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A Murder Mystery With a Heart of Gold

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BELLE FOURCHE—It was a small town. The community was all gathered for a nice, quiet evening while enjoying steaks and drinks. As supper was coming to an end, there was a murder, right in front of everyone!

While it sounds like the latest edition of the television program Dateline, it was actually something much more fun: *Bordello of the Damned* murder mystery. The interactive murder mystery was a fundraiser for Chutes for Charity. “We’re the charity group of the Black Hills Roundup,” explained Bev Watson, president.

The community turned out to support the charity organization on the evening of October 17 at the Belle Fourche Community Hall. “It went pretty well. You know, it was a night of adventure and excitement, a lot of laughter, and I think all in all it went pretty well,” shared Watson. “I think we had around 180 [guests]—so we had a good crowd.”

Planning an event of this size takes more than the current nine-member board that runs Chutes for Charity can manage alone. It takes a lot of help from the locals. “It takes a community to put that on. I mean, we had a lot of help. A lot of people stepped up and really helped



Oh no! Action happening in the *Bordello of the Damned* murder mystery. Hunter Anderson photo

us out and gave us some really great donations,” said Watson. “Bob Morris came in and helped with the narrating. Justin Tupper did our auctioneering, and Kerbi Bowden, she got some of the football players to come help us tear down. A lot of friends and family stepped up to help us set it up and help tear

down—even people we didn’t even know were helping us tear down!”

Of course, there was a cast that worked really hard to prepare for the night of fictional murder. “Oh, they did an awesome job! They were having so much fun this last month that they just really did a great job,”

shared Watson.

Community members, small business owners and even the mayor volunteered to be in the cast of the murder mystery. The cast included Michelle Evans, Cody Crago, Joan Gerkin, Cheryl Westland, Randy Schmidt, Colin Hanzli, Bill Hennessey and Dawn Newland, with Bob

Morris serving as narrator.

The entire evening was dedicated to raising money for Chutes for Charity. Attendees got to enjoy the fun mystery theater as well as social hour and a steak dinner catered by the Branding Iron Steakhouse. Businesses, organizations

Murder Mystery Contd. A5

Pumpkinfest Proves Monsters Are Just Misunderstood



The cast of the Halloween play, *Misunderstood Monsters*. Longbrake photo

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BELLE FOURCHE—Who says Halloween fun has to wait until October 31? Certainly not the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center, where the spooky season got an early start Saturday, October 24. A full day of pumpkins, costumes, games, crafts, laughing kids and shopping families made for a fun time at the 10th annual Pumpkinfest.

The event is a combined effort between the Chamber of Commerce and the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center, and they think of everything! From vendors and food trucks to games and activities and everything in between, Pumpkinfest is a day filled with exciting entertainment.

The festivities took place inside the museum, around the outside of it, in the parking lot, on the grass and inside the Johnny Spaulding cabin.

Walking up to the museum, visitors were met with a parking lot lined with food trucks and vendors offering various goodies for sale. The Pumpkin Train made laps around the museum grounds, stopping from time to

time to reload passengers.

The Spaulding cabin was turned into Skeletown Haunted Cabin and was decorated with spooky skeletons and included an activity that had visitors hunting through the upstairs and main floor of the cabin to find and count all of the skeletons, then return their tally sheet for a chance at a prize.

Inside of the museum, Otis the Cowboy Wizard greeted visitors entering the museum and a colorfully decorated bathtub held goodie bags for each child to take a treat with them. There were activities and games galore for kids to enjoy.

The Belle Fourche Public Library hosted a pumpkin craft where kids ended up with a Halloween tic-tac-toe game to take home with them when they were finished. The museum staff and volunteers ran games of bowling, pumpkin tic-tac-toe and dart throwing—winners got prizes.

Maleficent (Jada Udager) performed magic tricks for the crowd and hosted a game called Maleficent’s Magical Feathery

Pumpkinfest Contd. A4

Community Comes Together for Belle Silver Lining

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BELLE FOURCHE—Appetites were as hearty as the helpings when Belle Silver Lining hosted hungry guests for the second annual spaghetti feed on October 24.

For a free-will donation, plates were piled high with spaghetti noodles, meat sauce and garlic bread. Board members, volunteers and employees of Belle Silver Lining were on hand to cook, serve food and drinks and keep things moving along. They also served food to those who needed a little help and removed dirty dishes when guests were finished eating.

Laughter and conversation could be heard throughout the Moose Lodge, where the event was held, as neighbors, friends and family enjoyed each other’s company.

The spaghetti feed was a fundraising event to help with the operational expenses at Belle Silver Lining. Fundrais-

ing is vital for the survival of the center. “It takes a cook, volunteers—Chuck’s [Lawless] been doing the cooking. Then planning ahead—make sure we have everything we need, the supplies and stuff,” explained Marilyn Huston-Engle, board president. “We will probably use it [money] to help with the meals... we’ll pay the bill for the food and then the proceeds will go to the center.”

Belle Silver Lining offers a place for seniors to gather to play cards and games, get educational information, participate in activities and watch movies, in addition to enjoying food service. They serve meals in the center and they also deliver meals. The mission of the organization is helping seniors pursue active, meaningful and healthy lives with informational, social, intellectual and wellness services.

The senior center is in dire

Spaghetti Feed Contd. A3



The spaghetti is hot, fresh and ready to be served. Longbrake photo

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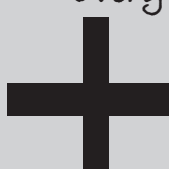




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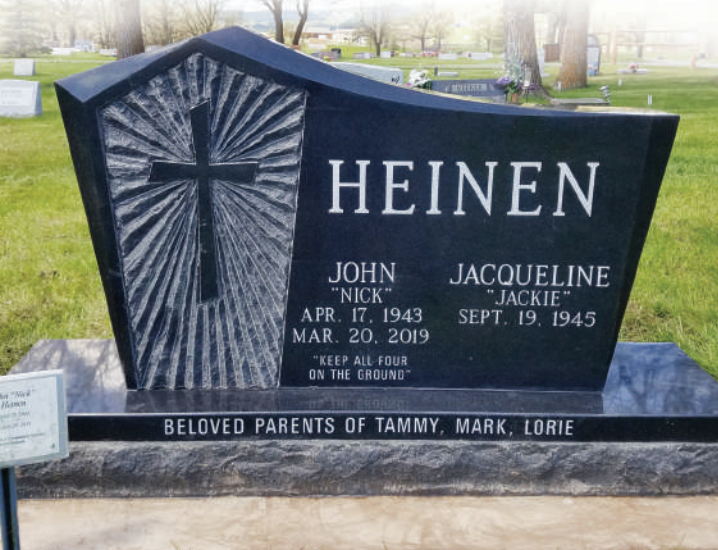
Most of us intend on "getting around to it someday," but that someday never comes and we leave our family wondering whether or not they did the right thing. **It doesn't have to be like that.** It's not pleasant to be reminded of our own mortality; we can laugh, cry, or do a little of both. Regardless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

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Cornell Kay Kester, 68



On October 24th, 2026 Cornell Kay Kester, 68, of Belle Fourche passed away at home surrounded by loved ones.

Cornell was born on January 18th, 1958 to Dell and Carol Struble in Hot Springs, South Dakota. During her childhood she enjoyed raising dogs with her dad and being around her siblings and friends. In 1977 she married her beloved Thomas Kester. They made many great memories and grew a life together. They had three wonderful children, Misty, Donna and Kyle.

Cornell was on the Belle Fourche Ambulance Crew for many years. It was a job she loved very much. She also loved playing bingo, playing cards, going to the movie theater, driving through the hills and camping. She was also part of the horseshoe association.

Cornell was so much more than a wife, grandma, great-grandma, and friend. She was a beautiful soul who had a way of making people feel loved, welcomed, and important. She loved everyone around her with an open heart, and the love she gave so freely will forever be a part of the lives she touched.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Kester; three children Misty Kester (Jason Oliver) of Belle Fourche, Donna Hovis of Belle Fourche, and Kyle (Kandi) Kester of Pierre; her grandchildren; Dustey (Shawn), Taylor, Tyler, Lane, Stormee, Stetson, Sebastian, Brayden, Dell; great grandchildren; Kiera, Kyriss, Brody, Elyie, Kurtis, Madie, Dreyesen, Kaylynn; 5 siblings and her grandpup Zeke.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, mother, father, and 1 sister.

Please join us as we come together to celebrate the life she lived, Sunday, November 1st, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the Bowman Hall in Belle Fourche.

For those wishing to send flowers, sympathy cards, or share their condolences with the family, they can be sent to the following address, 111 Custer Street Lot 202, Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

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Mary M. Hancock, 85



Mary M. Hancock, 85, of Spearfish, South Dakota, formerly of Pine Haven, Wyoming, passed away on October 17, 2026, at Garden Hills Assisted Living.

Mary was born December 20, 1940, to German immigrant parents in Sheridan, Montana. She attended school in Sheridan before moving with her family to Twin Bridges, Montana, where she graduated from high school and met the love of her life, Rod Hancock. They were married in 1959.

Mary attended Western Montana College and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and Music. Music remained an important part of her life as she taught lessons, sang at church services and special events, and performed as a soloist at numerous funerals.

Throughout their marriage, Mary and Rod lived in several communities across Montana, Virginia, Colorado, and South Dakota, as well as Heidelberg, Germany, before settling in the Black Hills. Mary became actively involved in the Black Hills Passion Play, performing in numerous roles over the years. She also participated in local musicals, performed at the Matthews Opera House, and continued sharing her love of music.

Mary was deeply devoted to community service. She was involved with the Royal Neighbors of America, local recreation boards, the Chamber of Commerce, the Christian Women's Club, the National Day of Prayer, and numerous other community organizations and events.

Mary enjoyed staying active and had a love for sports, including golfing, skiing, volleyball, bowling, and swimming. She also enjoyed dancing, acting, arts and crafts, and creating beautiful tole paintings.

Mary and Rod shared a passion for horseshoe pitching, organizing tournaments and contrib-

uting to the sport for many years. In 1993, they were honored with induction into the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame.

In 1999, Mary and Rod moved to Pine Haven, Wyoming, where Mary continued her dedication to helping others. She founded the Keyhole Chapter of Royal Neighbors of America, raising funds to support local families, children's activities, and community organizations.

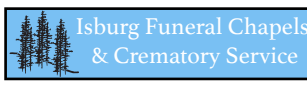
Mary was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, husband, and daughter.

Above all, Mary treasured her family. She is survived by her two daughters, Christi Haggberg (Daniel Haggberg) of Spearfish, South Dakota, and Cheryl Wolff (Jim Wolff) of Colony, Wyoming. She is also survived by eight grandchildren: Brandon Hancock, Shon Clauser, Jared Wolff, Kalee Arsaga, Shaina Wolff, Kaitlin Clauser, Alexa Heidrich, and Chance Heidrich, as well as 15 great-grandchildren.

Mary will be remembered for her generous heart, love of music, creativity, community involvement, and dedication to her family. Her legacy of kindness, service, and love will live on through the many lives she touched.

A celebration of Mary's life will be held in the Spring.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Roberts & Isburg Funeral Chapel of Sundance. Online condolences may be written at <https://www.fidler-isburgfuneral-chapels.com/>



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Nancy Lea Vaudrin, 90

Nancy Lea (Moore/Thompson) Vaudrin, 90, of Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, passed away on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at Sanford Medical Center in Thief River Falls, surrounded by the love of her family.

Nancy was born on June 22, 1936, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, to Ivan Milton Moore and Mary Augusta (Pearson) Moore. She was raised on her parents' ranch in Wyoming alongside her two sisters, Donna Rae and Norma Anne. Nancy grew up riding horses and working cattle, and in her spare time, she loved competing in rodeos and was a Hulett, Wyoming rodeo queen. She attended Black Hills Teachers College and went on to teach at a country school, managing 13 students across the first through eighth grades.

