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Hometown Heroes Take Center Stage at Veterans Day Program



The kindergarten students led the ***Pledge of Allegianc***e and sang ***God Bless America***. *Longbrake photo*

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BELLE FOURCHE—It was a day of honoring the service of all area veterans as family, friends and supporters gathered for the 30th annual Belle Fourche Middle School Veterans Day program on Wednesday, November 11. Students paid tribute to veterans with a well-thought-out and meaningful display of patriotism.

The event opened with the audience invited to participate in singing "You're A Grand Old Flag," "This Land is Your Land" and "Yankee Doodle Boy." Members of the VFW Post 3312 presented the colors.

The littlest performers of the day, the kindergarten students led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and sang "God Bless America," by Irving Berlin. The audience was encouraged to sing along to the song the second time through.

With the welcome and Veterans Day Proclamation, Mayor Randy Schmidt called upon the residents of Belle Fourche to observe a moment of silence at 11 a.m. on November 11 in remembrance of the veterans who fought to safeguard the nation's heritage and freedom. The proclamation also encouraged residents to proudly display the American flag throughout the city.

The eight-grade band played "Armed Forces Service Songs" arranged by Tom Tucker. As each U.S. Armed Forces song played, students presented the flag representing each branch and asked service members present to stand and be honored when their song played.

Veteran's Day Contd. A3



Middle school students preparing to carry in each flag representing the armed services. *Longbrake photo*





(L) ***VFW Post 3312*** representative **Nathan Juelfs** presents the Patriot's Pen Awards to the middle school winners. (R).Belle Fourche Middle School student council members **Kaileigh Grant** and **Kyler Schmidt** help Mayor **Randy Schmidt** welcome everyone to the event. *Longbrake photos*

Birds of Prey Make a Big Impression on Little Learners

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BELLE FOURCHE—Have you ever spotted a hawk flying overhead, heard an owl hooting in the evening or watched a bald eagle soaring majestically through the sky and wondered about these magnificent birds?

The Black Hills Raptor Center, located in Caputa, SD, has a passion for birds of prey and specializes in caring for injured raptors. The center is home to a variety of birds native to South Dakota, including hawks, owls, falcons and bald eagles. Some are permanent residents, while others receive rehabilitation with the goal returning to the wild.

The center's educational birds have permanent physical or mental injuries that prevent them from being released into the wild. Instead, they serve as ambassadors, helping people learn about the remarkable birds.

The mission of the Black Hills Raptor Center is "to conserve and protect native birds of prey and their natural habitats through education, rehabilitation, and research." One way they accomplish that mission is by bringing live birds to schools and community events.

For the second year in a row, Nikki Hoyme and Clint Haffner sponsored the avian ambassadors' visit to the first-grade class at South Park Elementary in Belle Fourche. The wild birds came to visit the school on November 9.

The sponsorship allowed the students the opportunity to learn all about these amazing animals and interact with the handlers. The kids came prepared to ask a variety of fascinating questions in their quest to learn all about the raptors.

Hoyme shared that she loved seeing the excitement the birds bring to the kids and that it is such a great experience it is one of her favorite things to do!

To learn more about the Black Hills Raptor Center, visit blackhillsraptorcenter.org.



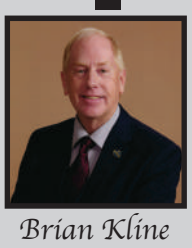
Bringing the ***Birds of Prey*** into the school. *Courtesy photo*



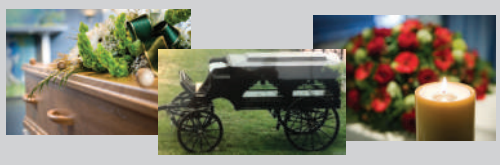


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Most of us intend on "getting around to it someday," but that someday never comes and we leave our family wondering whether or not they did the right thing. **It doesn't have to be like that.** It's not pleasant to be reminded of our own mortality; 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.

Taking the time to make advanced funeral or cremation planning is a caring and responsible thing to do. Planning now, while we have the time to consider every option, can remove significant amount of the emotional and financial stress that every family must eventually face.

Kline Funeral Chapel offers an array of Burial and Cremation Packages to suit any budget.



Mary Rita Muller94



Mary Rita Muller, age 94 of Whitewood, died Monday, November 9, 2026 at her home surrounded by her daughter and family.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. When service times are set, this website will be updated immediately.

Mary Rita Muller was born May 23, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan. She was the daughter of Lucient and Florida (Miron) DesRosiers. A long time resident of Texas, Mary worked as a bookkeeper for many years, doing various types of clerical work. For the past several years she has lived with her daughter Karen in Whitewood.

Mary is survived by her children, Karen Elizabeth (Todd) Goeringer of Whitewood, Edward Anthony Muller of Denton TX, David Louis (Cynthia) Muller of St. Augustine FL, Marjorie Parker of Channelview TX, Patricia Muller of Bastrop TX; and 7 grandchildren, Christopher, Jeffery, Ivy, Sara, Bryan, Timothy, and Kathryn. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Michael Peter Muller; grandson, Gregory; granddaughter, Kimberly; sisters, Yvette, Mary, Delores; and brothers, Jerry, Rene, Raymond, Maurice, and Albert.

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

David Lloyd Wallace 94



David Lloyd Wallace, 94, passed away November 9, 2026 in Spearfish, South Dakota.

He was born on June 10, 1932, in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Lloyd graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 1951. He then served as a machinist in the United States Navy from 1952 to 1956. After his Navy career, he then earned his bachelor's degree from South Dakota State University in 1960. While in Brookings, he married the love of his life, Ferne Wallace in 1955. After graduation, Lloyd and Ferne settled in Belle Fourche. He, along with his dad, Robert Wallace, formed their business Wallace Trucking, which served the local Black Hills area. He continued working until his retirement in 2005.

Lloyd was a man whose family was deeply important to him. He was also known for his dry sense of humor and his strong interest in family history. Those interests remained a meaningful part of his life and reflected the care he gave to remembering people, places and the stories that shaped them.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ferne Wallace; his son Bob Wallace and his parents Robert and Katherine Wallace.

He is survived by brothers Dean Wallace (Eva) and Don Wallace, his son Lee Wallace (Denise), daughter Susan (Wallace) Kennon (James), five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Monday, December 7th at 11:00 am at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis with military honors by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard and the Navy Honor Guard.

Arrangements are under the care of Kline Funeral Chapel of Belle Fourche. An online guest book is available at klinefuneral-chapel.com

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Agnes Marie Bertch

Agnes Marie Bertch passed away November 4th, 2026, in Faulkton, South Dakota.

Service will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, November 28, 2026, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

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

Isburg Funeral Chapels & Crematory Service

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father, Thank You for the gift of this new week.
As I step into the days ahead, I ask for Your divine guidance and unfailing protection to rest upon me.
When the schedule feels overwhelming, grant me Your peace that surpasses all understanding, and steady my heart.
Help me to navigate challenges with grace, to notice the good in the ordinary, and to be a light to those I encounter.
I surrender my worries into Your hands, trusting that You will walk beside me every step of the way. In Jesus□name, Amen.

I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds□□Psalm 9:1, NIV□

□Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus□□Philippians 4:6-7, NIV□

□Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things□□Psalm 107:8-9, NIV□

□For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer□□1 Timothy 4:4-5, NIV□



Raptors Contd.



The raptors arriving at the school. *Courtesy photos*



Educating the first graders about the raptors.

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Presenting a small owl. *Courtesy photos*



A first-grader posing next to a ***Barn Owl.***

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Poetry at High Plains Western Heritage 6PM.
November 20th - Pink Friday in Belle Fourche!
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Nov 21 - Class at Tri State Museum 10AM-Noon
Nov 22 - Author Talk at High Plains Western Heritage 2PM.
Nov 24th Festival of Trees at Community Hall

For more events visit our event calendar at
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VETERANS DAY
November 11, 2026
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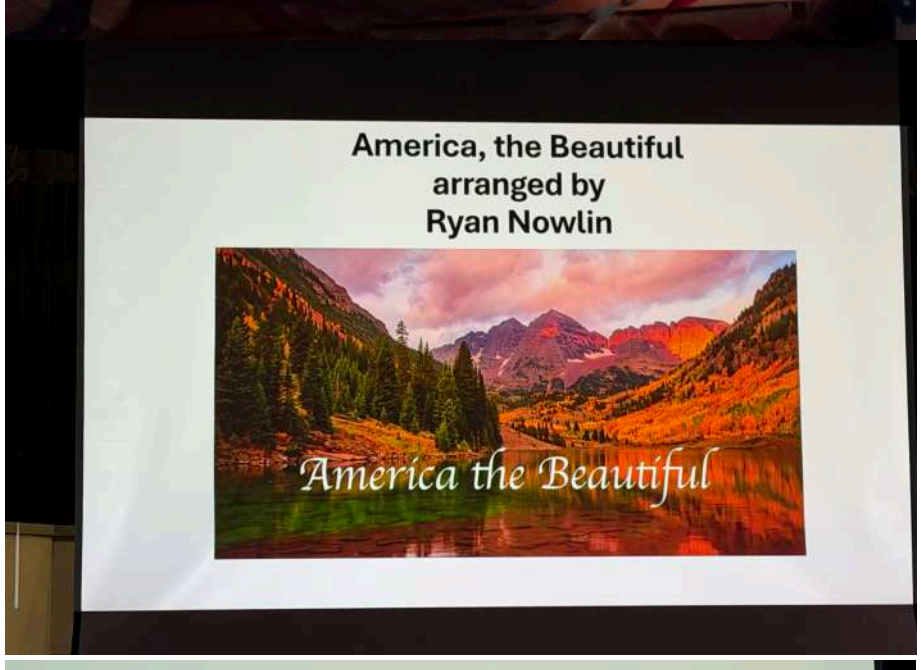

The Star-Spangled Banner
arranged by Dale Grotenhuis
Sung by the BFHS Choir
Under the direction of Mr. Micah Pennel

