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Local feud brings push to repeal South Dakota medical pot law

Activist organization formed after Butte County passed loose cultivation regulations

Austin Goss

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A long-standing squabble between a town hall gadfly and public officials has bubbled into a right-wing activist group hoping to shut down South Dakota's medical marijuana program with a statewide vote.

Travis Ismay, a rural Vale resident, has filed paperwork with the Secretary of State's Office to circulate petitions calling for a repeal of a 2021 law that legalized cannabis for medicinal use in South Dakota.

Local Feud B4

Mud Fun at the Fair!



Wrestling/catching pigs in the mud at the Butte/Lawrence County Fair is a kid and fan favorite event. Those on laundry duty have questions. Not sure about the pigs? *Courtesy Photo*

Two Sides of Debate During Public Comments

BELLE FOURCHE-There were two opposite opinions given during Public Comments at the August 1 meeting of the Butte County Commission.

First to speak was Travis Ismay who said that even though he had been ejected from the commission's special meeting held the week before, they (the commissioners) "could not stop him from speaking about what he wants to speak about." Ismay believes his First Amendment rights were violated when he was told to leave the meeting.

"You need to brush up on Open Meeting laws," he said.

Ismay later noted that there were three items that, according to what he had found, had been violated at the July 25, 2023 meeting. There was no time and an incorrect date for the agenda on the county website. According to Ismay his removal with no clear reason, during public comment was a clear violation of First Amendment right and there was an illegal quorum when the commission removed him from the room, cleared the commissioners' room, and then "had a little meeting all to their selves which I video recorded."

At this time, the commissioners had no formal response.

He cautioned the commissioners to "be careful" about their oath and the Constitution.

"It's not your place, it's our place," he said.

Kellen Willert stood up to voice his opinions that seemed to be in opposition to Ismay's. he began by noting that there are groups that don't represent him and don't represent a lot of people.

"This is a business meeting," he said. "You don't have a First Amendment right to disrupt this

meeting."

He shared his thoughts that the commissioners were doing a "thankless job" and that they were trying to interject some decorum into the meetings.

He urged the commissioners to move Public Comment to the end of the meetings. According to Willert's understanding, it is important to hear county employees' reports quickly so that the employee can get back to work.

Willert wanted the public to realize that the commissioners were elected by the people and so represent the people of Butte County.

Following Butte County Highway Superintendent Duane Heidrich's report on road work and helping at the Butte-Lawrence County Fairgrounds, Commissioner Karrol Herman asked about bridge signage.

"What kind of signage is needed to prevent heavy trucks from going over some of the bridge?" she asked.

She was advised that the best thing to do is to call dispatch with a license plate number and description of the vehicle. Law enforcement will follow through.

Assistant State's Attorney Edward Tarbay reported that the State's Attorney is entering a busy part of the summer with the Sturgis Rally beginning. Meade County will be holding court every day during the two weeks of the Rally, especially working on felony cases. There are two Grand Jury sessions set for August because of the influx of felony cases during this time.

Tarbey noted that there has been an "upswing" of Driving Under the Influence cases in

Debate contd. B4

Open Letter from Albany Farms

by Bill Saller
CEO Albany Farms

In recent years, Belle Fourche, South Dakota has witnessed growth of its manufacturing sector, including by a new ramen noodle manufacturing plant (Albany Farms). Since its inception, this cutting-edge facility has not only significantly invested in the local community but has also carved a solid reputation for itself as a proud producer of high-quality ramen noodles with the "Twisted Noodles" brand. Though not without challenges, the company is determined to overcome obstacles and looks forward to an even brighter future.

Investing in the Local Community.

Albany Farms has firmly established itself as a key contributor to the local economy, with an impressive investment of approximately \$30 million. This injection

of funds has had a ripple effect, stimulating growth and prosperity throughout Belle Fourche. By partnering and collaborating with other businesses, the company has fostered a positive environment for economic development, creating employment opportunities and providing a boost to the community.

A Proud Producer of Ramen Noodles:

With a strong commitment to quality, Albany Farms takes immense pride in its product, as each cup or pillow pk of ramen noodles is proudly labeled with "Produced in Belle Fourche, South Dakota." This recognition not only showcases the company's dedication to the local community but also serves as a testament to the exceptional standards maintained during the manufacturing process. The fact that these noodles have found their way into households across the United

States and Canada is a source of great pride and a testament to the quality and taste of the product.

Overcoming Challenges:

As with any new manufacturing facility, Albany Farms has encountered its fair share of challenges. Many of these hurdles arose from acquiring equipment, parts, or repairs, resulting in occasional delays. However, through perseverance and determination, the company has successfully overcome these obstacles. By implementing effective problem-solving strategies and fostering strong relationships with suppliers and contractors, the company has remained steadfast in moving forward.

Scaling for Success:

With an eye on expansion and future growth, the Albany Farms has ambitious plans to scale-up its operations. By constantly assessing market demand and technological

Albany Farms Contd.B1

Publication of the Beacon May Come to an End

It is with a bit of an anxious heart that I put this to print.

Unfortunately after five years and one month of publication of the Belle Fourche Beacon, its future is uncertain.

First question, do you think we should continue a paper in Belle Fourche?

We will explain options for that, but first some background:

The 2018 start of the publication was in answer to the Lee Enterprises owned Rapid City Journal's decision to cease publication of the Belle Fourche Post and Bee in 2017.

I felt then and still hold the sentiment today that it is important for our community to have a local newspaper.

My first paying job in life was running the printing press for the Platte Enterprise in the 5th grade.

Technology has certainly been on my side since those days of ink, melted lead, and a newspaper printed two pages and one sheet of paper at a time.

Probably the most important lesson learned in those grade school days was the importance

to the community of its local newspaper.

Including everything that goes into it, from a loved one's obituary to grocery flyers, sale barn ads, boots, shoes, clothing, plumbers, electricians, plus everything we buy and sell to raise and support our families.

I've jokingly said everyone likes to see their picture, or their children, or grandchildren's picture in the paper--unless it's for the wrong reason--then everybody else likes to see it!

We began and have continued this paper with 100% distribution to mail recipients in all or parts of seven counties in the Tri-State (our trade) area.

We made subscriptions Voluntary and provided the distribution so that advertisers would know that their news and information was received by the entire trade area.

The expense of printing and distributing the close to 9,000 copies weekly is such that it has not been a big money maker.

It has been a somewhat subsidized venture when expenses exceed income you must have a

way to fund that short fall.

We are not a wealthy individual and do not have the financial ability to proceed with operations in the red.

Its is the time to consider what can be done to continue having a local paper in Belle Fourche.

We have entertained the idea of creating ownership of the paper by a non-profit.

Individuals that itemize deductions on their tax returns are able to contribute to non-profits and lower Adjusted Gross Income. Ask your tax professional if this is something that could work for you. Could make or save you money by contributing.

This is one idea, and we are certainly open to others, or any advice, or opinions regarding a plan for continuation of the Beacon, if it should continue?

You may email doug@bellefourchebeacon.com for any questions, comments, or advice that you may have to offer.

A sincere Thank You for reading and your support of the Belle Fourche Beacon.

Join Us In Celebrating the 40th Annivesary of the 1983 State Football Champs!

40 year celebration of the 1983 State Football Championship.

There will be a BBQ with the current team and would like to invite the 83 team as a celebration of their championship.

BBQ will take place at the High School Football Field.

The scrimmage is at 10 a.m. with the BBQ to start at 11 a.m.

Saturday August 12th.

Justin Walker

Bronc Head Football Coach

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The Pete's Clothing Hodge Bootery team dressed in Ballerina outfits to compete in the Butte/Lawrence Count Fair pig/mud wrestling event. They won best dressed. left to right is Britta Hagen, Kaezlynn Jones, Reagan Eck, & Gracie Hodge for the Wilbur Wranglers. *Courtesy Photo*



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Kent Sheffield 54

Kent Sheffield, age 54 of Buffalo SD, died Wednesday August 2nd, 2023 at his home as a result of recent health issues.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am Friday, August 11, 2023 at the Harding County High School new gymnasium. There will be no visitation. Inurnment will take place in the Buffalo Cemetery. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences and view a video tribute at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Kent William Sheffield was born October 15, 1968, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Kent grew up in Buffalo, and graduated from Harding County High School in 1987. Kent also attended three years of college: one year at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Minnesota, and two years at Western Dakota Tech in Rapid City. For several years, Kent worked on the Joe and Cindy Painter ranch. He also built gun stocks at Dakota Arms in Sturgis and was employed by Olson Construction. Since 2000, he's worked in the oil fields north of Buffalo, holding several positions, including Compressor Foreman, for Continental Oil.

Kent loved the outdoors. Hunting and fishing were a couple of his favorite pastimes. Ice fishing in the winter and fishing from the boat in the summer brought great joy and peace. In the fall, he loved to go rifle and bow hunting. One of his fondest memories is of harvesting a monster white tail buck. His hunting and his fishing trips with friends and family were some of the best times he had in life. He also enjoyed camping and many evenings found him playing cornhole



with the close friends he loved so much. For several years, Kent was an avid bicycle rider, adding the completion of the entire Mickelson Trail in two days to his accomplishments. Kent had a soft spot for dogs, and he was blessed with two very special dogs, Megan and Rip. Megan was a golden retriever and Kent taught her many commands and some very humorous tricks like putting trash in the garbage can. On several occasions, he found his cap in the garbage because he had inadvertently placed it on the floor by his chair. Kent was an extremely hard worker, always paying attention to detail, and never left a task incomplete. He enjoyed learning, and would read all he could on subjects that interested him. He kept his emotions in check, always quite reserved, and his sense of humor tended to be on the dry side. Kent cared deeply about people and was a good listener. He was a great friend - loyal, kind, humble, and very generous. Kent had a heart of gold and he will be missed very much by so many people.

Kent is survived by his sister, Dena Matson-Smith of Sioux Falls; nieces and nephews: Hailey (Austin) Jordan of Rapid City, Preston Liedtke of Brookings, Cori (Matt) Lillia of New York, NY; Sydney Liedtke of Sioux Falls, Perri Liedtke of Nunda, SD; and Walter (Julia) Smith of Sioux Falls, and several great nieces and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his mother, Phyllis Matson; sister, Sarrah Liedtke; and grandparents, Curtis and Sarrah Clark.



Ministerial Association’s Compassion Cupboard

The Belle Fourche Ministerial Association’s Compassion Cupboard ministry asks for your help.

The Compassion Cupboard has experienced a large demand for food in recent weeks from the needy in our community. Combined with the high cost of groceries to keep our shelves stocked, this has put a real drain on our financial resources.

While the Cupboard is not yet bare, we anticipate that this elevated demand for food assistance to continue into the fall months.

The Belle Fourche community has always been very generous in their support of this ministry, and for that we are grateful. We now ask that you please prayerfully consider supporting the Compassion Cupboard with your financial gifts again. The Cupboard is a non-profit corporation and ministry.

Your contributions are tax deductible.

You may send your donations to the Belle Fourche Ministerial Association, Post Office Box 242, Belle Fourche, South Dakota 57717. We thank you in advance for your assistance in feeding the hungry in our community!



Pastor’s Perspective



“What is truth?” Pilate asked while trying Jesus before sending Him to be crucified in John chapter 18.

The same question is at the forefront of modern culture and conversation. In schools, on social media, in books, in music, and during daily conversations we spend much of our lives seeking to define ‘Truth’. You have probably even heard or asked questions such as, “What is right?” or “Are there any absolutes?”