Nancy married Richard "Dick" Thompson on April 28, 1956, in Miles City, Montana. To this union, three children were born: Victor, Veda, and Ven. The family lived in various places across Wyoming, Montana, and South Dakota before moving to Minnesota in 1965. Together, they operated the Bridle Bit Rodeo Company, producing rodeos throughout the state. After living in several locations across Minnesota and Arizona, they eventually settled in Twin Valley, where Richard passed away. Following his passing, Nancy worked as a bartender before beginning a career with the Crookston Cattle Company, where she drove the feed truck at the feedlot until 1981.

Nancy later met and fell in love with Larry Vaudrin, whom she married on November 28, 1981. Together, they made their home on Larry's farm in Red Lake Falls, where they farmed and raised beef cattle. They retired in 1985 and spent the summers at Arneson's Resort. They enjoyed fishing together, visiting with neighbors and family. In the early 1990's they started spending winters in Tucson, AZ, first with their camper in Victor's yard and then they purchased a home at Tucson Estates and enjoyed dancing, golfing and meeting new friends. In 2021, they moved into Red Lake Falls.

Nancy's greatest joy was her family. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, dedicated her life to caring for those she loved. Her warmth, kindness, and welcoming nature created a home filled with love. Nancy enjoyed rodeo events in person and on the television, traveling, reading, dancing, and above all, spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Whether attending family gatherings, sharing stories, or simply relaxing with loved ones, she treasured every moment spent together. Nancy will be remembered for her gentle heart, her devotion to her family, and the joy she found in life's simple pleasures.

She was fortunate enough to have (Larry) and to have had (Richard), the two great loves in her life.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Vaudrin of Red Lake Falls, MN; her sisters, Donna Tope of Belle Fourche, SD, and Norma (Jim) Martin of Newell, SD; her children, Victor (Veronica) Thompson of Tucson, AZ, Veda (Cole) Adkins of Twin Valley, MN, and Ven (Eliza) Thompson of Belle Fourche, SD; her stepdaughter, Berdie (Roy) Reiger of Dayton, WY; 13 grandchildren and their spouses; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Nancy was preceded in death by her first husband, Richard Thompson, and her parents, Ivan and Mary Moore.

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need of additional volunteers and is looking for several board members to fill the vacant seats. Reach out to Belle Silver Lining if you can help.

There are plenty of opportunities to support the organization at upcoming fundraisers. Bingo is November 3 at Branding Iron Steakhouse; doors open at 6 p.m. and games start at 7 p.m. They will be having a bake sale at Runnings on November 20.

Their annual chili feed is at the Belle Fourche Community Hall on Friday, November 27. The gathering is before the Parade of Lights and there will be pictures with Santa. The chili feed is from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The next day, Saturday, November 28, the Belle Silver Lining will be hosting a Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the center located at 828 Kingsbury St. All of the tables are full already, so the event looks to be a grand one.

Belle Silver Lining will be making a change to its traditional Thanksgiving schedule this year. “We decided to be closed this Thanksgiving. Before we’ve always been open. We’ll do our Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, and then the deliveries will get two meals that day, so they won’t be without meal on Thursday,” shared Huston-Engle.



Enjoying some spaghetti!
Longbrake photo(s)



Serving up spaghetti, meat sauce and garlic bread.



Spending time together at the Spaghetti Feed.



A hearty spaghetti supper brought community members together to support Belle Silver Lining.

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Pumpkinfest Contd.from A1

Ooeey Gooeey Box, where brave children stuck their hands into a bowl full of scary treats and then had to guess what they were. Those guessing all of them correctly won a prize. The items represented zombie brains, worms, tarantulas, maggots and eyeballs.

Making Bouncy Balls with Borax was led by Sheila Culhane. She walked the kids through all of the steps, starting with water, followed by mixing and stirring until they ended up with a round, smooth ball.

Around 12:45 p.m., the costume contest began. There were around 30 participants dressed in costumes, giving the judges a very hard task to decide the prize winners for the Most Original Costume, Scariest Costume and Silliest Costume.

A popular attraction throughout the day was the Halloween

play, Misunderstood Monsters, presented by the Tri-State Performers. There were two chances during the day to catch the play. The noon show packed over 90 spectators into the museum gallery—extra chairs had to be set up. The 3 p.m. showing brought another 41 people into the audience.

The play was written by Kristi Thielen, museum director. The cast of 14 kids came from a variety of backgrounds. “Many of them have not been on stage here before—some of them have never been on stage at all before. They’ve spent three weeks putting this together,” shared Thielen.

Thielen served as playwright and director. Other museum staff helped with the production as well. Jean Maher served as house manager, Kim Reausaw was the sound engineer, Jada Udager handled props and tech and Three Hats Theatre provided the costumes.

The cast included Scarlett Bercier, Shelly; Max Dixon, Boris; Amber Dixon, Inga; Natalie Venter, Bella; Adlei Gerbracht, Wolfgang; Katherine Fowler, Millicent, leader; Clara Reid, Eydie; Annabelle Coffelt, Nanette; Abigail Watson, Revenka, leader; Hattie Featherston, Olga; Greta Abraham, Dorota, dance leader; Loxley Rempfer, Brigita; Aliza Wipf, Petara and Selah Wipf, Tomasina.

Mark your calendar for the Tri-State Museum’s annual Ginger Festival Saturday, December 5, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. This event will get you in the Christmas spirit with holiday music, crafts, activities, games and, of course, a visit from Santa! There will be treats and goodie bags. The highlight of the festival will be the Ginger Village exhibit. There will be a Gingerbread House competition with prizes for the winners. Reach out to the museum at 605-723-1200 for additional details.



Free goodie bags were available for all the kids. Longbrake photo(s)



Vendor booths make Pumpkinfest enjoyable for the whole family. There were a lot of goods to choose from for holiday shopping.



Shopping at one of the many vendors at Pumpkinfest.



Taking a few moments to enjoy food from the food trucks.



Maleficent (Jada Udager) performed magic tricks and also hosted a blind guessing game where kids dared to put their hands in holes and feel what was inside. Those who guessed all the items correctly won a prize.



Getting candy for winning a game.



Sheila Culhane led the activity to make Bouncy Balls with Borax.



Playing an intense game of pumpkin tic-tac-toe.



Spending time at the book display was a fun time.

Murder Mystery Contd. from A1 and individuals donated items to be auctioned off in either a silent auction that took place throughout the evening or a live auction that was held following the theater event. Justin Tupper served as the auctioneer. “It isn’t just Belle Fourche, we do all the surrounding communities in this tri-state area, and we draw donations from them too,” explained Watson.

Chutes for Charity has been a staple in the area for quite some time. “Our organization was established in 2009 by four local gals here in town, because their

husbands were associated with the rodeo, so they felt there was a need to do something to help give back to people that needed some help,” shared Watson.

The organization is dedicated to helping families and individuals rebuild after traumatic events. Watson said, “We’ve actually helped over 500 people since 2009, and given back to people—we’ve given out over \$650,000.”

With the success of their first-ever murder mystery dinner event, Watson says they hope to do it again next year. Chutes for Charity is a nonprofit organization, and

according to Watson, donations are tax-deductible. All of the money raised from this event will go back to Chutes for Charity to help our friends and neighbors during some of the worst times in their lives. Watson said, “We just really want to shout out to everybody that helped us, and I mean we are really fortunate and it really does take a community to support us—that allows us to give back—to help others.”

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Deciding what silent auction items to bid on at the Chutes for Charity fundraiser.



Selling 50/50 tickets.



Getting ready for the evening.



Drama at the *Bordello of the Damned* murder mystery.



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White's Canyon Ford Drives Community Giving With \$2,910 Donation

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SPEARFISH—Generosity took the driver's seat in Spearfish as community members gathered at White's Canyon Ford to turn a simple test drive into something much more meaningful. Ford's Drive 4UR Community event was held on Saturday, September 26.

The day was an invitation for the community to come together and support giving back. The dealership hosted a day of activities that included food trucks, vendors and special children's activities. Door prizes and raffles were also up for grabs throughout the day.

There was no purchase necessary. There was no sales pressure. There was just the opportunity to give 15 minutes of your time to support United Way of the Black Hills and take a brand-new car for a test drive! Ford donated \$30 for each eligible test drive taken during the event.

All of the money raised from the event stays in the Northern Hills to benefit programs in this area. By the end of the day, \$2,910 had been raised.



Employees of White's Canyon Ford present a check for \$2,910, raised during the Drive 4 UR Community event, to representatives of United Way of the Black Hills. *Courtesy photo*

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ANNOUNCEMENT: The cast for the BFACT Production of A Suessified Christmas Carol has been announced by the show’s director, **ToiLyn Flick**. Narrator 1- **Kaitlyn Roth**; Narrator 2- **Lilly Kennedy**; The Scrooge- **Joe Savery**; Jake Marley- **Gideon Gilger**; Bob Cratchit- **Carston Sechser**; Bed-Headed; Fred- **Loki Larive**; Fred’s Wife- **Mikayla Pesicka**; Ghost of Christmas Past- **Alanya Drabek**; Boy Scrooge- **Will Czerny**; Ghost of Christmas Present- **Kaya Pesicka**; Mrs. Cratchit- **Katharina Steeves**; Young Scrooge- **Daniel Eddy**; Sven- **Gideon Gilger**; Belle- **Mollie Collins**; Young Scrooge- **Erik Randolph**; Little Fan- **Lucy Raber**; Schoolmaster - **Emma Strackbein**; Schoolmaster’s Servant- **Nicole Collins**; Ringo- **Lilith Fay**; Belle’s Husband- **Hunter Cazer**; A Boy- **Andrew Thompson**; A Maid- **Lillian Black Elk**; Sally- **Adalyn Savery**; Timmy Loo Hoo- **Hudson Streeter**; Tuely- **Elise Wood**; Buff- **Wyatt Owens**; Nip- **Alexa Hutchinsen**; Jen- **Delilah Owens**; Lighthouse Keeper 1- **Sharon Thompson**; Lighthouse Keeper 2- **April Larive**; Sailor 1- **Titus Thompson**; Sailor 2- **Samuel Savery**; Sailor 3- **Talia Thompson**; Sailor 4- **Michael Van Dorn**; Solicitor 1- **Dillon Streeter**; Solicitor 2- **Nicole Streeter**; Party Voice 1- **Bethany Savery**; Party Voice 2 - **Dillon Streeter**; Party Voice 3- **Hunter Cazer**; Party Voice 4- **Sharon Thompson**; Party Goers- **April Larive, Whitney Bridgers, Kaeli Thompson**; Bystander 1- **Whitney Bridgers**; Bystander 2- **Nicole Collins**; Bystander 3- **Bethany Savory**; Skateboard Ghost Posse- **Katherine Fowler, Adilyn Graslie, Sophie Wermers, Alora Thompson, Ember Hatheway**; Neds- **Isabella Savery, Melody Savery, Loxley Rempfer, Margot Rempfer, Annabelle Coffelt, Rylee Rhoads, Jarikka Salazar, Sunday Czerny**; Mr. Fezziwig and Mrs. Fezziwig- **Samuel Savery and Whitney Bridgers**; Fezziwig Party Goers- **Dillon Streeter, Nicole Streeter, Nicole Collins, Gideon Gilger, Hunter Cazer, Carston Sechser, Michael Van Dorn, Delilah Owens, Sophie Wermers, Jerrika Salazar**; Swooning Girls- **Emma Strackbein, Kaelie Thompson, Lilith Fay, Alivia Ewalt, Elise Wood, Adalyn Savery, Lillian Black Elk**; Sneetch Beat Campaign Rock Band- **Elise Wood, Alivia Ewalt, Wyatt Owens, Erik Randolph**; Love Bologna- **Talia Thompson, Alexa Hutchinsen, Titus Thompson, Katharina Steeves**.