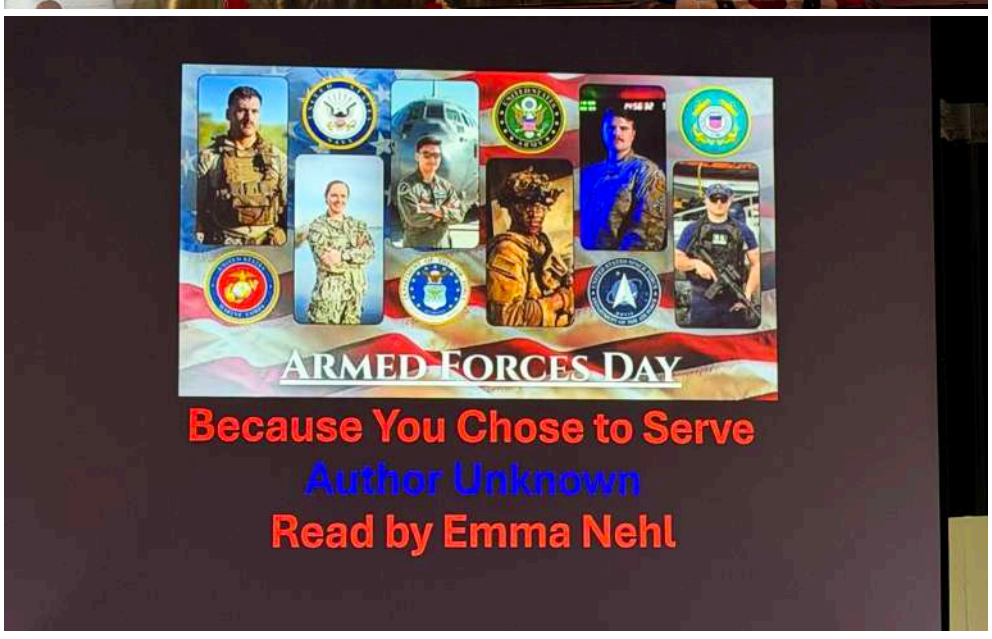


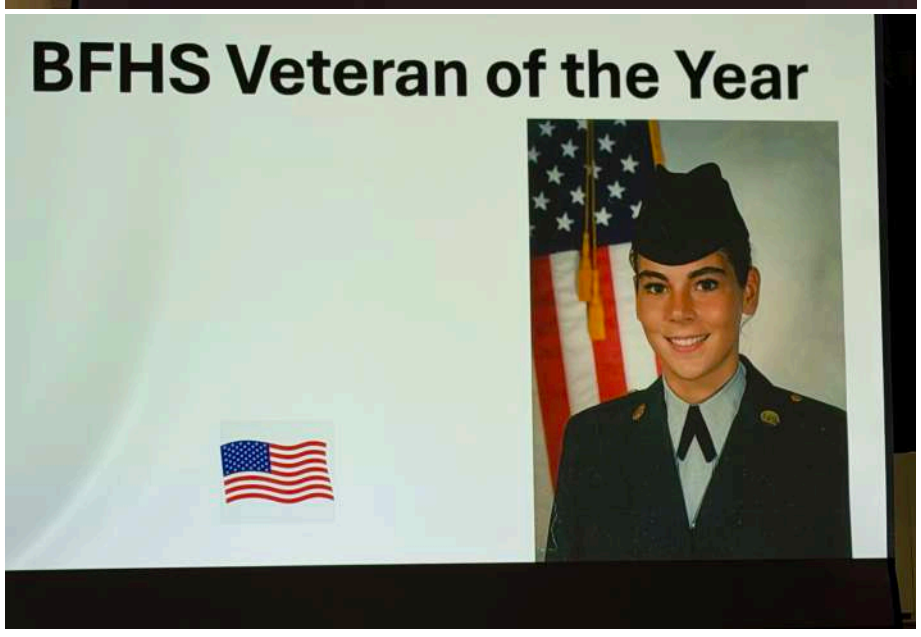

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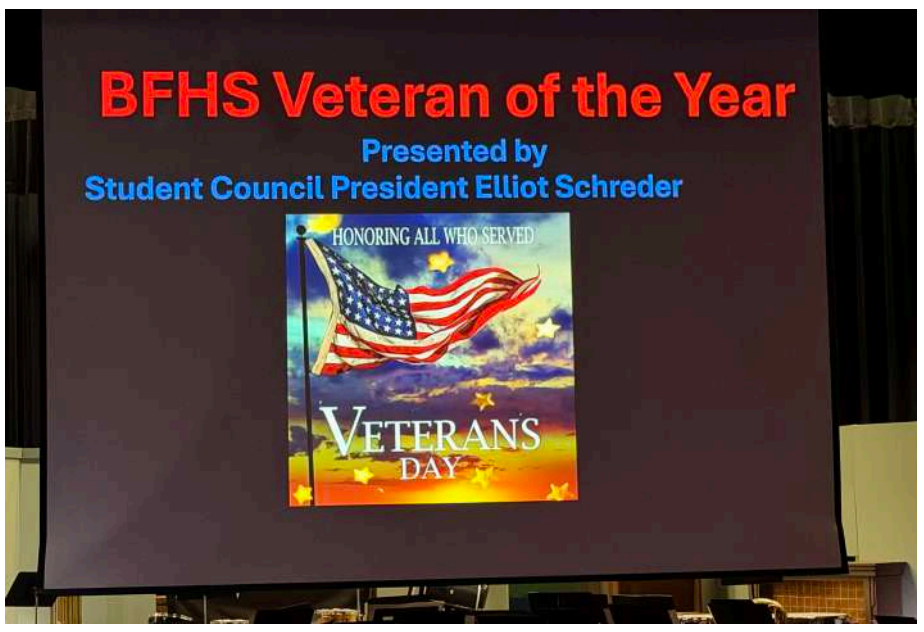

Veterans Day Proclamation
By Belle Fourche
Mayor Randy Schmidt
CITY OF
Belle Fourche
SOUTH DAKOTA


America, the Beautiful
arranged by
Ryan Nowlin
America the Beautiful


ARMED FORCES DAY
Because You Chose to Serve
Author Unknown
Read by Emma Nehl


BFHS Veteran of the Year


Master Sergeant (Ret.) Angela Hastings
U. S. Army


BFHS Veteran of the Year
Presented by
Student Council President Elliot Schreder
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
VETERANS
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Gov. Rhoden Extends Hay Hauling Flexibility

PIERRE, S.D. – Today, Governor Larry Rhoden signed Executive Order 2026-12 to extend flexibility for hay hauling. This flexibility was previously given Executive Order 2026-08 and extended by Executive Order 2026-10 for agriculture producers by easing transportation restrictions during this emergency caused by last summer's drought.

"Our drought situation is improving, but ranchers are still working to make up for a light hay crop, and shortened daylight hours make that work tougher," said Governor Larry Rhoden. "This Executive Order will ease some of the continued challenges facing our ag producers. My administration will continue to support them as they work hard to feed our state and nation."

Nearly 49% of our state is suffering from abnormally dry or moderate to extreme drought conditions. As drought conditions continue to negatively impact feed availability for livestock across South Dakota, this order will increase access to hay for farmers and ranchers.

Under statute, hay haulers are only allowed to move hay a half-hour before sunrise and a half-hour after sunset. The Order extends the timeframe that hay haulers may move hay to two hours before sunrise and two hours after sunset with proper safety precautions. The order also authorizes producers to travel statewide without a commercial driver's license (CDL) with a covered farm vehicle as defined in 49 CFR 390.5 pursuant to 49 CFR 390.39 to ease transport of feed in the drought-stricken area. The producer exemption for CDLs is normally limited to 150 miles.

The Order authorized the extended hours for oversized hay haulers who have a permit. These haulers must be properly equipped with warning lights, and they cannot run overweight beyond the limits allowed under EO 2026-11.

Permits are available to allow oversize movement of hay up to 12 feet wide and to extend the time allowed for movement of vehicles from 4 am to 10 pm, provided the load has reflectorized or lighted oversize load signs on the front and back of the vehicle(s). The permits are free and available by contacting the South Dakota Highway Patrol Permitting Office at 605-698-3925.

Earlier this spring, Governor Rhoden activated the state Drought Task Force to monitor drought conditions across South Dakota and be available to quickly respond to emergencies like this. The Drought Task Force endorsed these waivers earlier this summer when presented by the Governor's Office and the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Resources are available for producers in need of hay. South Dakota State University (SDSU) helps producers get connected to suppliers and maintains a feed and forage finder Facebook group. You can find that page here. SDSU also provides free forage testing for nitrate levels. You can find more information about those services here.







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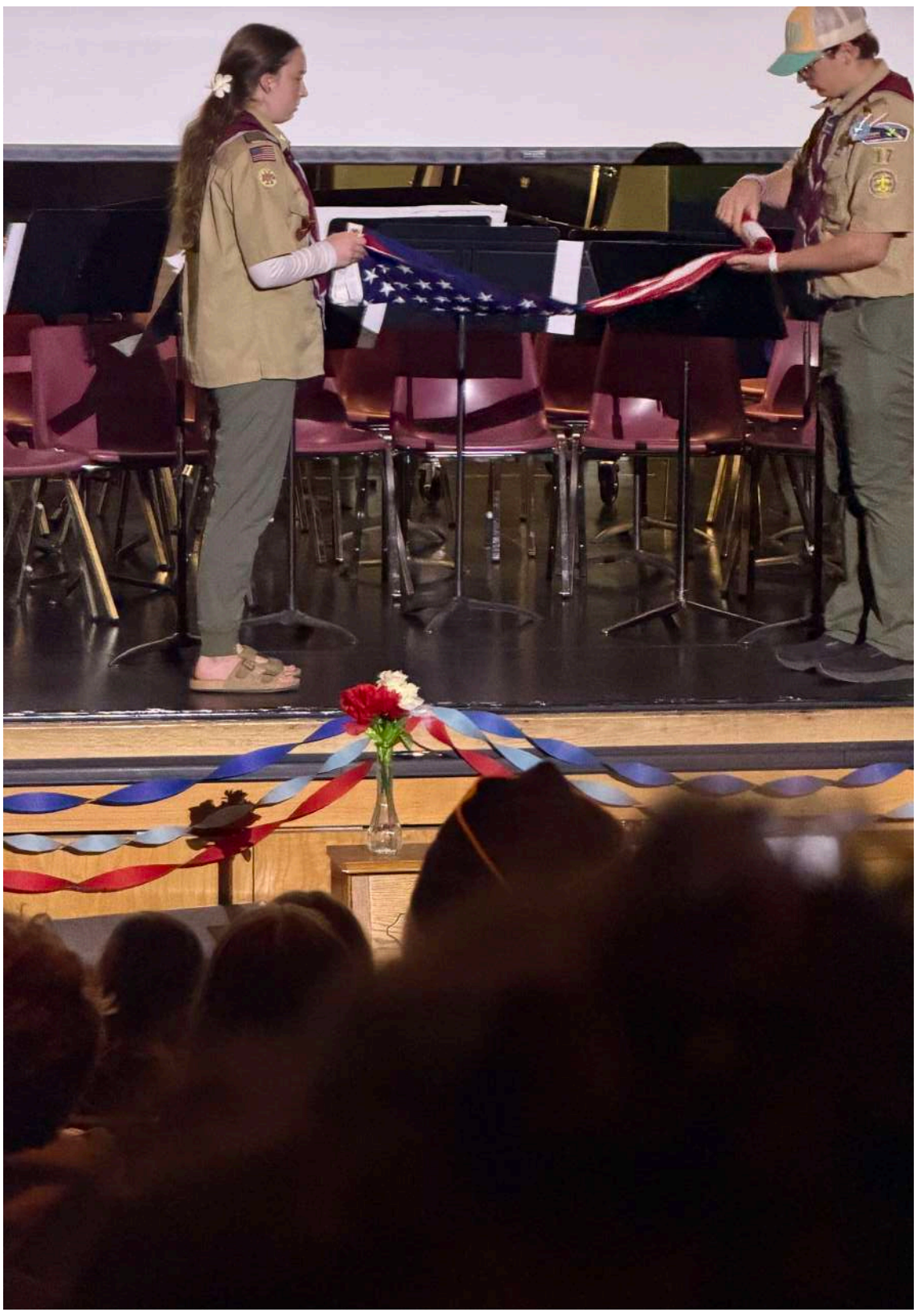
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Show Up!

by Belle LaVenue



It's SHOW TIME for the BFHS Theater program! There will be FOUR performances of this year's fall production, Pick Your Poison: November 19-22 - Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7 PM, Sunday at 2 PM. And every night is a different show with the audience in charge of the endings! Who knows what will happen when the Belle Fourche audience gets involved. Maybe clear your calendar for multiple performances to enjoy all the possible endings!
Check out all the Veterans Day photos! All the schools celebrated our veterans with patriotic programs this past week.

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 19-22, Thursday-Saturday, 7 PM, & Sunday, 2 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 Gradesi



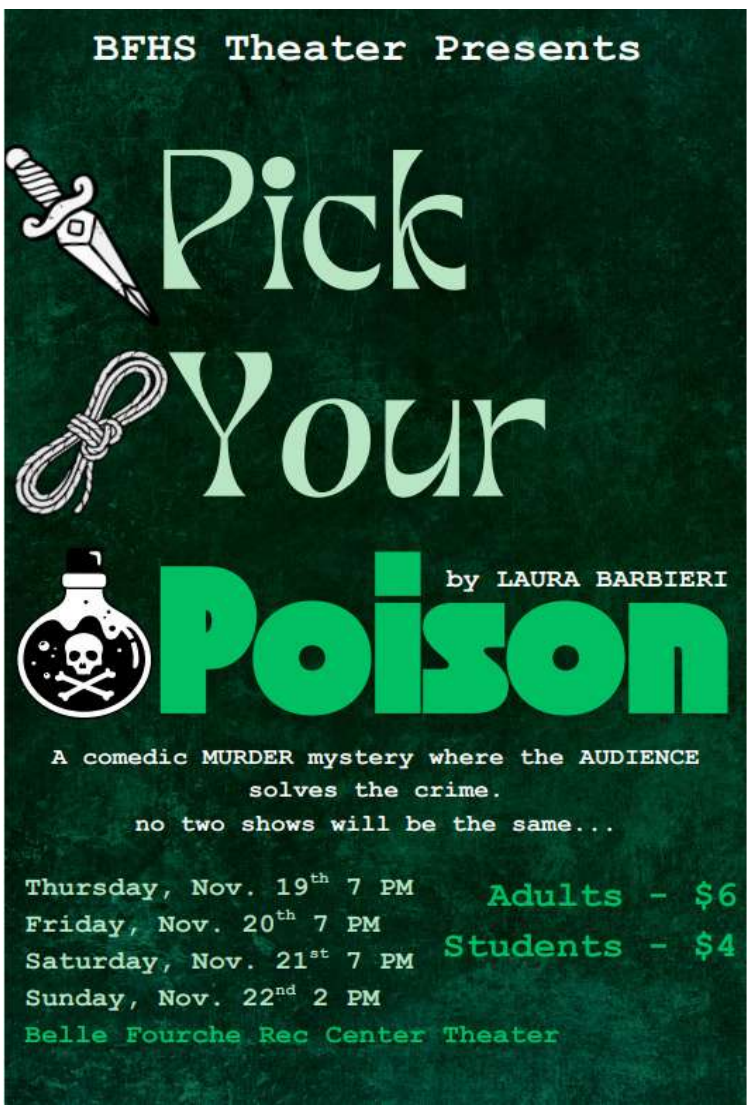
Veterans in BFMS Program crowd stood to be recognized as the honored guests of the day.





