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Wild West Days 2026 Set for July 3-5 in Faulkton



One of Faulkton's favorite summer traditions returns July 3-5 as Wild West Days 2026 brings three days of family fun, entertainment, competition, and community celebration to town.

Residents and visitors from across the region are invited to enjoy a packed holiday weekend featuring everything from strongman competitions and bull riding to a parade, car show, tractor pull, fireworks, live music, and family activities.

The celebration begins Friday afternoon with the Blondie's & Flex Fitness Strongman Challenge on Court Street. Competitors will test their strength beginning at 1 p.m., with a Calcutta scheduled for 12:45 p.m. A kids event will also be held, with registration available that day.

Friday activities continue with tours of the historic Pickler Mansion from 1 to 4 p.m., open swimming at the city pool from 1 to 5:15 p.m., and free carousel rides from 4 to 6 p.m. Community members can enjoy the Dacotah Bank Brat Feed from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. before heading to the Faulk County Saddle Club Bull Riding Event at 6:30 p.m., preceded by a 6 p.m. Calcutta.

Additional Friday evening activities include J & J's Bean Bag Tournament at 7 p.m., a movie at the Lyric Theatre beginning at

7:30 p.m., and DJ music at Blondie's starting at 8 p.m. The day concludes with the annual fireworks display lighting up the sky at 10:26 p.m.

Saturday's schedule centers around the annual Wild West Days Parade, which begins at 10 a.m. Lineup starts at 9 a.m., and no pre-registration is required. The parade remains one of the weekend's most popular attractions, drawing participants and spectators from throughout central South Dakota.

Businesses and organizations will keep the festivities going throughout the day. Buttercup Coffee will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., while J & J's will also be open for parade-goers. Following the parade, visitors can enjoy food offerings at Short Stop's Bloody Mary Bar and Burger Bar and Blondie's Hot Dog and Burger Bar.

The Wheels & Wings Show will take place from noon to 4 p.m. at the airport east of Faulkton, with registration beginning at 11 a.m. The event showcases classic vehicles, unique automobiles, and aircraft and has become a popular stop during the celebration weekend.

Other Saturday attractions include tours of the Pickler Mansion, open swimming, free carousel rides, and the Hanson's

Inc.-sponsored Tractor Pull beginning at 4 p.m. Families can also enjoy the 4-H Carnival from 4 to 6 p.m. at the 4-H Grounds and a special showing of The Sandlot at the Lyric Theatre at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday evening wraps up with another movie at the Lyric Theatre and live music at J & J's from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m.

The final day of Wild West Days begins Sunday morning with a Two-Person Scramble at Lakeside Country Club. The shotgun start is scheduled for 9 a.m., with lunch and mulligans included in the \$100 per team entry fee.

A community Worship in the Park service will be held at 10 a.m., followed by more opportunities to tour the Pickler Mansion, swim at the city pool, and enjoy free carousel rides. The pool will also host a night swim from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday evening.

Throughout the weekend, visitors will find activities for all ages, from historical tours and family entertainment to sporting events and community gatherings. Organizers encourage everyone to come out and enjoy Wild West Days 2026 and celebrate Independence Day weekend in Faulkton.

Faulkton B & P Association Honors Veterans as 2026 Wild West Days Parade Marshals

The Faulkton Business & Professional Association is proud to announce that all veterans, past and present, have been selected as the Grand Marshals of the 2026 Faulkton Wild West Days Parade.

This year, our nation celebrates a remarkable milestone—250 years of freedom and independence in America. As we reflect on the sacrifices and dedication that have helped preserve those freedoms, the Faulkton Business & Professional Association felt there was no more deserving group to lead our community's signature parade than the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Veterans represent the courage, commitment, and selflessness that have helped protect our nation throughout its history. From those who answered the call during times of war to those who served during times of peace, each veteran has played an important role in safeguarding the liberties we often take for granted. Their willingness to put service above self has helped ensure that generations of Americans can continue to enjoy the freedoms and opportunities that define our nation.

Throughout Faulk County and the surrounding area, veterans have long been a vital part of our communities. They are our neighbors, family members, friends, business owners, farmers, ranchers, teachers, first responders, and community leaders. Their service did not end when they returned home. Many have continued to serve through volunteer work, civic organizations, churches, schools, and countless acts of kindness that strengthen the fabric of our community every day.

The decision to honor all veterans as this year's Parade Marshals was made as a way to recognize not only their military service, but also their continued contributions to our local communities. The Faulkton Business & Professional Association

believes that the celebration of Wild West Days provides the perfect opportunity to publicly thank those who have sacrificed so much on behalf of our country.

As America commemorates its 250th anniversary, we are reminded that freedom is never guaranteed. It has been protected and preserved by generations of brave men and women who answered the call to serve. Their dedication, perseverance, and patriotism have helped shape the nation we know today.

By naming all veterans as this year's Parade Marshals, we hope to express our community's deepest gratitude and appreciation. This honor is intended to recognize every veteran—whether they served decades ago or are currently serving today. Each has contributed to the legacy of freedom that we celebrate this year.

As Faulkton celebrates Wild West Days and America commemorates 250 years of freedom, we invite residents and visitors alike to join us in recognizing and honoring the veterans among us. We encourage everyone to attend the parade, wave a flag, and show their appreciation for the men and women who have dedicated a portion of their lives to serving our country.

Their sacrifices, dedication, and love of country deserve not only our respect, but our heartfelt thanks. On behalf of the Faulkton Business & Professional Association, thank you to all veterans for your service, your sacrifice, and your unwavering commitment to protecting our beautiful country. We are honored and privileged to celebrate you as the Grand Marshals of the 2026 Faulkton Wild West Days Parade.

May this year's celebration serve as a reminder of the freedoms we enjoy, the responsibilities we share, and the gratitude we owe to those who have helped preserve the American way of life for 250 years and counting.



Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

It seemed slow in coming, but summer has finally arrived. With that, an entire new heard of young people on bicycles scooters, skateboards and who knows what other forms of transportation.

To the drivers: Be cautious. Be alert. These kids are fast and there are more than a few that seem to appear out of thin air - oblivious of your presence.. They also have every right to be on the roads. Think about a 2,000 + lb. vehicle squaring off with a 47 pound little person on a ten pound bike. It doesn't bode well for the latter.

