



School Board Swears in New Members, Approves 2019 - 2020 Budget



SWEARING IN - Susan Proefrock (left), Belle Fourche School District Business Manager, swears in two members of the school board who began their 3-year terms on July 15th, during the board's annual corporate meeting. At center left is Mike Tyndall who ran unopposed and begins another term. At far right is Wayne Gilbert who was elected last April and fills the seat vacated by Kim Brill. Also at the meeting, Tammy Clem was re-elected as School Board President and Scott Mikkelsen was elected Vice President.

The board approved the 2019-2020 school year budget and means of finance as follows:

General Fund \$9,783,000.00; **Capital Outlay Fund** \$2,898,000.00; **Special Education Fund** \$2,373,000.00; **Pension Fund** \$69,513.00; **Food Service Fund** \$685,700.00; **Other Enterprise Fund** \$1,500.00; and **Debt Service Fund** \$42,750.00.

Tax rates/levies certified to the County Auditor will be as follows: **General Fund** - Request Max - Ag \$1.473/\$1,000 of taxable valuation, **Owner Occupied** \$3.296/\$1,000 of taxable valuation, and **Commercial/Other** \$6.821/\$1,000 of taxable valuation; **Capital Outlay Fund** \$2,000,000.00; **Special Education Fund** - Request Max \$1.616/\$1,000 of taxable valuation.

Lightning, Bright Part of Storms



YIKES! - Yes, that one was close! If you were tucked in the safety of your home you may not have observed this lightning strike last week in Belle. The National Weather Service recorded more than 30,200 lightning strikes in a 24-hour period across the tri-state region last Wednesday. They continue to report rain totals this summer that are well above normal. Some areas received golf ball size hail this past week and a tornado even touched down just west of the Four Corners area and another near Moorcroft. - *Photo Courtesy Graps Burgers & Brews.*

Landfill Bagging System in Full Operation

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BELLE FOURCHE - It takes a lot to clean up a landfill but the city of Belle Fourche took a big step in that direction this past May with the installation of a new \$160,000 bagging system at the community's regional landfill.

The bagging system, designed and installed by Accent Wire-Tie from Tom Ball, Texas, is designed to get a better handle on the more 120 tons of garbage that are deposited in the landfill each day. Instead of garbage being processed into large bales that tied with wire, similar to a square hay bale, the bagging system completely encloses the compacted bales of trash.

"It has really helped with vector control," said Todd Youngberg, Landfill Supervisor. "Litter is a vector and it's contained much better so we don't have paper blowing all over. It will help with odor control, which is always a struggle. And it also makes it harder for varmints like seagulls, skunks, and raccoons to get into the garbage."

And the bagging system seems to have come along at a good time. Youngberg says in each of the seven years he's been in his post, the amount of garbage the landfill receives each day has increased.

"Our MSW (municipal solid



IN THE BAG - Landfill tech Dale Moncur gets ready to tie up a bagged bale of solid waste that has been compacted in the city's new landfill bagging system. - *Beacon Photo*

waste) has suddenly increased this year," he says. "We will do between 120 to 160 tons a day on average, compared to about 100 tons a day a few years ago."

The landfill serves a broad area, including Sturgis, Spearfish, Lead-Deadwood, Newell, Vale, Nisland, St. Onge, Fruitdale and Hulett, WY. "And we've already this year had our second highest day ever with 189 tons," Youngberg added.

When the bagged bales come out of the compactor they weigh between 2,000 and 3,000 pounds, depending on moisture content. The bags are then picked up by forklift and loaded onto a truck that transports them to the active portion

of the landfill where they are eventually buried.

The bags are made of a woven plastic material that cost around \$3.00 each, cheaper than the \$4 per bale for the wire-tie method. Currently the landfill is experimenting with different quality of bags to see which are the most durable and cost effective. The bags are mostly imported from the Far East and have been subject to increased tariffs. And Youngberg says they are saving time as well.

"We can bag up a bale of garbage in under two minutes," he said. "With the old system it took up to 3 minutes to wire tie the bales."

BAGGING SYSTEM A7

Increase in Wheel Tax and Higher Mill Levy Coming Soon

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BELLE FOURCHE - The Butte County Commissioners met in a special meeting on July 15, once more wrestling with the roads and bridges. This time they put some bite in the bark. Chairman Kim Richards said the highway department and highway commissioners had met as a group to preview a report put together by Jason Hanson of Brosz Engineering, the county's contracted engineering firm.