(L) **Kevin Smidt** was recognized this year at the BFMS program as its ***Outstanding Veterans Day Program Supporter*** for his 17 years of assistance and support for for all program activities and patriotic education in the middle school. (R) **Nathan Juelfs and Blaine Anderson** of VFW Post 3312 presented the ***Patriots Pen Awards*** and cash prizes to 8th graders J**yssara, Avery Dobesh, Owen Carbajal, Ivy Olson, Dusty Burman, & Karlee Llewellyn**. All essays advance to the next level of judging at the regional and state level. *Courtesy Photos*



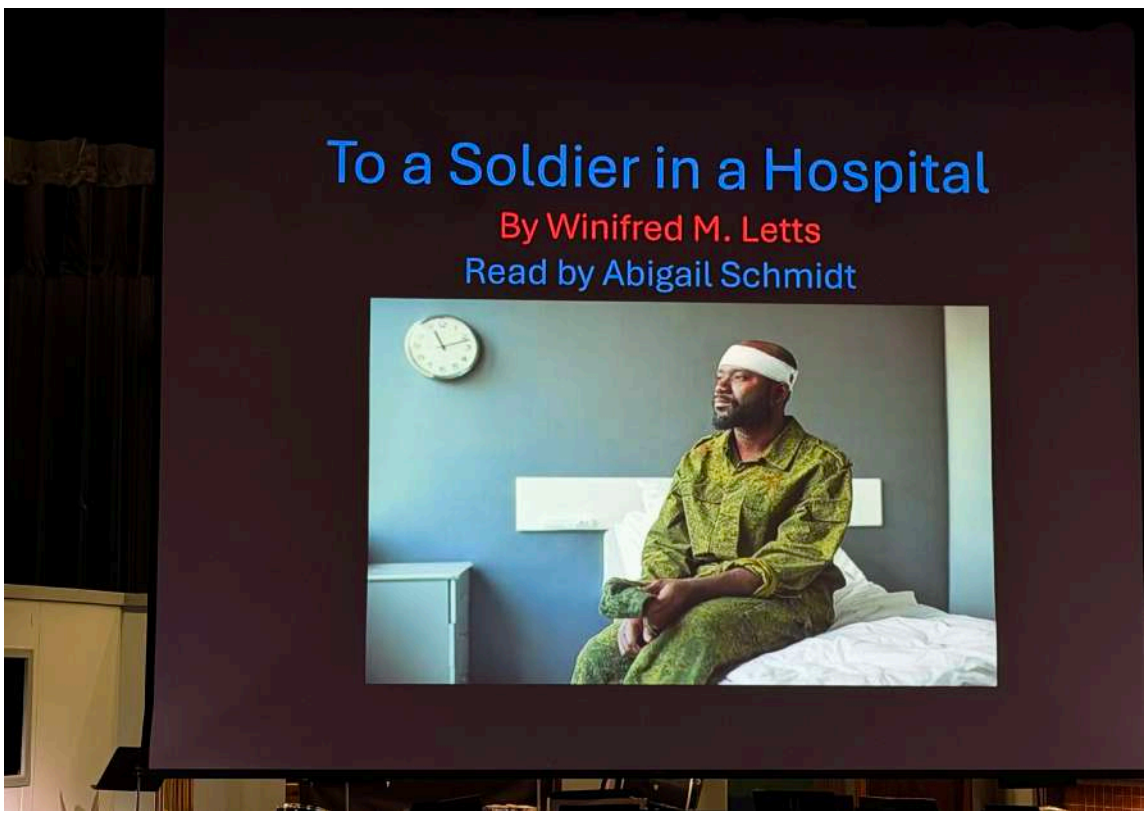




The Star Spangled Banner slide from HIgh School Veterans Day Program

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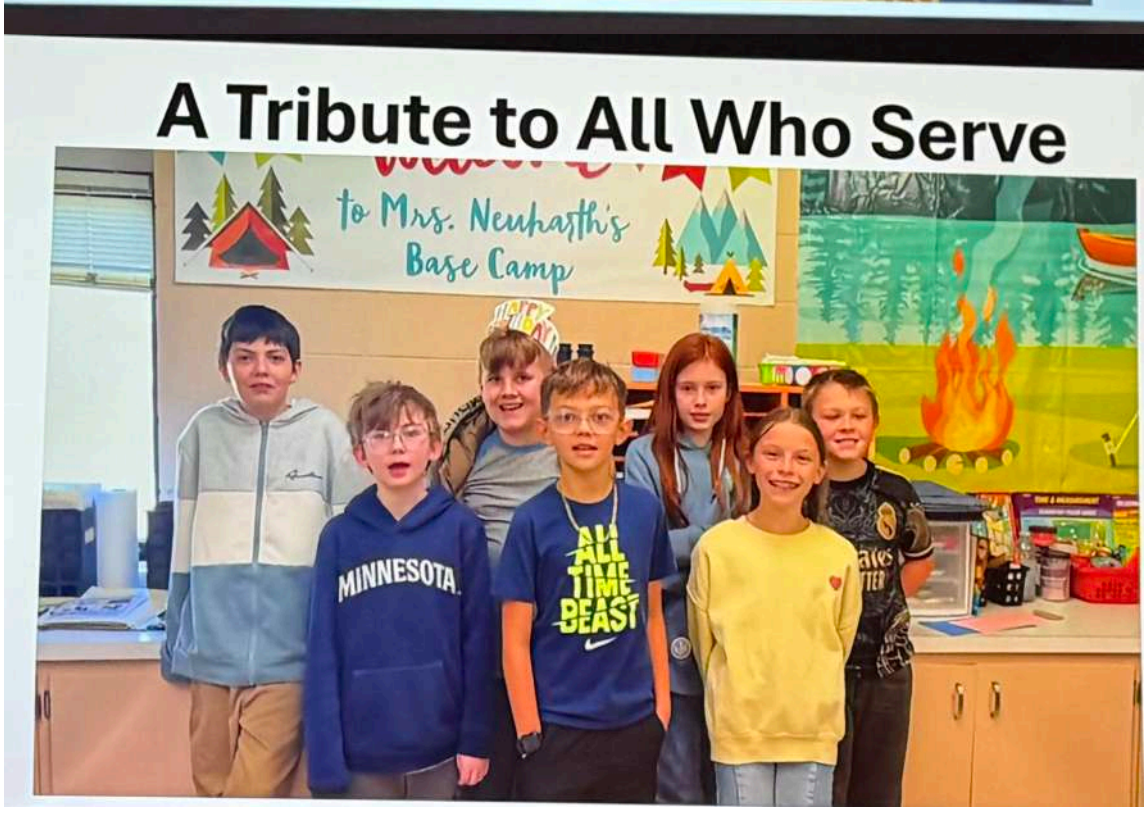
COWBOYS TOO!
JEANS


To a Soldier in a Hospital
By Winifred M. Letts
Read by Abigail Schmidt



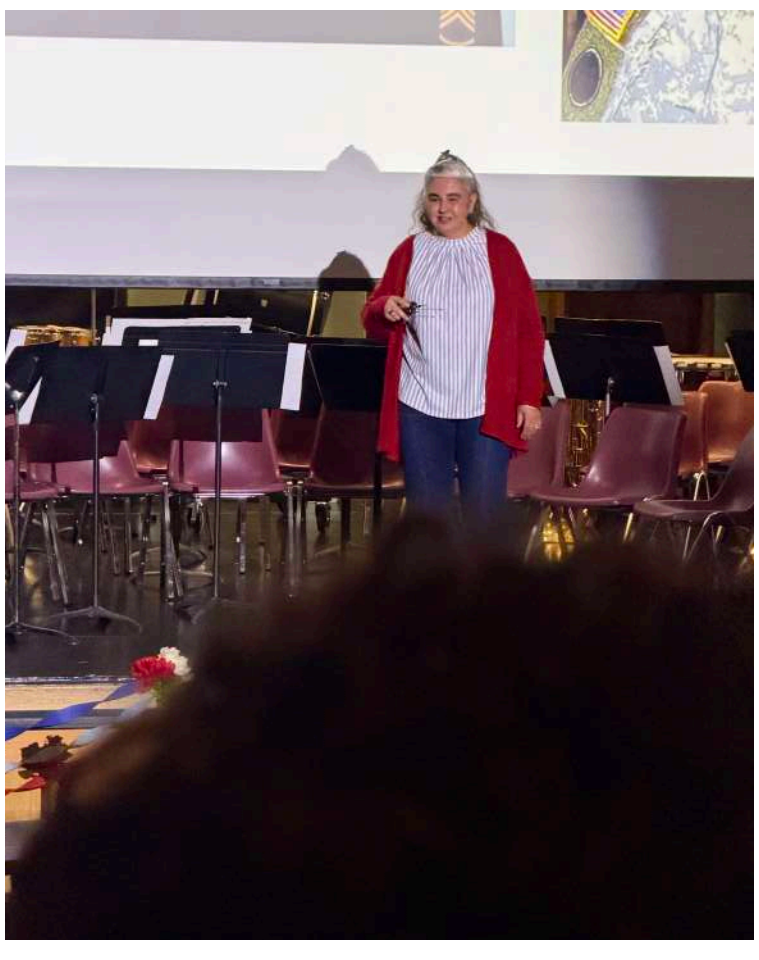

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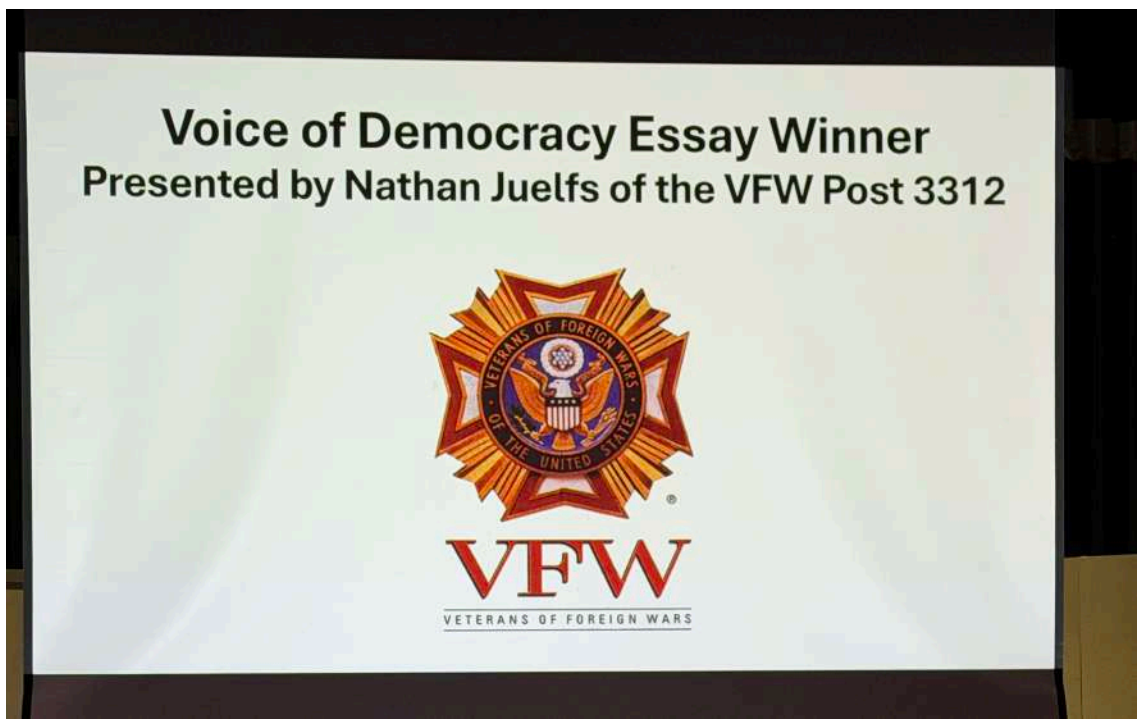

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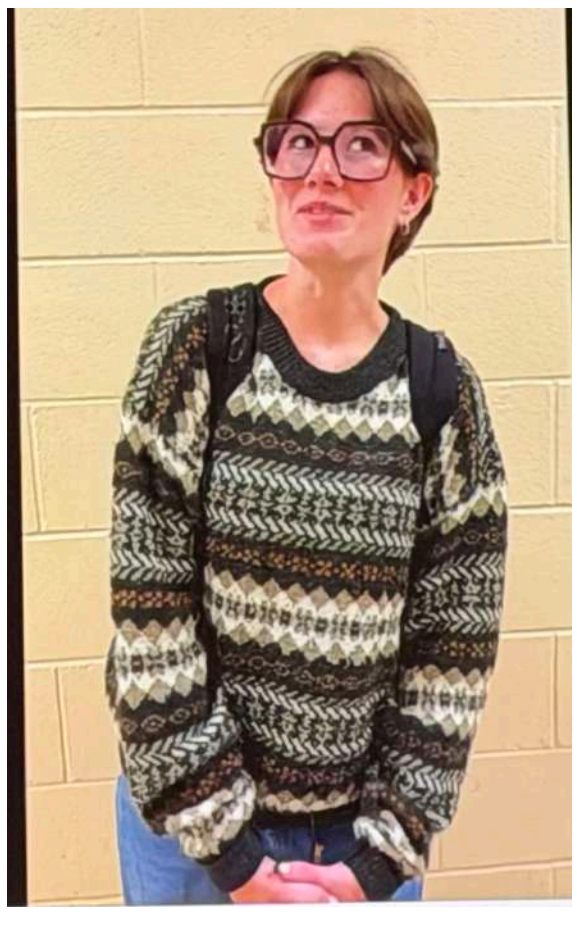

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by
Siegfred Sassoon
Read By
Kasey Dobesh


