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2,983 Flags Honor Those Lost on 9/11

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BELLE FOURCHE—On the morning of September 11, 2001, the world changed forever as the first of four coordinated terrorist attacks struck the World Trade Center in New York City. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the attacks.

The Center of the Nation 9/11 Remembrance organization will host two days of activities Sept. 11–12 to honor those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and remember those whose lives were forever affected by the tragedy. Their hope is to carry forward the spirit of unity and service that followed 9/11.

The program has evolved from the Remembrance Walk that was started by the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department to honor first responders and others lost in the attacks. “The Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department started it with the Remembrance Walk. They’ve done it annually for several years and we’ve participated in that with them for the last few years,” explained Alicia Giaculli, organizer. “We asked them if they would be okay with us helping make it a little bit bigger and something more than the walk and they were all right with us doing that.”

Honoring those affected by the attacks and helping foster



Volunteers help assemble the flags for the 9/11 Memorial Flag Tribute. *Courtesy photo*

the unity our country found afterward is important to Alicia and Joe Giaculli. Joe was a first responder on the scene of the horrific attacks. “My husband is a first responder. He was a first responder in the World Trade Center and worked there afterwards as a recovery worker—he worked in recovery for about 13 months afterwards,” shared

Alicia.

There is a full slate of Remembrance activities planned for Friday, September 11, and Saturday, September 12. The opening ceremony begins at 8 a.m. September 11 in Herrmann Park. Jim Thompson will serve as the MC for the event.

Several guest speakers are scheduled for the occasion.

“We’re going to have several speakers from the community. Senator Rounds will be there speaking... Kayla Grams will be speaking. It will be a whole hour of speakers and ceremony. The color guard will be there to present colors,” explained Alicia.

Moments of silence are planned to remember and honor

each of the four attacks. At 8:46 a.m. Flight 11 hit the North Tower; at 9:03 a.m. Flight 175 hit the South Tower; at 9:37 a.m. Flight 77 hit the Pentagon; and at 10:03 a.m. Flight 93 went down in Pennsylvania. “The moment of silence is at 8:46—that’s the time of the first

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Poker Run Brings Riders Together for a Cause



Getting ready to head out on the Poker Run. *Longbrake photo*

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BELLE FOURCHE—With only fifteen members, the small but mighty Fire & Iron Motorcycle Station 118 has been working hard to raise money and support important causes in the local community. On Sunday, September 6, they hosted the Show Me Your Pink Poker Run for local cancer warriors.

The Poker Run was held to raise money for Dionne Walters, who grew up in Belle Fourche. “We’re basically doing a poker run, a rifle raffle, silent auction and stuff, raising money for Dionne Walters—she grew up in Belle Fourche,” explained Rik Bartels, president. “So we just try to raise money for people in the community that need some help.”

Fire & Iron Motorcycle Station 118 has been part of the local community since 2013. “Most MCs have chapters, we have stations—we’re made up of firefighters—current, active, or retired firefighters and support personnel. We are an international club that is fire-related with one chapter and that’s the

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Newell Welcomes Visitors for Annual Labor Day Celebration

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NEWELL—For three days, the little town of Newell expanded to welcome friends, family, visitors, competitors and anyone else looking for something fun to do during Labor Day weekend. The 67th annual Newell Labor Day celebration kicked off Saturday, September 5, and ran through Monday, September 7, with action-packed activities each day.

On Saturday, September 5, the early morning crowd headed to the Newell Evangelical Church parking lot for the Labor Day 5K Fun Run/Walk/Bike, which started at 8 a.m. Next, the excitement moved out to the Newell Rodeo Arena for the Ranch Rodeo and Calcutta, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Newell Museum and Quilt Show, both located at City Hall, were open for visitors from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Quilt Show had 54 quilted items on display.

Around 5 p.m., the action

moved to the Newell Volunteer Fire Department for the Fireman’s BBQ. The Fire Department fed hungry supporters a variety of beef, pork and lamb sandwiches with all the fixings for a free-will offering.

Newell FFA Chapter hosted a Goat Roping at the Newell Ram Sale Building beginning at 6:30 p.m. The fundraiser had over 120 teams sign up to compete, with the team of Devin Garza and Craig Nelson winning first place. Cooper Cermak and Clancy Todd placed second, and Rachel Braun and Colton Lougie ended up third.

The first night of the celebration ended with a dance at the Newell Bar, where Williams & Wright provided live music.

Sunday, September 6, brought another day full of Labor Day activities and a bunch of people to town to enjoy the festivities. Beginning at 10 a.m., crowds divided their time between the J.D. Mutchler Memorial Team Roping and Breakaway Roping at the arena and the Car Show

at the South Park. The park was full of spectators looking under the hoods of all the show cars, pickups and tractors. Visitors were asked to cast a vote for their top three favorite cars and their favorite truck and tractor.

The Cornhole tournament began at 2 p.m. in South Park. The Newell Community Club put on the event, which featured two-player teams paying \$60 to enter. Winners received cash prizes.

Down the road on Girard Avenue was the Tractor Pull. Spectators backed their vehicles up along the track and put out lawn chairs to sit in and cheer on the tractor drivers as they tried their best to pull the heavily weighted sled as far as they could. Mimi’s Food Truck provided good eats for the day.

The Quilt Show and Museum were open for the afternoon once again.

Monday morning, a large number of paraders lined the

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The FFA Goat Roping event. *Longbrake photo*

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Judith Maki, 86

Judith “Judy” Hannette (Jeremiason) Maki, age 86, of Richmond, Texas, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2026. Judy was born on July 27, 1939, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, to Norma and Hans Jeremiason. She graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 1957 and went on to attend the University of Wyoming, where she earned a degree in Home Economics in 1960.

It was at the University of Wyoming that Judy met the love of her life, Jerry W. Maki. They were married on October 7, 1960, and shared 58 years together. Judy and Jerry were blessed with three children: Jami Boland, Jill Maki, and Joel Maki.

Throughout Jerry’s career in the oil industry, the family enjoyed a life filled with travel, adventure, and new friendships. They made their homes in Utah, Colorado, Louisiana, Texas, Wyoming, and eventually returned to Texas. Judy and Jerry also spent time overseas in Kenya and Venezuela, experiences that became part of a lifetime of treasured memories.

Judy had a natural gift for bringing people together and was actively involved in the communities in which she lived. She participated in both AIME Wives and SPE Wives, serving as president of each organization. A proud alumna of Chi Omega sorority, Judy remained active with the Corpus Christi, Texas, chapter and participated in sorority recruitment activities. While raising her children, she was also actively involved in



their schools through the PTA and served as PTA president for one year.

Among Judy’s favorite pastimes was playing bridge. She loved the game and rarely passed up an opportunity to sit down at a bridge table with friends. Throughout her life, she valued friendship, family, community, and the many relationships she built along the way.

Judy will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by her daughter, Jill Maki of Katy, Texas; her son, Joel Maki of Lewiston, California; her grandchildren, Deborah (Boland) Fletcher, Thomas “Trey” Carl Boland III, and Victoria Maki; and her great-grandchildren, Vivian and Seth Fletcher.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Norma and Hans Jeremiason; her daughter, Jami (Maki) Boland; and her beloved husband, Jerry W. Maki, who passed away on January 10, 2018, following a courageous battle with cancer.

A graveside service honoring Judy’s life will be held on Friday, September 11, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Pine Slope Cemetery, Block F, Lot 52, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

Following the service, family and friends are invited to gather for a reception at the Branding Iron Steakhouse and Social Club in Belle Fourche to share memories and celebrate Judy’s life.

Pastor’s Perspective
“A Waiting People”

This Perspective is adapted from C.H. Spurgeon.

God’s waiting people wait upon God expectantly. They are looking for everything from him, for he is their all in all. They have had a great deal from God, and they expect more from him. They swim in a river of grace already, and they are floating on to an ocean of glory. They know that they have nothing in themselves; but they rejoice that they have everything in their God.

Every morning they see that the light for the day comes from above, and so for spiritual things they lift up their eyes to the hills, whence cometh their help. They are not waiting in despair, nor even in hesitation; they are waiting in hope, a joyous and assured hope of blessedness in reserve. They confidently expect to find their way in the Lord grow brighter and brighter, and still brighter, from the twilight of the morning to the shining of the perfect day.

Oh, my brethren, let us wait and watch even as men look for the dawn, because they know that it will not fail them.

But, say you, What are they waiting for? I answer, God’s people are waiting upon him patiently for many things. Sometimes they wait for the tokens of his grace: they are believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, and yet they may not for the moment enjoy the peace and comfort which are theirs by faith. If they had more faith their peace would at once be as a river; but it is well if they have faith enough to wait for that peace.

At times faith may be very weak, and then it is well if it clings and abides in its place. A man may believe and be saved, and yet he may not be sure of his own salvation, nor discern the safety and blessedness of his condition in Christ Jesus.

Oh soul, if thou canst not get out of the dark, believe in the dark. If thou hast light enough just to look to Christ by faith, though thou canst not perceive all his beauties and his glories, yet remember thou art bidden to look,



and art saved by looking, however dim the light may be. If thou canst but look to the cross so as to trust wholly to the Lamb of God, he hath taken away thy sin.

All the joy of the Lord, and all the peace and all the rest that come of faith do not come at once; but thou must wait for them. These are the ripe ears of corn, and thou must plough in hope and sow in faith, ere these can be reaped. The graces of the Christian character, the assurance of faith, the strength of courage, the mellowness of experience, all these are peaceable fruits of righteousness which will come in their season and not before.

Surely some of the Lord’s people appear to attain to joy and peace at once, and keep it all their days. These are favoured indeed. I wish that we were in like case; but if we are not, let us not despair, but still trust in the Lord our Righteousness.