To the parents and guardians of these children: Please teach the traffic rules of the road. These kids have every right to be on the roads with the rest of us. They also have the responsibility to be cautious and observant travelers. Teach them to cross streets at crosswalks, hand signals, and acknowledge traffic signs.....common sense safety practices.

Not all drivers offer the right-of-way to pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles. They should. That being said, our children are out and about and they are geared up for summer. Let's all work to make it safer for

them. Drivers - parents - guardians - kids do your part. If everyone keeps their head on a swivel, we just might make it through the summer without any major mishaps.

John Pfeifer
Faulkton, SD

Wild West Days 2026 Set for July 3-5 in Faulkton

The community is gearing up for another exciting Wild West Days celebration July 3-5, offering three days packed with family activities, entertainment, sporting events, live music, food, and fireworks.

The festivities kick off Friday afternoon with the Blondie's & Flex Fitness Strongman Challenge on Court Street and continue throughout the weekend with popular attractions including the parade, Wheels & Wings Show, tractor pull, worship in the park, movies at the Lyric Theatre, and free carousel rides.

The annual fireworks display will light up the sky Friday night at 10:26 p.m., while Saturday's parade promises to draw visitors from across the region. Throughout the weekend, residents and visitors can enjoy tours of the historic Pickler Mansion, swimming at the city pool, and a

variety of community-sponsored events.

Friday, July 3

1 p.m. — Blondie's & Flex Fitness Strongman Challenge on Court Street (12:45 p.m. Calcutta); Kids Event with sign-up that day

1-4 p.m. — Tours at the Pickler Mansion

1-5:15 p.m. — Open Swim at the City Pool

4-6 p.m. — Free Carousel Rides

4:30-6:30 p.m. — Dacotah Bank Brat Feed

6:30 p.m. — Faulk County Saddle Club Bull Riding Event (6 p.m. Calcutta)

7 p.m. — J & J's Bean Bag Tournament (Sign-up by 6:30 p.m.)

7:30 p.m. — Lyric Theatre Movie

8 p.m. — DJ Music at Blondie's

10:26 p.m. — Fireworks Display

Saturday, July 4

8 a.m.-3 p.m. — Buttercup Coffee Open for Parade

J & J's — Open for Parade

10 a.m. — Wild West Days

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Parade (Line-up at 9 a.m.; no pre-registration required)

10:30 a.m. — Short Stop Bloody Mary Bar and Burger Bar

10:30 a.m. — Blondie's Hot Dog and Burger Bar

12-4 p.m. — Wheels & Wings Show at the Airport, east side of Faulkton (Registration begins at 11 a.m.)

1-4 p.m. — Tours at the Pickler Mansion

1-5:15 p.m. — Open Swim at the City Pool

1-4 p.m. — Free Carousel Rides

4 p.m. — Tractor Pull sponsored by Hanson's Inc.

4:30 p.m. — Lyric Theatre Special Showing of *The Sandlot*

4-6 p.m. — 4-H Carnival at the 4-H Grounds

6-8 p.m. — Free Carousel Rides

7:30 p.m. — Lyric Theatre Movie

8 p.m.-1 a.m. — Live Music at J & J's

Sunday, July 5

9 a.m. — Two-Person Scram-

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ble at Lakeside Country Club (Shotgun Start; includes lunch and mulligans; \$100 per team)

10 a.m. — Worship in the Park

1-4 p.m. — Tours at the Pickler Mansion

1-5:15 p.m. — Open Swim at the City Pool

3-5 p.m. — Free Carousel Rides

6-8 p.m. — Free Carousel Rides

6-8 p.m. — Night Swim at the City Pool

7:30 p.m. — Lyric Theatre Movie

Organizers invite everyone to come out and enjoy the annual Wild West Days celebration, featuring something for all ages throughout the holiday weekend.

Correction

Jessica Hadrick should have been on the A Honor Roll for 2nd Semester like she was mentioned in 4th quarter. Her name was missed by mistake.

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Notice K & L

Those vehicle owners whose last names begin with **K & L** need to renew their license plates by **Tuesday, June 30.**

Please note: bring your title, registration or postcard to license your vehicles.

Kris Stoecker, Faulk Co. Treasurer

BROWN BAG FOOD PANTRY

Date Changes

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Hometown Realty Minute

Tiffany Paul



5 Things Smart South Dakota Buyers Should Ask Their Realtor About Before Writing an Offer

By Tiffany Paul, Licensed Realtor with eXp Realty

When buyers think about making an offer on a home, they focus on one thing: price.

But the truth is, the strongest offers aren't always the highest offers. In fact, some of the most expensive mistakes happen after an offer is accepted because buyers overlook important details that could have protected them. Here in South Dakota, where our homes endure everything from subzero winters to summer storms, a well written offer can save you thousands of dollars and a lot of headaches down the road.

Here are five things savvy South Dakota buyers should discuss with their Realtor before submitting an offer.

1. Ask About a Home Warranty

A home warranty is not always appropriate, but it can be worth discussing, especially if you're purchasing an older home. A home warranty may help cover certain repairs to major systems and appliances during the first year of

ownership. If your furnace decides to quit during a South Dakota January or your water heater fails shortly after moving in, having some additional protection could be helpful. Not every seller will agree to provide one, but it never hurts to ask.

2. Get Specific About Repairs
One of the biggest mistakes buyers make is assuming everyone has the same understanding of what a repair agreement means.

If repairs are negotiated after an inspection, make sure the terms are clear.

Instead of saying, "Seller will complete repairs prior to closing," consider being more specific about:

- What repairs will be completed
- Whether receipts will be provided
- Whether a licensed contractor is required
- Whether the buyer will have the opportunity to verify completion

Clear expectations help prevent surprises during the final walkthrough.

3. Clarify What Stays With the Home

This may sound simple, but you would be surprised how often misunderstandings happen. Window treatments, garage shelving, mounted televisions, appliances, and even outdoor playsets can become points of confusion if they are not clearly addressed.

If there is something you absolutely want included with the property, make sure it is

written into the purchase agreement. When it is in writing, everyone knows what to expect.

