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### Jack's 100th **Birthday Party**

It has been two years in the making to create a "Once in a lifetime celebration" for Jack Wells 100th birthday, Tuesday June 20th, 2023.

About 2 months ago the birthday celebration planning began. It started out with just bringing him a birthday cake to change State Street to Jack Wells Ave for the day and many proclamations stated by several dignitaries including a South Dakota Senator, Governor Noem, and our Belle Fourche Mayor, Randy Schmidt. One of the proclamations was calling June 20th "Jack Wells" Day.

With all the details being in place, June 20th finally came. In the early hours of Tuesday, State Street signs were covered with "Jack Wells Ave" signs, balloons with the colors of red, white, and blue were wrapped around the posts at 7th Ave and Jacks Wells Ave. Rail Park became the center focal point with 20 chairs placed for the iconic Belle Fourche Cowboy Band to play, tables set up for cake, birthday cards, a guest book, and 100 years worth of pictures

# **Jack Wells 100th Birthday Party a Great Event!**



Over 200 people gathered at Rail Park at the corner of 6th & State to help Jack Wells celebrate his 100th Birthday on June 20th. The Cowboy band serenaded and the day shared cake & perfect weather. - Photo Courtesy MePix-Michelle Evans

of Jack's life to be on display. A banner that read "Jack Wells Ave, Happy 100th birthday, June 20, 1923 - June 20, 2023 was in place at Rail Park for onlookers to see. Jack's family brought chairs for Jack and his bride Mary Ann, to sit comfortably during the festivities.

Jack's BDay B4



Jack Wells arrives at Rail Bark in 1923 Model T provided by Tom Rowett and driven by Todd Collins. Michelle Evans mePix Photo, More on B4-5

# **City Moves Forward with** \$300k Automated City **Water Meter Project**

**Beacon Staff** 

news@bellefourchebeacon.com The Belle Fourche City Council has approved on a 6-to-1 vote a project which will eventually convert resident's city water meters to an automated reading system. The project would come in two phases.

Several of the current nodes in use now are outdated and in need of replacement. That part of the project is estimated to cost \$125, 000. The second phase of the project would involve conversion of the water meter reading system to a remote automated system. The total cost would be just shy of \$300,000.

Councilmember Randy Sowers spoke in favor of the project saying that the conversion would save three days labor each reading cycle with Public Works Department employees. City Administrator Bob Nelson agreed with the time savings in a letter to the council dated June 1.

"The current reading system requires staff to travel throughout the city and manually collect monthly readings, rereads and new customer account readings," the letter states. "With the new system all the account readings would be done from City Hall and can be done in minutes rather than days. This would allow Public Works staff to focus on more pressing needs throughout the city."

Nelson says the current water nodes, which are devices used to collect water meter readings, are going dead around the city at a very high rate. Since all the old nodes were installed at about the same time he says they are now all failing at about the same time. When the nodes die, city workers have to estimate the amount of water use which often leads to an underestimated total, leaving the city with a very large bill.

"Crews are currently installing new nodes as quickly as possible, but have approximately another 1,600 nodes to replace in the near to immediate future," Nelson said

The proposed package put together by Winwater Company of Milbank, SD, at a cost of \$290,482, would update all nodes throughout the city and install an automated water meter reading system. "It will increase out efficiency dramatically and allow our staff to put more emphasis on other duties such as road maintenance, and save dramatically on increasing fuel costs," Nelson added.

The city of Sheridan, Wy, recently installed a similar system and Ken Hirschman, City Maintenance Superintendent, said the system has saved his city of 17,500 residents more than 2,300-man hours in the past 12 months. Hirshman says the efficiencies has had a value-added effect.

"These additional staff hours that were freed up allowed us to clean flush sewer mains, among other things, which saved Sheridan an estimated \$50,000 last year on sewer backup claims," he said. In a letter submitted to the council Hirshman said they were also able to replace six fire hydrants that were either non-functioning or low flow.

Councilmember R. Sowers told the council that the automated system would also be able to detect leaks in a resident's home. For example, if a resident was gone for an extended period of time, a leak could be detected and managed automatically which would save residents high water bills.

"There are about 25 residents a month who have facets that are leaking or a toilet that are leaking and when they are gone the system would send daily updates that would indicate the usage is a certain percentage more and instead of waiting a month we could catch that," he said. "That's a huge savings for

Water Meter A8

### **Council Reschedules Meetings Approves Fireworks**

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Due to the July 4th holiday, coupled with Roundup festivities, the Belle Fourche City Council has rescheduled their July meetings.

The first meeting of July has been rescheduled for a week later than normal, Monday evening, July 10, at 6pm at the City Hall council chambers.

In order to maintain the two-week spacing the second meeting in July has also been pushed back at week to Monday evening, July 24, at 6pm. The changes are in effect for July

Regular council meeting times will resume in August with regularly scheduled first and third Monday evening dates of August 7 and 21.

In other actions the council unanimous approved a city ordinance authorizing the use and possession of fireworks within the city limits from Sunday, July 2 through Tuesday July 4. The ordinance states that fireworks may be safely used between the hours of 11am and 11pm. The ordinance limits the use to privately owned land

The Black Hills Roundup will host fireworks for two nights at the Roundup grounds, Sunday July 2 and Monday July 3 following the evening performance of the rodeo.

The council also approved that

due to Roundup activities the Belle Fourche Rec Center will close early at 6pm on Sunday, July 2 and Monday July 3.

During the council's regular meeting on June 19 the second reading of the amended city garbage ordinance replating to tree branch and limb collection services was held without objection. The ordinance, in section 8.20.137 now expands the collection services to include commercial properties. It reads:

"The City may provide tree banch/limb collection service to residential and commercial properties when determined to be in the best interests of the City by resolution of the Common Council."

The ordinance, in most (but not all) instances, comes into effect for residents following a severe weather event such as a spring or fall ice storm, heavy

snowfall, high wind, or other event that would cause widespread tree limb damage.

The council also approved the low bid of Coyle Construction for roof replacement of five buildings at the Roundup Grounds in the amount of \$60,035. This is damage related to the hailstorm one year ago this month.

The Centennial Park Monument recording restoration project has been completed. There is now QR code at that location that can be scanned with a device that will take you directly to the recording.

At the beginning of the council meeting Mayor Schmidt led the chamber in a moment of silence for Austin Jewett, a city employee and recent high school graduate, who tragically drown in the Belle Fourche Reservoir on June 14.



# St. Onge Bar Auction Raises Over \$48,000 for the St. Onge Volunteer Fire Department

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The annual St. Onge Volunteer Father's Day Pancake Feed had another successful year in 2023. This year to help raise additional funds, they partnered with the St. Onge Bar, owned by Jaci and Tim Mattingley.

The bar held an auction sale for 35 highly coveted spaces on the beautiful new wooden beams that were part of a recent remodel at the historic S.O.B.



Thank you to the S.O.B.

Each square features livestock brands from donors across the area and a nameplate.

Over \$48,000 was raised and donated to the St. Onge Volunteer Fire Department to help build a new fire hall.

If you would like to make a cash or check donation to the St. Onge Volunteer Fire Department, stop in and help "Fill the Boot." Every cent counts.

Tim and Jaci celebrated one year of ownership of the S.O.B. in April and feel very blessed and grateful for all the community support they received. Make plans to stop in and see the new artwork this summer at the S.O.B.

The parking lot stays full with bikers, local ranchers, and

tourists. It is the perfect pit stop for a bike ride or an excellent choice for lunch after visiting the St. Onge Livestock Sale

This summer, you can enjoy Bike Night from 5 PM-8 PM on Tuesdays, which includes an all-you-can-eat taco bar and free bourbon tastings with Contraband Distillery.

If you're looking for a delicious prime rib for a Friday night treat, you won't find a heartier serving or more delicious piece anywhere in the Black Hills.

Summer Hours: 11 AM-10 PM Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday; 11 AM- 11 PM Friday & Saturday; 11 AM-9 PM Sunday; 4 PM-10 PM Monday



Members of the St. Onge Fire Department, owners Tim and Jaci Mattingly and friends pose for a group photo in front of S.O.B. Beacon Photo

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### Cassie Hansen 39

Cassie Hansen, age 39 of North Pole Alaska, passed away on Sunday, June 11, 2023.

**Obituaries** 

Cassie Lane Gropper was born on August 30, 1983 to Randy Gropper and Becky (Peterson) Gropper in Spearfish, South Dakota. She grew up in Belle Fourche with her younger sister, Jillian. You would oftentimes find them riding horses or getting into mischief. Her magnetic personality always kept her surrounded by friends. She enjoyed playing basketball, social

izing and being around her horses. Cassie trained her own horses for goat tying and barrel racing. Rodeo was a large part of her life from the age of 5 until she graduated from high school. She graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 2002. Cassie studied at Black Hills State University in Spearfish before moving to Brookings, SD with the love of her life, Clinton Hansen. They were Married May 2, 2008 in Brookings, then moved to Alaska to start their next great

After settling in North Pole, Alaska, Cassie began a career in dentistry at Dr. O'Donoghue's dental practice in Fairbanks, where she enjoyed helping patients and

The South Dakota values she was raised with never dwindled even though she lived thousands of miles away. Cassie believed she had an old soul and was

very fond of old fashion western style and classic country music. She excelled in cooking and enjoyed entertaining for any friends and family that visited her home. Throughout her life, Cassie loved animals of all shapes and sizes. Her four-legged friends brought her happiness and got her through tough times. Over the years, Cassie became fond of reading books in her spare time and took great pride in her collection of novels. She went on count-

less adventures, making friends everywhere she and her husband traveled. Cassie will be most remembered by her bright

spirit, nurturing tendencies and welcoming energy. Her legacy will live on in the lasting impressions she made on everyone she met throughout her life. Cassie is survived by her husband, Clinton L

Hansen; parents, Randy Gropper and Becky (Darrell) Barry; and sister, Jillian (Ehren) Mallams. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ruby and Lawrence Gropper, Ted Peterson and Charlotte Peterson-Pavlas.

A celebration of life and funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers please consider making a memorial contribution to a local animal shelter.

Online condolences may be made to the family at http://Blanchardfamilyfuneralhome.com



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When someone you love becomes a Memory, the memory becomes a Treasure. -Unknown-

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does. Regardless how we prefer to deal with the big questions of life, taking the time to make your advanced funeral or cremation planning is a very caring and responsible thing to do.

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# Larry Bronemann

Larry was a man who loved Nascar racing and ranching, and restoring old tractors. He also had a passion for his street rod. He was gifted in many ways, especially when it came to repairing tractors. If any one had a tractor break down, they knew Larry would be able to fix it. He was a hard worker and always busy working on something.
This past February, Larry began having severe

pain throughout his body. It was hard to diagnose and impossible to treat. He entered heaven's gates on the ranch over-looking the bloomed alfalfa fields and the Black Hills.

Thank you to all who loved him. He had many adventures in life with tractors and cars throughout the years.

Larry is survived by his wife, Julie; his kids and brothers and his dog named Boomer. Services are pending with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. At a later date, an open house vis-

itation will be scheduled to honor Larry. Friends may visit the funeral home's website to leave written condolences: www.LeveringtonFH.



### **Bernadine Hansen93**

Bernadine Hansen, age 93 of Fruitdale, died Monday, June 19, 2023 on the Fruitdale ranch, surrounded by family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30am Monday, June 26, 2023 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Spearfish. Visitation will be held 4 to 6pm Sunday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery.

Friends may leave condolences online and view a video tribute at: www.LeveringtonFH.com Bernadine Furois was born May 12, 1930 in

Deadwood. She was the daughter of Charles and Margaret (Nicholas) Furois. Bernadine grew up in the St. Onge area, where her parents owned and operated the general store. Bernadine spent much time in that store, working along side her parents. She attended grade school in St. Onge, 2 years at St. Martins Academy in Sturgis, and then graduated from Spearfish High School in 1947. She was a very talented seamstress during those years, creating many articles of clothing. In 1948 she won a trip to San Antonio Texas by winning a competition "Make It Yourself with Wool", in which she made a wool coat. Her talents continued all throughout her life as she made many quilts, crocheted, knitted, and cross stitched many types of crafts.

On May 20, 1950, Bernadine was united in marriage to Roy Hansen in St. Onge. To this union four sons were born: Jim, Don, Ken, and Steve. Follow

ing their marriage, Roy and Bernadine ranched north of St. Onge for 6 years. In 1957 they purchased a ranch near Fruitdale where they raised hogs and cattle. In 1993 they retired to Belle Fourche and in their retirement years they enjoyed taking their camper and traveling the country. Roy died in 2018 after enjoying 68 years of marriage. Bernadine spent more than 20 years helping at the Butte/Lawrence

County Fair. You would always see her in the pavilion and she always had several entries. She enjoyed canning, gardening, and flowers and she was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She will be greatly missed.

Bernadine is survived by her sons, Jim (Deb) of Vale, Don (Jo) of Spearfish, Ken (Pam) of Fruitdale, Steve of Panama City FL; 6 grandchildren, Nicole (Tom), Clinton, Kelly (Alicia), Matt (Angie), Wyatt (Sammi), Seth (Tina); 4 step-grandchildren, Tammi (Jeff) Westland, Connie (Steve) Hoven, Jennifer (Ian) Odle, Jared (Molly) Jambor;12 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; and 2 sisters, Sister Therese Marie Furois of St. Martins SD, and Cathy Anderson of Sturgis. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, daughter-in-law, Vicki Hansen; and granddaughter-in-law, Cassie Hansen.

### Ross M. Roll, Jr. 82

Ross M. Roll, Jr., 82 of Rapid City, SD, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Ross was born to Ross Roll, Sr. and Mary Kennelly on November 25, 1939 in Lusk, WY. Twelve years later joined by his sister, Vickie. Later moving to Edgemont, SD and then moving and graduating from high school in Phoenix, AZ. Ross then attended Black Hills State Teacher's College in Spearfish, SD. Before enlisting in the Army, he met Barbara Ann Mayer, while working on the Autumn

Festival Committee at college there in Spearfish. He was stationed in Fort Campbell, KY in the 101st Airborne Division. He was trained as a radio teletype operator, radio operator, a parachutist, and had badges in marksmanship and sharp shooting. During his enlistment Ross and Barbara were married on October 1, 1960. After his honorable discharge, Ross and Barbara moved to Rapid City,

While in Rapid City they welcomed daughter, Renée; son, Robert; and later daughter, Rochelle. Ross moved his family to Belle Fourche and went into partnership in Loebe/Roll Insurance Agency. In 1980, Ross and family moved to Rapid City and he went into partnership with his good friend, Greg Cummings in Cummings and Roll Insurance Agency. During his life, he served his community in the Jaycee's as Vice President and then later President. He was listed in the book of Who's Who's in busi-

ness. He served on the board of the Black Hills Workshop. Ross received several awards throughout his business career. Ross was an avid sportsman in his life (hunting, fishing, golfing, bowling, snowmobiling), but his favorite was hunting. Through the years, he played gold with his son, Robert and many friends and even a few pros. In his later years, Ross enjoyed cooking the most wonderful meals for his

wife, family, relatives, and friends. Ross will be forever missed, leaving an empty seat at the table. He was proud and thankful to have shared life with his devoted wife, Barbara and his 3 children: daughter, Renée (Tracy) Tofslie of Bozeman, MT; son, Robert (Gina) Roll of Flower Mound, TX; and daughter, Rochelle (Brant) Shewey of Rapid City; his grandchildren: Jessica Tofslie, Matthew Tofslie, Andrew Tofslie, Lauren Thomas, Ross Roll, Krissa Shewey, Amber Schlag and Ashley Shewey; his great grandchildren, Josh Thomas, Jr. and Grace Schlag; his sister, Vickie (Roger) Connett of Sundance, WY and many extended family. And last but not least, his cat Loner.

