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## Rodeo Kicks off Second Century with a Flourish

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BELLE FOURCHE - The Black Hills Roundup celebrated its 101st year with a record number of competitors, a live stream broadcast on the Cowboy Channel and Cowboy Channel Plus, the presence of PRCA CEO George Taylor, the Cheyenne Frontier Days committee, the first year for ladies' break away roping and an arena free from mud, which plagued last year's centennial event. In a year marked with COVID related cancellations both fans and athletes alike were happy to have an event in which to participate.

All told more than \$218,000 in prize money was paid out this year.

"I just want to say one thing to the Belle Fourche rodeo committee," said top-ranked Bareback Rider Tim O'Connell. "Thank you guys from the bottom of all our rodeo contestants' hearts. You guys are the reason we get to do this and we are so appreciative of you putting this together. And also, thank you to the fans who came out to support us this year. That means a lot."

The PRCA's leading all-around cowboy Tuf Cooper echoed those feelings.

"Man, I am so fortunate to be in Belle Fourche. Thank you for having a rodeo and I just want to say thank you to all the fans here, you're the best," Cooper said before letting loose with a holler to the crowd.

Once again this year's festivities represented the efforts of dozens of volunteers who came together to not only put on the rodeo, but the fireworks show, queen coronation, Chutes for Charity golf tournament, ranch rodeo, cattle drive, 4th of July parade, carnival and street dance. Quite an accomplishment considering that barely 2 months ago it was uncertain that the rodeo would even be held.

"I really think it went well," Anderson told the Beacon.

"There are so many moving parts that take place behind the scenes that I never see and we have fantastic volunteers who know what to do. That's what really makes this possible."

Anderson said he heard from dozens of fans and contestants about how grateful they were to have a rodeo during a year in which so many have been canceled due to health concerns from the coronavirus.

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## Americana: July 4th the Belle Fourche Way!



**PARADE COLORS** - The July 4th parade color guard passes Herrmann Park as it leads the Black Hills' largest and longest parade past hundreds of spectators at who stood with hands and hats over their hearts as the colors passed by. The work of the hundreds that made it possible was enjoyed by the thousand along the over two mile route through the city. Kids scrambled for candy, dignitaries and Queens waved, and the Cowboy Band played on, w as the seemingly endless display of decorated splendor passed by. - *Beacon Photo*

## Belle Fourche Does 4th of July Celebration Right

"This is Americana," One out-of-state attendee was overheard commenting at the July 4th Black Hills Roundup Parade.

"They went on to say, "Belle Fourche does the 4th of July celebration right!"

The many who took part in enjoying the seven day celebration, in addition to the local areas large cadre of volunteers who make the week possible, included tourists, alumni, friends and relatives from near and far all over the US, and casual passers-by who just happened through town.

Sunday June 28 saw the 11th Annual Invitational Chutes for Charity Golf Tournament start the day with Cowboys for Christ Cowboy church filling out the afternoon. The winning team was made up of Tony Albright, Jay Cordell, Trent Gress, and Andy Bears.

Sunday June 29th was the Miss Black Hills Rodeo Queen Contest and Callie Muller of Florence SD was crowned the 2020 Miss Black Hills Roundup.

The well attended 11th Annual Cattle Drive proved again how popular recreating history with the State Street event is.

The 11th annual Ranch Rodeo continued to showcase the talents of the area day in and day out working cowhands. They entertained the crowd with their

skills even without the 2019 mud in the arena.

The "Slim Buttes" team won the event with team members Jay Olson, Ty Thybo, Tanner Hewitt, and Ty Hotchkiss.

Second place was nailed down by the Butte County Equipment team members Aaron Lindskov, Tyrel Bonnet, Jeremy Vandriel, and Tyler Mitchell.

R&R Ranches landed in third-place with capable team members Jared Lei, Lonnie Richard, Jet Price, and Cole Stevenson.

Wednesday July 1st was Family Night and the first performance of the 101st Annual Black Hills Roundup PRCA Rodeo.

The second performance of the 101st Annual Black Hills Roundup PRCA Rodeo followed on July 2nd with Chutes for Charity Night.

That evenings performance ended and with the advent of darkness the first night of two nights of stellar fireworks over the ballfields adjacent the Roundup Grounds kept the attention of thousands of people captivated on the night sky.

Earlier that evening Belle

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**CHARITY GOLF** - Tony Albright, Jay Cordell, Trent Gress, and Andy Bears. Guess which one sandbags. *Courtesy Photo*



**COWBOY CHURCH** - Robin and Paul Tierney (left) and Martina Loobey were Special Guest speakers at Cowboys for Christ Cowboy Church - *Courtesy photos*



## \$275,000 Presented to BHR



**CHUTES FOR CHARITY** presented a \$275,000 check to BHR Chairman Keith Anderson at July 2nd Rodeo -*Courtesy Photo*

Black Hills Roundup Chutes For Charity has been very blessed. The check presented on July 2nd at the Black Hills Roundup Chutes for Charity night was for \$275,000 that we have been able to share with our friends, neighbors and families during emergent and life-changing events since Chutes was founded. Without

the help from our community and all the sponsors of our events we would not be able to do what we do.

HOPE and HELP  
Blackhills Roundup and Chutes For Charity wants to thank each and everyone of you that have allowed us to represent our community



**CATTLE DRIVE** - The 11th Annual Cattle Drive, a spectator favorite, brings the flavor of days gone by to State Street. -*Photo Courtesy John English*



**Lions Club** and Downtown Business District put sponsored a "Cowboy Breakfast" on State Street to start the July 4th morning off



  
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## Obituaries

### Robert W. Johnson 94

Bob Johnson died peacefully on Tuesday evening, June 30, surrounded by his daughters, daughter-in-law, and special friend Cindy Ladner. These women had cared for him in his home until the last two weeks of his life. The family appreciates the extraordinary care and friendship that Cindy provided to Bob and his family. Bob had been healthy and living independently until his health declined rapidly in the past four months.

Bob was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 28, 1926 to Richard and Blenda Johnson. When he was four years old, the family moved to a farm southeast of Wilmot, SD. Bob grew up working on the farm and enjoying the lakes in northeastern South Dakota. At Wilmot High School, Bob was on the Wolves basketball team, played the trumpet, and was senior class president. The Class of '44 was a close-knit group who gathered every September for the WHS homecoming. Bob enjoyed riding in the parade each year with his classmates. In September 2019, Bob and his classmates celebrated their 75th class reunion.

Immediately after graduating from high school, Bob reported to Navy flight training. He learned to fly with a biplane and later mastered aircraft-carrier landings. He transported planes across the Atlantic Ocean for use in Europe during WWII. Primarily, he flew PBV and PBM seaplanes over the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and the Caribbean Sea in search of enemy submarines. While stationed in Panama, his squadron defended the Panama Canal. He was stationed in several other locations including Corpus Christi, TX; Jacksonville, FL; Trinidad/Tobago; and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Bob was recalled by the Navy during the Korean War and continued flying for the Naval Reserves afterwards. He retired from the Navy in 1967.

Bob graduated from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN.

While continuing to fly for the Navy, Bob became a pilot for North Central Airlines, a regional airline serving the Midwest. The airline (renamed Republic Airlines) expanded providing Bob the opportunity to fly all over the United States. During his airline



career, he flew Convair 580s, DC-3s, and DC-9s. In 1984 when his flight hours were totaled at his retirement, Bob had spent over five years of his life piloting various aircraft.

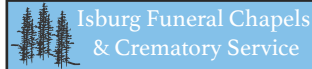
While attending the University of Minnesota Bob met Joan Olsen. They were married in Albert Lea, Minnesota on June 7, 1958. Their three children were born in Minneapolis. Living on Bush Lake in Bloomington allowed the family to enjoy swimming, boating, fishing, and ice skating. In 1968, the family moved to Spearfish. Bob and Joan purchased their ranch near Whitewood in 1974 fulfilling Bob's lifelong dream to own a cattle ranch. In 1975, the family moved into their newly built log home. Bob did most of the finish work on the home himself.

Bob is survived by his two daughters Beth (Jamie) McConaty and Lara (Clark) Coberly; his daughter-in-law Heidi (Jim) Anderson; his six grandchildren Abby (Brandon), Will John (Kylee), Cavan, Megan, Annika, and Aidan; his five great-grandchildren Evelyn, Charlie, Weslyn, Hattie, and Jordy; brother-in-law Eugene Stolze; nieces Nichol, Susan, Jan, Marcia, and Doreen; nephews Max, Kent, Loren, Craig, and Scott.

He was preceded in death by his wife Joan; his son Eric; his parents; his siblings William, Richie, and Rose; his sisters-in-law Amelia and Dorothy Jean; his niece Carol; and his nephews Bobby, Scott, Bruce, and Keith.

The funeral will be held July 6 at 10 am at the First Presbyterian Church in Whitewood. Burial with military honors will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Spearfish at 11:45 am. Guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed to allow friends to celebrate Bob's life with the family. Memorials can be given to the Whitewood Library. Bob and Joan (library board member for 21 years) were supporters of the library.

Arrangements are under the care of the Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels and Isburg Crematory of Spearfish. Online condolences may be written at [www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapel.com)



### Charles Albert Blakley 90

Charles Albert "Al" Blakley, 90, passed away on June 25, 2020, in Rapid City.