4. Discuss Seller Concessions
Many buyers assume they must pay all of their closing costs themselves.

In some situations, sellers may be willing to contribute toward:

- Closing costs
- Prepaid expenses
- Interest rate buydowns
- Other allowable lender costs

This is particularly worth discussing when a home has been on the market for a while or when market conditions favor buyers.

A seller contribution could reduce the amount of cash needed at closing and make homeownership more affordable.

5. Have a Plan for Possession Dates

Closing day and move in day are not always the same thing.

Sometimes sellers need extra time after closing to move out. Other times buyers need immediate possession.

If timing is important, discuss it early and make sure expectations are documented.

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Having a clear agreement regarding possession dates can help everyone avoid unnecessary stress and last minute scrambling. A successful real estate transaction is about more than simply negotiating the purchase price.

The details matter. The right Realtor helps you think beyond the excitement of getting an offer accepted and focuses on protecting your interests every step of the way.

Whether you are buying your first home in Faulkton, upgrading in Aberdeen, relocating to Ipswich, or searching for acreage somewhere in between, a carefully written offer can make all the difference.

Because the goal isn't just to buy a house.

It's to buy the right house with the right protections in place.

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Record Notes

Weather

	H	L	P
Tues., June 9 . . .	95	64	
Wed., June 10 . . .	84	64	.70
Thurs., June 11 . . .	70	56	tr.
Fri., June 12 . . .	82	54	
Sat., June 13 . . .	74	52	.02
Sun., June 14 . . .	77	48	
Mon., June 15 . . .	81	45	

Scott Armstrong, Observer
The total amount of moisture in 2026 is 8.73 and ended 2025 with 7.24.

Faulkton Area Coming Events

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June 17: Faulkton Softball in Redfield with 8U at 5:30pm, 10U 6:30pm, and 12U 5:30pm & 6:30pm.

June 20: Faulkton Hitmen 12U Midseason tournament in Miller TBD.

June 23: Faulkton Hitmen baseball in Gettysburg with 8U starting at 5pm and 10U at 6pm & 12U 7:15pm.

June 24: Faulkton Softball in Orient 8U at 5:30pm, 10U 6:30pm, and 12U 5:30pm & 6:30pm. T-ball TBD

June 26 & 27: **Orient Days** with so many festivities both days! Show your support to all of our small but mighty communities in Faulk County!

June 30: Faulkton Hitmen baseball in Ipswich with 8U starting at 5pm and 10U at 6pm & 12U 7:15pm.

July 1: Faulkton Softball HOME against Miller 8U at 5:30pm, 10U 6:30pm, and 12U 7:30pm. T-ball 4:30pm.

July 3-5: Wild West Days! Schedule on page 2 of this edition of the Faulk County Record.

Faulkton Legion Post #102 - Monthly meeting is the **FIRST Monday** of the month at 7 pm at the Legion Hall!

Buttercup phone number! To Order your drink call **605-850-1763**.

Buttercup SUMMER HOURS open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Every Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. + If the easel is out, STOP IN!

Angel Among Us Daycare and FFA are collecting POP TOPS for the Ronald McDonald House to help families stay for free with loved ones while in the hospital.

Brown Bag Food Pantry is EVERY 4TH TUESDAY 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. For Help Call Church Office 605-598-6580 - Karen Collins 605-350-4227.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA/NA) is now back in session at Our Savior Lutheran Church, every Thursday at 8 p.m. If needed you may contact 605-216-5142. Cresbard Cemetery Board is seeking donations to meet expenses. They can be sent to the board c/o Ashley Kretschmar, PO Box 42, Cresbard, SD 57435.

The Faulk County Cancer Support Group is available to provide information and assistance to those with cancer in Faulk Co. and surrounding area. For more information, or to find out meeting dates and times, please contact April Sorensen at 605-598-1147.

There is help: food pantry available at St. Thomas Catholic Church, 1013 Court Street, in Faulkton, sponsored by the Faulk Co. Ministerial Assoc. phone 605-598-6590, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tues. thru Thurs.

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NOTICE OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

Faulk Conservation District Board of Supervisors

As of December 31, 2026, there will be four (4) vacancies on the Faulk Conservation District Board of Supervisors due to the expiration of the current terms of office:

Supervisor #1 Steve Schilder - 2 year term

Supervisor #2 Doug Clement - 2 year term

Supervisor #3 Matt Schulte - 2 year term

Supervisor #4 Grady Heitmann - 2 year term

Petitions may be filed in the office of the Faulk County Auditor located in the Faulk County Courthouse during regular business hours. **The deadline for filing nominating petitions is July 1, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Central time, with the auditor.**

If you have any questions, please contact Kristine Meyer, District Secretary, Faulk Conservation office at 605-598-6549 ext. 3.



Thank you for selecting our organization, Wild West Days, as part of your "Enjoy South Dakota" program in conjunction with ICAN this year. We are truly grateful for your support and enthusiasm, not only for our event but also for the many small communities that make the Venture family so special.

Your commitment to promoting and investing in local communities is greatly appreciated, and we are honored to be included. Thank you again for your partnership and support. We sincerely appreciate you and your organization and look forward to a successful year ahead.

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Obituaries

Earl Fix

Earl Fix, 75, of Faulkton, passed away Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen.

In accordance with Earl's wishes, no services will be held.

Earl Fix, a cherished husband, father and grandfather, passed away on June 13, 2026, at the age of 75. Born on June 23, 1950, in Hoven, South Dakota, Earl was the son of the late Frank and Rita (Waldman) Fix. His childhood, in Onaka, SD, was filled with hard work and dedication to the family farm.

On July 3, 1970, Earl married his lifelong companion, Sherry White, in Faulkton, South Dakota. Their union, lasting over 55 years, was a testament to devotion and love. Together they raised two wonderful children, Jason and Heidi.

Earl's professional journey was marked by dedication and an unwavering work ethic. For 36 years, he traversed the country as an over-the-road trucker, a career he held with pride until his retirement in 2013. His work allowed him to explore the vastness of America,

but his heart always remained rooted in the simple pleasures of home.

