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Halloween Festivities Fill the Calendar

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BELLE FOURCHE—It's time to dust off those Halloween costumes and get ready for a spooky season filled with tricks, treats and enough candy to last well into next year! With long-time favorites like the CONBA Halloween Parade and Costume Contest and newcomers like Wareing Motors joining the festivities, there are plenty of opportunities to show off those costumes more than once this Halloween season.

New to the Halloween lineup this year is Wareing Motors, hosting a Trunk or Treat on October 29 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. They are creating a special evening for kids and their families. McKenzie Quigley is in charge of setting up the event at Wareing Motors and encourages everyone to wear their costumes!

Of course, a big parking lot full of cars lends itself to a special Trunk or Treat celebration. "We're going to clear the main lot, the paved lot, and move all of our vehicles out to make room for the businesses to come in and set up their trunk or treat. Wareing is going to do one—a big one for the kids," explained Quigley.

So far, they have about eight businesses signed up to offer a trunk-or-treat booth and would love to have a few more trunks



Lee Hodge leading the Halloween Parade down State Street. Longbrake photo

to make the event as spectacular as possible for the kids. Reach out to Quigley at 406-672-3055 to reserve your trunk space. They will be giving an award for the best-decorated vehicle at the event.

Upcoming Halloween and Fall Events are as follows:
October 24

The 10th Annual Pumpkinfest kicks off the Halloween events on Saturday, October 24, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tri-State Museum and Center of the Nation Visitor Center. In partnership with the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce, expect it to be a day full of activities. The Tri-State Performers will

present Misunderstood Monsters in the museum gallery at noon and again at 3 p.m.

Explore Skeletown in the Johnny Spaulding Cabin, where visitors can count the skeletons for a special contest. Ride the Pumpkin Train, jump in a bouncy house, sign up for a kid's book giveaway, participate

in crafts and games and get a goodie bag. The costume contest begins at 12:45 p.m. There will also be vendors with food and shopping opportunities.
October 28

Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum, east of Belle Fourche on U.S. Highway 212, has a

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Rope, Stroke and Poke Raises Funds for Black Hills Roundup Foundation



The Cowboy Classic Rope, Stroke and Poke raised \$2,500 for the Black Hills Roundup Foundation. Pictured are event organizer Clay Birkeland, board member Shawna Eastman and foundation president Nate Hedin. Courtesy photo

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BELLE FOURCHE—A different kind of competition took place in Belle Fourche, one that takes a special combination of talent to compete in not just one, but three very different events—roping steers, playing golf and throwing darts. The Cowboy Classic Rope, Stroke and Poke event took place on August 29.

Nineteen teams of three signed up to give the unusual contest a try. The competition kicked off at 9 a.m. and proceeded all day, ending around 7 p.m. The team roping took place at the Black Hills Roundup Rodeo Grounds and the golf and darts were hosted by the Belle Fourche Country Club. "Well, the rope would be team roping...the stroke is golf and the poke was to play darts... a combination of time and scores between the three events is what determined the winners," explained Clay Birkeland, event organizer.

And if a team member didn't know how to team rope, there was a plan for that. "We had at least two ropers on

each team to rope, and then the third member had to rope a dummy on the ground—so you didn't really have to be a roper per se—you could kind of fake it a little bit," shared Birkeland.

The event was also a fundraising opportunity with the plans to give a portion of the proceeds to the Black Hills Roundup Foundation to put towards scholarships. "We gave a check for \$2,500 to the foundation from what we made that day," said Birkeland.

With \$2,000 added money and a portion of the \$600 entry fees per team, the winners received a sweet payday. Prizes were given to the winners as well. "All of the teams that won each—the rope and the golf and the darts—each won buckles," said Birkeland. "We also gave buckles to the overall winners as well."

Those with the overall best scores from all three of the Rope, Stroke and Poke events were the team of Colton Backhaus, Clayton Backhaus and Quillan McNeese.

Stroke & Poke Contd. A6

Fire Department Takes Honors at Chamber Chili Challenge

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BELLE FOURCHE—From white chicken chili to traditional chili and everything in between, those who came out to take part in the Annual Chamber Chili Challenge were treated to a delicious evening. The public who took part in the challenge spent the evening of October 15 eating their way through Belle Fourche.

While the participating businesses competed to make the best pot of chili, the public had a challenge of their own—tasting ten different chilis at various area businesses and voting for their favorites.

The contest ran for two hours, beginning at 6 p.m. Everyone had until 8 p.m. to turn in their ballots. "It's an annual event—a fundraiser for the Chamber. The winner gets to house our traveling trophy for a year," explained Brianne Bonnet, assistant director of the Chamber of Commerce.

After a near-record turnout of 17 chili entries last year, the Chamber decided to limit the number of entries to ten this year to make sure everyone had time and room to taste all of the carefully prepared chili.

There were eight locations to stop at. A few of the locations provided a spot for other businesses to serve up their own chili concoctions.

The beginning of the challenge started in the Belle Fourche Chamber office, where wristbands were on sale for \$10. While there, participants got to enjoy Spider Monkey Surprise, an elk chili made by the Butte County Volunteer Fire Department. They offered cornbread muffins to eat along with it.

From there, people could travel on a variety of paths to the next chili host. Most participating businesses were right on State Street, but a few were



The Butte County Volunteer Fire Department cooked up Spider Monkey Surprise chili and handed it out in the Chamber office. They went on to win first place in the Chili Challenge. Longbrake photo

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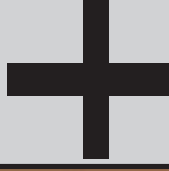


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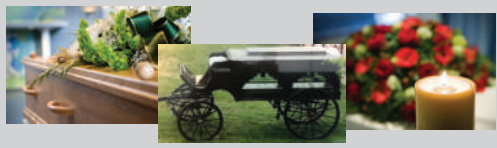
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Allan Collins, 64



Allan Edwin Collins was born November 15, 1961, in Rapid City. He was the son of Marvin and Joan (Wilcox) Collins. Allan grew up in Belle Fourche and graduated from high school with the Class of '80. His father, Marvin, ran a bread route for "Old Home" and Allan would often help before school. Allan had many great memories with his dad and siblings enjoying times at Pactola and Iron Creek, camping and fishing. In 1984, Allan married the love of his life, Renee Stevens, at the St. James Lutheran Church. To this union two sons were born: Ryan and Justin. For a few years, Allan helped Kenny Thomas build homes. Allan worked for American Colloid for 18 years, working his way up in the company by starting out throwing bags and finishing with managing at the Belle Plant. He was a hard worker no matter what task was put in front of him. For the past 25 years he was the Purchasing Manager for True North Steel. Purchasing steel that was used to make bridges and buildings was a job that Allan truly loved.

Allan always had a love for horses. He and Renee were one of the first members of the Ranchers Quarter Horse Breeders Association, and they would take the colts they raised to the sales to be sold. Allan would team rope with his boys through the years at the Kudlock and Whetham arenas, enjoying the time with them and their friends. He was a die-hard fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Allan will always be remembered for his kindhearted ways, his independent spirit, and how much he loved his boys.

Allan was diagnosed with brain cancer only 68 days before his passing. In that short time, Allan showed his courage and strength and fought hard. He went home to heaven surrounded by his family, on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at the age of 64. Allan was a dedicated husband and father, and he will be greatly missed by his family.

Allan is survived by his wife, Renee; sons, Ryan of Gillette WY, Justin of Ludlow SD; sister, Shelly Royer of Sturgis; brothers, Danny "Boone" (Caren) Collins of Sturgis, Marvin (Kristy) Collins of Sacramento CA, Joe (Kristin) Collins of Tea SD, Jim Collins of Belle Fourche; mother-in-law, Phyllis Stevens of Arizona; and several nieces and nephews.

Allan was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bob; and father-in-law, Richard Stevens.

The Celebration of Life Service will be held 10:30am Thursday, October 22, 2026 at St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche. Visitation will be held 5 to 7pm Wednesday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Friends may leave written condolences, view a video tribute, and view the funeral service on Allan's obituary page located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com



Char Helmer, 84



Char Helmer, age 84 of Belle Fourche, died Friday, October 16, 2026 at the Garden Hills Assisted Living Center in Spearfish.

The Celebration of Life Service will be held 11am Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service. Interment will take place in Pine Slope Cemetery. Friends may leave written condolence online at www.LeveringtonFH.com

Charlotte Williamson was born September 26, 1942. She was the daughter of Ralph and Viola Williamson. Char grew up in the Vale area, where she also graduated from high school. Char was united in marriage to Ed Helmer on June 5, 1960 in Sturgis. To this union 4 children were born: Christy, Kelly, Monty, and Jennel. Following their marriage, Ed and Char ranched west of Belle Fourche, across the Wyoming state line. In 1984 they moved to the north side of Belle Fourche and Ed worked for area ranchers. In June of 2021, Char and Ed moved into the Hickory House. Together, Ed and Char were blessed

with 61 years of marriage, before Ed's passing in 2022.

Char loved her grandchildren and she will be remembered for being a strong woman with an independent spirit. Her faith in the Lord was strong, and she loved reading her Bible. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother, and she'll be missed greatly.

Char is survived by her son, Monty (Teresa) of Cartersville, Georgia; daughters, Christy (Colin) Knuteson of New Town, North Dakota, Kelly (Ed) Chuck of Royse City, Texas, Jennel Johnson of Mitchel NE; 18 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; and her sister, Marge of Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers, David and Wes Williamson; sister, Jeanette Hawley; and son-in-law, Dan Johnson.



Beverly Evelyn (Koan) Price, 90

Beverly Evelyn (Koan) Price, 90, of Belle Fourche, SD passed peacefully October 19, 2026. Born to Henry "Fred" Koan and Mildred (Leitch) Koan on June 28, 1936, in Bowman, ND. She lived in various areas in North and South Dakota, graduating High School in Newell, SD.

She met the love of her life at a dance in the community hall and married Paul "Mick" Price on October 3, 1957, there in Newell. They lived on the family ranch in Zeona but ultimately settled their family in Belle Fourche in 1969. She raised three beautiful children, Paul "Tom" Jr., Deb and David. Once they were all raised and on their own, Bev joined Mick in the truck. They team drove for years before they began delivering campers all across the US, living with their sons in Newton, KS when they weren't on the road. They took the winters off, enjoying the snowbird life – living half the year in the desert and the other half in Kansas and South Dakota. Bev lived for her family. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the joy of her life.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers Gene and Roy, husband, son-in-law Darryl Raber and great-great-grandson Rhyatt. She is survived by her sisters Nona and Betty, sister-in-law Ellen, children: Tom & Susan Price, Deb Raber, David & Donna Price; nine grandkids, 12 great-grandkids, and two great-great-grandkids.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Services will be held at 10:30AM, Monday October 26, 2026, at the Christian Life Center. Burial will follow the service at 2:30PM at Black Hills National Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel of Spearfish. Online condolences may be written at https://www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com/



Philippians 4:13

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From A1 Halloween

host of events planned beginning on Wednesday, October 28. Come out for the Dungeons and Dinosaurs event from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is an interactive Dungeons and Dragons adventure with audience participation encouraged!

Halloween Trunk or Treat begins at 7:30 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1105 Todd St., Belle Fourche. Family-friendly costumes are encouraged.

October 29

Put your costumes on and head to Wareing Motors Trunk or Treat from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The parking lot will be turned into a trunk-or-treat with decorated vehicles and a prize for the best-decorated one. Businesses and individuals are invited to participate.

After you are done with Wareing's Trunk or Treat, head out to Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum for their Dinosaur Drive-In Movie Night from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. They will have screens set up inside the museum and outside the building to show a movie from 1969. There will be a discussion about the connection between dinosaurs and Hollywood.

October 30

Spend your Friday night at the haunted museum! Head out to the Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum for their Dinosaur Halloween Party Night from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be music, games, movies, snacks, a costume contest and a museum to explore.

October 31, Halloween

The spooky adventures begin on State Street for the annual Belle Fourche Halloween Parade

hosted by the Center of the Nation Business Association. The costume crawl starts at 4 p.m. in front of Pete's Clothing and Western Wear. At the end of the route, line up for the costume contest. After the judging is finished, stroll back down State Street and trick or treat at all of the participating businesses handing out treats.

Following the State Street extravaganza, head to the Halloween Spooktacular at the

Belle Fourche Rec Center from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Inside the rec center gym area, businesses and local organizations will have trick-or-treat booths and games. Beginning at 6:05 p.m., there will be a costume contest with awards.

If you are still in a festive mood and want one last chance to show off your costume, head out to the Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum for their Dinosaur Treat or Terror Night. Explore the haunted museum, trick-or-treat and participate in a scavenger hunt. Anyone under 18 wearing a dinosaur costume is free.