He worked as a rancher in the Belle Fourche area and a cook at Bob's Café. He retired as a meat cutter for Safeway after working in Belle Fourche and Rapid City. He loved to pan for gold and cast a fishing line. He was known to tell many a joke and caused much laughter whenever he was around.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Alvin and Clifford Blakley; and sister, Maxine Blakley.



Left to miss him are his wife, Laurel; his dog "Rampage"; children, Linda Triplett (Tim), Patricia Henry (Tim), Sally Graham, Stuart Sinclair (Karen), Toni Taijeron (Joe), Angela Morgan (Martin), Loran Herstein (Carol), Carla Tenold (Les), Johnny Primeau, Randy Brunnens; and family and friends too numerous to mention.

A Celebration of Life is being planned for a later date.

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### Roger Arpan 63

Roger Arpan, age 63 of Spearfish and Alzada MT, died Friday, July 3rd, 2020 at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Services will be held 10:30am Friday, July 10th, 2020 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Visitation will take place at the funeral home 5 to 7pm Thursday, with a 6pm family service for the public. Interment will take place in Pine Slope Cemetery.

The service will be live-streamed on the obituary page on the funeral home's website. Friends may leave written condolences and view a video tribute there as well at: [www.funeralhomeofthenorthernhills.com](http://www.funeralhomeofthenorthernhills.com)

Roger Lawrence Arpan was born September 10, 1956 in Belle Fourche. He was the son of Robert Duane and Karen Gay (Hedges) Arpan. Roger grew up on the family ranch near Alzada, Montana, where he attended school through the 8th grade. In 1975 he graduated from Carter County High School in Ekalaka MT. Roger graduated from the Vo-Tech school in Helena where he studied computers. Following his graduation, he moved to Phoenix AZ where he worked for Triple A. In 1980 he came home to Alzada, where he worked for the highway department, as well as the Gene Walker farm and ranch and his parent's ranch. For the past several years he has



lived in Spearfish.

When Roger was born, he came into the world two months early, weighing 4 pounds, 10 ounces. He was born with Cerebral Palsy and he wasn't given much hope to live a very long life. But God had different plans for Roger. Roger was born with a stubborn will that helped him overcome many obstacles in life, and God gave him purpose in life. He was an overcomer and no matter what the obstacle, Roger had determination to face it head on. He was an example of what it meant to have courage and he taught many people in life that no matter the circumstance, with courage and fight anyone can overcome an obstacle. Roger had a great personality and sense of humor. To know him was to love him, and he knew a lot of people. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Roger is survived by his parents, Robert and Gay Arpan of Alzada MT; brother, Randy (Terry) Arpan of Alzada MT; aunts, Barbara (Dave) Brence of Ekalaka MT, Tam Lyn Hedges of Aladdin WY; nieces and nephews; and his long-time friend, Lucy Estrada of Spearfish. He was preceded in death by his infant sister, Karen Lea; uncle, Chip Hedges; and grandparents, Lawrence and Ellen Arpan and Max and Zelzo Hedges.



### Viola "Nan" Whatley 67

Viola "Nan" Whatley, 67, of Belle Fourche died July 6, 2020 at the University of Colorado Health.

She is survived by her husband, Loyd Whatley of Belle Fourche; children, Steven (Terry) Whatley of Geneva, Alabama, Jennifer (Curtis) Rasmuson of Buffalo, WY, Patricia Fackrell of Cara Grande,

Arizona and Paul (Carol) Whatley of Huron, SD; several grandchildren; sisters, Lois Finnegan and Janice Brockel both of Rapid City and Shirley Steele of Ft. Collins, CO.

An online guest book is available at [klinefuneralchapel.com](http://klinefuneralchapel.com)

### Pastor's Perspective

*This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Andy Anderson of Emmanuel Baptist Church.*

#### True Freedom

244 years ago, our founding fathers declared their independence from England. Setting in motion the groundwork for what would become one of the greatest nations ever, The United States of America. As I ponder that I ask myself, "How many Americans know or even care about the true meaning of Independence Day and what it means to be free?"

I think of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence and established of the "Bill of Rights" and wonder do most Americans have any idea about the sacrifices that were made in the formation of our nation? When these men signed the bottom of the Declaration of Independence, they were signing their death warrant. They were willing to put their lives, their families lives and all they possessed on the line for freedom. They paid an extremely high price for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

When asked by the Chief Captain in Acts 22:28, Paul stated that he was born free. The Chief Captain was fearful because they had chained Paul and were getting ready to beat him when they found out he was a Roman citizen by birth. The Chief Captain stated that his freedom had come at great cost.

We as Americans are like Paul, we are born free. We have rights and responsibilities; God has truly blessed us. As Americans we should count our blessings and thank God for them daily. Earlier in chapter 22 Paul told how true freedom came to him, when he met Jesus Christ on the Damascus Road. The freedom Jesus offered to Paul, which He offers to us came at an extremely high cost, not on our part but on the part of Jesus the Christ. Jesus gave



His life in order that we can have forgiveness of sin and everlasting life. Jesus stated in John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Sin enslaves us. Sin may appear fun or pleasant for a season, but it comes with a high price. The first part of Romans 6:23 tells us that the wages of sin is death (hell), that's what we deserve.

But God does not want to see us perish. The last part of 2 Peter 3:9 states that the Lord is patient towards us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Which takes us back to the second part of Romans 6:23 the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. What freedoms do I enjoy as a believer? I'm forgiven of all my sin. Perhaps you feel you have done some things that cannot be forgiven. Paul had participated in murder, he was forgiven and accepted by God through His Son Jesus Christ.

Jesus can break the chains that enslave us, no matter what the chain is. It maybe an addiction to drugs or alcohol, pornography, or gambling. Jesus can heal broken hearts, perhaps what your experiencing because of the untimely death of a loved one. God will comfort.

True freedom begins with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. As an adopted child of God, I have the freedom to approach God and have fellowship with Him. This freedom is offered to you, if you will place your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I pray you will do so today.

Blessings Pastor Andy Anderson. For more information please visit [ebcbf.org](http://ebcbf.org).



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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: 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Service: 6 p.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
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Pastor Tim Smith  
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Morning Worship - 10:30am  
Tuesday: 10:00am Ladies Bible Study  
Wednesday: Salt and Light Youth -  
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student a scholarship. If the weather is not cooperative, the concerts will be held in the Rec Center auditorium on National St. There will be plenty of space for social distancing. July 15 will be our first concert. The group WILDFLOWERS will be offering cowgirl poetry and the music of the hills. On July 22 the extremely talented and innovative GREEN DOLPHIN JAZZ will be performing for your musical enjoyment. Our last summer concert will be



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## Independence Day 2020

"Is that really free?" I lost count of how many people asked me that question while my husband and I served bottles of water to folks at the Black Hills Roundup Ranch Rodeo BBQ this past week. The more I heard that question, the more it made me realize something—that we here in Belle Fourche realize the value of hard work and do not, in general, expect things for free. This tremendous work ethic demonstrated all over town, in every business, at every event, is a signature tenet of Belle Fourche. Black Hills Roundup Committee—let us recognize the extreme amount of hard work demonstrated by your volunteer staff and city employees who pulled off the 101st Black Hills Roundup. It is impossible to list everyone. Regardless, congratulations and a hearty thanks to all the people that worked a tremendous number of hours, preparing and working in and around all the events associated with this fantastic event for our community. Thank you

to each and everyone of you. Your hard work is noticed and extremely appreciated. Hometown Thursdays Crew—thank you for putting together the first concert of the season. Most all of you wear more than one volunteer hat and have families and still managed to pull off an extremely fun and successful start to our summer concert season. Your hard work is noticed and greatly appreciated. Belle Fourche Business Owners & Employees – thank you for working to make our town a pleasant and inviting place for visitors and locals to shop. Being the boots on the ground, informing your customers of all the events and being the "face of Belle Fourche" helps people feel welcome and more inclined to come back and visit. Thank you for investing in our community with your ideas, your dollars, and your time. City Staff – thank you for working to make our parks and public places look so nice. The repainted parking stripes and curbs look fresh and clean.

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The gazebo and the work at Robb Park have added a fresh new aspect to those areas of town. Thank you and keep up the good work. Lions Club Volunteers – Thank you for cooking up yet one more fantastic meal for folks to enjoy with the Cowboy Breakfast. It is so nice to have such a vibrant group like yours active and willing to participate in community events. You do a lot for our community and we are all grateful. Finally, to all the locals— thank you! Thank you for continuing to shop local and to be friendly, welcoming, and patient with all the visitors to our town. Our community is a breath of fresh air – literally and figuratively to a lot of people from all over our nation. Many businesses have remarked how often visitors have given feedback about how nice it is to be in a place where liberty and common sense is demonstrated. This trend will likely continue throughout the summer. Let us continue to stay healthy and stay friendly. From all of us at the Belle Fourche Chamber, we hope that each of you had a wonderful Fourth and were able to enjoy family and friends over the holiday weekend. We are here to serve our business community and look forward to future opportunities to demonstrate that commitment. If we missed anyone, please know, it was unintentional. We thank you for your hard work and dedication to Belle Fourche. Debra Elliott, CO-VP Belle Fourche Chamber

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The PDGA (Professional Disc Golf Association) sanctioned tournament consists of two rounds of 18 holes, using the new additional nine holes which the city of Belle Fourche has now constructed. The first 18 holes will be played in the morning; and the second 18 in the afternoon.

There are various levels and fees range between \$30 and \$50, but no preregistration is needed, and all ages and skill levels are welcome.

