



## Remembrance Marks Memorial Day Service at Pine Slope Cemetery

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BELLE FOURCHE—Music from Center of the Nation Brass welcomed those gathered at Memorial Hill in Pine Slope Cemetery for Memorial Day services on the morning of May 25.

The weather was sunny, calm, and perfect for the United States funeral honors flags to be raised along the Veterans Memorial Avenue of Flags. One hundred sixteen flags greeted everyone as they entered Pine Slope Cemetery.

Master of Ceremonies Wm. Blaine Anderson, VFW 3312, greeted the crowd. “Good morning, and welcome to the Belle Fourche Memorial Day program here at Pine Slope. I’m Blaine Anderson with VFW Post 3312 and I’ll be your host today,” he said. “Memorial Day is a somber holiday, a lot like Patriots Day. Our Fourth of July celebration and Veterans Day, and a whole lot of other things, are just a big party—but today we don’t have to be sorrowful, but it is a day of remembrance of those who are not with us here today.”

Rev. Rick Brennan gave the invocation followed by a welcome given by Mayor Randy Schmidt.

“Good morning, welcome to the city of Belle Fourche. This Memorial Day we want to express our gratitude to the sacrifice made by all of our great service members,” said Schmidt.

The National Anthem was played by the Center of the Nation Brass.

Several organizations



Belle Fourche Police Department lays a memorial wreath. Longbrake photo

participated in a wreath-laying ceremony honoring the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation. After the wreaths were laid, the Center of the Nation Brass played a tribute to all of the military service branches of the United States of America.

In preparation for this year’s Memorial Day service, the Belle Fourche VFW Post 3312 brought in a guest speaker from Arizona to give the Memorial Day address. Master Chief Petty Officer Steven M. Fields served

more than three decades in the United States sea services, beginning his military career in the U.S. Navy from 1985 to 1989 before continuing with the U.S. Coast Guard from August 1990 until his retirement in July 2016.

The speaker took to the podium and addressed the crowd. “Good morning, it’s an honor to stand here with you today again, my name is Master Chief Steven Fields, and I’ve served this great nation for just over 30 years,” he said.

Fields went on to discuss

the importance of Memorial Day. “I personally have seen the cost. That is why Memorial Day carries a very specific meaning for me. It is not just a date on the calendar or simply the unofficial start of summer; this date is set aside intentionally to remember those who are no longer with us, and more importantly, to remember why they are no longer with us,” shared Master Chief Fields. “Behind every name we honor today is a story, a life that was lived, a future that was planned, and a family that is forever

changed.”

He shared personal experiences from his service and spoke about the sacrifices Memorial Day is meant to honor. “...the symbol of a folded flag presented to somebody who will carry that moment for the rest of their lives. That folded flag only weighs about 2.1 pounds, but to the mother, wife, husband, or child receiving it, it can weigh more than the world. Thirteen folds, 13 meanings, one unimaginable sacrifice,”

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## Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum Celebrates One-Year Anniversary

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BELLE FOURCHE—Just outside Belle Fourche, a special destination filled with curiosity and wonder invites visitors to explore animals that went extinct millions of years ago. What began as a dream for owner Walter Stein became reality when he opened Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum one year ago, a milestone that was celebrated May 23 with a daylong anniversary event. “To make it one year is amazing. This has been a wonderful, terrible, frightening, but an amazing year—we got here,” explained Stein. “A year and a half ago, and most people didn’t think we could turn a garage into a museum, and I think we’ve done a pretty good job for not having a whole lot of money and not having a whole lot of manpower, so it’s all good!”

Since planning and building the museum, Stein has

been going full steam ahead. He hasn’t had a lot of time to just sit and bask in all of the accomplishments he has made to date. “We’ve been running around for the last 18 months, just running around, working our tails off—trying to get this place in ship shape and fixing problems and putting out fires and working on advertising and all that good stuff—all the while trying to continue doing our dinosaur digs, which we’ve been doing for 20 years—except now we’re doing twice as many,” shared Stein. “I haven’t really had time to process—I think it’s just, okay, what’s the next thing on the list that has to be done? Get it done, check it off, cross it off my list, move on to the next thing!”

Part of the planning included setting up the one-year anniversary celebration. The day started with a reduced admission fee and 15% off at Expedition Outpost Gift Shop, including season passes, an art

contest, “Name That Dinosaur” just for kids, and a dinosaur presentation.

The museum closed early to make way for a private invitation-only event. The turnout was great; the space was filled with special VIP guests that included landowners, board members, sponsors, supporters, investors, longtime fossil hunters, successful diggers, employees, and family.

Stein welcomed everyone to the event. “Wow! Thank you guys for coming out and helping celebrate our one-year anniversary! This is awesome. We would not exist without you guys; you guys really helped with supporting us and helping us this whole time,” he said.

There were a series of three videos shown. The first was a walkthrough of the history of the museum beginning with the plans and moving forward. “This did not happen overnight. We literally have spent

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Digging for dinosaur bones in a hands-on activity inside the museum. Longbrake photo

## Voters Hear from District 28 Candidates Ahead of June 2 Primary

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BELLE FOURCHE—An evening dedicated to learning more about the candidates running for Legislative District 28—South Dakota House of Representatives District 28B and Senate District 28—was held at Venue 519 on May 21. The primary is June 2.

The event focused on community interactions with the candidates as everyone in attendance was invited to ask a question. Hosted by the Butte County Republican Committee, Tom Brunner was the moderator for the evening. He not only asked questions, but spent time sharing his opinion on a variety of issues.

Brunner welcomed everyone to the forum. “Thank you for coming, and thank you to the Chamber for partnering with

us on these events and doing the advertising. We really appreciate that. What we’ve got tonight is District 28 House candidates and Senate candidates...”

And with that, Travis Ismay, incumbent, and Larry Schmaltz, both running for House District 28B, spent time introducing themselves. Sam Marty, incumbent, and Ryan Maher, both running for Senate District 28, were up next. Maher introduced himself while Marty was unable to attend the event, so a statement was read on his behalf.

The first topic of discussion was brought up by Brunner regarding campaign mailers. He said, “Something I want to address, is anybody sick of getting these things in the mail? I’ll tell you what, you know, I know a lot of them are sent by, you know, third

parties, whatever. To me they’re disgusting, and that’s not what South Dakota politics should be about, I think... To me, it’s disgusting because they’re bringing millions of dollars of out-of-state money into South Dakota to defeat good, hardworking candidates.” He went on to say when he was in the Legislature he was against sending out any negative ads. “To me, that’s just rotten campaigning, and I don’t know. I don’t appreciate it, and I don’t think anybody in here appreciates that either,” he said.

Then he asked the candidates, “So, maybe just address that... how you handled some of these facts that are filling our mailbox.”

“I’ve been doing this for quite a few years, and this is the first year that I have had more

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Larry Schmaltz, candidate for House District 28B. Longbrake photo

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### Theodore Joseph Volk, 17

Theodore Joseph Volk, 17, of Nisland, SD passed away on May 18th, 2026 at Monument Health Rapid City surrounded by his loving family. Theodore made the courageous decision to give life to countless others through organ donation.

Born on April 25th, 2009 in Spearfish, SD, he was the son of Megan and Joseph Volk and sibling to his three brothers and four sisters. He attended Spearfish High School where he joined football, track and wrestling. He lettered in varsity wrestling and went to the state match this year. He was looking forward to serving in the Marines after graduation.

Theo worked helping his family on Odessa Farm. Outside of work, Theo had a passion for woodworking, hunting, and many outdoor activities.

Theo is survived by his parents Megan and Joseph Volk, his grandparents David and Marla Elsom of Spearfish, June and Thomas Volk of



Mobridge, siblings Mae, Olivia, Henry, Gretchen, William, Beatrice, and Charles Volk as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Tuesday, May 26th 2026 at 10:30 am. Additionally there will be a separate Celebration of his Life for classmates and friends at Connection Church at 1:30pm on the same day. A private burial will follow these services. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Theodore Volk Memorial account at First Interstate Bank by contacting the bank and inquiring. Condolences can be shared with the family at Meal Train using the code or QR code: mealtrain.com/44g138

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### Carol Johnston, 66

It is with mixed emotions of sorrow and profound peace that we announce the passing of Carol Ann Johnston, age 66 of Belle Fourche, who died Thursday, May 14, 2026, at the Monument Health Spearfish Hospital.

Carol was born March 6, 1960, in Deadwood, SD to Arthur and Margaret Johnston. The Johnston family moved to a variety of places while Carol was small child including Missouri, Kentucky, Nevada and California while her father Art worked construction.

The family lived in Idaho Springs, CO for the longest before settling in Spearfish, SD in approximately 1974. Carol's family started a trucking company that her brother Mike owns and operates to this day. In her childhood years, Carol was a Brownie in the Girls Scouts and played clarinet in the school band. Carol enjoyed many things in her youth, including time with friends and family, travel, various art, and photography, but the pastime she loved most was dance. She excelled as a country swing/litterbug dancer and attended many events with the live music and friends she loved so much.

Carol worked a variety of jobs in her life but was most proud of being a Hoist Operator for the Homestake Gold Mine. Carol spent her retirement days with her beloved cats Calie and Bella and special friends. Carol found a deep love for plants/gardens of any kind and in her later years, found a love for Christ. She attended services at her church in Belle Fourche whenever she could. Her witty sense of humor, chatty nature and stubbornness created an eventful journey in life, Carol never met a stranger.

Carol was the mother of two children: her daughter, Trish, or her "Christmas Baby" born December 12, and three years later welcomed her son, Randall, or her "Birthday Baby", who she proclaimed was the best birthday present she ever received as they share the

same birthday. Carol later welcomed her grandchild Vin. Her grandson was the "sunshine" of her life, and she could be counted upon the show her brag book of photographs of him to anyone who would take a moment to view them. Carol lived a life that was uniquely hers. While some of her relationships throughout her life faced their undeniable challenges, ultimately her children and loved ones were blessed with the time and grace to work through differences, find forgiveness, and make amends. That chapter of healing brought peace to her family's hearts, and they are grateful for the moments of connection they shared in her final time on this earth. Trish and Randall would like to thank those that loved their mother through her life's journey.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia "Trish" (R.C.) Johnston of Belle Fourche; son, Randall (Thavy Em) Johnston of Fresno CA; grandson, Vin Garza of Belle Fourche; brother, Michael Johnston of Belle Fourche; Special Friend, Annie (Justin) Bush of Belle Fourche; several cousins, extended family members and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her Mother, Margie; Father, Art; Grandparents; Great Grandparents; as well as several beloved Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins.

A celebration of her life and journey toward healing will be held at a later date where all who knew her, and who believe in the power of grace and redemption, are welcome to attend and share happy stories and memories, as Carol most wanted to be happy in this life!

Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

**Family and Friends of Peter 'Pete' M. Ferguson are respectfully invited to attend a celebration of life, which will be held at St. James Episcopal Church in Belle Fourche on June 6, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.**

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

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### Pastor's Perspective

*This Perspective is from Pastor Jack Hayford.*

#### "How to Keep Yourself in Freedom"

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. — Galatians 5:1

The Lord Jesus Christ has not surrendered us to circumstance where we are like people walking through a mine field who never know if they're going to get blown up. There is a relentless attack of the adversary. The fiery darts are raining around us everywhere, but they don't have to break in on you. Periodically, you may get hit by a dart, but that doesn't mean you're bound; it can just mean you're wounded. But unless that wound is dealt with, it becomes infected, spiritually-speaking, and can begin to poison your system.

For example, the feelings of a believer in Jesus Christ are hurt. They get hit by a dart of criticism. They deal with it by pulling the dart out, and saying something like, "Lord Jesus, just take the venom out of that. I forgive that person. Let there come freedom, Jesus." And they still feel the hurt, so the next day again, they say, "Lord, I stand in the liberty by which You've made me free. I will not let bitterness or resentment come against my friend, my brother, my boss, the unbeliever—whoever it was that took a shot at me and managed to register it and it hurt." And so they keep the wound clean until it heals.

But if they let that wound stay, then a spirit of bitterness can become an infection. They've got something sucking out their life and health in the Lord. There needs to be something dealt to break that thing. You can break it by confession and repentance on your own part; you don't need to go a prayer room or get ministered to. On the other hand, there may have come such a place of bondage by that unforgiveness and resentment that you need folks to join with you.

A lot of times people stumble along and don't even realize how the whole thing happened until they enter into a conversation and things begin to surface. Then whoever is ministering to them begins to discern it and helps them to recognize and deal with it.

How do you keep yourself in freedom? Jesus said, Watch and pray. Watch—that's keep alert, keep awake, keep sensitive. Recognize what's going on. Be an understanding person. The word "watch" there is the same word that's used for the idea of a person being "on watch." It's the soldier that's up from midnight to four; that's his "watch," and he's on duty, watching for the enemy. Watch!

**Ephesians 4:32**  
*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

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people meddling in a legislative campaign than I've ever seen before. Some of these mailers, I didn't even know they had gone out. They don't contact you, they just send them out, and you don't even know they're going out," said Maher. "So, I mean, that's the only thing you can do, is just call them and ask them not to do anything, and hopefully they don't. So, yeah, and it's all Facebook-driven. If you want to do something for your own sanity, turn off Facebook for the next two weeks!"