Other Areas

The local communities of Newell and Vale are having festivities for kids and their families as well.

On October 29, Newell is having a Fall Harvest Party from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the

Newell City Hall. For this event, you are encouraged to dress in your favorite autumn outfits or colors. "This year we're gonna actually have free hot dogs, chips, pie, autumn desserts, and that's free for the community, we'll have a donation jar but it isn't necessary," shared Sabrina Harmon, director

of Whatever It Takes. "There will be tic-tac-toe, cornhole and a fish pond."

Several local organizations will be joining the festivities. Butte Meade Water will host a cupcake walk, while Newell Christian Fellowship will offer a fishpond game. The Lions Club will have a candy guessing game and Butte Ambulance will provide drinks, including hot cocoa and apple cider. Other activities include apple dunking, games and door prizes. "We will give out bags because they'll get prizes from every game," said Harmon.

There will be a fall picture area set up by Hitch'n Post Market. It is a family-friendly event, and all ages are welcome.

On October 31, the Vale Community Club Trunk or Treat will be held in the Vale Community Hall parking lot from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Anyone wishing to provide a trunk should arrive before 4 p.m., and park on the south side of the lot facing south and wait for the kids to come around.

The Patch at Joyful Blooms Flower Farm, located at 18950 Vale Cut Off Road in Nisland, offers a pumpkin patch, hayrides, a petting zoo, pumpkin bowling, photo opportunities, a corn pit, haystack hill and a toddler zone. Admission is \$8 per person, with children 2 and younger admitted free. The Patch is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The final day of the season is Halloween, October 31, when The Patch will close at 2 p.m.

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Photos from the Chamber Mixer

October 20, hosted by BFACT/Hersrud's. Photo Credit: Doug Cole



Chili Contd. from A1

farther away, like Highmark Credit Union. They enticed chili lovers with a spicy white chicken chili and cookies to wash it down.

The Outlaw Bar served up delicious chili. The rest of the participants in the challenge were located along State Street.

Those businesses included Pasque Ladies Fashions, which served Southwest Chorizo Chili, and Cowboys TOO!, which offered Linda's Campfire Chili made with ground beef. Cowboys TOO! also hosted the Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum, which served its special Extinction Chili made with bison, Italian sausage and ground beef.

The Hitching Post Tap House had its own take on Mexican Street Corn White Chicken Chili with jalapeno cheddar biscuits on the side. The Tap House hosted Viking Properties and their traditional red chili with beef from Sleep Legacy Beef.

Pearson Block Candy Shop cooked up Texas brisket with ancho chili. And finally, Posy Palace partnered once again with

the winner from the last two years, Badlands Security, who cooked up a three-meat combination of smoked chorizo, bacon and brisket chili. Red Onion Marketplace served cinnamon rolls to go along with the smoky chili.

At the end of the night, everyone who tasted the chili then had the hard task of picking their favorite. With so many creative combinations, the hardest problem of the night was picking just one to be first. After ballots were cast, participants left them at the last business they visited. "You can drop your ballot in wherever you stop, there are eight businesses, but 10 chilis to sample," said Bonnet.

After receiving second place for the past two years, the Butte County Volunteer Fire Department made some changes and pushed to the front of the pack, winning the 2026 Chamber Chili Challenge. Posy Palace Florist, partnering with Badlands Security, won second place, and tied for third place were Hitching Post Tap House and Highmark Credit Union.



Posy Palace partnered with Badlands Security to cook up chili that won them a second place finish in the Chamber Chili Challenge. Longbrake photo(s)



Waiting in line to get chili at Highmark Credit Union.



Collecting money and handing out wristbands, Brianne Bonnet, assistant director of the Chamber of Commerce, stayed busy during the Chamber Chili Challenge.



Eating chili inside of the Pearson Block Candy Shop.



Viking Properties served their chili creation inside of the Hitching Post Tap House.



The Chamber of Commerce was a busy place during the Chamber Chili Challenge.

Superintendent’s Corner

R. Orion Thompson

It’s hard to believe we’ve already wrapped up the first quarter, what a great start to the school year! Everywhere I look, I see momentum, pride, and a lot of good work happening across our District. Thank you to our staff, students, families, school board, and community for the support you continue to show. When we move together, our students benefit.

Homecoming was a highlight this fall. It was energizing to see our School spirit on full display and our community show up in such a big way. We’re also seeing the impact of the renovations at the High School and Middle School. The improvements look fantastic, and these updated spaces will support teaching and learning for years to come. During our October School Board meeting, Board members toured the High School to see the changes firsthand, and it was great to share the progress with them.

We also took time at that meeting to thank Kelly Keegan for her service on the School Board and welcomed Matt Moore, who took the oath of office for a one year appointment. We appreciate Kelly’s contributions and look forward to working with Matt as we continue moving the District

forward. In addition, our Board received the ALL Award from the Associated School Boards of South Dakota (ASBSD) for its commitment to training, development, and ongoing learning. This recognition reflects the Bard’s dedication to strong, informed leadership.

Our Forever Broncs initiative continues to grow. At the recent football game, our Board president shared an overview of the program, we welcomed a large group of 3rd and 4th grade students, 50 preregistered and possibly close to 100, who attended with their families. The energy was incredible. Our next event will take place during a volleyball game and will welcome our 5th and 6th grade students. These moments help build connections between our students, families, and schools, and it’s exciting to see the enthusiasm building.

We’re also continuing our work on the Early Learner Initiative and exploring funding opportunities, including a potential partnership with United Way. Investing in our youngest learners is one of the most important commitments we can make, and we’re eager to keep moving this work forward.

Another positive development is the start of our search for a girls assistant wrestling coach. We’re excited to continue strengthening this program and

expanding opportunities for students to participate, grow, and compete.

Finally, we’ve received our state report card and are reviewing the information carefully as we work through the appeals process. We’re encouraged by the work happening across the District and look forward to using this first year’s data to guide improvement, celebrate progress, and stay focused on what matters most: student learning and success.

As we head into the next quarter, I’m grateful for the energy, commitment, and collaboration that make Belle Fourche special. From Homecoming to facility improvements to student centered initiatives, there is a lot of positive momentum. Thank you for being part of it! When our schools and community work together, our students win and that will always be our focus.

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October 2026



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Bronc Girls Cross Country win Region 5A Title
The Boys Team Finished in 2nd Place



The Belle Fourche Broncs Girls Cross Country and Boys teams will me heading to the 2026 State Cross Country meet after the girls won the Region 5A title and the boys finished second in the team standings last Thursday at the Hart Ranch Camping Resort.

Rys Pearson led the Broncs with a 3rd place finishin a time of 20:03.1, followed by Aubryn Hartman, 5th (20:21.0); Piper Curran 9th (20:37.8); Isabella Torbersson 10th (20:55.8); and Lyla Drieling 16th (21:19.3).

Lennon Clarkson finished 2nd in the Boys race with a time of (16:28.0) followed by Jaxon Bach 10th (18:22.7); Nathan Hudson 11th (18:26.2); Thaddaeus McKenney (18:34.0); and Clifford Torber-son 14th(18:45.3)

The top twenty individual racers in botht he Boys and Girls meet as well as the top three teams all earn berths to the State Tournament this coming weekend.

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From A1 **Stroke & Poke**

Rope, Stroke and Poke competition was held in Belle Fourche. “We had a really good turnout, and we’re hoping to do it again,” said Birkeland.

Birkeland wanted to make sure the sponsors knew how much they were appreciated. Sponsors of the event were E&M Steel Products, Northern Car Brokers, Capital Builders, Pioneer Bank & Trust and Belle Chiropractic & Massage.

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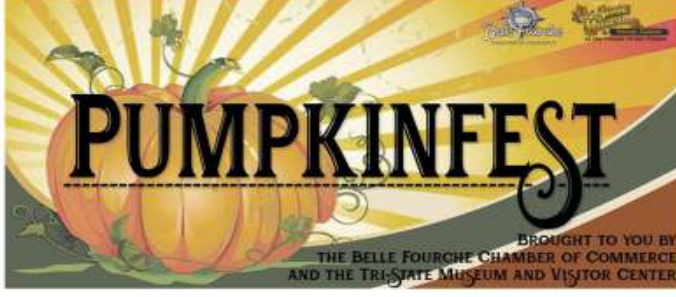
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**Saturday, October 24 from 11 am to 4 pm at
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Pumpkin Train
Bouncy House
Games and Crafts in the Visitor Center
Kid's book giveaway
Costume contest 12:45
Goodie Bags for kids

Tri-State Performers
present
Misunderstood Monsters
at Noon and 3 pm
in the museum gallery



**SDCEO**
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**Business Transitions - Growth,
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Nov 12 | Virtual
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm MT
Hart's Revival founder Gwen Pokalo Hart will draw on her two decades of experience in strategic finance and ecosystem building to lead this event on empowering mission-driven and rural entrepreneurs. Attendees will gain valuable insights from her extensive background in directing cohort-based entrepreneurship programs, worker ownership, and federal SBA resource development.
Tickets: Free
Deadline: Nov 12 @ 12:00 pm MT
Register Here: [Register!](#)

Show Up!

by Belle LaVenue



It's not too early to take steps to be ready for all the upcoming fun in Belle Fourche through December!

STEP ONE: Check out the upcoming fine arts community events. The Belle Fourche Schools are preparing for fall concerts and the Veterans Day Programs. All the schools have programs on Wednesday, November 11th, and they invite veterans, families, and all the community to celebrate our veterans on this 250th birthday of the United States. There is also a program hosted by the BFMS at the Rolling Hills nursing home. Watch for more information in the next couple of weeks!

STEP TWO: Audition for the BFACT Production of A Suessified Christmas Carol. This show has all the heart of the original story with the addition of Suessified Fun!. Auditions will be held on October 18 at 2pm and October 19 & 22 at 6:30pm in the Rec Center Theater. This show is open to all ages. Children 8 and younger will need a parent or guardian to be present at rehearsal. This show is a flexible size so there are many roles of different sizes. You don't need to bring anything for auditions, just yourself. The show itself will be on December 10 – 13. If you are interested in helping with tech of any kind (lights, sound stage management, set building, etc), please come to auditions. If you have any questions, or are unable to make the audition dates but still want to join the production, feel free to message director@bellefourcheact.com or call 605.645.3255 to arrange a different audition time and date.

STEP THREE: Add OUR calendar to YOUR calendar. 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!

- October 26, Monday, 7 PM, BFHS Chorus Concert, BF Rec Center Theater
- November 2, Monday, 7 PM, BFHS Band Concert, BF Rec Center Theater
- November 11, Wednesday, 9 AM, BFHS Veterans Day Program, BF Rec Center Theater
- November 11, Wednesday, 2 PM, BFMS Veterans Day Program, BFMS Gymnasium
- November 19-21, Thursday-Saturday, 7 PM BFHS Fall Production: Pick Your Poison by Laura Barbieri
- November 30, Monday, 7 PM, BFHS Chorus Concert, BF Rec Center Theater
- December 1, Tuesday, 7 PM, BFHS Band Concert, BF Rec Center Theater
- December 7, Monday, 6:30 PM BFMS Chorus Concert for 6, 7, & 8th Grades
- December 18, Friday, TBD, BF Elementary Concert for K-4th Grades



AUDITIONS

OCT 18 AT 2PM & OCT 19 & 22 AT 6:30PM: BF REC CENTER AUDITORIUM

Here is What You May Have Missed!

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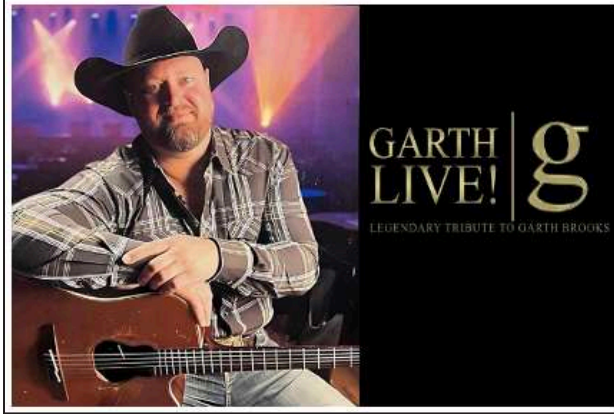
2026-27 Concert Series * Belle Fourche, SD
Belle Fourche Rec Center Theater



Alliance Brass – Made in America

Thursday, September 24, 2026 7:00 PM

Celebrating America's 250th anniversary, Made in America is a celebration of 250 years of American music. Blending virtuosity and vitality, the Alliance Brass makes a return engagement to Belle Fourche with a program that covers a wide variety of styles, as is very fitting of this beautifully diverse country.



Drew Baloh – Garth Live!