Many of us live our lives in a lie convincing ourselves we are living in freedom when we are simply living in bondage to sin and brokenness. Many of the troubles we face are caused or amplified because we do not accept the Truth Jesus offers. This truth is readily available in the Bible where we learn to know the source of all Truth, Jesus!

In John 14:1-7 Jesus stated in a conversation with His disciples, “Let not your hearts be troubled; you believe

This week’s Pastor’s Perspective is provided by Derrick Anderson, who has been working at Rainbow Bible Ranch for the summer and will be going back to school in Dallas.

“What is truth?”

in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am you may be also. And where I go you know, and the Way you know.’ Thomas said to Him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, and how can we know the Way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you Know Him and have seen Him.”

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; and we must trust in Him as the standard and guide for our lives.

Freedom only comes through accepting and following Jesus, turning away from the bondage of sin and surrendering to Him! The decision is yours alone. Will you choose to live for Truth?

Pastor’s Perspective

“Profit, Property, and Possessiveness”

“Then one from the crowd said to Him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ But He said to him, ‘Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?’ And He said to them, ‘Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.’ Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: ‘The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, “What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?” So he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.’ Then He said to His disciples, “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on.” One of the major objectives of the Word of God is to lead us into fulfillment; indeed, even profit. Acts 20:20 says, “...I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly...” And Isaiah 48:17, “I am the LORD your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go.” These and many other Bible references indicate that it is God’s will for His people to prosper in every way, including financially. However, Church history seems to clash with contemporary affluence. How do we reconcile this seeming conflict? Does the fact that Jesus directed limitation of possessions for the sake of mobility in evangelism argue against “having?” (Matthew 10:9, 10). Does the traditional practice of clergy taking

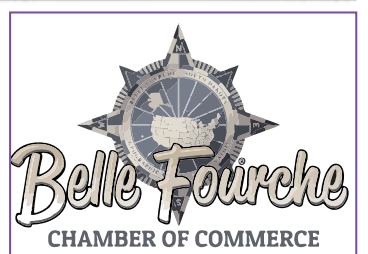


an oath of poverty make a valid statement essential to “truest holiness”? Is it proper for a sincere Christian to have savings accounts, insurance policies, and retirement plans and not be a victim of the covetousness this text decries? If our “practical reasoning” conflicts with the Word of God, one is wrong; or could it be that the Word of God is “impractical?” Let’s see if we can come to terms with some of the issues around this sensitive and often controversial subject.

A fundamental thanklessness surrounds much of our society. And as thanklessness perverts the creature when the Creator is not praised, so ingratitude perverts our possessions and monies when God-given abundance is not recognized and responsibly handled (Romans 1:21-32). Secondly, personal wealth will never afford complete security. When we consider our personal resources to be our primary hedge against the uncertainties of tomorrow, we will never be satisfied that they are totally adequate (Matthew 25:14-30). The very real problem of “preparing for later years” is introduced in this text, but some of the more complex ramifications we face today are not addressed. The subject for Christians in today’s society is complicated and compounded by additional aspects including the need for reassessing family relationships and caring for the aged. Personal wealth also tends to lead to a loss of perspective. It is easy for someone who has been successful to slip into the self-congratulatory mode of thinking which says, “I have been very diligent and have amassed this fortune out of my own wisdom, determination, and energy.” If my over-riding concern is how I’m going to protect my investments or my cash liquidity, I’m not likely to spend my energy on a maturing relationship with Jesus.

This Another Perspective is from the archives of Foursquare Pastor, the late Dr. Jack Hayford

Larry Knutson Families



Mighty Jr's/EZ Fab--State Champions



Mighty Jr's/EZ Fab Won in Rapid City 7-30-23. Back row: Adam Ness, Alec Sundstead, Kelly Olson, Devin Fox, Justo Tobar, Taylor Woods. Front row: Louis Budmayr, Paul Petrocco, Ben Petrocco, & Lorenzo Tobar. They were 4-0 for the weekend. *Courtesy Photo*

Horse Power in Action



Judge Bailey scoring showmanship class. *Courtesy Photo*



Jozi Deaton champion in showmanship. *Courtesy Photo*



Remi Crago showing in showmanship to judge Bailey. *Courtesy Photo*



Three girls on foot in front of horses - Haddie Casteel, Lola Hoffman, & Jozi Deaton. Three kids on horse back -Reagan and Carly Miller and the Tiernan Fredrickson. *Courtesy Photos*



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Butte-Lawrence Cty Fair 4-H Horse show results

The Butte-Lawrence 4-H Horse show was held recently at the Seven Down Arena.

This show is a requirement for horse project members to qualify for the State 4-H Horse Show.

The Judge was Sharon Bailey from Moorcroft, Wyoming.

The following members showed and received trophies and awards for their efforts:

BEGINNER RESULTS

Kyler Schmidt – Champion Purple in Stock Seat Equitation, Trail, Flag Race, Hunt Seat Equitation and English Showmanship; Purple in Western Showmanship and a blue in pole bending.

Carly Miller – Received a blue in Western Showmanship, Stock Seat Equitation, Trail, and Pole Bending.

Ryker Samuelson – Champion Purple in Stock Seat Equitation; Blue in Western Showmanship and Trail; white in poles and flag race.

Jozi Deaton –Champion First Time Showmanship, Champion Western Showmanship; purple Trail; blue in stock seat equitation, poles; red in barrels.

Lola Hoffman – Purple in Western Horsemanship, Stock Seat Equitation, and Trail.

Victoria Ginsbach – Blue in Western Showmanship, Stock Seat Equitation, and Trail; Blue in the flag race and reds in barrels and pole bending.

Anna McMahon – Champion First Time Showmanship,; purple pony Barrels, Blue in pony flag race and a red pony poles; Horse- Purple in First Time Stock Seat Equitation, Western Showmanship and Hunt Seat Equitation; Blues in English Showmanship, Stock Seat Equitation, Trail; Reds in Barrels, Poles and Flag Race.

Haddie Casteel -Champion Pony Poles, Barrels and Flag Race; Horse : Champion Horse Pole; Purple First Time Showmanship, First Time Stock Seat Equitation and flag Race; blue in Western Showmanship, Stock Seat Equitation, Trail, and Barrels. .

Harolynn Peterson – Purple First Time Showmanship, First Time Saddle Seat Equitation; Blues in western Showmanship, Trail, Stock Seat Equitation; Reds in Barrels, Poles and Flag Race.

JUNIOR RESULTS

Remi Crago - Champion Pony Barrels, Poles and Flag Race. Champion English Equitation and English Showmanship. Horse: Champion Western Showmanship, Ranch Riding; Purples in Stock Seat Equitation, Trail, and Reining; Blues in Flag Race and Poles; Red in Barrels.

Tiernan Fredrickson – Champion Poles and Barrels: Purple Western Showmanship, Trail, Ranch Riding, and Reining, Blue in Stock Seat Equitation; Flag Race white.

Regan Miller – Purple Western Showmanship, Trail and Flag Race; Blue Stock Seat Equitation, Ranch Riding and Poles.

Casen Schmidt – Champion Stock Seat Equitation, Trail, Reining, Flag Race; Purple Western Showmanship, Ranch Riding, and Poles; Blue in barrels.

Senior Results

Mickey Strain - Champion in Western Showmanship, Western Stock Seat Equitation, Ranch Riding, Reining, Trail, Barrels, Poles and Flag Race.

All AROUND AWARDS of Buckles and choice awards will be presented to the competitors at the annual 4-H Banquet in the fall. Those receiving these awards were:

Remi Crago – All Around for all age groups with points of 107 showing in Pony, English and Western Junior Division.

Casen Schmidt All Around Junior Western Horse.

High Point Beginner English and Western Horse was Kyler Schmidt. (one horse)

High Beginner pony Haddie Casteel

High Point Senior was Mickey Strain.

A big Thank You to the Miller family that brought lunch for the day and Becky Crago for the drinks. Thank you to the great facility of Seven Down and the parent volunteers and the following donors:

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Kyler Schmidt

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Show Up

by Belle LaVenue

The theater and bandshell and parks in town are quieting down as the roar of motorcycles heats up in town, and the BFACT Musical Rock Show, Rock of Ages, has gone back into the vault of legends. Enthusiastic audiences showed up to rock at all four performances: some in awesome costumes, some ready to sing or clap along, and all finding the trip back to the 80’s full of laughs, outstanding singers, and memories.

I hear the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater’s one act, “Couch Potato,” has a talented cast. Congrats to Rachel Munce, Stephanie Bussier, Gideon Gilger, Isabella Dietrich, Tyler Schone, Zachary Erbracht, and Tace Hartman! The play will be directed by Allie Juso Verry.

Be sure to check out READERS’ THEATER this week! The 1903 Reader’s Theatre Company of Belle Fourche presents the play “Dark Secrets,” on Friday, August 11 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 12 at 2 p.m. in the Tri-State Museum and Visitors Center. “Dark Secrets” is a dark comedy written by Charlotte Dougherty. When a woman claims that everyone has some dark secrets, she enlists her sister to test the theory on unsuspecting guests at a cocktail party – despite the sibling rivalry that threatens the pair. The evening eventually draws to a close – and then a knock at the door brings a sinister twist. The play is directed by Kristi Thielen.

The Belle Fourche Writers is pleased to announce a call for submissions to their second published anthology. Life’s Landscapes is the theme and title. Everyone brings unique perceptions to life events. By creating a collection of our life reflections, impressions, and stories, The Belle Fourche Writers hopes to preserve our community ‘landscape’. We believe the theme is broad and allows for a wide range of connections. Our previous anthology Roots Grow Deep and Strong was published in 2008. Submissions will be accepted via Submissions from May 1 to August 31, 2023. The BF Writers Anthology Committee will review the submissions during August and September 2023. Authors will be notified in early October. The book will be formatted in October and November. The book will be submitted in Early December. The book should be available for Christmas 2023. Mark your calendar with these upcoming events:

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

COMING UP: STAY TUNED for BFHS & MS FINE ARTS in the FALL calendar.

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!



The Pitch Fork Fondue is as always a very popular kick-off start to the Butte/Lawrence County Fair. This years was held July 29th at the Black Hills Roundup Grounds. Courtesy Photo



Ron Keil, master sweet corn grower, butters and serves an ear of sweet corn at Rail Park Crazy Days lunch, Saturday July 29th. mECourtesy Photo



Corn lovers were in line to get a taste of first of the season Keil Sweet Corn. Keil Sweet Corn, Lynn’s Dakotamart Meat Department and Deli teamed up with the Beacon to provide a Keil Corn, Coleslaw, and pulled pork sandwich delicious lunch at Rail Park on Saturday, July 29th of Crazy Days in Belle Fourche. The lunch accepted free will donations as a fundraiser for the Belle Fourche Baseball Association, as team members from the recent 3rd place finish at the State VFW tournament were on hand as capable Corn huskers. Keil’s first of the season sweet corn was delicious as ever! Over 260 were served before the feed ran out of everything. Your generous contributions raised over \$700 for the Baseball Association. mE Courtesy Photo



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With the uncertainty facing the future of the Beacon this may be the last opportunity to publicly Thank the scores of people who have been a part of the paper.

The parents and Grandparents who faithfully submit news and information related to their families and our community.

The hundreds of businesses who through their ads have allowed us to promote them and make our main slogan: "Shop Local"

To the friends and community members who have contributed articles and photos of community events, church, area history and the many activities that occur.