Schmaltz responded, "Yes, the postcards that I have sent out, they're paid for by me and those went out, they were positive. I have not sent anything out negative. I've asked anybody that I've talked to or worked with—do not send anything out negative with my name on it. I don't want any negative campaigning on that. There is one group that has sent something out, a postcard on my behalf that I didn't know they were doing."

"Well, I haven't done a postcard, and I'm not gonna! If you get anything that says anything bad about my opponents, it wasn't me, because I'm not going to do that. I would appreciate it too, if someone would stop sending me these things in my mailbox, because I just throw them away, and hopefully you guys do too," said Ismay. "I've had a lot of negative against me too, but I mean, I kind of figure that's the way politics works. I mean, it's not like I'm not going to get any negative press. I think it's ridiculous the amount of money that out-of-state PACs have been dumping into this thing, and I don't understand, so I would suggest whoever's doing that stop. Thank you."

Deb Elliot printed out and distributed Pre-Primary Campaign Contributions Reported in May 2026. The report contained all of the contribution sources for each campaign. "I looked through the campaign finance reports with a fine-tooth comb, and I am sick to my stomach at what I see, and I put

together a spreadsheet, and I printed out all four candidates' campaign finance reports, so if you want to see copies, they're in the back. I paid for copies, you can all see the evidence. I did a comparison, and I will ask you to talk about the results of this comparison, because I think it's very telling... I'm so mad I am trying to stay calm, but it just makes me angry, because what it says is that we don't have local control. If you are my representative, you're not going to listen to me—you're going to listen to the people who pay money," she said.

Schmaltz replied, "Deb, I would never vote what's not my conscience. You can scream all you want to, but you are absolutely wrong. I did not solicit any of the funds that I received. People looked at my business experience and decided that I was a good candidate and they wanted to support me for that reason. I will not vote against my conscience or my constituents. That's just absolutely not who I am."

"I have my morals, my standards, my Christian values—I'm a Catholic by trade, and I have that grounding, and I think I've shown that over the years that I'm not bought influence—I'm not going to trade a vote for \$5 first, it's illegal, but for \$500 really, you're going to sell your soul for \$500? That goes against everything I believe," explained Maher.

Ismay said, "I'd have to go back and look exactly, I'd have to figure out exactly who gave me the money, but the PACs that I was donated to were a lady that I met that liked how I voted in Pierre. She said we got a PAC and we really like you and you're conservative and here is \$1,000, and I'd have to look at all of them. I can explain all of them."

And then Brunner shared his opinion, "I would just sum up—the groups that are in South Dakota, I mean, rural electrics, rural telephones, insurance, and things like that—I think that's fine. Ev-

erybody here probably some way or another pays into those PACs and it's good. It's the federal PACs that I think Deb has the real problem with. And they have little ties to South Dakota, that's big business, and they're pouring millions of dollars—some of them are, and look on the reports of who's funding some of these campaigns, and maybe we need to vote a little bit more with our feet and our dollars, and tell these businesses that are pouring millions of dollars that we don't want to do business with them. They have no business, whether you're on one side of the issue or whoever, they shouldn't be affecting our campaigns the way they are."

The evening was a night full of conversations and good questions asked by the public. Other questions included: how the candidates compare to Dusty Johnson; how do you plan to grow the workforce; what is your preferred method to lower property taxes; are you for or against keeping sales tax at 4.2 percent; how candidates feel about eliminating property taxes; why has the state budget increased; do they support I-27 running through Belle Fourche; and opinions on recalling a county commissioner, along with a few more topics.

Most of the opinions were along the same lines of agreement, but if you would like to watch the full answers of each candidate to all of the questions reported on here, there is a full video of the District 28 Candidate Forum on the Butte County Republican Committee Facebook page. Please look at it and be prepared to vote on June 2.

Upcoming primary election events scheduled in Belle Fourche include: Dusty Johnson will be at the Wild Magnolia on May 28 at 2:30 p.m. to meet with area voters. Later that same day, there will be a Forum to Address Data Centers, Butte County Initiated Measure A, at Venue 519, beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a balanced panel (for and against) the measure with the goal of providing solid, truthful information so that voters in Butte County can make an educated decision on Initiated Measure A on June 2.

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Tom Brunner, moderator; Ryan Maher, candidate for Senate District 28; Larry Schmaltz, candidate for House District 28B; and Travis Ismay, incumbent running for House District 28B. Longbrake photo



Above: Travis Ismay, incumbent running for House District 28B. Below: Ryan Maher, candidate for Senate District 28. Longbrake photos



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# Broncs Compete in Last Chance Meet and Set State Qualifiers

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On Tuesday May 19th, the Broncs attended their last regular season track meet in Rapid City, known as “The Last Chance Invite” which is so named as it is considered the last qualifying meet to punch a ticket to the state competition for our local teams. The Broncs had a great meet with a select few competitors trying to qualify to move on to state.

Coach Wattier reports, for the boys, Chris Jewett ran a PR in the 200 of 24.95, Caeyn Howard and Johnny Estrada both ran PRs in the 400, and Caeyn Howard moved to the 10th spot on the schools top 10 list with a time of 52.72. Clifford Torberson ran a PR in the 1600, Thad McKenney ran a nice PR in the 3200, Corbin Rowe threw a PR in the javelin of 107’4” which moves him up a spot to 7th on the schools top 10 list, and Johnny Estrada had a PR in the long jump. The boys 4x4 relay of Gavin Pearson, Slater Humbrecht, Raif Parmeter, and Caeyn Howard ran a huge seasons best time of 3:33.45 which moves them to 6th all time in school history! Finally our boys 4x8 relay consisting of Lennon Clarkson, Griffen Biehl, Thad McKenney, and Nathan Hudson ran a seasons best time of 8:56.97.

For the Lady Broncs, Berklee Nore had a huge PR in the 100, previously she had run 13.98, Tuesday she ran 13.33! Mya Nowowiejski ran a PR in the 200 of 26.21 seconds, Betsy Moore took a full second off her best 300 hurdle time for the year running a 50.73 which moves her up a spot to 7th all time in school history! Rhys Pearson ran a smoking fast 800 time of 2:16.63 breaking her own school record by almost 2 full seconds and, “putting

her in the mix with the best girls in the state in the 800,” states Coach Wattier.

Isabela Torberson and Abbey Clendening both ran nice PRs in the 1600, Misty and Layla Drieling both ran great PRs in the 3200. Misty moves into the 9th spot on the schools top 10 list with a time of 12:57.37. Ella Bryan had a PR in the long jump of 15’8” and the girls 4x4 relay of Rhys Pearson, Jaz Olson, Mikka Dunavant, and Berklee Nore ran the teams fastest 4x4 for the season with a time of 4:13.57. This moves them to 3rd all time in school history! The girls 4x8 relay consisting of Emersyn Carmichael, Misty Drieling, Isabela Torberson, and Layla Drieling also runs a seasons best time of 10:32.10, “missing the top 10 list by less than a second!” states Coach Wattier.

State track and field will be held in Sioux Falls at Howard Wood Field on May 28-30th. The Broncs had the following qualifiers; for the boys, Gavin Pearson in the 400 meter dash, Joseph McLennon in shot put and discuss, Gabe Raba in Shot put and discuss, Aiden Keil in High Jump, and the Boys 4x200 relay, Boys 4x400 relay, Boys 4x800 relay teams. For the Lady Broncs, qualifiers were, Mya Nowowiejski in the 200 meter dash, Rhys Pearson in the 800 meter, 1600 meter, and 3200 meter runs, Ansley O’Brien in the 100 meter hurdles and High Jump, Berklee Nore in high jump, Mikka Dunavant in triple jump and the Girls 4x100 relay, Girls 4x200 relay, Girls 4x400 relay, Girls 4x800 relay, Girls Sprint Medley Relay teams. South Dakota Public Broadcasting Sports will have live streaming available for the 2026 SDHSAA Track & Field state championships, May 28-30, 2026.



Ella Bryan stirs up some dust while long jumping. Tonsager photo



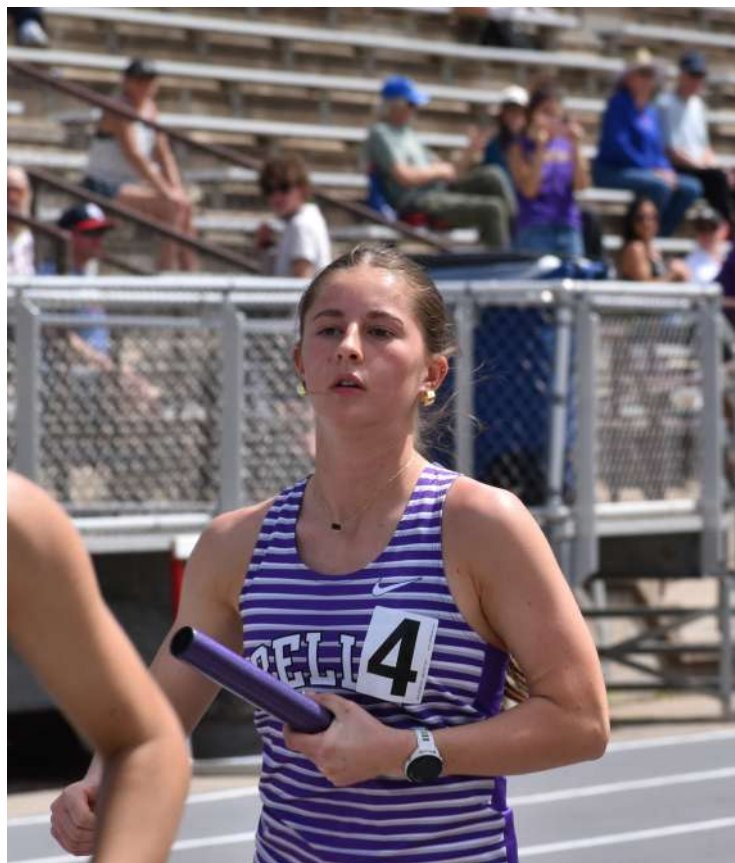
Ella Bryan, Mya Nowowiejski & Betsy Moore heading to warm up. Tonsager photo



Gavin Pearson. Tonsager photo



Johnny Estrada running in relay. Tonsager photo



Rhys Pearson in relay. Tonsager photo

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Girls Relay Team at Last Chance Invite. Tonsager photo

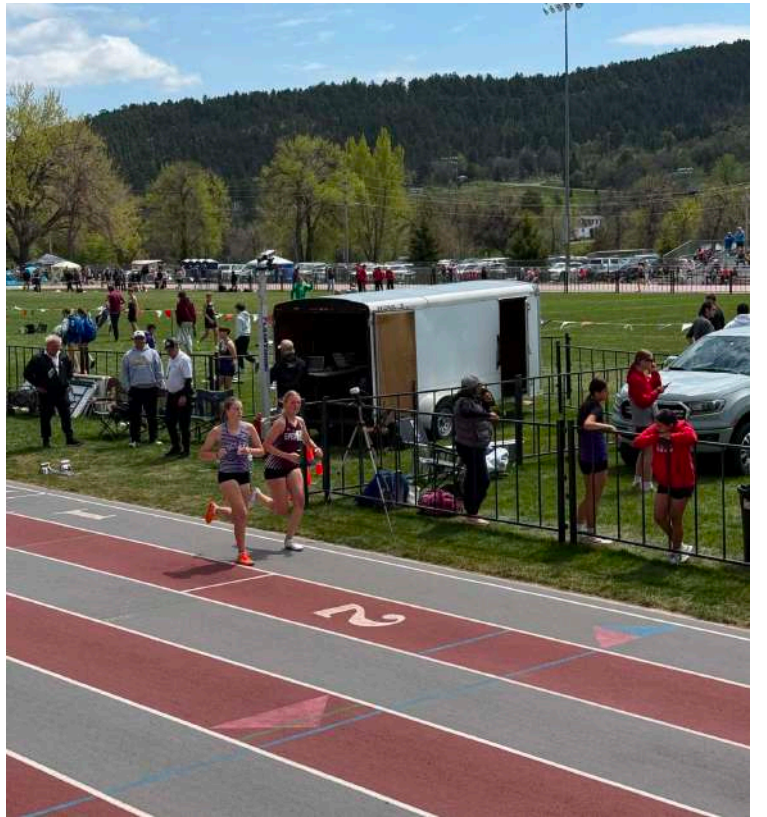
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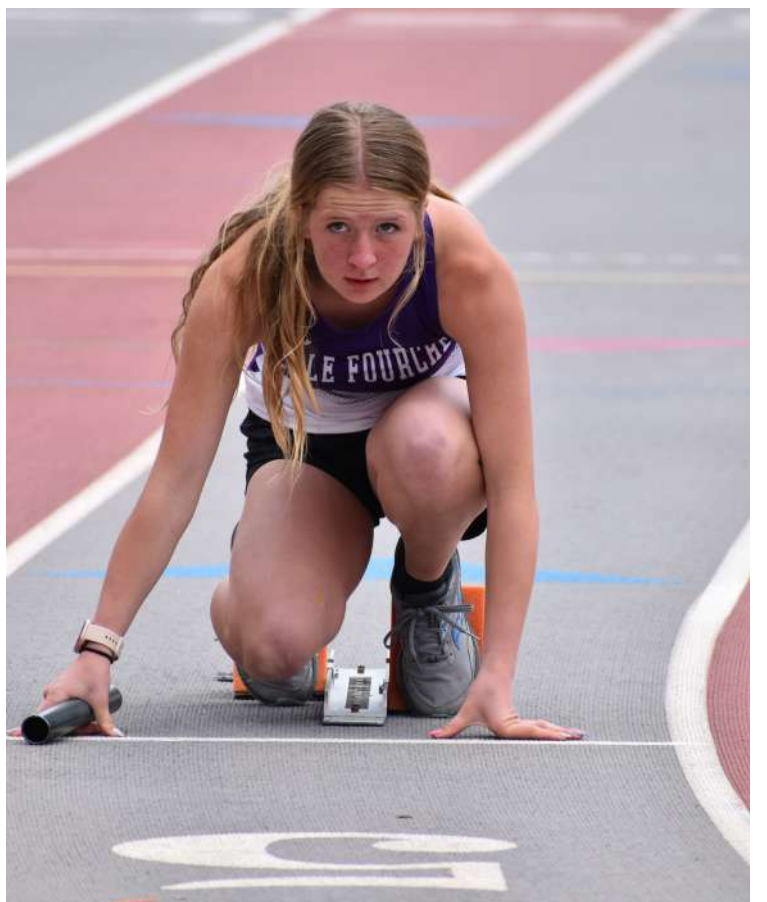
Layla & Misty Drieling both with PRs at Last Chance Invite. Tonsager photo