Hanson shared his plan which details needs concerning the roads and bridges.

"We have three (that are) pretty critical; two bridges on Orman Road, and Snoma Road box culvert, all of which are pretty costly to replace," said Hanson. He said finding a route to get a temporary type structure over Horse Creek, maybe on Winkler Road, is being sought to provide a detour for buses, the farming community, and mail routes.

"You do have \$382,000 federal highway grant, which is earmarked for structures on the list that was provided.

Funding the necessary repairs within the current financial condition and resources, the county would be at a near \$1 million deficit by the end of 2021.

"We're in a crisis with our bridges, so we've got to figure out what we're going to do to fund some of these," the chairman said.

"I got an idea of what it's going to take to run our highway department, and how to fund it," said Richards, opening the topic. After a fair amount of research, he stated that the department is run from wheel tax funds, licensing, secondary roads funds from the state, and that very little actually comes from the general fund budget. Other costs, which Richards says have to be paid, have gone up; such as states' attorney's office, jail and transportation costs, and bills such as building and utility costs.

"We're going to have to do something," said Richards. "I think the public's expectation is to have good travel-able roads." He said that the county jail costs had gone up by about 23 percent and that costs related to court-appointed attorneys had also risen exorbitantly. "It's not possible to make ends meet, (and) trying to find some resources that the money goes to them (highway dept.) no matter what."

"We can't just speculate forever. We've got to make some tough decisions," Commissioner James Ager said. "On top of all this, I think we should have a special meeting to explain why we're doing what we're doing. We shouldn't wait. We should invite them to come in (with) two or three special meetings. County budgets are unlike local, state and federal budgets. Our source of revenue is very limited compared with other governments. They all have multiple potential revenue sources."

Richards brought wheel tax scenarios to the table, as well as mill levy proposals. The group discussed each at length. In the wheel tax discussion, the board eventually voted unanimously to go with his second plan; \$3 per wheel for vehicles under 6,000 pounds, up to four wheels, and \$5 per wheel for vehicles over 6,000 pounds up to 12 wheels. Beginning in January 2020, a car, SUV, or small pickup truck will pay \$12 per year toward wheel tax, instead of \$10. A larger four-wheeled truck would pay \$20 per year, etc., based on the weight and number of wheels. A mill levy is the assessed

TAX INCREASES A6

Sowers and Son Business Growth Continues

BELLE FOURCHE - "Black Hills Laundry and Dry Cleaning" doing business as "Sowers and Son Dirty Laundry" a State Street Belle Fourche business recently announced acquisition of the most established and longest serving dry cleaners in Rapid City. The purchase of French Cleaners in Bakken Park and on Mt. Rushmore Road officially took place April 15, 2019.

"Sowers & Son" currently owns Belle Laundry and Dry Cleaning, the dry cleaning plant in Belle Fourche; Belle Laundromat, Spearfish Laundry and Dry Cleaning, a laundromat that serves as a drop store for dry cleaning; Sturgis Laundry and Dry Cleaning; a laundromat that serves as a drop store for dry cleaning; Laundry World in Rapid City that is the largest laundromat in South Dakota and now will be able to receive dry cleaning and locally, French Cleaners, will provide the facilities dry cleaning.

Clark and Cathy Sowers



RAPID EXPANSION - Sowers and Son Dirty Laundry owners Randy, Cathy, and Clark Sowers pictured in front of French cleaners in Rapid City. -*Courtesy photo*

began Belle Laundry and Dry Cleaning on March 6 of 2000. Their son, Randy Sowers joined the company in July of 2015 as "Operations Manager." They currently employ 38 people

between the Northern Hills operations and the three Rapid City operations.

Clark stated, "We are proud to be part of the great dry cleaning heritage of Rapid City. I trained

under Gene Williams from Rapid City Laundry." Clark attended and received training at the Dry Cleaning and Laundry Institute in Silver Spring, Maryland 1999.