Special thanks to Dr. Jim Trimble for his articles serving as the Beacon's sports writer.

To my friends and family for tolerating my unorthodox work schedule and ongoing disruptions to normal life to pursue this endeavor.

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NH 0085(104)56, Butte County, PCN 04G4
US85 - 0.4 S of US212 Over the Belle Fourche River
Structure # 10-098-371
Replace Str Bridge, Approach Grading

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023--Time: 5:30 to 6:30 PM Mountain Time
Place: Belle Fourche Community Hall, 512 6th Ave, Belle Fourche, SD 57717

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) will hold an open house style public meeting to discuss and receive public input on the above project. The open house will be informal, with one on one discussion with SDDOT design staff.

A presentation will take place shortly after 5:30 p.m. Afterwards, SDDOT staff will be available with displays to discuss the proposed project and answer your questions. During this time, you will also have the opportunity to present written comments.

Information will be available on the acquisition of right-of-way and relocation assistance. This project is being developed in compliance with state and federal environmental regulations.


Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this public meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunication Relay Services for the Deaf). Please request the accommodations no later than 2 business days prior to the meeting in order to ensure accommodations are available.

All persons interested in this project are invited to attend this meeting to share your views and concerns any time between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

For further information regarding this project, contact Mark Malone, Road Design Engineering Supervisor at (605) 773-5409.

Public Meeting Information @
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Seven Cross Ranch Inc, Sturgis SD.....	1.....	Herf.....	Bull.....	1910... \$118.00
Smith, Roddy J & Kathleen J, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1425... \$127.00
Stattham Real Estate LLC, Sundance WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1085... \$131.00
Steigelmeyer, Matt, Otter MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1475... \$129.00
Tarter, Dean & Mary, Camp Crook SD.....	1.....	Red.....	Bull.....	1840... \$134.00
Tarter, Dean & Mary, Camp Crook SD.....	1.....	Red.....	Bull.....	1740... \$125.00
Tetrault, Tim Or Roxie, St Onge SD.....	1.....	Bull.....	Bull.....	2130... \$133.00
Walker, Don, Whitewood SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	2130... \$126.00

Friday, August 11th, 2023
No Sale - Sturgis Bike Rally
Friday, August 18th, 2023
Yearling Special & Weigh Up Sale
10:00 AM - Weigh Ups 12:00 Noon - Breds & Pairs
followed by Feeder Cattle

2023 CATTLE SALES

August 18th – Yearling Special & Weigh Up Sale – Selling All Classes
August 25th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes
September 1st – Yearling Special – Selling All Classes
September 8th – Yearling Special – Selling All Classes
September 15th – Yearling & Fall Calf Special – Selling All Classes
September 22nd – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes
September 29th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes
October 6th – Spring Calf Special – Selling All Classes
Friday, October 13th – Spring Calf Special
Saturday, October 14th – 1st Saturday Weigh Up Sale
Friday, October 20th – Spring Calf Special
Saturday, October 21st – Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special
Wednesday, October 25th – 1st Wednesday Spring Calf Special
Friday, October 27th – Spring Calf Special
Saturday, October 28th – Weigh Up Sale
Wednesday, November 1st – Spring Calf Special
Friday, November 3rd – Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 4th – Bred Cow Special
Friday, November 10th – Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 11th – Weigh Up Sale
Friday, November 17th – Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 18th – Bred Heifer & Cow Special
Saturday, November 25th – Annual Thanksgiving Bred Heifer & Stock Cow Special

2023 SHEEP SALES

August 17th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 24th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 31st – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 7th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 14th – Annual Replacement Ewe, Ewe Lamb & Feeder Lamb Special–
Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 21st – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 28th – Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of
Sheep & Goats
October 5th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 12th – Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of
Sheep & Goats
October 19th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 26th – Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of
Sheep & Goats
November 2nd – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 9th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 16th – Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of
Sheep & Goats
November 23rd – No Sale – Happy Thanksgiving
November 30th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 7th – Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of
Sheep & Goats
December 14th – Last Sale Of 2023 - Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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Sheep Report - Thursday, August 3, 2023

Not enough lambs to make loads & they sold a little lower
Slaughter ewes sold steady

No Sale August 10th - Sturgis Bike Rally
Next Sale - August 17th - Feeder Lamb Special- 1 PM
Animals should be here by noon so they can be weighed before the sale
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Case, Lester, Rozet WY.....10.....Lamb.....105.....\$140.00
Charles Carter Inc, Broadus MT.....5.....Lamb.....61.....\$196.00
Phillippi, Renetta, Hammond MT.....27.....Lamb.....86.....\$181.00
Phillippi, Renetta, Hammond MT.....34.....Lamb.....127.....\$167.00
Tenold, Robert, Reva SD.....61.....Lamb.....87.....\$190.00
Wwf Livestock, Alzada MT.....13.....Lamb.....64.....\$195.00
Wwf Livestock, Alzada MT.....69.....Lamb.....83.....\$194.00
Slaughter Ewes
Charles Carter Inc, Broadus MT.....4.....K Ewe.....186.....\$60.50
Charles Carter Inc, Broadus MT.....5.....K Ewe.....165.....\$42.00
Lehrkamp, Michael Or Kori, Rapid City SD.....6.....K Ewe.....165.....\$60.50
Whitney, Jason, Newcastle WY.....7.....K Ewe.....195.....\$60.50

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, August 10th, 2023
No Sale Due to the Sturgis Bike Rally

Thursday, August 17th, 2023
Feeder Lamb Special 1PM
Please have animals in by noon so they can all be weighed before 1 PM.

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 \$2hd for our vet to do them. Please call us if you have any questions.

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Saturday, August 19th – Harding County, Camp Crook, SD – 2 pm

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Conclusion:

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There are some situations where all you can do
Is simply let go and move on,
Gather your courage and choose a direction
That carries you toward a new dawn.
So pack up your troubles and take a step forward
The process of change can be tough,
But think about all the excitement ahead
There might be adventures you never imagined
Just waiting around the next bend,
And wishes and dreams just about to come true
In ways you can't yet comprehend!
Perhaps you'll find friendships that spring from

new things
As you challenge your status quo,
And learn there are so many options in life,
Perhaps you'll go places you never expected
And see things that you've never seen,
Or travel to fabulous, faraway worlds
And wonderful spots in between!
Perhaps you'll find warmth and affection and caring
And somebody special who's there
To help you stay cantered and listen with interest
To stories and feelings you share.
Perhaps you'll find comfort in knowing your friends
Are supportive of all that you do,
And believe that whatever decisions you make,
They'll be the right choices for you.
So keep putting one foot in front of the other,
And taking your life day by day...
There's a brighter tomorrow that's just down the road -
Don't look back! You're not going that way!

Sitting here looking forward, I'm Jim Thompson



The relay race in action. Teams raced to get into the wheelbarrow as fast as possible, where they "passed the baton" to a teammate who would run them to the finish line! -Heitz photo



Steer ribbon Roping.- Heitz photo

Butte/ Lawrence 4-H Bytes

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Statewide Community Service Project Impact forms are due Aug. 15.

There will be an Youth Leadership Day event on Sept. 21 for grades 5-8 at Countryside Church in Spearfish. Registration is \$20 and due by Sept. 6.

Teens that would like to help promote the 4-H program and see it continue to grow and flourish in their county are invited to apply for the 4-H Ambassador program for the 2023-2024 4-H year. Applications are open now until Aug. 15. Ambassador roles include: serving and supporting the 4-H program through public relations, functioning as a positive role model for youth in SD, continuing to strive for improvement by serving as



and agent of change, promoting inclusion and respect for diversity across 4-H, utilization of skills and knowledge gained through 4-H to engage youth in educational activities, proactively engaging in youth-adult partnerships. Please contact Hilary Risner at hilary.risner@sdstate.edu with questions.

Youth ages 14-18 interested in OWLS, (Outdoor, Wilderness and Life Skills) a year-long, hands-on program for outdoor and natural resources should email Katherine Jaeger katherine.jaeger@sdstate.edu or their local YPA for an application. Applications are due Aug. 25.

Fair Highlights: Ranch Rodeo

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NISLAND—The Ranch Rodeo was the highlight of Thursday evening, August 3, at the Butte-Lawrence county fair. Undeterred by the rain, teams gathered in the arena at 6 pm in front of packed grandstands. Eight teams of four signed up to compete in the NFR, Nisland Fair Rodeo. Each team had to have at least two of the members be either under the age of 13, over the age of 55 or a female.

The rodeo kicked off with the boot race, which required team members to remove both of their cowboy boots and deposit them at the far end of the arena. Each team member then had to run via horseback down to the

end of the arena, dismount, find his or her boots, put them on, and remount the horse. They then had to join hands with another member of the team and race back to the starting line as fast as possible.

Additional team events included a Relay Race, Horse Catch, Steer Ribbon Roping, and a Mystery Race. Contestants gave it their all in the arena, showcasing the importance of teamwork while entertaining all who watched.

Each team was awarded points for placing in each event and in the end, it was Team Tetrault that took home first place. Finishing second was Dana Dental Arts, and third place went to Crago-Schmidt Quarter Horses.



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Central Meade County News By Sandy Rhoden



The main conversation these amount of rain we received over the weekend. While the Union Center area received a total of over 2 ½ inches of beautiful moisture, areas closer to the Faith area reported between 5 to 6 inches.

We rarely see this kind of moisture in August, so folks are very appreciative of the green pastures, yards and healthy gardens. Those of us in rural Meade County know what drought looks like all too well, so we will bask in this while we can.

On Saturday, Larry and Sandy Rhoden joined Governor Noem and her husband Bryon, at the Monument Theater for the South Dakota National Guard Adjutant General Change of Command ceremony in Rapid City. On Friday, they also attended the retirement celebration and farewell for Adj. General Jeff Marlette. Jeff Marlette has served for the last four years and relinquished his command as Major General Jeff Marlette to Major General Mark R. Morrell. The South Dakota

National Guard has a very interesting history. It basically began in the earlier 1850s, where the U.S. Army had established garrisons at Fort Pierre and Fort Randall on the Missouri River to protect the 5,000 settlers from the threat of attacks.

Folks enjoyed a pot luck dinner after church services in Union Center on Sunday. Edna Smith played the piano as Sylvia Rhoden had intended to be gone. But, her plans had changed because her husband, John, broke his fibula after getting kicked by a calf. Despite the injury they both were in attendance on Sunday morning and John was in good spirits.

The Community Baptist Church finished up their week of Vacation Bible School and averaged over 40 children in attendance. Sadly, a church in Sturgis held VBS and had no children show up. So, it was a huge blessing that parents allowed and provided a way for children to attend this year. There will be a baptism for those wishing to be baptized on Sunday, August 20 after church services. One may speak with Bill Meirose.

Motorcycles are still buzzing in both directions going east and west on Highway 34. Soon, life will be back to normal for those of us living near or in Sturgis and the Black Hills. While I have no numbers to report, word has been that the count for the Rally was to be down a bit this year.

Cammack Ranch Supply is gearing up for the Rancher Round-Up and Kids Rodeo coming up on August 16. The Kids Rodeo begins at 9:00 am. The trade show will go from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Free burgers and brats will be served at 12:00 – 2:00 pm. The Rancher Round-Up will take place at 2:30 pm. For more information about the rodeo schedule and rules, or deals for ranchers on equipment and much more one can go to Cammack Ranch Supply's website online. Reed Cammack is the new owner/manager of CRS so come and congratulate him and say hello as he and his family take on their new venture. This is a great community event so if the weather is fairly decent it should be a great day in Union Center to spend with friends and neighbors.