If he has never yet given thee a comfortable word, still cling to him as she did whom he likened to the dogs, but who yet replied, “Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” It is thine to look to Christ, it is his to give thee light. If thy face as yet be not lightened, yet keep it towards the sun, even Jesus the Lord.

“Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.” It must in the end be well with the man who trusteth in God and waiteth for him; yea, it is well already, for the Lord in our text pronounces all such to be blessed, and blessed they are.

Let us wait for those spiritual delights and inward joys which are the portion of believers, and if they come not immediately, let us solace ourselves with this present benediction— “Blessed are all they that wait for him.”

Psalm 37:5

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father, Help us to trust You when we cannot see what lies ahead. Give us patience when we are weary, wisdom when we are uncertain, and strength to follow where You lead. Remind us that Your timing is greater than our own. May we walk through this week with peaceful hearts and renewed faith. Amen.

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Steve Parker throws a bag in the Belle Silver Lining Cornhole Tournament.

From A1 9/11 attack on the North Tower. So when the plane hits the North Tower we're going to do that moment of silence as a group, and then after that we will have moments of silence for each time point throughout the day," shared Alicia. "The bells will be tolling—the church is going to toll bells before the moments of silence, and they will do that so the public can participate in moment of silence on their own... but we'll do the first one together as a group."

In the shelter area in Herrmann Park, there will be a display for visitors to peruse. "At that picnic shelter across the street from Bowman Hall there'll be information. We have some newspapers—New York Post and the Daily Post from September 12th through the 22nd—my husband has had those. We'll have those on display. We'll have some other educational information and timelines of each time point... on September 11th. People can walk through and read about what happened on that day," said Alicia.

There will also be a Remembrance Wall for people to share their thoughts and read about others.

"That's going to be a space where people can write their thoughts, feelings, memories, whatever it is that they that they want—words to families, to survivors, words to current first responders, if that's what they want to do. Just a space for community to write their thoughts," said Alicia. "We've been referring to it as a tunnel—the timeline is on one side after you get the picnic shelter, and the Remembrance Wall on the other—as you walk through it you come out the end and you'll see the flags."

The informational area will lead out to the 9/11 Memorial Flag Tribute, a visual reminder of the loss that our country suf-

fered that day. "There are 2,983 flags—we're matching the 9/11 Memorial and Museum's database. That includes the February 26, 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center... and the six victims from that," explained Alicia. "It's going to be very impactful, and that's what we're going for because we have a whole generation of people that were not here during September 11th, and it's a very meaningful way to show how much it impacted not only the families but also our country."

Each flag will include a personalized tag with the victim's name and story, reminding visitors that these were not simply numbers, but people with lives, families and stories.

Then later in the day, beginning at 6 p.m. in Herrmann Park, the Remembrance Walk will take place. The public is invited to walk in honor of the lives lost that day as well as the first responders who were on the scene to rescue victims. The walk length has specific significance to the rescue workers. "We do a mile, approximately 2,200 steps is 110 stories—which is what the World Trade Center was... that's what the meaning behind that number is," shared Alicia. "We'll walk as a group to honor everybody that was in the September 11 attacks. It is about a mile walk. So that is about four laps around Herrmann Park. The flags will be in the middle, and then just spend time together as a community."

The public is invited to walk one mile in honor of one tower or two miles in honor of both towers. Crazee Cow Ice Cream and Rolling in the Hills food truck will both be in the park on Friday evening.

The 9/11 Memorial Flag Tribute will remain on display in Herrmann Park on Saturday, September 12. In Bowman Hall, the 9/11 Never Forget Blood Drive

will be taking place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spots are still available and walk-ins are welcome to donate blood. "We're honoring and remembering not only the people that we lost and the people that are still affected, but we also want to focus on the growth that we saw after September 11th and the service that we saw afterwards. The blood drive is kind of touching on that service," explained Alicia. "That unity after September 11th is what we're wanting to bring back. We can give back to our community by giving blood."

The Center of the Nation 9/11 Remembrance Weekend display will be set up from September 11–12. The public is invited to explore the display at any time during the two-day event, even if they cannot attend one of the scheduled activities.

T-shirts to commemorate the Center of the Nation 9/11 Remembrance Weekend are available for purchase. Proceeds after expenses will help cover the cost of the flags. "We'll be doing this annually. Every year is our plan—just have it be a community tradition every year to be able to have these flags set up and do it together as a community," said Alicia.

The Center of the Nation 9/11 Remembrance Weekend brings our community together to honor those lost, remember all those affected by September 11, 2001, and carry forward the spirit of service that emerged from tragedy.

Friday, September 11, 2026:
8 a.m. Opening Ceremony
8 a.m.-8 p.m. 9/11 Flag Tribute
6 p.m. Remembrance Walk
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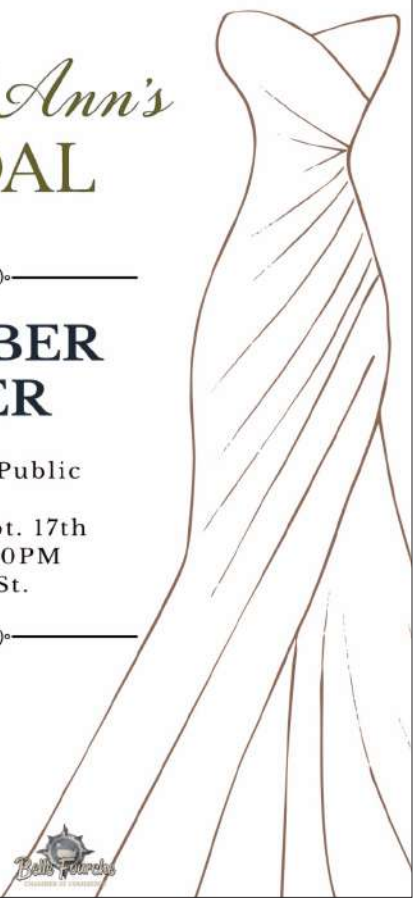
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South Dakota Highway Patrol Announces School Bus Safety Outreach Week

PIERRE, S.D. — The South Dakota Highway Patrol will conduct a threeday School Bus Safety Outreach event September 8–10 to increase public awareness and reinforce safe driving behaviors around school buses statewide.

During the outreach period, troopers will partner with school districts to observe bus routes, monitor loading zones, and ensure motorists follow state school bus stopping laws. Patrol vehicles will be visible near school bus stops, loading areas, and along hightraffic routes where children board and exit buses.

The Highway Patrol's goal is to remind drivers of safety requirements, reduce dangerous driving behavior, and help protect South Dakota

students as they travel to and from school.

"School bus safety is a shared responsibility," said Captain Jon Stahl. "Our presence during these three days is meant to educate drivers, support school districts, and reinforce that stopping for school buses isn't optional—it's essential for protecting children."

Troopers will take part in several activities including:

- Following select school buses along their routes to observe motorist behavior
- Positioning marked patrol vehicles near loading zones to increase visibility
- Conducting targeted safety operations to identify violations and encourage compliance; and

- Providing safety reminders and information to community members and media

The Highway Patrol encourages all motorists to remain alert, slow down near school buses, and always stop when red bus lights are flashing. Small actions behind the wheel can prevent tragic outcomes.

South Dakota Highway Patrol troopers are available for interviews to discuss details of the event and share important information on bus safety.

The Highway Patrol is an agency of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.



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the parade route to enjoy the floats, horses, tractors, fire trucks, old cars and other festive entrants. This year’s theme was Let Freedom Ring, and the Parade Marshal was Butte County Veterans. There were a lot of happy kids picking up a lot of candy thrown out by each float.

Following the parade, the crowds headed to the South Park for First National Bank kids’ games that included a bouncy house and a bouncy slide.

There were a variety of food options available for lunch depending on what one wanted to eat. The NVN Senior Center offered sloppy Joes and hot dogs for a free-will offering, Mid-western Meat Locker Cookout had all-beef brats for \$4 and the Newell VFW served up hamburgers and hot dogs for all veterans at no charge.

There was a lot of foot traffic between the South Park and City Hall, where the quilt show and museum were open to explore for the final day. Along that route was the NVN Center, where one could stop and play both regular and chicken bingo. Chicken Bingo is a fun event where 36 squares are sold for \$5 each. After all of the squares are sold, a live chicken is released onto the bingo board, and wherever the bird decides to relieve itself, the square that it lands on is declared the winner.

The winner took home \$90. All proceeds from Chicken Bingo and regular Bingo go toward the NVN Senior Center.

The Labor Day celebration culminated with the Labor Day Rodeo, beginning at 1 p.m. This was the first rodeo where attendees got to experience the finished covered grandstands. The Newell Community Club had been working hard to replace the old wooden grandstand with the new covered grandstands.

The turnout for the rodeo was impressive, with all of the seating areas filled and crowds standing along the outside of the arena. Justin Tupper was the rodeo announcer and kept the crowd entertained and the events moving along. The National Anthem was performed by Vonda Mahaffy.

It was a beautiful day. The sun was shining, and the heat was high inside the arena and out. Inside the arena, there was a full slate of traditional rodeo events, beginning with bareback riding and ending with bull riding, with barrel racing, team roping and breakaway roping all in between.

This rodeo is unique because they allowed kids to compete in their own events alongside the adult events. Youth events included steer riding, mutton busting, junior breakaway roping, peewee barrels and junior barrels.

Between events, a boot scramble for kids 10 and under was held.

Newell was once heralded as

the Sheep Capital of the Nation. Keeping with this theme is the unique Sheep TeePeeing event. According to the announcer Justin Tupper, this is perhaps one of the only places that offers such an event. It is wild and fast-paced and makes the crowd cheer.