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!

- 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 10-13 BFACT Production of A Suessified Christmas Carol
- December 18, Friday, TBD, BF Elementary Concert for K-4th Grades



Here is What You May Have Missed!

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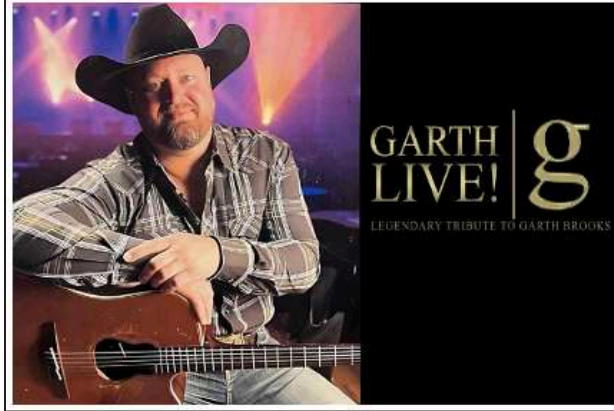
Belle Fourche Rec Center Theater



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

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Rbj Ranch West Llc, Sundance, WY.....	104	Bbld	Strs	585	\$446.00
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Rbj Ranch West Llc, Sundance, WY.....	16	R/Ch	Strs	558	\$422.50
Rbj Ranch West Llc, Sundance, WY.....	99	Bbld	Hfrs	523	\$424.00
Rbj Ranch West Llc, Sundance, WY.....	33	Blk	Hfrs	511	\$500.00
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Rbj Ranch West Llc, Sundance, WY.....	19	Bbld	Hfrs	460	\$467.50
Popma & Tysdal, Newcastle, WY.....	103	Blk	Strs	600	\$449.50
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Ayer Ranch Llc, Beulah, WY.....	62	Bbld	Hfrs	653	\$409.00
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Ayer Ranch Llc, Beulah, WY.....	31	Bbld	Strs	560	\$450.00
Ba Cattle Co, Forsyth, MT.....	28	B/R	Strs	609	\$431.00
Ba Cattle Co, Forsyth, MT.....	10	Mix	Strs	479	\$480.00
Ba Cattle Co, Forsyth, MT.....	12	R/Ch	Hfrs	442	\$427.50
Ba Cattle Co, Forsyth, MT.....	39	Bbld	Hfrs	435	\$437.50
Ba Cattle Co, Forsyth, MT.....	14	B/R	Strs	380	\$590.00
Ba Cattle Co, Forsyth, MT.....	19	Bbld	Strs	345	\$530.00
Berry, Roy E, Newell, SD.....	11	Blk	Strs	506	\$485.00
Boylan, Robert, Newell, SD.....	23	Mix	Strs	521	\$452.00
Boylan, Robert, Newell, SD.....	91	Blk	Strs	412	\$590.00
Boylan, Robert, Newell, SD.....	117	Blk	Strs	398	\$527.00
Boylan, Robert, Newell, SD.....	14	Blk	Strs	329	\$687.50
Cammack, Randy Or Mary Ellen, Sturgis, SD.....	24	B/R	Strs	657	\$410.00
Cammack, Randy Or Mary Ellen, Sturgis, SD.....	11	Rbld	Hfrs	592	\$375.00
Cammack, Randy Or Mary Ellen, Sturgis, SD.....	10	Bbld	Hfrs	579	\$387.50
Carter, Zach Or Sara, Whitewood, SD.....	17	Red	Strs	666	\$392.00
Carter, Zach Or Sara, Whitewood, SD.....	56	Red	Hfrs	591	\$380.00
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Casteel, Ronny J, Vale, SD.....	56	Blk	Strs	510	\$484.00
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Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	10	B/R	Hfrs	484	\$450.00
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Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	356	B/R	Hfrs	426	\$491.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	68	B/R	Hfrs	358	\$574.00
Elgin, Theodore Or Catherine, Biddle, MT.....	11	Blk	Strs	551	\$442.00
Elgin, Theodore Or Catherine, Biddle, MT.....	45	Blk	Hfrs	546	\$415.00
Elliott, Lee, Newcastle, WY.....	31	Bbld	Strs	526	\$488.00
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Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette, WY.....	54	Blk	Strs	522	\$466.00
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Engesser, Neil, Spearfish, SD.....	15	B/Ch	Hfrs	375	\$350.00
Falzerano, Warren C, Belle Fourche, SD.....	13	Blk	Strs	493	\$497.50
Foothills Ranch, St Onge, SD.....	34	Blk	Strs	633	\$427.50
Foothills Ranch, St Onge, SD.....	24	Blk	Strs	528	\$482.50
Hansen, Eric, Wall, SD.....	30	Blk	Strs	482	\$507.00
Hansen, Eric, Wall, SD.....	25	Blk	Hfrs	478	\$445.00
Holyoak, Brady A & Kim I, Beulah, WY.....	37	Red	Strs	537	\$445.00
Kalisaki, Hunter, Ludlow, SD.....	29	Blk	Hfrs	404	\$460.00
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100 years Northwest Bee November 4, 1926 "TONY" DAY IS DEAD

A. J. Day, better known to all the old-time cowmen of this part of the country as "Tony" Day, died October 16 at National City, Calif. Mr. Day came from Texas to the Black Hills ranges in 1890 and in partnership with A. J. Cresswell started the "Turkey Track" ranch northeast of Belle Fourche. They continued this cattle outfit until it became one of the largest in this part of the country, until the settlers commenced to come in and take up their range, when they disposed of the ranch and live stock and Mr. Day went to Canada and became interested in ranching and real estate in the Medicine Hat country. Mr. Day was one of the typical old-time ranchmen, a man who knew the business thoroughly, and during the years he was active in business he made a success, eventually accumulating a sufficient among of this world's goods to enable him to retire. He is survived by two children, Joe and Ollie, who live in National City.

BEET HARVEST COMPLETED IN B.F. VALLEY Large Yields and High Sugar Content Insure Good Returns to Growers

Harvesting of beets is near an end in the Belle Fourche valley, and with the close of the season the growers as a whole will have had one of the most successful seasons since the crop has been grown here. The weather for the past six weeks has been almost ideal for pulling the crop, and the roads have been in excellent condition, reducing the expense of handling and hauling the crop. There will be 3,140 harvested acres this year, with an estimated yield of 41,000 tons, or 12 ½ tons average per acre, according to J. Fred Steck, local manger for the Great Western Sugar Co. This average yield is a little over four tons lower than last year, due to several causes. First, there were approximately twelve hundred acres more beets grown this year than last and many growers were raising the crop for the first time on ground that had never grown beets before. The yields in many of these instances were lower than they will be when the growers have learned how to handle the crop. Weather and adverse labor conditions cut the yield in many instances and the early freeze cut down the weight of the beets.

BOUGHT DAIRIES On November 10 L. D. Broadley will take possession of the Hay Creek dairy belonging to Mert Fowler, and the Louis Sturis Dairy, having purchases the cows from both of these places of business and will consolidate them under the name of Broadleys Dairy. Mr. Broadley has also leased the Fowler ranch of six hundred ten acres adjoining Belle Fourche on the south and will operate his dairy from there. The Fowler place has been used as a dairy for many years and is modernly equipped for the handling of milk and cream. In addition to the dairy equipment, fifty acres of the ranch is irrigated. Mr. Broadley is no stranger to the people of Belle Fourche, for several years he clerked in grocery stores, and then for three years was proprietor of the Model

Bakery and Grocery, selling a half interest in that business to A. F. Bokin a little over a year ago, and a few weeks ago disposed of his interest to his partner. He is an enterprising business man, not afraid of work, and if hard work and close attention to business will make a success of the airy business, Mr. Broadley's dairy will be successful.

75 years ago Belle Fourche Bee November 1, 1951 Christian Science Lecturer

Coming Evelyn F. Heywood of London, England, a member of the board of lectureship of the First Church of Christ Scientist, will speak in Belle Fourche Monday night. Called for 8 p.m. at the church on Sixth avenue, the lecture will be on the topic "Christian Science: The Science of Blessedness." The lecture is open to the public.

Spud In Ninth Test Oil Well on Olson Farm East of Belle Butte county's ninth wildcat oil well in the structurally-favorable Whitewood anticline was spudded in yesterday about six miles east and one mile north of Belle Fourche on the William Olson farm. Erection of the 100-foot derrick and drilling machinery was completed here Tuesday by the Dee Ray Drilling company of Newcastle, Wyo. The test hole in an area that has been reported extremely favorable for oil exploration by expert geologists in being financed by the R. P. Harmon Associates, a group of South Dakota men who have invested \$30,000 in the venture. Ray's drilling outfit, recently pulled out of a test hole in Nebraska, has a contract to drill to a 4,000-foot depth where it is believed they will strike the Minnelusa formation, which produces oil and gas in Montana and Wyoming. If operations proceed uninterrupted, it is expected to take about 15 days of 24-hour a day drilling to reach the 4,000-foot depth in the anticline dome. Quoting Dr. Wallace Pratt of Standard Oil of New Jersey as saying that the Williston basin displays showings of a volume of oil greater than anywhere in the United States – an estimated 100 to 250,000 billion barrels – and is a great challenge to the oil industry.

Retailers to Attend City Council Session A delegation of Belle Fourch retailers will attend Belle Fourche's meeting of the city council when an attorney for an organization of house-to-house salesmen will protest adoption of the proposed anti-peddlers ordinance. President C. J. Edwards announced at Tuesday's regular noon luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce that the matter of supporting the ordinance would be handled by the retail committee. Belle Fourche representatives at the district five meeting of the South Dakota Good Roads association, which will be held in Rapid City will include Highway Commissioner Sterling Clark, District Director Frank Stoughton of the Good Roads group; Harry Stephens and Frank Thomas.

50 years ago Belle Fourche Bee October 29, 1976 BLM Talks About New

System. Some 473 million acres of federal land now have a new management mandate under a law signed Oct. 22, by President Gerald R. Ford.

Known as the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the new law established a policy of continued federal ownership and sets guidelines for administration and management of these lands and their resources by the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Some sections of the law also apply to the National Forest Lands, administered by the Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Since the creation of the Bureau of Land Management in 1946, successive presidents have sought a law that would replace the more than 3000 public land laws applying to public domain, some dating back to the post-revolutionary war period. Many of these antiquated laws have been replaced by the new law. Secretary of the Interior Thomas S. Kleppe, called the new law, "A monumental step leading to a new era of the management of public lands and their resources."

Butte to Get \$121,000 in Lieu of Taxes Washington – The long-awaited "payment in lieu of taxes" bill has been signed into law. According to South Dakota Senator Jim Abourezk, Butte county will receive an estimated annual payment of \$121,300 from the government as payment in lieu of taxes for federal holdings in the county. The estimate was prepared by the Department of Interior. Abourezk is a member of the senate interior committee. Abourezk, who was a sponsor of the bill in the U. S. Senate, said the final version of the bill was passed by congress in the last week of this year's session and signed into law by President Ford earlier this week. Abourezk explained that under the new law, counties such as Butte which contain significant amounts of federal land will be compensated by the federal government for tax revenues lost to the federal land. In South Dakota, the payments will apply to National Park, Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management territories. While the exact payment for each county is determined by its population, minus the amount received such as timber sales and mineral rights, counties could receive up to 75 cents per acre annually for their federal land. The Interior Department estimates that 26 South Dakota counties will receive a total of \$1.6 million for their federal holdings, while some 15 counties will get an additional \$389,000 for land taken up by federally-owned reservoirs. "I'm glad to see the payments bill become law, I consider it one of the best and fairest bills to come out of the 94th congress. Counties with large amount of federal land always have been at a disadvantage since they must provide schools and law enforcement for the county without having the entire county as a tax base. Payments in lieu is designed to remedy this unfair situation," Abourezk said. (Editor note: in 2026 In Butte County, South Dakota, federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) totaled \$504,564 for 160,288 eligible federal acres. These funds are administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior to help local governments offset losses in property taxes due to non-taxable federal lands within their boundaries.)