Amazing Adventures

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NISLAND-What could be more amazing than reading an outstanding book written by a local 16-year-old.

The Amazing Adventures of Ann Turner is a story about a young girl and her friendship with a boy and his dog. The author, Addison Wich, is a budding author with at least one play under her belt. She is excited to write the new book. Wich had written the Newell School play two years ago to the delight of the audience.

Addison has always wanted to write an entire book, she said. Once Wich got started, it just kept coming. Many times, ideas would come to her as she was working or in the middle of the night. Sometimes the ideas that come at night or just before she falls asleep escape her memory, but they do come back.

The 248-page book is set for young adults with no off-colored language. She said that she wanted to write it so that anyone could read and enjoy it. It has tales of pirates, friends, family, and something unexpected. It takes place in the 18th century, so be ready for a great adventure!

Wich said that she had started the book when she was 13 years old. It took her two years to write, one year to get published, and now she is having the fun of book signings.

There are two more signings in the works at Belle Fourche and Sturgis. While at the Butte Lawrence County Fair, Wich was signing so many books that she exclaimed she hadn't written her name so many times!

Before sending the manuscript off to a publisher, Wich had a friend read it and

help with some changes. The publisher got back to her within 10 days and made the deal. The publisher did a bit of editing and added maps and a picture or two.

Addison is working on a sequel and another different story, so be ready to start adding to your library!

The Amazing Adventures of Ann Turner can be found on Facebook at AJ Wich or her email is ajwich123@yahoo.com. Her books can be ordered from either site.

From The Amazing Adventures of Ann Turner: "Ann took a deep breath and spoke, breaking the unbearable silence.

"Never take a single moment for granted because you will never know when it might be your last. Always forgive because if you wait you might not get another chance."



Addison Wich's adventure continues as she hosts a book signing at the Butte/Lawrence County Fair this past week. *Beacon Photo*

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We even get our vendors involved with a charitable golf tournament. 144 golfers from all over the United States come together at the end of August to have a day of fun and raise money, all the while knowing their contribution stays right here in our community.

"Sure, the golf tournament is fun," said Steve Hendrickson, Merchandising Manager for Common Cents, "but what I really get excited about is how much of the funds come in through the donation buckets in our stores. It's amazing how much is generated just by the simple act of tossing your loose change in a bucket before leaving the store." Hendrickson went on to say, "the awareness that we are bringing to such a great cause and good that we as a community are doing for children warms my heart; each and every year."

This campaign started small, only raising \$12,000 in its first year and growing to over \$100,000 today! Nearly half of that is raised by you; every time

you visited your favorite Common Cents Store and dropped a penny in the donation jar! Our goal this year is to raise even more with your help. Please stop in through the month of August to any Common Cents location and give your change for a worthy cause. After all, that penny will be helping a local child overcome the transportation barrier and receive the medical care they need.

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The law took effect after South Dakota voters resoundingly approved it at the ballot in 2020.

And as the new law was being implemented by local governments, Butte County included, Ismay created Concerned Citizens of Butte County (CCOBC), an activist group he says aims to inform and improve the county through “truth and accountability.”

“I had known nothing about marijuana,” Ismay told the Dakota Scout, saying he began versing himself in the topic after the Butte County Commission voted to allow for unlimited cultivation permits.

Shortly after, a grow facility went up near his house.

The commission would later vote to repeal that policy, limiting the number of cultivation permits in the county to five, with one grandfathered in.

CCOBC has since become a fixture at the twice-monthly county commission meetings, raising alarms on everything from marijuana to spending policy.

Those interactions have had a tendency to turn hostile — Ismay, 46, has been removed by the sheriff from two meetings for being disruptive in the last year.

Tensions came to a head this summer when he filed a complaint with the state’s attorney asking for four of the commission’s five members to be removed from their posts.

“I wanted the state’s attorney to acknowledge these mistakes,” Ismay said. The state’s attorney ultimately dismissed the complaint.

None of Butte County’s five

commissioners responded to requests for comment from The Dakota Scout, but county officials who did respond said that they had worked hard to cater to a number of concerns about marijuana-related regulations. In addition to the repeal of the unlimited grow farms policy, the county commission had also voted to require public hearings before permitting any cannabis facilities, requiring a 1,000-foot setback from residences, and not allowing them near schools or daycares.

“Other than three people that go to county commission meetings, we’ve received basically no opposition,” said Toni Moncur, owner of Redwater Cannabis Care in Belle Fourche, one of two dispensaries in the county.

Initiated measures require about 17,500 signatures to be placed on the ballot, with a petition submission deadline in May 2024.

“Ninety-nine percent of this is NIMBY,” Moncur said, using an acronym for the phrase “not in my backyard.” “I think if Butte County would have maybe not allowed grow facilities in certain places, we wouldn’t have any pushback.”

And even with the potential return of a ballot initiative to legalize recreational marijuana looming, Ismay said he believes his pugnacious approach to medical marijuana is the best way to stop potential legalization.

“I am trying to give South Dakota a second chance,” Ismay said. “To get rid of this stuff before it completely destroys our state.”

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Commissioner James Ager clarified that the agreement with Elevatus was not binding as to future work, but is “very preliminary” and the commission should go ahead with the plan.

Sheriff Lamphere added that they must have plans in place in order to get any grants and said the money spent would be worth going forward.

Lamphere also gave the commissioners information on Pivot Point, a crisis stabilization for adult individuals that are experiencing a mental health crisis.

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Ghosts Of The Little Big Horn

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Some say ghosts of the participants roam the battlefield. This commissioned piece is my version.



Mick Harrison



Capitol News





KAREN ODELL

Things are sort of quiet around Capitol and Tie Creek, this week. The weather has been very hot. Alvin Cordell saw a temperature of 104 degrees on Monday, and 101, again on Tuesday. The hay fields are mostly full of grasshoppers, but some to the south haven’t had the influx of hoppers like those up on Tie Creek.

Even though Dick and Erma Albert’s house blew away, and they are now over at Buffalo, they still feel a part of the Capitol News. Erma had physical therapy, twice this week, and they went to the Hills for shopping, on Wednesday. They saw a few motorcycles (with the Rally right around the corner). On Sunday, they saw some motor cyclists stop, possibly to get rain gear on, but with the high humidity, being rained on might be better than being enclosed in waterproof gear. Erma picked up Delores Sperle for the Senior Citizen chicken dinner, on Friday. Dick rode over on the four-wheeler. The chicken is always delicious, and there was a crowd to eat it. It was John Helms’s birthday, and they all celebrated together. Jacie Teller, who is an accomplished baker, made the special cake. Erma and Delores stayed to play cards until nearly five o’clock. When Erma took Delores home, she stayed there to visit, too, until nearly dark. On Sunday, Dick and Erma went to church at the Catholic Church, and Erma stayed for the Alter Society meeting afterward. The Alter Society will provide food for the 4-H rodeo. Then, they went to Saloon Number Three, for lunch with the Helms and Erk families.

Keaton and Kellan Davis spent the week with their grandparents, Doug and Julia Davis. It was a fun week. The boys love being outside, and they helped with the work. They helped Grandpa and Morgan Buck with lots of chores. One day, Julia and Kellan went in to Camp Crook to pick up some food that Julia had ordered from Alison’s Pantry, and they got to visit Aunt Lori Buck while they were there. The boys stayed until Friday.

On Sunday, Julia Davis had gone to Ekalaka to have Laurice cut her hair, and on the way home, there was a little rain, as she left the Ekalaka Hills. It began to rain good, by the time

she reached the Capitol bridge, and then as she came up out of the crossing, she saw the wind bringing the rain in sheets. She wanted to take a picture of the downpour, but knew a picture would never show the amount of water being dumped at that one place. She had to stop, and wait out the downpour. She thought she had seen lights ahead, but wasn’t sure. After things let up, a little, she discovered that Jane Teigen had also stopped to wait out the deluge, as she was on her way home, going the other way. There was lots of puddles and mud left behind, and they were not sure how big an area had gotten the downpour of rain. Julia’s rain gauge had six-tenths, when she got home, but there may have been more along the river.

Alvin and Ryan Cordell are officially done haying. Ryan had taken the machinery up to the Horton place, because the grasshoppers had taken the hay at the Yates place. The hay was a little better up in the Sheep Mountains. Keith and Matt Hendrickson had been up to the Horton place to level a place where Cordells were planning to build a calving shed. Wade and Gavin Pearson came out on Friday, to get a bum calf, and check cattle on Cottonwood. Ronda Cordell came over to Alvin’s on Saturday, to get some little square bales. Jay Cordell came out for the weekend, and joined Alvin and Marlee for supper at the Corner Bar on Saturday evening. There has been some pink-eye and foot-rot in cattle around Alzada, and a little around here, too.

Shirley and Junior Melum were thrilled to have an overnight guest, this week, when Jill Melum stopped for a visit. It was so good to see her, and they enjoyed the time together. Ernie, Rachel and Tommy visited, too. On Sunday, Shirley got a call from their daughter, Bertha, and that was another good visit. They got the downpour on Sunday evening, and saw puddles standing outside.

Karen Odell has spent her weeks trying to catch up. On Friday, Karen and Hywel took a trip into the Black Hills. She met Cody, Kylie, Kellan, Kenna and Carson Odell near Pringle, South Dakota and stayed overnight with them. The Hills were cool and beautiful, and the soft breeze was singing in the tops

of the tall trees. Hywel even made some new dog friends, when he was there. Kylie is always great at having things planned ahead. Cody barbecued steaks in the evening, and Kylie had a full English breakfast for us in the morning. Cody took us on a wildlife tour of the hills, and we saw a variety of wildlife; even a badger that had flattened himself into a carpet, and was patiently, and motionlessly waiting beside a prairie dog hole. It was a relaxing and reviving short vacation. On the way home, Karen was lucky to miss some huge craters in the Norwegian Cut Off, somewhere near the Arledge Ranch. They are very dangerous, so don’t let your mind wander, and forget about them.

Here is a little more Capitol history. This time it is from Ernie Melum’s writings. The Capitol Hall is still standing, and it was built in 1929. It was complete with a stage for performances. The basement kitchen had a convenient walk-around serving counter. After the stock market crash, some of the money pledged for the new hall could not be paid. The debt fell to those who could keep their word, and help with the costs of the community hall.

Karen Odell remembers washing dishes all day long during the community Lutefisk Dinner, when she was first married. The dinner attracted so many people, that she had to wash dishes all day to keep a supply of dishes ready for the next group of lutefisk eaters, and those people came from Rapid City, and far beyond, for this special dinner in the fall. A hose was run across the road from Bernie Melum’s house to the hall, to provide water for cooking. She also remembers playing women’s basketball in the Capitol Hall, even though the stage took up one end of the floor, with the wood stove at one side.

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From A1 Debate

Butte County in the last months.

The Building Committee that is looking into new or remodeled facilities for law enforcement and court services has been investigating several options.

The old Shopko building on the north end of Belle Fourche may be a reasonable building to use with approximately 45,000 sq. ft., which includes the Dollar General store. Dollar General would have to relocate, according to Sheriff Fred Lamphere.

Elevatus is scheduled to come out August 14 to do a walk through. The company will do

Exchange Students Want To Call Belle Fourche Their Home

Have you ever considered being a host home for an international exchange student? Families are urgently needed to welcome a student into their home for the upcoming school year.