Teams of two run down the arena on foot to a flock of sheep. The duo must catch one and get it away from the rest of the flock while placing a teepee/tent over it. The sheep must stay under the teepee until the team makes it back across the finish line while holding hands. Rylan Vavruska and Trig Olson had the unofficial fastest time of the rodeo.

High Plains Restaurant and Bar once again donated the All Around saddle to the winner who scored the most points in two or more events in the Labor Day Rodeo.

While most events were held during the three big days of the Labor Day celebration, a handful of activities took place during the week before the start of the celebration. They included the crowning of the 2026 Labor Day Royalty, which took place Saturday, August 29. Winners were Newell Labor Day Rodeo Queen Kaydence Lei; Newell Labor Day Jr. Miss Ella Roberts; and Newell Labor Day Little Miss Windsor Erickson. The Cowboys for Christ Church Service was held on September 3, and the Quilt Show and Newell Museum opened Friday, Sept. 4.



At the Newell FFA Goat Roping, sometimes it was easier to carry the goat than to try and herd him out of the pen.
Longbrake photos



The Car Show had a good turnout in the South Park.



Newell Mayor Tara Tennis was patriotic in the Labor Day Parade.



The ambulance brought the end of the parade. The parade route was lined with spectators.



Joyful Blooms Flower Farm handed out Sunflowers along the parade route.



NAJA Clown Car handed out candy on the parade route.



First National Bank sponsored games for kids in the park.

Newell Labor Day Photos Cont'd.



Newly crowned Newell Labor Day Rodeo Royalty, front to back: Newell Labor Day Rodeo Queen Kaydence Lei; Newell Labor Day Jr. Miss Ella Roberts; and Newell Labor Day Little Miss Windsor Erickson. Longbrake photos



Newell VFW served hamburgers and hot dogs to veterans.



Senior Men's Breakaway Roping during the Labor Day Rodeo.



Family Team Roping at the Newell Labor Day Rodeo.



Bingo at the NVN Center.

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iginal one, and everybody else is a station,” shared Bartels.

The members of Station 118 have made giving back to the local community a big part of what they do, raising thousands of dollars to help people and organizations in the area. “The last two poker runs we raised \$27,000 in the last two years for a female going through some kind of cancer,” explained Bartels. “We do a meat raffle every winter, in the last five years, we raised \$33,000 for the community. We’ve given to the Artemis House, Compassion Cupboard, Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department, Butte County Fire Protection Association and Belle Silver Linings was last year.”

For the members of Station 118, riding motorcycles and having fun goes hand in hand with giving back to the community. “I mean, to be honest, our mission is just ride motorcycles and have fun—but along the way we help out,” said Bartels.

The Poker Run gathered at the Moose Lodge before starting out on the ride and reconvened there after the ride was over. The Moose had food and drinks available to fuel up on before heading out on the 145-mile ride. “The Moose opens their doors to us and lets us come in—they work really well with us, and they help us a lot, so it

just works out,” said Bartels.

There were five different stops on the Poker Run. Kickstands went up at 11 a.m. with the first stop at Lumpy’s in Central City. Then it was on to Tin City Saloon in Hill City followed by a stop at Nemo Mercantile in Nemo. The Poker Run then continued on to BrewBerry Bistro in Sturgis. One last stop was St. Onge Bar in St. Onge before heading back to the Moose Lodge in Belle Fourche. “A lot of poker runs you draw a card at each stop. We don’t do that, we draw them all back here and then the best poker hand wins.”

While everyone headed out on the ride around the same time, each participant was able to take the route at a pace they felt comfortable riding. “With a group this big, it’s not mandatory [to stay together]. It’s just too many people and you got different rider experiences with everybody and you know, we try to be safe,” shared Bartels.

The Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department’s big purple fire truck led Fire & Iron Station and the Poker Run participants through town as they set off on their ride. The plan was to meet back at the Moose Lodge at 6 p.m. to determine the winning poker hands, select the 50/50 drawing winner and award the silent auction items to the highest bidders.



Preparing for the Poker Run. Longbrake photos



This year’s fundraising recipient, Dionne Walters, visits with others before the start of the event.



Bidding on silent auction items.



The Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department leads the Poker Run through Belle Fourche.

Show Up!

by Belle LaVenue



Belle Fourche Area Community Theater is preparing “Good Neighbors,” their contribution to the fifth annual Getting Our Acts Together: A Night of Northern Hills One-Acts, better known as G.O.A.T.! What begins with a strange light inside a creepy, deserted house soon brings together an unusual collection of characters—and plenty of secrets waiting to be uncovered! Join BFACT and their fellow Northern Hills theater groups for an entertaining evening of four one-act plays on Thursday, September 17th in the Belle Fourche Rec Center Theater. Tickets are on sale now at bellefourcheact.com.

Center of the Nation Concert Association has announced their 26-27 Concert Series Performances! The first concert will be September 24th, so get your tickets soon from a CON board member or the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce. The variety of musical genres and great ticket prices make this a very popular concert series. Season tickets for all five concerts are \$50 for individuals, \$25 for students, and \$120 for the family.

The BFACT Cast of “Good Neighbors” is in the theater, actively preparing their show for the GOAT (Getting Our Acts Together) one act production on September 17th. Performers include Whitney Bridgers, Louis Mehlhaff, Geno Pesicka, Savanna Kitzmiller, Darian Pesicka; Alanya Drabek, Silas Pesicka, Colin Hanzlik, Carston Sechser, & Loki Larive. Director: ToiLyn Flick.

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!

September 17, Thursday, 7 PM: BFACT hosts GOAT One Act Performances at the BF Rec Center Theater
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by Mary Buchholz

100 years ago Northwest Post September 16, 1926May, **OWN OBLIGATIONS TO COMMUNITY** *Backbone of Commonwealth Service Found in Support Merchants Give to Residents.* There is a debt you owe to your home town, but whatever the bill is, none will be presented to you for payment. If you do not realize the size of it, nobody will try to tell you. You know what the town has done for you, and you should know better than anybody else what you ought to do for the town. Two questions may serve to bring the issue home to you. When your wife and children were critically ill, was it the doctor from the city who pulled them through? You never even thought of calling him. Your first thought was of the home town doctor, and he saved the lives of your dear ones. When you lost your job, who gave you credit and tided you over the winter? It certainly wasn't the store in the city that advertises "bargains" for the country shopper. The merchant of Belle Fourche stood by you then, as he has for others, and as he will again some time when the emergency arises.

RURAL CREDIT LANDS LEASED At the public leasing of rural credit lands, held at the office of the county auditor last Friday, there were twenty parcels of land offered for lease, all being taken except six, at the appraised price. Those making leases were as follows: Harry D. Richards, Alex C. Getty, Fred H. Dahlquist, Ole Tysdal, A. G. Johnson, M. E. Hafner, Newell; W. H. Gladden, Vale; W. G. Johnson, Peter Sorenson, John Bentz, Marius Sorenson, J. S. Neary, Nisland; Odle Bason, Arpan.

DIRECTORS OF TAXATION CONDUCTS HEARING Judge B. W. Bear of Woonsocket, S. D., director of taxation for the state was in the city last Monday morning for the purpose of taking testimony in the matter of having the property of the Tri-Stat Sales association placed upon the assessment roll of Butte county. The commissioners had been petitioned to have this property assessed, and the stockholders and directors appealed to the state tax commission, claiming that the association was a non-profit making corporation, one of the stockholders or officers receiving a dollar for their services or stock, as it was a community enterprise and all the earnings above the expenses, etc., were devoted to public improvements. A number of the officers of the association and other citizens testified at

the hearing Monday morning, and at a later date Judge Baer will hear the testimony of the parties who petitioned to have the property assessed.

75 years ago Belle Fourche Daily Post September 6, 1951 MISCELLANY Mention the name of Henry Jacobsen in any circle and the resulting comment will be an explosion. The comment will be violently in opposition or glibly favorable, never neutral. Henry for years was a controversial figure in the county, regardless of size or numbers. Many laughed at him, Henry, on at last four out over six occasions, had what he wanted. This isn't a review of Henry's life, I make the comment merely to emphasize that the former self-named "Lone Wolf" of Castle Rock is a persistent, hard working individual, who never ceases to astound those who know him. Now we find that Henry, who theoretically has been in retirement, has not been idle. Jacobsen has been prowling the register of deeds office for a couple of weeks, involved in the tedious task of checking all the land patents in the county – an offshoot of the ever-growing oil chatter in the area. Henry has a plat of every township in the county, is marking in every section of the plats the type of patent. But that's only part of it. Henry is using as a reference probably the most complete set of maps of Butte county in existence. He has a map, about 18X18 of each township in the county. It shows ownership, rivers and other pertinent details. Those maps were drawn by Henry, how many hours were required to carry out the project. What's more, Henry keeps the maps up to date.

"It Sounded Wonderful" After Living on Army Rations The medial company of the 196th regimental combat team, Belle Fourche's contribution to the South Dakota National Guard, has arrived in Alaska. A letter from Cpl. W. M. "Jack" Pattinson passes along a few sidelights on the arrival of the unit, which has been stationed at Camp Carson, Colo., since ordered to active duty. Here are some of Pattinson's comments. Incidentally, Pattinson is a veteran of World War II, but during that tour of duty saw service with the navy. "At last we arrived at our present camp, 'Fort Richardson' in a drizzly rain. It just cleared up but it is still in a rainy mood. On our arrival Saturday afternoon, the air force hospital tossed a feed for us. After living on army rations it sounded wonderful. We had all we wanted and the men sure put it away. Afterwards they

went to the PX and had some beer and then to our barracks; they are Quonset huts, about 24 men in each. We had a bunk, clean sheets and a roof over our heads. Myself, I felt out of place. In fact, I couldn't go to sleep for a couple of hours – used to sleeping on the lap of mother earth. I bought a Seattle Sunday paper this morning – only 50 cents. It was flown in. I don't plan on doing that again, you can be sure, but I wanted to catch up on what is going on in the States. Some of the men went to the show this evening. I and others got up to the ticket window and it clsd as it was a full house. So we came back to the barracks. Things are high in Anchorage, but prices are cheaper on the base, so I presume I shall spend most of my time on the base. Seems good to have a radio on – news, programs, music sports, etc.