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From A1 Memorial Day

he shared. “And for those families, Memorial Day is not a once-a-year observance; it’s something they live with every day, and that’s why remembrance matters. If we are not intentional about it, it would be easy for days like this to lose their meaning, easy to let them become background noise in a very busy world. This day was never meant to be about barbecues, sales events, or a day off work. It is a time meant to be a pause, a moment to reflect—not just on sacrifice, but on responsibility.”

Following the address, the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard gave the rifle squad salute and Craig Norwood played Taps on an authentic United States service-issued bugle.

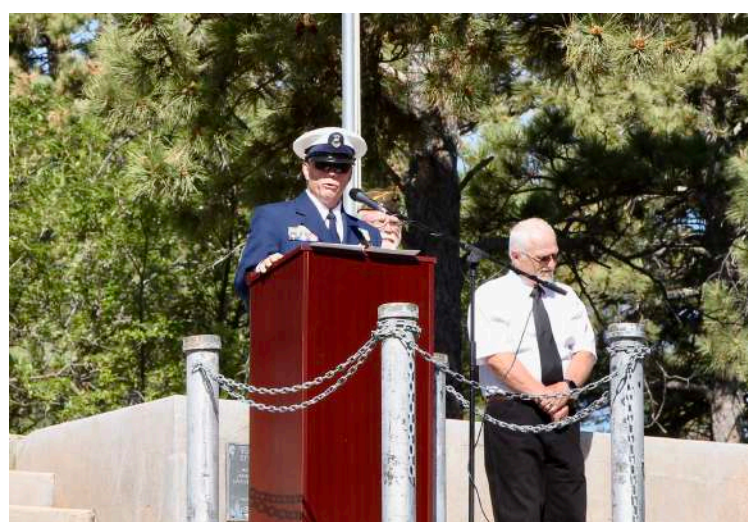
Rev. Rick Brennan gave the benediction and the Center of the Nation Brass once again played while the crowd dispersed. “Thank you for being here—it’d be embarrassing if we were here and you weren’t. Now, Center of the Nation Brass will escort us to our vehicles,” said Anderson.



Mayor Randy Schmidt gives the welcome address. Longbrake photo



Center of the Nation Brass plays. Longbrake photo



Guest speaker MCPO Steven M. Fields gave the Memorial Day address. Longbrake photo



Master of Ceremonies Wm. Blaine Anderson. Longbrake photo



The weather was beautiful, and 116 flags were raised for the Veterans Memorial Avenue of Flags. Longbrake photo

## Reruns for Small Ones Finds New Home in Belle

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BELLE FOURCHE—Downtown Belle Fourche welcomed a new store to the State Street family. Reruns for Small Ones opened its doors on May 22 inside Dakota Petals. The store held a soft opening to introduce the new space.

The used clothing store is making a move from Spearfish to Belle Fourche. “I’ve used this space as basically a catch-all, which was serving no one any purpose. We’ve had to do new electrical and sheet rocking, but I had already put new carpet in it last year. A friend of mine, Bruce, came in and he did all these rods on the wall, which was appreciated,” explained owner Erica Douglas.

Douglas opened Dakota Petals in December 2024 and then found herself running another store, Reruns for Small Ones in Spearfish. The running back and forth between the stores all the while raising four kids and finding time to be a wife and mother was getting harder for her. “I have been, for the last 14 months, trying to keep both businesses going. Dakota Petals is my passion, and I did not want Dakota Petals to falter, plus I just want to be with my kids, that’s all I want,” shared Douglas. “We started remodeling this a couple of months ago, and I just pushed and pushed and pushed, and just had to pick a date to make it happen here.”

Douglas says she hopes the community will support the new store. She is excited to offer this service to the area, the ability to get nearly new clothes for a great price. Little kids grow out of their clothes so fast; some clothes end up getting hardly worn. “I humbly ask the community to support the store, because the store really gives back to the community as well. It’s a needed service. Kids are growing out of clothes so fast, and it’s a way to reuse and recycle—all the good things that we want to do,” said Douglas.

She would eventually like to begin buying from the community and keep the cycle going, but some of the current inventory needs to go first. She is focused on gently used items. “I’m not going to have very much new stuff here at all: sleepers, some bamboo sleepers, and some fun rompers, baby toys, and things like that—really great for gifts. And then, you know, we have baby balloons and stuff like that. So it’s a really good combination that way, but we’re really going to just stay focused on the gently used clothes.”

The new location has all of the inventory from the old store. The racks are filling up, and great prices abound. This location will carry newborn, preemie, and sizes one through five. Douglas said, “I would love to serve the larger kids; however, because we have a smaller space and at about age five, they start getting independent and they have opinions of their own, and I know that my daughter is four and she’s already got opinions of her own, so this is really just the niche market.”

Look for sidewalk sales out in front of Dakota Petals during the City Wide Yard Sale on June 13. All of the stock for sizes six and up that was at the old location will be on sale. “I am very focused on making room on the shelves so that we can buy from the community,” said Douglas.

Stop by the new store and check out this latest addition to Dakota Petals. There will be some good sales as they move into the smaller location. Douglas said, “Since we don’t have the space for a large boutique area, we are selling off the new clothes, toys, teething, warmies, and plush at deep discounts. We encourage people to come in while supplies last to get some beautiful gear at great prices!”



Above: Reruns for Small Ones can be found inside Dakota Petals on State Street. Below: A shopper spends time going through the racks of clothes. Longbrake photos



Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



Summer is here & all the FINE ARTS SUMMER FUN!

ATTENTION YOUNG THESPIANS - Upcoming SOON: YOUTH THEATER CAMP sponsored by Belle Fourche Area Community Theater & the BFMS SUMMER JAM PROGRAM during June. The dates will be June 9-16 & 20-23. Students in grades 5th to 9th are encouraged to sign up with JAM for their spot in the camp! There is no cost.

BFACT has auditions scheduled for their Summer Production: *Minnesela*, a Comedy of Western Proportions. All are welcome to come to auditions May 26 & 27 at 6:30pm in the Rec Center Theater. According to BFACT, this show is a western comedy with a flexible cast size. There is the possibility of being cast in multiple roles. You don't need to bring anything for auditions, just yourself. The show itself will be on July 24 - 26. These auditions are open to anyone Middle School age and above, though there are not many roles for young people. If you are interested in helping with tech of any kind, please come to auditions. If you have any questions, or are unable to make the audition dates but still want to try out, feel free to message director@bellefourcheact.com or call 605.645.3255.

Hometown Thursdays is back! All summer long - every Thursday evening from 6-9 PM at the Tri-State Museum & Visitors Center. See the fine arts schedule below for the 10 dates & bands.

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!

- May 26 & 27, Tuesday & Wednesday, 6:30 PM: Auditions for the BFACT Summer Production: *Minnesela*, a Comedy of Western Proportions.
- June 4, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Stereo Trip
- June 11, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Tyler Bills
- June 18, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Camp Comfort
- June 25, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Dakota Country
- July 2, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Williams and Wright
- July 9, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Jessica Loobey
- July 16, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Brandon Jones
- July 23, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Wilt Brothers
- July 24-26, 7 PM: BFACT Production: MINNESELA
- July 30, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Tim Zach Band
- August 6, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: JJ Kent w Aces and 8s

Maybe YOU know what SHOW is UP next? Share your fine arts tidbits and upcoming events at [bellelavenue@gmail.com](mailto: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!

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10 to 15 years trying to build a museum," shared Stein. "We struggled a lot to get where we're at."

When the opportunity to buy the building they are currently housed in arose, they jumped at it.

"We could definitely see potential in this building. First of all, it was right on our way to our dinosaur digs, and we went past this building for 20 years—going off to the digs over in northern Butte County, in Hardin and Meade County, and we kept seeing it," explained Stein. "That tractor repair thing over there—okay, that's kind of cool! I love the trees in front of it, that's really nice, right? But it was a diamond in the rough. This building was literally a diamond in the rough. We've got seven acres of ground here, so we can have all kinds of activities out front and food trucks!"

The next videos consisted of a humorous dinosaur hunting safety course followed by a blooper reel.

Guests were able to wander through the museum and

explore all of the exhibits. There were dinosaur movies from the 1940s playing up on the wall, and delicious food and drinks were provided in the side garage area. Sandwiches, chips, charcuterie, desserts, a dinosaur head-shaped watermelon, and a special one-year anniversary cake were served.

There is always something happening at the Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum. New exhibits come, progress on "Rene" happens, and new items are available in the gift shop. If you are interested in going on a dinosaur dig, there are a few spots still open! Look for the museum in the Fourth of July parade in downtown Belle Fourche and find them at the Roundup Rodeo Grounds during the celebration. On July 2, in celebration of America's 250th birthday, there will be a presentation on "Thomas Jefferson, the First American Paleontologist!" Then on Sunday, July 5, back at the museum there will be the Raptor Roundup event. Contact the museum to find out more about any of the upcoming activities!



Guests exploring the museum. Longbrake photos



Special guests invited to the VIP celebration filled the room to hear Walter Stein talk.



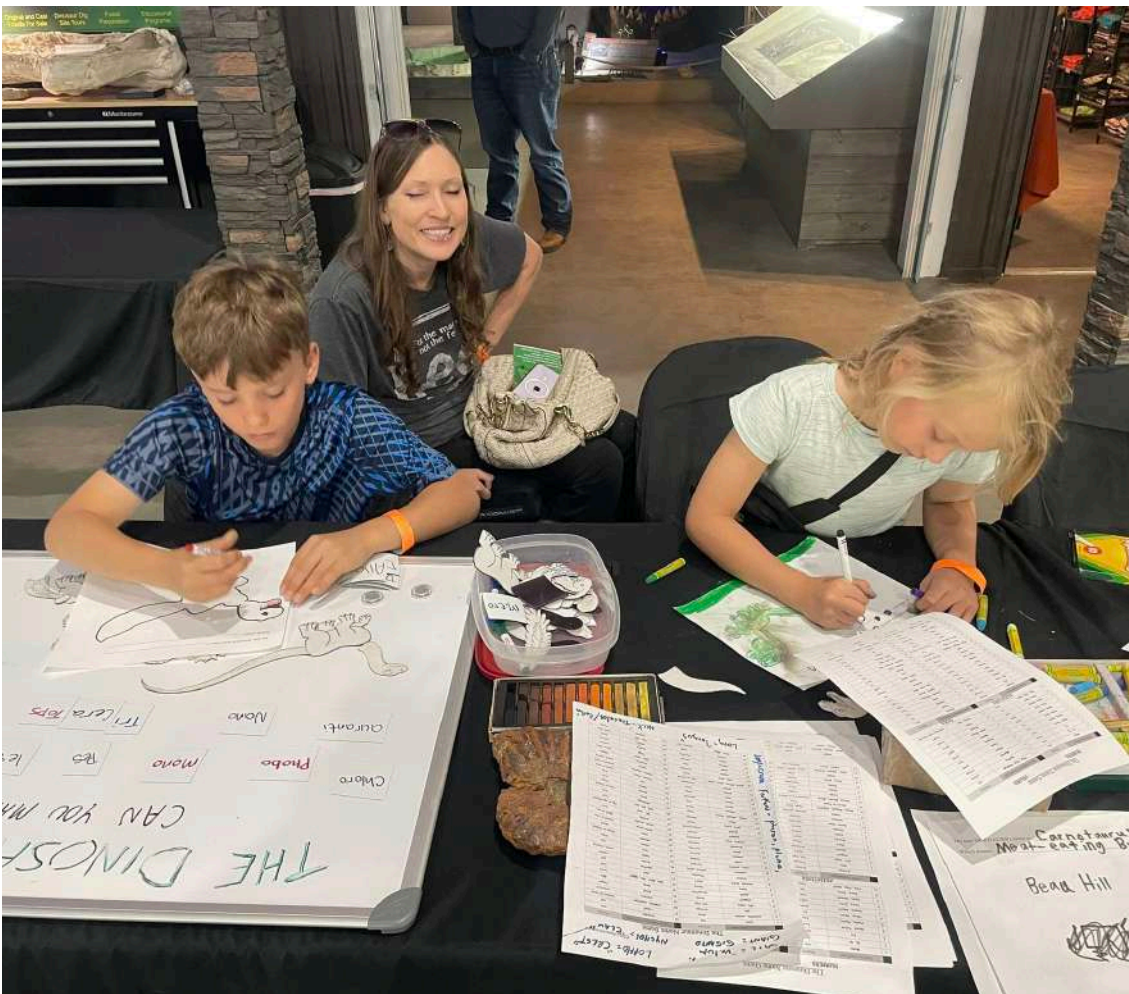
Walter Stein, owner, welcomes everyone to the one-year anniversary of the opening of the museum.