After receiving pertinent information about the exchange program, a person is able to peruse a variety of students' biographies, including photos, a video and a letter from the student to their prospective host family. The family may select a student because of his/her qualities such as personality and common interests and activities. For example . . .

Meet JORGE from Spain! His interviewer states "he is a happy boy, self-confident, active, outgoing, loves sports, is talkative and mature." Jorge enjoys basketball, golf and making new friends.

Jorge exclaims, "With your help, I hope to learn more about American culture while also sharing mine with you. Thank you so much for considering me as part of your family; I look forward to meeting you soon!

I am confident that you will find me to be a great addition to your home and I am excited to embark on this adventure."

And here is ARINA from Ukraine. Her interviewer states, " The family who will host Arina won't regret, because this girl will bring gladness and kindness to their home. Arina is an easy-going, cheerful, and responsible girl. Arina enjoys drawing, volleyball and being outdoors. She says," I am happy, indeed, that I have an opportunity to become a part of your family, I am eager to experience your culture and learn more about your way of life. I am sure that living with your family will be a rewarding and enriching experience. I promise to be open-minded and to learn as I can during my stay."

There are still many students hoping to be chosen and would love to come to Belle Fourche for the 2023-24 school year. The students arrive with enthusiasm, gratitude and their own spending money. They immerse themselves into your home, the high school and the community. The host family provides a bed, care and support.

There are many benefits to welcoming an exchange student, for instance, learning the student's culture/language, making a lifetime friend, and having the ability to visit them in their country. They bring many positive qualities into the home, like being an exemplary sibling, helping with chores, and being good company. The high school appreciates the friendliness and cultural experiences that the students share with peers and the staff. Also, they will spend many hours volunteering for causes in the Belle Fourche community. All types of families are accepted such as single households, having many or no children, and even being retired.

If you are interested in giving a student the gift of a lifetime, login to hostwithgreenheart.org and contact Dayna Dick at 605 484-2738 or daynadick@gmail.com.



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They came riding' on horseback	They learned about those summers
Pushing' cattle up that trail	Reminded them of the south
To some it seems so long ago	When the hot winds blew and dried it up
Who have only heard this tail	Left sand there in their mouth
.....It was just yesterdayIt was only yesterday
They'd heard about all that grass	88 and 89 almost ruined them
On a free wide open range	But some saw how to change
Grass belly deep to horses	And so survive those winters
It sounded mighty strange	On that wild northern range,
....It was just yesterdayIt was only yesterday
The tribes had mostly quit	And many still hang and rattle
Time for a newer breed	Oh, it's done different of course
Buffalo was purt' neer' gone	They still saddle up and ride
Just a few left to scatter seed	But they've struck a different course
....It was only yesterdaySince yesterday
They learned about the winters	We live and love and learn
Some lessons come real hard	Try to change with the times
They learned about the wolf packs	Some of us remember and admire
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....It was only yesterdayIt was only yesterday



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124 years ago
THE TIMES
Aug 4, 1898

Stock News Round-Up
Parties having beeves to ship averaging 1,600 pounds or over might fint it to their advantage to have them on the market upon Wednesday, as it is on that day the Boston shippers, who are practically the only buyers of these very heavy cattle, fill the bulk of their orders. – Clay, Robinson & Co. Stock Report. At a late meeting of the executive committee of the Stock association a resolution was passed, resolving that the committee use every effort to put down the practice of “professional” stock shippers who deal in stock passes. The railroads are kicking on carrying all classes of people under the disguise of shippers. There never was a time in the history of the Black Hills when it is so hard for our local butchers to get beef cattle as for the past few months. Not only is the price higher than ever before but the farmers almost refuse to let their stock go at any price. The present war has a great deal to do with this state of affairs, as they all seem to think that in a few months cattle will be worth \$10 a hundred. In the meantime while the ranchers are waiting for this price, people are filling up on ham and bacon.

In a talk with Frank O’Neill, the Powder river sheepman, who came in last Sunday, the wolf subject came up, and in discussing it Mr. O’Neill said: “A great many people are putting bells on everything, from children to horses, imagining bells to be protection from the wolves. Mr. Pope to try the experiment put a bell on a mare in his bunch of horses, and would you believe it, the wolf singled her out of the entire bunch and not only lunched on horse meat but one of them ate the bell as well.” Mr. O’Neill has always had a reputation for honesty and truthfulness and the above was believed, but when he stated that “every time one certain wolf in the bunch wagged his tail the bell would ring,” considerable faith was lost in Mr. O’Neill’s statement.

Talk of the Town Mr. J. B. Gay is preparing to build a residence on his lot jest west of C. T. Martin’s place. The Elkhorn company contemplates widening the railroad grade from the river bridge to the stock yards. Postmaster Barr has added twenty-four new boxes for the accommodation of his rapidly increasing trade. Sixteen are lock-boxes and eight are of the combination kind.



GAMBLING CRACKDOWN IN CROOK COUNTY In a crackdown on gambling, authorities have confiscated and destroyed 19 slot machines and two “21” gambling tables in Crook county, it was reported last week. Sheriff W. H. Blackeman said \$700 taken from the machines has been turned over to the county treasurer to await count orders.

100 years
The Northwest Post –
Aug 2, 1923

THEN BANKER AND HIS SERVICE Banker Saves the Day -- Headline, How often the banker comes to our aid and on many an occasion he has been our savior. Yet there are many of us who do not fully appreciate the great value of the banker to the community. Many a community undertaking would collapse and be a financial failure without the personal support and financial backing of the banks. The banker’s name usually is the first of head s subscription paper and he stands back of practically every enterprise worth while, and of value to the people of the town and community. Of course, there is a direct relation between the success of a bank and the people of a town neither can prosper signally, but the lives banker is personally interested in local affairs and takes interest and pleasure in their solution. Out community needs the baker and his services – we could not grow or prosper without him.

AUTO RACES C. O. Garrett of Franklin, Neb., one of the drivers in the auto races at Sturgis last Friday afternoon, was fatally injured when a wheel broke while rounding the north turn of the half-mile track. He rushed to the Deadwood hospital, where he died Saturday afternoon. Garrett was aged twenty-six years and was married. He had only been in the racing game for about a year.

75 years ago –The Belle Fourche Daily Post Aug 1, 1947

Hughes Refuses to Answer Congressional Summons
Howard Hughes got his dander up yesterday, and lashed out bitterly at two Republican senators. The targets of the millionaire flyer’s wrath were Chairman Homer Ferguson of the senate war investigation subcommittee, and Senator Owen Brewster of Maine. The investigating group is looking into the pilot’s plane-building activities. Hughes attacked Ferguson for calling him on the phone in Hollywood and telling him to appear in Washington before his today. Said the airman: “I simply replied that under the circumstances I refused to jump thru a hoop like a trained seal and fly all night and appear the next morning without any sleep to testify all day on a most important matter.” Hughes claimed that he had made a firm agreement with the committee that he would appear next Wednesday. He added that he expected to have facts and figures and dates available at that time. Hughes was equally



by Mary Buchholz
sharp in his attack on Senator Brewster. The airman said that the Maine lawmaker lied when he charged that a Trans-world airline hostess “didn’t dare” to be alone in a plane with him. The Hollywood producer went on to say that he has signed statements from the girl and a pilot witness that Brewster’s accusation is false. I was the second time in three days that Hughes has called Brewster a liar.

IT WAS A BAD DAY The last day of July was a bad one for Belle Fourche residents. Everything was SNAFU. The day promised to be a pleasant respite from the blistering hot spell. All morning, the sun stayed comfortably tucked behind clouds, and the temperature stayed low. By mid-afternoon, however, the sun was out and pouring down heat. By 4:30 the mercury had climbed to 105 degrees, about zero. Then a terrific wind, dust and rain storm hit the city, and the temperature plummeted to 75 degrees by 5:30. The climax of a bad day came at 6:30 when the electricity failed, and the city’s moms who owned electric ranges stayed in the dark watching their cold dinners get colder. At 7:15 the lights flickered on but went out again. The same thing happened at 7:30. Not until 7:50 was the electricity on. At 8 o’clock, everyone was ready to go to bed – but it was too hot. The temperature had risen to 78.

50 years ago – The Belle Fourche Daily Post Aug 2, 1973

Wyoming Wages War on Hoppers Sundance – An aerial war is under way in Wyoming. The target is a heavy infestation of grasshoppers over a large part of the state. Twin-engine DC-3’s have been crisscrossing Crook county the last few days carrying out the job of spraying 51,000 acres for grasshopper control. The project is a joint operation of the landowners, the state and the federal government, with the cost split three ways. Currently, 152,000 acres are being sprayed in Sheridan county and another 100,000 acres are slated for spraying in Weston county.

Social Security Payments Reach \$175,000 Per Month in County Social security benefits were being paid to residents of Butte county at a rate of \$175,000 a month at the close of 1972, James R. Hyldahl, social security manager in Rapid City said this week. Of the Social Security beneficiaries living in Butte county, 889 are retired workers and their dependents. Hyldahl pointed out that although most Social Security beneficiaries are older people, about one out of every four is under age 60. In Butte county, 256 people under age 60 are collecting Social Security each month. Nearly 150 are under age 18, receiving payment because a working father or mother has died or is getting Social Security disability or retirement benefits. Most of the 22 beneficiaries in Butte county between 18 and 22 years of age, are getting student’s benefits under a provision in the Social Security law permitting the continuation of a child’s benefits beyond his 18th birthday if the child is attending school full time.

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Organizing hyper-successful local community events in smaller communities with fewer than 20,000 residents can present some unique challenges, yet many great opportunities.

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First, before planning any event, it's crucial to gain a deep understanding of the community's needs and interests. Surveys, focus groups, and conversations with residents can provide valuable insights into the types of events that will garner the most enthusiasm. For example, a small town with a high number of families might prioritize family-friendly events such as carnivals or outdoor movie nights. On the other hand, a community with a rich artistic heritage may appreciate events showcasing local talent, arts, and crafts fairs.

by John Newby

In smaller communities, engaging local businesses play a pivotal role in the success of community events. By partnering with these businesses as sponsors and participants, organizers can secure financial support, resources, and promotional assistance. For instance, a summer music festival could collaborate with local restaurants to offer special discounts during the event, thus benefiting both businesses and attendees.

In this digital age, utilizing social media and online platforms are powerful tools for event promotion and community engagement. Organizers should leverage these platforms to create event pages, share updates, and encourage community participation. They can also use online ticketing systems to streamline registration and track attendance, ensuring better event planning and resource allocation.

Small communities often have rich cultural and historical backgrounds that can be celebrated through events. A heritage festival, for example, could feature traditional music, dance, and local cuisine, providing an immersive experience for attendees. Emphasizing local culture not only fosters community pride but also attracts visitors from nearby areas, contributing to the event's success.

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A young girl with curly hair, wearing a pink sequined dress and a gold necklace, stands next to a small white goat. The goat is wearing a red velvet cape and a black and white polka-dot headscarf. They are standing in front of a red metal fence.

Is it a princess or a unicorn? Fun at the fair during the Dress a Sheep contes. Betty Bruner photo

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NISLAND—Last week, entertainment, community, sportsmanship, and hard work all came together in one place: the Butte-Lawrence County Fair. This year was the 42nd annual joint fair between the two counties. The fair colors and theme for the year were camo and country camo, respectively. Justin and Brooke Tupper were the fair honorees.