Graveside service, with military honors, will be held at 11:30am on July 10, 2023, at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis. Kirk Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



### Leon "Doc" Brodie, DDS 89

Leon "Doc" Brodie, DDS, passed away on November 4, 2022. He was born January 6, 1934.

Doc had a long, colorful life. Coming to American from Jamaica, he acquired his pilot's license as a teenager while working for General Motors. Doc was drafted and served 2 years in the US Army before earning a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from Loma Linda University Dental School.

From his early days as a dentist in Belle Fourche to his last business in Blackhawk, Doc never

stopped. He delivered babies, built buildings, and flew airplanes while being his own idea of Best Dentist Ever.

Doc is survived by his wife, Edith; sister, Eileen; and children, Raynette, Jay, Renae, Rhonda, and Jon.

Inurnment will be held at Black Hills National Cemetery on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 11

Arrangements are with Kirk Funeral Home.



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

<u>Romans 15:13</u>



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### Thank You!

I want to thank the following people for a great 100th Birthday Party: Family, friends, former employees, contractors, customers, the many people I've had the opportunity to know over the years, and the many people who helped make Rail Park a great spot to be.

Thanks to the Cowboy band, Fire Department, Police, and all those that helped.

Thank you to Governor Noem, Mayor Schmidt, and US Senator Rounds for their recognition to make June 20th a special day in Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

> Jack Wells Thank you!



Jack Wells-100 Years-June 20, 1923 to June 20, 2023

## Marilyn Jean Keys 82

He has called me home! Marilyn Jean Keys, 82, of Belle Fourche died May 2, 2023 at Monument Health Spearfish Hospital.

A Celebration of Life will be held Monday, July 3 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Herrmann Park in Belle Fourche.

She was born June 25, 1940 at the Songberger Maternity Home in Belle Fourche to William and Gladys (Wolden) Bonefield. Marilyn vaguely remembered living a winter in Alzada, MT just prior to her parents purchasing a ranch on the Little Missouri River in Montana which became their home for several years. Since it was several miles to school Marilyn stayed with her maternal grandparents so she could attend school. She spent the weekends on the ranch and summers where she had specific chores, some of which could be turned into adventures other than work. In the mid 50's it was decided that her mother should spend the school week with Marilyn, so they purchased a home in Belle Fourche.

Marilyn graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 1959 and that fall was accepted at St. Johns McNamara School of Nursing where she graduated in 1962. In 1976 Marilyn graduated from South Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. With

the guidance of the Wyoming Nursing Service, she opened Community Health Service in Crook County Wyoming. In addition to traditional public health, the agency was later certified as a

Home Health Agency.

Also, money became available for Victims of Domestic Abuse with the criteria ending up on Marilyn's desk. After a needs assessment, Marilyn completed the requirements and stepped away to let the services work.

Survivors include her daughter, Karen Shear; grandsons, Justin and Hunter all of Belle Fourche; Marilyn also wanted to recognize everyone she graduated with from St. John's McNamara as a "Sister in Nursing" included are Ruth (Winkel) Erickson, Susan (Wright) Dutcher, Marlene (Lindquest) Patrick, Darlene (Olmstead) Geboe, Beverly (Stabber) Warne, Audrey (Williams) Sigdestad, Barbara (Rachetto) Mattson, Carol (Stearns) McInerney, Donna (Means) Stekr, Theresa (Deibert) Longcor, Janet (Fleming) Warner, Kay (Koehne) Dornbusch, Patsy (Little) Freemyer and Maurine (Parks) Grimes.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



# City Recognizes Local Pioneering Foster Care Organization

BELLE FOURCHE - Mayor Randy Schmidt proclaimed June 19, 2023, as South Dakota Kids Belong awareness day after reading a proclamation during last week's city council meeting. The proclamation recognized the five-year-old organization for its record-breaking work in recruiting foster and adoptive parents, placing children with foster and adoptive families through its I Belong Project video series, building community relationships through the Foster Friendly app and setting up wrap-around programs to support foster

families. South Dakota Kids Belong (SDKB) was started by Belle Fourche residents Damen and Kristi Woolsey following the inspiration of Rick and Vicki Furnish of Spearfish. And now, what began in Belle Fourche, is a statewide program with partners in Sioux Falls, Mitchell, Mobridge, Rapid City, Spearfish, Yankton and beyond. SDKB gained the attention of Gov. Kristi Noem and her administration partnered with SDKB creating the Stronger Families Together initiative in 2021. Last year that partnership recruited more than 300 foster families statewide, which has never happened before in state history. Through the I Belong Project more than 90 children have been featured in video and two-thirds have found homes in South Dakota and other states throughout

"I just want to thank you for

your heart in recognizing vulnerable children," Damen told the council. "It's a community effort and here in Belle Fourche it's part of our DNA that we rise up and help our neighbors when the need arises. There's something special about South Dakota and something special about Belle Fourche and I'm truly thankful for your support." South Dakota Second Lady Sandy Rhoden was present at the council meeting as the proclamation was read and presented to the organization. She and husband Larry Rhoden, SD Lieutenant Governor, attended the fist SDKB fundraising gala and were moved by the experi-

"It really touched our hearts when Larry and I went to their first gala and saw that this was a real need in South Dakota," she told the Beacon. "It's the most vulnerable time in their lives when they must be removed from their homes to be placed in the foster care system. And these children need to know what having a good, solid, loving family feels like and this provides them with the opportunity to experience that future. It's important to remember these are children who grow up in our communities and will have an impact on our communities as adults."

Rhoden says she was especially moved when hearing experiences of children who 'age out' of foster car. That means once they

SDKids Belong A8

### Happy 70th Anniversary **Bill and Nettie Dick**



Local





Please join in the celebration by sending a card to their home.

### "A Heartfelt Thank You from the Austin Jewett Family"

From the depths of our heart, we want to say thank you so much! To all the people who helped us in many different ways from the sheriffs department to the police department to this great community that we live in - thank you for being

All of you helped in so many different ways. We have been blessed with so much food and so much support and so many gifts. Thank you for attending the funeral as well.

Austin's celebration had about 1600 people from this community attend. Thank you for being there! No local acknowledgments will be sent because of the massive amount of people we have to say thank you to.

From the bottom of our hearts, we say thank you!

From the Austin Jewett Family



### Austin Jewett--August 19, 2004 to June 14, 2023

# Pastor's Perspective

Pastor's Perspective is from retired Four Square Pastor and Spearfish native Glen Pummel

### "His delight is in the Law of the Lord"

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the council of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper." Psalm

My perspective as an older person would be based on this passage from the Psalms and is pretty much the same as my own father's was. 1. Be careful who you take council from. 2. Be mindful of who you "hang out" with. 3. Hopefully don't fall into the habit of being a negative individual, always finding something about everything. 4. On the side, have the habit of a positive input, daily if possible, of what God has to say in His Word.

The afore mentioned points are germane for our world today. 1. Opinions are abundant and of varied points of view; progressive, conservative, and readily expressed. It would be good to take note of the source. 2. We may

ake on the characteristics of those we "hang out" with, so being cautious, of sources, is wise. 3. Negativity and "scornful" seem to exist together in a world where so much is, well, negative and can turn easily to scorn, where we treat everyone we disagree with, with contempt and distain. (politics is a great

I feel fortunate as an individual, I would call myself a Believer, to have found an island in the sea of the above three, an island,

where there is another opinion from a much different perspective, a much higher perspective; from God, who actually desires to be a friend, and a Father. He sent the Word, the Law, the Bible, the Good News, the message of sending His only Son Jesus into our world. And in this we have the best advice, the best news, "the way, the truth, and the life", so we can live as if "planted by a river of spiritual life", where we can actually "prosper" in living and in life in general. Pastor Glen Pummel

Grateful to have lived in South Dakota.



Belle Fourche Mayor Randy Schmidt displays the document proclaming June 19, 2023, South Dakota Kids Belong Awareness Day in the city of Belle Fourche. The Belle Fourchebased organization has grown to a statewide force in helping foster children find homes through adoption or foster care families. From left: Mayor Schmidt, SD Second Lady Sandy Rhoden, SDKB CEO Damen Woolsey, SDKB Pres. Kristi Woolsey (daughter Mercy), Rick Furnish, Vicky Furnish, Travis Martin and other SDKB supporters. Beacon Photo



Pete's Clothing & Hodge Bootery sporting a new store sign. Soon to be lighted at night.

### **Belle Fourche High School Spring Honor Roll**

Freshman "A" Honor Roll: Nathan Bower, Tegan Fredericksen, Reagan Hatling, Adeline Hayes, Trinity Hostetter, Emma Juelfs, Denali Larson, Journee Littleton, Justus Marshall, Atlee Olson, Jazlyn Olson, Syd Pelster, Danielle Vetter, & Kate Williamson. Sophomore "A" Honor Roll: Sydney Baker, Nora Bricker, Aleyah Carbajal, Kord Colburn, Lainey Crago, Spencer Foley, Carlee Grady, Payton Jackson, Taya Kirstine, Alexandra Klocek, Rachel Lee, Allie Mailloux, Lydia Main, Elizabeth McCord, Chloe Merjil, Bailey Moke, Lily Nore, Kailey Nowowiejski, Owyn Schreder, Alexandria Stevens, Kaisa Tanninen, Adeline Thomsen, Isaac Voyles, & Betsy

Junior "A" Honor Roll: Ava Allen, Alexis Anderson, Hailey Anderson, Rexton Audiss, Jacie Baxendale, Lynnea Brown, Owen Erhart, Emilee Griffin, Allison Hayes, Tyce Hostetter, Madison Howard, Arlen Johnson, Sarah Juelfs, Gracie Kayras, Theodore Long, Anika Main, Andrew McKenney, Taylor Mills, Jonah Musilek, Justice Njos, Isabella Peterson, Ariana Richter, Harley Rivera, Lorelei Seaman, Ethan Staley, Lana Tanninen, Kyha Trainor, Logan Tyndall, Sidney Underhill, Nell USkoski, Aiden Voyles, Nolan Wahlfeldt, Mataya Ward, Shaine Weishaar, Alena Williamson, Nyomi Woltkamp, & Sloan Young. Senior "A" Honor Roll: Victoria Brill, Jenna Broderson, Anthony Budmayr, Amanda Byrd, Chloe Crago, Conner Curran, Halle Eaton, Alyssa Frisbie, Olivia Furrow, Kyrstin Hayworth, Chase Horst, Adryana Hovland, Dustin Kolb, Nicole Kraft, Ayden Kummer, Nicholas Lambert, Breanna Leatherman, Morgan Mackaben, Lily McCarty, Margaret McCord, Ava McLennan, Preston McQueen, Shelby Moke, Devin Nowowiejski, Kalika Nulle, Gavin Parmeter, Izzabella Ramos, Chloee Richardson, Jayden Sechser, Alexis Sheeler, Dylan Stedillie, Chloe Stores, Caden Thomsen, Andrew Tonsager, & Ava Walker.

Freshman "B" Honor Roll: Ysabelle Angeles, Griffen Biehl, Spencer Bush, Riley Dighton, Caleb Dosch, Ciera Erhart, John Hale, Kyle Hendrickson, Ashtyn Hight, Tucker Hughes, Slater Humbracht, Garet Huston, Leah Lambert, Emitt Lipp, Marek Manke, Joseph McLennan, Merik McNeese, Raif Parmeter, Gavin Pearson, Andrew Pruitt, & Oden Walding.

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# Fair Receives Grant for Sun Shade

Codi Mills Special to the Beacon The Butte/Lawrence County Fair is the recipient of a grant through the Made for Shade organization for a portable shade structured to be used during the

Local rancher and 4-H mom, Mary Blair, applied for the grant on behalf of the fair in 2022 and was recently awarded

annual fair in Nisland.

\$2,000 to be placed towards the shade structure. Blair and the Butte/Lawrence County Fair were recognized at the recent Made for Shade fundraising event held at Arrowhead Country Club in Rapid City.

Dr. Lycia Thornburg and her partners at the Rapid City Medical Center's The Skin Institute are dedicated to fostering a love of the outdoors while bringing

sun shelters to children through the Made for Shade organization. In the photo, Thornburg (at left) and colleague Dr. Rob Sage are shown with Mary Blair at the Made for Shade event held on June 8.

Blair is hoping to place the shade structure near the livestock show ring for 4-H youth and families to utilize during the six-day event.



# **Gyroscope Press Announces the Release** of the Anthology, Spirit of the Bear Lodge.

Local authors Jean Helmer. Kathy Bjornestad, Dawn Newland, and Holly Moseley are proud to offer a second collection of work from the Bearlodge Writers, Spirit of the Bear Lodge, launching on July

Spirit of the Bear Lodge is a celebration of poetry, fiction, essay, and memoir with wide-ranging themes. The works in this volume encompass the best of the Bearlodge Writers, a critique group based in Sundance, WY, founded in 1979. Bearlodge Writers was

first envisioned as a place where writers could gather to share, create, and encourage each other. Its members stretch from the western shadow of the Bighorns to Maine. Over the years, this group's published work has rippled outward—regionally, nationally, and internationally. According to Linda Hasselstrom, author of Walking: the Changes, "Their voices echo and sing, piercing the fog of our daily lives, bringing new hymns of entertainment, reflection, grief, healing, and

Sastrugi Press calls the anthology "unexpectedly touching," and writer and educator Dawn Wink, PhD, proclaims, "The honesty, humanity, compassion, and strength of the writers took my breath away again and again.'

Please join the Bearlodge Writers to celebrate their latest publication at the Sundance, WY Library on July 8, 2023, beginning at 2:00 pm. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Authors will read from their works as well as sell and sign copies.

# Society of Black Hills Pioneers Annual Meeting

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The 134th Annual Meeting of the Society of Black Hills Pioneers will be held Saturday, July 22, 2023 at the St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 1049 Howard Street in Sturgis, SD. Rick Mills, curator of the South Dakota State Railroad Museum will present a very personal look at people, places and trains that influenced South Dakota in his power point program, "Panics, Personalities,

The program is sponsored by the South Dakota Humanities Association.

and Politics-Case Histories in

Dakota Railroading."