50 years ago The Belle Fourche Bee September 3, 1976 Dennis Price Wins Two Events at Buffalo Dennis Price showed the hometown people how it was done when he carried off top honors in both the bareback and saddle bronc competition of the Buffalo Labor Day rodeo last weekend. The show opened the 1977 NRCA competition season. About 200 contestants took part in the rodeo. Stock was furnished by Pauln McInerney, Spearfish, Bud Knight, Belle Fourche, was the announcer. Todd Tennant, Camp Crook, scored a 62 to win the special steer-riding event. Price took the bareback with a score of 62 for \$274.28. Dennis won the saddle bronc event with 60 points for \$139.24.

Butte Electric Gets \$999,000 Loan Approval Huron - Rep. James Abdnor, R – SD was notified Friday that the Rural Electrification Administration has approved a \$999,000 loan to the Butte Electric Co-Operative, Inc. of Newell. The firm serves customers in Butte, Meade and Lawrence counties. The funds, available at two percent interest because of low gross revenue per mile of line and low consumer density, will be used to finance services for 196 additional customers, 36 miles of distribution line, headquarters facilities and various system improvements. William H. Williamson of Vale is president of the co-operative and John Wheeler of Newell, manager.

Pharmacy Phacts by Bill Husband Early white settlers got medical help from Indians. An Indian broth, made from the sap and bark of spruce trees, cured their scurvy because of traces of vitamin C it provided.



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X Heart Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	15	Blk/Bwf-Str	470	476.00	\$2,237.20
	20	Black-Hfr	433	442.50	\$1,917.13
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	60	Black-Yrimg Str	961	326.75	\$3,138.97
	60	Black-Yrimg Str	965	323.00	\$3,117.21
	60	Black-Yrimg Str	961	326.75	\$3,140.06
	76	Black-Yrimg Str	816	359.00	\$2,929.39
Jason King, Hammond MT	58	Black-Yrimg Str	967	331.75	\$3,207.39
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	58	Black-Yrimg Str	985	330.00	\$3,251.92
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Muleshoe Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	58	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Str	1020	317.00	\$3,233.94
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	61	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Hfr	815	331.00	\$2,696.83
Rauth Ranch Inc, Alva WY	65	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Str	956	328.50	\$3,141.47
	79	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Str	826	347.00	\$2,865.60
Tom Sparks, Plevna MT	35	Bwf-Yrimg Str Hr	937	336.50	\$3,154.24
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Justin Or Ryan Vig, Faith SD	94	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Hfr	645	375.50	\$2,420.57
	49	Blk/Rd/Ch-Yrimg Hfr	679	367.50	\$2,496.00
Paul Or Judy Hinkhouse, Nisland SD	59	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Str	998	312.50	\$3,119.43
	47	Black-Yrimg Str	887	325.50	\$2,885.86
	41	Blk/Rd/Ch-Yrimg	994	287.00	\$2,851.80
Lohof Cattle Co, Baker MT	66	Black-Yrimg Hfr	810	331.00	\$2,681.35
	39	Red-Yrimg Hfr	788	331.50	\$2,610.77
Wolff Ranch, Ekalaka MT	51	Black-Yrimg Hfr	881	316.50	\$2,787.37
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Joe & Jane Burke, Newell SD	8	Black-Yrimg Hfr	988	292.00	\$2,885.32
Wickwire Livestock, Aladdin WY	8	Black-Yrimg Hfr	932	296.50	\$2,763.00
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J D Grieves, Upton WY	13	Black-Yrimg Hfr	1038	283.00	\$2,936.66
Joe Fortner, Biddle MT	20	Black-Yrimg Hfr	883	314.00	\$2,771.83
Hamilton Inc, Osage WY	12	Black-Yrimg Hfr	837	328.00	\$2,744.26
Kevin Buchholz, Belle Fourche SD	17	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Hfr	816	331.50	\$2,704.65
Jb Cattle Company, Plevna MT	12	Black-Yrimg Hfr	949	307.00	\$2,913.94
Roger Sprague, Forsyth MT	18	Black-Yrimg Hfr	825	332.00	\$2,738.07
Tom Riggs, Broadus MT	8	Black-Yrimg Hfr	1017	289.00	\$2,938.76
Adam Warner, Rozet WY	18	Black-Yrimg Hfr	1029	278.00	\$2,860.31
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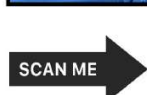
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By John Newby

“Building Main Street, not Wall Street”

Dream Big or Watch Your Town Fade

Nearly half of America’s rural counties lost population between 2020 and 2025, a combined loss of almost 460,000 people. I have driven through hundreds of small and midsize towns over the years, and I can tell you which ones are shrinking before the census numbers ever confirm it. You can feel it in the empty storefronts and in leaders who talk about survival instead of growth.

This is not a slow drift. It is a choice. Every community sits at a fork in the road, and most of them quietly pick the path of least resistance. They settle for maintaining what they already have instead, living in the past or of building what they could have. That choice, repeated year after year, is what turns a town into a statistic.

A few years ago my wife and I returning from a business trip drove through Keene, New Hampshire, a small town tucked into the state’s rolling hills. Keene refused to settle. The Keene Sentinel newspaper partnered with the Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship to build Radically Rural; a summit built entirely around the idea that small towns can produce extraordinary impact.

That summit now pulls roughly five hundred people from forty states into Keene every single year. A newspaper and a non-profit looked at their town and refused to accept small thinking. They built a stage for big ideas, and now the rest of the country shows up to stand on it.

Later on that same trip, we passed through Canton, Ohio, home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Ask yourself how a museum built around the National



Football League ended up in Canton instead of one of the dozens of larger cities sitting closer to NFL teams. The answer is not luck. Canton’s leaders wanted that Hall of Fame badly enough to chase it, and their local media stood beside them to promote it, sell it and refuse to let the dream quietly die. Today that decision brings tens of millions of dollars into Canton every year, money that would have landed somewhere else entirely if Canton’s leaders had played it safe.

Here is the part communities do not want to hear. Thinking small and clinging to the past is not a neutral choice. It is a slow death sentence. The towns that settle for mild, safe successes are the same towns showing up in the population decline numbers a decade later. Meanwhile, communities that invested in their downtowns, growing tourism, building a future, instead of quietly managing decline are seeing real returns.

The Main Street America network generated 7.65 billion dollars in local reinvestment and more than 23,000 net new jobs last year alone. Georgia’s Main Street communities alone delivered 824 million dollars in economic impact in a single year. Dreaming big is not a nice extra sitting on top of good management. It is the only strategy that has ever actually worked.

Your community does not need a Pro Football Hall of Fame or a national conference to prove this point. What it needs is leaders, in your media, your chamber, your city & county halls, and your local businesses, who stop asking whether a big idea is realistic and start asking what it

would take to make it real. Every excuse your town makes for staying small today is a reason someone will cite for its decline tomorrow. Communities do not fall behind overnight. They fall behind one safe, timid decision at a time; until one day the factory closes, young people leave, small businesses shrink, and nobody can explain exactly when it happened.

I am confronting the biggest obstacle facing most communities is not money. It is imagination. Leaders settle for mild successes on the road most traveled because it is safe and has few obstacles in the way. It is the leaders willing to travel the harder road, fully expecting obstacles, who end up winning the biggest prizes. Dreaming big does not guarantee you will win every time. It guarantees you will be tested; you will be sharpened and ready for the next big idea instead of standing still and watching your community die.

So here is what I am asking you to do, and I mean this week, not someday. Show up at your next city council or county commission meeting and ask one question out loud: what is the biggest idea this community has been too afraid to chase? If you cannot make the meeting, call your mayor or a commissioner today and ask that same question directly. Communities do not die because they lack resources. They die because nobody in the room was willing to dream bigger than their fear. Be the one who finally is. Your town’s odds of winning depend on it.

John A. Newby, a Chamber CEO, Publisher & Media Executive, Business Owner, Consultant, and International Speaker is the author of the “Building Main Street, Not Wall Street” a column dedicated to helping local businesses & communities build stronger foundations allowing them to thrive in a world where local is lost to Wall Street interests. His email is john@truly-local.org

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden September 6, 2026



The hot summer temperatures seem to want to hang on into September like we've never seen before.

Some areas have received rain, while some places in the Sturgis area have only received a total of ¾ inch in the last several months.

It is very likely that this will be the hottest summer on record. Several; football games have moved their starting times back an hour or so to adjust to the warm temperatures.

Capitol News

Karen Odell

Reprint from Sept. 8, 2021



Gordon "Pete" Anderson has been keeping quite busy, even though there is not much hay in the area

for cutting. He went to church on Sunday at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook, and had lunch at the Corner Cafe.

Erma Albert had physical therapy in Buffalo on Tuesday. She and Dick went to the Leroy Oleson funeral on Wednesday, and stayed for the lunch afterward. On Friday, they went to the Senior Citizens dinner and played cards afterward.

On Sunday, they went to the Catholic Church. Father Brian had taken his young dog for a walk, and the dog got to visit them before church again, but as of yet, he hasn't gotten to visit mass. The Alberts had lunch at Saloon Number Three.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell have been busy with hunters for the past two weeks. One group of Minnesota hunters left on a Wednesday, and on Thursday another group from Minnesota came to take their place.