Registration will take place at 8:30 a.m. at the disc golf course, with a 9 a.m. tee-off. The event will run until approximately 4 p.m. Players must provide their own discs; discs are available for sale in the gift shop of the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center.

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**RODEO From A1**

"I don't know how many times I heard that last week from folks who were glad we did this," Anderson said. "We made the decision to have the rodeo and it wasn't an easy one. But judging by the reaction we have received it sure seemed like a lot of people needed something like this."

Ticket sales were down a little bit this year, according to Anderson. This was largely due to the coronavirus concerns. But Friday's event was sold out and Thursday's attendance was strong as was Saturday's. On the bright side revenue from the broadcast rights helped make up for the ticket sales shortfall.

In attendance this year for the first time was the head of the PRCA George Taylor. "What an amazing venue, amazing fans and I want to say thank you to the Roundup committee here for all that they did to put this rodeo together," Taylor said. "Thank you to Belle Fourche for what you've done for more than 100 years. What a great history this event has and what a great town in which to host this event. I just want to recognize all that the Roundup committee has done here for the great sport of rodeo."

This year marked the first time that a major western sports network has carried a portion of the Roundup live. It was also the first time that all four rounds of the rodeo were broadcast from start to finish on the new Cowboy Channel-Plus app. "What a fantastic event in Belle Fourche," said Western

Sports Roundup and Cowboy Channel host Justin McKee. "It was so much fun to be a part

of the 101st event and see the incredible rides that you had. It was really a wonderful addition to our Cowboy Christmas broadcasts this year."

One cowboy who enjoyed some uncommon success during the July 4th weekend

was Bareback Rider Kaycee Feild. After taking first place in Oakley City, Utah, on July 3rd, he made the trip to Belle Fourche to win the Roundup on July 4th. Feild took top honors with a 90.5-point trip aboard Powder River Rodeo's NFR horse Two Buck Chuck. When asked about his draw Kaycee told the crowd and those that were watching the broadcast that we wanted to keep it on the down-low.

"I started laughing when I saw the horse that I had drawn," he said. "I've been friends with (Hank and Lori) Franzen for a long time and John and I grew up together and I know he's had high hopes for that young stud and to draw him and see John's reaction that was pretty special today."

"I was trying to play it cool all day and not let anyone know I had that horse. The guy I drove over here with after I rode said 'I didn't know you had that horse!' but I was trying to play it cool, stay cool behind the chutes and have a good mark-out and let the rest take care of itself."

Fan favorite Lisa Lockhart of Oelrichs, SD took top honors in the Barrel Racing with a sub-17 ride on the final day. She and

her horse Rosa ran the pattern in 16.94 seconds.

"Our horsepower definitely dictates what we do and how we do and I've been blessed with so many good horses over the years," Lockhart said. "I normally come up here in the slack so it was really nice to be here in front of the crowd today."

This year was the first time in recent memory, perhaps ever, that ladies break away roping was added as an event. There were 164 ladies entered and they shared a total purse of \$21,563. Kayelen Helton of Stephenville, Texas, and Katie Mundorf of Mullen, Nebraska, shared the title, each with a time of 2.0 seconds flat. Each took home more than \$4,600.

Other champions this year included Riffin Smith of Winterset, Iowa, in the saddle bronc. His ride of 88.5 points aboard Powder River's Miss Valley was high point. In steer wrestling Tyler Waguespack's time of 3.4 seconds in the early slack held up for the entire week. The Gonzales, Louisiana, cowboy took home more than \$3,900 for the win. Team roping honors went to Levi Simpson of Ponka, Alberta, and Shay Dixon Carroll of La Junta, Colorado with a time of 4.5 seconds. Tie down champion was Alama, Kansas, roper Cooper Martin with a time of 7.7. And finally the championship bull riding buckle went to Garrett Smith of Rexburg, Idaho. His ride aboard Powder River's Bear Claw earned him 89.5 points and \$3,600 pay day. All told around a dozen bulls were covered this year in the 4-round of the Roundup.

**For more complete results see page B2.**

**ROUNDUP From A1**

Fourche highly popular Downtown Thursdays kicked off their summer series of concerts with the Judd Hoos Band.

State Street on July 3rd was treated to the 2nd Annual FFA Burger Bash. The free will offering event raised over \$1200 for the local chapter.

7 PM was the start of the "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" Third performance of the 101st Annual Black Hills Roundup PRCA Rodeo; followed by a

second night of exceptional fireworks.

The Community Hall was the site of the Class of 1970 sponsored All-School Reunion Dance and entertainment by Orion & Stacey Potter.

July 4th was started with a Lions Club and Downtown Business District sponsored State Street "cowboy Breakfast" The 101st Black Hills Roundup 4th of July Parade.

3:00 PM saw the start of the 4th and final performance of

the 101st Annual Black Hills Roundup PRCA Rodeo.

Following the rodeo another sizable crowd attended the Rodeo's Free State Street concert featuring Tris Munsick & the Innocents.

Throughout the week the Carnival went on one block south of State Street.

The community will take a breath and soon begin plans for the week of July 4th, 2021 and the 102nd Annual Black Hills Roundup.

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**Black Hills Roundup "Western Wishes"**



Western wishes Shawn Gerbracht with his parents Krista and Andrew and roundup royalty received an autographed cowboy hat, a quilt and other memorabilia during intermission July 1. *John Skogberg Photo*



Morgan Fuhrer, on her therapy horse is shown with her mother, Rhonda, brother, Lan, and dad, Kevin being presented with an autographed hat presented by Black Hills Roundup royalty. *John Skogberg Photo*





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### Anything Left in the Barrel?

July 4th truly is a taste of real Americana in Belle Fourche. The weeks activities brought people from far and wide to participate and observe the plethora of events. The businessman who first had the idea to start a Roundup in Belle Fourche and was written about in the local paper in 1916 would be proud of what it has developed into.



Covid-19 didn't have an active presence here and some might say what and see how long it takes Butte County to get its first case.

Recommended protocols were observed in many ways during events.

I suspect it won't be long before Powder River Rodeo will have a saddle bronc named Covid-19 and will probably be the kind every bronc rider wants to draw.

This long week of abundant activity has made me reflect on the Beacon.

Belle Fourche definitely needs a newspaper of its own. Although it is probably not the type of project a person should undertake in their mid 60's.

Trying to attend everything that occurred this past week has brought to the front burner the notion that we need to get some one younger, community minded

and interested in owning/running their own business involved.

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Guess again. Answers follow after the questions.

6. What is one thing that all wise men, regardless of their religion or politics, agree is between heaven and earth?

7. In what year did Christmas and New Year's fall in the same year?

8. A woman from New York married ten different men from that city, yet she did not break any laws. None of these men died, and she never divorced. How was this possible?

9. Why are 1990 American dollar bills worth more than 1989 American dollar bills?

10. How many times can you subtract the number 5 from 25?

11. How could you rearrange the letters in the words "new door" to make one word? Note: There is only one correct answer.

By: Doug Cole

12. Even if they are starving, natives living in the Arctic will never eat a penguin's egg. Why not?

13. Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?

14. In Okmulgee, Oklahoma, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?

15. There were an electrician and a plumber waiting in line for admission to the International Home Show. One of them was the father of the other's son. How could this be possible?

16. After the new Canon Law that took effect on November 27, 1983, would a Roman Catholic man be allowed to marry his widow's sister?

17. How many outs are there in an inning?

18. How many animals of each sex did Moses take on the Ark?

19. A clerk in the butcher shop is 5' 10" tall. What does he weigh?

20. A farmer has 17 sheep and all but 9 die. How many are left?

#### ANSWERS

6. The word "and."

7. They fall in the same year every year. New Year's Day just arrives very early in the year and Christmas arrives very late in the same year.

8. The lady was a Justice of the Peace.

9. One thousand nine hundred and ninety dollar bills are worth one dollar more than one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine dollar bills.

10. Only once, and then you are subtracting it from 20.

11. "one word"

12. Penguins live in the Antarctic.

13. Neither. The yolk of the egg is yellow.

14. You have to take a picture of a man with a camera, not with a wooden leg.

15. They were husband and wife.

16. No. A dead man can marry no one.

17. Six. Three in each half of the inning.

18. Moses took no animals.

It was Noah on the Ark.

19. Meat.

20. Nine.



A Sacramento, California family who attended the BHR 4th of July Parade was one of the 7,500 nation-wide winners of the Mt. Rushmore Fireworks lottery and had the opportunity to attend and hear President Trump's Speech celebrating our nations birthday and our country's heritage. Air Force Blue Angels flying over the four faces. Photo courtesy the CA guest

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## Local Businesses, Revitalization and Media – A Perfect Match!

Nia Peeples once said, "Life is a moving, breathing thing. We have to be willing to constantly evolve. Perfection is in fact, constant transformation." Every community needs constant transformation, especially now. Pretty much every local media company has taken their lumps during the past few years, this is even more true with the onset of Covid-19. Despite these challenging times, it has never been more important for a local community to have a voice that comes with a viable media company. But here is another observation, no media company can survive in a community with a dying business base as well. Both the community and the media company along with the local city unit of government desperately need each other to win – of that there is no question.

Before we discuss the strategy that can lead to a solid return for local businesses and the community, let's focus on the reality of print media. While newspaper audiences have declined in recent years along with every other local advertising, marketing and social media option, they still have the largest single audience in nearly every local community across the country. What other single media outlet captures or speaks to between 20-75% of their community's audience? This number swells even larger when you count their digital and niche product reach. To put that in perspective. More people across the country read a weekend newspaper than watch any given Super Bowl.