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Obituaries

Faye A. Foster 81

Faye A. Foster, 81, passed away Monday, July 15, 2019 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Faye was born April 27, 1938 to Louis K. and Mabel (Peterson) Wilson in Bison, South Dakota. She attended Spearfish High School and in 1955 she gave birth to her son, Gregory. In 1956, she married Garland Foster in Belle Fourche and to this union four children were born. She was a loving mother and an excellent grandma who enjoyed playing bingo, gardening, camping, sewing, and she especially enjoyed her many card games with her sisters. Faye was always doing what she could to help someone else. She will be greatly missed by all those that knew and loved her. Faye was preceded in death by her parents, L.K.

and Mabel Wilson; husband, Garland Foster; sons, Greg, Ralph, and Eddie Foster; brothers, Russell, Doyle, Dale, and Pooch Wilson; one grandson, and one great granddaughter. She is survived by her daughters, Arlinda Ozuna of Austin, MN, and Cheryl Foster of Sturgis; sisters, Hope Reeder of Sturgis, and Joyce Veal of Bison, SD; 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Friends and family may sign her online guestbook and leave written condolences for the family at blackhillsfuneralhome.com.



Margaret Leopold 84

Margaret Leopold, age 84 of Belle Fourche, died Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at the Belle Estate in Belle Fourche. A visitation will be held 5 to 7 pm Friday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. The funeral service will be held 10 am Saturday, July 20, 2019 at the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Margaret Irene Leman was born October 20, 1934 in Rapid City. She was the daughter of Moses and Lillian (Santler) Leman. Margaret grew up and attended school in Rapid City, graduating from high school in 1952. In 1954 she graduated from the Eugene Bible College. Following that, she entered the nursing program at Emmanuel Hospital School of Nursing in Portland, Oregon. She graduated in 1958. Margaret was united in marriage to Harvey Leopold in Rapid City on September 2, 1960. Following their marriage, they settled in Belle Fourche where Margaret worked as a Registered Nurse at the John Burns Memorial Hospital. Later she worked a short time at the Sturgis Community Hospital before going to work at Fort Meade VA Medical Center. In 1981 she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from SDSU. She worked at the VA for 30 years, retiring in 2008. Margaret will be remembered for her skill at



nursing. She was a confident and skilled nurse, and she never found a problem in challenging Doctors when she felt it necessary. She was a detailed person, sometimes to her co-worker's dismay. She loved staying in touch with her nursing friends and their monthly lunches. Margaret loved kids. She taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for many years. The most important thing in her life was her Savior. Her faith was vital to her, and God used her as an instrument and inspiration in many people's lives. She also loved her family so much, and they loved her. Margaret will be greatly missed.

Margaret is survived by her brother, David (Dory) Leman of Salem OR; nieces and nephews, Douglas (VaLynn) Mednansky of Belle Fourche, Warren (Kathy) Leopold Jr. of Rapid City, Lori Tokley of Belle Fourche, EvaLynn (Galen) Stafford of Newcastle, Eleanore Jean Rissler of Riverton WY, Paul Staton of Oxnard CA, Lois Ann (Dave) Lotspeich of Roseburg, OR, Lavon (Michael) Rose of Pittsburg CA, Lynette (James) Lown of LaComb, OR; and many grand nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Harvey; and sister, Marian Staton.

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Eleanor Mae Simmons 82

On July 18, 2019, in Grand Terrace, CA, our precious sister, mother, grandmother and friend, Eleanor Mae Simmons went to be with the Lord.

Eleanor Mae Simmons, 82, Newell, was born on July 19, 1936 in Belle Fourche South Dakota. She was the fourth child born of five to her biological father Neil Garrett and mother Edith Garrett.

Eleanor lived her earlier years in various places throughout the mid-west. As a young girl she moved with her seven siblings, mother and stepfather Ben Kidd to Upton, Wyo. In April of 1952, she met and began dating Virgil Simmons from New Castle, Wyo. and upon completion of high school they were united in marriage on May 23, 1954. They moved to Nisland, SD and began ranching until 1961 when they switched to an owner operating dairy business. In 1998 they sold their business and took up residence in Newell, S.D. Virgil and Eleanor had four children; Douglas, Linda, Cindy and Nancy. They were married for 57 years until Virgil's death on November 8, 2011.