Registration and Social Hour starts at 10:45 AM, meeting and introductions at 11:15 AM, followed by lunch at 12 PM with program to follow. There is a \$15 charge for lunch but attendees may just come for the

The public is invited to attend the meeting. Please call 307-467-5260 for a reservation by July 9 if you plan to attend the meal portion of the meeting.

The Society is considering two constitution changes which could be voted on at the annual meeting by the members attending. One change involves the time of the annual meeting which is set for the weekend before the Days of '76 but the change would allow directors to set the meeting when most convenient for the membership

The directors and members are also considering a change in the requirements for membership. Currently, the constitution says that the membership is for people who are direct descendants or their spouses of people who arrived in the Black Hills by the

time of the first census in 1880. Under discussion is to change that date to 1890 to allow those descendants whose ancestors came during the next rush of people to the Hills area which includes the counties of Butte, Lawrence, Pennington, Custer and Fall River counties in the South Dakota and Weston and Crook counties in Wyoming.

This is not the first constitution change in regards to the dates as it was first only those who arrived in 1876, the to 1879 and finally to the census in 1880. If you would be eligible to

become a member if the date is changed, please contact Society Secretary, Chris Maupin cmaupin@rtconnect.net or call her at 307-467-5260 if you have questions. Membership is \$12 with \$10 annual dues or a life membership of \$152.



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The Society will have the float in the Days of '76 parade on Friday, July 28 at 1:30 PM and Saturday, July 29 at 10 AM. For more information, contact the Society Secretary. Currently the Society has about 450 members scattered

throughout the United States

Hills. The Society projects include preserving their records, the parade float, cemetery restoration and printing family histories. Society records date back to the first meeting held in

Deadwood.

who are descendants of the first

pioneers who came to the Black



# **Waiting for Audio/Visual Bids**

Butte County Commission

**Betty Bruner** news@bellefourchebeacon.com

BELLE FOURCHE - The Butte County Commission received no bids for audio/visual needs or the county's website management. County Auditor Annie Capp informed the commissioners at the regular commission meeting held June 20 that she had sent out several notices to local tech businesses that there was interest in setting up audio and visual equipment to broadcast the county commission meetings, but that she had not received any feedback. The commissioners asked if she would widen her search and continue looking for informa-

The Public Comment section of the agenda which had been placed at the end of the commission meetings was changed for this evening meeting to be near the beginning of the meeting as requested by Commission Vice Chair James Ager. Several people responded with their thoughts and opinions for the commissioners.

Sue Broadhurst had prepared her comments to reflect the recent change of Public Comment following the business of the commission, however with the change she thanked the commissioners for changing it back to the original time frame. Following several remarks about the attitudes of the commission, she said "you will be exposed" and told them to enjoy being on a pedestal.

"Thanks" were given by Ed Goss for the work done on Minnesela Road. He said that the county highway department had made it the best it's ever been. Doss has lived on the road for many years.

Rose VanSickle admonished the commissioners on allowing businesses a variance. She said that it was despicable that the commission make an ordinance and then allow a variance.

The Rules of Decorum were brought up by Travis Ismay suggesting that the commissioners be more lenient with time.

He questioned the commissioners on the ability to judge impatience according to #10 on the Rules and who would set that standard. The tenth rule reads as follows: "Anger, rudeness, ridicule, obscene or profane language, impatience, and lack of respect for others and personal attacks are not acceptable behavior.

Demonstrations in support of or opposition to a speaker or idea are not permitted in the Commissioners Chambers. The Chairman is responsible for maintaining order."

He said that rule #5 did not make sense and asked for an explanation. The rule states: "The public comment period will not be used to air personal grievances, make political endorsements, or for political campaign purposes, nor discuss matters which are the subject of scheduled public hearings.'

Dale Simanton thanked the commissioners for moving the Public Comment time back to the beginning of the meeting period. He also asked the commissioners to consider all the options for a new building, saying that there are several empty buildings in the Belle Fourche area.

Sheriff Fred Lamphere explained that the committee had met and discussed several of the options, including the old Shopko building. However, the noodle factory had taken over the open part of the large building and another business was occupying the other side. He said that Belle Fourche was going ahead with plans for a law enforcement building, but the county had not decided yet as to joining the city.

Bids were opened for gravel for next year. Two bids were given. One was for 30,000 Tons at \$9/T. The other was for 60,000 Tons at \$8.15/T. Although the cost for the higher amount of gravel was lower per ton, the commissioners thought it best to go with the lesser tonnage since the total cost was lower.

Director of Equalization Donna Jones notified the commission of her resignation on September 30, 2023. She

said she felt it important to let the commissioners know well in advance so that adequate advertising and vetting could be done and have time to train a new employee.

Her resignation was accepted with "much regret" from the commission. Her position will be advertised and requirements noted.

Sheriff Lamphere reported on the tragic drowning recently at Orman Dam.

"I can say with pride that everything was done that could be done," he said as he explained the effort given by First Responders and law enforcement.

Three lots owned by Troy and Ann Marie Hostetter were approved to be combined into Tract A-1. The lots contain 1.280 acres.

A bridge on Twilight Road was deleted from the bridge list. It is now a culvert.

The medical cannabis grow facility license at Butte Valley Farms was renewed by the commission. Owner Jackson Strain was present to answer any questions from the commission.

Commissioner Chad Erk noted that there was no inspection from the SD Department of Health and asked for a reason. Auditor Capp conveyed her process of notifying the State, but stated that she cannot talk to the State about an inspection.

Travis Ismay suggested to Strain that he shut down his facility. Ismay said that it distresses him that a marijuana farm is within a 1000 ft. of his place and that the smell was overwhelming.

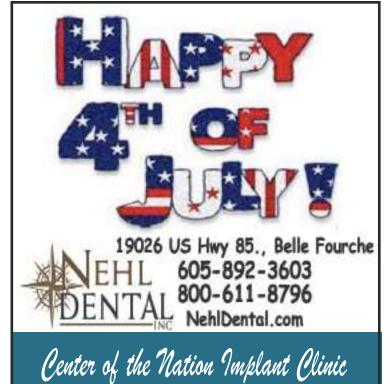
"In my opinion, start growing tomatoes," he said.

Strain answered and assured Ismay that there was no smell, his facility is very tight and does not emit an odor.

Commissioner Ager encouraged all growers to invest money to "scrub" the air in their facility.

The commission voted to renew the license with one Nay vote from Commissioner Erk. He was hesitant because of the lack of inspection by SDDOH.

The next regular meeting of the Butte County Commission will be July 6 at 9:30 a.m.



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# Show Up

by Belle LaVenue

Free concerts in the park are a beautiful way to spend a summer evening! Sponsored by the Belle Fourche Arts Council, these concerts at the Hermann Park Bandshell will entertain crowds without admission for four nights beginning with the Belle Fourche Cowboy Band on Saturday, July 1st, at 5 PM. The other featured concerts will be on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM: July 12th - 2 Country 4 Nashville, July 19th - Green Dolphin, July 26th - Northern Hills Band. Ice cream is also available at the concerts by donation.

Check out this FREE Summer Family Event sponsored by the Belle Fourche Library: Ventriloquist Meghan Casey & the Rocky Mountain Puppets on Monday, July 10th at 1:00 PM - Both events are at the Belle Fourche Community Hall. ALSO - Readers of all ages can sign up at the library for the Summer Reading Program.

Belle Fourche Area Community Theater wants YOU to get your 80's clothes out of the back of your closet! It's time for ROCK OF AGES KARA-OKE NIGHT on July 14th at the Branding Iron from 8-11 PM. Join the Rock of Ages ROCKIN' CAST hosted by LONNY for this FUN fundraiser that will help you get in the mood for the Rock of Ages performances on July 27th - 30th.

Calling all writers! Belle Fourche Writers is pleased to announce the Call for Submissions to their "New Anthology, Life's Landscapes." Submissions are open from May 1st to July 31st 2023! They will be accepting poetry, prose, and short stories. Email Meg English (meg@bhsw.org) to receive a link to the submissions page. Check out these FREE Summer Family Events sponsored by the Belle Fourche Library: Ventriloquist Meghan Casey & the Rocky Mountain Puppets on Monday, July 10th at 1:00 PM -The event is at the Belle Fourche Community Hall. ALSO - Readers of all ages can sign up at the library for the Summer Reading Program starting on June 5th!

Mark your calendar with these upcoming events:

June 29th, Hometown Thursdays @ 6:30: featuring Dakota Country.

Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center "Nitwits from Neptune" will be featured at Downtown Thursdays in Belle Fourche June 29th.

June 30th: Butte County Bank Robbery Reenactment. Listen and watch one of the most infamous bank robberies in US history, and definitely in South Dakota history, be reenacted at State Street and 6th Ave, also known as "State Street Square" 3:00 PM.

**July 1st:** Belle Fourche Cowboy Band Concert in Herrmann Park at 5 PM.

July 6th, Hometown Thursdays @ 6:30 - featuring South Highway 85 Band

July 10th: Ventriloquist Meghan Casey & the Rocky Mountain Puppets at 1:00 PM - Free admission- Belle Fourche Community Hall.

July 12th - 2 Country 4 Nashville Concert in Herrmann Park at 7 PM, Sponsored by BF Arts Council

July 13th, Hometown Thursdays @ 6:30 - featuring the Wilt Brothers

July 14th: Rock of Ages Karaoke - fundraiser for Belle Fourche Area Community Theater 8:00-11:00 PM at the Branding Iron. Watch the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater Facebook page for more details.

July 19th - Green Dolphin Concert in Herrmann Park at 7 PM, Sponsored by BF Arts Council

July 20th, Hometown Thursdays @ 6:30 - featuring Camp Comfort

July 26th - Northern Hills Band Concert in Herrmann Park at 7 PM, Sponsored by BF Arts Council

July 27th, Hometown Thursdays @ 6:30 - featuring Chelsey Dee & Co.

July 27th - July 30th: BFACT (Belle Fourche Area Community Theater) Rock of Ages the musical, Thursday, Friday, Saturday Performances @ 7 PM - Sunday Performance

August 26th - BFACT Presents Getting Our Acts Together - the multi-theater one act performance.

Maybe YOU know what SHOW is UP next? Share your fine arts tid bits and upcoming events at bellelavenue@gmail.com. I especially love the juicy backstage dish and green room gossip! Mark your calendars, friends, so you don't forget to Show Up!





### New Augustana U. book seeks to fill SD History Void

Jonathan Ellis jonathan@thedakotascout.com

In his introduction to "Old Trails and New Roads in South Dakota History," editor Jon K. Lauck laments that research into South Dakota history has

lagged behind other states.

While other states have had multi-volume histories produced about them. South Dakota's standard history was written mostly in the 1950s, with subsequent chapters added later. The state's university system does not offer a Ph.D. in history, which means the graduate research organic in other state university systems doesn't exist here.

Nor does the university system in South Dakota have a publishing arm.

The void in the state's history grew only deeper when former South Dakota State University history professor John E. Miller died abruptly on May 1, 2020. Miller had spent a career laboring to research the state's history and its major figures. His death left some major projects unfinished.

Miller's passing served as the catalyst for "Old Trails and New Roads." Lauck and Jan Johnson, a retired English composition teacher at Mount Marty University, connected and decided that a book in honor of Miller would be appropriate. Harry Thompson, the executive director of the Center for Western Studies at Augustana University agreed, and the center published "Old Trails

and New Roads" this spring. The title serves a purpose:

Old trail topics include railway expansion in the state, a look at the state's extreme weather and the logic behind its boundaries despite clear differences between East River and West River South Dakota.

The new roads in state history include South Dakota's portrayal in film, cuisine, an essay on hunting and fishing and a half-century assessment of the American Indian Movement. In all, the book contains 13 essays of varying topics, making it easily digestible.

Of course, South Dakota's history predates statehood and the white settlers who eventually poured into what was called Dakota Territory, and the opening chapter to "Old Trails and New Roads" contains an essay by Pekka Hämäläinen, the renowned Oxford University professor and expert on indigenous peoples in North America. Hämäläinen's essay is a 50,000-foot view of his 2019 book, "Lakota Nation: A New History of Indigenous Power." He charts the westward expansion of the Lakota Sioux into what would become the Dakotas, where, through warfare, conquest and diplomacy, the Lakota eventually held dominion over an empire that stretched across the Upper Great Plains, to the Rocky Mountains and Canada.

Forced from the western Great Lakes in the 1700s by warring Indian nations aligned with the competing French and British, the Lakota were originally

cutoff from European arms and horses, and vulnerable to more powerful Indian tribes who had access to modern weaponry by virtue of their alignment with European powers.

But their fortunes changed with the arrival of the horse, and the Lakota reinvented themselves as fierce horsemen. The horse, and arms from French traders eager to engage in the fur trade, allowed the Lakota to conquer river valley after river valley, forcing other tribes to retreat to the Missouri River valley.

"The Lakota clashed with several prairie peoples who saw them as strangers and invaders," writes Hämäläinen. "The rivalries became pitiless, lasting for generations. They were North America's longest wars." By the 1800s, the Lakota, a people of no more than 13,000, had conquered the mainly agrarian tribes on the Missouri River that had numbered more than 50,000.

Those that weren't killed or driven north were vassals, forced to grow corn for the Lakota or face extermination. Following their conquering of the Missouri River valley, the Lakota pushed even further west, with the Black Hills as its focus and eventual anchor as the nation clashed with other Great Plains tribes equally adroit as horsemen fighting for control of the vast buffalo grazing lands of the region. Hämäläinen's essay ends with

the inevitable clash of American expansion. The Lakota went from being a favored tribe



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- the U.S. government vaccinated the Lakota for smallpox in 1831-32 amid an outbreak – to local bookstores. an impediment to American

expansion. "Old Trails and New Roads" is available online as well as at



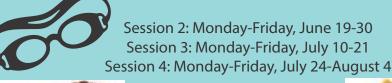
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# Anything Left in the Barrel?



Well, this is the last issue of the Beacon to be assembled for printing and distribution at the historic Don Pratt Hotel building at 622 State.

It has been a bit of an honor to create the Beacon in this historical structure.

We have have had, in addition to the Beacon, some history in this structure. Where we have been was at one time the local office



for Black Hills Power & Light; the northeast corner was home to wife Nancy's womens clothing store, Traditions; and where Pioneer Banks' Trust Department is housed was the space we rented from owner at that time, Jim Benning, and operated RLE, a Retail Liquor Dealers video lottery

operating company.

It is a grand ol' structure, and definitely part of Belle Fourche downtown history. After we vacate the premises we are in high hope that current owner will restore and repair and bring another business to State Street.

Had the honor of attending Dale Kapsa's "Life Celebration" this past Saturday. When in the concrete construction business friend Dale and his backhoe did all of my excavation work.

The work was always perfect and performed with a gracious, smiling countinance and heart.