Make no mistake, it isn't just the percentage of audience they reach. More importantly, it is the make-up of the audience they reach. What media can

John Newby

still say they reach in excess of 50% of the above fifty crowd? Yes, that is the generational crowd having the largest amount of expendable income. This is the group most connected within the community. This is the group most likely to cast a ballot in the local elections. This is the group that largely embraces the ink on paper form of reading.

Enough about the demographics of a newspaper, what does this mean for local businesses in the community? Let me offer a path forward for local businesses, local media and the community.

It is no secret the local media derives their income from either advertising/marketing dollars or subscribers. Truth be told, the newspaper's ultimate survival rests in the hands of the local community. That being the case, it behooves media companies to unequivocally embrace the concept of shopping and supporting hyper-local. You notice, I didn't say local. I said hyper-local. Hyper-local is defined as locally owned and operated businesses, not big boxes and nationally owned chains simply located in your community. They may provide some economic balance which is good, but they won't save the community as most of their dollars will not remain local.

A media company needs to work with the local businesses and their community to market and brand a hyper-local strategy. They need to work with the local businesses, chamber and the city to create rewards and incentives encouraging hyper-local spending. They need to constantly pound home in editorial content the need and desire to support their community by spending hyper-locally.

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This partnership must be a two-way street. Local businesses need to work with the local media company on strategies creating win-win partnerships between them. The media companies need the business community to survive. Likewise, the business community and city need the media company to help change the mindset and shopping habits in the community. The bottom-line

is if the mindset of shopping at big boxes and national chains (as well as digitally) doesn't change at least a bit, both media companies and local business face a very bleak future.

It is no secret, America was built on the backs of local business and to an extent, the media. Small business coupled with local media have always led to sustainable community success. Communities working together overcoming obstacles can still win. Time is short

and of the essence. It is time for media companies to reach and take the lead in this battle for the hyper-local spending mentality. It is also time for the local business community to embrace the media working to solve this problem. United, you can stand. Divided, you will most assuredly die.

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August 14th - Yearling, Fall Calf & Weigh Up Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
August 21st - Weigh Up Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
August 28th - Yearling & Fall Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
September 4th - Weigh Up Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
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Friday, December 4th - Spring Calf Special  
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**Catherine Thybo Chapter of the DAR** will be meeting at Herman Park in Belle Fourche, SD on July 11, 2020. If inclement weather, the meeting will be at the St. James Episcopal Church in Belle Fourche. A report on a patriot that was at the Bunker Hill battle is the program. Anyone interested in her ancestry, especially if she believes it can be traced back to the American Revolution, is very welcome to attend!  
Social at 9:30 a.m. meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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by Jim Thompson

This came from Mavis Madison in Rapid City today...an old story, but a good example for voters when they continue to vote for the same old horse, in either party.

**The Dead Horse**

The tribal wisdom of the Lakota's, the great horse nation, passed on from generation to generation, says that, "When you discover that you are riding a dead horse, the best strategy is to dismount."

Oh but not so with the government.

They insist that more advanced strategies be employed, such as:

1. Buying a stronger whip.
2. Changing riders.
3. Appointing a committee to study the horse.
4. Arranging to visit other countries to see how other cultures ride dead horses.
5. Lowering the standards so that dead horses can be included.
6. Reclassifying the dead horse as living-impaired.
7. Hiring outside contractors to ride the dead horse.
8. Harnessing several dead horses together to increase speed.
9. Providing additional funding and/or training to increase dead horse's performance.
10. Doing a productivity study to see if lighter riders would improve the dead horse's performance.
11. Declaring that as the dead horse does not have to be fed, it is less costly, carries lower overhead and therefore contributes substantially more to the bottom line of the economy than do some other horses.
12. Rewriting the expected performance requirements for all horses.
- And of course....
13. Promoting the dead horse to a supervisory position.

**Steer Roping Records Set at Roundup**

BELLE FOURCHE - Andrews, Texas roper J. Tom Fisher's three head total of 32.3 seconds set a new Black Hills Roundup average record. Fisher was the average champion taking home \$2,999 dollars and solidifying his spot on the nation's top five.

Another notable performance during Friday's Steer Roping

competition came courtesy Landon McClaugherty of Tilden, Texas. His run of 8.7 seconds set a single fastest time record. Vin Fisher beat the old record earlier in the day with a run of 8.8, which won the second round.

In the Legacy round Rocky Patterson was first with 9.7 seconds, winning \$526.

**2020 PRCA World Standings**

(Leader plus South Dakota Contestants in the top 50 as of 6/30/20)

**Bareback**

1. Tim O'Connell	\$88,781.52	36. Ty Manke	
3. Jamie Howlett		Rapid City, SD	\$12,100.81
Rapid City, SD	\$47,849.32	37. Chuck Schmidt	
25. Shane O'Connell		Keldron, SD	\$11,977.15
Rapid City, SD	\$14,198.69	44. Jacob Kemmerer	
		Philip, SD	\$7,591.51

**Steer Wrestling**

1. Matt Reeves	\$84,639.59	<b>Tie-Down Roping</b>	
6. Jace Melvin		(No SD ropers in the top 50)	
Ft. Pierre, SD	\$32,946.30	1. Shad Mayfield	\$143,963.72
24. Eli Lord		<b>Steer Roping</b>	
Sturgis, SD	\$16,734.01	1. Trevor Brazile	\$27,681.82
41. Taz Olson		9. Jess Tierney	
Prairie City, SD	\$9,762.98	Hermosa, SD	\$17,348.70

**Team Roping Headers**

1. Luke Brown	\$69,055.15	40. Ora Taton	
31. Jr. Dees		Rapid City, SD	\$3,905.72
Aurora, SD	\$13,850.19	42. Brian Garr	
		Belle Fourche, SD	\$3,255.82
		47. J.R. Olson	
		Whitewood, SD	\$2,734.00

**Team Roping Heelers**

1. Joseph Harrison	\$63,755.11	<b>Barrel Racing</b>	
13. Levi Lord		16. Jessica Routier	
Sturgis, SD	\$22,191.39	Buffalo, SD	\$18,210.98

**Saddle Bronc**

1. Wyatt Casper	\$132,906.62	18. Lisa Lockhart	
4. Shorty Garrett		Oelrichs, SD	\$16,614.46
Eagle Butte, SD	\$51,138.88	52. Amanda Harris	
6. Cole Elshire		Spearfish, SD	\$7,518.59
Faith, SD	\$40,336.26	<b>Bull Riding</b>	
17. Taygen Schuelke		(No SD riders in top 50)	
Newell, SD	\$21,845.06	1. Sage Kimzey	\$73,236.80
24. Lane Schuelke		<b>All-Around</b>	
Newell, SD	\$15,694.23	(None in top 8)	
35. Jade Blackwell		1. Tuf Cooper	\$61,001.90
Rapid City, SD	\$12,190.82	Decatur, TX	

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**Roundup Champions** - (Left) Lisa Lockhart of Oelrichs rounds the third barrel and heads for home during her winning run of 16.94 at the 2020 Black Hills Roundup. She was the only one quicker than 17 seconds. (Right) Kaycee Feild of Utah rides NFR bronc Two Buck Chuck to the only ninety point ride of the Roundup. His score, 90.5, took top bareback honors and completed quite a weekend that saw him win two events, Belle Fourche and Oakley City, Utah. - *Photos for the Beacon courtesy of John Skogberg*

**101st Black Hills Roundup Results**

Belle Fourche, South Dakota July 1 - 4th

**Bareback Riding**

Place	Total Score	Cont. No.	Contestant Name	City	State
1	90.5	291	Karlee Felt	Gonska	UT
2/3	88.0	886	Tim O'Connell	Zwingle	IA
2/3	88.0	551	Orin Larsen	Ingalls	MO
4	87.5	64	Clayton Biglow	Clements	GA
5/6	85.0	814	Wade S. McFadden	Elmore	NE
5/6	85.0	745	Craig Pool	Redmond	OR
7/8	84.0	886	Mike Seiberg	Suncook	AB
7/8	84.0	886	Shane O'Connell	Rapid City	SD

**Team Roping**

Place	Time	Cont. No.	Contestant Name	City	State
1	4.5	857	Leo Simpson	Panola	AB
		143	Shay Dean Carroll	Logansport	CO
2/3	4.5	481	Lane Ivy	Dublin	TX
		1,042	Dillon Wingerd	Stephenville	TX
2/3	4.5	830	Kolter Schmidt	Bermead	TX
		833	Hunter Koch	Vernon	TX
4	5.0	830	Garrett Rogers	Beaver City	OR
		825	Jack Moore	Stassburg	GA
5/6	5.1	1,298	Nelson West	Clinton	AL
		982	Levi Lord	Sturgis	SD
5/6	5.1	994	Coy Taylor	Stilwell	MT
		578	Jack Long	Colbyville	KS
7/8	5.2	955	Ryan Tomlinson	Angleton	TX
		962	Brady Norman	Springer	OK
7/8	5.2	984	Cody Snow	Los Olivos	CA
		876	Austin Naguira	Presidentsburg	OR
9	5.3	817	Nick Saffian	Barbara	TX
		878	Renee Voss	Rockenridge	TX
10/10	5.5	910	Clay Summers	Lake City	FL
		778	Douglas Roth	Herrick	IL
10/10	5.5	1,307	Tyler Waters	Stephenville	TX
		878	Thomas Smith	Sanford	OK