Getting a closer look through a microscope.



Studying the map of Hell Creek.



Kids participating in the "Name That Dinosaur" art contest.



Getting a good look at an exhibit.



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BELLE FOURCHE—Area Chamber members gathered at the Weather Hat Company to spend an evening enjoying some hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and good company on May 19. The public was also invited to attend.

The May Chamber Mixer saw a great turnout as the Weather Hat Company was filled with area folks. The Homestead Store was on hand to give attendees samples of flavored olive oils and vinegars to try with fresh bread and watermelon. They also crafted a variety of mocktails using ingredients available in their store.

The Weather Hat Company has a hat for every occasion; the store has shelves full of straw hats perfect for the warmer weather. And, of course, if they don't have the hat of your dreams, then perhaps you can have owner Jack Scholl craft one specially for you. He has been making custom hats for quite a while. "We have been in business in Belle Fourche for 23 years. Jack has been making hats for 23 years here," explained Jennifer Scholl.

If you are looking for anything pertaining to hats, then this is the store for you! "We have manufactured hats as well that can be shaped and hat accessories. We have hat bands and different things like that; they have some little hat ear warmers that attach to a hat," shared Jennifer.

Building a custom hat is quite a process. "Every hat is made for the individual person who walks in that door, so you would measure your head, get the size and the shape, then a block is made to match your

## Chamber Mixer Draws Strong Turnout at Weather Hat Company



L: Chamber Director **Michaela Horn** and board members **Falina Selchert** and **Shannon Humann** prepare for the Connect and Collect drawing. R: **Weather Hat Company** owner **Jack Scholl** and his daughter, **Jenessa Dempsey**, Chamber board member. *Longbrake photos*



head shape, and the hat is made according to the shape," explained Jennifer. "Jack starts with an open crown, and you choose your quality, your color, and your shape—price is the same. The quality is what changes the price, and if you want a bound edge, or if you want a ribbon and bow, or if you want some sort of a different finish."

It takes around 40 hours to make one hat. Jack can make around five hats at a time. He works on one and shapes another during the drying time. If you are wanting a one-of-a-kind hat made just for you, you have to get in line. Jennifer said, "Right now he's about 10 months out."

Jack has a passion for making hats. Jennifer shared, "We talked about retiring, and he said, 'I am retired. I'm doing exactly what I want to do.'"

Jennifer stays busy doing popular hat bars. She explained, "What we do is take a manufactured hat—you pick out the hat you love, and then we decorate it. We have different fabrics, different leathers, different hat bands, and you can layer it. You can do feathers on it, and if you want to change it, we don't glue anything on; everything is taped and sewn on."

The hat bar is a very trendy event. If you are interested in hosting a party that includes a

hat bar, reach out to the Weather Hat Co. for more information.

Jennifer also has a store in Spearfish on Heritage Drive called Black Hills Deals and Steals. You can find her there Thursday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce Director Michaela Horn took time to thank everyone for coming.

"Thank you so much for coming to the Chamber Mixer tonight... thank you to our lovely host at Weather Hat Company, Jack and Jennifer. Thank you for incorporating the Homestead Store," she said.

The Connect and Collect drawing is held at every

monthly Chamber Mixer. It is offered to just Chamber members. Every Chamber member business name is put into a pot, and each month one name is drawn out. The winner receives the current cash of \$400. You must be present to win. This Coca-Cola High County was picked this month; no one from their business was at the mixer, so the money rolls over to next month.

The June Chamber Mixer will be Friday, June 19, at the Spearfish Sasquatch game. The Chamber has rented out the party deck, and tickets can be purchased at the game that evening.

## New AmericInn Owner Looks to Build Community Connections

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce hosted a Coffee Break on the morning of May 19 to meet the new owner of the AmericInn at the hotel.

Paul Sjurseth recently purchased the hotel from Greg and Stacey Raisanen, who retired after running the business for 20 years.

Sjurseth took over the hotel on March 31 and is no stranger to the hospitality industry. He brings with him 31 years of experience in the hotel business and ownership of five hotels. "North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas—we used to have some in Minnesota, but we sold those. We're based in the Midwest, we're based out of Fargo," he explained.

He said he is excited to be in Belle Fourche and is familiar with the area. "I used to have a hotel in Spearfish and I knew Greg and Stacey for years, and knew they were retiring, and I just wanted to continue their legacy, and they wanted to sell it to the right person—we're both award-winning hotels, and so we want to keep that going."

The hotels Sjurseth owns operate under the AmericInn and Baymont brands of Wyndham Hotels & Resorts.

Just over a month after taking over ownership, the hotelier is making plans. "It's early yet, but as expected... there hasn't been any drastic change in the numbers, we're just focused on getting to know my new staff,

and we're not changing the rules or policies that much just the new owner getting to know the staff," said Sjurseth. "And then we're going to be doing a renovation and refresh as our major focus for the first time."

The hotel currently employs just over 20 staff members. "We brought in two new people, and the majority of that was because Stacey and Greg are no longer in the hotel, so we're gonna get two people to try and replace them—but we've only brought on two new people. Otherwise, we have the same staff," said Sjurseth.

The innkeeper doesn't see the need to make many changes going forward. He shared, "They (Greg and Stacey) did an amazing job, so I just want to maintain that, really. And you know, there's a few things we can change here and there, but for the most part, they did a great job, so I probably don't have to change a lot."

In addition to being a hotel owner, Sjurseth is a husband and father of five children. They make their home in Fargo. "So, we're seven hours away, it's not that bad. And I certainly plan to come and visit, and I definitely want to be a part of the community as much as possible, and that's really what we'll do—our goal is to first be a part of the community," he said.

One priority that is close to Sjurseth's heart is taking care of veterans. He was in the Army for eight years. "I started at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, active duty, and then I was in the

National Guard for five years," he explained. "Great experience—leadership is probably what I learned the most in the military."

Taking care of veterans is important to Sjurseth. "The veterans in town, I definitely want to take care of them, and I do at all my other hotels—I have the National Guard and the Reserve staying at all my other hotels, and as a disabled veteran, I want to just make sure we're taking care of those folks. It's just a special priority for me."

Denver Wilson is the new general manager. She has been with the AmericInn for 18 years. The hotel offers a full hot breakfast, with Breakfast Attendant Diane Wolf making eggs to order. There is an indoor pool and hot tub that is open to the public for \$6 per person. A conference room is also available to rent for events.

Sjurseth looks forward to being part of the Belle Fourche community. "I've been in the hotel industry for a long time, bringing experience and knowledge to this turnover. We'll do our best to make this hotel even a little bit better than it has been—it's hard to improve on number one, but all of my hotels are in smaller communities, and we just don't want to be a part of the community, we want to be part of the sports, the part of the ongoing events in town, and we want to participate and donate," he said.



Those attending the Chamber's coffee with the new owner at the AmericInn take a tour of the hotel. *Longbrake photo*



Above: Breakfast attendant **Diane Wolf** explains all that the hotel has to offer for a breakfast feast. Left: New owner **Paul Sjurseth** and new General Manager **Denver Wilson** take the group on a tour of the hotel. *Longbrake photos*



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by Mary Buchholz

### 131 years ago The Black Hills Union September 27, 1895 BELLE FOURCHE BURNED Nothing But Smouldering Ruins Mark the Site

As we got to press we learn that the town of Belle Fourche was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. The fire started in the butcher shop owned by Knight, and in a short time all of the best business houses in town were in ashes. Two brick and ne stone building being all that is left to mark the spot where the business portion of the town stood. Certain parties in the vicinity are suspected and one of them is now under arrest. Loss known.

### 100 years ago The Northwest Post May 27, 1926 SPRING TERM OF COURT HAS ENDED

Several Law Violators to Pay the penalty With a Trip to the State Penitentiary The jury in the case of State vs. Walter Fegert, charged with the larceny of a horse belonging to James Herrett, returned a verdict of not guilty, and the defendant was allowed to depart. The next jury case up for trial was that of McCord, Brady Co vs. Model Bakery co., one of the actions resulting from the failure of the Belle Fourche State Bank. The jury: S. H. Class, D. F. Howell, Henry Becket, W. H. Ernest Jr., Ed Gates, G. F. Senson, George Bean, C. S. Kiley, G. H. Brink, A. B. Albert. On motion of counsel for plaintiff, the court directed a verdict for plaintiff, Judgment being in the sum of \$324.29.

### Memorial DAY PROGRAM

Memorial Day services in Belle Fourche will be held next Sunday morning, beginning at 10:15, at the Legion hall. Harold Steck and Harold Widdoss, each with a group of boys, will call at the various homes in the city next Saturday morning to collect flowers for the decoration of graves at the cemeteries, and it is urgently requested that all who have flowers to spare will be as liberal as possible in providing the same. Following the program and services at the hall the parade will form and march to the court house, where cars will be provided to take all to the cemeteries, where short services will be held and the graves decorated.

**Community Events** The last meeting of the season of the Inquiry Club was held at Miss Florence Smiley's home on Tuesday evening, May 18, and it also was the final one for this young ladies' club. An interesting review of O. W. Coursey's book, "Beautiful Black Hills" by Miss McWhirter, and one of "the Glass House," by Miss Anderson, occupied the time most pleasantly for everyone. Refreshment were served, and pleasant memories of past meeting were mingled with anticipations of vacation time at hand.

### 75 years ago The Belle Fourche Daily Post May 15, 1951 BRADLEY NEXT IN MACARTHUR PROBE

Washington, May 14 - General George Marshall has concluded his testimony in the MacArthur investigation. Another five star general will go to bat next for the administration to defend the firing of MacArthur. Omar Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, is scheduled to begin answering questions at 10 a. m. tomorrow for the 26 senate investigators. In his last day on the stand today, Marshall presented a somewhat different picture than the Republicans had painted of relations between MacArthur and the government. Some of MacArthur's supporters charged a deliberate plot to get rid of the general. But, the defense secretary said, on the contrary, that MacArthur had been handled with kid gloves. Marshall said, "We had to proceed in a very careful manner... with General MacArthur because of his attitude."

### GARY TRUMAN WINS BELLE MARBLE HONORS

Gary Truman, sharpshooting son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Truman, carried off first place honors in the VFW sponsored marble tournament here Saturday, it was announced yesterday by tourney chairman Glenn Bradley. Second place went to Eugene Bradley, third to Maruice Ernest. Three large rings were in action and two small ones for the younger boys. Rand (Butch) Schufft won first on one of the small rings. Robert Metz was first on the other small ring. Bradley says he will take Truman, Bradley and Ernest to Sturgis Saturday to compete in the district VFW tourney.

### 11 Sailors Die In Blazing Ship

Norfolk, VA, May 14 - At least 11 sailors perished today in the blaming collision of the United States seaplane tender "Valcour" with coal ship off Cape Henry, VA. The navy says the death toll may reach 19. The tender's store of high test aviation gasoline roared into flame immediately after she was rammed by the collier "Thomas Tracy" in perfect weather. The navy ship was turned into a roaring inferno, and her lower decks became a tomb for a number of her 215 crewmen. Nine charred bodies were found in the Valcour's blackened engine room after the fires were quenched by rescue workers wearing gas masks. Another sailor was killed outright when the first flash of fire ripped the vessel's topside. Another died of injuries after jumping overboard. Sixteen injured sailors were taken to Norfolk hospitals. None of the collier's 50 t 75 crewman was reported injured. Four more of the Valcour's compartments, sealed off by the flames, were not entered as the listing hulk of the supply ship was towed toward port. Scores of bluejackets jumped into the swirling currents of Hampton Roads to escape the

fire and 156 men, including the injured were taken ashore aboard rescue ships. Calculating the number ashore, the known dead and those who stayed with the Valcour to fight the fire, the navy figured that sever or eight men still were missing. Thus the final death toll might reach 18 or 19. A full navy court of inquiry into the accident was ordered by the commander of the Atlantic Fleet air wing. The court will meet tomorrow at the Norfolk naval air station.