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The world is a better place because Dale was a part of it. We, along with many, share in the precious memory of him.

June 30th at Rail Park, corner of 6th & State, make plans to attend the "Burger Bash" and support the local FFA chapter.

Lunch begins at 11 a.m., so come and enjoy. This event is sponsored by the BF Chamber of Commerce, Black Hills Diner, Bluepeak Internet, Minnesela Meats, Grossenburg Implement & Coca-Cola.

**Bad Joke**: What do you have if you are unable to remove a paperweight from your pile of timber industry investment certificates?

Answer: A stuck stack of stick

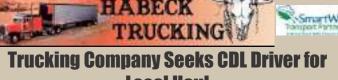
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We want to say Thank you to all the folks who offered assistance and options to the Beacon with its need to relocate. It was much appreciated.

The computer work required to do a paper each week isn't the issue, where the problem arises is dealing with 9,000 papers to send to 7 counties in the Tri-State area each week. It

and inconvenience.

We were fortunate to have an offer from owner Mark Schreiner to use space available in the back end of the Print Market building. Thanks, Mark.

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From A3 SD Kids Belong reach the age of 18 and have not been adopted or placed with a family, they are released out of the foster care system into the world without a family structure. "When you think about this you have ask, 'who walks these young girls down the aisle if they want to get married? Where do they go for Christmas with no family?' Things we might take for granted are not there for these kids." The Rhoden's relayed their experience to Gov. Noem shortly after the event in 2019, and the governor set her team to work on ways that could help support the effort.

"She had a foster brother when she grew up so she knows the importance of this," Rhoden said. "(The Governor) believes the backbone of our state is our families. Every child should have a good home and a loving family. If we can have strong individuals and stronger families, it will be better for our communities and better for our state.'

Woolsey says an emphasis of SDKB right now is to increase the number of businesses partnering with the organization through the Foster Friendly app. Businesses listed on the app agree to offer discounts on goods and services to families who have adopted or taken in foster children.

"We have engaged more than 140 businesses across the state already," Woolsey told the Beacon. "And we want to see that grow this year."

Woolsey took that message to the council at last week's meeting and threw down to the gauntlet to his home commu-

"And I do want to give a little challenge to Belle Fourche to be the most foster friendly city in South Dakota," he said. "And what that means is that we engage more businesses to support foster parents. And then let's help raise up parents with a call to action to foster and adopt."

Woolsey says the organization will be looking at what he terms' "collective impact" this year. That refers to ways that SDKB, state agencies, churches, the I Belong Project, Stronger Families Together and businesses can more effectively work together to "form synergies and momentum" to see more foster parents. He feels blessed to live in a state where government is not afraid to partner with faith-based communities for the good of children.

"There's an old African proverb that says 'when the elephants fight, it's the grass that suffers," he said. "And when faith and government and business don't get along in terms of foster care, it's the kids who suffer. And so, we're in a unique situation where they're all willing to work together for the betterment of children." If you would like to support the efforts of South Dakota Kids Belong visit SD or log on to http://StrongerFamiliesTogeth-

If you are a business in Belle Fourche that would like to support foster families by giving them a discount or free service you can sign up here https:// americaskidsbelong.org/.../foster-friendly.../

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From A1 Water Meters the citizens."

The city would also have the ability to remotely shut off the water for citizens who are habitually delinquent and have stopped making water payments. The city says this would affect about 50 residents per month.

Councilmember Talkington said he had no issue with spending the funds to replace the nodes but asked the council to exercise caution when employing a new automated system.

"I would sooner wait and check this out a little better," Talkington said. "I'm not real confident with some of these computer programs for \$130,000.

I can see ordering the (nodes) and the (meters) can be read as they are now and that takes care of our immediate problem. I just don't think right now I'd want to spend the extra money on the (automated) program.'

Eventually a motion was made by Councilmember Rebecca Larson, with a second by Randy Sowers to approve the purchase of collectors, repeaters, radios, and water meter nodes from Winwater Company to complete the replacement of the current nodes and begin conversion of the water meter reading system in the amount of \$290,482.64. The package includes installation, project management, file interface, and two days of software training.

The anticipated cost for 2023 is \$125,586.32 with the remainder being paid in 2024.

The funds will originate from the city's water Capital Improvement Project (CIP) fund. The vote was 6-to-1 in favor with Talkington being the dissenting vote.

### **Butte/** Lawrence 4-H Bytes

Sarah Jeitz

news@bellefourchebeacon.com The Butte/Lawrence County 4-H Horse Show will be held

Wednesday, June 28 starting at 9:00 a.m. Registration, numbers, and vet inspections will be from 8:30 - 9:00. Show starts at 9:00 AM at

the Seven Down Arena Spearfish. Those wishing to qualify for the State 4-H Horse Show must show in this event. Fair entry for animals will be open July 1 - July 20.

All Youth Livestock Literacy Education and signed forms are due to the office by July 1. Those who have not completed the YLL requirements must do so by this date in order to show livestock at the County Fair. Online YQCA is an option or you may call the Extension Office for further options.

Please make arrangements to pick up your buckets from 4-H Club Leader Marilyn Hespe at

Runnings on July 10 between 4:00 and 5:30.

This is the only time frame available to pick up buckets so please make sure to arrange for yourself or a leader or family member to attend.

Fondue for Youth, hosted by Redwater Youth Leadership Fund and Belle Fourche FFA Alumni Association will be held on July 29 at the Black Hills Roundup Grounds in Belle Fourche beginning at 6:00 p.m. The event will have a cash bar and music. Please contact the extension office (605-892-3371) or Holly Main (605-210-0020) to purchase tickets. Proceeds from this event benefit Leadership Opportunities and Scholarships for Butte and Lawrence County Youth.







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Rolph, Martin, Ekalaka MT.,

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Casey Humble ~ Fieldman: 605-490-9829 Kelly Baker ~ Fieldman: 605-569-3007 JL Driskill 307-660-5422

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### Cattle Report - Friday, June 23, 2023

Weigh up cows &bulls steady to a little softer

No sales June 30th or July 7th - Have a safe & happy 4th of July!

Next Sale - July 14th - Yearling special Thank You For Marketing With St Onge Lives	tock!	.,	,	
Weigh Up Cows				
Amdahl, Tim, Piedmont SD	1	Blk	Cwette	. 1085 \$118.00
Baker, J Charles, Whitewood SD	4	Blk	Cow	. 1555 \$107.00
Balo, Mona J, Whitewood SD	1	Blk	Cow	. 1400 \$106.50
Balo, Mona J. Whitewood SD	4	Blk	Cow	. 1358 \$106.50
Balo, Mona J. Whitewood SD	1	Bld	Cow	. 1345 \$103.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD	1	Blk	Cow	. 1250 \$94.00
Boardman, Jeffrey, Gillette WY				
Boardman, Jeffrey, Gillette WY	2	B/R	Cow	. 1270 \$97.50
Boardman, Kaper, Weston WY	1	Blk	Cow	. 1190 \$102.50
Broneman, Julie, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk	Cow	. 1255 \$106.00
Brost, Mark Or Sherri, Box Elder SD	1	Blk	Cow	. 1445 \$102.50
Burley, Quinn, Broadus MT	4	Blk	Cow	. 1360 \$104.50
Capp, Shilo, Powderville MT	1	Blk	Hfrt	. 870 \$127.50
Capp. Shilo. Powderville MT	1	Blk	Cwette	. 1355 \$119.00
Christensen Ranch, Newcastle WY	3		Cwette	. 1270 \$115.00
Christensen Ranch, Newcastle WY	19		Cow	. 1592 \$111.00
Christensen Ranch, Newcastle WY	1	Blk	Cow	. 1680 \$103.00
Clark, Lauren, Hulett WY	8		Hfrt	. 1164 \$163.00
Crago Land & Livestock, Belle Fourche SD				
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Crago Land & Livestock, Belle Fourche SD	2	Blk	Cow	1375\$101.00
Crago, Bruce, Belle Fourche SD	7	Blk	Cow	1446 \$109.50
Crago, Colby, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk	Cow	1130 \$111.00
Crago, Colby, Belle Fourche SD	2	Blk	Cow	1522 \$101.50
Crago, Colby, Belle Fourche SD				
Crowley-Johnson, Kate, St Onge SD	1	Blk	Cow	1305\$105.50
Cullum, Steven C, Custer SD	1	Bld	Cow	1750 \$101.00
Cullum, Steven C, Custer SD	1	Rbld	Cow	1550\$101.00
Diede, Colby, Ekalaka MT	.1	Blk	Cow	1225\$88.00
Duprel, Jack, Sturgis SD				
Dust Devil Herefords Inc, Ingomar MT	13	Herf	Hfrt	1022 \$168.00
Dust Devil Herefords Inc, Ingomar MT	4		Cow	1063 \$109.00
Dust Devil Herefords Inc, Ingomar MT	13	Herf	Cow	1359 \$96.50
Empire Ranch, Moorcroft WY	6	Herf	Cow	1565 \$100.50
Empire Ranch, Moorcroft WY	2	Herf	Cow	1402\$100.00
Engesser, Rusty, Rapid City SD				
Flint, Gavin, Gillette WY				
Geer Joint Revocable Trust, D & B, Gillette WY	Δ	R/R	Cow	1540 \$108.00
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Gotfredson Elm Creek Ranch, Newell SD				
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Green & Sons Inc, Li, Volborg MT				
Hanson, Marian, Ashland MT				
Hanson, Marian, Ashland MT	1		Hfrt	1135 \$150.00
Hanson, Marian, Ashland MT	1	Rlk	Cow	1410 \$95.00
Hathaway, Linda, Mud Butte SD	1	Bld	Hfrt	830 \$172.50
Hauber, Arthur Lee, Hulett WY	i 1	 Rlk	Cow	1370 \$106.50
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Rolph, Martin, Ekalaka MT			
Rolph, Murray, Ekalaka MT	1Blk	Cwette	1070 \$113.00
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Rumph, Richard, Biddle MT			
Rusley, Phillip, Baker MT	6Blk	Hfrt	1020 \$172.00
Rusley, Phillip, Baker MT	1Blk	Cow	1340 \$105.00
Rusley, Phillip, Baker MT			
Russiff Lazy Pk Ranch, Olive MT	1 BIK	HIT	880 \$160.00
Schlautmann, Ronald, Gillette WYSchlautmann, Ronald, Gillette WY	4BIK	Cow	1505 \$108.00
Scott, Edward S & Linda F, Moorcroft WY	Z DIK	Cow	1430 \$101.00
Semlek, Mark A Or Sheila R, Moorcroft WY			
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Semlek, Toby Or Brooke, Moorcroft WY			
Six Ess LLC, Ekalaka MT			
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Smith, Earl K Or Melody A, Union Center SD	1 Blk	Hfrt	1205 \$155.00
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Steigelmeier, Matt, Otter MT	2 Blk	Cwette	977 \$116.00
Steigelmeier, Matt, Otter MT	.6	Cow	1227 \$105.50
Steigelmeier, Matt, Otter MT	1	Cow	795 \$102.00
Steigelmeier, Matt, Otter MT	4Blk	Cow	1208 \$101.00
Steinbrecher, Kody & Cindy, Nisland SD	1Blk	Cow	1120 \$94.50
Talcott, Duane, Hammond MT	1	Cow	1335 \$108.00
The 1200 Ranch, Ashland MT	1	Hfrt	865 \$172.00
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Triangle Ranch LLC, Ekalaka MT			
Trimble, Tom, Rapid City SD			
Tupper#B, St Onge SD			
Walden, Jackie, Ashland MT			
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Watsabaugh Land & Livestock, Gillette WY			
Watsabaugh Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	2Blk	Cow	1525 \$108.50
Watsabaugh Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	1Blk	Cow	1410 \$107.00
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Weigh Up Bulls			
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### Sheep Report - Thursday, June 22, 2023

Heavy feeder lambs sold \$5 higher, light lambs sold steady Slaughter ewes sold \$2 to \$5 lower

No sales on June 19th or July 6th - Have a happy & safe 4th of July! Next Sale - July 13th - Feeder Lamb Special - 1 PM

Animals should be here by noon so they can be weighed before the sale Thank You For Your Business!

Braun, Elizabeth, Newell SD	4Lambs	\$152.00
Considine, Terry Or Sherry, Broadus MT	53Lambs	\$175.00
Erickson, Delane, Sturgis SD	7Lambs	\$161.00
Gilroy, Robert, Rozet WY	20Lambs	85\$170.00
Gilroy, Robert, Rozet WY	38Lambs	
Kaufman, Lenny, Regent ND	118Lambs	94\$179.00
Yost, Chester, Newell SD	73Lambs	
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Slaughter Ewes		
Farnsworth Livestock, Rigby ID	99Ewes	134 \$50.00
Sarsland, Jade, Ludlow SD	11Ewes	172 \$64.00
Sarsland, Jade, Ludlow SD	20Ewes	142 \$61.00
Sarsland, Jade, Ludlow SD	10 Ewes	135 \$49.00
Yost, Chester, Newell SD	6Ewes	148 \$63.00
Slaughter Bucks		
Britain, Kelly, Powder River WY	16Homed Bucks	241 \$99.00

Braun, Elizabeth, Newell SD .... .230 ...... \$58.00 .. 2......Bucks ... Walker, Travis, Ekalaka MT... .... 7......Bucks .. ..213 ...... \$51.00

### 2023 SHEEP SALES

July 6th - No Sale

New Crop Feeder Lambs

July 13th - New Crop Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats July 20th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats July 27th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

### **NEWELL SHEEP YARDS** Thursday, June 29, 2023

**NO SALE** Please have animals in by noon so they can all

Attention to all Sheep & Goat Producers, it is required that every Male & Female animal over the age of 12 months have a scrapies tag in place to sell. These tags can be obtained by the producer for FREE by calling 1-866-873-2824. If they come to the sale barn without being tagged, you will be charged \$2/hd for our vet to do them. Please call us if you have any questions.

be weighed before 1 PM.

NO SALES June 30 or July 7th, 2023 Have a safe & happy 4th of July!

> Friday, July 14th, 2023 Yearling special

9:30 AM - Weigh Ups 12:00 Noon - Breds & Pairs followed by Feeder Cattle

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

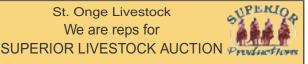
### 2023 CATTLE SALES

July 7th – No Sale

July 14th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes

July 21st - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes July 28th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes

> St. Onge Livestock We are reps for



Video Auction Time is Coming up very, quickly - If you are considering filming your Calves or Yearlings for Fall Delivery Contact Us For Your Video Marketing Needs

St Onge Livestock has a receiving station for the Gillette Area. It is on Northern Drive in Gillette. Call Doug Miller at 307-660-0960 to let him know what is coming. You can unload all day every Thursday until 4 pm. You can also call Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259 & he can let them know your cattle are coming also.

