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

March 30, 1916

Wold's Orchestra journeyed over to Empire Saturday night to play for a dance at Semmon's barn. After waiting around for about an hour or so, for the supposed manager of the dance to show up, they returned home.

American Steel fence posts, galvanized inside and outside arrived. They protect stock from lightning; they do not burn and have been tested for 17 years. They require no staples; you can burn your fence weeds and destroy the bugs.

A baseball team was organized at Sulphur Sunday, and the first game of the season was played between Sulphur and South Sulphur, the latter winning 12 to 13.

George Berg, County Dragger, was busy for the past few days and has improved the roads in all directions immensely. The mud hole that has in the past pestered so many travelers in this vicinity will be a thing of the past.

April 1, 1926

Next Monday evening is the regular meeting night of the City Council. At the last special meeting a new Ordinance was agreed upon which would prevent the installation of a corner filling station at the intersection of Girard Ave. and 3rd Street.

The Newell School Museum is growing every day. The last addition to the collection was several petrified pieces of wood and bones. Donations of anything of historical value will be very much appreciated.

Superintendent and Mrs. P. O. Hanson, Mrs. C. W. Woodford and Miss Mabel Kenaston were among the Newell people who journeyed to Deadwood last night to hear the San Carlos Grand Opera Company performance.

April 3, 1936

A meeting has been called for Saturday, April 3 at 1:00 PM at Hoover, to discuss the matter of building a telephone line from Zeona to Newell, according to word received from Charles Laflin, editor of the Govert Advance and leading promoter of the project.

The Corner Store wants the name of every mother in the community. They want to give a regular size tin of Heinz Baby Food to every baby. Register your name in their store and you will receive a card through the mail which will entitle you to one of the 10 varieties of Heinz Foods absolutely free.

by Linda Velder

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Maurice Phipps, Spearfish, former Relief Director of Lawrence County, was recently ordered to Butte County as agent for the Resettlement Division. Mr. Phipps will have his office in the basement of the Don Pratt Hotel at Belle Fourche and will consult with clients each Saturday.

March 28, 1946

O. J. Comes of Nisland was visiting friends in Newell on Tuesday of this week. He informed us that he and Charlie Wilson are planning a big bear hunting trip in the Teton Mountains of Wyoming this fall.

The Sam Bober building, formerly occupied by the Corner Store, is undergoing extensive repairs and will soon become the home of the Newell Gambles Store. New flooring has been laid and new shelving installed, painting and varnishing will require some time.

Glenn Miller and his troupe of 20 entertainers held a Youth Rally in the Vale gymnasium last Saturday night. The program consisted of instrumental and vocal numbers. Due to the huge success, the troupe will be there again on April 6th.

April 5th is set for dairy subsidy payments for the months of January, February and March will be made in Newell Friday, it was announced this week. Payments will be made at the Newell City Hall and will amount to 17 cents per pound for butterfat and 60 cents per pound per 100 weight for milk.

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April 5, 1956

Bentonite clay is the new, low-cost method of lining irrigation ditched that is being tested in 3 states. The clay product costs only 7 cents per square yard as against 50 cents that farmers and ranchers now pay for the cheapest common linings.

Mrs. Arne Lund and daughter Charlotte called at the Quincy I. Wright home near Vale Friday. On Tuesday Mr. & Mrs. Wright were dinner guests of the Waldon Lemm home. The Lemm family traveled to Redfield, where they visited over the weekend with her parents Mr. & Mrs. Tubandt and other relatives.

Easter specials at Bratton's include: Cambell's soups: tomato 12 cents, vegetable 14 cents, beef 17 cents; Trisco enriched flour 5 lb bag 47 cents, 10 lb bag 89 cents, 25 lbs \$1.95, 50 lbs \$3.75; Golden Valley shortening 3 lb can 75 cents; Swan's-Down cake flour package 37 cents; Prefix All-Purpose cleaner 67 cents; Sta-Flo liquid laundry starch half gallon 55 cents.

Wendelny Richter left Monday morning for Boston, Mass, where he will be stationed with the Army, after a 10-day visit with his mother, Mrs. Marianna Richter and family. He also spent time at the Bill Smeenk home.

April 7, 1966

The annual sale of Easter lilies for the benefit of the Butte County and South Dakota Crippled Children will be conducted in Newell this Saturday, April 9th, it is announced by Mrs. Matt Klinkner, President of VFW Auxiliary which cooperates with the annual drive now underway. Members of the Newelletes 4-H Club will conduct the sale as a community service project and all people are urged to buy a lily to help this worthy cause.

Rep. E. Y. Berry this week described the bill setting uniform dates for the commencing and ending of daylight-saving time as "another area where the Federal Government is taking over jurisdiction which properly belongs to the states." Under the terms beginning 1967, all states would automatically be covered by "fast time", from the last Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October except where the state Legislature acts to exempt the entire state, Berry explained.

Dale Sprague was an overnight guest of Gary Wendt both Friday and Saturday nights. On Saturday the boys sheared sheep at the Joe Klein farm east of Newell. Allen Deschamps also helped with the shearing operation, but commuted on his own.



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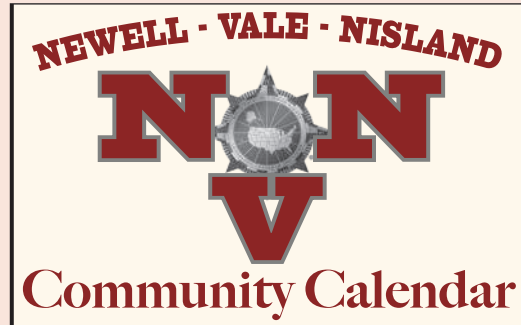
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 30) Scrambled Eggs/Sausage, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Chicken Patty, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	31) Quiche, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Pigs in a Blanket, Corn, Fruit, Milk	April 1) Turkey Bites, Cereal, Fruit, 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!



Holy Thursday Celebration Photos



Pastor Terri Dutton Blanchett and her son Jason Blanchett sang "Amazing Grace." Jason Blanchett was the main speaker for the evening. Longbrake photo



Taking time to serve lamb or chicken to hungry Holy Thursday participants. Longbrake photo



Drinks included coffee, water, and iced tea. Longbrake photo



Sabrina Harmon and Pastor Lance Putnam thank everyone for coming out. Longbrake photo



Fred Wilson served up the Communion message. Longbrake photo



The Newell community members listen to Jason Blanchett deliver the Easter message. Longbrake photo

Whatever It Takes Coalition LUNCHEON MEETING INVITATION

When: Monday, April 27, 2026 * 11:30 am Free Luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. with program to follow.

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

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



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Please let me know if you can make it, so I can plan accordingly. Want to make sure I have enough for lunch and seats set up. sabrina.harmon.wit@sdplains.com * 605-381-9136

Newell Lion's Club PANCAKE SUPPER Friday, April 17, 2026 5:00 pm-7:00 pm at NVN Senior Citizen Center. Includes menu items like Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy, Milk, Juice & Coffee. Free will donation. Fundraiser for the Newell Lion's Club. There will also be a Silent Auction & Bake Sale.