Saturday, October 17, 2026 2:00 PM Matinee

Having played to sold-out crowds across the U.S., GARTH LIVE! is a stunning tribute to the music of Garth Brooks featuring Drew Baloh, who has an uncanny resemblance to legendary country music icon Garth Brooks. GARTH LIVE! will take you on a country music journey that is unmatched.

Here is What's Next! You Don't Want to Miss!



Ella Mae Dixon

Saturday, November 14, 2026 2:00 PM Matinee

Ella Mae Dixon, originally from Wellfleet, Massachusetts, is drawn to the music of a bygone era. Her performances, combining her powerful vocals with piano and bass, give new energy to old melodies while paying homage to the styles of yesterday. Dixon is a natural comedian with poise, dry wit, and

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FRIDAY, OCT 16th - SPRING CALF & YEARLING SPECIAL - 9 AM

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Owens, Tom, Baker, MT.....	45	..	Bbld	..	Hfrs		915		\$319.00
Rypkema Family Ranching Lc, Hermosa, SD.....	12	..	Blk	..	Hfrs		1067		\$277.00
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Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche, SD.....	60	..	Bbld	..	Strs		558		\$450.00
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Duprel, Jason & Nellie, Newell, SD.....	99	..	B/R	..	Strs		603		\$425.00
Duprel, Jason & Nellie, Newell, SD.....	77	..	Bbld	..	Strs		538		\$462.00
Duprel, Jason & Nellie, Newell, SD.....	10	..	Blk	..	Strs	.....	417	.....	\$560.00
Lindsey Ranch, Newell, SD.....	103	..	Blk	..	Strs	.....	541	.....	\$464.00
Lindsey Ranch, Newell, SD.....	32	..	Blk	..	Strs	.....	454	.....	\$535.00
Aldren, Jon Or Heidi, Whitewood, SD.....	32	..	B/R	..	Strs	.....	605	.....	\$418.00
Aldren, Jon Or Heidi, Whitewood, SD.....	34	..	Blk	..	Hfrs	.....	581	.....	\$384.00
Aldren, Jon Or Heidi, Whitewood, SD.....	53	..	B/R	..	Strs	.....	523	.....	\$467.50
Aldren, Jon Or Heidi, Whitewood, SD.....	52	..	Bbld	..	Hfrs	.....	492	.....	\$439.00
Aldren, Jon Or Heidi, Whitewood, SD.....	12	..	Blk	..	Strs	.....	403	.....	\$577.00
Aldren, Jon Or Heidi, Whitewood, SD.....	14	..	Bbld	..	Hfrs	.....	388	.....	\$507.50
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center, SD.....	96	..	Blk	..	Hfrs	.....	607	.....	\$444.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center, SD.....	45	..	Bld	..	Hfrs	.....	578	.....	\$415.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center, SD.....	27	..	Bbld	..	Hfrs	.....	527	.....	\$427.00
Behrens Ranch Lc, Hermosa, SD.....	25	..	Bbld	..	Strs	.....	537	.....	\$464.00
Behrens Ranch Lc, Hermosa, SD.....	15	..	Blk	..	Hfrs	.....	489	.....	\$431.00
Behrens Ranch Lc, Hermosa, SD.....	11	..	Blk	..	Strs	.....	448	.....	\$542.50
Borchgrevink Livestock, Belle Fourche, SD.....	53	..	B/R	..	Strs	.....	586	.....	\$430.50
Borchgrevink Livestock, Belle Fourche, SD.....	21	..	B/R	..	Hfrs	.....	533	.....	\$420.00
Burke Cattle Co, Belle Fourche, SD.....	49	..	Bbld	..	Strs	.....	614	.....	\$407.00
Burke Cattle Co, Belle Fourche, SD.....	33	..	Bbld	..	Hfrs	.....	565	.....	\$413.00
Carson Trust, Waylon, Arvada, WY.....	11	..	Bbld	..	Strs	.....	456	.....	\$530.00
Carson Trust, Waylon, Arvada, WY.....	13	..	Blk	..	Hfrs	.....	414	.....	\$477.50
Conzelman, Steve, Gillette, WY.....	13	..	Bbld	..	Strs	.....	466	.....	\$505.00
Crago, Chet, Belle Fourche, SD.....	24	..	Bbld	..	Strs	.....	556	.....	\$450.00
Crago, Chet, Belle Fourche, SD.....	15	..	Bbld	..	Strs	.....	466	.....	\$514.00
Crago, Ralph, St Onge, SD.....	11	..	Blk	..	Strs	.....	414	.....	\$545.00
Cranston, Ivan & Jennifer, Moorcroft, WY.....	19	..	B/R	..	Strs	.....	457	.....	\$493.00
Crowley, Randy & Or Trisha, Gillette, WY.....	24	..	Red	..	Strs	.....	530	.....	\$460.00
Crowley, Randy & Or Trisha, Gillette, WY.....	21	..	B/R	..	Strs	.....	502	.....	\$429.00
Dooley, Frank, Custer, SD.....	24	..	Bbld	..	Hfrs	.....	643	.....	\$373.00
Dooley, Frank, Custer, SD.....	14	..	Blk	..	Strs	.....	636	.....	\$408.00

Eatherton & Darin James Bowe, Chermeyra, Upton, WY.....	61	..	B/R	..	Strs		508		\$475.00
Eatherton & Darin James Bowe, Chermeyra, Upton, WY.....	67	..	Bbld	..	Hfrs		495		\$431.00
Eatherton & Darin James Bowe, Chermeyra, Upton, WY.....	25	..	Bbld	..	Hfrs		406		\$502.50
Eatherton & Darin James Bowe, Chermeyra, Upton, WY.....	17	..	B/R	..	Strs		401		\$559.00
Edwards, Linda, Gillette, WY.....	43	..	Bbld	..	Strs		500		\$486.00
Edwards, Linda, Gillette, WY.....	37	..	Blk	..	Strs		435		\$555.00
Ehrler, Daniel Ray Or Janine Rae, Recluse, WY.....	24	..	Blk	..	Strs		532		\$470.00
Ehrler, Daniel Ray Or Janine Rae, Recluse, WY.....	15	..	Bbld	..	Hfrs		511		\$434.00
Gantz, Joe, Alva, WY.....	81	..	Blk	..	Strs		593		\$436.00
Gantz, Joe, Alva, WY.....	87	..	Blk	..	Hfrs		553		\$434.00
Gantz, Joe, Alva, WY.....	21	..	Blk	..	Strs		497		\$500.00
Garman, Wayne Or Dixie, Sundance, WY.....	31	..	Blk	..	Strs		689		\$392.00
Garman, Wayne Or Dixie, Sundance, WY.....	28	..	Blk	..	Hfrs		631		\$385.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage, WY.....	20	..	Bbld	..	Hfrs		482		\$439.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage, WY.....	22	..	Bbld	..	Strs		480		\$497.00
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Gregersen, Dennis, Gillette, WY.....	12	..	B/R	..	Strs		479		\$480.00
Grievess Ranch (Chuck Grievess), Newcastle, WY.....	23	..	Blk	..	Hfrs		638		\$376.00
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Grubbs, Maureen, Upton, WY.....	43	..	Blk	..	Strs		539		\$460.00
Grubbs, Maureen, Upton, WY.....	30	..	Blk	..	Hfrs		490		\$439.00
H Crown Ranch Lc, Hulett, WY.....	14	..	B/R	..	Strs		583		\$430.00
H Crown Ranch Lc, Hulett, WY.....	24	..	Bbld	..	Strs		414		\$572.50
H Crown Ranch Lc, Hulett, WY.....	21	..	Bbld	..	Hfrs		396		\$492.50
Hendrickson, Roy, Caputa, SD.....	13	..	Blk	..	Strs		446		\$535.00
Henwood, Robert, Lacey Or Charlie, Belle Fourche, SD.....	42	..	Rrbl	..	Strs		648		\$401.00
Henwood, Robert, Lacey Or Charlie, Belle Fourche, SD.....	16	..	Rrbl	..	Strs		539		\$435.00
Henwood, Robert, Lacey Or Charlie, Belle Fourche, SD.....	17	..	Rrbl	..	Hfrs		497		\$420.00
J J Smeenk Ranch Lc, Newell, SD.....	38	..	B/R	..	Strs		443		\$545.00
Johnson, Troy, St Onge, SD.....	60	..	Bbld	..	Strs		590		\$434.50
Johnson, Troy, St Onge, SD.....	112	..	Bbld	..	Strs		588		\$439.25
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Johnson, Troy, St Onge, SD.....	19	..	Blk	..	Strs		427		\$565.00
K-C Ranch, Vale, SD.....	37	..	B/R	..	Strs		581		\$427.00
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Kirk, A Myles, Custer, SD.....	22	..	B/R	..	Strs		622		\$408.00
Kirk, A Myles, Custer, SD.....	17	..	B/R	..	Strs		529		\$470.00
Koch, Victoria & Randall, Sundance, WY.....	3	..	Blk	..	Hfrs		433		\$450.00
Lane, April, Nisland, SD.....	24	..	Blk	..	Strs		584		\$430.50
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Patten Ranch Co, Broadus, MT.....	42	..	Blk	..	Strs		350		\$670.00
Peters, Henry (Toby)Or Connie, Sturgis, SD.....	23	..	B/R	..	Strs		556		\$427.00
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Schlup, Marlon & Lois, Douglas, WY.....	51	..	Bbld	..	Hfrs		470		\$450.00
Schlup, Marlon & Lois, Douglas, WY.....	25	..	Blk	..	Strs		403		\$581.00
Schlup, Marlon & Lois, Douglas, WY.....	14	..	Blk	..	Hfrs		371		\$530.00
Scofield, Jim, Belle Fourche, SD.....	14	..	Blk	..	Strs		691		\$389.00
Seeley, Parker, Sundance, WY.....	40	..	Bbld	..	Strs		499		\$494.00

Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis, SD.....	15	..	Blk	..	Strs		449		\$532.50
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis, SD.....	19	..	Blk	..	Hfrs		433		\$490.00
Simons, Sully Or Debbie, Beulah, WY.....	36	..	Blk	..	Strs		412		\$576.00
Simons, Sully Or Debbie, Beulah, WY.....	23	..	Blk	..	Hfrs		378		\$530.00
Smith Ranch, Broadus, MT.....	101	..	Blk	..	Strs		576		\$433.00
Smith Ranch, Broadus, MT.....	46	..	Blk	..	Strs		575		\$427.00
Smith Ranch, Broadus, MT.....	23	..	Blk	..	Strs		505		\$485.00
Spellman, Bobby Joe Or Rebecca Jo, Buffalo, WY.....	32	..	Blk	..	Strs		492		\$487.50
Spellman, Bobby Joe Or Rebecca Jo, Buffalo, WY.....	11	..	Bbld	..	Strs		425		\$485.00
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Tetraut Ranch Trust, St Onge, SD.....	27	..	Red	..	Strs		528		\$455.00
Tope, Brian Or Anita, Rozet, WY.....	22	..	B/R	..	Strs		552		\$445.00
Wood, Lorna M, Devils Tower, WY.....	27	..	Bbld	..	Strs		544		\$448.00
Wood, Lorna M, Devils Tower, WY.....	24	..	Bbld	..	Hfrs		544		\$385.00
Wood, Lorna M, Devils Tower, WY.....	12	..	Bbld	..	Hfrs		465		\$450.00

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100 years Northwest Post October 21, 1926
 BORGLUM VISITED THE CITY At the noon luncheon of the Commercial club last Friday, Gutzon Borglum, the noted sculptor, was a guest of honor. Following the luncheon Mr. Borglum gave a brief address, outlining his plans for carving the figures of Washington, Lincoln, and Roosevelt on Rushmore Mountain, and suggested the manner in which he expected to finance the project. Black Hills people will be asked to subscribe \$25,000 for the preliminary work another \$25,000 is to be raised elsewhere in the state, while the principal sum, aggregating a half million dollars will come from all parts of the country. Mr. Borglum is a fluent talker and seems to think that the project will be completed.

A BELLE FOURCHE ARTIST Our own little city has given to the world of music an artist, whose voice is now attracting the attention of Chicago.

She grew up among the girls of our school, attended the Vermillion University, after which course in music she took up her chosen work under special training at Chicago. Today her voice and talent is welcome among the circles of famous musical expression. At Hinsdale, Illinois, among the high class music lovers she has proven a favorite. Her presence among the large Masonic gatherings is a token of favor. Over the air from the Drake Hotel station at Chicago, her voice carries to the joy of radio music lovers.

Belle Fourche ought to be, and is rightly proud of her gift to the music world. Belle Fourche will have a real treat next Friday night at the Methodist church. Miss Margaret Brandner, our own artist, will give a complete recital, aided by a splendid violinist, Jack Mager. Come as early as 7:30 to obtain a good seat.