We also have a receiving station at the Broadus Yards, Broadus, MT. You can drop your cattle off every Thursday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. For more information, call Brandy Escott at 406-951-1666, Tyler at 406-853-5690 or Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259.

### Dakota's ongest bridge set for \$242M That's why the new bridge was

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Dakota Scout South Dakota's longest bridge is due for a complete rebuild that's slated to cost north of \$200 million. According to a 2016 Corridor Study conducted by the state's Department of Transportation (DOT), the South Dakota Highway 44 bridge near Winner is a two-girder structure that requires a total tear down after a new one is constructed just to its north. And that work is expected to commence this fall. The total cost will end up being an estimated \$242 million.

The water overpass connects Charles Mix and Gregory counties, and the closest communities on each side are Winner and Platte. Two major concerns rose to the top of mind when construction plans began to come together. Minimizing the impact construction will have on the Snake Creek Recreation Area east of the bridge and road closures during construction.

relocated, allowing the state to avoid passing through a campground in the public recreation area, and officials have assured area residents that total roadway closures are not in the plans.

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The bridge construction will, however, require a RV dump station to be torn down before it's rebuilt about a mile to the east.

The current bridge, constructed in 1966, passes nearly a full mile over water, above the Lake Francis Case reservoir. Plans for the new bridge also include widening the driving surface by eight feet, elevating the roadway higher than it stands today, and reducing the number of piers that hold the bridge up from 27 to 19.

Officials explained that ice flows are less likely to impact a bridge with fewer piers in the water, recalling wintery conditions in the 1990s that forced the bridge to be closed for extended periods of time for maintenance.

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"It is a very hilly environment. There is a history of landslides and geotechnical concerns in the area," Thoreen said. "We want to make sure that whatever we build is going to maintain stability. DOT has invested a lot of money in this corridor already.

It's at least the second major crossing over the Missouri River to go under construction in South Dakota in recent years. The John C. Waldron Bridge, which connects Pierre and Fort Pierre, has been under construction since 2020, with a projected completion in 2025. A crossing near Gettysburg and Eagle Butte is also on the DOT's docket for replacement. It faces many of the same geological challenges as its counterparts to the south.

Steve Gramm, project manager with DOT, explains that many of these bridges were built around the same time and have similar lifespans, resulting in a need to replace them all now.

'They are all deteriorating at about the same pace. We want to space them out about five years

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The new Platte-Winner bridge is intended to have a 100-year life span. It's expected to open in 2027.



The SD44 Platte-Winnder bridge that crosses the Missouri

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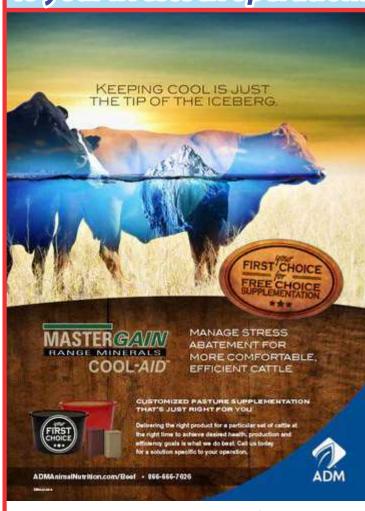


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So often we miss the blessings God intends for us because of our stubborness....Jeri Taton had this on her Facebook post recently. I can't find a source but that doesn't mean it isn't meaningful. Thanks Jeri..have a wonderful week folks.

### Don't Miss Out

The man whispered, "God, speak to me." And a meadowlark sang. But the man did not hear. So the man yelled, "God, speak to me!" Thunder rolled across the sky. But the man did not

The man looked around and said, "God, let me see

A star shone brightly. But he noticed it not.

And the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle."

And a life was born. But the man was unaware.

So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me, God, and let me know that you are here!"

Whereupon God reached down and touched the man. But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked

Moral: Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way you expect.

Quietly breathing in the presence of God, I'm Jim Thompson

# **Rusty Wright Sidelined After Undergoing Leg Surgery**

Five-time Wrangler NFR qualifier Rusty Wright will be out for an extended period of time after undergoing surgery on his left leg.

Wright suffered a break in the leg in 2016, which required a rod and screws being put in to repair it. He said he hadn't any problems with the leg until earlier this season. Wright told ProRodeo.com the persistent pain forced him to make the tough decision to

undergo surgery and have the hardware removed on

"The rod had been giving me trouble since I broke my right leg last year, but I finally had it feeling good the last couple of months," said Wright, 27.

"Then we went on a little rodeo run last week and the pain

really came back after the rides. It was an achy and throbbing pain that wouldn't go away.

"It was taking all the joy and fun out of riding when I got off and couldn't hardly walk. I

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figured it was time to get it taken care of. So, that way I can hopefully be pain free for the rest of my career instead of having to deal with

Wright sits 29th in the PRCA | RAM World Standings with \$22,214 won this season. He said the

hope is to return to competition in a couple months and set himself up for the 2024 ProRodeo season.

"I'm going to take it pretty easy until I go back to the doctor at the end of the month. If I get the go ahead to start using it a little more then I'll rehab



**Rusty Wright** 

it and take this opportunity to get my whole body in better shape," he said. "Hopefully I'll be back before the season ends. I know it'll probably be too late to make a run at the NFR this year, but my hope is that it can get my momentum going for next year."

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### **Capitol News**



Capitol News June 26, 2023 by Karen Odell

It was a wonderful

week at Capitol and on Tie Creek. Most people got two and a half inches of rain, and the country is beautifully green

Dick Albert took off to North Dakota on a fishing trip on Tuesday. The fishing was good and the group caught their limit. On Saturday night they had a big fish fry. While the men were fishing, Erma and Delores Sperle had a lunch out on the town. Well, it was lunch at Blossoms and Brew and I guess that is 'out on the town'. They said it was a great lunch. On Saturday, Erma went down to the hardware to buy plants that were on sale. She got a good bargain, because they were about to close up their greenhouse for this year. She wore herself out planting, but later got the garage cleaned again before Dick came home on Sunday. Erma went to church at the Catholic Church and then Kerry Erk hitched a ride to Saloon Number Three. The place was crowded, but they got lunch and Jim Erk came a little later to meet them, after a church meeting. Three young college men had spent the week in Bison teaching Bible School, and the Buffalo kids had gone to Bison to the classes during the week. Terry Cordell had come out to Alvin and Marlee Cordell's, this week, to help finish spraying at the Yates place. Ryan Cordell had gotten some hay cut and down, and that caused it to

start raining, before he could get it baled. Thanks, Ryan. We needed that rain. Alvin and Marlee had gotten about two and a half inches of rain, this week. On Friday, Marlee made a trip to Buffalo to pick up some supplies. Ashley and Rhys Pearson came out to visit. Alvin, Marlee, Ashley and Rhys went to the Methodist Church in Camp Crook on Sunday. It was a special service, because Jerry Dinsmore was retiring again, and it would be his last service at the Camp Crook church.

Alvin had heard that Watertown and eastern South Dakota was a very dry area. Maybe they will get some of the rain that we got, to help them out.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson had tried to do some branding this week, but mostly, got rained out. On Tuesday, Lynn went in to Camp Crook for the Diligent Doers Extension Club meeting at the Methodist Church. Only a few attended, but Dorothy, Janet, Yvonne and Lynn got lots of sewing done in preparation the fall Carter-Fallon meeting that the Diligent Doers would be hosting. Bible School was a success at the Little Missouri Church, this week. The river has come up, and the mosquitoes have gathered, but the gnats are still worse than the mosquitoes, and that is saying something.

Dorothy Padden also was enjoying the rain. The grass-hoppers have nearly destroyed her garden. She had gone in to Camp Crook to attend the Diligent Doers Meeting at the church and helped do some sewing.

Dawn Padden, and sisters, Michelle Tooke and Nita Loken, took a family trip to Great Falls, where they picked up their cousin, Tammy Stevens, and the four women went to the cabin near Augusta, Montana. It was extra cool there, but it didn't snow at their altitude. They had a great time hiking and taking pictures. After they got home, Dawn helped Helen Stevens take pictures at the wedding of Alex McCabe and Danika Pierson. Their reception was at Camp Needmore and the timing of the rain was just right. Dawn helped her mother again, on Sunday. They took pictures at the Ernest Tooke Memorial Bronc Ride in Ekalaka. There was a muddy matched bronc ride and stray gathering, and

a fun time to take interesting

pictures in the mud.

By KAREN ODELL

Karen Odell worked on repairing the sky vent in the camper and happened to get it covered just before we got an inch of rain. That was a lucky happening. She cleaned cabins, and washed curtains and things like that. Charlie moved some cows and filled water tanks, but the two inches of rain made that a lot easier. Karen had taken Charlie down to Ft. Meade, and the next day, she got a call from the sheriff, and thought 'oh, no, someone must be lost', but after she answered, she discovered she was the one who was lost. For some reason, the phone was not calling in from Ft. Meade, so they finally called Wyatt to find her. The Sheriff is quite efficient, because it was less than five minutes and he had already found her, and she had called Charlie back.

Everyone is invited to the game day at the Camp Crook Community Center on Sunday, July 2, from noon to five o'clock.



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# **Central Meade County News**



By Sandy Rhoden

Central Meade County should be enjoying the fruits of our most recent rains. Just at the end of the week the Union Center area received 2 inches, plus or minus, of lovely rain. The Sturgis and Spearfish areas received hail but it was small and didn't do any damage that we heard of. While the rains have been a blessing, we still have a healthy crop of grasshoppers. We still await the spraying and the affects of them not being able to reproduce. It has been helpful that with more green grass and things to eat the hoppers have not necessarily been taking out gardens as aggressively. They are in the hayfields but the hay is looking quite good so far.

The season of celebration is close by with class reunions and the 4th of July right around the corner. Gettysburg had it's 'All School Reunion' last weekend. Sandy Rhoden, Deb Schnell and their sister, Trish, attended on Friday and Saturday. None of them went to school in Gettysburg, but their mother, Marlyn Murphy, did and was so very much looking forward to attending this year. They decided to go in her place. She passed away on May 10 at 95 years old. While she was the only one signed up from her class

there were others from just the year ahead of her. The veterans Memorial on the courthouse yard was very impressive and they were able to locate their dad's name from WWII, Francis Murphy. Debbie and Trish were able to attend festivities and meet up with cousins on Saturday. Sandy and Larry went to Sioux Falls that night to attend the annual fundraiser, Feeding SD, sponsored by the Cattlemen Foundation. Larry had been to White River for a bridge naming ceremony earlier that day.

Between trips to Pierre and multiple areas of the state Larry Rhoden has been working to keep up with making branding irons and getting his haying in. Their son Tristen has been able to help with haying as well.

South Dakota Public Broadcasting has been filming in Meade County. They have a good video out there on Facebook featuring Tim and Courtney Mickelson talking and showing video about branding and the aspects of the ranch life. It is well done and enjoyable to

3,945 + acres will be sold on a live and online Absolute Ranch Real Estate Auction in Meade County Friday, July 14 at 1:00 pm. It will be sold by LA Shuck & Sons. It is being sold by Hewitt Land Company. It consists of grass, water and hay ground with shelter as well as hunting.

Deb Vig is recovering well from a surgery she had on her thumb. Also, Glenn Spring is recovering nicely from a procedure he had done in Sioux Falls. Prayers were answered

concerning both requests.

It seems there are tragic stories everywhere these days to people of all ages. The most recent was a young man named Cassius "Cash" Steven Renner, from Lead. He was a very close friend of Zade Seaman, son of Valorie (Cammack) and Dustin Seaman and great grandson of Floyd and Donna Cammack. These are reminders of how fragile life can be even though we believe we'll live forever. It is also a call to be appreciative of all you know and to show them respect and kindness, as we never know if it will be our last encounter with them. There is the Richter family from Meade County, Wall and Ft. Pierre who are going through a devastating loss. Please continue to hold these families up in prayer. When we see people we know, or don't know so well, it is worth looking at them through the eyes of our creator and understand that they too are special children of His and are loved dearly.

Vacation Bible School will take place at the Community Baptist Church from July 31 to August 3rd from 9:00 – Noon each day. All children welcome! Steller... Shine Jesus' Light is the theme for the week. Check out the FB page of Union Center Community Baptist Church for more information.

May we appreciate our law enforcement in the coming days of much activity. They are good people who want to protect you, me and their communities. Thank a policeman, sheriff, or a deputy this week, will you?

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### Asphalt Crack Sealing in Belle Fourche Area Has Begun

BELLE FOURCHE, S.D. – Asphalt crack sealing began on routes in the Belle Fourche Area as of Tuesday, June 20, 2023. The crack seal applications will continue on U.S. Highway 212 with S.D. Highway 79 and S.D. Highway 34 to follow. The contractor will move from one project to the next in the scheduled following order:

Highway 212 – Project begins east of the Truck Bypass, and will continue to the town of

Nisland. This portion of the project will take approximately two days.

Highway 79 - Project begins at the intersection of Highway 34 east of Sturgis, and will head north to the intersection of Highway 79 and Highway 212 West. This portion of the project will take approximately

Highway 34 – Project begins four miles west of Union Center, and will head east through

Enning and continue east for ten miles.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane and guided through the project with the use of flaggers and a pilot car. Delays of up to 15 minutes can be expected during daytime hours.

The prime contractor on the \$340,000 project is Northwest Asphalt Maintenance of Thief River Falls, MN. The completion date for the project will be Nov. 20, 2023.

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# Jake Well's 100th Birthday

FromA1 Jack's BDay

The VFW 3312 Belle Fourche, SD came to honor Jack as well. Jack Wells served in WW2, which makes this celebration so unique, and important to recognize it as a "once in a lifetime celebration". We don't have many WW2 veterans left and to reach 100 years old, well it makes it just as sweet

it makes it just as sweet. Jack was picked up at his residence and was a passenger in a 1923 Ford Model T car to his 100th birthday celebration. Todd Collins was his driver and Collins held a smile on his face the entire time. "Jack, it is an honor to drive you on your 100th birthday. Thank you for your service", Todd gladly said. Tom Rowett is the owner of the Model T and close friends of Todd Collins. Several days before the 20th, Rowett handed the keys to Collins and mentioned "I will be on vacation but you may take the car". The Belle Fourche Fire Department and Belle Fourche Police Department gave Jack a formal escort to his birthday celebration, from his residence to Rail Park.

When Jack arrived, close to 200 people clapped and cheered. The sound of laughter, the Cowboy Band, KELO-LAND TV news, cheers, sirens, and clapping were very overwhelming to everyone. A very important person had arrived. The clapping finally ended when Jack and Linda were seated. The proclamations were read by Mayor Randy, Officer Eddy (for Governor Noem), and GP Carmichael (spoke for

Senator Mike Rounds) and Jack gave a speech. After reading the handwritten letter from Rounds, Carmichael saluted Jack. Carmichael retired after 27 years of service. Doug Cole presented Jack with a copy of a 1923 Rapid City newspaper. After all the proclamations Jack and Linda had a receiving line that took over 45 minutes to end. A lot of hugs, smiles, tears, and thank you's were given to Jack and Linda. Jack and Linda have served Belle Fourche in so many ways that many people spoke highly of all their accomplishments in Belle Fourche.