Marlee is kept very busy cooking for the hungry hunters. They also had some visitors from Belle Fourche one day. Marlee went to church in Camp Crook on Sunday.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson went to the Ladner Church, last Sunday, for the ordination of their pastor, Mike Smith. Mike has been doing a wonderful job for the three churches, and has finished up his last two classes. The ordination acknowledged his accomplishment and ap-

On September 20, there will be the annual Sunday School Convention hosted by the Prairie Bible Church this year. Registration and opening fellowship will begin at 9:00 with Sunday School starting at 9:45 am. The main service will be held at 11:00 am. There will be no church service held at Union Center that day.

As the first Sunday of the month, the church in Union Center held its monthly potluck dinner. Little Evelyn Brink, daughter of Callen and Sandrine Brink, attended her

first church service there. Mike Cammack and his wife, Sandy, were in attendance as well. They reside in Montana and came back for the holiday weekend. Floyd was in the hospital in Sturgis due to swelling in his leg. He is in room 107. We send well wishes to him for a quick recovery.

The State Fair in Huron was well attended this year despite the heat. Larry and Sandy Rhoden spent Tuesday at the fair as Larry spoke to and addressed the audience at the Veterans Tent, had a round table discussion with agriculture leaders and organizations, a roundtable discussion with legislators, and

points him to full pastorship. On Wednesday, Bruce and Lynn went to the Leroy Oleson funeral in Camp Crook where Mike conducted the service. Lynn made a trip to the Hills for groceries, and was shocked by the price of things. She was even more shocked when she filled the car with gas. Good thing we don't eat that.

Doug and Julia Davis have Covid. Julia went right away to get an infusion of antibodies. They had learned that they would need electrolytes, and they noticed that salt seemed to perk them up. They had heard of others in the community that got Covid since fair time. They were taking it easy and felt they were doing ok.

Last week, Donna Lewis went to the fair in Miles City. Two of her great-granddaughters were going to drive in the car derby, and she was excited to see them. The trouble was that they had already used those cars in the Ekalaka and Baker Derbys, and they just couldn't survive another one, so they both broke down and lost out. The carnival was a big one with a big Ferris Wheel, and other rides. Donna has been staying home since then, and decided to stay put, since more neighbors had gotten Covid.

Dorothy Padden had a great time last week. Bryce and Dawn took her to Ft Peck, where about twenty of her Brewer relatives met to go fishing. They had a great time visiting, and Dorothy caught some big fish. It seemed each one she caught was a different variety. Somehow they always flock to the hook on her line. They had great fun visiting,

fishing and camping. This week she went with Dawn to the JV volleyball game at Buffalo on Thursday to see granddaughters play. They had planned to go to a flag football game, but a miracle occurred when that got rained out.

Ronda Cordell spoke with Sabre Moore regarding new stories for the Shifting Scenes. The deadline has been extended again to December first. That will give her time to gather information for the Crase family that lived in Carter County. It's been quite interesting for her; just calling and googling information.

It is absolutely amazing how much, even a computer illiterate person, can find on the internet. She even found, and called an 87 year old niece of Harold's, who lives in Arizona. On Thursday, she gathered some information from Range Gazettes in Buffalo at the museum, for the Crase story. She drove to Ekalaka to take Water Rights for review. In searching for certificates on wells,

it appears some have failed to get to her, even though the Department in Billings shows they were sent many months ago. Ronda feels concern to make sure all water rights are certified correctly, especially with the way the country may be heading. Diane Wear stopped briefly, as she was headed to Josh Douglas's to spend a couple of days. She stopped back by on Sunday, and rode

up to the Bergstrom place with Ronda to check cows. Ronda sent her home with a good batch of mushrooms that she'd found that morning. Spring has sprung! It's

attended the Tuff Hedeman Bull Bash that evening. Larry spent time visiting with Tuff and was there to honor 8 special veterans at the break.

On Saturday morning at 7:30 there will be the Men's Coffee & Rolls at the church fellowship room in Union Center. All men who wish to fellowship are welcome.

Our local entrepreneur, Dana Keffeler, has run a successful business in Faith for several years called Keffeler Kreations. She now has officially opened another business called Hilltop Blooms in Sturgis.

Her business hours are Monday – Friday from 9:00 – 5:00

and Saturdays 9:00 – 3:00. It has a flower shop, boutique, gifts and more. This will be a nice addition to shopping options in Sturgis, SD.

If you don't make it in to Sturgis and want to do some boutique shopping one may take advantage of White Owl Creek Boutique in White Owl. Ladies from Pierre have been known to load up in a car just to drive to Ann Shaw's boutique in the old White Owl Post Office.

One can also find her at rodeos and stock shows. As the Christmas season is closer than we think, these businesses by our local ladies and others may be the place to shop fairly soon!

been so dry, she had not found any earlier this year. Even the turkey gobblers were strutting in the yard. Everything has the seasons mixed up.

Clint and Denise Zolnoski, and the girls, made a trip to Bowman on Wednesday. Clint hauled cattle to the Belle Fourche Livestock Exchange on Thursday. Then, on Friday, they headed out in the camper to spend the Labor Day weekend at Iron Creek Lake where there was going to be a Zolnoski get together.

Karen Odell made Welsh cakes on Tuesday. She kept her cattle water tanks full at the house, and replanted some flowers. She worked with her collie,

Hywel, in practice for searching for lost items. She spent much of her time chauffeuring Charlie to brand inspections. They visited Paddens on Wednesday to inspect yearling heifers. Then they went to the Leroy Oleson funeral in Camp Crook that morning. Leroy had served his community well, by working on many boards at Capitol and in Harding County, as county commissioner, and as a pilot. The very nice funeral was held at the Camp Crook Community Hall, and burial was at the Capitot Cemetery above the Little Missouri on the east side of the river with Masonic Graveside Rites by Cedar Branch Lodge 179.

Charlie inspected a bull for Kent Williams, and did an inspection for Tim Schell.



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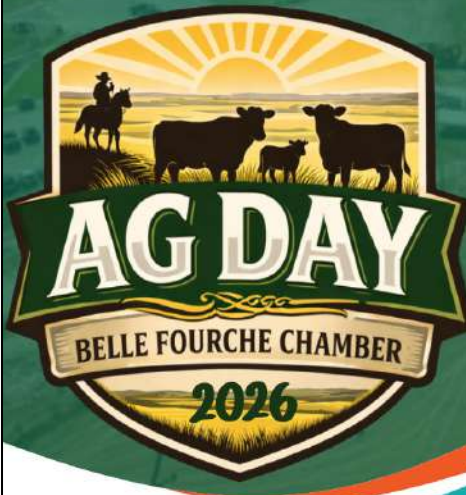
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Roots #75

More Little Fires...
The Problem of Poverty

Meg English
news@bellefourchebeacon.com



More little fires everywhere...

and the problem of poverty. Several of the recent Roots conversations have been about little fires, small problems that can quickly get out of control.

This story is another from my personal collection of memoir and real experiences. It's about a high school girl named Becca (not her real name). Becca's problems in school started when she, her little sister, Emily, and her mother were evicted and forced to spend several weeks living in their car.

During those weeks every day for Becca started with a search for relatively clean clothes, then stopping at a convenience store to brush her teeth, clean up as much as possible and help her 9-year-old sister do the same.

Becca's situation may sound extreme but it's not unusual. And according to South Dakota Housing, there are quite a few homeless people including children at any given time. Homeless Statistics Statewide Closer to home there are always homeless children in Rapid City too. Rapid City Homeless Statistics Incidentally, in South

Dakota families with children are not protected from eviction.

Homelessness and poverty of course go hand in hand.

Children who live in poverty has been decreasing in recent years, but it's still a problem.

Children in Poverty in South Dakota

To get back to Becca's story, while living in the car, Becca could not get herself and her sister to school on time. One day she got angry with an attendance clerk who insisted in a written note from her mother explaining her tardiness.

Becca exploded, swore at the attendance clerk, and was escorted to the door by two school police officers and suspended from school for several days.

Poverty is a leading cause of at-risk student behavior.

Soon after Becca and Emily were placed in separate foster homes.

Dr. Ruby Payne is a familiar expert on poverty and schools. She has published a range of materials explaining how the culture of poverty influences schools and education.

According to Dr. Payne, "poverty as the extent to which an individual does without resources." Success in school has traditionally depended on many resources that children living in poverty do not have.

Payne has identified two types of poverty: Situational and generational. Because it

was not permanent, Becca and Emily's poverty was probably situational. I later learned that their mother found a job and ended a relationship with an abusive boyfriend. The family was able to secure permanent housing when their mom regained custody of the girls.

Generational poverty is a little more complex. Payne maintains that people who have been poor for more than one generation have developed a different set of rules.

For example, discipline is seen simply as punishment, rather than as a tool to change behavior. Thus, a child's 'logical' response to being disciplined in school might be to save face by laughing. Such a response is likely to be interpreted as confrontational in a traditional classroom rather than a normal response from a child who has learned the rules of generational poverty.

In the culture of poverty, where material wealth is

lacking, relationships to people changes. People become possessions and relationships are regarded in terms of wealth. Consequently, it might be worse to lose a relationship rather than an inanimate thing even if the relationship is toxic.

To maintain relationships, a parent will often defend a child's misbehavior rather than distance them with discipline, no matter what the child has done.

This view of relationships hinders progress in school. For example, education in generational poverty is often suspect and feared because educated people leave their families and friends behind.

Many of the greatest frustrations that teachers and administrators have with students from poverty are related to the rules of middle-class culture. Schools function according to those rules which children of poverty may not understand.