### 50 years ago The Belle Fourche Daily Post May 27, 1976 Plans Change In Swimming Pool Charges

Belle Fourche's municipal swimming pool will be open June 1, it was announced yesterday by Manager Lavera Lushbough. Along with the announcement of the opening came some statements concerning increase in charges, and changes in operational procedures. Manager Lushbough called attention to the fact that the wading pool will not be under supervision of a life-guard this year. Parents will be responsible of the safety of their children. There will be a limit of 20 children in the wading pool at one time. Children four years old and under may use the pool if supervised by an adult. Children who are four feet tall or taller will not be eligible to use the pool. Posted area rules must be enforced by the supervisor.

### Bill Sowers Rites Friday

Funeral services will be held here Friday morning for Charles R. (Bill) Sowers, 54, who died early Tuesday morning at the Deaconess Hospital in Billings, Mont., following surgery. Rites will be held at 10 a.m. Friday from St. Paul's Catholic Church with Father James Becht officiating. Burial will be in the Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis under the direction of the Frost and Sons Funeral Home. Military rites will be provided by the AMVETS and the American Legion. Charles R. Sowers was born Jan. 28, 1922 at Christiansburg, VA, the son of Charles and Margaret Sowers. He came to the Belle Fourche area when he was four years old and attended school in Belle Fourche and in Chadron, Neb. He was a veteran of World War II, served in the European theater of operations before receiving his honorable discharge May 1, 1946 at Camp McCoy, Wis. He returned to Belle Fourche and was married Jan. 19, 1947 to Mildred Trucano. He was a member of the AMVETS and the American Legion. Survivors include: his widow, Mildred, Belle Fourche; tow sons - Charles of Sterling, Ill. And Clark of Belle Fourche; a daughter Jill, of Sterling, Ill; a sister, Elizabeth Pickett, Chadron, Neb.; brother, Buster, Belle Fourche; three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a sister.

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4	5	6	7	8
Chicken & Rice Casserole with Steamed Broccoli Roll	Meatloaf & Gravy Baked Potato & Carrots Roll	Goulash with Cornbread Mixed Veggies Salad	Roasted Turkey Mashed Potato / Gravy Green Beans Roll	Chicken Sandwich Red Potato salad Peas
11	12	13	14	15
Roast Beef with Gravy Mashed Potato Green Beans Roll	Pork Loin with Rice Dressing & Gravy Peas & Carrot Roll	Ham & Bean Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Salad	Beef Spaghetti Dinner Salad Garlic Sticks	Parmesan Chicken Over Pasta Dinner Salad Garlic Stick
18	19	20	21	22
Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potato/ Gravy Green Beans	Beef Indian Taco Refried Beans Salad Chips	Sweet & Sour Pork over White Rice Asian Veggies	Meatloaf & Gravy Mashed Potato Green Beans Roll	Chicken Cordon Bleu Sweet Potato Mixed Veggies
25	26	27	28	29
Baked Chicken Roasted Reds Carrots Roll	Ham & Rice Casserole Cheesy Brussel sprout Dinner Roll	Swiss Steak Roasted Potato & Carrots Roll	Chili Cheese Dogs Steak Fries Dinner Salad	Hamburger Casserole Tater tots Dinner Salad Roll

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Tom Blair, Ekalaka MT	13	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1376	195.00	\$2,683.50
	4	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1271	194.50	\$2,472.58
	2	Black-Cow	975	270.00	\$2,632.50
Tim Moiney, Alzada MT	8	Black-Cow	1031	267.50	\$2,756.92
	4	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1426	192.00	\$2,738.40
James Or Kathryn Reid, Nisland SD	1	Black-Cow	1405	202.00	\$2,838.10
	1	Bwf-Cow	1395	194.00	\$2,706.30
Victor Or Kay Reid, Nisland SD	1	Black-Hfrt	1130	280.00	\$3,164.00
Stacy Moke, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1040	247.50	\$2,574.00
	2	Black-Cow	1073	242.50	\$2,600.81
Harmon Creek Cattle Co., Ekalaka MT	4	Black-Cow	1570	191.50	\$3,006.55
	1	Black-Cow	1330	194.50	\$2,586.85
	2	Black-Cow	1290	218.00	\$2,812.20
	1	Bwf-Cow	1065	257.50	\$2,742.37
Bill Carlisle, Ekalaka MT	1	Rwf-Cow	1355	193.00	\$2,615.15
Graham Livestock Inc., Moorcroft WY	1	Black-Cow	1520	192.00	\$2,918.40
Doug Bonnell, Ekalaka MT	4	Char/Red-Hfrt	1038	325.00	\$3,371.87
	2	Red-Bull	1080	315.00	\$3,402.00
Nick Or Brooke Uherka, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1385	194.00	\$2,686.90
James A Mccoy, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1355	195.00	\$2,642.25
Consignment From SD	1	Black-Cow	1485	193.00	\$2,866.05
	1	Black-Cow	1220	194.50	\$2,372.90
Dunning 3l Ranch Llc, Otter MT	1	Black-Cow	1335	195.00	\$2,603.25
Andrew Cathey, Hammond MT	1	Black-Hfrt	1035	327.50	\$3,389.62
	1	Black-Cow	1350	193.00	\$2,605.50
Leroy Schallenberger, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Hfrt	1020	327.50	\$3,340.50
Odis Or Edith Hewson, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1180	230.00	\$2,714.00
	1	Bwf-Cow	1380	192.50	\$2,656.50
Peter Charles Romanick, Prairie City SD	5	Black-Cow	1127	290.00	\$3,268.30
	2	Black-Hfrt	903	315.00	\$2,842.87
Roger Or Penny Gunderson, Buffalo SD	10	Black-Hfrt	994	333.00	\$3,310.02
Snook Land & Lvsst. Llc., Sundance WY	12	Black-Hfrt	1015	330.00	\$3,350.87
Frank J Nies, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1555	190.50	\$2,962.27
Joseph D & Michele Simmons Tr., Newcastle	8	Black-Cow	1434	191.00	\$2,739.65
Mary Or Carolyn Harris Gibers, Riverton W	4	Black-Cow	1329	196.50	\$2,610.99
	3	Black-Cow	1212	194.00	\$2,350.63
J.J. Landa, Boyes MT	1	Black-Cow	1470	192.00	\$2,822.40
	1	Black-Cow	1380	194.50	\$2,684.10
Jerry Landa, Boyes MT	1	Black-Cow	1335	195.50	\$2,609.92
Double E Cattle, Ekalaka MT	5	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1289	209.00	\$2,694.01
	1	Black-Cow	1385	196.50	\$2,721.52
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka MT	5	Black-Cow	1303	220.00	\$2,866.60
	5	Black-Cow	1396	191.50	\$2,673.34
Muleshoe Ranch Inc., Belle Fourche SD	3	Blk/Bwf-Hfrt	935	347.50	\$3,249.12
Arcadia Llc, Sturgis SD	3	Black-Hfrt	1127	297.50	\$3,351.83
Peggy Bruch Lvng Trust, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1390	194.50	\$2,703.55
James Or Linda Bird, Voborg MT	2	Black-Hfrt	1103	310.00	\$3,417.75
	2	Black-Cow	1255	260.00	\$3,263.00
Tooke Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1490	200.00	\$2,980.00
	17	Black-Cow	1454	196.00	\$2,850.64
	3	Black-Cow	1170	252.50	\$2,954.25
Ted Elgin, Biddle MT	7	Black-Cow	1452	194.50	\$2,824.41
	6	Black-Cow	1231	229.00	\$2,818.60
Mckee Properties Llc, Deadwood SD	1	Black-Cow	1425	201.00	\$2,864.25
Clayton Branscom, Osage WY	1	Black-Cow	1135	272.50	\$3,092.87
3x Ranch Llc, Buffalo SD	7	Black-Hfrt	1026	324.00	\$3,323.31
Zane Williams, Hammond MT	8	Rd/Blk-Hfrt	1094	301.00	\$3,292.18
	3	Black-Cow	1468	193.00	\$2,833.88
Dale & Carmel Hansen, Banner WY	3	Black-Hfrt	1043	326.00	\$3,401.26
John S Or Bonnie Johnson, Buffalo SD	9	Black-Cow	1463	192.00	\$2,808.53
Puptown Cattle Llc, Ekalaka MT	3	Black-Cow	1545	190.00	\$2,935.50
Todd Barkley, Baker MT	4	Black-Cow	1329	193.00	\$2,564.48
	1	Black-Hfrt	940	340.00	\$3,196.00
	1	Black-Cow	1640	190.50	\$3,124.20

.....1	Black-Cow	1585	190.00	\$3,011.50	
J&M Cattle Co., Ekalaka MT	3	Black-Cow	1457	192.00	\$2,796.80
James Hendricks, Ekalaka MT	2	Black-Cow	1355	194.50	\$2,635.47
Shannon Elmore, Ekalaka MT	3	Black-Cow	1247	195.00	\$2,431.00
	1	Black-Cow	1235	193.00	\$2,383.55
Jardee Ranch, Ekalaka MT	5	Black-Hfrt	1125	298.00	\$3,352.50
Wade Johnson, Bowman Nd	3	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1363	197.00	\$2,685.76
Rittberger Beef, Hermosa SD	2	Black-Cow	1485	193.50	\$2,873.47
	1	Black-Cow	1340	197.00	\$2,639.80
Minow Ranch Inc., Olive MT	1	Black-Bull	2235	234.00	\$5,229.90
BULLS					
Minow Ranch Inc., Olive MT	1	Black-Bull	2480	225.00	\$5,580.00
Rittberger Beef, Hermosa SD	1	Black-Bull	1920	211.00	\$4,051.20
Andrew Hayman, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Bull	2355	220.00	\$5,181.00
Sand Rock Angus, Broadus MT	1	Black-Bull	2055	225.00	\$4,623.75
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	1	Black-Bull	1680	.....	\$5,750.00
William & Cassidy Dunn, Pierce Co	1	Black-Bull	1615	.....	\$6,000.00
	1	Black-Bull	1900	.....	\$6,600.00
	1	Black-Bull	1455	.....	\$5,600.00
	1	Black-Bull	1455	.....	\$5,500.00
Indian Creek Ranch, Hartford SD	1	Black-Bull	1205	.....	\$4,800.00
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A validated petition containing 522 signatures from registered Butte County voters was submitted to the Butte County Commissioners on March 17th.  
During the meeting, the commissioners stated they would support a 5-year moratorium on the construction of data centers in Butte County. The purpose of the moratorium would be to allow time to evaluate and assess how data centers could be developed without negatively impacting natural resources, including water and power infrastructure.

YES: A vote "Yes" will adopt the resolution and require the Butte County Commissioners to draft an ordinance prohibiting data centers  
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By John Newby "Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

## "Critical Role of Community Information"

If you are reading this column today in a newspaper, you are very lucky, support that product as if your life depended on it, it very well may. However, for many communities, when you walk down main street today, something is missing that most people cannot quite name. It is not just the empty storefronts, though those are hard to miss.



question this week. Instead of asking who will save the local newspaper, what if we asked who is already trusted in the community, already connected to local business, already has a reason to show up, and might just be willing to reinvent themselves for this moment? In most communities, that answer is the local chamber of commerce.

Here is what the data tells us. A 2024 national poll by The Harris Poll, conducted on behalf of the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, found that 81 percent of American adults view their local chamber as a trusted resource and partner. Nine in ten believe the chamber has an impact on growing the local economy.

Those are numbers most newspapers would have envied even in their prime. The chamber already has the credibility. What it has largely lacked is the vision to use it as a community information platform rather than just a business directory.

Think about what a reimagined chamber could do. It already knows every locally owned business in town. It already has the relationships with city government, the school district, and the economic development office. It already hosts events that bring people together. What it has rarely done is plant a flag and say: we are the place where this community comes to find out what is happening, where local businesses get their

stories told, and where residents learn why spending their dollars close to home matters. That is a news desert solution hiding in plain sight.

The chamber would not need to become a newspaper. It would need to become something more like the town square that newspapers once represented, a trusted place where information flows, where local voices are heard, and where the community's economic story gets told with honesty and pride. A weekly email digest. A community events calendar that everyone actually uses. A regular spotlight on locally owned businesses and the people behind them. Social media content that explains what happens to dollars spent at the hardware store down the street versus the national chain fifteen miles away. None of that requires a printing press. It requires commitment and a willingness to show up. The hyper-local spending

case writes itself. Studies show that roughly 68 cents of every dollar spent at a locally owned business stays and circulates in that community. Spend the same dollar at a national chain and most of it is gone by nightfall, routed to a distant corporate headquarters. A chamber that actively tells that story, week after week, in plain language that regular people understand, is doing economic development work that no ribbon cutting ever accomplished.

Not every chamber has the staff or budget to pull this off alone. That is where partnerships matter. Local government, the library, the school district, community foundations, and yes, even the surviving local paper where one exists, can all contribute to

a shared information commons anchored by the chamber. The point is that someone has to own it. Someone trusted, rooted, and already present in the community has to decide that keeping people informed is part of their mission. The chamber is the most natural candidate in most towns.