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12 Baked Ham & Sweet Potato with Broccoli & Roll	13 Salisbury Steak & Rice Pilaf & Carrots, Roll	14 Tater tot casserole Mixed Veggie & Roll & Salad	15 Meatloaf / Mashed Potato / Gravy & Corn Roll	16 Baked Chicken & Buttered Rice & Creamed Spinach, Roll
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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Alan Lloyd, Otter MT	99	Black-Str Pc Bt	496	514.00	\$2,548.71
Todd Family Llp, Upton WY	71	Black-Str Pc Bt	603	427.50	\$2,576.44
Garman Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	134	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	459	546.00	\$2,503.65
	130	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	461	546.00	\$2,518.75
	148	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	378	640.50	\$2,420.70
	105	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	441	487.50	\$2,151.73
	169	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	372	560.00	\$2,085.11
Roger/Bonnie Ballou, Hulet WY	43	Black-Str Pc Bt	512	510.50	\$2,615.42
	52	Black-Str Pc Bt	579	443.00	\$2,564.71
	37	Black-Str Pc Bt	443	548.00	\$2,428.23
	63	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	461	465.00	\$2,142.69
	18	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	577	400.00	\$2,306.66
Gaer Ranch, Newell SD	85	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	572	441.00	\$2,524.33
	47	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	472	504.00	\$2,377.91
Pat Burke, Newell SD	83	Black-Str Pc Bt	582	433.00	\$2,520.26
	15	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	509	492.50	\$2,505.18
Daniel Davis, Buffalo SD	61	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	595	430.50	\$2,562.53
	8	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	487	490.00	\$2,385.68
Jack Or Cindy Orwick, Newell SD	65	Char-Str Pc Bt	637	417.00	\$2,658.21
	56	Char-Hfr Pc Bt	609	379.00	\$2,308.51
Luke Earley, Broadus MT	87	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bt	637	369.50	\$2,352.48
Schweigert Ranch Inc, Baker MT	94	Char-Str Pc Bt	659	399.50	\$2,633.51
	29	Char-Str Pc Bt	547	449.00	\$2,457.11
	99	Char-Hfr Pc Bt	579	400.00	\$2,315.55
	54	Char-Hfr Pc Bt	486	441.00	\$2,142.11
K & D Livestock, Olive MT	78	Black-Str Pc Bt	603	429.00	\$2,584.72
	25	Black-Str Pc Bt	502	513.00	\$2,574.23
Leslie (Bud) Strangford, Baker MT	22	Black-Str Pc Bt	598	425.00	\$2,540.28
	27	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	535	428.00	\$2,289.80
Darfa Dunning, Ashland MT	45	Black-Str Bt Ni	614	417.00	\$2,562.23
	6	Black-Str Bt Ni	548	449.00	\$2,462.01
Tim & Joni Draine, Boyes MT	36	Black-Str Pc	605	428.00	\$2,589.40
	10	Black-Str Pc	531	469.00	\$2,490.39
	35	Black-Str Pc	586	392.00	\$2,297.12
Garrett Borgialli, Newcastle WY	11	Black-Str Pc Ni	668	400.00	\$2,672.72
Robert C Amdt, Arvada WY	41	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	504	486.00	\$2,451.33
	50	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	425	562.50	\$2,388.93
	45	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	431	492.50	\$2,124.31
Stack Rock Inc, Alzada MT	40	Black-Str Bt Ni	538	416.00	\$2,239.64
	33	Black-Str Bt Ni	485	385.00	\$1,868.41
Linda Brost, Alzada MT	35	Black-Str Bt	562	425.00	\$2,388.50
	17	Black-Hfr Bt	512	430.00	\$2,201.85
Jade Blackwell, Box Elder SD	23	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	611	426.00	\$2,601.37
Perino Ranch, Newcastle WY	54	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	440	485.00	\$2,132.20
	22	Char/Red-Hfr Pc Bt	472	415.00	\$1,957.10
Romo Bros Partnership, Bainville MT	38	Black-Str Pc Bt	592	431.50	\$2,553.79
	11	Black-Str Pc Bt	440	542.50	\$2,387.00
	40	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	503	455.00	\$2,289.78
Wagner Trust, Moorcroft WY	42	Black-Str Pc Bt	480	515.00	\$2,474.45
	10	Black-Str Pc Bt	368	650.00	\$2,392.00
	41	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	494	447.50	\$2,211.30
Tim Barnaud, Nisland SD	57	Black-Str Pc Bt	597	427.00	\$2,547.76
	11	Black-Str Pc Bt	486	465.00	\$2,259.47
	35	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	551	414.00	\$2,281.14
James Or Patricia Lawrence, Buffalo WY	31	Red-Str Pc Bt	533	444.00	\$2,364.65

Swenson Operating Llc, Sundance WY	86	Red-Str Bt Ni	550	435.00	\$2,390.98
	63	Red-Str Bt Ni	480	452.50	\$2,170.56
	30	Red-Hfr Bt Ni	529	582.00	\$2,900.00
	48	Red/Rwf-Hfr Bt	506	429.00	\$2,172.70
	47	Red/Rwf-Hfr Bt	426	500.00	\$2,128.72
Rod Schaffer, MT	12	Black-Str Pc Bt	539	453.00	\$2,440.53
	11	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	514	435.00	\$2,236.29
Noah Miller, Mosby MT	25	Black-Str Pc Bt	565	428.00	\$2,417.34
	35	Red-Str Pc Bt	530	446.50	\$2,367.08
	23	Red-Str Pc Bt	434	526.00	\$2,282.38
Gerry Eckert, Rapid City SD	27	Black-Str Pc Bt	576	440.00	\$2,534.07
	31	Black-Hfr Pc B	547	417.00	\$2,279.37
Richard Jesse, Broadus MT	72	Black-Str Pc Bt	582	435.00	\$2,530.55
	17	Black-Str Pc Bt	488	455.00	\$2,218.79
	72	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	550	414.50	\$2,279.17
Billy Stuver, Broadus MT	45	Rd/Blk-Str Bt	633	381.00	\$2,411.73
	33	Rd/Blk-Hfr Bt	592	325.00	\$1,925.37
Christensen Ranch, Newcastle WY	23	Black-Str	438	510.00	\$2,235.13
	28	Black-Hfr	442	435.00	\$1,924.09
Spotted Mule Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	24	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	581	440.50	\$2,558.57
	20	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	483	451.00	\$2,176.07
Johnie & Julie Ridinger, Alzada MT	16	Black-Str Pc Bt	537	468.00	\$2,514.03
Clade Schuelke, Newell SD	22	Red-Str Pc Bt	485	482.00	\$2,337.70
Odis & Edith Hewson, Buffalo SD	22	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	616	421.50	\$2,595.09
	22	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	530	466.00	\$2,469.80
Cordell Laughery, Ekalaka MT	26	Black-Str Pc	606	422.00	\$2,557.15
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Tlt Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD	64	Black-Yrfg Hfr Spay	876	349.25	\$3,059.21
	56	Black-Yrfg Hfr Spay	879	349.25	\$3,069.03
	23	Black-Yrfg Hfr Spay	885	349.25	\$3,089.34
	61	Black-Yrfg Hfr Spay	1037	295.50	\$3,064.23
	60	Black-Yrfg Hfr Spay	1042	295.50	\$3,080.34
William F Kennedy, Ekalaka MT	33	Black-Yrfg Hfr Spay	831	340.50	\$2,830.79
Castleberry Inc, Ekalaka MT	19	Hfr-Yrfg Hfr	893	314.00	\$2,805.34

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By John Newby

“Building Main Street, not Wall Street”

Showing Up Is an Antipoverty Program

When Dallas last chose a mayor, roughly six of every hundred eligible residents cast a ballot. Across the 30 largest cities in America, the average was only about one in five. Let that settle in for a moment. A small handful of people decided who would steer the budget, the streets, the zoning board and the economic development office for everyone else.

I have spent a lot of years watching how decisions get made in small towns and county seats, and I have come to believe something that sounds simple but is not said nearly enough. Turnout is not just a civic statistic. It is an economic one. The neighborhoods that vote get heard. The neighborhoods that do not vote get managed.

The gap starts with who shows up. In the 2020 presidential election, about 85 percent of people in households earning more than \$150,000 voted, compared with roughly half of those in households earning between \$15,000 and \$20,000. In midterms the gap grows. In 2018, about two thirds of eligible voters making over \$100,000 cast ballots, while fewer than one in three of those making under \$20,000 did.

Here is why that matters on Main Street. For three decades, researchers have compared states where working families vote at high rates with states where they mostly stay home. States with a bigger class gap in turnout tend to spend less on the safety net. In states where lower income turnout came closer to matching that of the well off, lawmakers were much less likely to adopt tougher welfare rules after the 1996 reforms. Other studies find



that states with wider turnout gaps also tend to have wider income gaps.

I want to be fair about what this proves. Economists will tell you about the link between income and voting is well documented but not fully understood, and a correlation is not a cause. Plenty of other forces shape poverty, from local wages and housing costs to whether the plant down the road stays open. But when the same pattern keeps turning up across states and decades, it deserves attention.

The strongest evidence comes from our own history. When the Voting Rights Act of 1965 knocked down literacy tests, Black turnout climbed in the affected Southern counties. Economists at Dartmouth and Yale later found that those same counties saw their share of state money grow, mostly for public schools, compared with similar counties that had no such tests. By their estimate, state dollars rose roughly in step with turnout. New voters brought new investment. That is not ideology. That is how politics works.

And this is not about which party wins. Office holders of every stripe pay closest attention to the people most likely to show up and reelect them. If the folks on the east side of town, the mobile home park off the highway or the young families renting above the downtown shops never vote, their roads, their schools and their business districts slide toward the bottom of the list. Nobody has to be cruel for that to happen. It is pretty simple arithmetic.

There is a Main Street dividend as well. A study covering

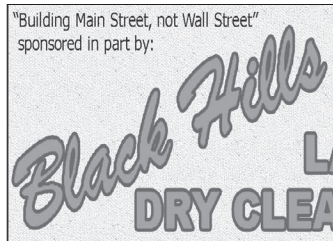
more than 3,100 counties found that communities with stronger civic health weathered the Great Recession with smaller jumps in unemployment, even after accounting for economic conditions. By 2010, the most socially connected states had unemployment near 8 percent, while the least connected sat near 10 percent. Engaged places hold on to their jobs, their storefronts and each other.

Researchers who mapped local turnout found what they called voting deserts, neighborhoods where participation runs at less than half the citywide rate. I would bet you can name yours. I suspect those are many of the same streets where the empty storefronts cluster and family budgets are stretched the thinnest. We will not grant or subsidize our way out of that alone. People in those neighborhoods need a seat at the table, and the ballot is the cheapest seat in the house.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Within the next 24 hours, visit Vote.gov, confirm your registration and find where you vote. Then do one more thing. Invite one neighbor, coworker or employee who usually sits elections out to go with you and offer the ride. If you own a business, give your people the time. After the election, pick one city council, county commission or school board meeting this winter and attend it. Poverty is not beaten in a single election, but it is never beaten by the people who stay home.