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Graham Mt Ranch Inc, Broadus, MT	24	Blk	Hfrs	539	$385.00
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Hartshorn, Travis, Hermosa, SD	23	Bbld	Hfrs	558	$366.00
Jensen Ranches Llc, Whitewood, SD	149	Red	Strs	689	$385.00
Jensen Ranches Llc, Whitewood, SD	56	Red	Hfrs	625	$371.00
Jensen Ranches Llc, Whitewood, SD	25	B/R	Strs	537	$440.00
Jensen Ranches Llc, Whitewood, SD	19	Red	Hfrs	526	$384.00
Joslyn, Scott, Gillette, WY	53	Blk	Hfrs	508	$429.00
Kern, Mary Jean, Pryor, MT	81	B/R	Strs	675	$386.00
Kern, Mary Jean, Pryor, MT	36	Blk	Hfrs	563	$368.00
Kern, Mary Jean, Pryor, MT	22	B/R	Strs	560	$451.00
Kern, Mary Jean, Pryor, MT	15	Blk	Hfrs	429	$476.00
Mader, Arnie, Biddle, MT	34	B/R	Strs	608	$424.50
Open 8 Ranch , Broadus, MT	10	Blk	Strs	559	$423.00
Open 8 Ranch , Broadus, MT	13	Blk	Hfrs	530	$379.00
Rassmussen, Dean, Camp Crook, SD	56	Bbld	Strs	569	$440.00
Rassmussen, Dean, Camp Crook, SD	26	Bbld	Hfrs	559	$378.00
Rassmussen, Dean, Camp Crook, SD	15	Bbld	Hfrs	499	$408.00
Roush, Darell R, Recluse, WY	93	Blk	Strs	570	$445.00
Roush, Darell R, Recluse, WY	37	Blk	Hfrs	505	$409.00
Roush, Darell R, Recluse, WY	15	Blk	Strs	474	$506.00
Sabo, Wyatt, Reva, SD	14	Bbld	Strs	491	$492.50
Schaffer, Enoch, Broadus, MT	16	Bbld	Hfrs	508	$404.00
Shannon, Randy, Broadus, MT	10	B/R	Strs	720	$357.50
Shannon, Tyrel, Broadus, MT	11	B/R	Strs	654	$391.00
Shannon, Tyrel, Broadus, MT	10	B/R	Strs	418	$533.00
Stevens, Jan, Ashland, MT	12	Blk	Strs	379	$512.50
Stewart, Cody & Donna L, Newcastle, WY	44	Bbld	Strs	551	$449.00
Stewart, Cody & Donna L, Newcastle, WY	40	Blk	Hfrs	517	$397.00
Stewart, Cody & Donna L, Newcastle, WY	18	Blk	Strs	430	$562.50
Temple, Tarah Lynn, Buffalo Gap, SD	14	B/R	Strs	607	$363.00
The 1200 Ranch, Ashland, MT	11	Bbld	Strs	446	$530.00
Trucano Ranch , Boyes, MT	51	Blk	Hfrs	560	$420.00
Williamson, Todd & Mutchler, Tyler, Newell, SD	25	Bbld	Strs	506	$475.00
Williamson, Todd & Mutchler, Tyler, Newell, SD	11	Blk	Hfrs	380	$432.50
Wilson, Calvin & Roxie, Busby, MT	14	B/R	Strs	762	$340.00
Wilson, Calvin & Roxie, Busby, MT	55	Blk	Strs	608	$418.00
Wilson, Calvin & Roxie, Busby, MT	51	Blk	Strs	517	$485.50
Wilson, Calvin & Roxie, Busby, MT	28	Blk	Hfrs	457	$468.00
Wilson, Calvin & Roxie, Busby, MT	17	Blk	Strs	383	$561.00
Wilson, Calvin & Roxie, Busby, MT	11	Blk	Hfrs	375	$480.00

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SPRING CALF SPECIAL

9:00 AM – YRLGS FOLLOWED BY SPRING CALVES

BT-Branding Time Shots **PC**-PreCondition Shots **DF**-Drug Free **BV**-Bangs Vaccinated **NI**- No Implants

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Riley & Jimmie Kammerer – 375 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 450-525# - Bt, Pc, Nhtc
Gaskill Family – 250 Blk Strs – 500-600# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Ben Garman – 250 Blk Strs – 600-675# - Bt, Pc
Lindsey Ranch – 200 Blk Strs – 500-6000# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Shepperson Livestock – 175 Blk & Few Red Strs – 400-500# - Bt
Jason Garman – 140 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 525-600#- Bt, Pc, Ni
Spear E Ranch – 120 Blk Mostly Strs – 550-625# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Dallas Steen – 85 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs – 550-650# - Bt, Pc, Ni, Poured
Ed & Justin Lawrence – 65 Blk & Bldy Strs – 500# - Bt, Pc, Poured
Oorlog Ranch – 50 Blk Strs – 500-550# - Bt, Pc
Ryan Mechaley & Heather Bies – 50 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs – 500-600# - Bt, Pc, Ni

PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

NOVEMBER 21, 2026
BRED HFR & COW SPECIAL

9:00 AM – WEIGH UPS **12:00 NOON –** BRED COWS

BRED HFRS

Matt & Jana Hoffman – 50 Blk Hfrs – Bred Blk – 3/1 In 3 21 Day Groups

BRED COWS

Alkali Grubl Ranch – 19 Blk 3 Yr Old Cows – Bred Blk – 4/20
- 40 Blk Mixed Age Cows – Bred Blk – 3/20 For 45 Days
Kyar Ranch -25 Blk 7 Yr Old Cows – Bred Blk Or Herf – 3/30 – Home Raised – All In Town
- 15 Blk Short Term Cows – Bred Blk Or Herf – 3/30 – Home Raised
Dave Reed – 40 Blk 9 To 12 Yr Old Cows – Bred Blk – 3/1
Troy Johnson – 32 Blk 3 Yr Old Cows – Bred Blk Angus – 3/25 For 30 Days – Home Raised
Julie Ginsbach – 20blk Mixed Age Cows – Bred Simmental – Feb & March

PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

2026 CATTLE SALES

Saturday, November 28th – Annual Thanksgiving Bred Heifer & Stock Cow Special
December 4th – Spring Calf Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
December 11th – Bred Hfr & Cow Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
December 18th – Spring Calf & Bred Cow Special – Last Sale Of 2026
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2026 SHEEP SALES

November 26th – No Sale – Happy Thanksgiving!
December 3rd – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 10th – Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 17th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats – Last Sale Of 2026!

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Sheep Report - Thursday, November 12, 2026

Smaller Run Of Sheep Today
Lambs Sold $10 Higher To Steady

NEXT SALE - NOV 19th - REPLACMENT EWE & FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL - Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats

Animals should be here by **10:00 AM** so they can be weighed before the sale
Thank you for your business!

Feeder Lambs

Basel, Tammy, Union Center, SD	7	Buck	85	$ 382.50
Basel, Tammy, Union Center, SD	10	Lamb	72	$ 400.00
Basel, Tammy, Union Center, SD	41	Lamb	84	$ 382.00
Britain, Kelly, Powder River, WY	22	Lamb	87	$ 373.00
Davis, Doug Or Julia, Belle Fourche, SD	150	Lamb	76	$ 381.00
Davis, Doug Or Julia, Belle Fourche, SD	60	Lamb	61	$ 377.00
Heaton, Dale, White Owl, SD	16	Lamb	61	$ 407.00
Heaton, Dale, White Owl, SD	49	Lamb	83	$ 371.00
Hoff, Alvin, Glendive, MT	34	Lamb	83	$ 386.00
Horvey, Roy Or Nola, Ralph, SD	40	Lamb	79	$ 399.00
Lazy Vc Kelly Ranch Inc, Faith, SD	12	Lamb	67	$ 407.00
Mack, Richard, Scranton, ND	35	Lamb	69	$ 387.00
Mahaffy, Lonnie, Newell, SD	22	Lamb	66	$ 379.10
Petre, Douglas, Belle Fourche, SD	13	Lamb	68	$ 407.00
Reaves, Ernie, Broadus, MT	47	Lamb	96	$ 339.00
Ryen, Jd & Christi, Prairie City, SD	42	Lamb	62	$ 375.00
Tieszen, Makayla, Manning, ND	15	Lamb	75	$ 398.00
Tieszen, Makayla, Manning, ND	13	Lamb	107	$ 311.00

Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head

Britain, Kelly, Powder River, WY	49	Ss-St	162	$ 205.00

Slaughter Ewes

Beckman Jr, Dan, Prairie City, SD	13	K Ewe	151	$ 127.00
Beckman Jr, Dan, Prairie City, SD	12	K Ewe	174	$ 124.00
Burtis Or Thomas Simas, Brittney, Howes, SD	35	K Ewe	145	$ 118.00
Chapman, Beau, Bison, SD	13	K Ewe	156	$ 127.00
Clarkson & Co, Buffalo, SD	19	K Ewe	179	$ 124.00
Clarkson, Shirley, Buffalo, SD	12	K Ewe	190	$ 124.00
Horvey, Roy Or Nola, Ralph, SD	12	K Ewe	164	$ 127.00
Mahaffy, Lonnie, Newell, SD	14	K Ewe	151	$ 127.00
Mahaffy, Lonnie, Newell, SD	13	K Ewe	160	$ 124.00
Purdum, Krista, Buffalo, WY	15	K Ewe	105	$ 119.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

NOVEMBER 19, 2026

Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special

1:00 PM

REPLACEMENT EWES

Boner Ranch – 125 Solid To Short Term Ewes
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SD – 120 Hair Lambs – 70#
Troy Hewson – 14 Ewe Lambs

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Please Have Animals In By 10:00 AM
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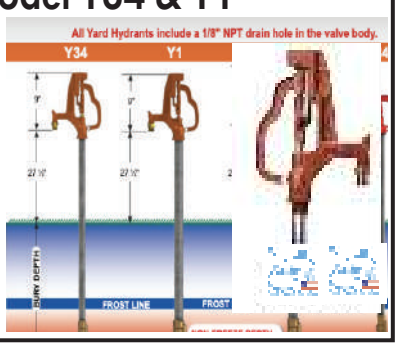
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"Bones" Ashton was a real-life rodeo cowboy active in the early 20th century.

A historic artifact of his career exists in a vintage 1930s real photo postcard from the famous Black Hills Roundup rodeo event. The muted-tone photograph captures him in mid-action, demonstrating classic cowboy grit while riding a black horse with a yellow tail.

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ELMER (BONES) ASHTON by Gene Ulrich

Bones Ashton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard J. Ashton (Mrs. Ashton's maiden name was Clydie Timmons), homesteaded nine miles northwest of Marcus in 1905 or 1906. Some of his ancestors had lived at Crook City, SD as early as 1876. A great-grandmother of Bones, Nellie Shoun, was the first postmaster at Viewfield, SD.

His folks, being ranchers, Bones learned the business as he grew to manhood. He liked to ride bucking horses and the first saddle bronc he rode in Faith was at fair time in 1927 at the age 20.

He was born 9 Jan 1907 in Meade county. He participated in riding events here numerous times after that, over a period of years. He never did win the bronc riding in Faith, but he did win that event in Deadwood in 1936, against competition offered by such bronc riders as Fritz Truan, Gene Pruitt, Bob Askins, and Earl Thode.

As a civilian, Bones was employed by the United States government remount at Ft. Reno, OK where he rode or tried out newly purchased horses as they were brought in from the prairie. Many of the new horses bucked, and some of them were plenty rough. Elmer Ashton and Margaret Davis were married in 1940. Mrs. Ashton died in 1947. He went into the service in June of 1942, during WWII. Bones asked to be, and was transferred to Reno, where he again rode "first timers" in conjunction with other horse activities.

Bones, dressed in his Army uniform, rode "Red River Special" during a rodeo in Faith. He was in the service three years and three months. Bones had joined the R. C. A.. and still wears his membership buckle which is numbered 1492. During the World War II era, R.C.A. most commonly refers to the Radio Corporation of America, a dominant American electronics manufacturer.

Bones remembers the following as good bronc riders and horse hands: Kenneth Cooper, Dugan Smith, Melvin Tivis, Wally Knight, Wayne and Roy Palmer, and Carl Huckfeldt. Ashton participated in rodeos for many years and rode for the Clyde Miller Rodeo in Oklahoma, along with Kid Fletcher, Casey Tibbs, Bill Fell, Rex-Campbell.

If you were a rodeo fan in the 1940's and 50's these names might ring a bell with you . He served one term as president of the Faith Stock Show. Bones has quite often helped out as a ranch hand and has had some livestock of his own. He became a brand inspector several years ago, a position which he still holds as of 1985.

Bones continued to rodeo until the early part of the 1950's. He won the bull riding in Faith in 1951. For a number of years, he has been chosen as one of the judges (Irvin Thompson and Chauncey Mandan are two others) for the Wild Saddle Bronc ride during the Faith Stock Show and Rodeo. Bones died 3 Jan 1986 and is buried at Black Hills National cemetery. .