Festivities began on Monday, July 31 at the Nisland Fairgrounds and continued through Saturday, August 5. The week was chock-full of entertainment, activities, live music, great food, and of course hundreds of static and livestock exhibits showcasing the hard work and talent of local 4-H and FFA youth as well as Open Class contestants. "Exhibit participant numbers went up this year," said Chad Mackaben, president of the Butte-Lawrence

County Fair Board for the last 7 years. "We gained 12 kids in livestock, and species went up from 10 to 50." The week of showing animals culminated in a livestock sale on Friday night.

The increased participant turnout, along with the large number of fairgoers, is especially impressive considering the less-than-perfect weather conditions later in the week. Rain started on Thursday and continued for the rest of the fair, seemingly getting worse each day and even causing Saturday's youth rodeo to be rescheduled. But you'd never know it based on the crowd size alone; people showed up for events and to support local youth every day. "Our goal is to make a safe, positive influence on a kid's life," said Mackaben.

When it comes to entertainment at the fair, there was plenty, to say the least. A wide variety of activities and events took place throughout the fairgrounds every day. Many of

these events were hosted by local 4-H clubs to raise funds for their groups. Events included mini workshops for niche interests such as soap carving and leather stamping, and educational demonstrations on topics like backcountry packing and identifying South Dakota wildlife by their pelts and skulls. Also, several competitions, ranging from fair classics like the cornhole tournament and watermelon eating contest to more unconventional ones such as the turtle races and chicken roping. According to Mackaben, this year's biggest event highlights were the fishing tournament, the pig wrestling, and the ranch rodeo. There was truly something for everyone; you'd be hard-pressed to find someone who couldn't find something to enjoy at the fair.

The Butte-Lawrence county fair is a large source of economic growth in the Newell/Vale/Nisland area. Being a double-county event, it naturally

brings more people from surrounding towns to our community. This bodes well for local businesses, allowing them to both make money and promote their products or services. “The vendors had a good turnout this year,” said Mackaben, adding, “I’d welcome anybody to come set up.” Additionally, community organizations held fundraisers in the form of free-will offering dinners and sale booths. Mackaben concluded, “I’d like to thank all of our sponsors.” Sponsor contributions and volunteers are instrumental in making the fair a success.

This year's fair may have been dampened by the rain, but it couldn't extinguish the spirit of the community or the determination of its participants. That's why the fair is more than just a gathering of people; ultimately, it is a celebration of rural living, hard work, and talent that reflects our values as a community.

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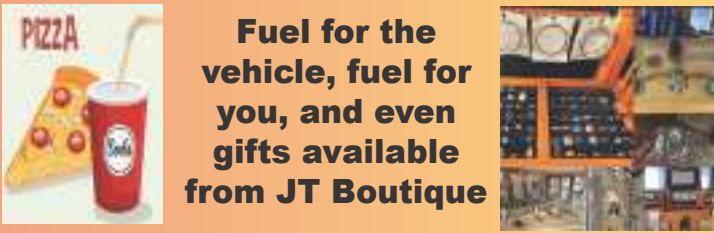
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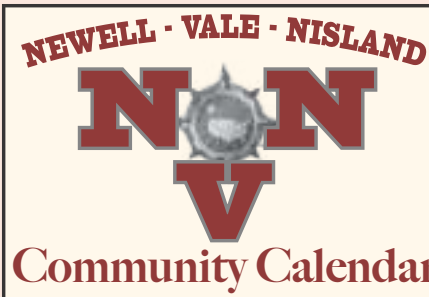
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August 15: Newell School Open House, 5 p.m.-7p.m.

August 16: First Day of School

August 26: Lion's Club 2 Person Golf Tournament

September 1 -4: Newell Labor Day Activities:
Friday-Quilt Show & Cowboys for Christ
Saturday-5K Fun Run/Walk/Bike, quilt Show, Ranch Rodeo & Calcutta, Ranch Bronc Ride & Calcutta, 3rd Annual Newell FFA Goat Roping, Newell Museum Open, Fireman's BBQ, Newell Bar Dance
Sunday-Car Show, Quilt Show, Newell

High School Rodeo Club Team Roping, Tractor Pull, Newell Museum Open, Corn-hole Tournament, Mud Volleyball, Youth Street Dance
Monday-Bake Sale in front of Berry's Hotel, Lunch at NVN Center, Rodeo Slack, Labor Day Parade, Newell Museum Open, Quilt Show, Kids' Games in the Park, Bingo in the NVN Center, Queen Coronation, Newell Labor Day Rodeo

Highlights for Saturday, Sept. 2, 9 am-2pm
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After working so hard to catch the sheep and get a halter on it, the sheep refuses to cooperate with the kids to cross the finish line. -Heitz photo

Get Ready, Get Set, CATCH!



This year's Catch a Sheep winners, looking a little worse for wear, pose with the Catch a Sheep sponsors. From the left, Colton Burtzlaff with Evelyn Ahart, John Erk with Brynlee Barrera, Glen Heine with Marcella Eddy, Kelsi Clements with Jessie Bachman, Nicole Kraft (representing the Pittman Family) with Sawyer Leitner, and Abbie Culver with Kate Blair. Betty Bruner Photo

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NISLAND-Catch a Sheep that is! This year's Catch a Sheep contest was once again a fan favorite as both young and old cheered on the 24 youngsters vying for a ewe lamb to add to their herd or begin a new one. Gwen Kitzen explained the rules for the annual

event, while the nervous youth aged 8-12 years old stood by ready to go. The contest began many years ago when Tyler Harris and Keith Franke had a vision to see the sheep industry continue to expand in the area. The idea is that the final six "catchers" would receive a ewe lamb to start or add to their flock.

The winners must keep a record book of the lamb during the next year, bring the wool back and show the lamb at next year's fair. Since they are give a ewe, the offspring will also be part of the fair in the years to come. St. Onge Livestock furnishes the older ewes for the contest. Older range

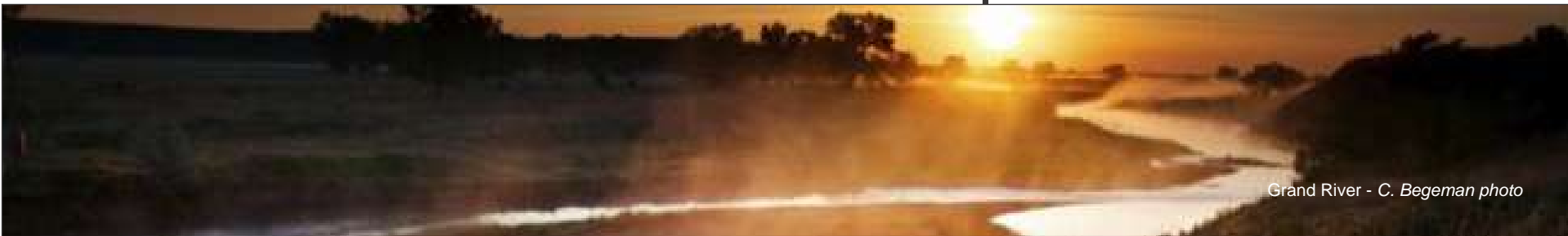
ewes are used and have not been handled, adding to the adventure for the youngsters. This year's winners were Evelyn Ahart, Brynlee Barrera, Marcella Eddy, Kate Blair, Jessie Bachman, and Sawyer Leitner. Sponsors were Burtzlaff Family, John Erk, Glen Heines, Abbie Culver,

Kelsie Clements, and the Pittman Family from Belle Fourche. Abbie Culver and Kelsie Clements were two of the first to ever partake of the Catch a Sheep contest and since they were headed to college, they both donated lambs that were part of the ancestry of those first ewe lambs.

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Grand River Roundup



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

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Craig Mickelson, Eric Schuchard’s father, gave a very nice sermon at Slim Buttes Lutheran last Sunday, because Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen are still up in Alaska. Casey and Missy brought Knox and River to church with them while Amanda and Taz stayed home with Copper and the twins who were sick. They are all feeling better now.

The week started out pretty warm with temperatures in the 90s, but it sure cooled off at the end of the week when it started raining for three days. There was a heavy fog when we got up last Monday morning.

There were more deaths to report this week: Alma (Besler) O’Rourke, 99, died July 30 in Spearfish. She was born on the Besler homestead below Rabbit Butte in Perkins County near Bison. Alma’s funeral service was August 4 at Hope Lutheran Church in Spearfish with burial at the Black Hills National Cemetery.

Dorothy Marlys (Wenzel) French, 101, from Sturgis and formerly from Bixby, passed away on August 1, at Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Sturgis. Her services were Thursday, August 3, at Kinkade Funeral Chapel in Sturgis with interment Saturday, August 5,

at the Alva Cemetery in Alva, Wyoming.

Memorial services for Florence Hoff, age 82, of Lemmon, will be held on Thursday, August 10th at the Spencer Memorial Presbyterian Church in Lemmon. Florence served the Presbyterian Church in Bison for 22 years. Lynn Hall and Florence’s son, John Hoff, will officiate the service with a reception to follow. The burial will be held at a later date. Florence passed away on Wednesday, August 2, at the hospital in Hettinger.

Our dear young friend, Kent Sheffield, age 54, of Buffalo, died Wednesday, August 2nd, at his home as a result of recent health issues. His funeral service will be held at 11:00 Friday, August 11, at the Harding County High School new gymnasium. Inurnment will take place in the Buffalo Cemetery.

Reub was spraying weeds at our Horse Creek pasture on Tuesday while I went down to meet with Paul and Johanna Randall, and Elaine Bingaman at the old Randall ranch south of Prairie City. Paul and Elaine are cousins and their Grand-

mother Mary (Fuller) Randall’s family history went back to the Mayflower in 1620. My Great Grandmother Ella (Fuller) Wilkinson’s family history also went back to the Mayflower,

so I brought my family history down to show them. Both our families are descendants of Edward Fuller who came to America with his brother Dr. Samuel Fuller on the Mayflower in 1620. Both Edward and Samuel where among the forty influential members of the Pilgrim Fathers who drew up and signed the famous Mayflower Compact, which was the beginning of the American constitutional government.

My father, Bryce White, was the boxing and track coach at Sorum High School in 1939, 1940 and the beginning of 1941 when he quit and joined the Army in February of 1941 and I have all three of the annuals from those three years that I took down to show Paul and Elaine, because their great aunt, Francena Schar, was the Principal at Sorum High School those years and her picture is in all three annuals. A lot of my friends have parents and grand-



parents who went to high school in Sorum that are also pictured in these annuals.

Reub and I made a trip to Hettinger Wednesday afternoon and stopped for coffee with the Prairie Pioneers in Reeder on the way home for a good visit.

We got a nice rain on Thursday. We only had .60 hundredths that morning when Bill Holt called to let us know that he had almost 2 and a half inches up at his place. We got a total of 1.15 inches that day, but Bill had a lot more. One of Casey’s horses somehow cuts its’ chest wide open that morning so Taz took the horse to the vet in Baker that afternoon to get it sown together while Taz was on his way to the rodeo that night in Sidney, Montana.

Trig came home for a few days Thursday night. Taz, Trig and several other cowboys left Friday morning for rodeos in New Salem, ND, Friday night and in Watertown, SD and Ashley, ND on Saturday and Isabel and Bison on Sunday. Reub and I went down to Bison Friday evening to watch the talent show at the Bentley building. It’s usually held outside in the grandstands at the rodeo grounds, but since it was sprinkling rain they moved it inside. Tracy Buer puts this together every year and a lot of the Buer

family and several others gave us some great musical entertainment.