This week, I want to ask you to do something concrete. If you run a local business, reach out to your chamber and ask what you can do together to fill the information gap in your community. If you are a chamber leader reading this, visit acce.org and explore what chambers across the country are already doing to broaden their community role. The town square did not disappear. It just needs new management.

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden



Temperatures last week were very spring like and pleasant on the days that were not windy. By early Sunday morning we received a small amount of moisture, just enough to wet the ground, and temperatures were much cooler. Folks spent Sunday night watching weather reports as there were tornado alerts for that evening in different parts of the state.

On Saturday, June 13 there will be Men's Coffee & Rolls morning at the Community Baptist Church in Union Center.

Vacation Bible School in Union Center will take place from June 29 - July 2. For more information please con-

tact Melanie Cammack.

Condolences go out to Norman Hanzlik and family in the loss of Norm's brother, Maurice 'Moe' Hanzlik. On May 23rd there will be a burial at 11:00 am at the Fairpoint Cemetery. The family would love for friends to join them to share a light lunch afterwards at the Community Baptist Church in Union Center around noon. If anyone would like to bring a side or dessert that would be welcome. There will be a time of remembering and sharing stories. All are welcome.

Election Day is coming soon which will be on Tuesday, June 2. There are many races taking place and many important decisions being made. Hopefully, voters start

today to take time to research every candidate to elect the best for our communities and state. Leadership matters and we in South Dakota enjoy living in a great state that is envied by many across the nation. Hopefully, we are able to keep it that way.

On Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30 pm there will be a Pray for Rain/Praise Service at the New Underwood Community Center. It is non-denominational. You may bring bars/cookies for fellowship afterwards.

A week ago, Ryer Rhoden, son of Levi and Hillory Rhoden had a four wheeler accident where he sustained a serious head injury. He was flown to Denver, Colorado and is under great care there. His doctors are impressed with his responses

and improvements. Please keep him in your prayers for full and complete healing as he has a week to go before he can come home. Also, please hold up Levi and Hillory and their families in your prayers through this journey.

For anyone who would like to meet the Governor, he will be at an event at the Knuckle Saloon on Friday, May 22 at 5:00 pm. He will be attending the event at the National Cemetery at the Memorial Day ceremony on Monday. Having served in the Army National Guard, Larry Rhoden is now the South Dakota Commander in Chief of the Army National Guard. Larry comes from a family of service that reaches back to the Revolutionary War, WWI, WWII, Vietnam to Desert Storm and he served in the 842nd Engineering Unit in Sturgis. This title of Commander

in Chief he says, is probably the greatest honor he has had as Governor.

On Thursday, Larry and Sandy Rhoden will be at Copper Coffee in Union Center at 9:00 for a visit over coffee with folks before heading to Faith. All are welcome. It will be a good time to get familiar with the nice little coffee shop that we find so little time to visit.

Memorial Day is the time when we remember those who are no longer in our lives. And we honor the memory of those who fought for our freedom so we could live in this free country in the most free state, South Dakota. Be sure and thank a veteran who is still here this week, as we honor those who sacrificed much for our country. Have a blessed Memorial Day!

Capitol News  
May 24, 2026  
by Karen Odell

Capitol and Tie Creek are still green, but everyone is hoping for a good rain. This week, we



got a little rain on one night, but still things are drying out. Haying season may be quite short, if the rains don't come.

Erma Albert is recuperating in Belle Fourche, and is hoping to come home to Buffalo, soon. Dick had been to the Senior Citizen dinner, on Friday, and got to see friends there again. He went to church, on Sunday, at the Catholic Church in Buffalo. After church, he went to Saloon Number Three and had lunch with friends there.

On Saturday, Bruce Gustafson went to the high school graduation reception for a friend, down near Rapid City. Lynn is visiting in Georgia, and will be home this week.

Two weeks ago, Alvin and

Marlee Cordell went to Belle Fourche to see Gavin play baseball with the Belle Fourche High School team. Their season is now finished. Last Saturday, they went back to Belle Fourche for grandson, Gavin's, high school graduation. This Thursday, Wade and Gavin Pearson came out to the ranch to get cattle panels set up to be ready to work cattle. Alvin has been doing weed spraying, this week. Marlee made a trip to the Buffalo Clinic, and has been fighting the flu. Barrett Cordell came over, on Saturday, and mowed for Marlee, and they were so grateful that he did that work for them. Alvin visited with Ross Phelps on Sunday, and learned that it is getting dry up at Ekalaka, too. Alvin had gotten about three-tenths of an inch of moisture, this week.

Lorraine Chin had come from Texas for the Sterling Lee wedding, last week, and she stayed at Camp Crook to visit this week. Dorothy Padden had

planned for a track meet, this week, but it was cancelled.

The Paddens branded another bunch of calves, this week, and they hope to finish the rest next week. On Saturday morning, Lorraine and Dorothy took flowers to the Camp Crook Cemetery to decorate for Memorial Day. Dorothy will take more flowers to the Ekalaka cemetery on Monday, where there will be a Memorial Day Program. On Sunday, Dorothy got a few plants set into her outside garden. Lorraine started for Texas on Sunday, and it will take her two days to get back home to the warm, southern weather.

Karen Odell spent Monday and Tuesday morning visiting at Chancey Odell's and helping Megan Reedy. She got her tire pumped up on the mower, mowed and hauled branches. Then she got morning mowing done on a couple of other days.

On Wednesday, Karen first did some mowing. Then around noon, she was ready

with the internet page for the NAIA college track finals in Asheville, North Carolina. Grandson, Kellan Odell from Mount Marty University in Yankton, had made the national finals in Javelin. The video coverage on naianetwork.com did not have commentary, so it was hard to know Kellan's placement during the throws. Kellan was the first thrower in the second flight, and his dad, Cody, also in North Carolina, texted us to keep us ready for his throws. Kellan's sister, Kenna and brother, Carson, had gotten to skip the last two days of school, so they could make the trip to North Carolina with their parents. It happened to also be Kenna's birthday, so one of her gifts was a trip to North Carolina. Micki Odell, on the West Coast in Tacoma, had found the web page that kept updating as the events progressed. That helped the rest of the family, who were texting and watching in Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Ohio, see the standings. They got a good view of Kel-

lan's throws and the flight of the javelin, and Karen saved some internet pictures of him during the competition. Mollie Smith was traveling, but kept up with Kellan's throws through texting. It was exciting for us at our homes, and for Kellan's Thomas grandparents, who also made the trip to North Carolina. Kellan had had better throws during the season, but twentieth in the nation was great; especially for a freshman. Then because Kellan was sick, they took him to urgent care. There they discovered he had mono. We'll never know how he would have placed if he was well. On Thursday and Friday, rain showers brought needed moisture to the area. Karen went to church online in Marietta, Georgia. She had visited with all her family, some friends, Bill and Jeanne, and sent texts to her niece, Martha Nau, to share with her brother, Jim, in Ohio.

Every path becomes boring without a few puddles.

PRESSED BETWEEN THE PAGES #35

"Hair Curling Stories"

by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel



Curl-coveting and straight-hair envy has endured a long

and winding road throughout history. The stories could make your hair stand on end! Egyptians wore curly wigs held together with beeswax. Greeks and Romans used hot metal rods to curl their hair. Pain and risk for the sake of beauty have created stories to make one's hair curl.

In Louisa May Alcott's Little Women, Jo heated tongs in the fireplace and promised Meg lovely curls as she wound a lock of hair around them. "Ought they to smoke like that?" Beth wondered. Jo replied that it was just the dampness drying,

But once the hot curler was removed, instead of a cloud of ringlets waving from Meg's forehead, a row of scorched bundles glowered from the bureau next to the tongs. Now that was a bad hair day!

Artfully placed ringlets and curls have been the rage through the years. For women with naturally straight hair, curls have been hard to come by. I recall our mother talking about "rag rollers" when she grew up. She reminisced of heating "crimpers" on the wood stove to achieve wanted waves. In later years, I remember seeing Mom and her sisters' hair wound into small "pin curls" that lay flat against their scalps. To achieve a tight-curl effect, they also used narrow metal curlers with a hinged end that clamped down to hold the

small cylinder in place.

Thankfully, my time of vanity over hair came at the end of the suffering-pain-for-beauty era, but I recall about every kind of curling device stored in shoe boxes or plastic caddies stashed in dresser drawers. Dorothy remembers sleeping on prickly brush rollers every night. Plastic "magnetic" tubes of every size and color waited to roll strands of hair. Really large bobby pins or sharp plastic pins poked through holes in rollers to hold them in place, at the same time poking irreparable holes in the head. No matter what the antennae-like devices, a thin nylon scarf tied at the back of the neck held them in place. Much to many a suffering teen's dismay, occasionally a roller or two fell out during the night, resulting in straight

strands. A half can of Aqua Net or a strategically-placed barrette helped disguise the mishap, eliminating the girl's urge to tear her hair out. Some innovative teen got a wild hair and used juice cans as substitutes for jumbo rollers to train her tresses. Imagine sleeping on those!

Beauty departments offered curling gadgets in varying degrees of pokiness. Foam rollers and "spoolies" of softer plastic provided options for less painful sleep. Dippety-Do was supposed to hold rollers in place. Once set and dried, the green gel also held curls in place, providing the slinky look. The bouncy coils gave new meaning to the phrase, "not a hair out of place!"

Eventually, electric hot rollers saved the day, allowing quick curling before school or work and a good night's sleep.

Mane management has taken more than a hairpin turn in recent years. Women have let their hair down and now

make do with less fuss on the hairdos. No longer do we need to suffer through the hair-raising experiences of the 60s and 70s. Likely, we will never see hide nor hair of such torture devices again. I for one, will not lose any hair over it!

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Roots #63

“My Friends ‘Karen’”



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A while back, in Roots 44 exactly, I wrote about my friend Karen. Next week, I will be on my way to Wisconsin to visit her. Naturally, I am looking forward to getting together as it is always wonderful to keep in touch with friends.

As it happens, I have been thinking about my friend Karen quite a lot lately, and about the conversation we had regarding our names that I described in Roots 44. The conversation mainly came down to current pejorative connotations the name Karen implies. I have some good news, for my friend Karen and all my friends Karen, so I'd like to revisit Roots 44 here to share with all readers some information I learned recently.

My Wisconsin friend Karen knows her way around a farm. We met as neighbors when our families were neighbors in rural Wisconsin several years ago. We have been friends ever since. On her 40-acre hobby farm, Karen has

provided homes for horses, raised Scottish Highlander cattle, piglets, poultry, and for a while, she bred and sold Golden Retriever puppies. Karen has a degree in horticulture and a gift for growing aesthetically pleasing houseplants and bountiful garden harvests. She and her husband Chet both enjoyed the farm life, but it was Karen who created the ambiance.

On Karen's farm, there was always something to do. We often worked together in her spacious farmhouse kitchen hulling strawberries, baking holiday cookies, or doing whatever needed to be done, mostly so we could chat. Conversation turns ordinary chores into happy occasions.

One day while processing an especially abundant harvest of green beans my thoughts drifted to visions of our pioneer ancestors. "Here we are." I may have commented, "Living life as our great grandmothers did 100 years ago". Or something like that.

Without looking up from a colander of the longest green beans in Wisconsin history, Karen told me how her grandmother Katrina, a determined and resolute farm wife hauled water

a good distance from the well to the garden and the household every day. Then she reminded me that she was named, Katrina for her Danish grandmother. However, her familiar 'nickname' has always been Karen. None of this was new information. We have discussed our name assignments before, but this conversation was about to delve a little deeper.

I was named after a literary character, Margaret March from Louisa May Alcott's Little Women. Margaret's 'nickname', like mine is Meg.

Lucky us. I may have said as I began to complain that neither Margaret nor Meg feels like a good fit for me.

"Listen," Karen stopped chopping green bean tails and looked up. She had a cleaver in her hand.

"Would you like to trade?" She asked calmly, referring to names, not knives. I was glad as it was a hot day, and we had been topping and tailing green beans for some time.

She gesticulated with the knife. "Would you prefer share a name with a killer hurricane?" I did not.

After Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast in late August 2005, the name, 'Katrina' achieved a certain level of infamy and the popularity of "Katrina" as an endearing name for little girls dropped like a bomb. Who would want to be called Katrina in the aftermath of 2005?

It was then that Karen steered away from using Katrina and deferred to

using Karen exclusively. Then in 2017 along came tropical Storm Karen. Another deadly storm that left Puerto Rico devastated, without power and essential items for weeks.

At about the same time 'Karen' was becoming popular as a pejorative slang stereotype typically used to describe a middle-class woman who is perceived to be overly assertive, entitled, and or excessively demanding, or over-opinionated.

I'm sure my friend Karen's loving, but innocent parents meant well. The name 'Karen' often short for Katarina or Katrina became popular in the US during the 1940s. It was one of the top 10 names for girls who were born in the during the 1950s and 1960s. In 1965 Karen was the third most popular name for girls.

The pejorative 'Karen' is an insult to many people whose names happen to be Karen as well as to those who are outspoken or whose names are not Karen. The pejorative has been criticized as an aggressive means of sanctioning outspoken persons, especially women. This treatment is neither fair nor beneficial.