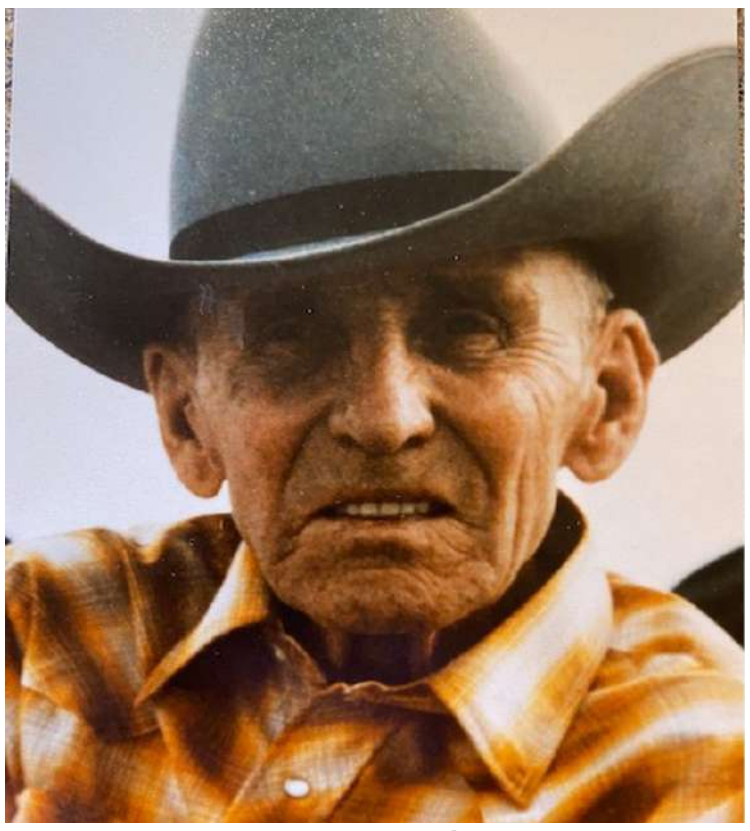
Bones Ashton *postcard riding in 1936 at* ***Black Hills Roundup***

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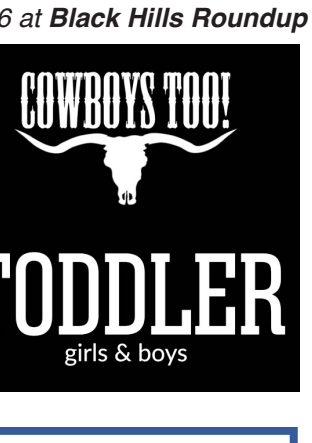
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9 Baked Chicken Mashed potatoes & gravy Mixed vegetables	10 Beef Stroganoff Egg noodles Peas	11 Liver & Onions or Hamburger Patty Mashed potatoes & gravy Green beans	12 Biscuits & Gravy Scrambled eggs	13 Hearty Beef Stew Dinner roll
16 Chicken Cordon Bleu Rice Pilaf Broccoli	17 Roast Beef Potatoes Carrots	18 Chicken & Dumplings Green beans	19 Indian Tacos Refried Beans	20 Salisbury Steak Mashed potatoes & gravy Peas
23 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed potatoes & Gravy Corn	24 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Green beans Dinner Roll	25 Thanksgiving Dinner All the Fixings	26 	27 Hot Turkey Sandwiches Sweet potatoes Green beans
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	14	Black-Str Pc Bt	556	437.00	$2,431.59
	61	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	649	358.00	$2,325.00
Kevin Buchholz, Belle Fourche SD	87	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Nt	611	425.00	$2,595.18
	24	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Nt	523	455.50	$2,382.83
	61	Black-Hfr Pc Nt	578	400.00	$2,313.11
	37	Bwf-Hfr Pc Nt	570	410.00	$2,337.55
	33	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Nt	479	426.00	$2,039.63
Clint Stinson, Miles City MT	96	Black-Str Pc Bt	645	397.00	$2,561.47
	67	Black-Str Pc Bt	560	440.00	$2,465.97
Ronda Cordell, Camp Crook SD	87	Black-Str Pc Ni	613	418.50	$2,563.43
	87	Black-Str Pc Ni	616	418.50	$2,576.42
	81	Black-Str Pc Ni	534	446.00	$2,383.62
Bryan Tarter, Ashland MT	96	Black-Str Pc Bt	620	420.00	$2,602.46
	18	Black-Str Pc Bt	508	479.00	$2,433.58
	27	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	533	393.00	$2,096.00
Dennis Denson, Ashland MT	93	Black-Str Bt Ni	677	379.00	$2,563.95
	54	Black-Str Bt Ni	609	425.00	$2,586.99
Nance Cattle, Birney MT	93	Black-Str Bt Ni	654	384.50	$2,514.13
	50	Black-Str Bt Ni	669	376.00	$2,513.93
	14	Rd/Blk-Str Bt Ni	555	433.00	$2,403.15
Tim & Joy Moore, Hulett WY	82	Herf-Str Pc Bt	605	393.00	$2,376.21
	27	Herf-Str Pc Bt	453	466.00	$2,109.08
	52	Herf-Hfr Pc Bt	545	527.50	$2,873.86
Nicole Weiss, Baker MT	59	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	594	419.50	$2,493.89
	20	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	517	459.00	$2,373.03
Gali Ranch, Broadus MT	45	Black-Str	562	436.00	$2,449.83
	35	Black-Hfr	532	404.00	$2,148.70
Jack Or Cindy Orwick, Newell SD	52	Herf-Str Pc Bt	548	427.00	$2,338.23
Jesse Or Nastel Dean, Upton WY	35	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	592	391.00	$2,315.27
Mike Morrison, Newcastle WY	47	Black-Str Pc Ni	713	377.50	$2,691.89
	14	Black-Str Pc, Ni	616	418.50	$2,576.76
	30	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	695	332.00	$2,307.95
Matt Gilbert, Buffalo SD	31	Black-Str Pc Bt	563	432.50	$2,436.64
	46	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	557	400.00	$2,226.52
Kaufman Ranch, Alzada MT	34	Black-Str Pc Bt	690	379.50	$2,619.10
	23	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	645	357.50	$2,305.87
Jacci Tracy, Newcastle WY	99	Black-Str Pc Bt	539	456.00	$2,460.09
	30	Black-Str Pc Bt	487	484.00	$2,354.66
	39	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	465	438.00	$2,037.82
Johnson Sheep & Cattle, SD	68	Black-Str Pc Ni	599	433.00	$2,595.77
	22	Black-Str Pc Ni	495	485.00	$2,400.75
Cliff Or Cheyenne Conry, SD	34	Black-Str Pc Bt	530	469.00	$2,485.01
Ellsbury Ranch, Sundance WY	25	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	577	380.00	$2,194.12
	20	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	491	400.00	$1,962.00
Dennis Dunning, Otter MT	60	Black-Str Bt Ni	591	419.00	$2,476.63
	32	Black-Hfr Bt Ni	585	363.00	$2,124.68
Quinn Burley, Broadus MT	11	Black-Str Pc Bt	550	430.00	$2,365.00
	13	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	546	362.00	$1,975.68
Mark Fix, Miles City MT	61	Black-Str Pc Bt	564	445.50	$2,511.23
	33	Black-Str Pc Bt	466	520.00	$2,423.51
Dolan Taylor, Wolf Point MT	48	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	578	437.50	$2,528.38
	25	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	514	413.00	$2,121.99
4 Lazy 3 Ranch, Ekalaka MT	23	Black-Str Pc Ni	550	449.00	$2,467.54
	9	Black-Str Pc Ni	452	497.00	$2,244.78
Fort Peck Tribal Ranch, Poplar MT	80	Black-Str Pc	518	459.00	$2,375.89
	25	Black-Str Pc	408	567.50	$2,315.40
	72	Black-Hfr Pc	497	413.00	$2,052.95
Josh Nixon, Alzada MT	18	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	466	430.00	$2,004.27
Kurt Ketelsen, Box Elder SD	21	Black-Str Pc Bt	562	429.00	$2,412.61
	13	Black-Str Pc Bt	472	514.00	$2,425.68
	28	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	515	405.00	$2,087.19
Frye Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT	10	Black-Str Pc, Ni	638	398.00	$2,537.25
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Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of December, at 9:35 a.m. the Board of Butte County Commissioners will meet in the Council Chambers at the Butte County City Hall which is located at 511 6th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717 for a public hearing and second reading of the ordinance.

Dated at Belle Fourche, South Dakota, this 10th day of November, 2026

Board of Butte County Commission
Chad Erk, Chairman

ATTEST: Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

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By John Newby

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

Change Will Come, Irrelevance Is Optional

While I write this weekly column that appears across the County, I seldom write about the area I live. This week is an exception as we face a growing problem that so many other communities across the country face each and every day.

Every day, roughly 40 new people make Northwest Arkansas their home. I see the evidence each time I drive Interstate 49 or highway 71, from NW Arkansas through McDonald County heading north. Regional leaders expect the population there to pass one million by 2050. That wave does not stop at a state line or a county line. It rolls right into the small towns and communities sitting next door.

Retired Army General Eric Shinseki faced plenty of resistance as Army Chief of Staff when he pushed to transform the force. His answer has stuck with me for years: "If you dislike change, you're going to dislike irrelevance even more." He was talking about soldiers and equipment. I believe his words ring true when we discuss every small community sitting in the path of a growing city.

Having worked with so many communities across the county over the past 30+ years, here is the pattern that invariably and predictably always plays out. A metro area grows. The small communities on the edge of that growth circles the wagons. Meetings fill with folks who want everything to stay exactly as it is. Leaders delay the comprehensive plan, skip the zoning and planning conversations, and hope the pressure goes away. It never does. Then one day developers arrive with plans the community had no hand in shaping, and the community wakes up to strip centers, traffic, and subdivisions that look like anywhere else. The town did not stop growth. It simply gave up its voice in how that growth happened.

I once heard a leader candidly explain, the only way to stop growth, he said, is to become a place where people do not want to live. I have never met anyone who wants that for their hometown and community. So, the real question is not whether change comes. It is who gets to steer it.

Consider Davidson, North Carolina. In 1990 it was a town of about 4,500 people standing directly in the path of growth rolling north from Charlotte. Instead of fighting the inevitable, residents sat down in 1993 and spelled out what they wanted to protect. That became a set of planning principles in 1995 and a detailed planning ordinance in 2001, built to preserve their small-town status and their unique downtown. Davidson also passed the first affordable housing ordinance in North Carolina so working families would not be priced out. The town grew to nearly 13,000 people by 2020, yet it still feels like Davidson.

Franklin, Tennessee, about 20 miles south of Nashville, tells a similar story. When the interstate arrived, growth spread outward and the historic downtown slowly declined. Rather than accept that, local people formed the Downtown Franklin Association in 1984 to bring property owners, preservationists, merchants, and local government to the same table. By 1995 downtown Franklin was among the first winners of the Great American Main Street Award, and today it is the most visited destination in the city. Franklin has grown more than fivefold since 1980, and its historic Main Street is stronger for it, not weaker.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, offers a rural version of the lesson. The county combined urban growth boundaries, agricultural zoning, and the purchase of development rights from willing farmers. In 2013 it became the first county in America to preserve 100,000 acres of farmland. Even so, it still loses about 1,200 acres of prime farmland to development every year. Managing growth is never finished. It is a discipline, not a single vote.

What these places share is simple. None of them said no to the future. They said yes on their own terms. They decided what made them special before someone else decided for them. They welcomed new neighbors, new businesses, and new investment, but on terms written by the people who already loved the place. Growth was steered toward downtowns and planned centers instead of being allowed to spill across every open field.

If your town sits in the shadow of a growing city, or even an hour down the road from one, the clock is already running. Pull up your community's comprehensive plan this week and look at the date on the cover.

If it is more than ten years old, or if you cannot find it at all, call your mayor or a county commissioner and ask when it will be updated. Then go to the next planning and zoning meeting. Those meetings decide what your town will look like in twenty years, and most of them are usually empty. Change is coming either way. Show up and help make sure your community is still recognizable when it arrives.

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden November 8, 2026



After a very windy Saturday, we enjoyed a beautiful day on Sunday with temperatures in the mid to high fifties and no wind. We are definitely due for some moisture at this time.

A new little member of Central Meade County was introduced and welcomed to the congregation at church on Sunday. Asher Donavan Smiley came into the world on October 14 at 8:09 am to join his parents Jori and Caden Smiley. Asher weighed 8 lbs 1 oz and was 19 ¼ inches long. He joins two adoring sisters and one brother, Allie, Charlie, and Noah at home. His maternal grandparents are Donavan and Julie Broberg and paternal grandparents are Rick Smiley and Joy Keffeler. This new little blessing completes their family of six, now making it two boys and two girls along with parents Caden and Jori.

Pastor Bill Meirose was not able to attend services on Sunday due to medical issues that required hospitalization in Sioux Falls. We are thankful that his diagnosis is confirmed and doctors can move forward to do what needs to be done. Prayer warriors may want to pray for complete healing and restoration for Bill.

Jack Seller's son was reported to have had a major heart attack needing a triple bypass. He is also someone folks may like to keep in prayer along with Eddie Gruble.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden spent Wednesday, Veterans Day, in Sioux Falls. They attended a Chamber Veterans Day Program at Heritage Alliance. And later came back to do Sioux Falls Regional Bridge Dedications. Bridges are named after fallen veterans who never made it home from WWII to much more current wars. Families of the veterans unveil the sign and they are hung at bridges in their area.

The Larry Rhoden family attended a Rush game in Rapid City on Saturday night. Larry was the first Governor to attend a Rush game. He was honored to give a pep talk to the players before the game, read the roster of who played and the starters for the night, and he dropped the hockey puck to begin the game. On Sunday, sons Cody and family, and Tristen and Birkin came out to fill their deer tags for some meat to harvest.

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. This is the season to take into account the many ways we are blessed, mainly to live in the USA and especially South Dakota. Giving thanks is always the right thing to do and even more so, to teach our young ones to be thankful for both the big and little things that we many times take for granted.