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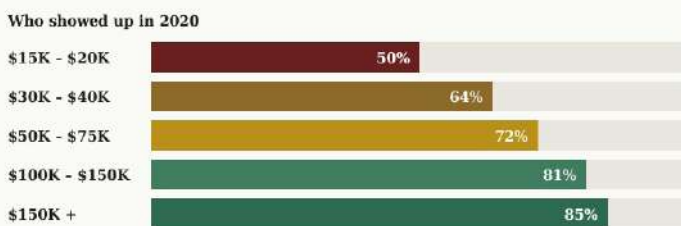
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The Neighborhoods That Vote Get Heard

Share of eligible citizens who voted in the 2020 presidential election, by family income



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Midterm turnout gap between the lowest and highest income voters, 2022

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After the 1965 Voting Rights Act, state dollars to newly enfranchised counties rose roughly in step with turnout

8% vs 10%

2010 unemployment in the most vs. least socially connected states

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2020 Voting and Registration Supplement (as reported by Census and YOA); National Low Income Housing Coalition analysis of 2022 CPS data; Casado & Washington, Quarterly Journal of Economics (2018); National Conference on Citizenship & CIRCLE, Civic Health and Unemployment II (2012).

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden October 25, 2026



After a warm week with temperatures into the upper 80s, Sunday gave us a cool day in the 50s with a high of 60 degrees. It appears that our warm summer days may be over. Something exceptional that happened that Lane Cammack of Stoneville and Laura Colb of

Spearfish were united in marriage on Monday. They had an unannounced private ceremony on a ranch near Spearfish with Bill Meirose officiating. Folks are happy for the newlyweds and they made their first appearance in church on Sunday in Union Center. Larry and Sandy Rhoden drove home from Sioux Falls on Saturday night after a full day

of being in the Dakota State University parade in Madison. They were driven by family members from Sioux Falls in a red corvet with sister from Madison adding a matching red pickup. They were treated to lunch there in the Miles Beacom complex that followed with tail gating and reacquainting with old classmates. They drove to Sioux Falls for a wedding and returned home late on Saturday night.

Thursday's Rural Neighbors was well attended last week as they served guests a noon meal and entertainment. Theresa Hanzlik and Shirley Baker sang and Edna Smith played the piano. The fellowship room was decorated with a beautiful fall theme. Henrietta McNenny brought center pieces for the finishing touches. Lorie Hausmann provided a lunch for some family and friends after church on Sunday in the fellowship hall. Bob Barry joined

them as Yvonne is in Idaho with her brothers. Tristen and Kalen Rhoden and family spent the afternoon at the Larry Rhoden Ranch to catch up and move some machinery. The first of the seasonal holidays in October, November and December is on October, 31, Halloween. It is on a Saturday this year. Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 1 so clocks will be moved backward 1 hour that night.



Capitol News
October 25, 2026
Karen Odell

There was very little moisture from the weather at Capitol and on Tie Creek, this week. Sunday produced a little drizzle in the morning. Some nights are reaching below freezing, now, so snow may be on the way for Halloween. Alvin Cordell's hunters left last week. Bow season came to an end. A man and his wife from Colorado came this week, on Friday. She had an elk license. The man has been coming to hunt at Cordell's for thirty-seven years. Ryan Cordell used a hay grinder at the home place to grind hay, on Monday. In the afternoon, he took the grinder to the Loken place for more grinding. Wade Pearson helped him with the grinding. Marlee went to Belle Fourche, on Friday, and planned to go to the state cross-country meet at Heart Ranch near Rapid City, to watch grandchildren compete.

She had injured her foot, and because it was bothering her, she decided not to go to the meet. Standing all day at a cross-country meet would not improve her foot, so she stayed home. Jay Cordell came out to the ranch for the weekend. Wade Pearson had been out during the week, to move cattle. They brought cows from the Horton place on Friday, and the cattle from the cottonwood summer pasture on Sunday. On Friday, evening, Alvin and Marlee went in to the Corner Bar in Camp Crook for a 60th birthday party for Terry Cordell. Where did all those years go so fast? I was Terry's teacher, many years ago, at the Camp Crook School. Doug Davis went over to his brother, Dan's, on Thursday, to help him ship his cattle. On Friday, Julia Davis, Kay Latham, Jean Kieffe, and Yvonne Yoder went to Billings for a Women's Faith Conference. It was very good, and they were glad they chose to go.

The conference lasted all day on Saturday, and they came home again on Sunday. Doug spent Sunday in Belle Fourche at the Bowman Hall at Herman Park. It was a special celebration for his uncle, Jerry Fuller's, 95th birthday. It was especially good to see some of the people who came from far away; and they had not seen for a long time. Lynn Gustafson and Linda Matthews made a beauty parlor trip to Bowman, on Thursday. Bruce and Lynn attended church at the Little Missouri Church, on Sunday morning. There were so many people there, that Lynn had to make a second pot of coffee. The Little Missouri's Ethnic Supper will be held on November 8th at the Community Hall in Camp Crook from five to seven o'clock. Dorothy Padden went in to Camp Crook, on Monday night, for the O'Toole fish fry. The O'Toole's are hunters that have been coming to Camp Crook for

many years, and invite many of their local friends to join in their fish fry while they are here. Mindy Yates came to preg test cows for Paddens on Wednesday. On Sunday, Kim and Ryan Padden came to visit at Dorothy's from Glasgow. There was a little sprinkle of rain on Sunday. Karen Odell got to visit with Mollie and Kyia Smith, Micki Odell, Murphy Hinds, Cody, Kylie, Kenna, Carson, and Chancey Odell; and friend, Bill Foulkes in Ohio. The weather in Tacoma has been mild, and good for watching Murphy's soccer games. St Paul has also been mild during this week, and Kyia finished up her volleyball season on the JV team for Mounds Park Academy. In Mitchell, Carson still had a couple of football games for Mitchell High School. One was during the rain and cold, but the second was back to nice, warm weather. It has been raining for the past couple of days, in Mitchell, and has cooled down again. Please keep Chad Nelson and John Humbracht in you

prayers again this week. A circle is considered to have 365 degrees. That means that 365 people could stand on the outer edge and look at the center point from a different angle or viewpoint. Is the shadow on the right or the left? Of course it is on both, but you can't see that from the tiny view your little degree provides, and every one of the 365 views is different. The views can't be the same unless you could put two people in the same body, to fill up the exact same space. 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.

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by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel



"The corn looks good, but it isn't worth anything until it is safe in the granary." Our father's solemn statement as he checked the fields is pressed between the pages of my mind. Weather and machinery breakdowns often made the harvest season rather intense, but every fall there was an urgency. Get the crops in. Mom and her daughters worked to bring

Before the Leaves Fall

in the last of the garden crops. Apples were canned, pickled and stashed for winter use. Cobs and wood had been hauled to the shed, dry and ready to fuel the cook stove. Cooler temperatures signaled the need to get ready for winter. Though I have no cornfields to harvest, nor do I need to stock up on fuel for a woodstove, I still feel that same urgency every October. Nature reminds me that change is imminent. A monarch flutters through my zinnias. Will she make it

for as many moments as possible. And it seems like every year, I look up and the lovely leaves have fallen; I missed the most beautiful time! Every autumn I feel this urgency. So much to do, so little time. I want to enjoy the beauty, savor the fall colors before a wild Iowa wind whips them away. I feel compelled to remember the past, to tell stories of the times and people I have loved. To keep the memories alive. Do we compare our lives to the seasons? Do the reminders of impending cold signal to us that we need to act quickly? I am no spring chicken, but I wonder if everyone

should feel the urgency to be ready. Winter will swoop down upon us. Is there someone we need to forgive? Is there bitterness that we should let go? Do we need to say, "I love you?" Every one of us has stories to be told. If we wait, we might miss the chance. Even one tale of growing up allows a part of us, a tiny part of history, to continue on for at least one more generation. Tell the tale to loved ones. Write it down or record it if you can. Better yet, tell lots of stories! So, get ready for winter. Don't wait. Do it today. The leaves are turning... The author's ten books are available on Amazon.com.



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Halloween Eve Trick or Treating in the Neighborhood

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In her freshman English class, my granddaughter, Teaunah (Tea) is reading

Homor’s Odyssey, a timeless classic.

Tea’s assignment is also a timeless classic: to write an essay about a character from the Odyssey. She decided to bring me along for the ride as her personal tutor. It’s a fun trip and right up my metaphorical alley.

Tea chose to write about Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea. We did some research together, on Zoom meetings with me in Southern France, she in Belle Fourche. We juggle between Facetime conversations and frequent ‘Zooms’ as we navigate the 8-hour time difference. We work together during her mornings and my afternoon and evening hours.

In Greek mythology, there’s a lot of backstory to digest. We began by reviewing the plot of the Odyssey.

Tea explained. “So, King Odysseus goes to the Trojan War, wins the war and wants to go home. It takes him ten years.” Tea continued. “He had a lot of problems, but he kept going and did his best.”

“So how does Poseidon enter the story?” I asked.

“Well, I’m a little confused about that. I just know that Poseidon is the god of the sea and that he’s mad at Odysseus.”

“Why?” I asked.

“Well, Cyclops lived on this island and Odysseus stopped there with his men on his way home from the Trojan War. They all probably needed to get out to stretch after sitting in a ship all day”.

Tea continued, “So anyway, Cyclops wasn’t super friendly, he had only one eye in the middle of his forehead and there were other Cyclops on the island, and I guess they were all Poseidon’s kind of messed up kids from another mother.” Tea paused to take a breath.

“Anyway, Cyclops won’t share his food and mainly told Odysseus to get lost. Odysseus refuses to leave, Cyclops gets

aggressive, traps Odysseus and his men in his cave, and then eats two of men... raw.” Tea grimaces.

“Then Odysseus and his men get mad, and gouge out Cyclops only eye with a wooden stick.”

“Eww... That’s brutal” I said, bones and all?”

“Yes.” Tea grimaced and continued. “Cyclops was Poseidon’s favorite kid. By the time, Odysseus and his men were back in the ship with all the Cyclops’ food and livestock, Cyclops had got a hold of his dad, Poseidon to tell him about what a bully Odysseus was, and Poseidon lost it, I mean really lost it.” Tea dramatized Poseidon’s wrath.

Poseidon cursed Odysseus and forced him to lose every single one of his men in bad storms.”

“Wow. I can almost feel sorry for Cyclops and Poseidon.” I said, “Didn’t you say that Cyclops is disabled?”

“Both Cyclops and Poseidon had extreme anger issues.” Tea asserted. Poseidon gets mad and creates storms for no reason quite frequently in mythology

and Cyclops could have learned to be a nicer person.”

She had a point. Here’s Tea’s essay with minimal oversight:

The Problem with Poseidon
By Teaunah English

Greek mythology is a treasure of imaginative and engaging stories. The characters in Greek mythology are also quite interesting. One such character is Poseidon. Poseidon is best known as the God of the sea although he’s also associated with earthquakes and horses. Poseidon is muscular. He has a dark mustache and is often seen with a three-pronged fisherman’s spear called a trident. The trident seems like a very appropriate symbol for Poseidon as he is the God of the Sea.”

“Poseidon is also well known for having a bad temper. When he gets mad things can get ugly. He often causes violence when he is angry. The storms cause ships to wreck. He creates massive deadly storms. When Poseidon meets Odysseus, he is super angry because Odysseus tricked his son Cyclops and brutally blinded him.

Poseidon’s actions against

Odysseys can seem out of control but they may be justified. I can understand why Poseidon would blow up the sea on Odysseus, but in many other stories, Poseidon does that to lots of for no reason, whatsoever. Poseidon has anger issues.