There is even a romantic view of poverty in which poverty is viewed as a virtue. A little poverty is sometimes viewed as a good thing that inspires initiative and fortitude. That view has its roots periods of hard times and may have had some validity. However, the demographics of poverty change over time.

Becca's mom managed to overcome poverty and homelessness, but it wasn't easy. Both girls finished high school and the last I heard, Becca was finishing a college degree in in teaching. She wants to be a kindergarten teacher.

Poverty and homelessness are frightening realities. It is unlikely that either experience will result in positive outcomes for kids trying to get an education. There are two scourges that represent more little fires...Not every kid who experiences homelessness is as lucky as Becca.



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 regular September meeting is **Saturday, September 19** from 10 AM to Noon. All writers are invited to attend! Meetings are held at the Belle Fourche Public Library.

Belle Fourche Recreation Center
Summer Recreation Activities Schedule Calendar

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 to host 34th annual Autumn Tea

On Saturday, September 26th, the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will host the museum's 34th annual Autumn Tea – which is not only the high point of events in the museum's year but also a much-needed fundraiser.

This year's theme is "Fairytales and Nursery Rhymes." There are 10 tables, each decorated to a specific story or nursery rhyme by that table's hostess. Each table seats six.

The elegant event features tea foods including scones with Devonshire cream and jam, quiches, Russian tea cakes, chocolate and lemon cookies, triple-decker sandwiches, carrot roses, popovers, skewered fruit, palmiers, tortilla rollups and fruit pizza. There is also fresh Earl Grey tea.

Long-time museum supporter Wilma Dick has once again created beautiful gift baskets, one for each table and one for the winner of the "People's Choice" table décor award, which is voted on by museum visitors and tea guests.

The tables can be viewed beginning at 1:30 for "People's Choice" voting and the tea is from 2-4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and reservations are required; call 605-723-1200.

"The museum, like other city departments," has had to accept three rounds of cuts for 2027, said director Kristi Thielen. "That makes the success of this tea especially important, to provide funds for programming."

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, which is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. For more information, call 605-723-1200 or visit the website at www.thetristatemuseum.com

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Fall Educational Series

"To promote and support our members by strengthening our community."

September 21st 10:00AM | Tri-State Museum

- Service Animal Training
- New Laws Effective July 1, 2026
 - What businesses need to know



Heidi Mecham-WDN

October 14th 12:00PM | Grap's Burgers

- Managing Conflict:
- Define conflict and develop deeper understanding of the topic
 - Understand different conflict profiles and styles



-Kellie Kolb
SDSU Extension

November 4th 6:00PM | Branding Iron

- Change Management
- Moving people through change
 - Organizing for success
 - Measuring outcomes



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BF Rec Center Summer Parks & Rec Activities 2026

GOALS:

- To promote our local parks and the outdoors.
- To promote health and wellness in our community.
- To promote socialization with friends, make new friends, and interact with your community.
- To give kids ideas on activities they can continue doing all summer, with fun giveaways to help!



This program will incorporate all of our beautiful parks. Enjoy a park that you haven't been to before, or not in a long time!
We have giveaways and snacks too!

Please Note: This is not a childcare program. Ages 7 and under must be supervised by someone at least 12 years of age. Applicable BFRC rules/policies apply. A summer waiver must be on file in order to participate. All activities are weather permitting.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1-Parents: Complete your child's Summer Waiver at the Rec Center or at the park prior to an activity. (Waiver is valid for all of the summer activities.)

2-Pick up your monthly calendar. Available at the Rec, on Facebook @BFRecCenter, Instagram or our website www.bellefourcherec.com.

3-Park Activities are FREE. Rec Center activities require a membership or day pass. (Youth \$4 ~ Senior \$5 ~ Adult \$6 ~ Group of 2 \$10 ~ Family \$20)

4-Tell your friends and have fun!

Questions? Contact us @ 605-892-2467.

WHERE ARE THE PARKS?

PARK	STREET	LANDMARKS
Highland Park	National St.	Next to the Rec Center
Jones Park	11 th Ave.	Splash Pad
Herrmann Park	8 th Ave.	Circular Walking Path/Bowman Hall/Police Dept.
Weyler Park	7 th Ave.	Dog Park/Near Lynn's Dakotamart
Eagle Park	Elkhorn St.	Along Belle Fourche River
Thomas C. Gay	N. 8 th Ave.	North Park School/Kindergarten
Rail Park	State St.	Main Street/By Belle Flowers & Gifts
Robb Park	State St.	Main Street/Next to Upper Level Fitness
River Walk/Disc Golf Course	State St. & More!	Tri State Museum/Center of the Nation Monument



GIVEAWAYS: Must be present to win!
Disc Golf Frisbees, Kickball, Pickleball Paddle & Ball Set, Wiffleball Set, Water Balloons, Basketball, Sidewalk Chalk, Art Supplies and more!

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9/11

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SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2026

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SEPTEMBER 11



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6:00 PM

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SATURDAY

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SEPTEMBER 12



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9/11 NEVER FORGET BLOOD DRIVE

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Bowman Hall

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It's that time again! Trivia League will be starting Thursday, September 10th at 6:30pm
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Sept 10/11 CON Remembrance Event

Sept 12 - Mug Club @ Hitching Post Tap House

Homecoming week Sept 14-18

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BUILDING TRUST
September 10, 2026

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September 24, 2026

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES
October 8, 2026

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October 22, 2026

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November 5, 2026

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November 19, 2026

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THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 9:30 A.M. on September 3, 2026. Commissioners present were Erk, Brunner, Batterman, Kari, and Ager.

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

Motion by Brunner, Second by Batterman to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of an Executive Session for Physical Security SDCL 1-25-2 (6) (d) as 3.5, an Executive Session for Personnel 1-25-2(1) as 7.5, move agenda item # 9 - Discussion regarding Senate Bill 96 - Gross Receipts Tax to Reduce Owner-Occupied Property Taxes to 3.75, and add an activity report for the VSO as 5.5. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Pastor Dan Carlson prayed over the meeting.

Public Comments were shared by Bud Harris, Sue Broadhurst, Dale Simanton, and Charlie Johnson that included spending, meeting orientation, felony charges, and financial needs at the Belle Silver Lining.

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

Consent Agenda
A. B. C. D.
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Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – 8/20/26 Bills per Printout

Apportioning and Other Payments
Wage Adjustment:
I. Dispatch: Katie Kindsfater – \$26.36 Travel Requests:
I. Auditor’s Office: Annie Capp & Kayden Steele to attend

2026 SDACWO Fall Workshop – Sioux Falls, SD
II. Dispatch: Julia Day & Pamela Skavang to attend 911 Commission Reinstatement Hearing – Pierre, SD
Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner to go into Executive Session SDCL 1-25-2 (6) (d) at 9:46 A.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Chairman Erk declared the meeting out of Executive Session with no action at 9:51 A.M. with no action.

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

Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner to go back into Executive Session for SDCL 1-25-2 (6) (d) at 10:36 A.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Chairman Erk declared the meeting out of Executive Session with no action at 11:07 A.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Julie Brunner gave the monthly activity report for Register of Deeds.

Julia Day gave the activity report for Dispatch.

Cody Skogberg presented the activity report for the Highway Department.

Motion by Kari, Second by Brunner to bid the 2 gravel projects, and then go out for bids at our yearly bid opening. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

A discussion was held regarding surplus county trucks.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Ager to adopt a Resolution to Delete Structure 10-042-394 from the National Bridge Inventory. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Jasen Saivong presented the activity report for the Veterans Service Office. Annie Capp presented the activity report the Auditor’s Office.

Motion by Brunner, Second

by Batterman to approve the two indigent burial requests. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner to surplus the 2016 VariDesk Model 49906 and donate it to the library. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Batterman to go into Executive Session for Personnel 1-25-2(1) at 12:22 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Chairman Erk declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 12:34 P.M. with action. Motion by Brunner, Second by Batterman to accept the resignation of Jasen Saivong. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ager, Second by Brunner to advertise that job internally for 2 weeks. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Ager to accept the quote from Hill’s Interior to replace the carpet in the basement and the top conference room for a total of \$6,202.37. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports -
Commissioner Ager stated that the Ambulance Appreciation Luncheon was held on Saturday, August 29th.

Commissioner Kari had the same note as Commissioner Ager to report.

Commissioner Batterman had nothing new to report.

Commissioner Brunner wanted the State’s Attorney to review the Subdivision and Data Center Ordinances as well as a Resolution regarding the merging of the 4th & 7th Judicial Circuits. Commissioner Erk had nothing new to report.

Old/Unfinished/New Business –
A discussion was held regarding gravel on Ridge Road, so that emergency vehicles could access it.

Commissioner Kari mentioned several Highway De-

partment policies that he thinks should be implemented.

A discussion was also held regarding Dware.

Motion by Ager, Second by Brunner to surplus the 2006 Peterbilt, the last four of the VIN is 4176 with a floor of \$50,000.00. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Informational -
A news release on 9/2/2026 showed anthrax was in cattle in Butte County.

Commissioner Ager stated that he had not heard any information regarding Butte County receiving \$1,000,000.00 from Ellsworth Air Force Base.

Chairman Erk wanted to make it clear that the misappropriation of funds by the Highway Department has been dealt with and action was taken. In addition, all of the tools have been accounted for as well.