**Tie-Down Roping**

Place	Time	Cont. No.	Contestant Name	City	State
1	7.7	884	Cooper Martin	Anna	KS
2	7.9	982	Gus Robinson	Spanish Fork	UT
3	8.0	785	Tuf Cooper	Decatur	TX
4	8.2	886	Zack Jungblut	Irwin	LA
5/6	8.5	488	Wesley Hughes	Caldwell	TX
5/6	8.5	844	Chase Lakin	Arbuckle	NE
7	8.8	881	Chase Rehder	Weatherford	TX
8	8.7	384	Shane Hancock	Sulphur	LA
9	8.8	1,373	Tray Young	Opus	ND
10	8.9	876	Stacey Neal	Childress	TX

**Bull Riding**

Place	Total Score	Cont. No.	Contestant Name	City	State
1	89.5	887	Garrett Smith	Rolling	SD
2	87.0	741	Coy Pollmiller	Fort Scott	KS
3/4	85.0	518	Trey Kinney	Strong City	OK
3/4	85.0	323	Derrick Fugate	Nalgus	MO
5	84.5	812	Foster McGraw	Navesick	TX
6	83.0	702	Matt Palmer	Poplar Grove	IL
7/8	82.5	321	Cohen Fitts	Relia	CO
7/8	82.5	1,071	Brady Young	Morgan Mill	TX

**Steer Wrestling**

Place	Time	Cont. No.	Contestant Name	City	State
1	3.4	886	Tyler Waggoner	Gonska	LA
2	3.6	872	Joe Nelson	Ward City	ND
3	3.8	774	Riley Ralls	Watson	ND
4	3.8	887	Blake Rowles	Hopewell	OR
5/67	4.0	286	Jacob D. Elder	State Center	IA
5/67	4.0	113	Jesse Brown	Saker City	OR
5/67	4.0	486	Wyatt Jurek	Lake County	NM
8/9/10	4.1	783	Stacy Rocco	Tremonton	UT
8/9/10	4.1	843	Blake Mendenhall	Blackfoot	OK
8/9/10	4.1	130	Tanner Stover	Remus	KS

**Saddle Bronc Riding**

Place	Total Score	Cont. No.	Contestant Name	City	State
1	85.5	874	Ryan Smith	Winterset	IA
2	87.5	403	Dusty Fleussner	Dickinson	ND
3	87.0	183	Tyler Darrington	Lanama	WY
4	85.5	1,093	Ryder Wright	Midvale	UT
5	85.0	824	Carl Schaefer	Honolulu	ID
6/7	85.0	1,092	Kelby Wenschel	Stemmed Park	AB
6/7	85.0	199	Jacob Glatney	Stephenville	TX
8	85.0	403	Logan James Hay	Whitehead	AB

**Barrel Racing**

Place	Time	Cont. No.	Contestant Name	City	State
1	16.94	912	Lisa Lockhart	Oelrichs	SD
2	17.00	919	Dana Kay Rife	Sioux	OK
3	17.16	308	Arianna Peyer	Cherokee	AR
4	17.24	213	Michelle Darling	Medford	OK
5	17.25	428	Sierra Wilson	Weatherford	TX
6	17.28	333	Ashley Day	Watson	MT
7	17.29	718	Lisa Plummer	Revere Farms	AB
8	17.31	150	Ashley Castleberry	Montgomery	TX
8/12/13	17.34	788	Clay Rivas	Garret	ND
8/13/14	17.34	888	Eliza O'Quinn	Ocala	FL
8/13/14	17.34	922	Amberleigh Moore	Kaiser	OK
12/13	17.36	828	Jessie Seibert	Caldwell	ID

**Ladies' Breakaway Roping**

Place	Time	Cont. No.	Contestant Name	City	State
1/2	2.88	88	Kayleen Holton	Stephenville	TX
1/2	2.88	111	Katie Hubbard	Waller	NE
3/4/5/6	2.90	33	Amelia Coleman	Stephenville	TX
3/4/5/6	2.91	84	JJ Hampton	Stephenville	TX
3/4/5/6	2.91	5	Christa Bane	Granville	UT
3/4/5/6	3.10	13	Dora Bernal	Blackton	AB
7	3.20	49	Rebekah Engesser	Spearfish	SD
8/9	3.30	81	Brittany Galtner	Kildare	ND
8/9	3.30	69	Bailey Brown	North Platte	NE

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### Rasheed Speaks to LEPC

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BELLE FOURCHE – Dr. Ahmed Rasheed spoke to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) group recently explaining the manufacturing processes at the IDIC manufacturing operation located north of Belle Fourche. The LEPC is responsible for focusing on hazardous materials in use in Butte County.

Rasheed outlined his company’s plans and use of materials that are manufactured at the operation. IDIC Specialty Drilling Chemicals produces Bentonite related products used in oil drilling. According to Rasheed, the Bentonite found in the Belle Fourche area is one of the highest grades obtainable.

The liquid made with Bentonite will be stored outside as a semi-solid much like the consistency of butter. Bentonite is mixed with beef tallow or palm oil and kept at 95° in insulated tanks. The product is stable, he pointed out, and the probability of a hazardous problem is very slight.

He assured the group that he would submit an outline of the building site along with a list of materials held at the facility. The importance of the LEPC having the information for firefighters and law enforcement is vital to the ideals of the committee.

LEPC keeps records of the businesses in Butte County showing the placement of hazardous materials, doors, electrical components, and other pertinent information needed by law enforcement. The committee also is entrusted with making sure essential equipment is made available for these individuals. They are also in contact with local medical personnel concerning COVID-19.

The committee is made up of concerned citizens and business people in the entire county. The committee standard is that individuals have a right to know what emergency procedures are set up and ready in the county. Records are kept accessible for those entities that need the correct information.



Dr. Ahmed Rasheed

### Storms Wreak Havoc on Across the County

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BUTTE COUNTY - A rare derecho kicked off a rash of damaging spring storms beginning in early June and continuing into July.

The term derecho was originally coined in 1888 and was invented to distinguish straight-line wind damage from that of the rotary winds from tornadoes. A derecho is a rare weather phenomenon which is typically long-lasting and can be extremely dangerous due to high winds produced by the event. Visually identified by a large shelf at the front of a storm, a derecho may seem as though it stretches from horizon to horizon.

This particular derecho on June 6th began in Colorado, moved through Wyoming, passed directly over Belle Fourche, and eventually ended its run in North Dakota.

Robin Ager, who is poised to open the new Red Onion Marketplace this month, suffered the loss of the porch roof on the building. Her husband, James Ager, was in the building when the winds hit. “He estimated it [the roof] was 50ft in the air when it went flying across the highway,” Robin said.

As a 44-year resident of Belle Fourche, Robin has seen her fair share of storms and wasn’t deterred by the damage. “I don’t want to watch it [the radar] more and worry more,” Robin said. “You have to go with it.”

The porch roof was repaired within a matter of days by James, and they’re planning on having the first Farmers Market on June 11th. The Red Onion Marketplace will provide locally made food, crafts, and offer house coffee on Saturday’s.

Although the derecho made a grand entrance for June, the month was not going to end quietly. Small storms in the area



**Storm Damage** - (Top) An ominous shelf cloud looms over the prairie east of Orman Dam as the storm brought high winds and hail to Butte County. - *Photo Alexa Althoff* (Above) Metal from a structure across Highway 212 blew over the road and landed by the corrals at the Newell Sheep Yard. Electrical lines were downed also. - *Betty Buner photo*

on June 19th and 25th were an introduction to a large storm bringing hail, torrents of rain, and high winds on June 28th.

The storm boiled up over Deadwood and headed to the Belle Fourche area in the early evening. Wind and hail pounded in swaths east of Belle Fourche causing the loss of gardens and power alike.

Butte Electric Cooperative crews successfully restored power to residents by midnight. In total, six distribution and four transmission lines were

damaged. Luigi’s Pizza, east of Belle Fourche, wrapped up the night early due to the loss of power, and crews could be seen outside of the building making repairs to electrical lines the next day.

Hail from the storm was especially damaging to AJ Farms. Since 2013, Alicia Giaculli and her husband have been growing their business of selling farm fresh eggs and this was her first year planting a large garden she hoped to bring to market.

The Giaculli’s watched from

inside their house as the rain took its toll on their porch furniture and vegetables. “It was devastating,” Alicia said. “It felt like we were in a tsunami and it was just coming in waves.”

Porch furniture was blown into her glass door, hail decimated her garden, and tin roofing on a chicken coup wound up in a neighbors pasture several hundred yards away.

“Honestly we’ve lived here for 8 years and we have never

STORM B4

### Third Delivery for Feeding South Dakota

**COLLEEN BRUNNER**  
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NEWELL – “The apples are a bonus,” said Food Pantry coordinator Betty Baker Kozar as she opened one of 13 boxes of red delicious apples. “We weren’t expecting those.”

Kozar, along with NVN Ministerial Food Pantry head Terri Blanchett, and many other assistants, once more opened the local food pantry for the distribution of food items to local residents in the NVN area.

Larry (Lars) the Feeding South Dakota truck driver out of Rapid City said this was the third time the food source program has delivered to the Newell locations. The first time

was in March and they have been consistent in a once-a-month delivery.

“We don’t open the pantry again (this week) when we have a delivery like this come on Tuesday, Blanchett said of the June 23 delivery date.

“The first time wasn’t publicized real well and then we had the time when we didn’t get our (regular) delivery when we were supposed to so they came a different day,” said Kozar. The truck will be back again on July 7 for another delivery.