Maybe Poseidon’s anger has something to do with his childhood. Poseidon has a disturbing childhood background. He was the son of the goddess Rhea and the god Chronus. Unfortunately, Poseidon’s dad, Chronus was worried that one of his six kids would overthrow him. So, Chronus decided to eat five of their six kids before Rhea figured out what he was up to. So she kidnapped little Zues and hid him away until he grew up.

So, when Zeus was big and strong, he made Chronus throw up the five siblings including Poseidon. All five became famous Gods and Goddesses. Poseidon built a beautiful palace underneath the sea and had a son named Polyphemus, also known as the Cyclops. Polyphemus has only one eye and is perhaps disabled, but Poseidon loves his son Cyclops and goes out of his way to protect him.

Poseidon’s anger is sometimes justified because it may be possible that he has PTSD from being swallowed by his father. Who wouldn’t have PTSD after spending several years in your dad’s stomach? However, more often his anger is violent for no apparent reason.

The stories and characters in Greek mythology are just as interesting and important today as they were during the 5th Century B.C. I think that’s because the stories are about life issues that people still have today.

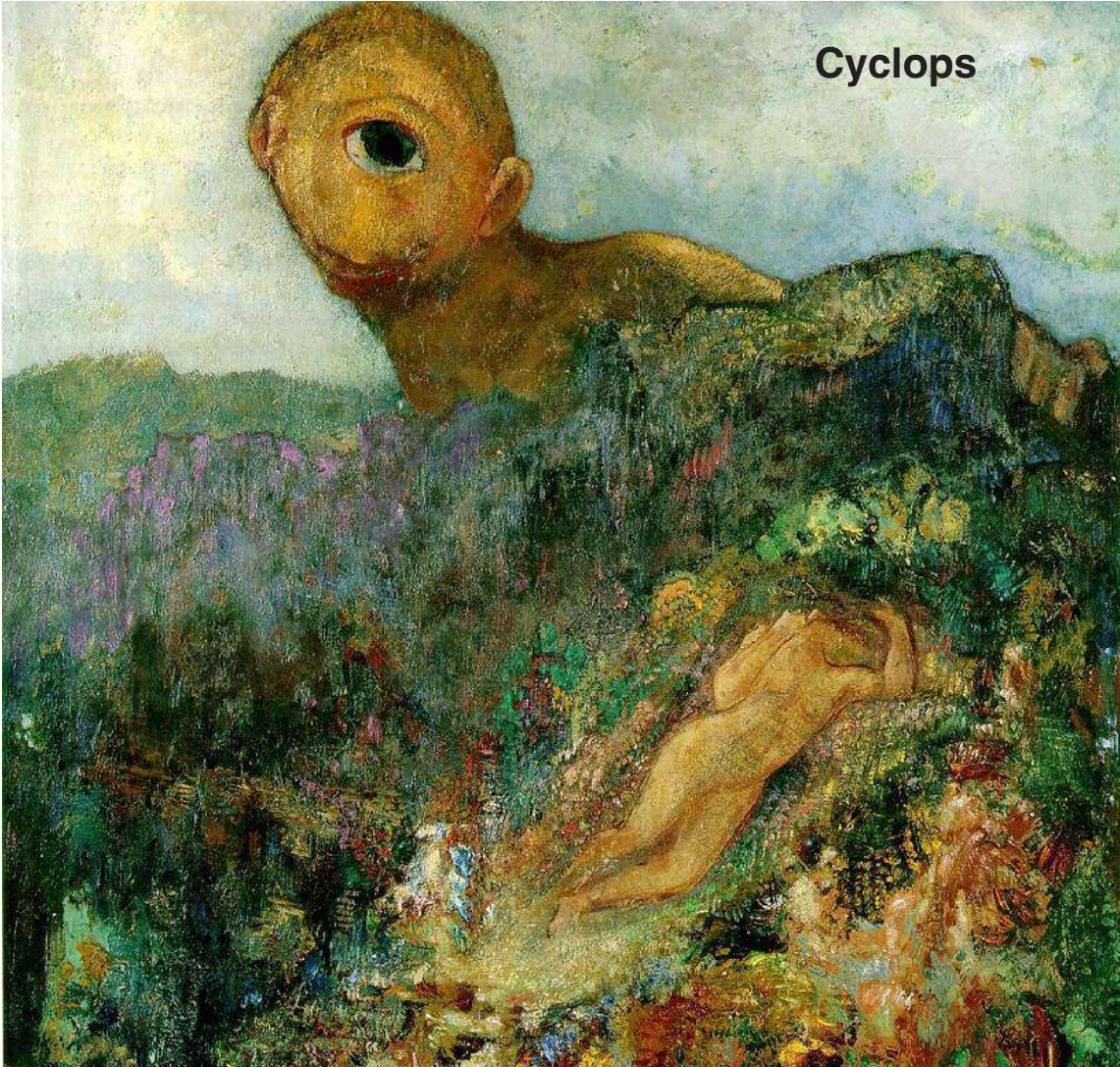
For example, people today sometime make strange parenting choices, they have problems with their kids, maybe they are damaged by bad parents themselves. There are many examples of the Greek Gods behaving like imperfect human beings. I am glad that we learned about the Odyssey in English class.



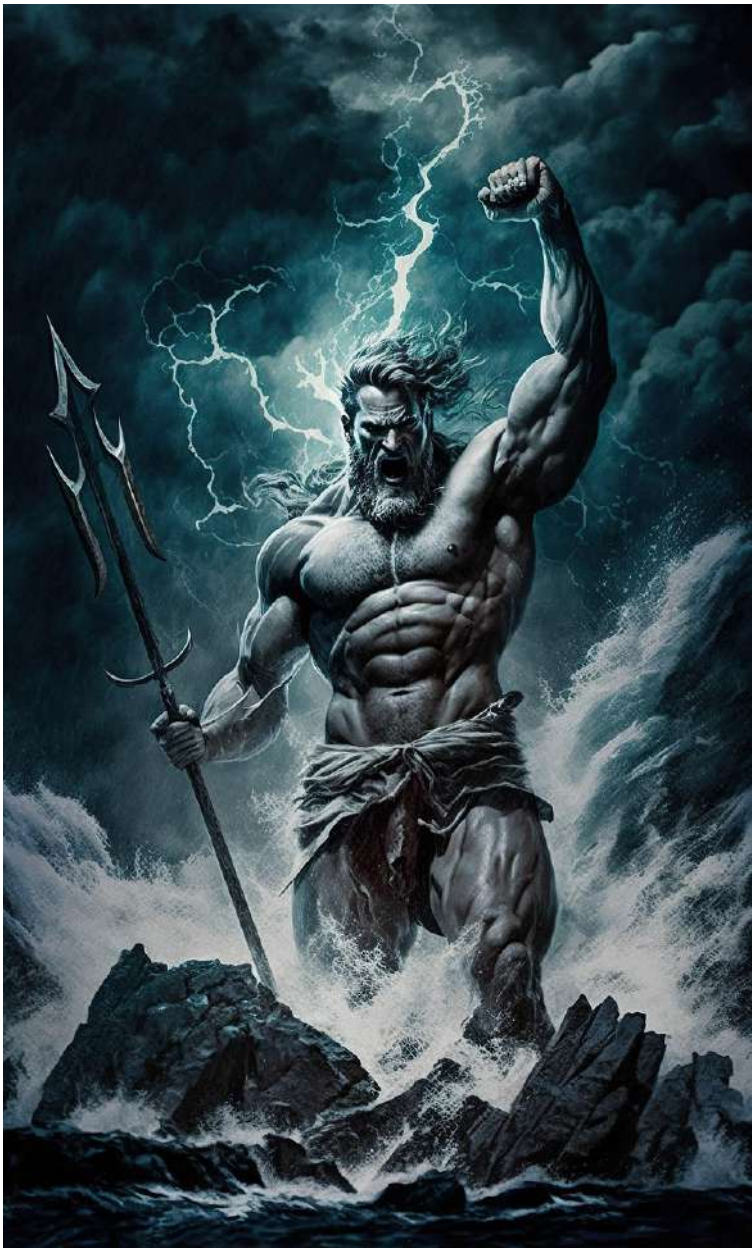
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Hosted by Amy Painter, the conversation features AerSol founder and visionary Brandon discussing his role, drone applications beyond photography and video, and the types of businesses that can benefit from the technology.

The interview also explores a customer problem AerSol helped address and the preparation and work that happen before and after a drone flight.

The conversation gives viewers who are unfamiliar with drones an introduction to the people and processes behind the services.

The video began as Painter’s social media marketing midterm project at Western Dakota Technical College and became an opportunity to create educational content for AerSol’s audience.

Watch the podcast:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/19sJoBuUFU/?mibextid=wwXIfr>

About AerSol

AerSol provides drone services for business applications, including work in agriculture, architecture, engineering, and construction. Learn more at <https://aersol.com>.

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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 if you have any questions, comments, or concerns! My email is listed below as well as the Rec Center front desk number collin@bellefourche.org 605-892-2467

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.

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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

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

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

**Belle Fourche Declares “Extra Mile Day”
(11/1) Honoring Those Making a Difference**

Mayor Schmidt recognizes the volunteers going the extra mile to help keep Belle Fourche strong.

On November 1, 2026, Mayor Randy Schmidt will proclaim Extra Mile Day, recognizing the people whose volunteer service, generosity, and everyday efforts improve lives and strengthen the community.

From supporting schools and community programs to caring for seniors, helping animals in need, and showing up when a neighbor needs a hand, these individuals give their time, energy, and heart—often without recognition. Extra Mile Day shines a light on the people and organizations whose efforts make life better for others, one act of service at a time.

“We live in a world that claps for fame,” says Extra Mile Day founder Shawn Anderson. “But some of the people who make the biggest difference in our communities will never make the news or hear the words ‘thank you.’ They keep showing up anyway. They keep going the extra mile. And somebody’s life is better because they did.”

Extra Mile Day began in 2009, inspired by Anderson’s symbolic 4,000-mile bicycle ride across the United States. A non-bicyclist at the time, Anderson used the journey to interview 200 people who were going the extra mile by accomplishing something extraordinary or overcoming major adversity. What began with 23 participating cities in 2009 has grown into a nationwide observance, with more than 500 cities across all 50 states expected to participate in 2026.

Anderson says, “It’s the woman who volunteers weekly at an animal shelter after a long workday. The parent who shows up for a classroom bake sale even when there’s no time left in the week. The neighbor who mows the lawn next door without being asked. And the business owner who steps in to make sure the town’s special celebrations still happen. Different people. Different ways of helping. Each making their community a little stronger. I am grateful that Belle Fourche takes the time to recognize their volunteer heroes.”

For more information, please visit Extra Mile Day at ExtraMileAmerica.org

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Money flows to South Dakota US Senate race as independent challenges Republican incumbent

Cost of race nears \$10 million as federal committees and nonprofits summon large contributions

Joshua Haiar & Seth Tupper

South Dakota Searchlight
Money is pouring into South Dakota's U.S. Senate race as people and groups across the country sense a rare chance to support a potentially competitive challenger against a Republican incumbent.

Both candidates have raised a majority of their campaign contributions from outside the state and have spent a combined \$6.1 million, according to data compiled by the nonpartisan, nonprofit money-in-politics website OpenSecrets.

Additional spending by federally registered political action committees to influence the race has topped \$3 million, pushing the total cost of the race near \$10 million and counting.

In a race with no Democratic candidate, about 40% of the spending has been in support of independent Brian Bengs or against Republican Sen. Mike Rounds.

Bengs trailed Rounds by 8 points in an Emerson College/KELO-TV poll released last week, with 8% of respondents undecided. Another poll released last week, from Mason-Dixon Polling and Strategy and South Dakota News Watch, showed Rounds with a larger lead of 19 points, 56% to 37%.