Outside of his professional life, Earl was a man of many passions. An avid fisherman, whether it was beneath the summer sun or amidst the chill of winter ice, he found immense joy in being at the Missouri River. He found endless joy in being outdoors, Earl's garden was a masterpiece of nature, a testament to his meticulous care and unyielding determination to keep it free of weeds.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Sherry Fix; children, Jason Fix (Sarah) and Heidi Ritchey; granddaughters: Jeannine Cook (Kelly), Brianna Paulson (Jakob) and Allison Siebrecht; great-grandchildren, Koe and Sloane Cook; his beloved cat, Mabel; and siblings Marlene, Shirley, and Jeff.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Rita Fix; brothers, Eugene and Allen; and his son-in-law, Vernon Ritchey.

Earl's legacy is one of strength, stubbornness and an



unmatched work ethic. His life was a testament to the values he held dear: hard work, family, and a profound appreciation for the beauty of nature.

Earl's memory will forever remain in our hearts, and his legacy will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to have known him. May he rest in peace, surrounded by the tranquility he so deeply cherished.

Luce Funeral Home of Faulkton has been entrusted with Earl's arrangements. (www.luceluzereck.com)

Dr. Jay D. Bachmayer MD

Dr. Jay D. Bachmayer MD, son of Karl and Miriam Bachmayer, was born March 11, 1949 in Aberdeen, SD. He moved on to another dimension June 10, 2026. He battled many personal health issues which ended in a tie. He wished to be cremated, and a celebration of his life will take place at a later date.

I was raised in Faulkton, SD and graduated from Faulkton High School where I excelled at football. My formative years were spent at Bachmayer Lumber Company where I learned carpentry, cabinet making and sound business practices from my dad and the skilled carpenters. This served me well in later years.

I continued my education at the University of South Dakota, followed by Medical School at USD and then the University of Iowa where I received my MD degree. Post-graduate medical training took place at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, and I became Board Certified in Internal Medicine.

After medical training, I practiced medicine in Aberdeen for 35 years before retiring and moving to Sioux Falls. My medical practice was very rewarding. "Find a job you love, and you'll never work a day in your life" - and I loved caring for my patients. Working with my wonderful staff, the hospital staff and fellow physicians were part of

what made going to work more than a job.

I met and courted the best person in my life, Vicki, in high school. We were married for nearly 56 years, and she always continued to be kind, loving and caring to everyone she encountered. She remained the love of my life. We had a fulfilling and adventuresome life and were fortunate to have three children - Kati, Abby, and Jay Alexander. I was always so proud of each as they grew into their chosen careers and lives. Loving and growing with them was my favorite job. I loved spending time with my wife and children. A highlight was traveling to and enjoying 35 National Parks over the years.

I enjoyed living at Mina Lake and hunting (especially pheasants). I was an enthusiastic and studious photographer and printed many images proudly displayed in my office and our home. I was an avid gardener and enjoyed growing new varieties and improving the soil.

My next favorite job was being a grandpa to three wonderful grandchildren - Will, Gabriel and Emelia. They have been an endless source of pleasure for me and enriched my life more than words could say. Our entire family has had great adventures over the years - thoughtfully planned and executed by Vicki and Abby. Watching my children and



grandchildren grow and mature has been especially gratifying and entertaining.

Dr. Bachmayer is survived by his wife, Vicki (Stammer); daughters Kati Bachmayer and Abby Bachmayer; son Jay Bachmayer, his wife (and special daughter-in-law) Ericka, and their children Will, Gabriel and Emelia; sister Susan Ripple and brother Kurt Bachmayer (wife Lisa Dalke). Preceding him in death were his parents, Karl and Miriam. He looks forward to seeing them - and you - again on the other side.

"Please remember that what you knew of me is with you always. What is buried is only the shell of what was. Do not regret the shell, but remember the man, remember the husband, father and grandfather."

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to Feeding South Dakota.

HIRING

Finance Officer
City of Onida, SD

This salaried position is responsible for managing the City's financial records, budgeting, payroll, utility billing, and attending City Council meetings. Duties also include maintaining official records, administering elections, and overseeing operations of the Phoenix Center.

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Expected started date is September 8th, 2026

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Faulkton Senior Living News

by Joyce Kalkman

The flower pots in our front yard and west patio and also at the Meadows are really looking great. Thanks to Shauna from the Kindred Cottage for all the plants. Janet and Joyce make sure everything gets watered good and God sends a little rain too. Our residents enjoy the scenery as they start off each day with their exercise routine. By afternoon time they are ready for any activity, and its usually bingo, their favorite! Patty Hansen comes over from the Meadows to assist the players while Ronalee Isack calls the numbers. Joyce decides we need a couple of free numbers so we came up with 7 and 46. Cecil Holdren's birthday was June 7th and he was 80 years old. So he must have been born in 1946. There's no 80 on the bingo card. After playing many regular, four corners and blackout bingo the winners were Louise Brown, Darlene Sabin, Vonnie Bowar, and Glenda Meister. The afternoon ended with the best treat ever from our sponsor the Catholic Daughters. You can't beat a pretty decorated, moist, red devils food Pam Hutchinson cake. Joyce and Eryka made sure all our residents got a piece of cake this day.

Janet was busy heading up the exercise program Tuesday morning with everyone given a 2 lb weight to lift and work the upper muscles. They worked on the legs and ankles by kicking 4 extra large balls across the room. In the afternoon it was time to play the 6 5 4 roll the dice game. Sharon Rezek seemed to always roll the right numbers

because she came out with the best score. Other nickel winners were Jim and Darlene Sabin. Afterwards it was time to enjoy cheese, crackers and fresh fruit for a good afternoon treat.

Wednesday morning it was the 2 lb weights again only this time Janet had them lifting and moving them around in all different directions. Grace Kopecky brought some little tots up from Jackie's Day Care to watch and exercise right with our residents. These little folks are welcome any time! Later in the morning the Catholics were in the chapel saying the rosary. Thanks to Deb Weinrich who is back again to lead the rosary. Then Father John comes to say mass and give us a talk on the day's Epistle 1Kings18:20-39 The Lord accepted the sacrifice of Elijah and not the sacrifice of the prophets of Baal. His offering was a sacrifice of repentance on behalf of the people. Our world is not so different from Elijah's as violent atrocities dominate the headlines! But God never rejects the offering of a heart intent on loving

Him.