“We’ll keep doing this as long as it’s available said Blanchett.

On the sidewalk and inside the NVN Senior Center, the vol-

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**Organizer Terri Blanchett** stands in the middle of a huge bunch of boxes of food items delivered by Feeding South Dakota driver Lars who is taking a break on the bench in front of the NVN Senior Center where the local NVN Ministerial Food Pantry is located. Volunteer Tracey Seieroe prepares to load boxes to deliver to Nisland. - *Brunner photo*

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Funds Donated to Assist NVN Area

BETTY BRUNER  
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NEWELL – Although the Newell area has not had a confirmed case of COVID-19, the community has been impacted in one way or another. Ørsted Onshore North America, LLC on behalf of Willow Creek Wind Power, LLC has donated \$50,000 to establish the Newell, SD Area and Greater Butte County Coronavirus Fund through the South Dakota Community Foundation.

The fund provides relief for several area organizations, including the Newell Food Bank, Newell Ambulance, Newell Fire Department, WIT, Newell Lions, and the NVN Center.

Mayor Ken Wetz stated in a press release, “This very generous gift from Ørsted/Willow Creek Wind Power will help our community greatly. Many families have been affected through loss of income through reduced hours or total job loss.”

Many of the organizations in the area will use the gift to answer the need to respond to emergencies and keep volunteers safe.

Wetz also added that Willow Creek is a welcome member of the community.

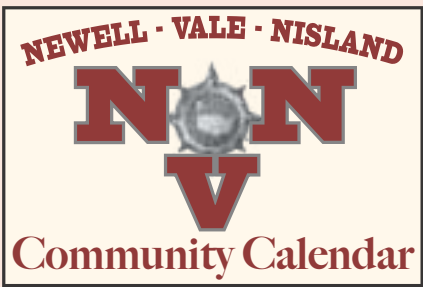
The Newell Food Bank has

nearly doubled their distributions in Newell, Vale, and Nisland with the onset of COVID-19.

Terri Blanchett, Newell Food Bank, passes on her thanks; “I would like to thank Ørsted/Willow Creek Wind Farm for the grant to our community and Mayor Ken Wetz and the Community Club members for all their help in the distribution of the grant. The money we received will be a huge help for our community now and the days ahead. Thank you all for your care and generous spirit.”

“Ørsted is dedicated to being a long-term partner to the communities that host our wind farm,” said Neil O’Donovan, Senior Vice President & COO Onshore at Ørsted. “We are making a donation on behalf of the Willow Creek Wind Farm in Butte County-which is under construction and set to come online later this year-to support emergency relief to the communities of Newell and greater Butte County as they confront the economic impacts of coronavirus.”

Mike Keolker, representing the Newell Community Club, was given the privilege of distributing the moneys to various organizations in the NVN area.



**Coaching positions available** at Newell school: Asst. HS Volleyball, Head HS Boys’ Basketball, Head Wrestling, Golf, Pep Band, MS Asst. Football, MS Asst. Volleyball, MS Wrestling. They are also in need of bus drivers for the 2020-2021 year. Please contact the school at 456-2393 for any of these positions or email Steven.Schoenfish@k12.sd.us if interested.

**Open gym** on Monday and Wednesday at 5 p.m. for volleyball. Contact Coach Tysha McDonald for more information.

**Mechanic position** at 212/79: Contact Chandra at 456-0133 or Jean at 890-0537.

**Mondays:** Beginning at 4 p.m. with registration, Newell Rodeo Playdays run through July 13 with the awards night on July 26. You must attend three of the playdays to compete for awards.

**Tuesdays:** Little League, Fast Pitch, and T-ball. Ages 3-14. Contact Courtney Barerra at 391-3169 for information.

**July 9 & 14:** Free Youth Golf training. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please bring your own clubs. Open to kindergarten through sixth grade.

**July 15:** Final day to submit your taxes. This was postponed from April due to Coronavirus.

**July 17:** FREE Movie Night at the Nisland/Arpan Firehall. Showing the movie Fireproof at dusk. Bring your own chair or a sleeping bag to lay on. Will set up in front of firehall on cement pad. FREE popcorn/treats/drinks. Sponsored by Nisland Independent Community Church.

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unteers handed out boxes of dry (non-perishable) food, boxes of produce, some locally donated meat products, as well as some purchased by the food pantry, and the bonus bags of apples.

“A lot of this is purchased, a lot donated, and some are subsidies from the government,” said Lars. “Target and Walmart

donate.” Some local churches also donate toward the food pantry and the Feeding South Dakota program.

Tracey Seieroe, one of the local volunteers pulled up and backed her van into place to be loaded for the Nisland community.

“We have 13 boxes, and 10 deliveries,” said Seieroe. “The rest are delivered to the Nisland/Arpan firehall for pickup

there.” Rhonda Vallery has been the coordinator for that end of the program with Seieroe delivering to the elderly and shut-ins in the Nisland community. “We were up to about 20 (during the virus shutdown) but we kind of cut back ‘cause there were some that could drive (and pick up their own). I’ve been helping since the end of March when this all started. It’s been a blessing for everybody.”

From B3  
STORM

had hail like that,” Giaculli said. “We’ve lucked out every single time. So now, it definitely has changed how we watch the weather and how we’re doing things.”

The chickens were able to feast on the reminder of beets and lettuce from the garden, and they’re currently planning to

plant again for the fall. Giaculli added, “You realize how much risk there is in farming.”

According to the Old Farmers Almanac, the “Dog Days” of summer traditionally begin on July 3rd. These last 40 days and end on August 11, coinciding with the heliacal (at sunrise) rising of the Dog Star, Sirius.

This year, the National Weather Service Climate

Prediction Center is predicting a hot summer over much of states. South Dakota will surely have more storms during these possibly exceptionally hot Dog Days of summer, and as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) website says, “Climate is what you expect; weather is what you get.”



**The Chickens** at AJ Farms may seem a bit confused as they contemplate if the hail is food or foul. (At right) The roof on the Red Onion Marketplace was damaged by recent storms but has since been repaired and is back in business. - *Althoff photos*

**DONATIONS** - (Left top) Betty Baker, left, Pat Lee, and Sabina Harmon, right, receives \$5,000 on behalf of the WIT Coalition, for the Dental Mobile. Mike Keolker from the Newell Community Club was responsible for the distribution of funds donated by Ørsted Onshore of North America. (Middle left) Veryl Tiftt, left, accepts a check for \$5,000 from NCC President Mike Keolker on behalf of the Newell Fire Department. (Middle right) Doug Clark, representing the NVN Ministerial Association, accepts a check from Newell Community Club President Mike Keolker. (Left lower) Mike Keolker hands a check for \$20,000 to Newell Food Bank workers Terri Blanchett and Betty Baker. - *Courtesy Photos*

Then and Now *in Newell*

**July 7, 1910**  
Jos Enders and Mr. Adams, two carpenters employed on the Smiley-Gay Hardware had the misfortune to have a scaffold fall with them last Thursday. Mr. Adams suffered a sever sprain of his left ankle and Mr. Enders receiving only a few bruises.

The Wide-A-Wake confectionery and cigar store is now open and doing a good business. Mr. George A. Ross is giving people of this city a first class store in every respect. He also offers, in addition to confectionary and cigars; stationary, tobaccos, fruits, nuts, ice cream and soft drinks.

**July 8, 1920**  
A small cyclone occurred near St. Onge late yesterday afternoon. Full report has not been received and so far as is known, no one was hurt and no great damage. But it was a real blow. The twister was so strong that it drained a small lake in its course. The section men who were working on the track saw it coming and escaped danger only by running to timber around which they entwined themselves with firm grip until it subsided.

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Briggs families with their visitors left Sunday morning for a picnic trip to Ice Box Canyon. On their return they took in the Round-up at Belle Fourche.

**July 10, 1930**  
Toiva Ranta left Tuesday for Urbana, Ill. where he has accepted a position as Junior Topographic Engineer with the U S Geological Survey. Toivo was a member of the graduating class of the School of Mines, Rapid City, this year and his friends in Newell wish him the best of success.

B.T. Sherbon informs us that he was low bidder on the new Lutheran church structure to be erected in Newell. However a contract has not yet been let because church officials found that that the building will cost more money than at first estimated. Mr. Sherbon also states that he built the kitchen cabinets for Mrs. J.E. Hammon-



Tiovo Ranta

from the Newell Museum

tree and Mrs. Oscar Reppen, both prize winners in the recent kitchen contest.

**July 11, 1940**  
The Tri-State Milling Company this week completed arrangements for re-opening of their elevator and warehouse at Vale, which has been closed for the past two years. Tom Rolland, formerly a grain buyer at Oldham, but more recently an employee at Sly’s Grocery in Belle Fourche, is the new manager. They will be handling Trisco feeds, grain and similar goods and Mr. Rolland is busy cleaning the place up and putting in stocks. Mr. & Mrs. Rolland and 3 children have taken temporary living quarters in the Earl Palmer house, in Vale at present, but plan to move their household effects out from their former home at a later date. They will open for business July 11.

First work on repairing the Newell Implement Company building here, recently purchased by the City of Newell, was underway this week and will consist of putting the roof in first class shape. City Commissioner A.C. Erickson is directing the work with Dick Anderson, local carpenter, in charge. Frank Hoffmeyer is also assisting. Gutters on the roof are being rebuilt to give more complete and rapid drainage and an entirely new fire proof asphalt covering will be put over the top to make the roof leak-proof.