Nationally, Bengs is one of four independent candidates for U.S. Senate in the Nov. 3 election who are the main opponents of Republican senators. All of them are in states where Trump has won and Democrats struggle in statewide elections.

The other states are Nebraska, Montana and Idaho.

In South Dakota, Democrats are outnumbered more than 2-to-1 by Republicans. South Dakota Democrats have also been surpassed in recent years by the number of voters who register as independent or leave their political affiliation blank on the voter registration form.

Federal committees and nonprofits

Much of the advertising in the campaign's final weeks has been funded by groups immune from state-level contribution limits, with varying levels of disclosure about their donors. That includes \$1.7 million spent to promote Bengs or oppose Rounds by the federally registered political action committees Retire Career Politicians and Freedom from Politics.

Retire Career Politicians has received large recent contributions including \$890,000 from the Western Futures Fund, a nonprofit that says it promotes "responsible leadership in the Western United States" and is not required to disclose its donors; \$500,000 from the Way Back PAC, which has received much of its own funding from the Western Futures Fund; \$200,000 from Scott Shenker, an internationally known computer scientist from California; and \$100,000 from Brennan Bilberry, a political and communications strategist from Massachusetts.

Freedom From Politics Inc. has received all of its \$1.2 million from Stephen Pajcic, a



Republican U.S. Sen. **Mike Rounds** of South Dakota, left, faces independent **Brian Bengs** in the Nov. 3 election. (Rounds photo by South Dakota Searchlight; *Bengs photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting; illustration by Joshua Haiar/South Dakota Searchlight*)

Florida lawyer, Democratic politician and philanthropist. The committee's stated mission is to "support independent-minded leaders who answer to the people they represent, not to a political party."

On the other side, the South Dakota Conservative PAC has spent nearly \$1 million while Defend American Jobs has spent about \$400,000 to support Rounds or oppose Bengs.

South Dakota Conservative PAC received \$200,000 from the late South Dakota billion-

aire-philanthropist T. Denny Sanford before he died, among other large individual contributions.

Recently, the committee received an infusion of \$521,000 from South Dakota First Action Inc., an entity that divulges little about itself publicly but describes itself as a nonprofit dedicated to "promoting policies that promote free enterprise, strong national security, and individual liberty."

Defend American Jobs' contributions include a recent \$70

million surge of funding from Fairshake, a Minnesota-based political action committee that says it "supports candidates committed to securing the United States as the home to innovators building the next generation of the internet." Contributors to Fairshake include the California-based tech company Ripple Labs Inc. and Marc Andreessen, a leader of a Silicon Valley venture capital firm and co-founder of the early web browser Netscape.

Six South Dakota Bridges to be Dedicated in Honor of the Fallen

Sioux Falls, SD – The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA) will host a regional Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication to honor six veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their nation.

The ceremony will be on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. (CT) at the South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance (1600 W. Russell Street) in Sioux Falls.

This dedication is part of a statewide Fallen Heroes Bridge Dedication initiative. In partnership with the South Dakota Departments of Veterans Affairs, Military, and Transportation, the program establishes enduring tributes that honor service and remind future generations.

The SD HWY 37 bridge over the Emanuel Creek, west of Springfield, will be dedicated as the Private First-Class (PFC) Jake DenOuden Bridge.

The SD HWY 50 bridge over the Vermillion River, west of Vermillion, will be dedicated as the Sergeant (SGT) Luverne F. Dixon Bridge.

The 26th Street bridge over I-29 at exit 78 in Sioux Falls will be dedicated as the Private First-Class (PFC) Kirby J. Dougherty Bridge.

The SD HWY 324 bridge over the Medary Creek, west of Elkton, will be dedicated as the Private First-Class (PFC) David O. Fjerstad Bridge.

The US HWY 14B bridge over I-29 at exit 133 in Brookings will be dedicated as the Captain (CPT) Alton V. Henry Bridge.

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Joyful Blooms Harvests a New Fall Tradition



Finding pumpkins at the pumpkin patch. Longbrake photo(s)

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NISLAND—Pumpkins galore plus a whole lot more have been delighting visitors at The Patch and spreading Halloween joy all season long. The Patch is a Halloween wonderland for kids and adults alike, created by Joyful Blooms Flower Farm, hosts of the annual Sunflower Festival.

Sharing pumpkins with the public was an idea put in motion a while ago and, with careful planning, has finally come to fruition this year. Owners Clint and Sarah Schwede turned part of their flower farm into a pumpkin patch just

in time for the fall season. “We have about an acre, acre and a half of pumpkins. And they’re mostly all cut off the vine for everyone, but then you walk through and pick your own, and we have all 25 different varieties out there,” shared Sarah. “We have a lot of decorative squash and gourds, too!”

The Patch opened for the season September 26 and welcomed visitors every weekend, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. The season wraps up this Saturday, October 31, with shortened hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., giving visitors one last chance to explore

what The Patch has to offer this year. “We do a hay ride, a petting zoo, the corn pit, a lot of photo ops,” explained Sarah. “We have a whole toddler area—really a kid area, the tricycle track, you can climb on hay bales, and the petting zoo has been like the most fun for everyone, I think. And, of course, pick your own pumpkins!”

If you haven’t had a chance to visit The Patch, Halloween day is the perfect time to explore it. “So our last day is on Halloween, and for Halloween we’ll do like 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—it’s a little bit shorter, but if you come in your costume on Halloween, our vendors will be passing out candy,

and we’ll be dressed up, and you get a free pumpkin if you show up in your costume for the last hurrah of the season,” said Sarah.

The Patch hosts different vendors and food trucks to keep each weekend fresh, giving repeat customers something new to do each visit. “So we try to have one food truck or coffee truck each day, at least one, so people can eat and drink while they’re here... 5W Ranch is always here every weekend, and she’s selling the drinks and her baked goods and things. There’s always something to have while you’re here,” shared Sarah.

Next up at Joyful Blooms Flower Farm are Christmas workshops

where participants can create their own festive wreaths for \$65 or porch pots for \$75. Workshops will be held November 21, 22 and 28 and December 5 and 6, with sessions at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. each day. All supplies and instruction are provided.

You can find The Patch and the upcoming workshops at 18950 Vale Cut Off Rd., Nisland. Make sure to look up and follow Joyful Blooms Flower Farm on Facebook to stay up to date on all that is happening there and to sign up for upcoming classes.

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Cute pumpkins at The Patch.



Gathering up their pumpkin haul in a wagon before heading to checkout.



The sign welcomes visitors to The Patch.



Grand River Roundup



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Reub and I went to Hettinger on Monday to meet with Christi Schmitz and Kayla Sanders at NDSU to apply for new Medicare plans since both of the ones we had were being canceled. They got us some new plans that are cheaper than the other plans we had that were canceled and we're happy about that. After eating lunch in Hettinger, we went up to Dickinson to get Reub a new TV after his old one quit so he can watch the football games in the basement while relaxing in his recliner.

Reub went spraying weeds up in the west pasture Tuesday morning and after lunch, I went over to the Gideon Auxiliary meeting at the Coal Springs Church south of Meadow Corner. Nicole Adkinson invited all of the Auxiliary to the Fall Luncheon and had us register and

fill out a survey about the Auxiliary before we read Judges 6:12 and had prayer. She showed us what everything on the Gideon and Auxiliary pins represented before we had a break for lunch. After the break, we read Nehemiah 8:1-12 before the offering and the closing prayer and we had a blessed afternoon.

It was chilly and windy when we went up to see Joyclyn and Craig Mollman Wednesday morning to have Joyclyn enlarge a tiny picture of Dick Wheeler that we found in some of my Grandma Lydia Wilkinson's old pictures. Dick was riding with my great uncles Sam Smith and Emil Negaard and the picture was so small we couldn't see their faces so Joyclyn enlarged it for us. Dick Wheeler was the father of Reub's cousin Shirley Stolt. However, he disappeared in the 1930s, left his family and moved to Nebraska so his grandkids didn't even know

what he looked like. Joyclyn even found a picture of a branding crew around here years ago that had Reub's grandfather Delos Olson and several other neighbors in the picture. She found that on the website familysearch.org, which is a really fun place to track down your relatives. Missy was painting the trim around the windows on their house when we got home and I went over there to hold the ladder for her so she didn't get blown over in that nasty wind.

It was warmer on Thursday with no wind when these guys and a bunch of the neighbors went to help Bill Holt wean his heifer calves and haul them home for him. I sent the picture of Dick Wheeler to Lance Olson so he could send it to Dick's grandchildren Shane Stolt and Kerry Hovland. I sent the picture to Dick's granddaughter Kathleen Stolt and she called me after she got it and we had a really good visit and she talked to Reub for a while too. We hadn't visited since her mom, Shirley Stolt's funeral in 2012 and it was really nice catching up with her.

We lost another dear friend: Otto William Schwarz, 81, passed away on Thursday, October 22. Otto's funeral service will be at Abundant Life Assembly of God Church in Hettinger on Friday, October 30, with

burial at the Richland Cemetery.

Reub and I went up to Hettinger on Friday for the KNDC Home and Farm show at the Armory and we ate lunch there that was served by Hettinger students. We had a good time visiting with friends and helping Jim Petik and Wayde Atkinson at the Gideon booth where they were giving away Gideon Bibles.

Both our granddaughters Lanie and Matt Klug brought their kids down from North Dakota and our granddaughter Bryce and Braxton Hesse and their two little boys came up from Rapid City on Saturday to visit Casey and Missy and spend the weekend here on the ranch. Lanie and Matt's son Olly turned 5 years old on Friday so we celebrated his birthday on Saturday. Guy and Megan's son Cass turned 18 on Saturday and I called him out in Wyoming to wish him Happy Birthday. It was also my nephew Gary Chilcote's birthday on Saturday so I called to wish Gary Happy Birthday at his home in Virginia.

It was nice to have Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen back from Alaska on Sunday morning so Pastor Henry gave the sermon. All our relatives that were here for the weekend came to church that morning and Matt and Molly Kerner brought their twins to church so Bryce got to

hold them. Some church members who weren't there when Wade Hofer gave the Gideon message last Sunday gave Reub donations to the Gideons. There will be a baby shower for Easton Helms at the church on Saturday, October 31st at 1:00. Next Sunday, November 1, will be the Bible character dress up day and that is also when Daylight Saving time ends so we have to remember to reset all our clocks again that morning. We prayed for Doug Jerde, Chad Nelson, John Humbracht, Donna Niederwerder, Randy Rotier, Nola Robinson and Wade Hofer's mother with her life adjustments. When we got home from church, we were invited over to Missy and Casey's house for lunch and got to say goodbye to everyone that was going home.

Since I hate having to change the clock twice a year, I'll leave you with this: A baby is born on Sunday at exactly 2 am, but the clocks turn back to 1 am, creating a paradox; the baby is no longer born. The baby now spends eternity stuck in a time-loop, which could've been avoided. Get rid of Daylight Saving Time before it's too late for some baby.

Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

October 19, 1916

Buchholz & Richards have at their office a supply of fish application blanks. Anyone desiring to get fish to stock their ponds can secure the blanks for same there.

B. F. Newkirk has 29 head of cattle trespassing on his crops, 2 miles east of town since October 5th. Some are branded and some are not distinguishable. He is holding these animals as estrays and for trespass damage, together with costs, care, feed and advertising on his farm.

Miss Emma Wood, County Superintendent, passed through town on Tuesday and brought Miss Gertrude M. Rivies, a Red Cross graduate nurse from Boston, Massachusetts who will remain in Newell for about a week, during which time in co-operation with the local physicians. She will make a health campaign through the schools. The plan is to make a superficial examination of pupils as to the condition of eyes, lungs, condition of throats, teeth and heart. The examination will be free, and records sent home to parents and advice of further consultations.