75 years ago The Belle Fourche Post, September 30, 1951
Broncs Take Easy 20-0 Win at Pierre Belle Fourche high school Broncs had little difficulty with Pierre last night. They trimmed the Governors 20-0, scoring a touchdown in every quarter on the Pierre field. Belle scored almost at will, and the Broncs all but smothered the Pierre attack. Only in the final quarter, when Coach Clar Lilevjen was making liberal use of reserves, did Pierre manage to threaten. The Broncs opened their attack early in the game when Kenny Amen took the Pierre kick on the Belle 20 and raced to Pierre's 25. Then on a series of short drives the Broncs scored. The Broncs attempted one pass – Amen to Penford for 15 yards – in the first half and completed it. On the first play of the final quarter Tom Broadhurst cracked thru the line to score. Pete Predgeon kicked the extra point to make it 20-0.

SENATE APPROVES INCOME TAX BOOST Washington, Sept. 28 – The senate has approved personal income tax increases amounting to 11 per cent for most taxpayers. The increase were approved by voice vpte after members rejected a substitute bill to knock out eh income-splitting benefits now allowed married taxpayers. The proposal by Democratic Senator Hubert Humphery of Minnesota to knock those benefits out of the 5 ½ billions dollars tax hike bill was rejected 62 to 14. The house bill carries 12 ½ per cent increase in the tax payments of taxpayers in nearly all brackets. The senate finance committee trimmed this to 11 percent for single taxpayers with incomes up to about \$27,000 a year and married pay 60% making up to \$32,000.

Belle Fourche Livestock Sales Again Top 10,000 Mark For the second consecutive week more than 10,000 head of livestock has been crowded thru the pits at the Belle Fourche Livestock Exchange – stock

valued at well over a half-million dollars. Tuesday's sale saw almost 9000 sheep sold, and on Thursday 2500 head of cattle changed hands. The cattle market in all classes was somewhat lower than the week before, with cows topping at \$29.10, bulls selling at \$27.10. Practical top on yearling steers was \$37, and top on yearling heifers was \$34. Top price for ewe lambs at Tuesday's sale was \$40. Among the market topping ewes were 132 head consigned by Clarence Davis, Belle Fourche. They weighed 10,410 pounds, sold at \$40.

50 years ago The Belle Fourche Post October 22, 1976
Higher Loan Rate Applies on '76-77 Crops The Butte-Lawrence ASCS office announced this week that higher loan rates for 1977 crop wheat and feed grains would also be immediately applicable to 1976 crops. The loan rate for both Butte and Lawrence counties for wheat is raised from \$1.39 to \$2.14 per bushel. The corn loan rate of \$1.17 is now \$1.42 per bushel. The soybean loan rate remain at \$2.39 per bushel.

Estate Expert To Speak Ag Forum The agricultural Forum to be held Thursday Oct. 28 at Rapid City for area ranchers, farmers and their spouses could be one of the most important agricultural meeting of the year. Charles T. Undlin, president of the First National Bank of the Black Hills said this week. "There are two features during the forum that should be of major interest to all persons in the agricultural field. One is the discussion by Neil Harl of Iowa State University who is recognized as one of the nation's most knowledgeable persons on farm-ranch estate and business planning. The other feature is a panel of ranchers and others in the agri-business industry who will discuss current agricultural problems affecting this area. We look forward to both sessions as having information of value to those attending the meeting."



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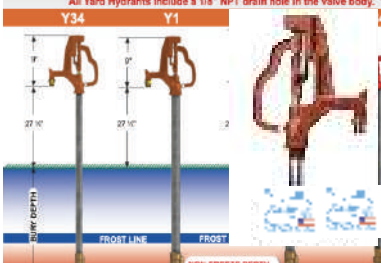
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19 Sausage & Rice & Veggie Medley & Salad & Roll	20 Chicken Fry Steak & Mashed Potato / Gravy Green Beans, Roll	21 Chicken Alfredo Pasta Broccoli, Bread Stick	22 Pulled Pork Sandwich Coleslaw & Potato Salad	23 Taco Salad & tortilla chips & Mexican Rice
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CALVES	QTY	DESC	AVGWT	BID	\$/HEAD
Mokee Properties Llc, Deadwood SD	25	Black-Str Pc	759	382.00	\$2,898.61
Kurt Collins, Broadus MT	112	Black-Str Pc Bt	677	397.50	\$2,691.64
	32	Black-Str Pc Bt	575	431.00	\$2,480.27
Lacy Williams, Broadus MT	98	Bwf-Str Pc Bt	600	429.00	\$2,574.21
	58	Bwf-Str Pc Bt	507	496.00	\$2,514.20
	102	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	574	426.00	\$2,444.07
	60	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	482	476.00	\$2,294.32
Joe & Jane Burke, Newell SD	97	Blk/Bwf-Cow Pc Bt	606	420.00	\$2,545.11
	101	Black-Str Pc Bt	535	468.00	\$2,502.64
T Milliron Livestock Inc, Rozet WY	120	Black-Str Pc	569	449.00	\$2,552.93
	15	Black-Str Pc	466	524.00	\$2,443.58
J.J. Or Cathy Landa, Boyes MT	90	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	604	413.50	\$2,496.85
	40	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	543	446.00	\$2,419.55
	73	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	545	412.50	\$2,248.40
Brian Or Lesley Park, Alzada MT	34	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	604	415.50	\$2,510.71
	28	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	603	415.50	\$2,506.35
	68	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	566	412.50	\$2,335.78
Riley Ranch, Spearfish SD	111	Black-Str Pc Bt	542	472.00	\$2,559.64
	43	Black-Str Pc Bt	458	542.00	\$2,479.96
	80	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	493	446.50	\$2,201.52
	15	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	414	500.00	\$2,071.66
Haier Enterprise Inc, Spearfish SD	82	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	595	418.00	\$2,487.10
	30	Black-Str Pc Bt	485	498.00	\$2,415.30
Thomas J Barbour, Gillette WY	75	Black-Str Pc Bt	606	412.50	\$2,500.30
	23	Black-Str Pc Bt	470	521.00	\$2,450.96
	79	Black-Hfr Pc B	553	405.50	\$2,244.36
Tom Or Lela Bowen, Newell SD	45	Black-Str Pc Bt	616	412.00	\$2,536.08
	11	Black-Str Pc Bt	478	493.00	\$2,355.19
Darrell & Ethan Hohn, Deadwood SD	25	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	579	384.00	\$2,222.59
Gladson Family Trust, Gillette WY	99	Black-Str Pc	573	435.00	\$2,492.24
	11	Black-Str Pc	443	541.00	\$2,395.15

Troy Or Marylou Gladson, Gillette WY	23	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	591	418.50	\$2,474.60
Ti Burch Ranch Llc, Colony WY	57	Black-Str Pc Bt	527	469.00	\$2,470.88
Rafter Diamond Lip, Buffalo SD	100	Black-Str Pc	613	432.50	\$2,652.95
	100	Black-Hfr Pc	616	432.50	\$2,663.76
	78	Black-Hfr Pc	528	435.00	\$2,298.52
Garrett & Paul Winkler, Newell SD	108	Black-Str Pc Bt	556	441.50	\$2,453.39
	50	Black-Str Pc Bt	478	512.00	\$2,446.84
	122	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	528	411.50	\$2,174.03
	41	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	439	471.00	\$2,067.80
Robert Arpan, Alzada MT	41	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	548	450.00	\$2,464.02
	11	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	413	561.00	\$2,315.40
	39	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	517	403.00	\$2,083.20
Jesse Or Nastel Dean, Upton WY	31	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	550	450.00	\$2,473.54
	11	Black-Str Pc Bt	465	507.50	\$2,359.87
Tom Barry, Ekalaka MT	46	Black-Str Pc	473	511.00	\$2,417.25
	12	Black-Str Pc	650	407.00	\$2,645.50
	43	Black-Hfr Pc	444	475.50	\$2,112.65
Lester Aye, Broadus MT	44	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	629	413.00	\$2,597.20
	24	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	552	449.00	\$2,476.98
	32	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	567	375.00	\$2,126.36
David Cadwell, Alzada MT	11	Black-Str Bt	401	585.00	\$2,345.31
	35	Black-Hfr Bt	479	421.00	\$2,016.59
Matthew Stiegelmeier, Otter MT	85	Black-Str Bt	468	511.00	\$2,389.07
	36	Black-Str Bt	396	587.50	\$2,323.88
	25	Black-Hfr Bt	393	495.00	\$1,947.33
Michael Pittman, Belle Fourche	17	Black-Str Pc Bt	544	431.00	\$2,345.14
	21	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	523	411.00	\$2,147.96
Lyle Or Angela Wetz, Vale SD	32	Rd/Blk-Str Pc Bt	537	426.00	\$2,286.42
	37	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	494	418.00	\$2,064.58
Tom Andrews, Biddle MT	27	Black-Str Pc Bt	487	497.50	\$2,422.08
Kelvin Or Donna Kennedy, Upton WY	52	Black-Str Pc Bt	459	532.00	\$2,441.57
	29	Black-Str Pc Bt	404	597.50	\$2,412.66
John Boetker, Rapid City SD	21	Black-Str Pc Bt	621	413.00	\$2,566.50
	14	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	577	379.00	\$2,186.01
Consignment From SD	58	Black-Str Pc Bt	632	413.00	\$2,611.15
Lance & Cassidy Marshall, Sundance WY	21	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	558	431.00	\$2,404.36
	20	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	540	375.00	\$2,024.06

Troy Lynch, Newcastle WY	77	Black-Str Pc Bt	539	474.50	\$2,559.21
	15	Black-Str Pc Bt	467	512.50	\$2,391.66
	84	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	490	435.00	\$2,131.75

Wes Or Lisa Steppier, Culbertson MT	77	Black-Str Pc Bt	508	504.00	\$2,561.23
	16	Black-Str Pc Bt	426	565.00	\$2,406.54
	23	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	412	513.00	\$2,114.45

Erado/ Misty/ Triston/ Mart, Edgemont S	49	Black-Str Pc Bt	577	423.00	\$2,442.17
	19	Rd/Blk-Str Pc Bt	460	520.00	\$2,393.36
	33	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	553	372.00	\$2,057.27
	11	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	407	512.50	\$2,087.27

John Vassar, Billings MT	31	Black-Str Pc Bt	603	412.00	\$2,484.62
	9	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	533	409.00	\$2,179.06
Anne Gergen, Broadus MT	41	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	543	445.00	\$2,414.39

Patten Cattle Co, Biddle MT	18	Black-Str Pc Bt	468	475.00	\$2,221.94
	36	Black-Str Bt	587	425.00	\$2,493.92
	10	Black-Str Bt	501	457.00	\$2,289.57

Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish SD	82	Black-Str Pc Bt	646	407.50	\$2,534.33
	18	Black-Str Pc Bt	563	423.00	\$2,380.55

Lonesome Pine Ranch Llc, Aladdin WY	29	Black-Str Bt	540	437.00	\$2,358.29
	14	Black-Str Bt	473	480.00	\$2,269.71

Zack & Bonnie Jo Jay, Hulett WY	18	Rd/Blk-Str Pc	558	441.00	\$2,461.02
	14	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc B	506	413.00	\$2,090.07

Johnson Sheep & Cattle LI, Belle Fourche S	34	Black-Str Pc	509	473.00	\$2,408.12
	26	Black-Hfr Pc	478	424.00	\$2,027.04

Trey Horman, Belle Fourche SD	10	Black-Str Pc Bt	621	410.00	\$2,544.05
	9	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	588	376.00	\$2,212.13

Mt Frye Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT	39	Black-Str Pc	531	475.00	\$2,521.76
Ray Bogner, Boyes MT	11	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	589	407.00	\$2,397.60

Ray Bogner, Boyes MT	23	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	533	407.50	\$2,170.38
Doug & Janice Persche, Belle Fourche SD	6	Black-Str Pc Bt	565	430.00	\$2,429.50

	7	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	509	424.00	\$2,159.37
Tyler Medearis, Plevna MT	51	Black-Str Pc Bt	551	446.00	\$2,458.24

	45	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	526	415.00	\$2,182.43
Keith Ranch Co, Ekalaka MT	120	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	545	449.50	\$2,449.21

	38	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	461	521.00	\$2,401.39
	142	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	482	434.25	\$2,094.95

	20	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	400	516.00	\$2,065.29
Yearlings					

Marjorie Knobloch, Birney MT	41	Black-Yring Str	1017	319.00	\$3,245.24
	33	Red-Yring Str	989	327.00	\$3,234.32

Greg Williams Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT	62	Blk/Bwf-Yring Str	898	346.00	\$3,106.74
Rod Schaffer From MT	20	Black-Yring Hfr	879	321.00	\$2,821.59

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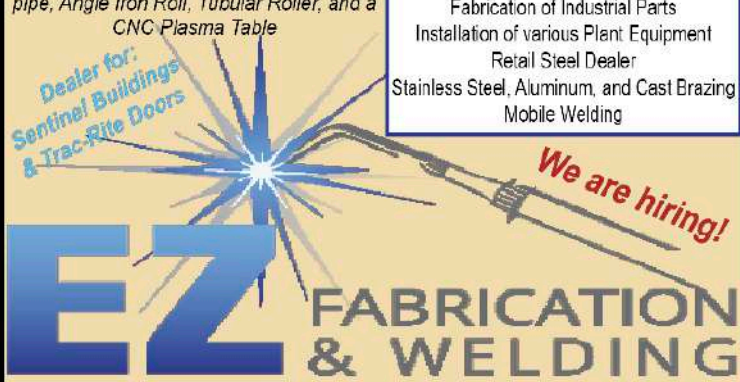
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By John Newby

“Building Main Street, not Wall Street”

Can Local Businesses Compete in the AI Age?