Bingo was going on in the afternoon with Janet and Ronalee. Dorothy Smith picked out her favorite free numbers to start the game off. Winners were Shirley Genzler, Ann Beadle and Agnes Bertch. Banana bars with caramel frosting was a good treat afterward to go with the juice and coffee.

Everyone Janet had sitting in a big circle was given a soft hand ball to work with. This is good for the finger and wrist joints and to help keep the arthritis out. Kicking the large balls around is a fun way to end the exercise. Joyce got a group of energetic and inquisitive players together in the afternoon to play Card Bingo. The residents get along good with this game and your neighbor likes to assist you too. It was quite a group and when Charlie Keller wins he gets really ecstatic! Other winners were Albert Cummins, and Shirley Genzler.

Friday ends the week with Exercise, Bingo and Root Beer Floats. Janet takes care of all of it and the residents enjoy all of it too. Janice

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

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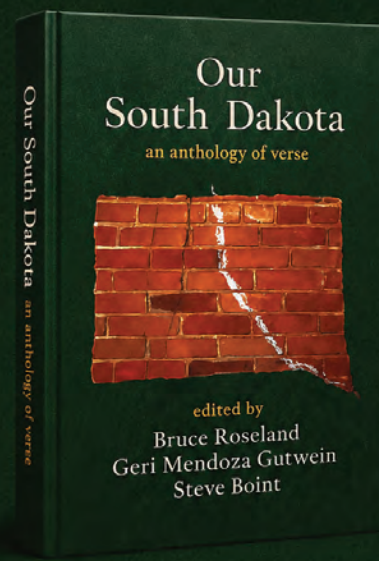
Hardie was here visiting so she picked out her favorite free numbers to get the bingo game going. Lucky winners were Ann Beadle, Bonnie Anderson, Leota Turner and Shirley Genzler. Thanks to Chuck Bowar for assisting with the bingo and the ice cream floats.

Worship Service was held Sunday afternoon with Pastor Bennett Clough of the United Methodist Church. Marlene Hammond assisted at the organ for the hymns: "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior" and

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord". Pastor's homily was on Romans 5:6-11. God proves how much he loves us and while we were still sinners Christ died for us. No matter how low we may fall God still loves us. He still wants to rescue us and restore us to himself! Closing hymn was "The Cleansing Stream". After the service Pastor and the residents all enjoyed juice, coffee, and Rhubarb bars, while visiting, thanks to Mark the cook.

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Thank You!

I want to take this opportunity to thank the community of Faulkton for the outpouring of encouragement, thanks, kind words, and accolades over the past few months as I officially retire from the Faulkton Area School District at the end of the month.

It has truly been my pleasure to have worked alongside so many wonderful educators over the past twenty-one years. I cannot say enough about the quality of teachers we have here in Faulkton. Their dedication to education and the community is top notch. We traditionally have had little turnover in our classrooms, and this is a direct correlation to the support from the parents and patrons of the district.

I would also like to thank the leadership provided over the years from forward-thinking school boards and superintendents. These individuals have all given of their time and talents to provide an excellent education for our young people and at the same time kept the tax burden low compared to many other school districts across the state.

My family and I feel blessed to be part of the greater Faulkton community and do not plan on leaving anytime soon. As many of you are aware, I am embarking on a second career in the ministry with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. My goal, with the help of God, is to serve the congregations of Immanuel, Wecota and Concordia, Cresbard in the years to come.

In closing, thank you again to the parents, students, patrons, and teachers of our community for making this such a special place to work, live and raise a family. God Bless.

Craig Cassens

Senior Nutrition Program Menu
Faulkton

Wednesday, June 24
Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Catalina

Wed., June 17 thru Wed., June 24
Wednesday, June 17
Kielbasa with mac and cheese, California blend, fruit, whole wheat bread.
Thursday, June 18
Meatloaf, baked potato, green beans, fruit, whole wheat bread.
Friday, June 19
Closed! Juneteenth Day!
Monday, June 22
Cook's Choice.
Tuesday, June 23
Baked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, Capri blend, fruit, whole wheat bread.

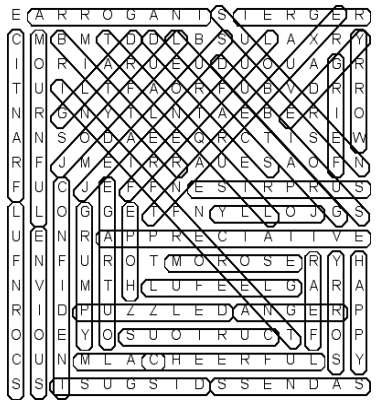
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 - Steamy appliance
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 - Overhang
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 - Wedding paths
 - Week elements
 - Beetle Bailey's superior
 - Build
 - Small beads
 - Snaky fish
 - Exceed
 - Humor
 - Picasso's board
 - Musical drama
 - Hideouts
 - Computer operator
- DOWN**
- Seasonal beverage
 - Botch things up
 - Steeped beverage
 - Horse goad
 - Summits
 - Painting, e.g.
 - Smudged
 - Fuel type
 - Taken by mouth
 - "Lonesome ____"
 - Wallet items
 - Walk leisurely
 - Normal
 - Circle
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 - Region
 - Bikini piece
 - Like Kojak
 - Make ____ meet
 - Small gardening plot
 - Phonograph record
 - Arctic structure
 - Not shallow
 - Surface measure
 - Scream
 - More prone
 - Demolish
 - Meadow munchers
 - Car's "shoe"
 - Top-billed player
 - Employ
 - Ran off to wed
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 - Messy person
 - Roman garment
 - Dinner bread
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 - Ticked off

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Thune's Office Accepting Fall Internship, Senate Page Program Applications

U.S. Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.) is currently seeking college students to serve as fall interns in his office in Washington, D.C., as well as in his offices in Aberdeen, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls.

Interns in Thune's Washington, D.C., office will have the opportunity to witness the legislative process and attend Senate votes and hearings, while interns in the state offices will participate in constituent service and state outreach activities. Both Washington, D.C., and in-state internships are paid and will allow students to work closely with constituents, hone their research and writing skills, and gain valuable office experience.