October 21, 1926

October 22nd two teams of girl basketball players coached by Miss Ekstrom of Vale will play 2 of the Newell teams. Miss Gilbertson is in charge of the Newell team, reports that the girls are out to win. In addition to the girls' contests, a preliminary game will be played between 2 of the local grade teams. Admission charge of 10 cents will be made.

The old Reclamation State Bank safe was given a ride to Sturgis this week. It was no little trick to load the 5-ton chunk of steel on a big truck. It will go into service at the Sturgis Post Office.

The opening dance of the

season at Hoover Community Hall has been announced for October 30. The Hoover folks know how to enjoy themselves and to show all visitors a good time and with good food. Make a date at Hoover for the 30th.

The Holly Sugar Company has purchased part of the beet crop from Great Western Sugar Company. This relieves the congestion at the Scottsbluff refinery where all the beets were to have been shipped, enabling the growers to deliver as many beets as possible to the railroad in place of the restricted amount required last week. The Holly Company's beets are being shipped to Wyoming where they have a refinery.

October 22, 1936

The Newell territory was blanketed Monday night with 6 inches of heavy wet snow, the first of the season. The snow fall was accompanied with colder weather and last night the temperature went right down to nothing – zero, the official record at US Experiment Farm.

W. F. Long dug his potatoes last week and got 96 sacks from 1/2 acre. One of the taters weighed 2 1/2 pounds and is on exhibit at the N. M. Bratton Store.

The Horseshoe Heavers Tournament, held at Newell last Sunday, was very successful. Pitchers from a wide area took the town by storm, and the unanimous verdict of all who participated was that the day and the program were all that could have been desired. Our local participants and winnings are as follows. M. McDonald won 6 lost 3 won picnic ham; E. Gardner won 5 lost 4 won roll of roofing; J. Kuronen won 4 lost 5 got 100 lbs. salt; S. M. McDonald won 2 lost 7 got butcher knife; J. O. Price won 5 lost 1 got box of cigars; M. Brennamann won 1 lost 5 won a flashlight. L. Bruce won 1 lost 8

by Linda Velder

got 50 cents and B. Boylan Rapid City won the T-bone steak for making the most ringers.

October 17, 1946

Voting by mail for the General Election, November 5, will be permitted after October 21, County Auditor Carl Wiessner announced this week. Voters intending to be absent from their voting precinct may write to Auditor's office for ballots. The person who has not registered yet may do so before November 1.

Dr. Gerald H. Gray, Chief Surgeon at the US Naval Hospital at Corona, Calif., was a guest at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Paul A. Wiest. Tuesday morning Dr. Gray and Danny Wiest left for Maurine with Walter and Clarence Milberg to join Ralph Hampton. Hampton the Milberg's, Dr. Gray and young Wiest traveled on to the Gettysburg vicinity, where the group expects to enjoy several days of pheasant hunting.

Most 4-year-olds are content to play with their dolls and toys, but not Shirley Adams. She is happiest when she can drive a team of horses about the farm. Shirley drives two large draft horses so that they can be hitched to a plow for the day's work. She's a real farmer's daughter, the tiny tot loves horses and is not in the least frightened by them.

October 25, 1956

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Todoroff, did not host their annual wiener roast, for the children on Halloween; however, they did hand out treats to youngsters who called at their front door of the Newell Hotel. Because of the Todoroff's health, Mrs. Don Seaman entertained a Halloween party for children Friday afternoon. A group of youngsters arrived in costume and their mothers were guests. Games were played and favors were given to each of the youngsters, after which refresh-



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ments were served.

Reports from bow & arrow hunters indicate that 7 were successful in bagging an antelope this fall during the 9-day season. Ninety licenses were issued and only 50 have mailed in their report cards.

Rudolph Hertz, who has been hospitalized for several weeks following a car accident, has returned to the Nisland School to complete his High School work. Rudolph studied while hospitalized and managed to keep his studies up with the 1957 class with hard work and special assistance from his instructors.

Roger Van derBoom, Newell native, was elected as director of the Western South Dakota Traffic Bureau at the annual meeting of that organization Thursday evening at the Sheridan-Johnson Hotel in Rapid City. Reports were made on the annual operations of the organization which has been working to obtain more favorable freight rates and schedules for the area. Govert Van derBoom also attended the meeting.

November 3, 1966

Newell Garden Club re-elected all officers at its meeting held Friday at the home of Mrs. Edward Yoder. They were chairman Mrs. Earl Alexander, Vice Chairman Mrs. Ester Getty, Secretary Mrs. Harold Jensen and Treasurer Mrs. Harry Cunningham. The club also voted to sponsor the Christmas scene in the Newell Park this year. Mrs. Ole Soma told of how to care for geraniums over winter, Mrs. Getty read an article on caring

for peonies and Mrs. Alexander an article on getting rose bushes ready for winter. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Getty with Mrs. David Richards assisting, on November 8 a week earlier on account of Thanksgiving.

The Newell Saddle Club will meet Friday evening for a 6:30 pot-luck supper at the VFW Hall, it is announced by Keith Swan President of the organization. All members and interested parties are urged to attend, as election of officers will be held. You need not be present to win!

About 50 boys from the Newell community were guests, together with boys from Belle Fourche at a special baseball program put on by the Minnesota Twins. They were guests to a supper by the Belle Fourche Jaycees and transportation arranged by the Newell Jaycee organization. All received autographed pictures of Twins players and enjoyed a movie of Twins in action. Bill Lange, President of Newell Jaycees, expressed his thanks to the managers and other non-members who helped provide transportation for our group.

A coffee party will be held this Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. F. J. Boettger, in honor of Lt. Governor Lem Overpeck. Mr. Overpeck serves with Governor Nils Boe and is running for re-election to that position. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.



(L) 1929-30 Newell Girl's Basketball Team. (R) 1929-30 Vale Girl's Basketball Team. The Vale team went on to win the Black Hills Championship. Museum photos

Here's What's Happening in Newell!

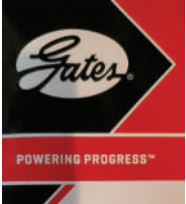


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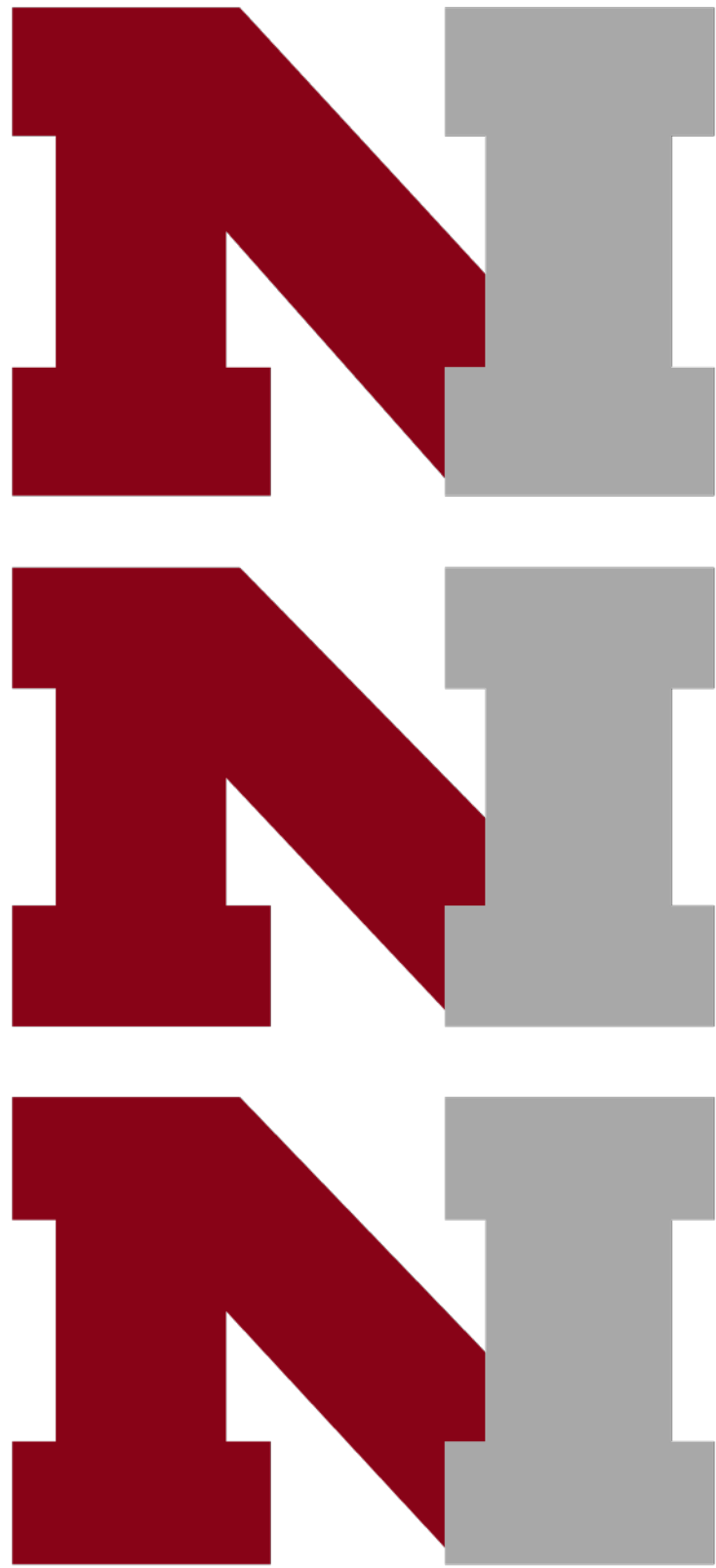
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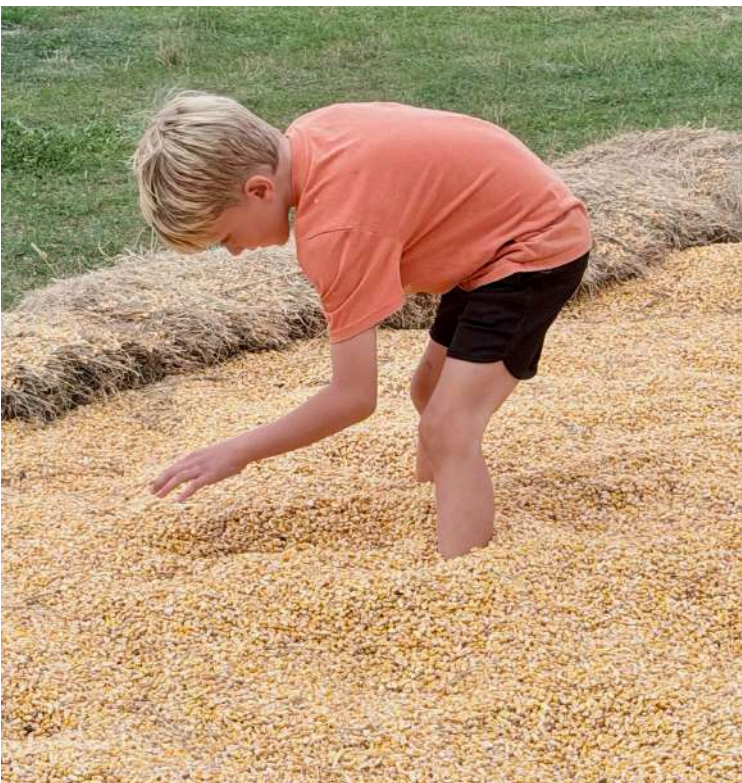
Enjoying a hayride at The Patch! Longbrake photo(s)



He found a great pumpkin!



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The corn pit is a popular place for kids to play. Sometimes, coins or tokens are hidden in there!



The sign welcomes visitors to The Patch.

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