Who can appreciate a world where efforts to silence those who pay attention to wrongdoing in their neighborhoods, communities and workspaces is encouraged?

In retrospect, 'Margaret' is not so bad after all. I can live with it for now. It's an ordinary name and has always provided decent

camouflage. However, I will forever admire my friends Karen, whether they are named Karen or not, who are courageous enough to express ideas, opinions, despite the threat of oppression. Now for the good news for Karens. There has been a demographic shift. Apparently, Jessica was the number one name for girls in America for most of the 80s and the 90s, so most Jessicas are adult women now. I am not aware of a Hurricane bearing your name, I fear there may be one, and no, it's not fair.



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Belle Fourche Writers June meeting schedule: The editing meeting is Monday, June 1 from 2-4 PM. The regular June meeting is Saturday, June 20 from 10 AM to Noon. Belle Fourche Recreation Center Notes from Belle Fourche Rec Center Aquatics Manager: As always, please reach out of you have any questions, comments, or concerns! Water-walking, Silver Splash, Aquafit, Tri-State Museum.

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# Step Back in Time with Vaudeville! at the Tri-State Museum

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BELLE FOURCHE—A reception to kick off the latest temporary exhibit, Vaudeville!, was held at the Tri-State Museum on Saturday, May 23. Red Onion Marketplace provided baked goods to accompany the museum's refreshments.

Vaudeville was popular entertainment in the United States in the late 1800s through the early 1930s. "Vaudeville was absolutely huge, it came long before film, and they tied in the animals and the jugglers and just everything—it was like the original variety show," explained Jada Udager, collections archivist.

Of course, vaudeville made its way to downtown Belle Fourche! "We did have vaudeville in Belle Fourche, and they had vaudeville at the Iris Theater," said Udager. According to the museum exhibit, "Vaudeville came from the Great Eastern Novelty Show, which performed 4-5 times a day. Made up of seven acts, the show was described

as a community favorite, and it featured trapeze artists and a dog that sang."

The temporary exhibit is made up of a variety of artifacts from several different people, including the museum's own collection along with Three Hats Theatre Costume Shop. "Pam Somervold donated a vaudeville trunk that belonged to Jay Elwood... I finally get to accession it and get it cataloged. There's all these papers in there, and I mean just posters and pictures and newspaper articles and all this stuff, and contracts, and telegrams, and I'm like, 'oh my gosh, this is so cool,'" shared Udager. "There are things from Johanna Meier—she was an opera singer. Her parents and her grandparents were all in vaudeville, and she made her debut when she was five weeks old!"

The display contains a lot of historical information, including photos, posters, contracts, and more, with storyboards detailing the events and history surrounding the artifacts. There is a

touchscreen quiz and an activity table for the youngest museumgoers.

The exhibit was pulled together by museum staff: Jada Udager collected all of the artifacts; Kristi Thielen did the research and writing of the storyboards and touchscreen quiz; Jean Maher handled the exhibit's photo collation and mounting; Kim Reausaw created the PowerPoint and children's table craft. All four of them, plus Sheila Culhane, installed the exhibit.

They had fun putting this exhibit together. Udager said, "I had a lot of fun with this. It's a lot of fun; your creativity can just take off and run!"

Come check out the newest temporary exhibit for yourselves and learn the history of vaudeville and how it impacted Belle Fourche. It runs through September. Look for the next mini-exhibit opening on Saturday, June 27. It will explore the history of postage stamps.



There is a new temporary exhibit in the events center of the Tri-State Museum called Vaudeville! Longbrake photo



Jada Udager, collections archivist, always finds special salt and pepper shakers to go along with the exhibit theme. Longbrake photo



From the museum's collections, sheet music from Tin Pan Alley is on display in the Vaudeville! exhibit. Longbrake photo

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Special Meeting Minutes  
Butte County Administration  
Commission Meeting Room  
839 5th Avenue  
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Thursday, May 14, 2026

THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 2:45 P.M. on Thursday, May 14, 2026. Commissioners present were Erk, Brunner, Batterman, Kari, and Ager.

Chair Erk called the meeting to order.

Motion by Ager, Second by Brunner to adopt the meeting agenda with removal of Executive Session Personnel 1-25-2 (1) at 4:00. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Ager to enter into Executive Session: Personnel 1-25-2(1) at 2:46 PM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Exited Executive Session at 5:19 PM with no action. Ager left the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Discussion was held regarding the May 19, 2026, agenda, sales tax revenue, and bridge funding.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Kari to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:  
Chad Erk, Chairperson

ATTESTED BY:  
Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

OFFICIAL COUNTY ELECTION BALLOT  
BUTTE, SOUTH DAKOTA  
(June 02, 2026)

The following resolution was proposed by petition for submission to the voters. This resolution will not become effective unless approved by majority vote.

Title: Resolution to Create an Ordinance to Prohibit Data Centers in Butte County

States Attorney Explanation: The resolution would require that the Butte County Commissioners create an ordinance prohibiting the construction of data centers in Butte County, South Dakota.

To vote use a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square in front of "Yes" or "No."

Yes A vote "Yes" will adopt the resolution and require the Butte County Commissioners to draft an ordinance prohibiting data centers.

No A vote "No" will not adopt the resolution.

Source: 42 SDR 178, effective July 1, 2016.  
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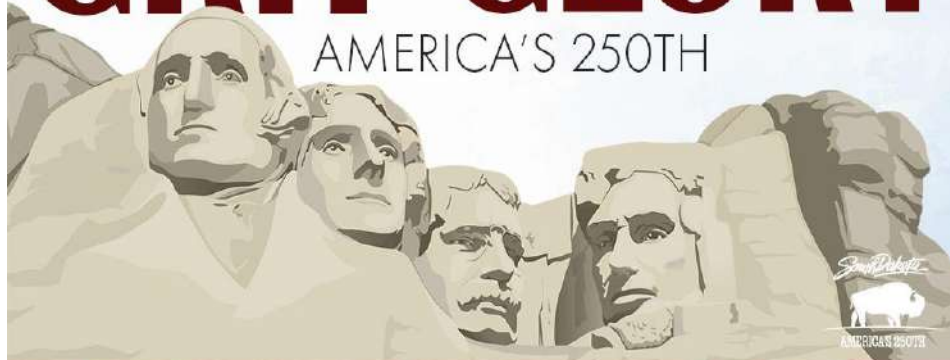
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## Memorial Day Service Honors Fallen at Newell Cemetery



The Veterans Honor Guard performs a rifle volley. Longbrake photo

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NEWELL—A small crowd gathered at the Newell Cemetery for a Memorial Day service to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation on the morning of May 25. The local VFW Post 5807 organized the services. Quartermaster Nila Charles, VFW Post 5807, greeted the crowd and introduced

the speaker, Lance Putnam. Putnam spent 26 years in Army Special Operations and did five combat tours in the War on Terrorism. He was awarded two Bronze Stars. Putnam retired in 2021 and is now a pastor at Newell Christian Fellowship. Putnam welcomed those gathered and reflected on the meaning of Memorial Day. “Good morning, everybody. Thank you guys so much for coming out today. So today

we’re here to honor the brave men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of freedom. Today is not about those of us that have worn the uniform at one time in our lives, but it’s about our brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, friends and relatives who never got to take the uniform off,” he said. He went on to share the names and stories of

fallen heroes and then said, “Thousands of names like these have answered the call of their nation and never returned home.” After sharing a quote from a letter written by Abraham Lincoln to a mother who lost five sons in the Civil War, Putnam said, “Today we thank these men and women for their sacrifice. The very freedoms that we enjoy in this nation we have today are because of them. We thank

them, we honor them, and most importantly, we will never forget them.” Following his address, the memorial wreath was laid, followed by an honor guard rifle volley. Memorial Day services were also held at the Vale Cemetery and Wilson Cemetery earlier in the morning on May 25.



Lance Putnam gave the Memorial Day address, with Nila Charles, VFW Post 5807. Longbrake photo



Laying of the memorial wreath. Longbrake photo

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# Grand River Roundup



**Betty Olson**

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It was chilly last Monday and it froze that night with the temperature at 30 degrees. It's a good thing that I hadn't got my garden planted with my sore leg.

Reub went over and mowed the cemetery at Glendo Tuesday morning to get it cleaned up for Memorial Day on Monday. Amanda and Copper got the lawn mowed when Amanda got home from helping her sister Josi Jensen. Max Matthew sent me a YouTube video where my old hero Fred Jennewein talked about the election to decide which town will be the capital of Perkins County. He also talked about the last roundup in this area in 1907. Fred was a 1902 cowboy and when we moved to Bison in 1953, Fred ran the rammed earth museum that was built by my great grandfather Carl Hallan.

Reub and I went to Hettinger Wednesday morning for my annual checkup with Lesley Kling at the Hettinger clinic

and everything turned out well except for my right leg that's still really painful. We ate lunch at the American Legion and stopped in Reeder on the way home to have coffee with the Prairie Pioneers.

I got all of my raised bed gardens planted on Thursday before that beautiful rain started. My gardens were watered better than I could have watered them with almost an inch of rain that fell and left puddles everywhere. The road over to the Glendo cemetery was so muddy that we didn't think we would be able to go over there until at least Memorial Day without getting stuck!

It rained some more on Friday and with the rain on Thursday it left a total of almost an inch and a quarter of much need moisture. My cousin Darlene (Krambeer) Welch's daughter Lark called and said she planned on coming to the ranch to go over to the cemetery at Glendo to put flowers on the graves of her grandmother Violet

(Wilkinson) Krambeer, our Aunt Daisy Wilkinson and my sister Judy (White) Amor on Saturday.

There was another death to report: Joseph Azevedo was 68 years young when he passed away on May 13, at Monument Health Hospital in Rapids City. The funeral mass was held on Friday, May 22, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial at the Greenhill Cemetery in Lemmon.

Lark and her husband Chad Schon were a little late getting to our house because they were visiting with her father Mick Welch over at Ludlow before they came here. We went over to the cemetery at Glendo to put flowers on her grandmother Violet Krambeer's grave, our Aunt Daisy Wilkinson's grave and my sister Judy Amor's grave and then we took her husband Chad down to see the Glendo Store and post office where my mother Lila (Wilkinson) White and her grandma Violet Krambeer grew up with six other siblings on the Glendo store that was taken over by their grandfather Charles Wilkinson after he left the Minnesota legislature. The Glendo store was built by Bill Olson, grandfather to Tom and Bill Holt and Reub's great uncle. The store was started by Charles' daughter Glencora before she passed away. That's why Charles took it over and later turned

it over to Glencora's brother Harvey Wilkinson, who was my grandfather. Glendo is in Glendo Township and is part of our east ranch.

Iver Heier brought this to church on Sunday that his sister sent to have me put it in my column:

**A Memorial Day Promise**

Our dad, Rueben Heier, passed from this earth in January of 1991. Mom, Marie Heier, who was his beloved wife, life partner and caretaker during his final years while he fought leukemia, decided that she wanted to remain on the farm/ranch in Harding County – it was her home.

Her lonesome stay, lasted one winter. That first spring of 1992 their daughters, Dawn of Albuquerque and Rosella of Rapid City, came home to help Marie find an apartment in Hettinger (Marions'). All seemed well until Marie could not drive any more.

While she waws still driving, she made several 65 mile (one way) trips by herself to check on the home place and to haul water to a lone tree she had planted on the north side of the Peace EUB Church cemetery. This church was built by her dad Jacob Schwarzwalter on a corner of the farm her father owned. Every Memorial Day she had decorated family graves in the cemetery. In the lean years, she would climb the nearby butte and harvest flowers. The year she gave up her

keys, Dawn and Rosella returned to Hettinger in late May to help Marie fix the graves and water the lone tree. On the way back to Hettinger, Marie said, "When I can't do this anymore, PROMISE you will take care of the family graves."

Eventually, Dawn moved Marie to Albuquerque to take care of her there. Rosella continued making the trip to Harding County to tend to the cemetery. Dawn, too far away, sent money for the flowers.

With the help of their brother Iver and his family and Robbie Erickson and his family and mower, the PROMISE has been kept for over 30 years. Because of schedules the activity is sometimes late.

Someday, if you drive north on SD Highway 79 north of Reva, watch for the white church on the right at the Schwarzwalter Corner (now the Erickson Corner). There is the Peace EUB Church, the lone tree, 5 sibling white crosses, flowers on head stone of Rueben and Marie, and the PROMISE kept.

Who will keep the PROMISE for me?  
Rosella Heier Beaumont



## Then and Now in Newell

### "Looking Forward to our Past"

**May 18, 1916**

Andrew Hegglund, Sulphur, is helping Mr. Mitchell haul two shacks from the gumbo to his claim northeast of town.

Notice to Ranchmen, the State of South Dakota Game Department will pay \$10 per head for young antelope delivered at the Bishel Ranch, 5 miles southeast of Arpan in Butte County. See P. L. Edholm, Department State Game Warden, Savoy, South Dakota.