"Interns who are selected will receive a firsthand look at the legislative process and the day-to-day life in a congressional office," said Thune. "In Washington, interns will have the opportunity to attend Senate votes and hearings and participate in other activities that are unique to Capitol Hill. Students who are interested in interning in Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, or Rapid City will find an equally rewarding experience with assisting staff on important constituent

service requests and state outreach activities, which are critical to my work for the people of South Dakota. I encourage all college students who are interested in these opportunities to apply today."

College students who are interested in interning in Thune's Washington, D.C., Aberdeen, Rapid City, or Sioux Falls offices can apply by July 12, 2026, at <https://sen.gov/ZL500> or they can locate the

application at www.thune.senate.gov under the "Services" tab.

Thune is also seeking applications for this year's fall Senate Page Program. Fall page eligibility is limited to students who have completed their sophomore year of high school and who will be 16 or 17 years old on or before the date of appointment. To learn more about the page program, visit <https://sen.gov/6QYK>.

Eligible high school students can apply by June 11, 2026, at <https://sen.gov/1VQ6R>. Pages must be a U.S. citizen and have a least a 3.0 grade point average.

Thune serves as the Senate majority leader, and is a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and

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Cresbard Honors the Fallen on Memorial Day

The Cresbard community gathered Monday, May 25, to remember and honor America's fallen service members during the annual Memorial Day program hosted by the Cresbard American Legion.

Commander Brett Toennies opened the service as Legion members advanced the colors. Chaplain Gerald Toennies offered the opening prayer before Creightyn Vetter led those in attendance in the Pledge of Alle-

giance. The audience then joined together in singing the National Anthem.

Rachel Melius provided a piano medley, setting a reflective tone for the morning. Guest speaker Courtney Steffen, Past Department Commander of the American Legion Auxiliary from Chester, delivered remarks recognizing the sacrifices made by veterans and their families.

Creightyn Vetter also presented a patriotic reading, while members of the American Legion Auxiliary conducted the traditional Flower Ceremony and Memorial Roll Call. Participating were Rita Walter, Ali Walter, Pat Olen and Jean Jackson. Barb Vet-

ter offered the Auxiliary Prayer.

A special musical tribute followed as Teresa Melius and Rachel Melius performed the duet "Day Is Done," a touching rendition that reflected the solemn purpose of the day. The congregation then joined in

singing "God Bless America."

Following a closing prayer by Chaplain Gerald Toennies, Legion members retired the colors, bringing the ceremony to a close. Laura Melius served as pianist throughout the program, while Creightyn Vetter distrib-

uted poppies and programs.

Afterward, community members gathered at the Cresbard Community Center for lunch and fellowship, continuing a long-standing tradition of remembrance, gratitude and community spirit.



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Prairie Doc Perspective
“On the Spectrum”

By Debra Johnston, MD

I had a friend in high school who was generally considered a bit odd. He didn't dress quite right, never knew how to ...read the room,” and often talked far too long and in far too much detail about computers— at a time when very few households even had one.

The movie Rain Man, in which an autistic character is abducted from an institution by his greedy younger brother, had yet to be released, and certainly no one in my circle was familiar with autism. Once we were, it was Dustin Hoffman's portrayal of Raymond Babbitt that defined our understanding. For decades, this was the dominant image, even while the diagnostic criteria expanded to include people with less dramatic challenges. Today, I suspect my friend would have been recognized as being ...on the spectrum.”

Autism is an ancient condition. Some researchers suspect it explains stories about changelings, fey creatures swapped for humans. While most individuals with classic autism have disappeared

from the historical record, and certainly, given that it wasn't until the DSMIII was published in 1980 that autism was defined as a distinct condition, we can only speculate about historical figures. Nevertheless, many of our greatest thinkers and innovators may have been ...on the spectrum.” Michelangelo, DaVinci, Newton, Einstein, Orwell, Twain. . . the list goes on. Sia, Bella Ramsey, Dan Ackroyd, Anthony Hopkins, and of course Elon Musk have all publicly disclosed their diagnoses.

People with autism spectrum disorders are unique human beings, in the same way we are all unique. The condition may present very differently between one person and another. That can make it challenging, for families, schools, clinicians, and of course for the individual themselves! The support that is critical for one person may be utterly useless for another, but research consistently shows that the right support at the right time can help someone succeed, academically, and socially. Of course this is true for us all, but since the challenges faced by people with autism are by

definition greater, the need is greater.

Autism is often accompanied by other conditions, such as ADHD, OCD, epilepsy, and allergies, and well recognized genetic disorders such as Down syndrome. This merely adds to the diversity of the autism experience, and further demonstrates why there isn't a single ...box” into which people with autism can be sorted.

My high school friend? Well, we've lost touch over the years, but I know he followed his passion for computers and is very successful in his field.

I hope he is surrounded by people who appreciate him for who he is.

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Medical Minutes by April Sorensen, Ed. Coord. and Pool Manager
When “Helpful” Gear Can Hurt Swimming Skills

As a pool manager, I'm often asked about swim gear like nose plugs, full-face goggles (that cover the nose), and arm floaties. While these items may seem helpful—especially for beginners—they can actually interfere with proper swimming technique and water safety if relied on too heavily.

Let's start with nose plugs and goggles that cover the nose. These can create a false sense of comfort by preventing water from entering the nose, but they also prevent swimmers from learning an essential skill: controlled breathing. Proper swimming technique includes learning how to exhale through the nose while underwater. This helps swimmers stay relaxed, maintain rhythm, and avoid panic if water splashes their face. When swimmers depend on devices to block water completely, they often struggle when those devices are removed or shift unexpectedly—which can happen easily during play. Goggles that cover both the eyes and nose can also limit a swimmer's ability to practice breath control naturally. In some cases, they may even encourage poor head positioning, making it harder to develop efficient stroke technique. Arm floaties (water wings) are another commonly used item that can do more harm than good over time. While they may keep a child afloat, they hold the body in a vertical position—completely opposite of the horizontal position needed for real swimming. This can delay learning how to kick, float, and move through the water properly. Children who rely on floaties often struggle to transition to independent swimming because their muscle memory has developed incorrectly.