**July 13, 1950**  
A sudden wind, rain and

“Looking Forward to our Past” by Linda Velder

thunder storm struck this area early Monday night causing spotted damage but bringing needed precipitation. Greatest damage reported was of a large sheep barn on the Thorpe & Walters KLT Ranch operated by Elmer Eichler northeast of Newell. A 100’ long building was blown to kindling and the loss was estimated at around \$1,000. Damage was also reported at the Ed Breidenbach farm north of town and the grandstand at the Newell Baseball park was badly damaged by the force of the wind, which was unlocked at it highest intensity in sudden gusts. At Vale, at the Roy Sorenson farm, the telephone was completely burned off the wall when electric and telephone electric power lines suffered black-out-ages. In Newell, wind blew in plate glass windows each at Brattons’, The Cove Café, Amundson Garage and Valley Irrigator Office.

A big display of fireworks will be an added attraction at the Newell Community Picnic September 17, Labor Day, according to plans made by Junior Chamber of Commerce here last Friday night. The Jaycees, sponsors of the Labor Day celebration, to add fireworks to the other attractions as baseball game, sports and races, children’s parade and dance to complete the annual event. The members also voted in possibly of securing lights for an athletic field and request the city to install complete toilet facilities in the City Park.

July 14, 1960

The Nisland Town Board met in regular session with all members present. Following a discussion on request for 2-way radio for the Town Marshal’s car, Peter Stark made a motion for such equipment. A motion for a special meeting on July 12 at 7:30 PM was then made by Stark and second by John Ashley, for purpose of getting the people’s opinion on city paying half the purchase price of the 2-way radio. That sum being \$300. The Clerk is to post notices of this meeting for viewing in two public places.

Newell’s 1960 Rodeo Queen will be selected at the Butte County Fair; it was announced by Kirk Malcolm, President of the Newell Saddle Club one of the sponsors. All single girls who are interested, between the ages of 14 – 17 are invited to contact the 1959 Newell Rodeo Queen, Karen Wyant, Newell for details. Any girl who will appear in the contest riding a horse, regardless of place of residence, will be eligible to enter.

Transfer or sale of water between landowners on the Belle Fourche Irrigation project will be permitted this year, but all such sales much be reported to the District Office in Newell, it was decided at a regular meeting of the District Directors last week. The Board of Directors decided, in view of present storage at Orman Dam, to increase the water allotment for the current irrigation season to 8 inches.





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The Fourth

As I think on the Fourth of July celebration I think back to when I was younger and all the things I did. Fireworks! Every year. Usually there was some extra family around. Some from a long ways away.

And haying. Always haying. Dad never tried to start any new projects or new fields of hay on Sundays or the Fourth. We would finish up what we had to, but he knew we needed a day of rest, as much as possible. I remember one year there was going to be a local get together. The Fourth fell on a Monday, so we cut a big patch of hay on Sunday the 3rd, seeing as we wouldn't be working on the Fourth. I am sure he felt guilty about working on a Sunday, but we did it. Sure enough, a big storm came up that evening and blew most of the hay away! Kind of made me think that, "yeah, we are not supposed to work anymore than necessary, on Sundays". So I have followed that pattern. We do what is necessary for the livestock, but don't do any more.

I guess I am just getting old. I remember as a kid, Mass was always on Sunday at 10 or 11 am. Almost every Sunday, we would go to a neighbors or they would come here, in good weather. Nothing really set up, just an invite after church. Mom would usually leave a roast in the oven with potato's. And if no one could come, then fine, we ate it as a family. Of course,

during calving season or haying season, it happened less often. Now, it seems like everyone is too busy with other things to go to the neighbors at the drop of a hat, for a meal and some fellowship.

I miss that.

Country dances. Wow! I miss our country dances. Seems like almost every Saturday night there was a dance at one of the neighboring community halls. Especially in the spring, summer and fall. That was where you saw people you hadn't seen for at least a week. You visited and danced and maybe had a nip off the bottle, with friends or a beer, if you were younger. And maybe did some courting. Lots of people got married to their spouse, that they had met for the first time at a local country dance. At midnight, there was usually some food, hot dogs or whimpies...babies would be asleep under benches or in a corner, out of the way. Younger kids wold be trying to fight off sleep and many not getting it accomplished. Tipped over and leaning against their mother or father. Seems like the ladies mostly sat down and the men stood. When you wanted to dance, you walked over to whom ever your choice was and asked for a dance. And you seldom if ever were turned down! Yeah, girls were taught it wasn't polite to say no.

We young boys were dragged out on the dance floor by an older sister or neighbor girl and

taught how to dance and when we decided it was cool, then we'd ask girls to dance, and even the old ladies! I think back now to those wonderful older neighbor ladies and what they must have put up with from us young boys who didn't have a clue!

And the Flying Dutchman! When you dance the Flying Dutchman, there are three of you. Either two girls and a boy but more often, two boys and a girl. You all stood side to side with arms over each others shoulders or behind your partners back.... The music had a slow beat, that you moved to with one foot, in unison, going back and behind, a bit, then the other foot doing the same as you slowly moved.. about then, the music got fast and the person in the middle locked arms at the elbow with one person and went in a circle, and after a spin or a half circle, the person in the middle, met the other partner of the threesome and switched arms and partners.. I suppose as it was designed, you were supposed to skip like that thru' that phase of the dance, but not for us boys.. our objective was to try and get the girl in the middle to go so fast, her feet went off the ground! And we accomplished it fairly often.. and as soon as she had started going good, here would come the other boy, grab her other arm and go the other way! It's a

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# 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 are from the Tri-State Museum and Waymark from U.S. National Historic Site.

June 27, 1918

Belle Fourche Bee

Tri-State Round-Up Program

for Patriotic Celebration Looks

Better Every Day – Enormous

Crowd Coming

Day by day the program for the first annual Tri-State Round-Up and patriotic celebration to be held in Belle Fourche July 4 and 5 assumes shape and from present indication these two days will eclipse anything of the sort ever attempted in this part of the state. Jack R. Robinson of Miles City, who has had charge of the big round up at that place for years, has the happy faculty of putting plenty of pep into anything he has charge of. "Tipperary" and "Tip Top" the untamed outlaws belonging to C. H. Wilson of Harding have the reputations of unseating the most skillful riders of this part of the country and Sam Brownell, the world champion rider of Cheyenne will be in attendance.

**Rooms**

The proposition of sleeping accommodations for the public

who will attend the Big Round-up on July 4th and 5th is one which cannot be successfully handled without the cooperation of the entire community and you are therefore requested to list with the Commercial Club any room or rooms you might have which you desire to rent for the period of the celebration.

On last Thursday and Friday Belle Fourche entertained the largest crowd of visitors ever assembled in any city in Western South Dakota, the occasion being the first annual Tri-State Round Up, under the direction of the Belle Fourche Commercial club, and new history was made in this wonderful little city of real achievements.

Of course, the one outstanding feature of the whole affair was the fact that this year's celebration was for the sole benefit of the Red Cross and Army Y.M.C.A., and the splendid endorsement given to those twin institutions of humanity stamps the citizenship of western South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana as being 100 per



The 1918 Red Cross Auction, held during the Roundup, raised \$15,326 for WWI efforts. One lamb brought \$5,425 which is more than \$92,000 in today's dollars.

cent sterling American. The net receipts from the auction sales were approximately \$14,500(in today's dollars \$246,206.16), while \$840 (in today's dollar \$14,262.98) was taken in by the young ladies in charge of the lunch and flower booth, and an equal amount was realized from the big bowery dance on the opening night. The gross receipts at the fair grounds, including grandstands and auto stalls, totaled about \$8,500(worth \$144,327.75 today) . It is believed that nearly 10,000 people attended the show at the fair grounds on opening day, while fully half that number stayed in town

Notes of the Celebrations Making the big Bowery dance free to everyone on the closing night was the proper thing to do, and it sent people home feeling that Belle Fourche is a good place to come for a celebration.

**July 11, 1918**  
**Belle Fourche Bee**  
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result this part of the work was handled in a manner satisfactory to the management as well as the large crowds. Messers. J. T. Farrell of Sundance, Roy Kopp of Ekalaka and Wm. Clanton of Harding, as well as Sam Brownell of Cheyenne, are to be commended for fairness of their judging of the riding events. They know riding when they see it, and have the backbone to make decision and stand by it.

Chas. H. Wilson of Harding, not only furnished Tipperary, Tip-Top, and other good buckers, but was untiring in his efforts to make the big show a success. He worked in the arena, looked after the stock nights and during the morning, assisted in bringing in horses that strayed from the corrals and in every possible way did his best to help entertain the crowds. That his efforts were appreciated was shown when the committee in charge of the event presented him on Saturday with a solid gold hand engraved, diamond set watch, with a nineteen jewel movement, the value of the outfit being something over \$145.00



Sam Brownell of Cheyenne, 1917 World Bronco rider Champion





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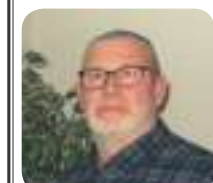
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## Grand River Roundup

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It was hot this week, but thankfully we got some much needed rain. It rained on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, leaving a total of almost two inches in the rain gauge. We got almost a tenth of an inch here on Thursday, but there was a gully washer over at our east place. No rain gauge over there, but the creeks were running hard and the road was too muddy to drive on.