After every word of gratitude spoken, every hand shook, cake eaten, and songs played, it was time to leave. David Clarkson helped Jack in the car for the ride back to his and Linda's residence. As the car drove away, on "Jack Wells Ave" with a very special passenger, everyone paused to watch and reflect on the day... Jack Wells Day.

Thanks to these amazing organizations and businesses! Hitching Post Tap House, Belle Fourche Cowboy Band, Belle Fourche Beacon, SME's Treats, City of Belle Fourche, COWBOYS TOO!, Print Mark-et, Governor Kristi Noem, U.S. Senator Mike Rounds representative GP Carmichael, Belle Fourche Police Department, VFW Post 3312 Belle Fourche, SD, Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department, ME Pix Images, KELOLAND News.

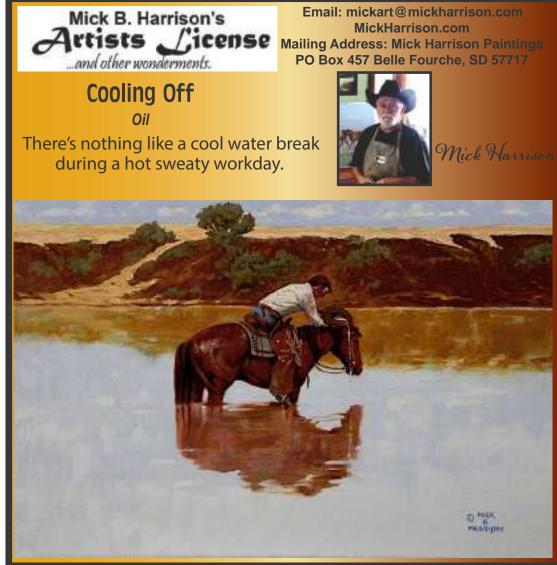
David Clarkson, Tom Rowett, Todd Collins, and Jack Wells's family who helped to coordinate the evening. Happy Birthday Jack!























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# WISDOM FROM OUT WEST! The Opinions of Robert Dennis.

A self-employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, picker and chopped liver. rdennis@gwtc.net

### Heifers!

We have a bunch of heifers here for the summer. The owners bring them out and leave them until fall. They have a bunch, and I mean a bunch, of yearling bulls running with them. This late summer, the heifers will all be ultra sounded for pregnancy confirmation and the date. They will marked as to their calving date, sorted into groups and then offered for sale.

The owners also raise bulls and so they buy back heifer calves from the people who buy their bulls and most of these are from that. There are also some they raised on their own ranch. They were mostly wintered in a lot and are very gentle and friendly. Almost too friendly! When you ride out and around them or thru them, they will come up to meet you. I can imagine their conversation. "Hey dude, whatcha doin'? Did you bring us some feed? How about some of that good ground corn? Or some salt? Man! I love salt! NO! I really mean it! I really, really, really love salt!!!! Dude, why didn't you bring us some?"

Yeah. Just like a bunch of friendly teenagers. And they are are almost impossible to drive as a group. They take

off in a mad stampede and then stop and look around to see why they were running. And just like teenage boys, there are always a bunch of bulls who have a heifer singled out and trying to convince her they are the best thing in the world!

The poor little heifer is bewildered and wants no part of them, but eventually she just gets worn out and has to put up with their awkward advances!

If I had a couple older cows or a good lead steer with them it would help. They act like a counselor on a high school trip. They know where the gates are and if it is a big horned steer or even a horned cow, they don't put up with any foolishness. Any youngster who gets out of line is put in their place forthwith! Most people don't like running yearlings. I do. For one thing, when you move them you don't have to pair them up after the move. They have never established their eating patterns so will eat about anything put in front of them (Imagine hungry teenagers) so the forage gets mowed down more evenly. And when(there has never, ever so far, been a if, in this matter) when one gets a bad foot or a bad eye, they are not as big and are easier to handle when you rope and doctor them.



We (my son, his two sons and a guest) rode up the other afternoon and roped and doctored 5 bulls. (Yeah, that was about 10 percent of the bulls, they have been working hard!) The older son was riding a horse who is not finished in his training as was his younger brother. So the youngsters got the first go at catching the foot rots. It is a great way to train a horse and gives the kids some great training while under the watchful eye of older and hopefully wiser hands. It went well, but we all were sweating when it was done. Except the guest and his horse, who just rode along and watched the show. Seems they do it different where he came from!

Anyway, summer has been interesting and here in another week when I turn my little bunch of cows and calves with them, I am sure the pasture moves will get easier. I haven't turned them out sooner as I really don't want cows calving in March of next year! Don't let your horse fall down on you and get your head under you!































### Looking Back in Belle

These articles come from newspaper microfilm from the Belle Fourche Public library, using a new microfilm reader and printer. The photographs in most cases are from the Tri-State Museum.

> 125 years ago Belle TIMES June 23, 1898

Talk of the Town Mrs. Jos. Couch is enjoying a visit with her mother, Mrs. W. R. Sillman, who arrived Tuesday from Windom, Minn. Burl Woodburn went down to the Post this week with six head of horses for the government purchasing board to look at. Chas. Summerlee and A. L. Knight are out at the Elkhorn reservoirs with their teams, making necessary repairs. President Nix, of the W. & M. R. railroad, expects his family to arrive in a few days. They will make their home at the mines. Alex Connell, Joe Johnson and Pierce Black, all prominent stockgrowers of Cave Hills, were doing business with our merchants this week.

100 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
June 22, 1923
NEW WATER BY JULY FIRST
After Countless Delays This
City Will Soon Be Indulging in
Pure Spring Water

Unless something else unforeseen happens, citizens of Belle Fourche will be served with pure spring water by the first of the coming month. The new water works system will be practically completed by that time, sufficiently so, anyway to permit supplying the city with an abundance of the best water in the Black Hills. Innumerable delays have occurred, some of them inviolable and all of them most annoying, but at last the coveted goal is in sight. It will probably be some months before the system is in perfect working order, as a number of leaks will undoubtedly develop when the water is turned into the pipes. About 11,000 feet of tile pipe will have to be taken up and raised about three feet on Redwater bottom, the tile

having been laid on a bed of quicksand, which will have to be filled in with rock. This work will be pushed, however, and the contractors say it will be finished by July. In conversation with Water Commissioner Otto H. Barnett the other day, that official stated that owing to a number of changes made in the specifications, litigation, etc. it will be necessary to raise something like an additional \$10,000 to complete payment of the new system.

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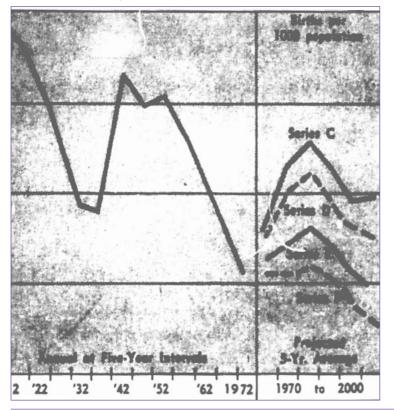
Deputy Sate Game Warden P. L. Exholm last Friday cause the arrest of Emil Heebner, Clarence Eide, Orrin Eide and Peter Strand, all residing northwest of Nisland, charged with seining fist in the Orman reservoir without a permit. The mean were arraigned before Justice Couch in this city, where they admitted their guilt. It cost Heebner \$29.80, which each of the others were taxed \$19.00, their fines being \$10.00 and costs. Each was also sentenced to thirty days in jail, this part of the penalty being suspended pending their future conduct. Other arrests for similar violations of the fish laws will probably follow as the ones caught are reported to have given up information implicating a number of residents of the valley.

75 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
June 19, 1947

Senate Votes on Wool Bill Today
Washington, June 18

The senate has agreed to vote
on the controversial wool
price support bill at 12:0 p.m.
Thursday. The measure would
extend the government's farm
price support program to wool,
Secretary of State Marshall
has attacked the measure as

"inconsistent" with the nation's





by Mary Buchholz

Ticket Sales Heavy as Time

Black Hills Round-Up

reciprocal trade program.

**Approaches** Ticket sales are unusually heavy, parade entries from other towns are coming in daily. The ground are just about ready for action. It will be Round-Up time in two weeks and from present indications Belle Fourche will be ready. Secretary J. F. Koller announced yesterday that Governor George Mickelson will attend the show July 4, and will ride in the parade. Koller reported that Homestake band from Lead will attend the event July 5 and the Rapid City band on July 4. Other bands have been invited, but officials have received no reply. The Cowboy Bank will, of course, be the official band for the event. "As a matter of fact, "said Koller, "it looks as if out-of-town entries are going to exceed local participation unless Belle Fourche firms and resident get busy." Ticket sales this year are "unusually good," the secretary reported. He advised Belle Fourche residents to make their purchases now

if they desire good seats. The

summer school queen at Black

Hills Teachers College also

is expected to take part in the

of the parade committee has

for the event: To the oldest

parade. Chairman O. H. Frost

announced the following prizes

cowboy and oldest cowgirl on

horseback, \$2.50 each; to the

and best dressed riding club

best dressed riding club cowboy

women \$5 each; the best west-

ern atmosphere float, \$10; the

best patriotic theme float, \$10;

beast out-of-town float, \$10.

50 years ago Belle Fourche Bee June 15, 1973 THE U.S. BIRTH RATE -WHERE IT HAS BEEN AND WHERE IT MAY GO As the U. S. birth rate goes down, so do the predictions. Left side of chart shows actual birth rate since 1912. On the right side are four predictions of possible future rates by the Census Bureau. Before 1968, the series were lettered A through D, with A being the highest and D the lowest projections. At the end of 1967, series A was dropped and a new lower series E was added. At the end of 1972, series B was dropped and a new lower prediction, series F was added, as the birth rate per 1000 population dropped to its lowest level in history. Already there are signs that series F may be too high.





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#### Belle Silver Lining Thrift Store

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### AA Meetings

Meetings are held on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays at 8pm at 806 6th Ave Belle Fourche.

Writer's Group Regular Meeting: Meeting will be Saturday, October 15th at 10 AM. B F Public Library, 3rd Sat.as always. Lynda Edwards will lead.

Any and all writers are invited to attend.

Meals On Wheels

Program Ongoing

11:30am – 12:00 pm

Please call Bonnie at 892-

5472 in the mornings

# A Note from KYDT-KBFS Regarding the Roundup

After 45 years of broadcasting all the performances of the Black Hills Roundup live, we have found out the Black Hills Roundup Committee signed an agreement with The Cowboy Network to tape delay the Roundup for television, precluding us from live broadcasting any of the performances of the roundup this year. We here at Dirt Road Radio, KYDT-FM 103.1 and KBFS-AM 1450 are saddened to not be able to provide this important service to those who are unable to attend the rodeo in person due to work schedules, emergencies or being handicapped in some way. We have always prided ourselves on our devotion to our listeners and the community in providing this service. We send a big 11Thank You" to our sponsors, listeners, and the Roundup Committee for providing a great show every year.

Check your TV listings as to when the performances of the 104th Black Hills Roundup will be aired and if that fits into your schedule.

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# Governor Noem Launches Nationwide Workforce Recruitment Campaign

PIERRE, S.D. – Today, Governor Kristi Noem launched a nationwide workforce recruitment campaign. The focus of the campaign, entitled "Freedom Works Here," is to recruit Freedom-loving people from all over America to live and work in South Dakota.

"We have the best economy in the nation, our unemployment is the lowest in American history, and South Dakota work ethic has never been stronger. Even so, South Dakota has 25,000 open jobs," said Governor Noem. "We need to recruit more workers to fill these positions. We are going to show America that South Dakota is the best place to live, work, and raise a family. I look forward to continuing to build our winning workforce by welcoming new families to our great state."

In the "Freedom Flows Here" ad, Governor Noem talks about the fact that South Dakota was

the first state to bounce back from the pandemic, the strength of our economy, and our growing apprenticeship programs.

In the "First Day" ad, Governor Noem says that "in South Dakota, you'll never pay a penny in personal state income tax. And we accept most out-of-state professional licenses."

The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation will also provide job search assistance to individuals who express an interest in looking for a job in South Dakota.

In addition to the television ads, the campaign includes direct marketing that will take place over digital ads and direct mail. The campaign is being guided by research that was conducted to identify people who would be likely to move to South Dakota in order to best target the ads to the identified demographics.

# Fireworks <u>Not</u> Allowed at Belle Fourche Reservoir



RAPID CITY, S.D. – Fireworks are not allowed on Belle Fourche Reservoir lands; including Rocky Point State Recreation Area, Belle Fourche Dam and lands directly managed by the Bureau of Reclamation. Federal regulation restricts the possession or use of fireworks on Reclamation lands and water bodies.

The permanent reservoir-wide

restriction allows for more consistent law enforcement and greatly reduces the risk of fire at the reservoir. The risk of fires associated with fireworks has been a concern for many years because of the danger to visitors and adjacent landowners. The reservoir's large size and many remote locations often make it difficult for emergency personnel to respond quickly.