The next Commissioners’ Meeting will be September 17th at 6:00 P.M. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Ager to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Payments
SALARY
ASSESSOR’S OFFICE/ PLANNING \$9,259.46, AUDITOR’S OFFICE \$13,120.33, BUILDING- \$744.88, COMMISSIONERS \$4,173.46, DISPATCH \$17,695.69, ELECTION- \$0, EM/911 \$1,018.54, EXTENSION \$1,994.40, HIGHWAY DEPT/ WEED CONTROL \$30,988.45, JUDICIA- \$0, NURSE’S/WIC OFFICE \$0, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$5,959.93, SHERIFF/JAIL DEPT \$26,641.96, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$21,450.68, TREASURER’S OFFICE \$10,748.33, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$905.22
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Public Notice is hereby given for the Five-Year County Highway And Bridge Improvement Plan For Butte County. The Board of Butte County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on October 01, 2026, at 9³⁵ AM in the Commission Room at the Butte County Courthouse located at 839 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

Public Comments will be taken at this time to discuss the 2027-2031 The Five-Year County Highway And Bridge Improvement Plan For Butte County.

Notice is hereby given that any person, persons, or their attorney may appear at the said scheduled public hearing and present comments regarding the Five-Year County Highway And Bridge Improvement Plan For Butte County. Those interested persons not able to attend are invited and encouraged to send written comments, prior to the hearing, to the Butte County Auditor, at 117 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

As directed by the Butte County Board of Commissioners

Dated this 9th Day of September 2026

Annie Capp; Butte County Auditor

Published: September 16th, 2026, and September 23rd, 2026



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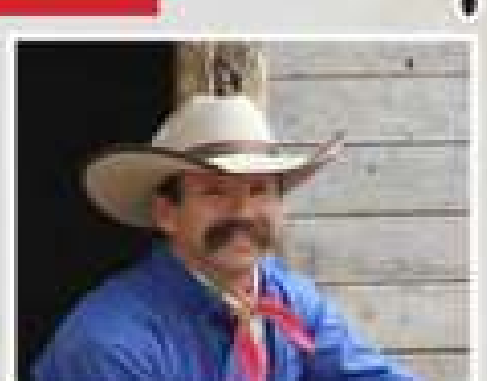
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Teams Put Ranch Skills to the Test in Newell

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NEWELL—A fun afternoon was spent cheering on favorite teams during the Newell Ranch Rodeo on Saturday, September 5. With six teams competing in a variety of unique events, spectators had a great time watching the action while rooting for their favorites throughout the afternoon.

The afternoon began with a team calcutta. All six teams were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Each team was made up of five members. Members had to meet specific criteria to field a team. Each team needed one woman, one kid that was 14 years old or younger, one senior—50 or older, one hand—either a man or a woman, and a mutton buster—60 pounds or lighter. The teams were Capital Builders, Dusty’s Backhoe Service, K-J Leather, Mackaben Ranch, Rockin B Feeders and Rocking C Services.

After the auction, the Ranch Rodeo began. A ranch rodeo is different from a traditional rodeo as it has very different events. The events were more focused on skills a horseman would acquire on a working ranch—activities that happened on a regular basis when taking care of cattle.

The announcer for the Ranch Rodeo was Justin Tupper and Vonda Mahaffey performed the national anthem.

The competition was made up of five different events. The team scoring the most points at the end of all of the events won the Championship Ranch Rodeo title. Events included Sorting,



A team runs back to the finish line as fast as possible while holding hands. Longbrake photo

Penning and Doctoring; Branding; Trailer Loading; Sheep Teepeeing and Mutton Busting.

Sheep Teepeeing was a crowd favorite and often had the spectators whoopin’ and hollerin’ for their favorites to win. Tupper said Sheep Teepeeing might be an event only held in Newell. That was in part because the Newell area has deep roots in raising sheep and was often referred to as the Sheep Capital of the Nation.

In the event, teams rode on horseback to the flock of sheep

and then dismounted and caught one. After the animal was secured, teams had to put a tent over the sheep to keep it from running off. The riders had to remount their horses and race back across the finish line while holding hands with the other team members.

With no one able to steer their horse, the riders had to trust one another and hold on tight as they raced as fast as possible toward the finish line. If the riders made it across the finish line while still holding hands, 10 seconds was

deducted from their final time. Tupper said, “Well, ladies and gentlemen, pay off our Sheep Teepeers here on a hot Saturday afternoon... what a great crowd we had this afternoon—maybe the best crowd we had at a Ranch Rodeo—thank you for coming out!”

The first-place team won Custom Trophy Spurs, while second- and third-place teams won quality leather products and the Top Hands earned Newell Ranch Rodeo jackets.

Individual winners were:
Top Youth: Cooper Cermack.
Top Woman: Brandi Cwach.
Top Senior: Dwayne Adams.
Top Hand: Ty Ollrich.
Top Horse: Tyrel Bonnet.

Winning Teams:
Champions: K-J Leather
Second Place: Dusty’s Backhoe Service
Third Place: Mackaben Ranch

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Newell Turns Out to Support Local Fire Department



The Newell Fire Station was filled to the brim with community members showing their support. Longbrake photos

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NEWELL—The line to get a hearty meal of barbecue and all the fixings ran all the way through the fire station and out the door at the annual Fireman’s Barbecue on Saturday, September 5. The popular event brings the community together during the Labor Day celebration to support the Newell Volunteer Fire Department.

There are 28 volunteer firefighters who make up the Newell Volunteer Fire Department. They all work hard to pull together the Labor Day Barbecue—one of their largest fundraisers for the fire station.

The Fire Department has been putting on the event long enough now that they have most of the details ironed out. “It has been trial and error for a lot of years, but over the years, we’ve been able to get fairly close—some years we have a lot [of meat] left, some years there’s not very much,” explained Fire Chief Verl Tift, who has been in his

role for 12 years. “This year we cooked about 120 pounds of beef and pork, and then we had two lambs...we always have lamb, we always do, it is kind of a Newell thing!”

Even though the Labor Day Barbecue has been a staple of the Labor Day celebration for a while now, the event didn’t always happen during that celebration, but changing the date made for larger community turnout. “For probably 15 years—previous years from that, we had the [barbecue] Father’s Day weekend—but decided to make a switch because Labor Day is a Newell event and do that weekend to bring everything together,” shared Tift.

The hall was packed with hungry community members supporting the fire department while enjoying tasty barbecue sandwiches, chips, potato salad, dessert and cold drinks.

The Labor Day Barbecue is the Newell Fire Department’s largest single fundraiser of the year. The department does have one other

large fundraiser, but it is an event that benefits all fire departments in the area. “Our other fundraiser that we have is the Festival of Trees, but that’s kind of Eastern Butte County—we split that up between other departments and the ambulance. But as far as a single fundraiser, yes, this would be our biggest fundraiser,” explained Tift.

The money raised from the barbecue will go toward the department’s next project—updating some of its trucks. Tift said, “We’re looking at updating some trucks—it’s kind of our next step to go.”

Tift is thankful for all of the support the department receives from the local community. “Without the community support, we wouldn’t be here. That’s the biggest thing—without their help and support, there wouldn’t be a volunteer fire department,” said Tift. “This is a thank you to the community for everything that they do for us.”



Folks going through the food line fill up their plates with good barbecue.



The line to eat was way out the door.



Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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I dumped just over a third of an inch of the rain gauge Monday morning from the rain we got Sunday. We took Reub's Kubota to John Brown in Reeder to have John fix it after it broke down and then stayed for coffee with the Prairie Pioneers before we left for home. It was Harding County High School Homecoming Coronation that evening with the burning of the R at the Tipperary Arena following the Coronation.

Reub went spraying weeds at our Horse Creek pasture Tuesday morning while I watered all the gardens and flowerbeds. I called the Register of Deeds Sue Litzel that afternoon to find out who was the original owner of the JX Ranch near the Slim Buttes so I could get everything right when I make the presentation of the history

of the Slim Buttes at the Coal Springs Threshing Bee south of Meadow corner on Friday, September 25. Sue looked it up and let me know who started it. The Jensen family owns it now. Thank you Sue for giving me all that information!

Reub and I went to Hettinger Wednesday afternoon to get stuff from Runnings, including a bunch of wide mouth jar lids that I'll need when I start canning tomatoes and beet pickles. We also got stuff from White Drug where Reub gets his squeeze from his cousin Roxie Finck and she told him she had also gotten a squeeze from Ron Floyd because he wanted her to tell Reub that he wasn't the only one to squeeze her! We went through Reeder on our way home so Reub could drop a motor for his table saw off with John Brown to fix and then we went down to have coffee with the Prairie Pioneers before

heading home.

Thursday, September 3, was our son Sage's birthday and I called him that morning to wish him Happy Birthday. Reub was spraying weeds at the Horse Creek pasture again that morning and he got home for lunch about 1:30. I spent a lot of the afternoon watering all the gardens and the flowerbeds. Jace and Kami Jensen just had another baby boy on Thursday and we want to welcome little Kipp Jasper as he joins the family with his two older brothers Keen and Kage. Congratulations to all the Jensen family!

Reub went spraying weeds at the Horse Creek pasture Friday morning. Amanda took all the kids to Buffalo for Homecoming that morning and Missy left early too. Taz went in a little later and Casey went in the afternoon to go to the Homecoming football game against Lemmon. Reub didn't get home until 3:00 for lunch and we didn't go into the football game.

Saturday morning was the annual Fly-In that Dennis Nash and all of his family puts on every year. It was kind of foggy here when we left the ranch just before 7:00 that morning but it was really foggy after we drove the ten miles over to Nash's and a lot of vehicles were already parked there eating the delicious breakfast that Judy Nash

and all her help cooks for us, but with all the fog there was only one plane there that had flown in from Montana. Usually there all a lot of planes that had landed before we show up but not that morning with all the fog so I told someone that they maybe should call it a Drive-In instead of a

Fly-In. An hour or so later the fog started to slowly lift and soon plans started flying in. Two helicopters landed and finally there were 13 planes that landed, some just about 10:00 when the Fly-In usually gets over. We got to eat a good breakfast and visit with a lot of friends and neighbors so we plan on attending that fun event as long as they have it. When that fog lifted it took all the moisture with it so I had to water the gardens and flowerbeds when we got home. I went to Reeder that afternoon for Sydney Ellinson's bridal shower and joined a large crowd of ladies that came to bring her gifts for her wedding on Saturday, October 3 when Sydney and Jacob Naumann will be getting married in Dickinson.