It was a scorcher on Monday and the thermometer registered 99 degrees when I left for the Great Western Cattle Trail meeting in Spearfish that afternoon. Saturday, July 25th is the National Day of the American Cowboy and the High Plains Western Heritage Center in Spearfish is holding a celebration that afternoon at 1:00. The next Great Western Cattle Trail meeting will meet at the Heritage Center at 3:30 following the celebration. Hope to see you there!

Amanda hosted the girls' night out party at her house Monday evening with a good crowd of good-looking young ladies. Matt and Lanie Klug and the kids spent the weekend down here at the ranch and Lanie came over for the party while Matt and the kids stayed at Casey and Missy's house. Matt has been helping put the trim on Missy's walls above the new floor he and Braxton Hespe put down last week. Matt and Lanie left Trace and Chantry with Grandma Missy when they went back to Dickinson Tuesday afternoon. They came back down Wednesday afternoon to spend the night here so they could all attend Cal Thybois funeral on Thursday.

We joined a huge crowd of friends and neighbors that gathered at Besler's Cadillac Ranch south of Belle Fourche to bid our last goodbye to Cal. Cal's cousin Brad Larsen officiated at his service, Mark Vroman gave a special reading, and Ty Hotchkiss provided the music. We got to visit with a lot of old friends that we hadn't seen for a while during lunch after the funeral at the Branding Iron in Belle.

When we came home after the funeral there was another wreck on the highway just south of Will Larson's place. A pickup pulling a trailer dropped a wheel off the shoulder of the highway and the driver managed to get the pickup back up on the highway without tipping it over, but the trailer was tipped over and smashed. Thankfully, there were no injuries or fatalities, but until the highway department gets around to putting some shoulders on Highway 79 there are going to be a lot more wrecks.

Did you get to see President Trump and Gov. Noem at the Independence Day celebration at Mount Rushmore on Friday? We watched it on television,

but some of our friends were actually able to be there. Rep. Sam Marty and Iver Heier were in attendance and so were Rep. Tom Brunner, Rep. Steve

Haugaard, Sen. Phil Jensen and his wife Janet, and Sen. Lance Russell and his son Grant.

Lots of rodeos this week. Casey, Trig and some other cowboys were up in Fort Pierre and Interior on Friday.

Taz spent last week going to PRCA rodeos in several states, including Wyoming, Arizona, Utah, and North and South Dakota. He was up at the rodeo in Belle Fourche on July 4th and Casey, Missy, Amanda and the kids went down to watch him. Taz and Amanda took the kids to Gardner Lake that evening to watch the fireworks before coming home.

Sunday evening Reub and I went down to visit Bev and Iver Heier. Bev had knee surgery last week and is healing up pretty well. Sam and Leah Marty also came to visit and Sam and Iver shared about their experiences at Mount Rushmore. Henry and Linda Mohagen grilled supper for all of us, except Sam and Leah who went home early because Sam's daughters were here visiting them at the ranch. We got home that evening just in time to join Casey, Missy, and Taz and Amanda's family to watch Taz shoot off fireworks at their house.

When I was growing up in Bison, my father always shot off a lot of fireworks in the yard outside the telephone office to entertain us and most of the neighbors. Dad was a WWII veteran and made sure that we knew why we were celebrating Independence Day. Dad would have appreciated this poem:

### Independence Day

by Mary M. North

We celebrate a "day of days,"  
Which saw a nation rise  
Through din of battle, clash of arms,  
And severed kindred ties.

This day we draw aside the veil,  
And backward take a look  
On stirring scenes, brought to our view,  
As in an open book.

We see the lights in "old North Church"--  
Those beacons burning bright--  
And gallop on with Paul Revere,  
Throughout that fateful night.

We fight with men at Bunker Hill,  
Whose aim was good and true--  
Nerved to the task by loyal hearts,  
'Neath coats of buff and blue.

With praying Washington we wait  
At Valley Forge, in snow and sleet,  
And see the blood-prints on the ground  
From shoeless soldiers' feet.



## Capitol News

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Since it has been about a month since I did the news I decided maybe Karen needed a break. Adam Kuntz, Sam Erfman and Anton Schell from Southeast Electric came and set a new meter pole on Wednesday. They are very efficient. I did some fencing at Capitol a couple of days. On Friday I went to Buffalo to get a battery for the baler tractor, some air conditioner freon for the swather and groceries. I swathed and baled a little hay a couple of days. Karen did an art project and piano lessons for Odell Evans Publishing on her Facebook page. A lot of people use the art for entertainment during the pandemic and the granddaughters do the piano lessons. She wrote some on her book "Rowen" every day. She moved and set up some beds. Hywel managed to find a couple of skunks so he got a soda, vinegar and water spray bath. On Saturday we watched the ceremony at Mt Rushmore during the President's visit. Governor Noem gave an excellent speech and the whole ceremony was handled quite well. On Sunday we read the Bible and went to the Gomer, Ohio church on the internet. We went in for dinner at the "Over the Edge". We got a total of .60" of rain for the week.

Ronda Cordell had to take her dog, Sophie, to the vet clinic in Belle Fourche on Monday for

removal of what luckily turned out to be a wart and to have her teeth cleaned. She spent time at Hills Interior to pick out carpet/vinyl for the mobile home at Bergstrom's and went to Walmart. She put on a mask to abide with the Covid-19 crisis. On Tuesday she drove to Buffalo to get paint samples at the hardware store. She treated herself to a late lunch at the Blossoms & Brew and stopped at Lowell Cordell's on the way home. He had been without TV and telephone service since the power outage on Monday evening. Neither Lowell or her could get them to work. Ronda called to let Bobby and Sam Cordell know his predicament. Lowell called her on Wednesday to say that WRCTC had come to fix the situation, which had turned out to be something with the antenna. Wednesday Joey Douglas, Diane Wear and Ronda went to move yearling heifers over the hill west. What should have been an hour job ended up taking most of the day, as there were a couple of lame bulls that had to be hauled home to doctor. They put up oilers as the bugs are bad over there. Clint Zolnoski and Joey have been busy haying. Light showers on two evenings slowed their early mornings a bit, but the hay dried quickly. The thermometer has made it to the mid 90's this week. Nearly every evening the clouds have built up, but there has been no measurable moisture. There have been some reports of hail in various areas and some rains of over an inch. Ronda spent some time in the garden this week weeding. On Saturday she joined Bobby Cordell to help him find weeds. When she got in the house, her sister, Beverly Anderson, had left a message saying, "I suppose you're in Belle celebrating." She called her to let her know she wasn't celebrating just looking for weeds. On the 4th she watched the celebration in DC, which is a good show with singing and fireworks.

On Thursday Craig Nelson came to visit Lynn and Bruce Gustufson and spent until Saturday. Lynn attended Bible study at the Methodist Church, They have started haying.

Jenna and Ian Flatgard went to the ranch rodeo in Belle Fourche on Tuesday and the PRCA rodeo on Saturday. They are tearing down corrals at Joe's and hope

to have them rebuilt before shipping. Joe got an unpleasant surprise when he found a 4 foot bull snake in his house. As far as he knows it is still in the house.

Moncurs finished haying this week. They got a total of .10" of rain, but just south of them at LeRoy Oleson's they got over an inch and lots of hail on Sunday.

Erma and Dick Albert's daughter and son-in-law from Nebraska came and spent the week with them. They went to Devil's Tower on Wednesday and to the Air & Space Museum at Ellsworth Air Base on Thursday. They went to church on Sunday and then stayed for the pot luck dinner to say farewell to Father Ed and welcome to Father Brian Sorenson.

Julia Davis has just been going to work and coming home. Alfreda came out and spent some time with them. They had a great visit. Doug is getting ready to start haying. They have been moving cows and turning bull out. Julia went to Belle Fourche to the dentist on Thursday.

On Monday Dorothy and Bryce Padden went to Rapid City to do some shopping. Brandon and Ashley took their camper to the dam at the Stuart so the kids could swim and play in the water. On Friday and Saturday they shot off fireworks at the Stuart place when the wind went down..

Donna Lewis went to Baker to visit, but came home before the weekend. She watched the ceremony at Mt Rushmore that took place during the President's visit.

Alvin Cordell's are done haying at the Yates place and have moved to the Horton place. Marlee went to Belle Fourche on the 3rd for the ranch rodeo and fireworks. Alvin watched the ceremony at Mt Rushmore on the 3rd. He went to Belle Fourche to the parade and rodeo on the 4th. They have been spraying weeds at the Swedberg ranch.

Hopefully we will get some moisture this week and thing will start to settle down and get back to being a little more normal. When you watch the news and hear what is going on in other parts of the country we can be glad we live where we do. I hope that everyone has a great week and Karen will be talking to you next Sunday.



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(Left) Spearfish's Rickie Engesser was leading the first ever ladies breakaway roping at the roundup after the first night with a time of 2.2 seconds. (Right) Idaho bull rider Garret Smith rode Powder River's bull Bear Claw for a winning score of 89.5 on the 4th of July.

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cure as wise as he who pays his thought-horse a penny. — Mary Wilson Little

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(Top) Dana Bowman parachutes into the arena on July 4th with the American flag. The original Red Cross wagon from 1918 is seen in the far right. (Above) Newell's Lane Schuelke rode a Burch saddle bronc, Margarita Maker, for a score of 83 points.



(Top) Cyler Dowling, Newell, had a steer wrestling run of 11.6 seconds. (Above) TJ Schmidt, Belle Fourche, gave a good effort as he rode a Powder River bull for 6-plus seconds, not long enough for a qualified ride.





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