For more information regarding this restriction or other issues pertaining to Belle Fourche Reservoir, call Jay Leasure, Bureau of Reclamation, 605-519-5504. For questions related to Rocky Point Recreation Area, contact Brad Nelson, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks at 605-641-0023



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### **CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER** 2020 Vista St · 892-4767

Dan Carlson, Pastor Paul Howard, Pastor Sunday Schedule: Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m. Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

### **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF** LATTER DAY SAINTS

1105 Todd St. John Allred, Bishop Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting Sunday School: 1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m. Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society, Young Men and Young Women: 11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

### **Emmanuel Baptist**

902 Lawrence St. · 723-6899 Andy Anderson, Pastor Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Men's Bible Study 10am every Wednesday Services Streamed Facebook Live website: ebcbf.org **CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC)** 613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche (605)-210-2150

Pastor Stephen Carson Associate Pastor Chad McCord Worship Pastor Ashton Rone

### Sunday Worship: 8:45 or 10:15 am **FIRST BAPTIST**

807 8th Ave. 892-4178 (3) Pastor Tim Smith Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am Morning Worship - 10:30am Wednesday: Salt and Light Youth -Kindergarten -12th grade 5:00pm Soup & Sandwich 5:30pm - Salt and Light **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC** 892-3402 • www.bfsoucc.org -717 Jackson St. Sunday: 9:35 a.m. Sunday School

### 10 a.m. Worship **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 901 Laurel St. Whitewood

(605)-920-1959 Reverand Jill Jennewein Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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Godin, he said, "Amazon

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### **NEWELL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

308 4th Street, Newell SD, 57760 605-456-2544 Sunday Worship Service: 10:30am Sunday School: 9am Youth Group (Age 13-18): Wednesdays 6pm

### NORTHERN HILLS CHURCH OF **CHRIST**

5 miles south of Belle Fourche on Hwy 85 · 642-7167 Calvin Chapman - Int. Minister Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Class 10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class **NORTH POINT CHRISTIAN** 

**CHURCH** 10959 Kellem Lane, Spearfish Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM

### **NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH**

On Hwy 212 in Nisland (605) 257-2356 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. RANGELAND MINISTRIES

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### **SUMMIT OPEN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**

Seventh and Summit 892-4630 or 892-4389 Pastor Rick and Diane Brennan Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Kidz Church Immediately Following Wednesday: September - May 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study Kidz Alive (Kindergarten - 6th Grade)

### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 1403 5th Ave, Belle Plaza (605) 723-1651

Pastor McKillop (605) 840-0554 Sunday: 9am Sunday School and Bible Class, 10am Worship

### **GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH** Pastor Sheri Fadley

1804 7th Ave. Belle Fourche 605-892-2405 Worship: Sunday 10:30 am -FB Live Sunday School 9:30 am Small Groups & Studies schedule online at www.bellefourchegmc.com

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### Strategies for Local Businesses to **Compete with National Players**

has won the online war, now begins the battle for unique experiences". Small local businesses face significant challenges when competing against large national chains and online retailers. The dominance of big-box stores and the convenience of e-commerce make it difficult for local businesses to attract customers. However, by implementing strategic approaches, leveraging unique strengths, and embracing innovative practices, small local businesses can effectively compete in the market. What

are some of the strategies to

compete? Local businesses must start by emphasizing personalized customer service. They already have the advantage of providing personalized and attentive customer service that is often lacking in larger establishments. By focusing on building relationships and understanding customers' needs, small businesses can create a unique customer experience. For example, a local bookstore can offer personalized book recommendations, host author signings, or provide a cozy reading area, fostering a sense of community and loyalty among customers.

Local businesses must cultivate a powerful online presence. I am amazed at the number of local businesses that ignore websites, social media, and other digital assets. While online businesses pose a challenge, small local businesses

by John Newby can leverage the power of the internet to reach a wider audience. Establishing a strong online presence through a well-designed website, engaging social media profiles, and online marketplaces can help drive traffic and increase visibility. For instance, a small local clothing boutique can showcase its unique products on social media platforms, engage with customers through interactive content, and offer convenient online shopping options.

Local businesses must differentiate with unique local product selections. They need to double down on unique products and services not always available in larger stores or online. By curating a selection of niche or locally sourced items, businesses can cater to specific customer preferences and tap into a targeted market. For example, a specialty food store can stock artisanal products from local producers, creating a distinct offering that sets it apart from larger competitors.

Local businesses must foster community engagement. I am equally amazed at local businesses not taking advantage of

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their local chambers and networking groups. In many cases, networking may be the single most powerful element for a small local business to master.

Small local businesses can leverage their connection to the local community to drive customer loyalty. By actively participating in community events, supporting local causes, and collaborating with other businesses and organizations, they can establish themselves as integral community members. For instance, a local hardware store could sponsor a neighborhood clean-up initiative or host DIY workshops, fostering a sense of belonging and generating goodwill among customers.

Local businesses must enhance convenience and even delivery opportunities where they can be implemented. To compete with the convenience offered by large national chains and online retailers, small local businesses need to prioritize This can include offering flexiordering with in-store pickup, or even partnering with local delivery services.

For instance, a small bakery can offer online ordering and delivery services to cater to time-strapped customers who value convenience.

There are numerous studies supporting these strategies for small local businesses. A survey conducted by Small of consumers prefer to support local businesses because of the personalized customer service they offer. A Google study indicated that 76% of consumers who search for something nearby on their smartphones visit a local business within a

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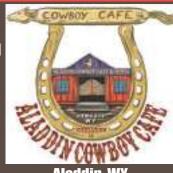
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Independent Business (NFIB) reported that consumers often choose local businesses due to their unique products and personalized services.

Competing against large national chains and online businesses can be challenging, small local businesses will need all the resources they can muster to win. By emphasizing personalized customer service, cultivating a strong online presence, offering unique product selections, fostering community engagement, and enhancing convenience, small local businesses can effectively compete in the market. Through the evidence provided by studies and examples, it is evident that small local businesses have the potential to thrive by implementing these strategic approaches, connecting with their customers, and creating a distinctive identity that sets them apart from larger competitors.

John Newby is a nationally recognized Columnist, Publisher, Community, Business, Media, Strategic Consultant & Speaker. As founder of Truly-Local, he assists community and business leaders in building synergies that create vibrant communities. He can be reached at: info@ Truly-Localllc.com.



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	1	Black-Cowette	1240	135.001,	674.00 \$
	1	Black-Hfrt	1185	149.001,	765.65
	1	Black-Cow	1445	114.501,	654.52 \$
Sheldon Childers	1	Black-Cow	1355	114.001,	544.70 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1515	102.501,	552.87
Muleshoe Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	2	Black-Hfrt	1130	142.001,	604.60
	1	Black-Cow	1225	128.001,	568.00 \$
Jerry Jensen, Union Center SD	1	Black-Cow	1550	116.001,	798.00 \$
Tom Riggs, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1510	114.501,	728.95
	1	Black-Cow	1525	114.001,	738.50 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1520	112.001,	702.40 \$
Travis Hurst, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Hfrt	1140	128.001,	459.20 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1205	118.001,	421.90 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1405	111.001,	559.55
	1	Black-Cow	1680	107.501,	806.00
Consignment From MT	55	Blk/Bwf-Hfrt	917	151.501,	388.56
	10	Blk/Bwf-Hfrt	872	157.001,	369.04
	36	Black-Cow	1372	116.001,	591.45 \$
	13	Black-Cowette	1045	143.001,	493.80 \$
	14	Black-Cow	1148	118.501,	360.63
J.e. Cooley, Jordan MT	3	Black-Cow	1258	117.501,	478.54
	1	Black-Cowette	1070	141.001,	508.70
	1	Black-Cowette	1090	138.001,	504.20 \$
	1	Black-Hfrt	935	146.001,	365.10 \$
	4	Black-Cow	1426	116.001,	654.45
	1	Black-Cow	1295	116.501,	508.67
Leroy Schallenberger, Ekalaka MT	3	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1395	102.001,	422.90 \$
	1	Black-Hfrt	960	151.001,	449.60
Steve Soelzer, Piedmont SD	1	Black-Cow	1750	105.001,	837.50 \$
Chris Mcfarland, Rapid City SD	1	Black-Cowette	1225	124.001,	519.00 \$
	2	Black-Cow	1633	110.001,	795.75
Schmele Family Trust, Newell SD	1	Black-Cow	1575	115.501,	819.12
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	1	Black-Cowette	940	144.001,353.60 \$
Taylor Vroman, Buffalo SD	2	Black-Cow	1410	112.001,579.20 \$
Ed Lawrence, Alzada MT	6	Rd/Blk-Cow	1543	116.501,797.01 \$
	1	Black-Hfrt	1110	149.001,653.90 \$
Deering W Lazy F, Hereford SD	2	Black-Cowette	1280	120.001,536.00 \$
P Sean Carroll, Ranchester WY	1	Black-Cow	1395	110.001,534.50 \$
Lazy Y Quarter , Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1270	110.501,403.35 \$
Shane Sweet, Newcastle WY	3	Red/Rwf-Cowette	1292	110.501,427.29 \$
6 Creeks Farm, Ekalaka MT	3	Black-Cow	1422	109.501,556.72 \$
	4	Black-Cow	1233	105.501,300.28 \$
Robert Arpan, Alzada MT	4	Black-Cow	1419	111.001,574.81 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1465	105.001,538.25 \$
63 Land & Cattle, Rapid City SD	5	Black-Cow	1421	105.001,492.05 \$
	7	Black-Cow	1336	92.501,236.19 \$
Jacci Lee Tracy, Newcastle WY	2	Black-Hfrt	1023	156.501,600.21 \$
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### **Newell Family Summer Playday Series Underway**

**Ryder Heitz** 

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Monday evening, June 19, marked the beginning of the 2023 Newell Family Summer Playday Series. Families traveled from all over the area, including Belle Fourche, Spearfish, Buffalo, and even Sundance, WY, to compete. The summer rodeo series is held Monday nights at 5:00 pm in Newell at the fairgrounds. Upcoming dates are June 26, July 10, and July 17, with a special awards night on Sunday, July 23rd. Registration is online and ends at 1:00 pm on the day of the event.

Age groups range from 0-3 to 15 and up, and the events include barrel racing, pole bending, flag racing, goat tying, breakaway roping, and team roping. Younger cowboys and cowgirls can compete in stick horse barrel racing, pole bending, and flag racing, plus goat untying, dummy roping, and dummy team roping.

"We have good community, good help," said Matt Mangis, one of the main faces behind the rodeo series. A lot of prep work takes place behind the scenes in order to keep the rodeos running smoothly. The arena's ground needs to be worked so the horses can run

Playday C2

# Keeping the Kingdom Jumpin' - Newell VBS



There was dancing and giggles abounding during the final closing exercises for youngsters who had joined the Vacation Bible School at the Newell Christian Fellowship Church. In the top row, from the left, are Gabby Grosscock, Kylynn Lewis, Auryon Lewis, Harper Charles, and Briar Strain. In the front row are Bailey Strain, Ava Strain, Alianna Lewis, Nate Fischer-Kentsler, and Kade Charles. - Betty Bruner photo

More photos on page C4

### **Crazy Weather Weekend**



With this rotating cloud moving directly over the town of Newell, many residents took cover, expecting the tail to drop down out of the sky to do some damage. Thankfully, it moved on without that happening. - Brunner photo

### Colleen Brunner

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NEWELL - With swirling, rotating clouds directly overhead the town of Newell, and reports of tornadoes in Wyoming, one of which did significant damage, people in the NVN area were encouraged to take cover. Many did, but following several hours of lightning, thunder and some high rain totals, the storm did little damage in the local

From southeast of Newell Dave Ollila reported around one-fourth inch, while further north of Newell there were reports of two-to-three plus inches. Just a little over a mile north of Newell along Highway 79,

over two- and one-half inches came in less than 20 minutes.

The area has been inundated with significant rainfall totals for the past month or more, bringing with it green and growth everywhere. Farmers, when they can get having done in between the showers, are getting significant hay crops.

Crazy Weather C2

# Vale Bar Open House

Ryder Heitz news@bellefourchebeacon.com

The Vale Bar held an open house on Saturday, June 24th to celebrate the renovations that the bar has undergone over the past several months. The Vale Township Board, which owns the bar, was happy with the turnout. People stopped by to have a cold drink or a sloppy ioe, check out the new improv ments, and visit with friends.

"We've had a lot of help from the community," explained Paula Reedy. Locals donated a variety of items to help get the Vale Bar up and running, including 3 new doors, all new locks, water line equipment,

several gallons of paint, tables and chairs, bar stools, and countless hours of labor inside and out of the building.

As for events at the bar, "We're in the planning stages, but looking for community input," said Reedy. Along with the brand-new pool tables, there will soon be jukeboxes and dart boards. The Vale Township Board also hopes to hold a few dances at the bar in the near ture. The bar will now be open from Tuesdays-Saturdays from 11 am until midnight, or until 2 am if the crowd is large.

We want to thank all the locals who turned up and helped," said Reedy.



The Vale Bar recently held an open house. - Heitz photo



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### From C1 **Crazy Weather**

However, some are reporting difficulty getting the hay put up before the moisture does damage, with some windrows molding and rotting.

Many creeks have been reported running bank full or out of the banks in some cases all around the area following the storm.

Becky Johnson and her husband Dean who live north of Newell along the Moreau River, said it was right at bank full. Water stands in the ditches along the highways with round bales sitting one-third deep.

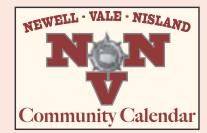
But overall, there's an optimistic attitude. As some farmers bring the old adage to voice, "Pray for rain, 'cause we know it's always going to be dry."



Over an inch of rain came quickly, in less than 15 minutes. -Brunner photo



The Moreau River was running fast following the thunderstorm this past week. - Brunner photo



If you have events for the NVN calendar, please contact Colleen Brunner at colleenkbrunner@gmail.com

Tickets are now on sale for the North Star Amusements carnival held in downtown Belle Fourche in conjunction with the Black Hills Roundup festivities over the 4th of July

The carnival runs from June 29-July 4. Tickets are \$30 each for 1 day access Wristbands sold at the gate are \$35. There are no refunds or exchanges.

Tickets are now available at the Tri-State Museum & Center of the Nation Visitor Center, First Interstate Bank, Pioneer Bank & Trust (Belle Fourche), Northern Hills Federal Credit Union (Belle Fourche), Highmark Credit Union (Belle Fourche) and the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce.

For further information about the carnival, see the Black Hills Roundup website at www.blackhillsroundup.com or call 1-605-723-2010.

Newell Golf Club: Through June there are NO green fees w/a cart rental on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 1 p.m. to close. No teetime needed.

June 19, 26, July 10, 17: Rodeo playdays, sponsored by the Newell Community Club. 2023 ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!! Hey everyone! We now have the 2023 Playday Registration open for all the dates. You can register for each one every week or all of them at once. Please remember we will NOT take registrations at the crows nest, you MUST register online! We will post each week and will have the cut off time listed. https://newellcommunityclub.com/play-days

June: 21: Bingo at the Vale Community Hall. 6 p.m.

June 26: Bingo at the NVN Center. 6-8

July 11: Feeding SD, 1 p.m. Third Street

July 29: 5th Annual Pitchfork Steak Fondue for Youth-contact Holly at 605-210-0020 to reserve your ticket. Benefits 4-H and FFA

2023 Butte Lawrence County Fair will be held on July 31st- August 5 2023.

### From C1 **Playday**

safely. Volunteers are needed to set up and take down barrels and poles, time events, open and close the gates, and even run the concession stand.

Deena Lindsey played a major role in taking the playday series

to the next level by moving registration from in-person to online. "That helped us get started on time," remarked Scott Dirk, who helps run the series alongside his wife, Shannon. Scott and Shannon Dirk have been involved in running the playday series for 8 years now.

Besides providing entertain-

ment and a sense of community, the rodeo series also contributes to the local economy. "It helps our economy tremendously," said Mangis. "Gas stations are busy."

"Thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers," said Scott Dirk.



Contestants waiting to take the arena in the summer playday series. - Heitz photo



This low-hanging cloud was sighted around five miles north of Newell. - Brunner photo



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### **Grand River Roundup**



Betty Olson

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Reub and I took both of our pickups to Hettinger Monday morning to get the air conditioners fixed on both of them because the weather was getting pretty warm with the temperature at 94 degrees that day and NAPA got them fixed. The guys hauled more cows up to the Horse Creek pasture and they were baling hay over by the highway when we got home. June 19th was Juneteenth, which is now a national holiday,

so there was no mail. Tuesday was the opening of the summer social season with Doug and Clint Doll's branding at the Hackamore. Casey and Taz left with their horses really early that morning to help round up the pairs and bring the calves in to brand at the branding pen east of the ranch headquarters. Missy, Amanda and the kids, and I showed up later on just in time for coffee while the guys were taking a break. We all went up to the house with Janet to help get dinner ready in the shop for the branding team when they finished branding just about noon.