Sadly, there is another death to report: Roger Williams Schauer, MD, 82, of Hettinger, passed away at the West River Regional Medical Center in Hettinger on Saturday, August 29. Service of Remembrance

for Dr. Schauer was on Sunday, September 6, at the Hettinger Lutheran Church in Hettinger.

There was a huge crowd in church Sunday morning for the baptism of little Adeline Kari Wiechmann, the daughter of Ezra and Haelee Wiechmann. The families of Ezra and Haelee served a delicious lunch and coffee to all the friends and relatives who came to little Adeline's baptism and we got to visit with a lot of friends. Next Sunday, September 13th will be the Rally for the start of Sunday School and it will start at 9:45 that morning. The Worship Service will start at 11:00 with a potluck dinner following the service.

Pastor Henry Mohagen put this prayer of David in the bulletin Sunday morning: "To you I call, O Lord my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who have gone down to the pit. Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place." Psalm 28:1-2

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

August 31, 1916

The Newell Schools opened Monday on schedule with all teachers present. The enrollment in the Newell District on the first day was 150. Since the opening day, it has brought in more students. Miss Agnes Townsend arrived on Tuesday from Nisland and will begin studies in High School here.

Just the thing for a boy or girl, a camera. The one Price Drug is offering is not a toy, but a genuine Eastman, substantial, neat appearance and practical. Stop to see their special offer for boys and girls, "If it isn't an Eastman, it isn't a Kodak." Any Child will be delighted with a camera for Christmas. It is not too early to get one on lay-away for any special occasion.

A literary club was duly organized Friday evening at a meeting at the M. E. Church, and the following officers elected: President Rev. C. E. Cadle, Vice President B. E. Hayden, Secretary G. A. Frey, Treasurer Joseph Barr, Critic O. F. Barnham, Music committee Mrs. O. E. Farnham, Mrs. J. B. Crist, Mrs. Hugo Behrens and Mrs. C. H. Mueller; Organist Mrs. George Moore and Tylers, W. B. Lyons and Dr. J. R. Crest. It was decided to meet each Wednesday evening at 7:30 sharp. At the close of the proce-

dure, the audience was treated to a very excellent musical program followed by ice cream in the basement to about 100 members and guests.

September 2, 1927

For the Labor Day big dance, music will be furnished by Emma's Orchestra, the famous Hot Springs Saxophone Sextet, on Monday September 6th. Tickets can be purchased for \$1, a promise for the best dance of the season.

An accident that might have been serious took place on Friday evening just west of Vale when an automobile collided with the back end of a team-driven wagon, breaking the breach and throwing part of the wagon in the middle of the road. Spencer Godfrey was driver of the team. The blinding lights of two approaching cars frightened the horses, was the cause of the accident.

September 3, 1936

Merle Temple started overland on Monday trailing about 300 head of cattle from Willow Creek to Wood, South Dakota where he will winter them. Clyde Glover and Ode Mutchler are helping Temple trail to the Reservation. They expect to be on the road about a month.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Noltensmeier who have been visiting at the Adolph Noltensmeier home left

by Linda Velder

Tuesdy for their home at Lane, South Dakota. Miss Gweneth Noltensmeier has entered the Deaconess Hospital at Rapid City to take up nurse's training.

New fall and winter styles in coats and dresses will be shown on live models in N. M. Bratton's Merc. Co, ladies' ready-to-wear department on Saturday afternoon, September 5 from 2 to 4 PM. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. They also have the smartest line of children's clothing that has been their pleasure to show.

August 29, 1946

Workmen started this week cleaning gutters and curbs along Newell's main streets and are now engaged in painting parking lanes in order to facilitate parking in the city. The lanes are being painted the standard width, allowing lines, illegal parking areas will be painted a solid yellow color. This improvement will facilitate flow of traffic with vehicles parked at correct angles and will assist motorists in complying with parking regulations.

Newell has the first all-girl orchestra in the tri-state area. The High School girls dance band organized and consisting of 11 local girls who have already made their "debut" and played for 2 successful dances, before a large crowd at Vale and a



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host of home-town dancers and listeners. The group selected the name "Swing Sisters" and already have bought a loud-speaker, music and costumes. Members are trumpet: Clarice Anderson, Wilma Cook and La-Vaughn Rivers; clarinets: Joann Wilcox and Joyce Michelson; saxophones: Betty May Taft and Roberta Post; trombones: Lenore Taft and Wilma Bunn; piano: Grace Wold and drums: Sally Christopherson. The group also features vocal numbers by their members with Burton Fogelberg back-up singer.

Notice is hereby given by City of Newell to the proposal that will be considered for leasing the entire Municipal Airport area to any responsible person or corporation. A special meeting of city body will meet on September 9th at 8:00 pm to consider proposals.

September 6, 1956

Local men buy Registered Rams at the Douglas, Wyoming Fair Sale. Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Anderson of Newell and Willard Warren, Fairpoint. The Andersons purchased an outstanding Columbia ram, while Warren purchased the top selling Columbia and Rambouillet rams.

As the new school term opens this fall, every commercial farmer and grower whose products move in interstate commerce will become subject to the child-labor provisions of the Federal Labor Standards Act. Children under 16 cannot work on farms during school hours. Children of any age may be employed on farms in planting, cultivating, harvesting or handling agriculture products during vacation periods, on weekends and before or after school. However, the growers may use their own children on agriculture work at anytime and at any age on their own farm.

Two Newell men enlist as buddies in the Navy, Thomas Lawrence DeGarlais son of Mr.

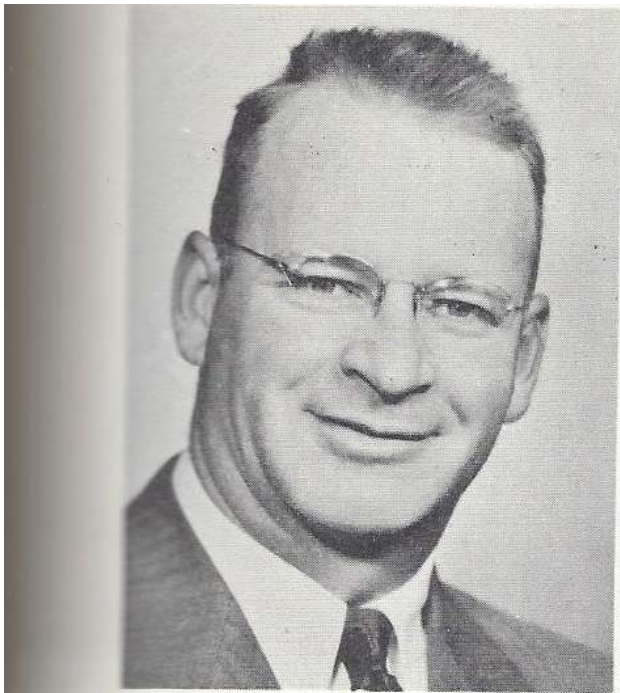
and Mrs. Thomas L. DeGarlais and Richard Lee Fabricius, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fabricius, both of Newell enlisted in the US Navy under the Navy High School Graduates Program on August 29th and now going recruit training at the US Naval Training Center, San Deigo, California. Both young men enlisted as buddies and will go through training together in the same Company.

September 15, 1966

Another exciting product is now making its national debut, instant oatmeal, the 1-ounce hot cereal that cooks right in the cereal bowl. It's the brightest star on the breakfast horizon. Made for a busy schedule, just empty the packet into a bowl and ¾ cup boiling water and add what fruit you like. Even small children can "cook" their own breakfast.

Mr. & Mrs. Cletus Huber plan to leave Saturday from Minneapolis, Minn. from there will leave by plane for Anchorage, Alaska and from there on to Tokyo, Japan and Hong Kong. Mr. Huber received the all-expense paid trip for his sales of Gibson Easy Appliances. They will be away for about 10 days. Mr. & Mrs. Willis Hoff and children will stay at the Huber home with their children while the parents are away on the trip.

Thomas J. MacKrell, son of Mr. & Mrs. George M. MacKrell, Vale has been named a Peace Corps volunteer, after completing ten weeks of training at St. Johns College in Annapolis, M. D. He will be working with the Philippines Educational System where he will teach math, science and English in elementary, secondary and normal schools throughout the country. He is one of 40 volunteers left for their assignments on September 12. Other Peace Corps projects there include community development and occupational therapy programs.



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Here’s What’s Happening in Newell!

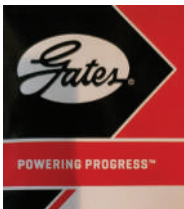
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Ranch Rodeo Photos



Sorting number two out of the herd.



Number one isn't interested in loading into the trailer, so he just laid down.



Trying to get number three into the trailer.



Running to catch a sheep in the Sheep Teepeeing event.



Ranch Rodeo Champion Team K-J Leather.



Putting the teepee on the sheep.

Newell Garage Gets A New Coat



After 78 years, the historic NEWELL GARAGE, INC. sign received a new coat of paint. The sign was restored to its original 1913 façade. Restoration was made possible through funds received from the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission. The funds were initiated by the Newell Museum and matched by the Town of Newell. The sign had been painted over several times by businesses renting the building but always shown through. The painting was done by Erica Merchant, commissioned through Lamb Painting, Spearfish. Ms. Merchant is a well-known artist and restores or recreates historic signs and “ghost murals”. The Newell Garage is also known as the Edward Bushnell Garage Building.