Additionally, none of these devices are considered life-saving equipment. They can slip off, deflate, or create overconfidence in situations where close supervision is still necessary. Instead, we encourage the use of properly fitted life jackets for safety and participation in swim lessons to build real skills. Learning to be comfortable in the water—without relying on restrictive gear—is one of the most important steps toward becoming a safe, confident swimmer.

Please bring your insurance and identification information to your appointment

June 17th

ER: 24/7
 Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm
 Echo-cardiograms

June 18th

ER: 24/7
 Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm
 Ultrasounds
 Carr Clinic

June 19th

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 Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm

June 20th

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June 23rd

ER: 24/7
 Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm
 Ultrasounds

June 24th

ER: 24/7
 Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm
 Echo-cardiograms
 Nephrology

Faulkton School Board June 8 Proceedings

No. 128, June 17, 2026

Board of Education Meeting Minutes Faulkton Area School District 24-4 Faulk, Hand, Hyde and Potter Counties, South Dakota Monday, June 8, 2026 6:00pm

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a meeting of the School Board of Faulkton Area School District 24-4, of Faulk, Hand, Hyde and Potter Counties, South Dakota, was held on June 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Faulkton School Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Aaron Lorenzen, at 6:04 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Roll call of members present were Kelly Aesoph, Matt Bossly, Glenna Clement, Aaron Lorenzen, and Ryan Nelson (via speakerphone). Also present were Superintendent Dan Martin, Business Manager Lisa Hushka, and the following others: Steve Eldeen (CHS).

2025-26.142. Agenda Approval. Motion by Aesoph, second by Nelson, to approve the proposed agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Acknowledgements. Mr. Martin and the board acknowledged and congratulated the state track and golf qualifying and placing athletes on a great season. Special acknowledgement was

made to Spencer Melius, who was State B Champion in the boys javelin and also broke his own state record.

Conflict of Interest Waivers. No waivers were presented.

Open Forum. No comments from the public were made.

2025-26.143. Consent Agenda. Motion by Aesoph, second by Clement, to approve the following consent agenda: minutes of the May 11, 2026 meeting, May 2026 Financial Statement, May 2026 Imprest Report, May 2026 Trust and Custodial Fund Report, and payment of the presented bills for June 8, 2026. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

May-26	General Fund	Capitol Outlay	Special Education	Bond Redemption	Food Service	Drive Ed. Fund	T & A
Beginning Balance	1,080,616.64	1,408,650.41	550,470.26	79,608.07	123,357.50	10,032.43	100,980.55
Beginning Cash	1,030,640.89	1,408,650.41	550,470.26	79,608.07	123,357.50	10,032.43	85,835.78
Investments	49,975.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,144.77
Receipts	985,720.22	438,721.33	367,229.00	256,878.90	16,708.39	22.67	23,641.60
Expenditures	366,574.36	47,358.96	67,846.95	144,125.00	31,891.35	0.00	20,642.29
Ending Balance	1,699,762.50	1,800,012.78	849,852.31	192,361.97	108,174.54	10,055.10	103,979.86
Ending Cash	1,649,775.24	1,800,012.78	849,852.31	192,361.97	108,174.54	10,055.10	88,823.80
Investments	49,987.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Receipts:							
Food Service Sales					8,691.37		
Federal Food Service Reimb.					7,740.84		
State of SD-State Aid	146,995.00						
Gym Memberships	150.00						
Activity Passes/							
Gate Receipts	291.46						
Credit Cards Fees Collected	91.03						
Yearbooks	378.00						
Other Refunds/Reimb.	983.80						
Bank Interest	2,369.66	3,182.62	1,243.70	179.86	276.18	22.67	
Hyde County	10,773.82	6,966.51	5,854.12	4,106.23			
Potter County	2,580.72	1,116.38	938.08	657.92			
Hand County	69,875.61	43,053.21	36,178.59	25,376.21			
Faulk County	751,231.12	384,402.61	323,014.51	226,558.68			
Total Receipts	\$985,720.22	\$438,721.33	\$367,229.00	\$256,878.90	\$16,708.39	\$22.67	\$0.00

May 2026 Imprest Payments: Fees: Miller School \$100, Eureka School \$100, Split Rock Country Club \$70, Lee Park \$120, Warner School \$200, Gettysburg School \$200, Craig Cassens \$100, Frederick School \$55.77, Kyle Mueller \$38.66, Kyle Erdahl \$112.54, Brice Cunningham \$74.11.

Travel: Nichole Melius \$96.11, Craig Cassens \$100, Dacotah Bank \$1,787, Chase Casper \$30.01
Supplies: USPS \$33.39, Dacotah Bank \$100.

Lunch Refunds: Sylvia Anderson \$63.25, Elizabeth Koenigs \$115.60, Kim Leonhardt \$138.81, Tara Schlechter \$24.80.

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benefits, Food Service \$2,089.23 w/ benefits.

2025-26.144. RESCIND MOTION 2025-26.127. Food Service Management Company (FSMC) Renewal. Motion by Nelson, second by Clement, to rescind the following motion made at the May 11, 2026 board meeting: "Motion by Nelson, seconded by Clement, to approve Taher's 1st renewal, with a 2% CPI increase, as food service management company for the 2026-27 school year." All members voted aye, motion carried. The CPI used was incorrect.

2025-26.145. Food Service Management Company (FSMC) Renewal. Motion by Nelson, second by Clement, to approve Taher's 1st renewal, with a 3.9% CPI increase, as food service management company for the 2026-27 school year." All members voted aye, motion carried.

2025-26.146. FAMC Agreement for Services - Birth to Three (PT & OT services). Motion by Aesoph, second by Clement, to approve the agreement with FAMC for Services - Birth to Three. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Land Exchange Update & Discussion. Mr. Martin stated that the Edmunds Central school board is discussing the potential land exchange at their board meeting tonight.

2025-26.147. Gasoline & Propane Quotes. Motion by Nelson, second by Clement, to accept the quote from CHS for propane in the amount of \$1.32/gallon. The only other quote received was from Agtegra for propane in the amount of \$1.349 /gallon. New rate is effective from 7/1/25 to 6/30/26. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Hushka stated she advertised for quotes for gasoline/E85 and did not receive any. Agtegra and BerMac were also contacted and they did not wish to submit a quote.