I asked Doug who won the fashion contest this year, but

he said that everybody showed up dressed so fancy that it was hard to pick a winner. I had to agree, everyone was all dressed up and all the ropers had neckties on over their classy shirts as usual, although there

weren't any tuxedos or Santa Claus suits like there have been in the past. You should have seen Jeff Larson's beautiful cufflinks though!

I had a zoom conference call Tuesday evening with the South Dakota County Coalition about the CO2 pipeline that is allowed to go through private property and tear things up without the permission of the landowners. The landowners aren't allowed to go anywhere near where the land is being drilled up out in their fields or they will get arrested! Doesn't this seem more like a communist country?

Wednesday was the first day of summer, but the weather was chilly when Reub and I went to our friend Darwin Oliver's funeral in Lemmon that morning. Darwin was a longtime Gideon and there were lots of other Gideons at his funeral. We got .71 hundredths of rain when we

came home that afternoon and Sterling Lee and Taz left for rodeos for a few days after we got home.

There were more deaths to report this week: Renae Besler, 86, of Whitewood, died

Tuesday, June 6, at the Monument
Health Spearfish hospital. The late Ralph Besler was Renae's husband and her memorial services will be 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 30, at Immanuel Lutheran

Church in Whitewood. Committal services will be 1:00 p.m. at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

Roselyn "Rosie" Ridley, 93, went peacefully to her heavenly home on June 11th. Rosie devoted her life to the preservation of the Little Dane Church, the church her grandfather helped to build in the 1800's. Memorials in honor of Rosie's life can be made to the Little Dane Church, 11426 Ridley Rd, St Onge, SD 57779. A private service has been held for Rosie.

These families have our sympathy.

Starla Kami and Keen Jenson

Starla, Kami and Keen Jenson came down on Thursday to bring Amanda a couch for the

little people to use in her basement. We got a sprinkle of rain that day and Amanda's cousin, Katie Gardner and her kids came to spend a couple days with Amanda and the kids while Taz was gone to rodeos. They had a lot of fun in the swimming pool and gathering eggs from the chicken coops for me. Cody Holmes brought their kids down to play with the cousins on Friday and all those little people had a great time together until he came back to get them that afternoon. Katie and her kids stayed here again that night. Teri Dee, Mike and their boys came from Minnesota that afternoon to spend the night with us and go to our granddaughter's wedding in the Black Hills on Saturday. We

Our granddaughter Brinley Olson married Aaron Powell at the Sacred Mountain Retreat Center in the Black Hills and it was chilly when we headed down to the wedding. It rained hard almost all the way to the wedding, but thankfully it stopped raining after we got there and they were able to tie the knot outside, although it was really chilly for the girls in the wedding with no sleeves or jackets

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day and Taz got home from the

rodeos late that night.

to keep them warm. Brinley had asked Grandpa Reub to read scripture from Matthew 19:4-6 and 1 John 4:18&19 at the wedding and the Maid of Honor also shared Proverbs 3:5&6. Our granddaughter Bryce Hespe was in Austin, Texas attending Cassie Holt's bachelorette party that week and Bryce flew back to Rapid City that afternoon. Braxton picked Bryce up at the airport and they made it to Brinley's wedding in time for the reception.

Joel Finnesgard and family, "Stones Cry" were at Slim Buttes Lutheran Sunday morning to provide music, worship and reflection of Jesus Christ. Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen were up in North Dakota with their family. Paige Parmely's birthday was Sunday and Paige, Kolby and the kids visited Taz and Amanda and the kids Sunday afternoon.

When they were giving speeches after Brinley and Aaron's wedding, Aaron's brother shared this joke with us:

He said, "Aaron, take Brinley's hand and place your hand over hers. Now, remember and cherish this very moment... because this is the last time you are ever going to have the upper hand!"

# Then and Now in Newell

### "Looking Forward to our Past" -

June 19, 1913

John Rivinoja, who was at the Government Camp on the construction works during the hail storm Sunday night, declares that there was something doing all the while it lasted. The tents that had seen better days looked like a riddling sieve after the storm had passed. The wind lifted the Gardner boys' tent and gave it a toss; nothing remained but the stove and several drenched men.

Dr. Clark made a record run to Castle Rock with his Ford automobile Sunday afternoon, going 30 miles in 75 minutes. He says that the roads are rough on a car and also on the driver.

Horse stealing in Harding and Butte Counties and just across the line in Wyoming and Montana has been more active this spring than ever before. Over 200 head horses have been run out of this territory and over 50 were sold to the farmers around New England. Deputy Sheriff Davis claims that 54 horses missing from South Dakota were sold to local farmers and that he expected to locate all of them before summer is over. The local men, who bought the horses in good faith, are assisting with the investigation. After an arrest and conviction, a number of men who have here to fore been considered good citizens, were at the trial and by their actions are believed to belong to the gang that has been operating in at least part of the infested territory.

June 21, 1923

Congressman Williamson reports that the War Department is considering a plan for stationing a US Cavalry Unit at Ft. Meade. It is proposed to transfer the 12th Cavalry from its present station in Texas.

Bill Anderson sustained a painful accident Saturday while employed at the Hafner & Company elevator. A sharp crowbar pierced his lower lip and plunged into his cheek, making a severe wound. He will be laid up for awhile and went to the home of his parents in Lead to recuperate.

The practice of property owners turning on water at their own pleasure from canal headgates will have to be discontinued at once. In all cases owners should notify Water Superintendent Chas. Lawell, who will promptly attend to turning on and shutting off the supply as needed. Authorization made by A. F. Kenelly, Chairman of Irrigation Commission.

by Linda Velder

June 22, 1933

Daily Vacation Bible School at Nisland opened Monday withy an enrollment of 21. Mrs. Harding is in charge and is being assisted by Mrs. Mabel Mattheson, Mrs. Ben Aho and Rev. Walton. An ice cream social will be given Saturday evening and a children's program at the regular Sunday School hour on Sunday, to which the public is invited. Two Sisters from Lead are conducting a religious vacation school at St. Mary's church in Newell. The sessions began June 12 and will continue until July 1st then conclude with a special Mass.

Jack Wilson, 12 son of Mrs. Hugh Nelson of Belle Fourche, was drowned late yesterday in the Belle Fourche River. Wilson, said to be a good swimmer, went down in 7 feet of water near the railroad bridge. Two transients who saw him go under, attempted to go after him, but neither of them could swim, and they were unable to bring him out. He was in the water about 20 minutes and efforts to revive him were futile.

June 24, 1943

A group of about 60 friends and neighbors gathered at the R. Rivinoja home Sunday evening

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1943, Elsie Rivinoja in Navy dress uniform. (Not many girls joined the Military, but numbers exploded during the "War Years").

for a farewell party honoring Miss Elsie Rivinoja. The evening was spent in visiting and was brought to a close with the serving of bounteous refreshments. Mr. & Mrs. Rivinoja took Elsie to Rapid City on Tuesday to entrain for the Great Lakes Navel Training Center. They were accompanied by Mrs. John W. Price and Mrs. Louis Nickilla.

A crew of men in the Horse Creek Community worked Monday and Tuesday fixing poles and changing the telephone line and it is hoped that we now will have better telephone service.

The Board of County Commission has granted 5 licenses permitting the sale of non-intoxicating liquor at different places in Butte County. Permits were granted to: Francis Jacobsen, Castle Rock; T. C. Gray Belle Fourche; Roy H. Wood Vale; Gail E. Reddish Arpan

June 18, 1953

and B. N. Grane, at Hoover.

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club met Friday afternoon at the home of Sharon and Kandee Schipke with 10 members present. Mrs. C. E. Milberg and Celene and Lorraine Hammond were guests. Reports were given on 4-H Club Camp and judging school. Plans were made for the June 19th judging school. Jerry Ann Long, Barbara Milberg and Joan DeGarlais will assist with the story hour at the City Library through the summer. A nice 3-course lunch was served. The next meeting will be at the home of Judy Cartner with Waneta Turbiville as co-hostess.

Rev. & Morris Eliason and company were house guests in the following homes during Bible Study Week at Fairpoint: Monday at the Humble home; Tuesday at Morrell's; Wednesday at Vig's; Thursday John Magenheimer's and Friday night to conclude a successful week they were supper guests at the Delmar Brink home. A very large crowd attended the children's Bible School program at the Fairpoint Church Friday evening.



Castle Rock Store. The Butte County Commission issued Beer License to the Rural Stores. The bar was located on the second floor of the building along with the dance hall.



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CREP programs, both in the James River Watershed and

now in the Big Sioux River

continued Norton.

Watershed, and of course the Walk-In Area program as well,"

and fishing licenses, as well

as the habitat stamp, directly supports these programs.

"The best investment a hunt-

public-benefit system, and the

habitat stamp in particular is a

After celebrating another suc-

cessful pheasant season, GFP is focused on the season to come.

Habitat improvement projects

are taking place throughout

the spring and summer, and

biologists continue to contact landowners about enrolling

their land in public hunting

programs. GFP's

goal for 2023 is to

exceed 1.5 million

acres of private land

enrolled for public

hunting, increasing from the 1.48 million

acres enrolled in 2022. Hunters will be able to

enjoy the results of these

efforts when the next season

'Our pheasant hunting tradi-

tions are strong in South Dakota," concluded Robling. "We're

going to continue to build off

these traditions and ensure the

next generation is able to enjoy

the same pheasant hunting suc-

season runs from October 21,

2023, to January 31, 2024.

cess that we enjoy today.' The 2023 traditional pheasant

begins.

er can make is their license

purchase," stated Robling. "Conservation is a user-pay,

perfect example of this."

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accommodate the different

landowner themselves.

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) today announced the pheasant harvest total from the 2022-2023 season. The traditional season ran from October 15, 2022, to January 31, 2023. During this season, hunters harvested an estimated 1,158,000 birds.

"South Dakota is the greatest state in the country to pheasant hunt," said Kevin Robling, GFP Secretary. "The harvest numbers show exactly why: hunters are going to find abundant birds across the state all season long."

Hunter reports throughout the 2022 season spoke to this abundance of birds, and the harvest numbers support their claims. The 2022 season saw the highest harvest since 2016 and was 10% higher than the past 10-year average. These numbers translate to excellent bags for hunters, with averages at 9 pheasants per hunter for the 2022 season.

South Dakota's claim to the greatest state to pheasant hunt is supported by these pheasants per hunter numbers. While sur-

rounding states generally see harvest rates of 3 to 6 birds per hunter, South Dakota routinely sees harvest rates around 9 pheasants per hunter, such as in 2022.

South Dakota's focus on habitat and public access have led to a high quantity of birds across the state, ample areas to target them, and overall good hunting conditions.

"Quality habitat is key for abundant wildlife populations, which is why this is the number one priority for our department," continued Robling. "Hunters also need to have access to these areas to be able to enjoy these populations.' GFP has 12 private lands habitat biologists that work directly with landowners to identify both habitat projects and access programs that will benefit the landowners, hunters, and wildlife. Working alongside landowners and on state Game Production Areas, GFP is focused on planting and improving all types of habitat including perennial grasses, woody vegetation, and pollinator plots across the state.

Providing access to these areas for hunters to enjoy is critical. In 2022, there was 1.48 million acres of private land enrolled in GFP's public access programs. These lands are enrolled in GFP's Walk-in Area, James River Watershed Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Controlled Hunting Access Program, Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Area, Elk Hunting Access Area, and Aquatic Access programs.

"Our largest program for private land access is our Walk-In Area program," said Mark Norton, Hunting Access and Farm Bill Coordinator. "This year, we celebrate its 35th anniversary and look forward to continuing to build upon one of the most successful programs ever for public hunting access."

Approximately 80% of land in South Dakota is privately owned, which makes these access programs critical for

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# **Newell Christian Fellowship Church Holds VBS**

**Photos by Betty Bruner** 



The puppet master for VBS at the Newell Christian Fellowship Church was Rylan Gross. His younger brother Kade posed with him. The puppet, "Christian", told stories and helped the youngsters learn valuable lessons during the week.



### From C3 **Then and Now**

Floyd West, pitcher for Cove softball team of Newell, had the misfortune of breaking and chipping several bones on his right leg Tuesday night at Belle Fourche as he was sliding into home plate in a game with the Bank of Belle team. He was taken to the hospital where x-rays were taken and the Doctor estimated it would take from 6 months to 1 year for the leg to heal. There will be a triple-header benefit game at the Newell Ball Diamond this Sunday, to help defray the hospital expenses. Starting at

1:30, the Line-up roster will be: Newell "Cove" vs Nisland; Newell "Rinkydinks" vs Vale and winner vs winner.

June 20, 1963

Our first-digit ZIP Code is 57760, acting Postmaster Dan Wiest announced today, everyone in Newell will use this ZIP Code on all their correspondence to speed mail deliveries and reduce the chance of miss sent mail. The Post Office Department's revolutionary new system of improved mail dispatched and delivery goes into effect nationally July 1. It is important for all citizens of Newell learn this city's ZIP

Code and began using it in their return address on all correspondence and incoming ZIP Codes taken from return address on all incoming mail should be used.

While at State Club Week, Mrs. Kenneth Wood, Newell, Mrs. Szakacs, Caputa and County Home Agent Elsie Wood visited the foods research department at State College. They saw antelope meat (forequarters, roasted) served up for the tasters. The meat had been smoked in the curing. The object of this research is to find out the relationship of forage fed animal and the flavor to prepared meat, tenderness and moisture, and as to animal age.

No information as to when the experiment will be completed.

Miss Darlene Johnson and Mrs. Zoder Golliher, Castle Rock and Hoover respectively, are attending summer school at Teachers College in Spearfish. While Miss Joan Johnson is employed as an aid at the Belle Fourche Memorial Hospital for the summer months.

Susan Schipke arrived home last Wednesday from a 2-week tour of Washington DC and other points of interest which was sponsored by BEC. Judy Milberg spend Saturday morning with Susan and was a noon luncheon guest.



Cove ball team: Back Row: Bill Clark, Jr. Knuteson, Dan Wiest, Floyd West, Delores Johnson, Walt Johnson, Gerald Post, Lawrence Smith, Paul Farber, Neil Martin, Bob Donaldson. Front Row: Geri Post, Roberta Clark, Pat Wiest, Bonnie Knuteson, Arlie West, Fern Smith, Roberta Farber, Grace Martin, Betty

Donaldson.



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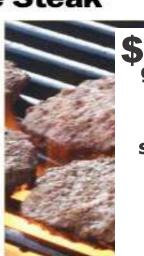
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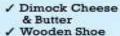
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