Deepak Chopra once said, *“All great changes are preceded by chaos.”* A few years ago I wrote in this space about whether local businesses could compete in the digital age. I urged owners to upgrade their websites, check their Google listings and answer every email. That advice still matters. But I must be honest, the ground has shifted again, and this time it is moving faster than anything I have seen.

Welcome to the AI age. Consider how quickly this arrived. A few years ago, most of us had never heard of ChatGPT. Last October, its maker reported more than 800 million people using it every week.¹ That is not a fad. That is a new front door to commerce, and many of our local businesses have not noticed the door is now open.

Here is the number that should get every Main Street owner’s attention. A year ago, about 6% of American consumers said they used ChatGPT or similar AI tools to find local businesses. This year, that figure jumped to 45%.² Nearly half of your potential customers are now asking a machine where to eat, who to call about a leaky roof, or which shop carries what they need. If the machine does not know you, it cannot recommend you.

Online shopping tells the same story. During the 2025 holiday season, traffic arriving at American retail websites from AI tools grew by roughly 693% over the year before.³ Meanwhile, when Google places an AI summary at the top of a search, people click through to a website about 8% of the time, compared with about



15% when no summary appears.⁴ The old play-book of building a website and hoping people find it is losing power.

Now, the good news. Small businesses are not standing still. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce found that 58% of small businesses used generative AI in 2025, up from just 23% two years earlier.⁵ Better yet, 82% of those businesses using AI grew their workforce over the past year.⁵ For all the talk of robots taking jobs, the businesses using these tools are hiring.

But there is a worrisome gap. Census Bureau data shows about 37% of firms with 250 or more employees use AI to produce their goods and services, while fewer than 20% of firms with four or fewer employees do.⁶ Worse, use climbed among larger firms between December and May but stayed flat among the smallest.

6 Big box chains and national franchises have entire departments working on this. The family hardware store has the owner, working late, wondering where to even start.

If that describes you, you are not behind because you lack talent or grit. You are behind because you have been busy running a business, keeping the lights on and taking care of your people. That is honorable work. A recent survey of more than 1,200 small business owners found that 76% use AI in some form, yet only 14% have it built into their core operations, and 73% said they would benefit from more training and support.⁷ Your neighbors are wrestling with the same questions you are.

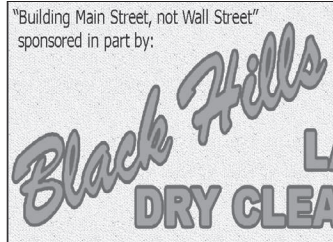
What I will not do is sugar-coat the stakes. In the digital age, businesses that ignored the internet faded slowly. In the AI age, the fading will happen faster, because the tools customers use to choose are changing in months, not decades. Reviews matter more than ever, too. About 82% of consumers say they read summaries of reviews written by AI.² Whatever your customers have said about you is being boiled down into a few sentences for every new prospect.

Here is the bright side for Main Street. AI tools work from what they can find. Owners who keep accurate hours, current photos, fresh reviews and clear descriptions of what they sell give these systems something real to work with. Your authenticity, your local knowledge and your personal service are exactly what a national chain cannot fake. AI can help you write the newsletter, answer the late-night question and draft the social post, freeing you to take care of people face to face.

So here is your assignment. In the next 24 hours, open two or three free AI assistants, such as ChatGPT, Claude, or Google Gemini and type what a customer would ask: “best place for [what you sell] near [your town].” See if you show up. If you do not, update your online listings tomorrow. The passive will be left behind. Let’s make sure our communities

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden October 18, 2026



After a cool week we ended up with a beautiful week-end that reached the upper 70s on Saturday. Folks flooded to the last soccer games of the season as well as softball and flag football in the Sturgis and

Spearfish areas. While we have been enjoying a mild fall with beautiful colors, the leaves are definitely accumulating on the ground now. While this week looks to be a very comfortable one, we will soon feel and see Central Meade County slowing down for a long winter's rest.

Kevin Vig came through his hip surgery nicely and is recovering nicely. Larry and Sandy Rhoden enjoyed having three of their sons and families out for a Sunday afternoon meal, clay shooting and catching up. Sandy was able to spend time with Jesse's family on Saturday at the soccer fields near Spearfish while Larry hunted in the pheasant opener in Platte.

People come from all parts of the country to enjoy South Dakota's abundant pheasant hunting opportunities. Some folks from the area will be taking part in the Governor's Pheasant Hunt in Sioux Falls next weekend. While I don't have the complete details, Caden and Jori Smiley welcomed their fourth child, a boy, into the world this past weekend. More to come on

that subject. Halloween comes on October 31 and as a reminder, that will be the night to 'fall back' as we turn our clocks back an hour. Many of us are anticipating the end of this current campaign season. From the day this Central Meade County News is read it will be very close to two weeks away from Election Day for local and statewide candidates, Tuesday, November 3rd.



Capitol News Karen Odell It's been a week of nice fall weather at Capitol and on Tie Creek.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson had a busy week. On Monday, Lynn traveled to Buffalo for a rehab appointment for her knee. They both traveled to the Hills for some doctor's appointments during the week. On Wednesday, Lynn went to the Diligent Doers Extension Club meeting at the City Building in Camp Crook. They celebrated, and had cake, for Laurie Elmore's and Janet Odell's birthdays, and for Yvonne Yoder's anniversary. That evening, Bruce and Lynn went to the Little Missouri Church for a prayer service for John Humbracht, who had been in an accident, and is in Rapid City hospital. They went back to Little Missouri Church for the service on Sunday.

Doug Davis, who is a member of an FSA committee, went to Belle Fourche for a meeting, on Tuesday. Doug and Julia went to the Little Missouri Church for the prayer service for John Humbracht, on Wednesday evening. A crop adjuster came for a visit on Thursday. Julia was about to run out of her medicines, so had to make a quick trip to the Hills, on Friday, to pick them up before the weekend. On Friday, Keaton Davis, ran in the JV Regional cross country track meet, and was thrilled to place ninth. His team placed second overall. Alvin and Marlee Cordell had hunter visitors, last week. These two men had been coming to hunt for many years, and were old friends. One of them got a deer, and they left for home, last Tuesday. On Friday, Marlee went to the regional cross country meet, where

granddaughter, Rhys, placed third, and will compete at the state tournament. The Belle Fourche girls' team placed first in the regional competition. On Sunday, Ryan, Kymber, and Barrett moved cows in closer to the Horton place, to be ready for the drive home. Alvin and Marlee went to church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook, where Mr. Samuelson was guest pianist. Alvin called to visit with Steve Odell in Sturgis, who was recovering well from some skin surgery. Daeson Moncur, a sophomore from the Harding County High School cross country team, competed, on Friday, at the Regionals cross country track met, and has earned a trip to the state tournament. Sloan Thompson also has earned a trip to the state tournament. Dorothy Padden went to Buffalo, on Tuesday, for high school volleyball games.

On Wednesday, Dawn Padden went to the cross country regional track meet. That day, Dorothy, went in to Camp Crook for the Diligent Doers Extension Club meeting at the City Building. Dawn got some good pictures of the younger girls at the C-Team quad tournament in Buffalo, on Saturday. She even got all of those pictures processed on Sunday, so she could publish them on Facebook. Lorraine Chin has been visiting this week from Texas. On Sunday, Lorraine and Dorothy Padden went to church at Ladner, and stayed for the Ladner Church Bazaar and dinner. Karen Odell's family has been busy. Karen got to watch Kyia Smith in two NFHS videos of her JV volleyball games at Mounds Park Academy. It is very interesting to watch those girls. They are improving each time Karen sees them. She also got to see the youtube videos of two of Carson Odell's foot-

ball games at Mitchell High School. He was on the defense, and sacked the quarterback once, in his last game. They are also improving in each game, and I'm sure the coaches are proud of the improvements. In Tacoma, Murphy Hinds is beginning the fall soccer season. With the cool weather moving in locally, Karen thought their soccer season should have started a little earlier, but fall coastal weather is more mild, with little or no snow, so the parents can bring out their blankets for watching their soccer games. Capitol and Tie Creek has already had some colder weather, but it warmed up again at the end of the week. Still, it may be time for basketball here. Remember, being in the right place at the right time only helps if you take advantage of it. Please keep John Humbracht and the Humbracht family in your prayers this week.

PRESSED BETWEEN THE PAGES #54

by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel Have you ever considered how when we were children we couldn't wait to grow up and do all the things grownups do, but later, when our lives are full of responsibilities, we long for the days when we were young and had no worries? The youngest of six growing up on our South Dakota farm, I often felt like my siblings always got to do the fun stuff, and I was stuck with the menial tasks. Of course, as I got older my help was needed, but my idea of helping differed drastically from those older and wiser, especially my brother. In late October every year, the young

A Bird in the Hand putlets that had grown from "chickhood" in the brooder house needed to be moved to the henhouse, taking over the job of egg production. The old hens who had resided there were gone. Some were sold to neighbors. Some had been processed in Mom's magical pressure canner and would be served as creamed chicken over mashed potatoes on a cold winter night. Moving day arrived. I watched Delmer load five straw bales onto the hay rack hitched behind the John Deere 520 and maneuver the tractor right next to the henhouse. He tossed the bales inside and motioned to me with his too-big leather glove to come and help. I watched him push his knee into a bale as he pulled the wire ties. The wires slipped off and the yellow straw was left on the floor in a loose curve. It looked easy, so I tried the knee trick. "I'll get it," my brother said. "You can spread the straw around." Resentfully, I tossed and kicked the dusty bedding through the building. Just before dark that night, Mom, Dad, Delmer and I headed to the brooder house for the relocation operation. Dad caught six pullets from the roosts, held them by the feet, and began the walk up the hill to the henhouse. Squawking faded into the distance as Mom and Delmer each grabbed four birds. I stepped in, eager to catch one. "DeAnn, you just open the door for us," my four-years-older brother ordered. At last, there were only six feathered critters

waiting on the roosts. "Dad, can I help carry them?" His eyes glistened with that wistful, "they have to learn sometime" parent look. He handed me one. I held it by the feet upside-down, much to the dismay of the chicken. "Can I carry two?" I followed Dad to the henhouse with a complaining bird in each hand. I flashed Delmer a proud grin and tried to lift my arms higher so he could see what I was carrying. He hopped on the tractor and hot-rodded into the Quonset. Showoff! Just then the chicken in my left hand gave a loud squawk, jerked her head up, and flapped her wings. Before you could say, "chicken soup with rice" the feathered fowl was on the ground, cackling joyfully at her sudden freedom. I tried to grab her but she disappeared in the moonlit shadows. With tears in my eyes, I carried the remaining bird to the henhouse.

I got out my piggy bank after supper to pay Mom for the chicken. "Just wait," she said. I could not sleep that night, imagining every raccoon, fox and coyote in the state pouncing on the hen I had let go. The next morning, I hurried outside before breakfast, praying I would find her alive. A flash of white scooted under the windmill! Later that evening, relief washed over me as I watched her stroll into the brooder house. In spite of my failure with this growing-up adventure, the story had a happy ending, and, of course, the important thing in life is what we learn from our failures. A few nights later, I started to help Mom carry the dishes to the sink. Delmer excused himself. Dad lingered at the table, enjoying his coffee. I drew in a deep breath. "Dad, when can I learn to drive the tractor?" The author's ten books are available at Amazon.com.



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Halloween Eve Trick or Treating in the Neighborhood

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Halloween is a curious practice in American culture.

Last year, as a volunteer trick-or-treat-adult-in-charge, I travelled the neighborhood with a princess, a skeleton, a hideous witch, Batman, and a helpful young teenager. The teenager helped carry the witch when she became tired and cold, and she kept Batman and the skeleton from getting too far ahead of the group.