Bill Holt gave a great sermon at Slim Buttes Lutheran Sunday morning while Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen are still in Alaska. They plan to be back next Sunday for the service in Reva Gap at 9:00 with a potluck brunch following. A lot of us attended the community hymn sing at Holland Center Sunday evening.

With the biker rally going on, I’ll leave you with this:

A man appeared before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. “Have you ever done anything of particular merit?” St. Peter asked.

“Well, I can think of one thing,” the man offered. “On a trip to the Black Hills out in South Dakota, I came upon a gang of bikers, who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn’t listen. So, I approached the largest and most heavily - tattooed biker, and smacked him in his face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground.” I yelled, “Now, back off! Or I’ll kick the heck out of all of you!”

St. Peter was impressed, “When did this happen?”

“Just a couple minutes ago.”

Then and Now *in Newell*

“Looking Forward to our Past”

by Linda Velder

July 31, 1913

Those who have been in the Hills recently say the raspberry bushes are loaded with fruit. Mrs. George Maass was at Galena last week and put up 31 quarts of berries; Mrs. Lute Tysdale put up 19 gallons in the same vicinity and as they were leaving Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Rose arrived there with their car to secure their share of the luscious fruit. It is said hundreds of people are in the Hills picking berries and there is plenty for all. The June or Servis berries are also plentiful.

Messers Allen, Cunningham and O. Farnham of Newell spent an hour or so at the Littlefield ranch near Vale last Saturday. Mr. & Mrs. William Glover and family were also in Vale last week and report crops good in that vicinity. The drought has been broken to a certain extent in that vicinity since the 21st.

Director F. Newell of the US Reclamation Service denied the protests of Joseph Rail and William Thomas relative to signing the new B 7-273 form of water rights application which is relative to payment of charges of operation & maintenance granting right-of-way to the US for reclamation work. Director Newell, stated these betterment charges, are that the granting of water rights to private lands is a privilege and not a right under the Reclamation Act, therefore they are at liberty to be attached to the sale of water rights on private lands, charges of O&M are for betterment of conditions of the project.

August 2, 1923

About 9 o’clock last Monday evening the old movie house on Lower 3rd Street, formerly known as the Theatorium, was discovered ablaze on the inside. Within 15 minutes from the time the alarm was given the walls fell in. The super structure was a mere shell and burned like tinder. The firemen were quickly at the scene with the apparatus, but by the time the water was ready, the building was doomed and the attention of the fire-fighters was devoted to protection of nearby property.

We do not intend to let any of our readers forget the Butte County Fair which is going to be held the 4, 5 and 6 of September. It doesn’t seem possible that summer is that near gone

and Fair time so close at hand. It will be one of the biggest and best County Fairs in South Dakota. It will have a purse of \$1000 in premiums for the first feeder pig show ever held in the northwest. Also, horse racing and sports events held everyday. Plan to bring the whole family.

Fred Kenaston was the first one in Newell to hear the tragic words that told of the death of President Harding. He had his radio set tuned in with Minneapolis at about 8:00 Thursday evening. Fred immediately came to town to give out the story. Confirmation by wire did not reach Newell until 9 o’clock Friday morning.

August 3, 1933

Misses Virginia and Marjorie McClung of Deadwood, spent several days recently with their grandmother, Mrs. L. McClung, in South Hilan. They had expected to stay a week, but on the 3rd day, Marjorie became “homesick” and her father Robert McClung came and took her home. Virginia stayed until Monday,

Earl Kumley of Redig is in the Newell Hospital taking treatment for infection which developed when he stepped on a nail. Dr. Clark reports the infection well under control. William

Smeenk, Twilight, fractured his arm Saturday as a result of being thrown from a hay rake when his team ran away. Dr. Clark also attended his injuries. 8-year-old, son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wise sustained burns Saturday morning. His mother had made cocoa and was removing it from the stove when the boy ran into her, causing the hot cocoa to spill over his body. Dr. Clark was called to render medical aid. And then, Cloey Simpson, of Vale, had the misfortune to cut his foot with an axe. The accident severed a leg muscle and vein. He was rushed to the Newell Hospital where the injury was attended to.

August 5, 1943

E. H. Kent, of Vale, fieldman for the Squire-Dingee Pickle Company, was here Tuesday and reports the Vale salting station was opened last week and the cucumber harvest is underway. The crop, although about 2 weeks late, is expected to be larger that last year. The company is paying \$2.50 per cwt for No. 1 cukes this year, the highest price ever paid here.

Miss May Flaigg, of Hoover, is visiting this week at the home of her uncle and aunt Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Gardner. Mr. & Mrs. Christ Simonsen



Local farmer displaying his pickle crop. The pickle collection stations/vats were open



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of Rapid City were callers Saturday at the Gardner’s; while enroute from visiting with relatives near Hoover.

Newell barely scared up enough baseball players (and has beens) to match a game with the soldier boys from the Bombing Range last Sunday afternoon. Jr. Knuteson starred in the pitcher box and Art Freitag behind the plate, balance of the 9 consisting of High School boys and old timers. They completed the 9 innings in spite of the blistering heat. The soldier boys were lacking in battery talent and took the short end of a 16-4 score.

July 30, 1953

Polio precautions, Gamma Globulin, obtained from human blood, gives protection for a few weeks. However, it is in very short supply. A vaccine is not ready yet for 1953 but there is hope for the future. Meanwhile, when polio is around follow these precautions: don’t mix with new groups; don’t get overheated; don’t get chilled and stay out of unclean water, but do keep clean.

Newell is planning a mosquito blitz on Monday; it was announced by City Health Officer J. F. Pokorny. Moisture, continued heat and a resulting increase in the number of insects of danger to the public health. As a result City Commissioner, Vern Hafner, announced the arrangements have been completed to spray the

city for mosquitoes and flies. On Monday or when conditions are favorable. The spraying will be done by Al McDonald of the local E-M Flying Service. To make the spraying most effective residents are also requested to cut weed patches and eliminate other possible insect breeding spots before such time.

Butte Electric Co operative member’s rank 3rd in South Dakota in average use of electricity on the farm, according to information reaching the Newell office. During May, the average Butte Electric Co op use of electricity was 293.8 kilowatts. Highest average in the state was by Lincoln-Union County REA members at 311 and 2nd highest by Northern Electric Co-op, 301. Highest mark set by the local REA to date was in April when their average was 305.9.

August 1, 1963

Frank Tinnel of Deadwood caught a record 11 ounce green sunfish May 26 at Briedenbach pond near Newell. His catch was 9 inches long and measured 8 7/8 inches around at the widest part. Tinnel used live bait in catching the sunfish. Tinnel’s catch was identified and certified by R. Keith Stewart, Assistant District Fisheries Manager at Rapid City and witnessed by Game Warden Wallace Davis of Deadwood. There had been no previous state record on the green sunfish category.



From C3
Then and Now

Howard Sheridan prominent Hoover area livestock operator died Tuesday afternoon at St John's McNamara Hospital in Rapid City. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Newell, with the Rt. Rev Msgr. J. A. Major as celebrant and burial will be in the family plot in the Mason Cemetery, where the father, mother and other members of the family are at rest. Mr. Sheridan was born at Butte, Montana, January 8, 1900 and came to Butte County in April 1910, where his parents and 6 brothers and sisters settled on the homestead which has been his home for more than 53 years.

Mrs. Opal Soma appointed

committees and plans were made for the Annual Flower Show at a meeting of the Newell Garden Club held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Earl Alexander. The show will be held Labor Day in the Lower Level of the IOOF Hall. The next meeting was announced at the home of Mrs. Jesse Maass on August 30, a week later than usual because of the County Fair.

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Shipley and son Dennis went to Pactola Saturday where they spent Sunday and attended the Black Hills Ski Club Tournament. Dennis was a participant in the tournament, receiving the 2nd place trophy in skiing tricks and 3rd in ski jumping. They returned Sunday evening.



A couple ladies picking raspberries near Strawberry Hill, Deadwood



Soldiers from the Bombing Range in town visiting local families and shopping at stores. The local young men did not appreciate the soldiers coming to town to "court" their girl friends. Mostly because the soldiers had money and they did not!



Kids gather with their turtles at the starting line. The turtle races were hosted by the Short Chaps 4-H Club on Wednesday and attracted a large audience. - Heitz photo



Big kids and small kids took their hands at showing their beef. Here four year old Clara Blair shows Aliceson Stranberg's beef in the PeeWee Showmanship. Bruner Photo



Brisket Feed
Brings Crowd for
15th Year

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NISLAND-On Saturday, August 5, the Nisland Fire Hall was packed with people for the 15th annual brisket feed and silent auction. Firefighters started serving brisket and pork sandwiches at 10 am. The meal included baked beans, cole slaw, potato chips and a drink.

Many desserts including pie, ice cream, and brownies were offered for a free will donation. The brisket feed is an important event for the Nisland-Arpan Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department; it is their biggest fundraiser of the year. Stan Lewis, the Nisland-Arpan fire chief, expects to raise roughly \$8,000. That money will go towards "the new hall and upgrading equipment throughout the year," he said. Live music entertained the crowd as people ate, visited,

and placed bids on the silent auction. Items offered at the silent auction included gift certificates from restaurants, gift cards to local businesses, Indian Motorcycle gift pack, Belle Valley Ancient Grains and Flour, center ice tickets to Rush hockey game, and many more generous donations from area businesses. According to Lewis, turnout for the event was on par with expectations, despite the heavy rain.



The Nisland-Arpan Volunteer Firefighters serve up Brisket at their annual fundraiser. - Heitz photo



Misty Drieling's lamb won the Supreme Champion Meat Lamb at the Fair. Her sister, Layla holds the banner for her. Bruner photo



Above: Despite the drippy weather, fair goers lined up to enjoy the free BBQ served by members of Butte Electric Coop.



Left: The Cowboy Band entertained fairgoers during the free BBQ. A few minutes after this photo, the band moved under cover and continued to play.

Below: Members of Newell FFA and Belle Fourche FFA showed their sheep and their FFA colors.

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Some fine looking beef was in the show ring with the Senior Showman during the Butte-Lawrence County Fair the first week of August. Bruner Photo



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Breaded Chicken Patty **\$1.99** 5 oz.



Farmland
Link Sausage **\$2.49**
8 oz.



Cloverdale
Smoked Bratwurst **\$3.69**
All Varieties • 14 oz.

Deli

Reser's
Salad **\$4.99**
Egg, Chicken, Ham, Tuna or Seafood • 12 oz.

Kretschmar
Black Forest Ham **\$7.99** lb.

Kretschmar
Hard Salami **\$7.99** lb.



Rotisserie Chicken
Extra Large 56 oz. Pre-Cooked Weight
Call To Order!
642-8181
or **892-6375**
or Grab & Go after 3 p.m. **\$8.99**

GROCERY



Old Dutch
Potato Chips **\$3.99**
Original or Ripple
All Varieties
10-13 oz.



Heinz
BBQ Sauce **\$2.99**
All Varieties
18.6-21.4 oz.



Hostess
Multi-pack Snacks **\$2.99**
All Varieties
8.2-16.5 oz.



V-8
Vegetable Juice or Fusion **\$3.99**
All Varieties • 46 oz.



Campbell's
Tomato Juice **\$3.99**
Regular or Low Sodium
64 oz.