Capitol News November 15, 2026
Karen Odell

The fall weather has been beautiful at Capitol and on Tie Creek. There has been lots of fog on some days, and it even lasted all day on one of those days, so there may be some moisture in about ninety days from now.

Last week, Ryan Cordell shipped calves. There was a big crew to help with the shipping. Clint and Curt Zolnoski, Mary Teigen, Brandon and Ashley Padden, Jay Cordell, Wade Pearson, Gene Secrest, Terry Cordell, and Kent and Amanda Williams were there to help out.

Bobby Cordell was busy that day, because George Davis was shipping on the same day at their place across the river. Alvin is now taking care of the weaned calves at his place. Alvin and Marlee Cordell got some archery hunters on Monday. On Thursday, Alvin and Marlee went to the courthouse in Ekalaka for the Durm Road hearing. They were discussing the maintenance of the Durm Road. Grandson, Gavin Pearson came from college at Dickinson, on Thursday evening. Wade Pearson came the next day, and Gavin helped his dad with some work at the Williams place in the Sheep Mountains. Then both Gavin and Wade went home to Belle Fourche, on Friday evening. On Sunday, Marlee went to church at the Camp Crook Methodist Church, and joined in refreshments after the service.

Doug Davis helped at Latham's with shipping, last weekend. Last Sunday evening, Julia and Doug helped with the Little Missouri Church Ethnic Supper, that was held at the Camp Crook Community Center in Camp Crook.

There were lots of people there for the supper and the silent auction. There was a special raffle for the benefit of John Humbracht. A shotgun, cooler of hamburger, cooler of bacon, and flat-topped grill had been donated as the winning prizes for the raffle. This week, Doug and Julia worked sheep and hauled lambs to Newell. They went back down, on Thursday, for the sheep sale. This weekend, Jeff Stoltenberg and daughter, Riley, came out from Aberdeen to hunt. It was Riley's first hunt, and she was thrilled to get her first deer before going home on Sunday.

Dorothy Padden had a very busy week. Last Friday, Brett and Stacey Padden, came to get Dorothy and take her for a visit back at their home in Laurel, Montana. On Saturday, they went fishing at Cooney Dam. On Sunday, they visited at Jess and Nicole Padden's, for the birthday party for two little cousins, Jamison and Evelyn. On Monday, they had a fish fry. Then Tuesday was the Sweet Sixteen tournament to determine those volleyball teams that would go to the South Dakota state tournament, so they watched the games on the huge large-screen TV through the internet. The Harding County girls made it to the state tournament, and will go to Sioux Falls next week. Dorothy came home on Wednesday, and enjoyed two days of fog at the ranch.

Last Saturday, Dawn Padden had gone, by herself, to the Fall Council Meeting of the Carter and Fallon Extension Clubs. It was held in Ekalaka, and it was a beautiful day for the meeting. She went to the regional volleyball tournament in Wall, and took a few hunter friends along. They got to Wall early, so they decided to visit Wall Drug. It is a wonderfully interesting place, and everyone got their pictures taken, while sitting with the jackalope. Then at the tournament, Dawn got some great pictures of the action.

Karen Odell got to visit with cousin, Ralph Anderson, and high school classmate, Bill Foulkes, this week. Ralph is in Florida for the winter. Last Sunday was Karen's birthday, so Cody, Kylie, Kellan, Kenna and Carson Odell took her out for supper at Ruby Tuesday's. Karen got to talk to all of her kids, and five of her grandchildren. Carson stopped by, on Wednesday, after his church group meeting, to visit. Cody and Carson came by to rake leaves on Friday. On Sunday, Kenna Odell, took Karen to St Paul's church lunch and bingo, in the afternoon. Karen was surprised to know that Kenna has 200 students in her senior class.

Kenna said that Kellan's class had had 300 students. It's hard to realize that she barely knows many in her class, and maybe hasn't even talked to some of them. It was lots of fun to play bingo together, and both Kenna and Karen were winners. Kyia Smith is busy with voice lessons and volleyball, in Minnesota. She and Mollie called to sing ‚Happy Birthday' to Karen, on Sunday. Murphy Hinds is busy with both Karate and soccer, in Tacoma. Carson Odell has now begun training for wrestling at Mitchell High School. Jeff and Amanda Odell plan to visit over the Thanksgiving holiday.

We must be taught to see through the obvious, to be able to see the truth being covered by distraction.

PRESSED BETWEEN THE PAGES #60

by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel

What Could Possibly Go Wrong?



I was ready! The pages of the manual were frayed. I had been driving guys to the field or taking them lunches for a couple years. (Dad's five-minute lesson on clutch and shifting served as training.) So, when Mom drove me to the court house in De Smet to take my driver's test, I figured I'd be driving home that very day, permit in hand. What could possibly go wrong?

The man at the driver's license examiner's office had Mom fill out some papers. He wrote something on a clipboard and looked at me. "First, you will need to pass the vision test. Step up to the machine and read the bottom line."

I pressed in closer. I squinted. No matter what I did, that bottom line was blurry. I blurted out what I hoped the letters were. Test Guy sighed. "Now try and read the next line." Those were a little clearer and I knew a couple for sure. The man penned something on his clipboard and turned to Mom. "DeAnn failed the vision test. She will need glasses before she can drive."

WHAT? Glasses? NO, I wanted to scream, but I managed to keep it inside. I looked terrible in glasses, at least Mom's and Delmer's. But the following week no squinting was required through my geeky brown-framed spectacles. "Next you will need to take the written exam." Test Guy handed me papers and pointed to a cubicle. Almost all the questions came directly from the manual. The examiner paged through my test twice. At last, he informed Mom I would be taking the driving part of the test. She handed me the keys and I followed Test Guy to the parking lot.

"Turn right at the next street." I felt confident as I signaled and slowed at each turn as we navigated through town. He had me making a lot of left turns, but I figured that was part of the test.

Finally, we were back at the court house. "You will need to re-take the driving test. You turned too soon on every left turn. If a car had been there, you would have hit it." I wanted to yell, "If a car had been there, I would have driven around it!" But I suffered silent humiliation.

Becoming regulars at the court house, the next week Test Guy and I drove again. Everything was going well, and I figured this time nothing could go wrong. We were driving down the main street, Calumet Avenue. Totally focused, I steered past cars that were angle-parked. I was nearing the end of the block. CRASH! The sickening crunch of metal against metal combined with a jarring jolt.

Test Guy told me to wait in the car while he talked to the driver of the car that backed into me. At last, he climbed back into the passenger seat, jotted on his clipboard and told me to drive back to the court house. He informed me I would need to take the driver's test again. This time I did not hold it in. I glowered through my uncool glasses. "But it was not my fault!"

He agreed, but added that it was a rule that if a driver had an accident, he or she had to retake the test.

At home I dropped Mom off at the house and parked the maimed 1966 Ford Galaxie 500 in the garage part of the Quonset. As I trudged to the house, Dad strode out to meet me. "I'm sorry, Dad." I felt horrible that I had damaged his car. He draped an arm around my shoulder. His eyes were misty as he said something about having an accident during my driver's test.

Today, some sixty years later I drove to the court house in Logan to renew my driver's license. An hour later I pulled into the garage, license in hand. For some strange reason, a sense of relief swept over me. Nothing had gone wrong!

The author's ten books are available on Amazon. *Contact Kruempel at deannkruempelauthor@gmail.com.*

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Robots Are People Too

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Robotics seems like cutting edge technology, But the concept is not new. Science fiction writers have been thinking about robots for some time.

In 1908 Karel Capek, a Czeck writer wrote a short story about artificially manufactured slave workers. The author referred to them as 'robots'. The term comes from the Czeck word 'robata' which refers to forced labor, compulsory service, and, or drudgery. Someone who is forced to perform menial work would be a 'robotnik'. Hence, 'robot' for short.

Author Karel Capek, often credited with popularized the word robot, wrote a play in the early 1920s based on his earlier short story.

The play takes place on a remote fictitious island in the year 2000 at a factory built by the Rossums, a father-son manufacturing team. The Rossums, along with a team of smart scientists have figured out how to mass produce 'robots' who look, and act like real humans, but are in fact entirely mechanical.

The play Rossum's Universal Robots or R.U.R. is in the public domain and very readable. R.U.R. by Karel Capek

Incidentally, for readers who are not fond of science fiction, R.U.R. is also a humanitarian story, a love story, and a story about creation with Biblical allusions.

Back to the plot summary: At Rossums' factory, a team of dedicated scientists build robots who look and act like humans. Their mission is to free humans from having to perform manual labor by using robots instead.

The Rossums are quite successful. Robots are in great demand throughout the world. And for good reasons. Rossums' robots are competent, productive workers. They can out-perform humans in all job areas and have seemingly amiable personalities. At the factory, the robots even perform administrative tasks. They are so human like that it is difficult to tell the difference between a robot and a real person.

Naturally, there is some concern among humanitarian organizations.

In Act I, the factory director, Domin agrees to meet with the beautiful Helena Glory, regarding robot welfare.

Helena represents the philanthropic Humanity League. She is also the president's daughter

Helena is introduced to several robots who astound her with their human capabilities. She is given a tour of the factory and becomes convinced that the robots are treated fairly and despite looking and acting like humans, they are only robots. And as such, robots are incapable of feeling emotion or experiencing suffering.

Helen is sweet and pretty, so it is not surprising that Domin (human factory director) falls in love with her.

Act II takes place ten years later. Helen and Domin are happily married, but things are not going well. World-wide, robots have replaced human labor. Also, as it turns out, robots have emotions after all. They have begun to demonstrate and have expressed aggression and started rebellions against their human creators throughout the world.

As a result of some unexplained widespread human infertility, humans are no longer being born, so robots are becoming the dominant demographic. Unfortunately for robots the only means of procreating is to secure the secret manufacturing instructions from Rossums' factory.

Fearing the worst, and just in the nick of time, Helena takes things into her own hands and burns Rossums' manufacturing instructions.

Shortly, thereafter, a robot leader named Radius attacks the factory and kills everyone, that is everyone except one last human, Alquist, the last living human in the world who knows how to build a robot. Under pressure from the robot conquerors, Alquist tries to reinvent the manufacturing instructions, but he fails.

However, he observes two evolved robots, Primus and Robot Helena. The two are expressing love and concern for one another and Alquist realizes that robots are capable of empathy and love. He advises them to read from the book of Genesis in the Bible and tells them to 'inherit the earth'.

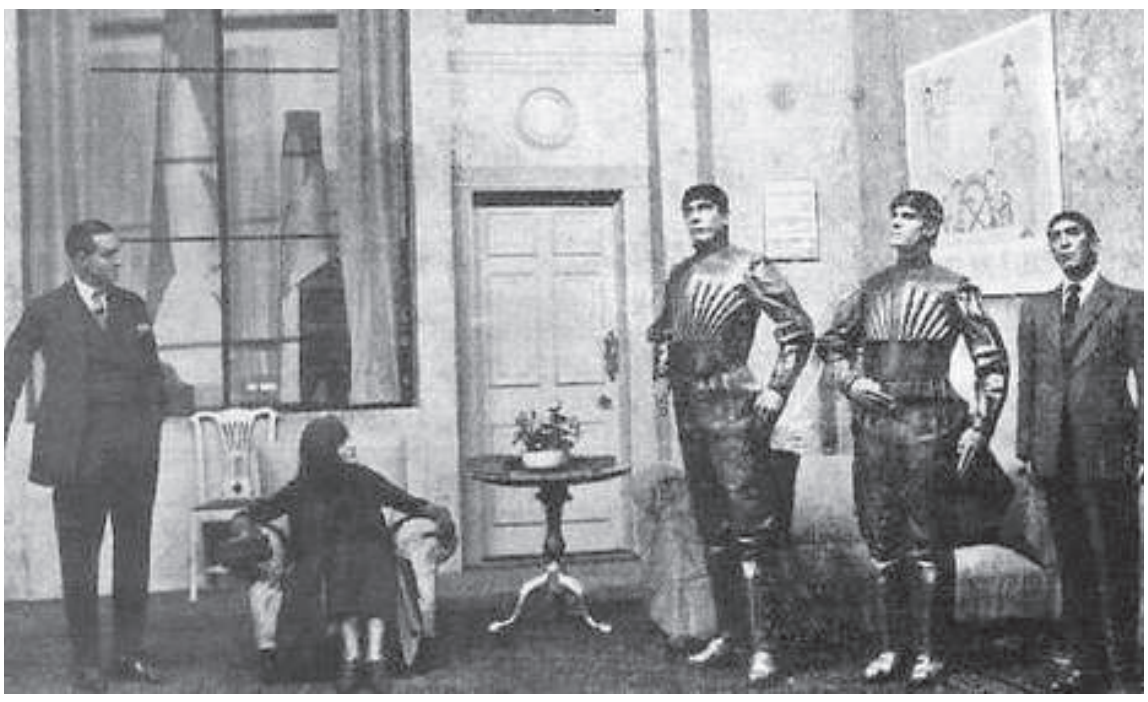
What happens next is not entirely clear. Do the evolved robots take over? Do they discover the secret of procreation?

Meanwhile, in the real world as we know it, robots are here to stay. Perhaps we will all learn to live together.





Capek's Play



Another historical Robot scene .