Our group started out from home base beside a trailer court bordered by a dark road. If there were other trick or treaters nearby, they were invisible.

Beyond the road were well-lit houses. Promising territory, I thought. I decided we should take our chances and make a dash across the road. We all held hands, crossed the road together and made our way down a murky steep grassy ditch, then up to a

level patch of landscape rock and finally to a firm, straight sidewalk.

The walking here was a little treacherous and I feared someone might trip in the dark. Too late to question my judgement. We forged on.

The hideous witch's hat refused to stay put, too small for me to wear, so I picked it up and carried it.

Our little group was chatty and exuberant. They had waited patiently all day for the "witching" hour when the darkness prevailed. They longed to hide their "real" identities and demand "tricks or treats" from strangers.

The treats won out, as did compliments on the scary sartorial garb of the evening.

Our group was not alone. On this side of the dark road, large groups of kids, young and old, swarmed the streets, they gathered in groups on the wide porches of these stylish well-lit homes.

By this time, the skeleton was ready to discard his skull

mask, so I carried that too. Many of the residents had decorated their houses with Halloween props. Faux "scary" talking effigies were positioned strategically to greet those who "dared to cross" the owner's pathway. Occasionally, there were a few more bold scary props such as creepy scarecrow dude brandishing a bloody ax and laughing hysterically from his tinny recorded voice box. My small charges seemed unafflicted by the gore; my young teenager was amused. All five were mesmerized by the lights and the street drama. Small, medium, large and super-sized creatures of the night thronged the area.

Somehow by this time, I was also responsible for someone's bag of treats, in addition to the witches' hat and the skeleton's mask.

As I explained, our little group was not alone. We waited in line at some houses. The distance between them was a little farther than it might be in some neighborhoods, but worth

the effort and the kids were often encouraged to take as much candy as they wanted. The area was indeed good trick or treating hunting grounds, and everyone knew it.

Many of the groups were escorted by adults with cars to transport the kids from neighborhood to neighborhood and in some cases from house to house. The streets were awash with headlights of traffic moving in and out of the neighborhoods.

The evening grew colder, the distances longer, the dark darker. The witch hitched a piggy-back ride from the young teenager as we made group travelled back the way we came. She rested her head on the teenager's shoulder, her small hands around the teenager's neck.

The skeleton and Batman were game to carry on, but the good princess was sensible and agreed that it was time to call it a day. My hands were stiff with cold, and it was becoming increasingly difficult hold on to the accumulation of bits and pieces. We would soon need to

hold hands as we would need to hold hands to cross the dark road on our return trip to the starting place.

I stuffed the skeleton mask, the witch's hat and the candy bag inside my jacket and hoped for the best. The skeleton and the princess had warm hands which I was grateful for when we all banded together to cross the dark road, back to the starting place.

The final block was arduous, and very, dark. Back in the trailer park we stepped through leaves and branches on the pavement. The uneven ground, still wet and muddy from the snowfall earlier in the week glistened under a lone yard light. Halloween 2024 was over. Our small group was richly rewarded with sweet treats, more than they probably needed. More than was good for them surely, but the most important takeaway from the evening was the memorable experience of a night of trick or treating on the other side of the dark road.

(This article originally ran two years ago as Roots 22)

Top Level Donation Helps Single Mothers Achieve the Dream of Homeownership

NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources to Provide Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance for Single Mothers through donation support from the Adams-Mas-

[Deadwood, SD] — [October 14, 2026] — A \$15,000 donation from the Adams-Mastrovich Family Foundation to NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources will help single mothers overcome one of the biggest barriers to homeownership by providing financial assistance for down payments and closing costs.

For many single mothers, purchasing a home represents more than a financial milestone. It means creating stability, building a future, and providing a place where their children can grow and thrive.

However, the upfront costs of buying a home can make that dream feel out of reach. This donation will help bridge that gap, making homeownership more attainable for single mothers working toward a place of their own.

NeighborWorks® Dakota

Home Resources (NWDHR) assists in providing safe, decent, and affordable housing and revitalizing neighborhoods to improve the quality of life in our communities. Through this support, the organization can help eligible families take an important step toward long-term housing stability and financial independence.

"Founder Mary Adams-Mastrovich had a passion for helping people. And, housing was one of her interests.

Housing for those who couldn't afford it on their own resources. So this organization is terrific mission work in that capacity. We're proud to be part of NWDHR mission, said Adams-Mastrovich Family Foundation board member, Barry Kelner.

By investing in homeownership opportunities, this donation



supports not only individual families but also stronger neighborhoods and more resilient communities. Helping single mothers establish roots in a home of their own creates lasting benefits that can extend well beyond the front door.

NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources continues to

work toward making safe, affordable housing more accessible and improving quality of life throughout the communities it serves.

About Adams-Mastrovich Family Foundation

The Adams-Mastrovich Family Foundation is a charitable organization tied to William Em-

ory (W.E.) Adams—a prominent Deadwood businessman and six-term mayor—and his second wife, Mary Mastrovich Adams.

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Regular Meeting Minutes Butte County Commissioners Belle Fourche City Hall Chambers 511 6th Ave. Belle Fourche, SD 57717

THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 9:30 A.M. on October 1, 2026. Commissioners present were Erk, Brunner, Batterman, Kari, and Ager.

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

Motion by Brunner, Second by Kari to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of 2.5 as the Public Hearing for the Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan, #3 as Executive Session for Personnel, #4 - Swearing-in of State's Attorney John Fitzgerald, and 5.5 as the Gammon Road Bridge Discussion. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Pastor Dan Carlson prayed over the meeting.

Jason Hanson from Brosz Engineering presented the Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan for the Public Hearing that began at 9:35 A.M. There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Batterman to go into Executive Session for Personnel at 9:45 A.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. At 9:51 A.M., Chairman Erk declared the meeting out of Executive Session.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Kari to accept the resignation of Brian Knox as State's Attorney. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Ager to appoint John Fitzgerald as State's Attorney to complete the remainder of Tim Barnaud's term at the same wage Tim Barnaud had. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

John Fitzgerald was sworn-in as the new State's Attorney by Judge Francy Foral.

Public Comments were made by Sue Broadhurst regarding meeting minutes, Highway Department Clothing Policy changes, Highway Shop Tool Inventory, and committee meeting schedules.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Ager to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll call was taken: Erk – Aye, Brunner – Aye, Batterman – Aye, Kari – Nay & Ager – Aye. Motion Carried 4 – 1.

Consent Agenda -

A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – 9/17/26 B. Bills per Printout. C. Apportioning and Other Payments D. Travel Requests:

I. Highway Dept: Cody Skogberg to attend Annual Local Road Conference – Sioux Falls, SD

E. Abatements:

I. 2025 Payable 2026 - \$513.62

Discussion was held regarding resolution of the Gammon Road Bridge issue. Jason Hanson (from Brosz Engineering) and Heidi Perry (landowner) were there to speak on the issue. The Commission requested that the State's Attorney research the matter further.

Julia Day (Dispatch Supervisor) presented her monthly Dispatch Report regarding rain, fires and being under budget. She also answered questions from the Commission.

Treasurer Debbie Lensegrav was present to answer any questions regarding the report from her department. She also presented a revision to Resolution 2026-01 to add Legends West Bank as a depository.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Kari to revise Resolution 2026-01 to add Legends West Bank as an official depository and change the date on the resolution to October 1, 2026. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-01

Establish Official Depositories

WHEREAS, SDCL 7-20-13 requires the County Board of Commissioners to approve the designation of each depository for the deposit of county funds, and

WHEREAS, several different financial institutions are doing business in Butte County and meet the requirements established under SDCL Chapter 7-20, and

WHEREAS, the Butte County Treasurer has requested the following financial institutions be designated as official depositories for the fiscal year 2026: Pioneer Bank & Trust 700 State Street, Belle Fourche, SD, First Interstate Bank 41 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD, Northern Hills Federal Credit Union 2211 Dakota Ave, Belle Fourche, SD, Highmark Federal Credit Union 1842 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD, First National Bank 217 Girard Avenue, Newell, SD, Legends West Bank 1400 Mill Street, Belle Fourche, SD and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Butte County Board of Commissioners designate the above named financial institutions as official depositories for Butte County for the

fiscal year 2026.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2026.

BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/: Chad Erk s Chad Erk, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:/s/: Annie Capp

BUTTE COUNTY AUDITOR

Auditor Annie Capp gave her report regarding the current absentee voting and information available regarding the ballot.

Highway Superintendent Cody Skogberg gave a report regarding cattle guards, water issue on Hope Road, wood chipping, bids, cameras, mowing, road condition, mag water, truck repair and minimum maintenance roads.

Motion by Ager, Second by Kari to approve the Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding masonry repair needed by the Courthouse. Motion by Ager, Second by Kari to accept the bid from Ancestor Concrete & Masonry LLC up to a total of \$14,000.00. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

A discussion was also held regarding a window remodel needed at the Treasurer's Office. The Commission requested ADA compliant quotes regarding the project.

Senate Bill 96 was discussed again regarding the Gross Receipts Tax to Reduce Owner- Occupied Property Taxes.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Kari to go into Executive Session for Personnel at 11:14 A.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Chairman Erk declared the meeting out of Executive Session with no action at 11:48 A.M. with no action taken.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Kari to go back into Executive Session for Legal Counsel at 11:48 A.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Chairman Erk declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 12:25 P.M. with no action taken.

Committee Reports -

Commissioner Kari mentioned the ambulance meeting he and Commissioner Ager attended regarding getting a grant for new equipment.

Commissioner Brunner mentioned some issues with the last Planning Meeting.

Commissioner Erk mentioned the Highway Committee can't get Bridge Improvement Grants for the Gammon Road Bridge.

Old/Unfinished/New Business –

A discussion was held regarding the possible Jewell, Jewett & Snoma Road District.

Commissioner Kari requested a response regarding timecards and GPS data from the Highway Department.

Sheriff Fred Lamphere mentioned the ICE 287(g) Program and said he would like to send some of his deputies to that training.

Discussion was held regarding maintenance issues on the 3V Road.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Kari to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Payments

SALARY

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE/PLANNING \$7,798.53, AUDITOR'S OFFICE \$13,146.35, BUILDING- \$980.86, COMMISSIONERS \$4,173.46, DISPATCH \$18,905.96, ELECTION-\$0, EM/911 \$549.87, EXTENSION \$1,994.40, HIGHWAY DEPT/WEED CONTROL \$27,016.72, JUDICIA- \$0, NURSE'S/WIC OFFICE \$0, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$5,959.93, SHERIFF/JAIL DEPT \$29,203.54, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$22,216.39, TREASURER'S OFFICE \$10,779.40, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$0

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HALLOWEEN

September 1, 2026

Dear Local Business/Organization,

The Belle Fourche Rec Center is planning our annual Halloween Spooktacular to be held on Saturday, October 31st. We are seeking your help to provide trick or treat booths for the kids of our community. This is a FREE event taking place from 5:00-7:30 pm in the Rec Center gymnasium. This is a big event for our community with over 600 kids attending each year!

We are asking your business/organization to join us for 2.5 hours of fun, games and great costumes! We will provide you with a table, chairs, and table covering. Bring candy/party favors for the kids and promote your business/group. If you wish, you may bring flyers, more table décor and hang a banner.

Booth participants may set up their table between Noon-4:30 pm on October 31st. Please contact us by October 24th to reserve your booth.

If you are unable to attend, we can still use your help with a cash donation, candy, or prizes for the costume contest. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Tessa at tessa@bellefourche.org or 605-892-2467. Donations can be dropped off or sent to the BF Rec Center at 1111 National Street.

We thank you for your consideration and support!

Tessa Anderson-Voyles
Program Coordinator







Belle Fourche Beacon ‘Happenings’ and News Bytes Calendar

The Beacon Happenings Calendar is public service listing of meetings, events, and things to do in and around Belle Fourche. Happenings announcements may be sent to: news@bellefourchebeacon.com Deadline is Friday before 5pm.

Belle Fourche Writers

Belle Fourche Writers June meeting schedule: The November meeting schedule is **Monday, November 2nd Editing from 2-4 PM and Saturday, November 21 from 10 AM to Noon.** All writers are invited to attend! Meetings are held at the Belle Fourche Public Library.

Belle Fourche Recreation Center

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

Classes

Water-walking - This class is held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:30 - 8:15 am. This class involves walking in waist-deep to chest-deep water. Water resistance provides a low-impact, full-body workout that strengthens the core while also improving cardiovascular health.

Silver Splash - This class is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 - 12:15 pm.

Silver Splash is part of our Silver Sneakers program. It involves a series of low-impact workouts with specially designed Boogie Boards. This class is great for core strengthening and for cardiovascular health.