Hunt's
Ketchup **2/\$5**
32 oz. or \$2.50



Pepsi Products **\$10.99**
All Varieties
24 pk. cans



Old Dutch
Restaurant Style Tostados **\$3.99**
All Varieties
10-13 oz.



Juicy Juice
100% Juice **\$3.69**
All Varieties
64 oz.



Starkist
Tuna Pouches **4/\$5**
Chunk Light or Tuna Creations
2.6-4.5 oz. or \$1.25



Bush's Best
Baked Beans **2/\$6**
Original, Country, Brown Sugar Hickory or Zero Sugar • 28 oz. or \$3.00



Hershey's
Genuine Chocolate Syrup **\$3.99**
24 oz.



Rockstar
Energy Drinks **3/\$5**
All Varieties • 16 oz. or \$1.67



Coke Products **\$11.49**
All Varieties
24 pk. Cans



Best Choice
Fruit Cups **\$2.99**
All Varieties
4 ct.



Kool-Aid
Jammers **\$3.49**
All Varieties
10 ct.



Smuckers
Strawberry Jam or Jelly **\$3.99**
18 oz.



Snack Pack
Pudding or Juicy Gels **2/\$3**
All Varieties
4 pk. or \$1.50



Best Choice
Pasta **\$1.29**
Spaghetti or Elbow Macaroni
16 oz.



Lipton
Tea **\$6.99**
All Varieties
12 pk. 16.9 oz. bottles



Best Choice
Applesauce **\$3.29**
All Varieties
46-48 oz.



Kraft
Dinners **\$3.99**
Velveeta & Shells or Deluxe Mac & Cheese
12-14 oz.



Quaker
Instant Oatmeal **\$3.99**
All Varieties • 6-10 ct.



2 Sisters
Salsa **\$3.99**
All Varieties
16 oz.



Armour
Vienna Sausage **4/\$5**
4.6 oz. or \$1.25



Powerade **\$5.49**
All Varieties
8 pk. 20 oz. bottles



Jif
Peanut Butter **\$1.99**
All Varieties
15.5-16 oz.



Hunt's
Pasta Sauce **79¢**
All Varieties • 24 oz. can

- ✓ Woonsocket Melons
- ✓ April Johnson's Fresh Dill
- ✓ Dimock Cheese & Butter
- ✓ Wooden Shoe Cheese
- ✓ Black Hills Honey
- ✓ Ol' West BBQ Sauce
- ✓ Owl Creek Jams, Jellies, & Eggs
- ✓ Honke's BBQ & Mustard
- ✓ Albany Farm Noodles
- ✓ Dakota Gold Mustard & Jam
- ✓ AJ Farms Fresh Eggs
- ✓ Kimball Popcorn Balls
- ✓ Wild Dutchmen Sunflower Seeds
- ✓ Purity Seeds & Flaxseed
- ✓ Wooden Knife Indian Fry Bread
- ✓ Dakota Pure Buffalo
- ✓ Hillcrest Meats
- ✓ Corey's Salmon
- ✓ Lueders Own Made Bratwurst
- ✓ Rustic Rolling Pin Carmel Rolls
- ✓ Pietz's Kuchen Kitchen & Pizza
- ✓ Cox Sweet Corn
- ✓ Remedy Brewing
- ✓ Crow Peak Brewing
- ✓ Sawyer Brewing
- ✓ Firehouse Brewing & Wine
- ✓ Rushmore Brewing
- ✓ Valiant Vineyards
- ✓ Ricks Salt



Fresh Produce



PRODUCE



Washington
Extra Fancy
Apples
Pink Lady, Gala,
Red Delicious
or Fuji

99¢
lb.



California
Plums
Black or Red

\$2.49
lb.



Fresh
Sweet
Cantaloupe

\$2.99
ea.



Bolthouse Farms
Baby Carrots
16 oz.

\$1.39
ea.



Fresh
Blueberries
1 pint

\$2.49
ea.



Washington
Extra Fancy
Honey Crisp Apples

\$1.99
lb.



Highline
White Mushrooms
Sliced or Whole • 8 oz.

\$1.99
ea.



Seedless
Clementine Mandarins
3 lb.

\$5.99
ea.



Marzetti
Caramel Apple Dip
All Varieties
13.5 oz.

\$4.99
ea.



Broccoli
1 bunch

\$2.99
ea.

DAIRY



Nestle
Coffee-mate
Coffee Creamer
All Varieties • 32 oz.

\$2.99



Best Choice
Cottage Cheese
2% or 4% • 24 oz.

\$2.99



Best Choice
Sour Cream
Regular or Light
8 oz.

\$1.19



Prairie Farms
Lemonade
Regular or Raspberry
64 oz.

2/\$4
or
\$2.00



Kraft
Velveeta
All Varieties • 32 oz.

\$6.99



Tropicana
Pure Premium
Orange Juice
All Varieties • 89 oz.

\$6.99

FROZEN



Blue Bunny
Premium
Ice Cream or Frozen Yogurt
All Varieties
46-48 oz.

\$3.99



Best Choice
Orange Juice
12 oz. frozen concentrate

2/\$5
or
\$2.50



Best Choice
Hash Brown Potatoes
All Varieties • 28-32 oz.

\$3.29



Best Choice
Tortellini or Ravioli
All Varieties • 19-20 oz.

\$3.99



Outshine
Fruit Bars
All Varieties
6 ct.

\$4.49



Tombstone
Pizza
All Varieties
19.1-27 oz.

2/\$10
or
\$5.00

BEER & WINE



Michelob
Ultra
24 pk. cans

\$24.99



Goose
IPA
15 pk. cans

\$16.49



Natural
Ice
6 pk. 16 oz. cans

\$5.79



Coors &
Coors Light
18 pk. cans

\$18.99



Miller
Lite
12 pk. cans

\$12.29



Pabst Blue
Ribbon
6 pk. 16 oz. cans

\$5.69



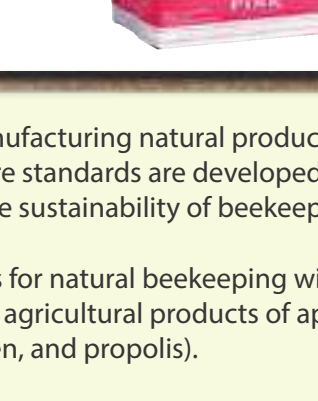
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750 ml.

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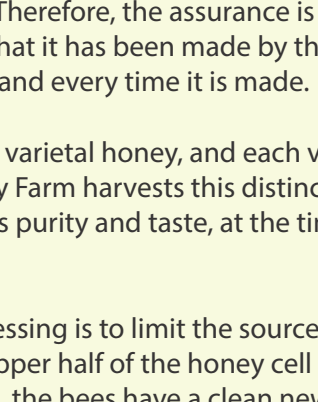
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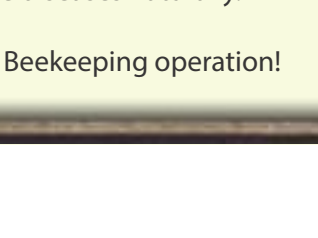
Barefoot
750 ml.

\$5.99



Beringer
750 ml.

\$3.99



Kinky
Cocktails
All Varieties
6 pk. bottles

\$7.99

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Black Hills Honey Farm has been beekeeping and manufacturing natural products "From The Hive" since 2001. Black Hills Honey Farm's apiculture standards are developed with the primary focus on the health of honey bees and the sustainability of beekeeping.

From Farm to Fork We seek to define the best practices for natural beekeeping with these priorities as guides, and with a secondary focus on the agricultural products of apicultural products of apiculture (honey, pollen, and propolis).

The guiding principle at Black Hills Honey Farm is that quality is built into our natural products, and not just tested into a finished product. Therefore, the assurance is that the product not only meets the final specifications, but that it has been made by the same procedures under the same conditions each and every time it is made.

Black Hills Honey Farm specializes in producing raw, varietal honey, and each varietal honey is as unique as its floral source. Black Hills Honey Farm harvests this distinction and quality, and hand bottles in glass jars to preserve its purity and taste, at the time of extraction.

The strategy behind Black Hills Honey Farm wax processing is to limit the source of reusable beeswax. We only use wax removed from the upper half of the honey cell during extraction. Once the honey is removed from these cells, the bees have a clean new foundation. Clean foundations help control bee diseases naturally.

Black Hills Honey Farm is a fully integrated Beekeeping operation!

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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Milkweed has seemed to reach its full growth potential outside of Ron Ensz's window at his Clark & Associates Land Brokers Belle Fourche office on National Street.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

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- 5. Female singer
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ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "R" = "B"

"ZQN FU HQN YN LN Z FZSYO EPU NLXO
DEZZXU YPUFFUY SB JL GUL'F
DXNZQUF."

— DQJLUFU BPNIUPR

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Hard things are put in our way, not to stop us, but to call out our courage and strength." — Anonymous

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2023

AUGUST



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Baked Chicken Wild Rice Broccoli Peaches Peanut Butter Bar	2 Roast Turkey/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans W/bacon & Onion Cranberry Sauce	3 Green Chili Stuffed Pork Chop Roasted Reds Veggie Medley Tropical Fruit	4 Chicken Stir Fry Asian Veggies Egg Roll Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie	5 Club Sandwich Potato Chips Baked Beans Pears Oatmeal Cookie
6 Salsbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Peaches	7 Tuna Casserole Peas & Carrots Garden Salad Pineapple Ice Cream	8 Pork Chops in Mushroom Gravy Wild Rice Veggie Medley Apple Sauce Chocolate Cake	9 BBQ Chicken Potato Salad Creamy Cucumbers & Tomatoes Watermelon	10 Beef Enchiladas Refried Beans Baked Corn Mango Lemon Cookie	11 Sausage Gravy & Biscuit Cheesy Eggs Zucchini Fries Fruit Juice	12 Chicken & Dumplings Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruity Jello
13 Turkey Pot Pie Garden Salad Garlic Bread Peaches Brownie	14 Baked Ham Sweet Potatoes Broccoli Dinner Roll Pineapple	15 Meatloaf Baked Potato Green Beans Fruity Jello	16 Chicken Cordon Bleu Mushroom Rissotto Creamed Spinach Pears Carrot Cake	17 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Veggie Medley Garden Salad Focaccia Bread	18 Sweet & Sour Pork Steamed Rice Asian Veggies Egg Roll Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie	19 Chicken Salad Sandwich on Croissant Broccoli/Cheese Soup Mandarin Oranges
20 Chicken Alfredo Fettuccini Broccoli Garlic Bread Tropical Fruit	21 Pork Roast & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Spiced Apples	22 Taco Salad Tortilla Chips Refried Beans Pears Margaritas	23 Ham & Au' Gratin Potatoes Veggie Medley Garden Salad Fruity Jello	24 Lasagna Italian Veggies Spinach Salad Garlic Bread Peaches	25 Creamy Garlic Srimp Fried Rice Asian Veggies Egg Roll Mandarin Oranges Almond Cookie	26 Beer Barley Soup Small Chef Salad Cracked Wheat Crackers Melon Choc. Chip Cookie
27 Swedish Meatballs Egg Noodles Broccoli Dinner Roll Peaches	28 Turkey & Dressing Casserole Cheesy Cauliflower Garden Salad Pineapple	29 Pulled Pork Sandwich Potato Wedges Shredded Brussel Sprout Salad Fruit Crisp	30 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Country Gravy Green Beans Tropical Fruit	31 Marry Me Chicken Zoodles Roasted Carrots Cheddar Biscuit Apple Salad		



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