FASD Donation Process Discussion. Chairman Lorenzen wanted to discuss the district's donation process before accepting donations for the football field turf tank lease. The board decided to allow donations and a process will be established.

Capital Outlay Budget Discussion The board discussed the Capital Outlay budget. It was decided to keep the levy amount at \$959,000 for 2026-27. This is the same levy as budgeted in FY24, FY25, and FY26. The board also decided to pay off the auxiliary gym

loan in July with surplus fund balance. The budget will be published on July 1st, 2026 and approved/adopted at the September board meeting.

2025-26.148. Early Education/ Birth to 3 Instructor. Motion by Nelson, second by Clement, to offer a 2026-27 work agreement to Shae Stephenson, as Early Education/Birth to 3 Instructor, at \$26.80 per unit. All members voted aye, motion carried.

2025-26.149. Contract Amendment. Motion by Aesoph, second by Nelson, approve Brooke Niederbaumer's 2026-27 amended contract, moving from a BA Step 2, to a BA+15 Step 2, in the amount of \$48,001, per the master contract. All members voted aye, motion carried.

2025-26.150. Open Enrollment Application(s). Motion by Aesoph, second by Clement, to approve two open enrollment applications. All members voted aye, motion carried.

June Special Board Meeting. The end of the fiscal year board meeting will be on June 30, 2026 at 8:15 a.m.

Superintendent's Report. Mr. Martin discussed the following topics with the board: 1. RFP, 2. School Board Policies, 3. Land Exchange, 4. Roof Work, 5. Surplus, 6. Open House, 7. Auxiliary Gym Update, 8. Regional PD, 9. ASBSD-SASD Convention, 10. 5-year capital outlay plan, 11. School Year 2026-27.

Elementary Principal/Sped Director's Report. No report.
Middle School/High School Principal Report. No report.

2025-26.151. Executive Session. Motion by Aesoph, second by Bossly, to go into executive session at 8:03 p.m. for SDCL 1-25-2 (#1, #2). #1 or the purpose of discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. The term, employee, does not include any independent contractor. #2. For the purpose of discussing the expulsion, suspension, discipline, assignment of or the educational program of a student or the eligibility of a student to participate in interscholastic activities provided by the South Dakota High School Activities Association, as set forth in SDCL 1-25-2. All members voted aye, motion carried. Out of executive session at 8:10 p.m.

2025-26.152. Adjournment. Motion by Aesoph, second by Nelson, to

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adjourn at 8:10 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Business Official, Lisa Hushka
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Faulk County Commissioners June 9 Proceedings

No 127, June 17, 2026

FAULK COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING June 9, 2026 (Unapproved Minutes)

Chairman Allen Hadrick called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Those present were: Commissioner Allen Hadrick, Commissioner Kevin Horning, Commissioner Lee Hansen, Commissioner Elect Steve Roseland and Auditor Aimee Law.

OPEN TO PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEE CONCERNS: EXECUTIVE SESSION:

2026.6.23 Commissioner Allen Hadrick made a motion and Commissioner Kevin Horning seconded to go into executive session at 8:10 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. The term "employee" does not include any independent contractor. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner

Elect Steve Roseland and Brian Bell were also present. At 8:50 a.m. Auditor Law was asked to join the executive. The Commission came out of executive session at 8:58 a.m. No action was taken.

2026.6.24 Commissioner Kevin Horning made a motion and Commissioner Lee Hansen seconded it to approve the plat Showing: HB Addition in the NE1/4 of Section 22, Township 118 North, Range 69 West of the 5th P.M., Faulk County, South Dakota. Motion passed unanimously.

2026.6.25 Commissioner Kevin Horning made a motion and Commissioner Allen Hadrick seconded it to approve the quote from Midwest Pipe Lining in the amount of \$10,655.12 to address the repairs needed to the pipe for the 1st floor SW bathroom going out to road. Motion passed unanimously.

Short discussion was held on the 2027 Faulk County budget and some upcoming meetings were tentatively scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

2026.6.26 There being no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Horning made a motion and Commissioner Hadrick seconded it to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m..

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Preserving the Past, Building the Future: Faulk County Museum Begins New Chapter

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For generations of Faulk County residents, the building has been much more than a structure of brick and mortar. It has served as a gathering place, a shopping destination, and now a home for preserving local history. As renovation work begins, community members are reflecting on the many roles the building has played throughout the years.

Many residents remember the building as LaVonne Wolff's Skogmo Store, where families shopped for everyday necessities

and children explored the aisles with excitement. Others recall it as Phyl's Town and Country, while another generation remembers Missouri River Fish and Tackle, a destination for outdoor enthusiasts from across the region.

Today, the building houses the Faulk County Museum, where artifacts, photographs, and historical records help tell the story of the county's people, communities, and heritage.

"Buildings like this are more than just physical structures," members of the Historical Society note. "They are woven into the daily lives and memories of the people who lived, worked, shopped, and gathered there."

Over the decades, the building has adapted to meet the changing needs of the community. Now, once again, it is evolving to ensure its future.

Phase 1 of the renovation project will involve removing a portion of the existing building,

The second phase will focus on preserving the remaining front section of the structure, including the installation of a much-needed new roof. These improvements are designed to protect the building and ensure it remains a fixture on Faulkton's Main Street



for years to come.

While looking ahead to the museum's future, Historical Society members are also looking back to uncover more of the building's past. They are asking community members to help fill in the gaps in the structure's history.

The Historical Society is seeking photographs, stories, and memories connected to the building, including information about businesses that may have occupied the space before the Skogmo Store era. Residents who worked in the building, shopped there, or have family connections to its earlier years are encouraged to share their recollections.

Every photograph, story, and memory contributes to preserving a more complete history—not only of the building itself, but of the generations of people

whose lives intersected within its walls.

As renovations move forward, the Faulk County Museum stands as a reminder that preserving history is not simply about protecting old buildings. It is about honoring the memories, experiences, and community connections that give those buildings meaning.

The Faulk County Historical Society invites anyone with information, photographs, or stories about the building to contact the society and help preserve this important piece of Faulk County history.

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