Aquafit - We will hold Aquafit every Monday and Wednesday night from 6:30 - 7:15 pm. This class is higher intensity than what we currently offer. The workouts all involve using either dumbbells or foam weights. The class is designed to target multiple different muscle groups while also strengthening your core. 605-892-2467 bellefourcherec.com

Tri-State Museum

10th annual Pumpkinfest takes place Saturday, October 24

Belle Fourche will host its 10th annual Pumpkinfest on Saturday, October 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will take place on the lawns, and in the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

The event is a collaboration between the Tri-State and the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce.

This year's event will include games and crafts in the museum, including Maleficent's Magic Table and games such as mummy bowling. The "Haunted" Spaulding Cabin is decorated as "Skeletown" and has an activity to find all the skeletons in the cabin.

The Tri-State Performers will present "Misunderstood Monsters," a comedy for the whole family, at noon and 3 p.m.

A costume contest will be judged at approximately 12:45, after the play's first performance. There will be \$25 prizes for those in scariest, funniest and most original costumes.

Kids can ride the Pumpkin train or play in the bouncy house, weather permitting.

All kids receive a goodie bag with candy and toys.

The Chamber of Commerce will oversee food and craft vendors; at this time there are 11 vendors scheduled, including Caniglia Sauces, Mary Kay, BH Mud Coffee Truck, Bracelet Creations by Jeanette, Making Memories, Paperpie, Crazy Train Creations, Danian Art, Baked with Love, Renewal by Andersen and Hungry Hippie. For information about being a vendor, please call the Chamber of Commerce at 605-892-2676.

For information about the events of Pumpkinfest, please call the museum at 605-723-1200.

Museum mini exhibit on postage stamps

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will open a new mini exhibit entitled "History of Postage Stamps." The exhibit will include storyboards and photos, a free take-home workbook and a book to read and a touchscreen quiz. A stamp enthusiast's stamp collection will also be on display and a basket of loose stamps will be available for those who might want to pick one out for themselves.

The Tri-State Museum created some new exhibits and refreshed some older ones. The changes occur in the mercantile and a new "transportation" exhibit in the center of the museum.

In the mercantile, the case that has exhibited dolls features a new collection of 12 dolls from the museum's extensive Millicent Henderson collection. These new dolls are from the 1940s-1980s and include a Madame Alexander doll, a Romanian doll and a distinctive burlap doll of Central American origin. Also, in the mercantile is a mini "haberdashery," filled with vintage men's clothing and toiletries. "We've had a number of exhibits about women's and children's apparel, but nothing that focused on men," said Collections Archivist Jada Udager. "We thought this was a chance to feature artifacts we've not featured before."

Across the floor from mercantile is the museum's collection of salt and pepper shakers. The museum has so many of these that the entire four-shelf case could be completely refreshed. Some of new novel shakers include a lock and key, loaves of bread – and a little green alien in a spaceship.

A new exhibit in the museum's mid-section is "Transportation: From Stagecoaches to Trains to Cars." This exhibit includes images plus artifacts such as spokes for wagon wheels, a lady's travel case, a miniature car and a vintage model stagecoach crossing a "path" with grass on either side of the roadway. There is also a brick roadway made of the few surviving bricks from Belle Fourche's brick factory.

This exhibit also includes a basket with vintage postcards from places across the U.S. and abroad, which can be examined by visitors.

There is no admission charge to visit the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center, located at 415 Fifth Ave.in B. Fourche. For more information, call 605-723-1200 or visit the website at www.thetristatemuseum.com

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A Little Christmas Cheer Comes Early to Newell



The Newell City Hall during the Christmas Fair. Longbrake photo

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NEWELL—Holiday shopping came early to Newell, but it has been for the past 59 years! The annual Christmas Fair is a tradition that brings everyone together to prepare for the holidays. The fair took place on October 15 at the City Hall.

This annual event has been hosted by the Butte County CFEL Extension Club for over half a century. The event draws vendors from all over the area, as far away as Newcastle, WY. The Christmas

Fair has something for everyone, including all kinds of special crafts just in time for Christmas giving. The vendors offered a variety of products including houseplants, books, cookies, candies, homemade jams and jellies, handcrafted sugar scrubs and hand-knitted items. “We had 16 vendors this year,” shared Judy Heisler, event coordinator.

Turnout was down this year, but the school district takes the time to bring kids to the event and allow them to shop for Christmas gifts for family members if they would like to. “The kitchen didn’t serve

many—I mean, we’ve served as many as 85 and we had 16 or 20 today,” explained Heisler. “We’ve had all the school kids down here—the school cooperated with us and let the kids come down.”

The event is a fundraiser to raise money for college scholarships to local students. They give away one or two \$300 scholarships to high school seniors each year. The money can be used at any higher education institution, from a tech school to a four-year college.

Each year, door prizes are given

out to lucky visitors and raffle tickets are sold for a chance to win a variety of gift baskets.

The Extension Club served a lunch of sloppy Joes, beans and chips, with cookies for dessert and apple cider to drink.

According to Heisler, the club currently has eight to ten members. But even with the small workforce, they managed to raise over \$1,100 at the craft fair. They use the money raised to help out area organizations and spread goodwill. Some of the causes they support, in addition to the high

school scholarships, include monetary donations to different area volunteer fire departments and the Newell Library. They also provide meals for the elderly and shut-ins and take baked treats to them during the holidays. The Butte County CFEL Extension Club is involved in many things around the area.

They are always looking for new members. The group meets on the first Friday of each month at the NVN Center in Newell. For more information, follow the Tot ‘N Twenty CFEL on Facebook.



Everyone was staying busy during the Christmas Fair at the Newell City Hall.



Selling items at the Christmas Fair.



Keeping busy between customers at the Christmas Fair. Longbrake photos



Grand River Roundup



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Last Sunday was the 79th annual Olson Livestock Foundation calve exchange in Buffalo that was started by Reub’s Uncle Claude and Inez Olson in 1947. Reub and his brother Doug were among the first of the ten kids to get their calves that year. This year Copper took a calf in to the Olson Livestock calf exchange to give away and River Lu got her first calf that day.

Monday was Columbus Day so there wasn’t any mail because of the celebration, but those idiots in a lot of the big cities across the nation were protesting Columbus Day although they had no idea what they had against Columbus. Reub celebrated by spending the day spraying weeds in the pastures here on the ranch.

Missy hosted Ladies Aid at

the church on Tuesday and feed us brownies with ice cream for lunch. I didn’t ride down with Missy because I had a lot of beets loaded in my pickup to take to Lori Besler and Will and Danielle Larson. Patsy Wilkinson, Margretta Hanson, Amy Johnson, Teddi Carlson and Bev Heier attended the meeting, but Linda Mohagen was still up in Alaska and Lori Besler took her mom to a doctor appointment so they weren’t there. I left Lori’s beets at the church before I went to Reva to get some stuff from the Reva Store and I dropped the other beets off at Larson’s on the way home. When I stopped there, I got to see how Sam Larson was fixing up the bunk house to make it into his shop and it really looks nice.

It’s easy to tell that Fall is here. When we got up Wednesday morning it was only 28 degrees here. Reub and I went

to Hettinger that day and stopped in Reeder on the way home to have coffee and visit with the Prairie Pioneers. This cooler weather is hard on my 21 hens and I only get about 5 eggs a day, which will probably just get worse. The hens are molting now and the chicken coop is just filled with all sorts of feathers.

We had to go back to Hettinger on Thursday to pick up my prescription at White Drug and stopped in Reeder to get some more weed spray for Reub from Southwest Grain. The wind was really blowing hard all day, but at least it didn’t rip up my American flag that I hung out that morning. After we got home that afternoon, Scott Rudge from the National Weather Service in Rapid City stopped in to bring me a new rain gauge and taught me how to use the CoCoRHaS website to leave the weather information on the internet. I’ve been sending Harding County weather information to the National Weather Service since 2015, but I didn’t even know about that website.

It was 26 degrees when we woke up Friday morning, but at least the wind had gone down. Bill Holt, Ron and Jarett Jensen, Clint and Beau Doll, Jeremy Stadheim, and Hughie Ulberg came to help Casey,

Taz, Copper, Knox and River Lu roundup the cows at the east ranch to sort off the heifer calves and haul them home to wean them at the lot up at the old place. Missy and Amanda fed them coffee and some delicious goodies over at the shop after they got the calves unloaded. We all got to listen to the calves sing us to sleep that evening.

Reuben lost another one of his classmates this week: Harlan Lewelyn Enerson, 84, of Hettinger, passed away on Saturday, October 10, at West River Regional Health Services. Funeral Services for Harlan were on Saturday at the Bucyrus Lutheran Church with burial at the Bucyrus Cemetery.

It wasn’t supposed to freeze in the night, but when we got up Saturday morning the thermometer said it was 26 degrees outside and, since I didn’t cover my gardens, everything in the gardens froze! Reub and I went to Harlan Enerson’s funeral in Bucyrus Saturday morning and stayed for lunch after Harlan’s burial. We got to see a lot of friends and family while we were there. When we got back to the ranch that afternoon, everyone else was in Buffalo for the volley ball quad. It was so nice outside that I hung four loads of laundry out on the clothesline in the almost 80-de-

gree weather. Reub’s TV in the basement quit on Friday so he spent most of the afternoon down at Taz and Amanda’s house watching football games and he missed the call from our daughter Teri Dee, but I sure had a good visit with her.

Wade Hofer came to give us a really interesting Gideon Report at church Sunday morning while Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen were still gone. They have come back from Alaska, but they were up in North Dakota celebrating Pastor Henry’s birthday with their family. Our grandson Cade and KyLee Olson stopped in to visit with us when they were coming back from Cade’s youngest brother Cass’s last football game in Gillette, Wyoming and they got to see our son Guy and Megan Olson, his other brother Creed, and Megan’s parents Steve and Pat Mitchell, who were there to watch the game too. When Cade and KyLee stopped here at our house on their way back to Beulah, North Dakota, Casey and Missy, Taz and Amanda and the kids all came up to visit with Cade and KyLee before they all went down to clean the church that afternoon. It was a really fun afternoon.

Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

October 12, 1916

Boxing matches have been a big drawing card among the sporting public but there is also an opportunity for some high-class wrestling matches if the mat fans will get busy and demand them. Corporal John Kranbeck Co H, 4th Cavalry of Ft. Meade has issued a challenge to meet any man, only condition is that 9 weeks’ notice of the match be given. Anyone desiring a match can arrange one with him and the local wrestling fans would undoubtedly welcome a chance to see him in action.

The Newell-Hoover Stage Line has changed hands. A. F. Longpre having sold out to the Doody Bros. Ed Doody made his first trip as owner Monday, in good time and promises to give as good service to his patrons as they have been accustomed to receiving from its past ownership.

Walter Phillips has purchased the Senovoy Dairy business and took over the routes as well. He proposes to conduct a thoroughly sanitary dairy and will give his personal attention to the business. The number of cows will be increased so as to enable him to take care of all the old customers as well as any new ones. Milk and cream will be supplied and quality guaranteed.

October 14, 1926

Overheard at the local Draft Board down at the Court House. The recruits were lined up before the clerk for preliminary paperwork. “Name and address.” demanded the clerk. The young recruit replied, “Huh?” Again, the clerk asked, “What is your name and address?” To which the young man replied, “You ought to know, you sent a letter for me”.

A party of about 35 people gathered at the Clark Hardware Store, Vale, to listen to the final

game of the World Series over the radio.

Funeral service for Gilbert Farley, 27-year-old, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Farley of Alkali, Meade County, were held Thursday afternoon at Sturgis. Rev. Carroll Erskin officiating. Interment was in Bear Butte Cemetery. Farley died suddenly Monday while out with his grandfather searching for wild honey.

George Longpre is back from a visit to Oregon and other western points. He left with the intention of locating in the west but after investigating the western country, has decided this country looks pretty good to him.

October 15, 1936

Louis Schell, our rural mail carrier, is driving a brand new 12-shot, streamlined automobile that has many ahead of 1936 date features. But it still requires gas and oil, same as ever.

In the 7th and 8th grades, a new novelty has sprung up in the form of a miniature green house. Many different plants and flowers have been planted, and others will be started soon. During the past week Albert and Arthur Valerio and Albert Dunbrasky have been out of school for beet work. The art class went outside to draw pictures of the beautiful trees.

William Williamson, a student at Dakota Wesleyan, Mitchell, spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Martin Williamson. Miss Marjorie Holtry, Wm and Daryld Williamson were supper guests at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Preston Hill.