Local papers in the northwest part of the state report a large increase in flax acreage in that section of the state. A lot of new breaking is being done and much of this is seeded to flax. The low-priced tractors which can be operated by one man are responsible for a great deal of the new breaking of sod.

**May 20, 1926**

A bunch of youngsters, who at least should be treated to an old-fashioned paddling, broke into the powder house of the Smiley-Gay Company last Sunday and stole about 900 dynamite caps. The kids were having a celebration by attaching short fuses to the deadly stuff and throwing the caps into the air to hear the noise of the explosion. When the matter was reported to police and the kids were taken in charge and the caps returned to the owner. It is easy to imagine what might have happened had one of the caps exploded in the hands of any of the kids.

Dr. G. W. Nash, President of Yankton College, has been secured to deliver the address at the Memorial Day program to be held in the Newell High School auditorium, May 30th at 10:00 AM. The program will be held under the auspices of the American Legion Post, and the various churches are co-operating with Adjutant Miller to make

the service a success.

It is reported that 132 cars of immigrants were brought into South Dakota by Chicago & Northwestern Railway during the past month. With the entirely inadequate legislative appropriation for the State Immigration Department this is a remarkable showing.

**May 21, 1936**

Work has started on the first house in Newell to be constructed of adobe bricks, commonly called "gumbo bricks". The new residence will be located near corner of Elmira Ave & 4th Street and is being constructed for Mr. & Mrs. R. T. Blythe. The adobe bricks are being made by Pedro Valerio, Mexico, who is familiar with this type of construction where it is quite general. Water is added to gumbo soil, add small amount of fine sand and a little straw, then packed into a mold and the blocks are then dried in the sun. A house of this type can be finished with plaster inside and stucco outside.

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Maass entertained the Newell School teachers at their home Tuesday evening. While Mr. & Mrs. Ole Tysdal entertained the Horse Creek School teachers, Misses Schipke and Easton and Mrs. George Hill and son at their home.

Two Newell men are listed among the graduates at the School of Mines; Lawrence John Hull, son of Mr. & Mrs. D. J. Hull will receive the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Metallurgical Engineering and Reynold Edward Isto, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Isto, will get the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Both are graduates of Newell High School and are listed among the outstanding students at the Mines.

The wool market came to

by Linda Velder

life on Friday when M. E. Hafner, local buyer for Cordingley & Co, Boston, Mass, purchased 20,000 fleeces of medium wool at 30 cents per pound. Up to Wednesday Mr. Hafner was still buying a limited amount at the 30-cent figure. There have been some sales of medium wool in merchandisable form which have been sold on delivered basis of 34 to 35 cents in Ohio and Mississippi.

**May 16, 1946**

Earl Dennis, former Newellite, now residing at Yuma, Arizona, recently won high honors in a Pasadena, California flower show, according to Sam H. Bober, who recently returned from a visit to that and other points. Dennis won 1st place and a sweepstakes prize in the competition. He sent greetings to old friends in this territory.

Jr. Getty, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Getty, was taken to the Belle Fourche Hospital where he had to have an abscess lanced. It had been causing him a great deal of pain. We hope that now Jr. will be on the road to recovery. Mrs. John Wilson visited the Getty family upon their return home from the hospital.

J. O. Price & Son, local owners of the Coast to Coast store here, this week received a key-making machine which they have put to use there. With the device, they are now able to turn out keys in a few minutes. Keys made while you watch. Phone 4042.

**May 24, 1956**

Mrs. L. R. Chiesman and Mrs. Mary Walton were honored as 50-year graduates of Black Hills Teachers College at Spearfish Saturday evening at a banquet held at the college in honor of alumni. Mrs. Chiesman and Mrs. Walton graduated in 1906. Mrs. Edgar Anderson,



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also of Newell, was honored as a 30-year graduate, being the only one present from that class. Mrs. Walton taught for many years at Newell while Mrs. Anderson taught at rural schools and also Newell Public. Others attending from Newell were Mrs. R. C. Johnson, and Mrs. J. W. Price all ladies were chauffeured by Mr. Chiesman.

In order that the staff at the Valley Irrigator office may observe the Memorial Holiday, all advertisements and correspondence are advised to submit their copy for next week's paper one day earlier than usual, on Monday. Newell stores and other businesses will be closed all day May 30 was announced by the Newell Community Club. The Irrigator office will be closed all day, but the paper will be mailed early Thursday morning as usual.

A free chest x-ray is again available to every adult and child 14 years and older in Butte County. The State Department of Health's Chest X-ray Diagnostic Units are scheduled in Eastern Butte: at Nisland May 24, Newell May 26 and Vale May 28.

**June 2, 1966**

A thief or thieves siphoned about 20 gallons of gasoline and removed 22-caliber rifles from two trucks at the Humble-Enco Distribution Office here Wednesday night, it was reported by City Police Ed Yoder. A girl's blue bicycle with carrier, basket and speedometer was reported stolen from the Duane Friez residence the next

day. It is assumed that the same perpetrators are involved with both incidents.

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Snoozy of Sturgis spent Monday visiting with Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Hoese and Steve Smeenk at Carlisle, Wyoming. Steve will be employed for the summer months by his sister at the Hoese Ranch.

A total of \$41.55 was collected to help needy veterans and their families during the VFW Auxiliary sponsored Poppy Day sale here Saturday, it is reported by Post officers. Members of the Auxiliary of VFW Post 5807 express their thanks to all members of Newell Girl Scout Troops 114 and 115 and other volunteers who helped to make the sale a success.

Now that school is out and more children are moving about. City Police Ed Yoder calls for motorists, especially in and around the city, to be especially careful and watchful of young people to avoid any accidents or serious injury. He also cautions children to be watchful of traffic and when in traffic to obey the state traffic regulations. Those that ride after dark must be equipped with both headlights and reflectors. Those who wish to study the state laws and regulations in respect to bicycle or motor bike operations may secure a manual copy from Yoder.



(L) Adobe House; (R) Breaking sod. Museum Photos

### Here's What's Happening in Newell!

**Pie Day at NVN Senior Center**  
May 26 • 10 a.m.–3 p.m.  
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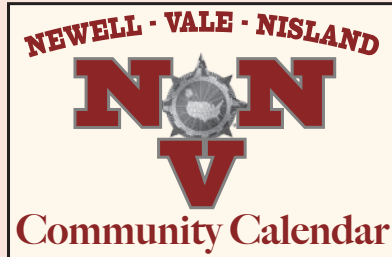
**Newell Area Economic Group Meeting**  
June 3 • 6 p.m.  
*First Wednesday every month*

**NHS Athletic Banquet**  
May 21 • 6 p.m.

**Newell Commission Meeting**  
June 8 • 5 p.m.  
*Second Monday every month*

**Elementary Basketball Camp**  
May 25-26 • 5 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

**School Board Meeting**  
June 8 • 6 p.m.  
*Second Monday every month*

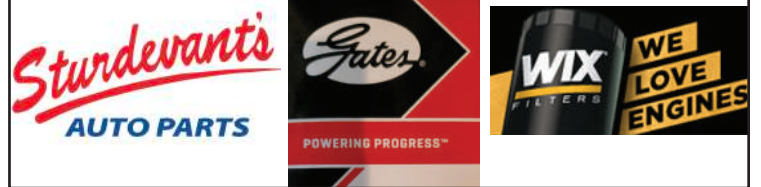


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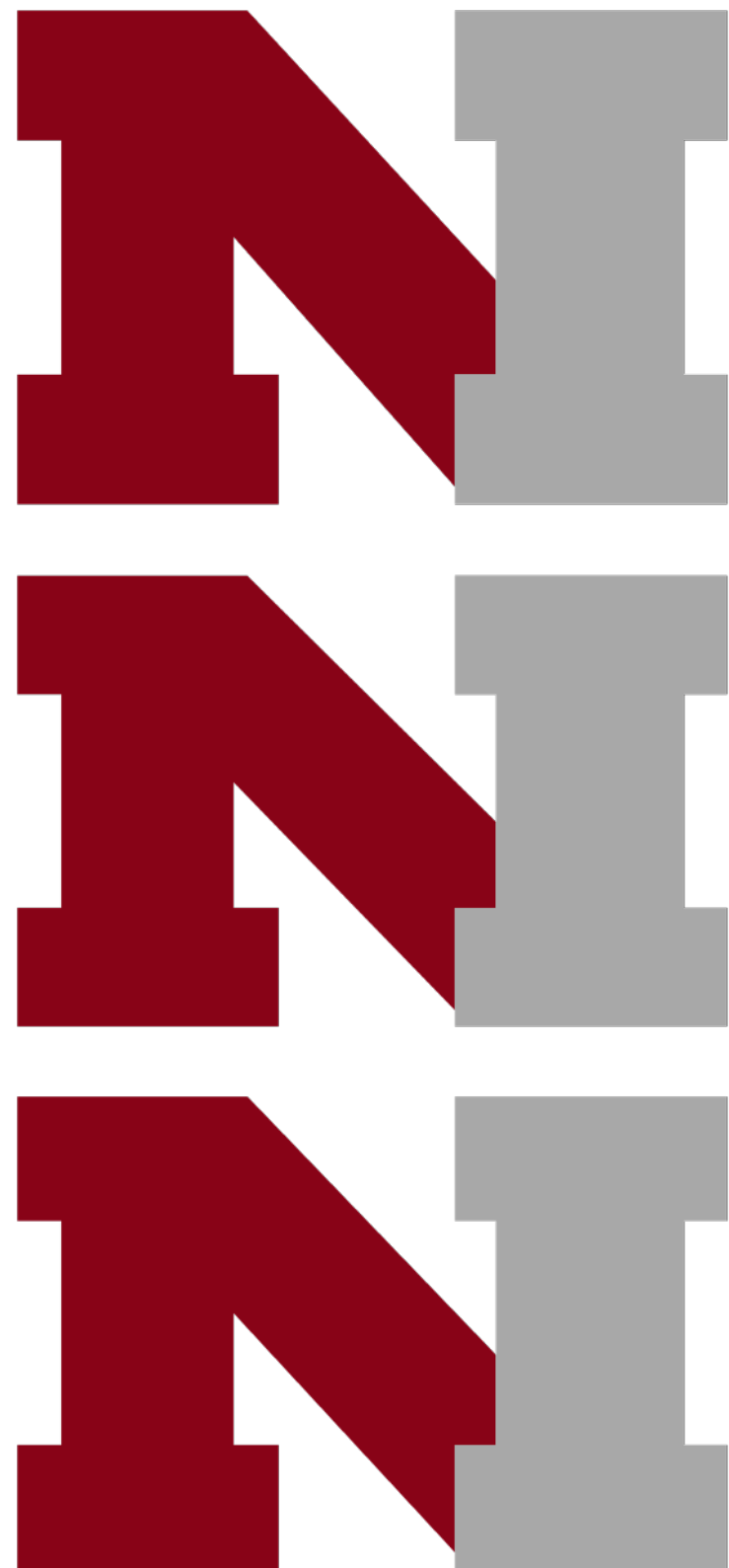
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# Midwestern Meat Locker Cookout Highlights Creative Brat Flavors



Ryan Dennis, owner of Midwestern Meat Locker, cooks up brats. Longbrake photo

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NEWELL—The community was invited to try unique brat flavors, from French onion to mac and cheese, cooked up by Midwestern Meat Locker on Monday, May 25.

The warm, sunny weather, paired with a variety of unique brat flavors, drew local folks to the park to enjoy good food, cold drinks and each other's company. Offerings included French onion beef brats, mac and cheese pork brats, beef Philly brats, mushroom and Swiss beef brats and Holiday ham pork brats, along with brownies and

lemon bars for dessert.

The idea for the free lunch came from business owner Ryan Dennis. "I've wanted to kind of do a little community event for a long time, and we've been kind of collecting some of these different flavors that we haven't really put out to the public yet—I just seen a bunch of them and I was like why don't we just throw them out there and we'll do a cookout and invite the public and just try to have a good time—seemed like a good thing to do," he explained.

After Dennis announced the free brats event, he wasn't sure what the turnout would be like.

"I'm ecstatic—honestly, I didn't think that we would get more than a dozen people that weren't either employees or friends of employees," he shared. "It's been a great turnout. We've just about cooked up everything that we had!"

The business owner likes doing events for the community. Midwestern Meat Locker did a similar event during the Labor Day celebration last year; they hosted a cookout. "We're gonna try and do that again this year. I would like to work with the Economic Development Group and we're trying to set up maybe two or three of

these things every year. We'll see how that pans out, but I would like to see that happen," said Dennis.

The meat locker is a veteran-owned business that is a custom-only locker. "We have a retail space up front, we sell box meat, we do all our own broth, we do bacon, we do ham, we got nine different flavors of snack sticks, two or three different flavors of summer sausage and jerky," said Dennis.

The store also makes charcuterie trays and will have gift boxes available for Father's Day. Come in and grab your dad some delicious snacks!

If you haven't had a chance to stop by this

meat locker and see what they have for sale, now is a good time to do it! If you want more information about any of their products, it is best to stop by the store in person or send an email. Store hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Above Left: Midwestern Meat Locker hosted a free BBQ. Above Right: Area folks came out to try some delicious food. Longbrake photos

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