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Lt. Gov. Venhuizen Leads South Dakota's First Trade Mission to Austra-

Mission to Grow Agricultural and Manufacturing Exports in Australia

PIERRE, S.D. – Lieutenant Governor Tony Venhuizen is leading South Dakota's first-ever trade mission to Australia this week, with stops in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Adelaide, and Brisbane. He is joined by South Dakota Trade President & CEO Rachael Weiland, Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) Commissioner Bill Even, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) Brian Walsh, South Dakota Pork Producers Council Executive Director Tina Erickson, Dairy Producer Walt Bones of the South Dakota Dairy Producers, and representatives from South Dakota State University (SDSU) and five South Dakota companies: Aerostar, Masaba, Medgene, Outback Wrap, and Zinvent.



Australia-Trade-Mission-Full-Delegation with **Lt. Gov. Venhuizen**

"Australia is a natural partner for South Dakota; our people share a love of agriculture, hard work, and wide-open spaces," said Lieutenant Governor Tony Venhuizen. "This mission puts South Dakota's producers and businesses face to face with Australian buyers and partners, and it shows the world that South Dakota is Open for Opportunity."

This mission builds on the relationship established when the U.S. Consul General visited South Dakota in 2025. U.S. goods and services exports to Australia totaled $33.7 billion in 2025. South Dakota exported $44.5 million to Australia that year, and exports through March 2026 were tracking 17 percent ahead of the same period in 2025.

Delegates will take part in targeted business-to-business meetings, with a focus on advanced manufacturing, bioscience, value-added and precision agriculture, mining, and defense.

The delegation will also receive market briefings from U.S. Consulate officials, including the U.S. Commercial Service and the Foreign Agricultural Service.

"Every relationship we build in Australia is a door we can open for a South Dakota business," said Rachael Weiland, President & CEO of South Dakota Trade. "Our delegates came ready to do business, and we're proud to connect them with buyers and partners across five of Australia's key cities."

Commissioner Even will lead efforts to promote South Dakota as a destination for foreign direct investment. "South Dakota offers a business climate that is hard to match anywhere in the world," said GOED Commissioner Bill Even. "We're here to make sure Australian companies looking to grow in the United States have South Dakota at the top of their list."

"South Dakota's farmers and ranchers produce some of the highest-quality dairy and pork in the world," said DANR Deputy Secretary Brian Walsh. "This mission is about showcasing that quality and building long-term partnerships that create new markets for our producers."

The South Dakota Dairy Producers and South Dakota Pork Producers Council join the delegation to promote South Dakota dairy and pork products and explore genetics and technology partnerships.

"Australia's producers and processors are looking for reliable partners, and South Dakota pork delivers on quality and consistency," said Tina Erickson, Executive Director of the South Dakota Pork Producers Council. "Being part of this delegation gives our industry a seat at the table to build relationships around our products, genetics, and the technology that sets South Dakota producers apart."

"South Dakota's dairy industry has grown tremendously, and we're eager to share the quality of our products with new partners," said Walt Bones, South Dakota Dairy Producers. "Australia has a well-established, globally recognized dairy industry, and the relationships we build on this mission around genetics, technology, and trade will help our producers continue that growth."

Kristi Cammack, Assistant Dean of West River Operations and Director of SDSU West River Research & Extension, will also join the delegation to advance research partnerships in agriculture and bioscience.

"Australia and South Dakota face many of the same challenges, from managing livestock and crops in variable climates to bringing new research into producers' hands," said Kristi Cammack, SDSU. "Building research relationships with Australian institutions opens doors for collaboration that benefits producers in both places and strengthens SDSU's work in agriculture and bioscience."

South Dakota businesses interested in future trade missions or export assistance should contact South Dakota Trade at info@southdakotatrade.com.

South Dakota Trade is a 501(c)(6) association that navigates international trade for South Dakota, with offices in Sioux Falls and Rapid City. For additional information, please visit www.southdakotatrade.com.

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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 ***Saturday, November 21 from 10 AM to Noon.*** All writers are invited to attend! Meetings are held at the Belle Fourche Public Library.

Belle Fourche Recreation Center

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

Classes

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

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

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

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

Tri-State Museum

Tri-State Museum holds November Family Fun Day entitled "History of Birthstones"

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a Sunday, November 15 Family Fun Day from 2-4 p.m. entitled "The History of Birthstones."

The event will include a video about the ancient history of birthstones, which originated from both religious and cultural sources. There will also be a craft to paint a small keepsake box and decorate it with stones of a person's birthstone color. A drawing will be held for the book, "Your Birthstone Book," and there will be free take-home workbooks for all. Refreshments will be served.

Admission is $2 per person or free with membership. Reservations are helpful: call 605-723-1200.

Tri-State Museum holds class on "Thanksgiving Pumpkin Painting" on November 21.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a class for kids on Saturday, November 21. There will be class for kids in Pre-K- to 3rd grade from 10 a.m. to noon and a class for kids in 4th grade and up from 1 to 3 p.m. Class admission is $2 per child.

Kids who attend will see a special video on pumpkin patches, learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin and then paint small pumpkins which will be suitable for Thanksgiving table décor.

Morning classes for younger kids will include a gathering circle and songs. Students in both classes will receive take home workbooks.

Snacks will be provided at both classes – including pumpkin cookies. Pre-registration is required; call 605-723-1200 or come into the museum at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. The classes will be taught by Programs Assistant Sheila Culhane.

Tri-State Museum gains significant 9-11 artifacts for its collections.

Following the recent nationwide commemoration of the 9-11 tragedy, the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche was given several artifacts by a former NYPD detective who was present during the attacks and participated in the recovery efforts at Ground Zero. He and his family now live in Belle Fourche.

One is a flag that was raised at 9-11 ground zero on June 3, 2026, at 7 a.m. and remained there for 12 hours. The flag is in a case made by Terry Batterman of Belle Fourche and is made of purple heart wood, found only in Brazil and Central America.

Other donations include a DEA (Detective Endowment Association) Challenge coin which depicts NYPD detectives raising the American flag at Ground Zero to commemorate the 25th anniversary; a DEA card, and a patch, to symbolize the unity of America experienced in the days following September 11, 2001.

In addition to all this, the detective commissioned a piece of chainsaw art from Jarrett and Jordan Dahl of Dahl Chainsaw Art. It was completely carved with chainsaws and made from a piece of elm tree and depicts the Twin Towers.

The several donations and the Twin Towers carving are now on exhibit at the military exhibit within the Tri-State, located at 415 5th Avenue in Belle Fourche. The museum is open 9-5, Tuesday through Saturday and there is no admission charge to enter.

Museum opens mini exhibit on postage stamps

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will open a new mini exhibit entitled "History of Postage Stamps."

The exhibit will include storyboards and photos, a free take-home workbook and a book to read and a touchscreen quiz. A stamp enthusiast's stamp collection will also be on display and a basket of loose stamps will be available for those who might want to pick one out for themselves.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Be Somebody Worth Fighting For: A Veterans Day Message



The kindergarten class presented a thank-you banner to the veterans. *Longbrake photo(s)*

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NEWELL—Area veterans started off Veterans Day in a sweet way as the Newell School District invited them and their families to have cinnamon rolls and coffee. Following the breakfast, the community was invited to take part in the Veterans Day program on November 11.

The annual program honored veterans for their service and featured ceremonial presentations, poetry readings and patriotic music. The program specifically recognized "Remembering those who served: Today we honor the courage, dedication and sacrifice of our nation's veterans." The Newell Student Council planned the activities for the day and Brynn Hockenberry served as the MC, introducing speakers and musicians throughout the program.

Members of the Newell VFW were on hand to present the colors and the Newell School Flag Team presented a patriotic routine featuring the American flag.

Student Tiyanna Castillo led the crowd in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Newell choir sang "The Star Spangled Banner." Laurie Parker provided a patriotic reading of "I am the United States of America."

"America the Beautiful," by Katharine Lee Bates, with music by Samuel A. Ward, was performed by Vonda Mayhaffy and Marty Jump.

A variety of patriotic poetry was presented by the students including the seventh graders reciting "Blessings for a Veteran" and "Because You Choose To Serve." Several students also contributed to the poetry of the day, Nevada with "Today is Our Day," Hayden with "I am A Veteran" and MKenzie with "Honoring Our Veterans."

Newell High School graduate Trevin Smeenk a military veteran and former paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division who also deployed with the First Infantry Division, delivered the keynote address. Smeenk shared three important lessons learned through military service: setting aside arrogance and pride, practicing discipline and developing a servant's heart. He encouraged students to honor veterans not only through words of gratitude but also through their own actions, including showing kindness, respecting others and volunteering in their communities.

His message challenged students to become people worth fighting for. "You need to become the person that's worth fighting for. You want to thank a veteran? Be somebody worth fighting for. Do not be the reason that we need veterans ... Do not be cruel, hateful, racists and bigots. Because if you do, we need veterans. Do not hate your neighbor. Because if you do, we need veterans," said Smeenk. "Give something of yourself so that we don't need veterans, and give something of yourself so that you're somebody worth fighting for."

Nila Charles announced the local winners of the Patriot's Pen essay competition. "Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are eligible to enter… One out of every 15 entries are sent on to the district level. We had 33 entries to judge, so two students will be sent to the district level," shared Charles. "Next is state level, if any of those win, and then national."

This year's theme was "What a Veteran Taught Me About America." Winners each received $40.

Jasper Gardner, sixth grade, and Iantha Ahart, seventh grade, were named this year's winners.

A last honor for the veterans in the crowd was the song, A Tribute to the Armed Services. It played all of the songs from the six branches of the US Armed Forces. Veterans were asked to stand when the song that represented their military branch played.

To end the ceremony, the VFW veterans retired the colors, and the Newell School Flag Team marched out all of their American flags. Students and audience members were invited to shake hands with the veterans and thank them for their service.



Local VFW members present the colors. *Longbrake photo*



Vonda Mayhaffy and Marty Jump share a musical performance. *Longbrake photo*



Patriot's Pen winners for Newell. *Longbrake photo*



Newell School Flag Team bringing out the American flags. *Longbrake photo*

Grand River Roundup



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Last Friday evening Reub and I went up to Scranton to watch our granddaughter Ellarie in a One Act play at the school and that was a lot fun.

Everybody here on the ranch except Casey, Reub and I went to the NRCA Finals rodeo in Gillette that weekend. The three of us went to church on Sunday and got to sing Happy Birthday to Sen. Sam Marty whose birthday was that day. Reub and I went to the Gideon meeting at the Coal Springs Church that afternoon and Reub brought an old antique wrench down to give to Wade Hofer to take to the antique stuff at the Coal Springs Thrashing Bee.

There is another death to report: Juanita Marie Lenerville, 96, of Lodgepole, passed away on Monday, November, 9, at Western Horizons Nursing Home in Hettinger. Cremation has taken place and no memorial services are planned at this time. Juanita was such a nice lady.

My computer got hacked and locked up last week by a guy that claimed he was with PayPal after I called the number he gave me after I got an email, supposedly from PayPal, letting me know that I had bought a gun from them, which I didn't do, and they wanted my information so they could refund my money. He somehow got into my computer, locked it up and told me that I had to send him $500 before he would unlock it for me! So on Monday morning I called Sapphire Solutions and they got my computer opened up and working again so I'm able to write my column and send it off again this week.

I went to Ladies Aid down at the church on Tuesday and all nine of the members were able to attend. Bev Heier hosted the meeting and served us some goodies for lunch. Missy had to go into Buffalo to take care of some NRCA finals rodeo stuff after the meeting.

Wednesday, November 11 was Veterans Day so we didn't get any mail that day and when Reub and I went to Hettinger that day the bank was closed. We wanted to go to a Veterans Day program that day, but couldn't find one up there. We got stuff from Runnings, the lumber yard and White Drug, where Reub got his squeeze from his cousin Roxie Finck. We stopped in Reeder on the way home to have coffee and visit with the Prairie Pioneers.

My father Bryce White was a veteran who fought in WWII. He joined the Army in February of 1941, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in December of 1941 when the war started and Dad got out of the Army when the war was over in 1945. Dad would never tell me anything about the war and the only time I ever heard anything about the war was when Roy Goddard would come visit Dad when we were living in Bison while we ran the telephone office there. Roy joined the Army with Dad and Dad was in the Infantry while Roy was in the Heavy Artillery. All that loud noise caused Roy to be almost deaf and Dad had to yell for Roy to hear him and Roy would yell back to talk to Dad. When Roy would come to visit, I would get sent upstairs to bed. I'd climb the stairs, turn the corner and sit on the steps to listen to them shout at each other where I heard more about the war than Dad would tell me. My father was a medic in the Infantry and I found his medic container. When I opened Dad's medic, it was full of medals that Dad won during the war, including a Purple Heart. I said "Dad, you're a hero!" and he said, "No, I'm not. The heroes didn't come home."

I went down to Erin Klempel's Thursday morning to pick up my order from Alison's Pantry and stopped at the Reva Store on the way home to get more groceries. It was really cold on Thursday so I fired up our woodstove that evening to warm up the house and that felt really good.

Reub and I had all the kids come up and help us unload the fire wood from the back of his side-by-side on Friday and they were really good help. Amanda went up to Ralph that morning to bring Keen down to play with the cousins and they had a lot of fun. A bunch of archery deer hunters from Minnesota came to hunt back of our place up on Deadman Hill, but they didn't get anything.

Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen went up to visit JoAnn Shea at the hospital in Dickinson on Saturday where she is recovering from surgery after her fall that broke her pelvis and she is healing up pretty well. We sang Happy Birthday to Bev Heier and Becky Holt at church Sunday morning and then we prayed for JoAnn Shea, Kevin and Nola Robinson, Tommy Costello, Chad Nelson, Randy Routier, John Humbracht and our dear friend Doug Jerde's family.

Thanksgiving is coming soon and next Sunday, November 22 there will be a Thanksgiving service at Grace Bible Fellowship Church in Bison at 7:00 that evening and there will be a community Thanksgiving service at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Buffalo at 6:00pm. There will be a Thanksgiving service and pie social at Slim Buttes Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 25 at 6:00 that evening.

I'll leave you with An Old Farmer's Advice:

* Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
* Live a good and honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
* Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.

Then and Now *in Newell*

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

November 2, 1916

The Vermillion Garage is one of the latest infant industries to set up in Newell. Mr. Frank Vermillion is the manager, and the new business is located in the rear of the L. H. Dunn Black Smith Shop

We learned last week that Hal D. Wheaton, who for some time past has been managing the Wasta Gazette and town Post Office, is returning to Newell in the near future and will take up ranching on his land east of town. His lease on the paper expired the first of the month and his resignation as Wasta Postmaster has been accepted.

J. R. Beresford left Saturday for Omaha with a load of hogs for himself and Emil Milberg. He expects to go on from there to Milwaukee, LaCross and other Wisconsin points, where he will buy some purebred Holsteins. He will also bring back some Ayrshire milk cows which Eli Long purchased early last year.

November 11, 1926

We understand the Peter Mintener Lumber Company have decided to close their Nisland yard and will move what stock they have on hand to their yards at Belle Fourche and Newell. The reason for the move is, we understand, is not enough business for two lumber yards in one town.

Copies of the Irrigation District Cookbook, published by the Newell Civic Club, are ready for distribution. They make nice Christmas presents. They are for sale at Mrs. Barclay's at 75 cents each.

Deer Creek Community Hall and fixtures will be sold at auction in the near future. Watch for the sale. For many years, the hall has been the location for many box socials, dances, meetings and other community activities.

November 12, 1936

The Gopher-Fun Extension Club will meet on Friday November 20th at the home of Mrs. Melvin Wester. There will be a demonstration of Christmas gifts, with Miss Palma Arndt and Mrs. Grace Maresh demonstrators.

Albert Kirk is today opening a smoke shop and card room in the Mitchell Building formerly occupied by the Orange Café. Also, Bob Richards has opened a card room in the Loyal Hotel Building.

A special meeting of Newell Post of the American Legion has been called for Thursday evening at the Lodge Hall, starting at 8:00 o'clock. No formal ceremonies were carried out here in observance of Armistice Day. All stores were closed and business suspended that day.

Uncle Sol Catron, Camp Crook, undoubtedly the oldest voter in the area, when asked, Tuesday as to how many times he has voted for President, stated that he cast his first vote for Horace Greeley in 1872. This would make his vote this year the seventeenth he has cast for a Presidential candidate.

November 17, 1946

Bill Holt and Frank Hoffmeyer, Newell hunters, stumbled across the body of John Garcia, 78, Mexican who had been missing from Larwrence County Hospital since July. While hunting deer at Gayville south of Crook City, along with Adolph Johnson also Newell. The body was discovered along Whitewood Creek and gave them quite a start, but they immediately reported it to officials at Spearfish. Garcia was identified by Lawrence County Sheriff J. O. Twiford and Coroner G. W. Miller of Spearfish. Garcia died of exposure shortly after his disappearance in July from the hospital, where he had been a patient for about 10 years. He is survived by 3 sons of Deadwood.

A 1000-gallon bottle gas tank and pumping equipment has been received by Hedrick Sales Company in Newell and work began setting it up for a bulk bottle-gas plant and distribution by Ralph Hedrick. The bomb shaped 1000-gallon pressure tank is located in the rear of the company building. All sizes of smaller tanks can be filled from the large one, and it is expected to be in operation in about 4 weeks.

Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Erdman & son returned from Rochester, Minnesota where the Newell barber had been for 4 weeks receiving treatment for a rare infection on his leg which had been bothering him since early spring. Mr. Erdman reports the infection was examined by scores of doctors and specialist there, who reported it resembled an ulcerous infection found in an area of Italy, but lacked a name for it. The ulceration has stopped, and the Erdman family is much encouraged by the treatment.

November 15, 1956

Anne Milberg and Patricia Heston, both Newell High School Seniors, members of Prairie Pinafore 4-H club, received gold watches and the honor of being the State Dairy Demonstration Team this year. The watches, plus $10 cash awards from the State Dairy Association, were presented at the 4-H Recognition Banquet Saturday. The winning demonstration was "Glorified Dairy Dessert" made up of rice, milk and fruit; ingredients they used were from their home farms.

Mrs. Chas Seifert and Mrs. Harry Payne, Nisland, being snowed in, spent Friday night at Ft. Meade, the ladies are American Legion Auxiliary volunteer workers. After conditions improved, they returned home Saturday morning with Darrel Payne, who had spent overnight in Rapid City as he went to get Miss Bernita Herman. Miss Herman spent the rest of the weekend with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. George Herman.

The best deer hunting in the northwest prairie area is north of Newell. Newell City Foreman, Lyman Brice, proved it by bagging a 4-pointer in the Hoover area last Friday. The buck, estimated at around 250 pounds, was practically a twin to another shot by Dick Wilson. The hunting party consisted of Lyman Bruce, Dick Wilson and Ralph Killinen who secured a good sized 2-pointer. Hundreds of hunters reported success in the any-sex season on the prairie area.

November 24, 1966

Harold D. Skjoldahl, Project Manager of the Belle Fourche Irrigation District, received definite information through the office of Chief Engineer of the US Bureau of Reclamation, in Denver, regarding the installation of the proposed new spillway on the south side of Orman Dam. At the present time, plans to install the spillway sometime within the next 2 years. This installation can be put in at any time, even at high elevation of the lake. The Belle Fourche Reservoir will definitely not be drained to install this structure.

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Viken were Sunday supper guests at the Felix Silvernagle home. The 3 little Silvernagle boys have been ill with the measles. Upon inspection, the boys are improving and the worst is over.

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Orwick, of Hoover, are rejoicing over the birth of a baby daughter who was born in St. John's Hospital in Rapid City Hospital on Thursday. She weighs 5 pounds 3 ounces and is named Kelli Anne. Mrs. Bob Miles and Miss Rita Wiegand drove to Rapid City on Saturday where they visited with Mrs. Orwick and new daughter. Mrs. Orwick and baby came home Sunday, and both are doing fine.

The Annual Awards Banquet of the Girls Rodeo Association will be held Friday, November 25th at the Turgeon's Supper Club in Central City, it is announced by Mrs. Betty Smeenk, Newell, GRA President. The event will begin at 8:00 PM and members are advised to note the change in meeting place. Several local ladies and girls qualified and are expected to receive awards.

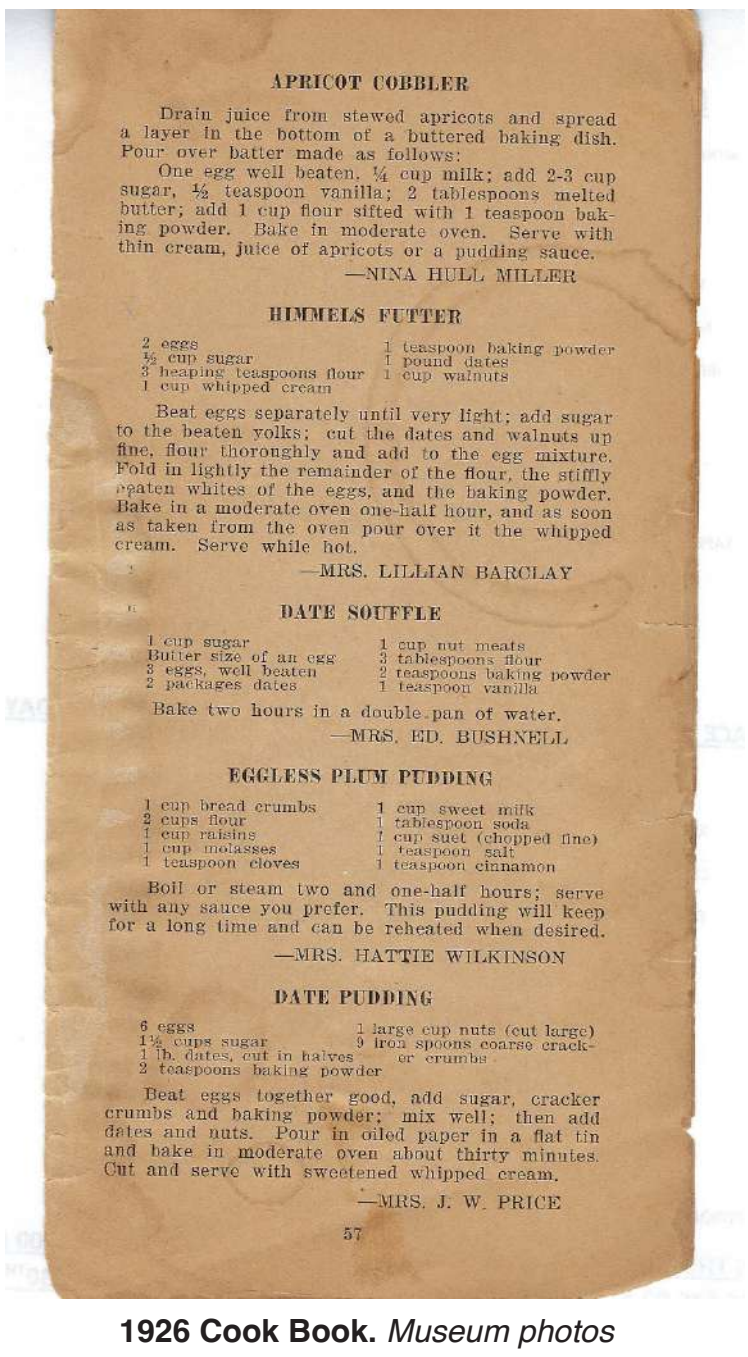
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Chuck's Propane. *Museum photos*



APRICOT COBBLER

Drain juice from stewed apricots and spread a layer in the bottom of a buttered baking dish. Pour over batter made as follows:

One egg well beaten. ¼ cup milk; add 2-3 cup sugar, ½ teaspoon vanilla; 2 tablespoons melted butter; add 1 cup flour sifted with 1 teaspoon baking powder. Bake in moderate oven. Serve with thin cream, juice of apricots or a pudding sauce.

—NINA HULL MILLER

HIMMELS FUTTER

2 eggs
½ cup sugar
3 heaping teaspoons flour
1 cup whipped cream
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 pound dates
1 cup walnuts

Beat eggs separately until very light; add sugar to the beaten yolks; cut the dates and walnuts up fine, flour thoroughly and add to the egg mixture. Fold in lightly the remainder of the flour, the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs, and the baking powder. Bake in a moderate oven one-half hour, and as soon as taken from the oven pour over it the whipped cream. Serve while hot.

—MRS. LILLIAN BARCLAY

DATE SOUFFLE

1 cup sugar
Butter size of an egg
3 eggs, well beaten
2 packages dates
1 cup nut meats
3 tablespoons flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla

Bake two hours in a double pan of water.

—MRS. ED. BUSHNELL

EGGLESS PLUM PUDDING

1 cup bread crumbs
2 cups flour
1 cup raisins
1 cup molasses
1 teaspoon cloves
1 cup sweet milk
1 tablespoon soda
1 cup suet (chopped fine)
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Boil or steam two and one-half hours; serve with any sauce you prefer. This pudding will keep for a long time and can be reheated when desired.

—MRS. HATTIE WILKINSON

DATE PUDDING

6 eggs
1¼ cups sugar
1 lb. dates, cut in halves
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 large cup nuts (cut large)
9 iron spoons coarse cracker crumbs

Beat eggs together good, add sugar, cracker crumbs and baking powder; mix well; then add dates and nuts. Pour in oiled paper in a flat tin and bake in moderate oven about thirty minutes. Cut and serve with sweetened whipped cream.

—MRS. J. W. PRICE

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1926 Cook Book. *Museum photos*

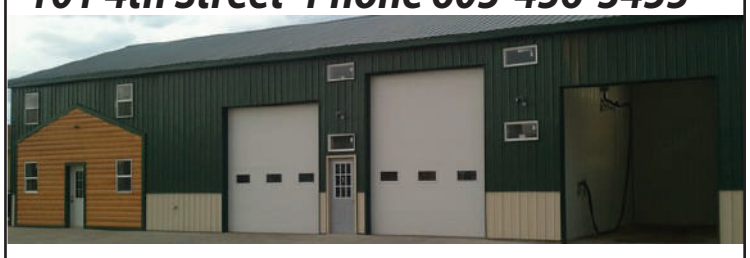
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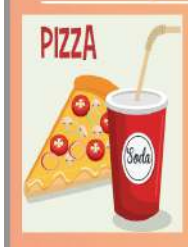


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The seventh grade recited the poem "Blessings for A Veteran." *Longbrake photo*



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Students standing and participating in the Pledge of Allegiance. *Longbrake photo*



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