J. Howard Eyer, former Fieldman for the S. D. State Rural Credit Department, after a 3-day trial, was sentenced to 3 years in the state penitentiary by Circuit Court Judge Frank Gladstone, after his conviction on embezzlement charges. Eyer was convicted on 16 counts, involving about \$350. He was ac-

by Linda Velder

cused of taking money collected for the State Department.

October 10, 1946

Chicago & Northwestern Depot Agent Val Hampel had on his hands the most unique shipment he has handled in 30 years on the railroad line. It was 2 shipments of rattlesnakes weighing 80 pounds, consigned to the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago and sent by A. M. Jackley, well known “snake man” in this territory. Hampel tried to find how many snakes were in the shipment, but needless to say, he didn’t count them. We feel the snakes will not be much missed here, and Chicago can have as many as they like.

Burns Taft, Newell High School Principal, who has been filling in at the Congregational Church pulpit since the departure of Rev. Glenn VanVactor last spring, has been licensed to preach and perform ceremonies last week in Belle Fourche. Rev. Taft has been studying since spring and last week is now entitled as “Reverend” Taft. Among those attending the meeting of the Black Hills Association of Congregational Churches in Belle Fourche were Mrs. Taft, Mrs. O. E. Milberg, Mrs. Arne Lund, Mrs. Ralph Hedrick, Mrs. J. C. Brodsky, Mrs. Ray C. Johnson, Mrs. L. R. Chiesman, Mrs. Hazel Arpan, Mrs. Louis Maass and Govert Van derBoom.

A number of farmers from this territory were present last Wednesday at the electric welding demonstration put on by the Newell Implement Company. The demonstration illustrated use of the Marquette Electric Farm Welder. Able Sylliason of the Fruitdale Community is now employed as a mechanic at the Implement Company.

October 18, 1956

Twenty-one members have enrolled in the Nisland Community Glee Club with Beccie Ruff,



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Sue Sorensen and Joylene Herman serving as accompanists. Gaylan Craig, Music Director in Nisland School, is serving as club director. Sue, Beccie, Diane Payne and Shirley Mauch were callers over to Vale on Wednesday afternoon delivering invitations.

A great trophy was handed to the Newell 14–16-year-old softball team upon winning the State Jr. Softball Championship in August in Deadwood. The giant trophy was presented to the Newell Community Club who sponsored the team. Accepting the trophy were co-captains Ronnie Glover and Richard Loewel and Coach Walt Johnson. Community Club Vice President Clarence Milberg accepted the trophy for the Club.

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Kuchera, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Michelson and Mr. & Mrs. Cy Colgrove attended the Carter Oil convention and banquet at the Red Barn Restaurant in Rapid City Saturday evening. The Newell Carter Oil affiliate was recognized.

October 19, 1966

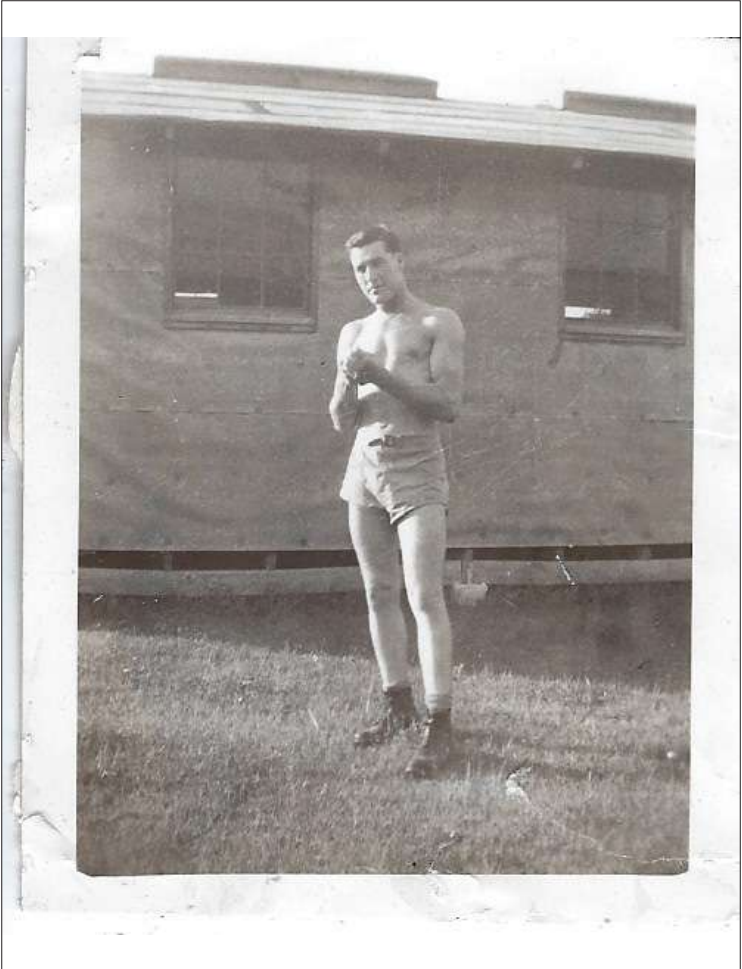
The latest word from Ellsworth Air Force Base, plans are finalized to re-name all the Minuteman Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Launch Control facilities after the town or community nearest to the site. There are 15 Minuteman Launch Control Facilities (LCF'S) located over more than 13,500 square miles of western South Dakota. The missile unit will sponsor the local citizens and make them honorary members of the 44th

Strategic Missile Wing. Mike will become Belle Fourche, November will be Newell and Oscar Flight will be the Castle Rock Control Facility.

Newell High School band is playing at Swarm Day at Black Hills Teachers College, October 29. The traditional BHTC Homecoming parade downtown begins at 10:30 AM. EAFB band will be led by T-Sgt Bernard Lebar, Dr. Ben Henry the BHTC band, Wm (Bill) Long (formerly of Newell), the Spearfish Jr. High band and Newell High School band under director Harold Mollet. Miss Dixie Kendrick of St. Onge is Homecoming Queen.

Teacher Exchange Day, where teachers teach at a neighboring school for a day, was conducted last week in the Castle Rock District. Mrs. Elvera Culver taught at the Dakota Range School, Mrs. Josephine Jones taught at Moreau School and Mrs. Sylvia Anderson taught at the Cottonwood School. County Superintendent Mrs. Alberta Follum was also on hand to conduct Iowa Tests to the upper grade students.

Department of Highway Maintenance, this week asked farmers and ranchers to remove bales and stacked hay from the highway right-of-way by November 1. Bales and bunched hay create a winter hazard if not removed. Hay blocks snow and ice adding to the winter maintenance problems and is inconvenient for motorists. It is surprising how much snow can drift across roadways behind bales.



(L) 1936 - out of school to work beets! (R)1945 - Don Moore - Champion boxer for the Army & local. Museum photos

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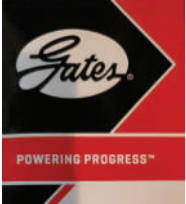


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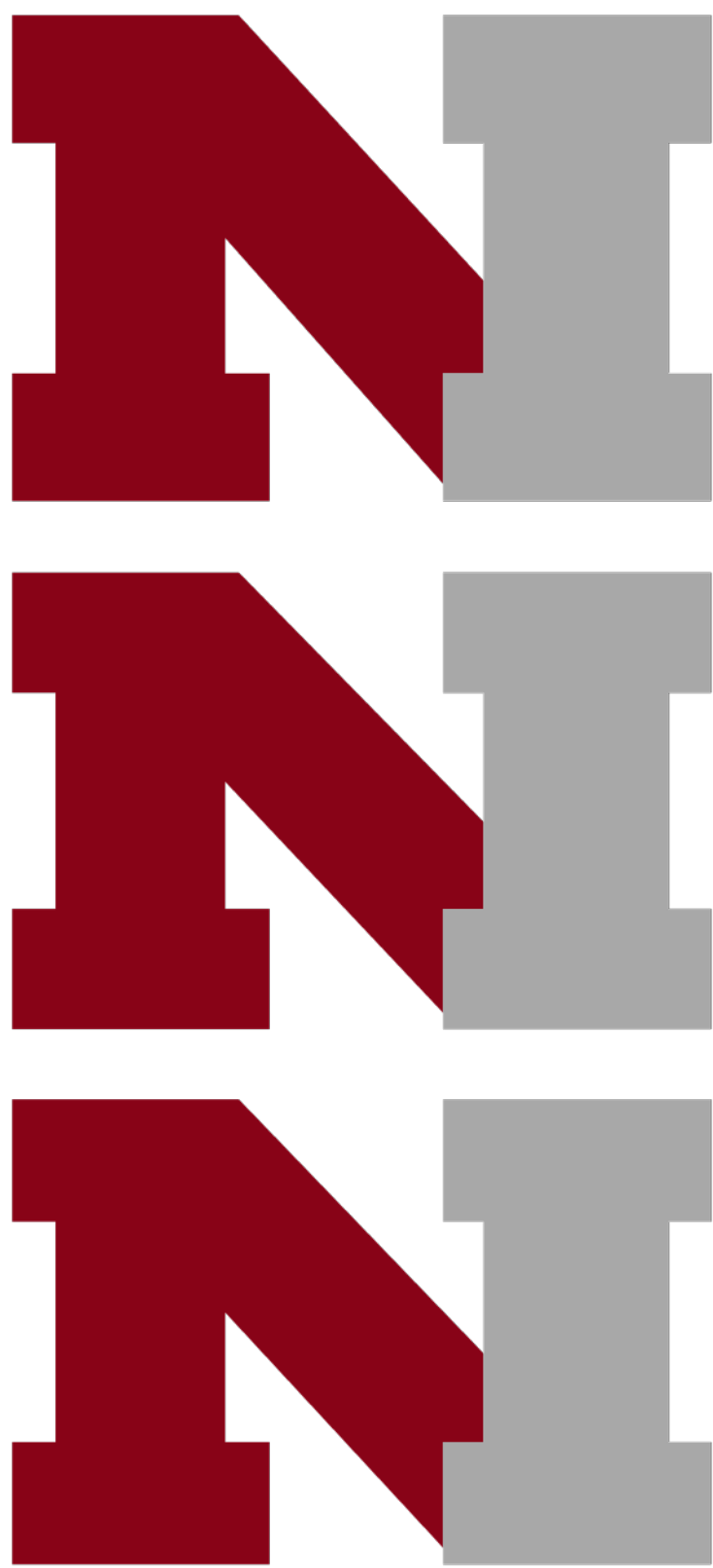
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Vale Autumn Bazaar Offers Something for Everyone

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VALE—Baby quilts, afghans, handmade home decor, embroidered gifts, jewelry, books and fresh baked goods—the list of treasures to discover seemed endless at the Vale Community Club’s Autumn Bazaar on Oct. 17. The Vale Community Hall was filled to capacity with vendors offering crafts and holiday gifts.

Vendors also set up in the open spaces outside the community hall to offer larger items. The weather was perfect for spending a Saturday shopping for the holidays, with warm sunshine and very little wind.

There were fun activities for the kids to take part in while parents spent time wandering around from booth to booth.

The kids had the opportunity to make Halloween-themed bookmarks and Jess Casteel offered face painting. And one of the vendors, Fred Wilson, had his booth set up to sell his book, *Stinky Feet Pete*. He also offered the kids a fun scavenger hunt to go along with the book.

No shopping day would be complete without good food to fuel the holiday shopping frenzy! The menu for the day included pulled pork nachos or mac & cheese with coleslaw, dessert and a drink for \$10.

The next events at the Vale Community Hall are the trunk-or-treat in the Community Hall parking lot on Oct. 31 at 4 p.m., followed by the final bingo of the year on Nov. 11 beginning at 6 p.m. Bingo cards are \$1 each, with snacks and drinks provided.



There was a lot to discover during the Autumn Bazaar. Longbrake photo(s)



Visiting with our neighbors was part of the fun of the Autumn Bazaar.



Vendor booths were outside in the sunshine.



Fred Wilson with his book, *Stinky Feet Pete*.



Shopping during the Autumn Bazaar at the Vale Community Hall.

Newell Graduate Recognized for Umpiring Excellence

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NEWELL—Neil Brunner, a Newell High School graduate, received national recognition for years of high school and collegiate-level USA Softball umpiring excellence. Brunner received the National Indicator Fraternity award.

According to USA Softball, the award “is considered the highest level award program for USA Softball umpires, not including the National Softball Hall of Fame Umpire classification or WBSC certification.”

The honor has been around since 1986 and recognizes umpires who meet certain experience and qualification requirements.

As part of the prestigious honor, Brunner’s name will be on display in a kiosk at the National Softball Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

In addition to full-time work, Brunner and his wife, Samantha, own Relentless Dance Studio in Sioux Falls.

Brunner is the son of Bruce and Colleen Brunner of Newell.



Neil Brunner received the National Indicator Fraternity award. Courtesy photo

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