Besides Eleanor's love for her family and friends, she shared a passion for cooking, baking, sewing and crocheting; all of which won numerous ribbons at local and state fairs. She also took up a business as a cake decorator and years later she was employed as cook by her longtime friends Dean and Marlene Vetter at their restaurant "Moms" in Sturgis, SD. She then challenged herself even further by working as a state licensed Cook I at New Dawn's Rehabilitation Center in Vale, SD from 1998, until her retirement in 2009 at the age of 75. Upon request, she returned as



cook again at New Dawn Center for another year. She joined neighboring clubs and leagues and was an avid reader of books and a competitive card player. She loved to travel and Virgil and she would vacation yearly to either of their daughter's homes in California or Montana or her sons home when he lived in Wyo. She took a road trip to California once with her best friend June Kosola, which coined them the knick names, "Thelma and Louise" by friends and family.

Eleanor is survived by her son Douglas of Nisland, SD; Cindy (Victor) Valencia of Grand Terrace, CA; and Nancy (Lloyd) Newman of Billings, Mont. 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; sister Gloria Gustafson of Nisland, SD; brothers Larry (Sharon) Kidd of Az. and Lindy(Toni) Kidd of Nisland, SD. She is preceded in death by her husband and parents; brother Ronald Garrett; sisters Delores Lane and Leona Garrett; daughter Linda Richter.

Everyone who knew her will remember her for her immeasurable kindness. She will be greatly missed and in our hearts forever.

Services will be at 10:00a.m. Friday, July26, at Evangelical Church in Newell with the Rev. Tom Martin officiating. Visitation will be one hour before services. Interment will be at 12:30p.m. Friday July 26, at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, S.D.

Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.funeralhomeofthenorthernhills.com

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First Saturday Brunch is about the Aladdin Tipple



The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center's August 3rd First Saturday Brunch will feature Pam Thompson presenting on The Aladdin Tipple. A tipple is a structure used at a mine to load the extracted product for transport, typically into railroad hopper cars; Aladdin was the site of 19th century coal mining and the ore was transported to smelters in Lead and Deadwood.

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Good Neighbor

Our Gospel lesson for this day was about a conversation in which a lawyer asked Jesus, "What must I do to obtain eternal life." Jesus then had the lawyer recite what was written in the law, "...Love your neighbor as yourself." When asked, "And who is my neighbor?" Our Lord used the familiar parable of the "good Samaritan" to explain. This parable is a story of a Jewish traveler who was beaten and robbed along a road and left for dead. A priest and a Levite had passed by the traveler without stopping to help. Then a Samaritan (who was considered an enemy by the Jews at that time) stopped to help. He tends to the wounded man, loads him up on his donkey, and takes him to an inn where he asks the innkeeper to care for the traveler and promises that on his return he will cover whatever expenses that it takes.

In the story of the Good Samaritan, where do the different characters end up?

The robbers have done their foul deed and have walked away with whatever they stole from the traveler.

The priest and the Levite each continued on the way to Jericho after overlooking the half-dead traveler lying beside the road.

The traveler is recovering at an inn, where the innkeeper has been entrusted with his care and has received a down payment on whatever it will cost.

The Samaritan continues his journey.

This began when the Samaritan sees the wounded traveler. He

does not turn his eyes away. The Samaritan recognizes a bond between himself and this stranger who lies half dead beside the highway. Such recognition comes at a cost, for the Samaritan identifies with the wounded stranger and as far as he can, feels his pain and abandonment. The Samaritan recognizes quickly what must be done. He does not hesitate to put his resources to use. Clearly, he is the right person in the right place at the right time.

In a world where we have needy neighbors in every direction, how can we keep from numbness of soul, exhaustion, or the extinction of concern? The actions of the Samaritan provide us with a pattern to follow.

First, we must see the wounded stranger. We cannot dismiss this person or rationalize someone's

suffering. If we truly see the wounded of this world, then we will be moved to compassion. We will truly feel their situation deep down. We cannot do this often; we lack the capacity, but we can do this on occasion. And doing so will enable us, not to fix the entire planet on our own, not to help everybody, but to help somebody.

When this happens, we will not be acting on the basis of obligation or guilt or compulsion. Instead, compassion felt deep down will motivate what we do, which means putting our resources to intelligent use and recognizing that we have more to offer than we realized at first. Thus we will find that, by grace, we have turned out to be the right person in the right place at the right time.

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Chamber Report
From Chamber Director Gary Wood

Perspective:

a) A particular attitude toward or way of regarding some thing; a point of view.

b) To compare something with a similar thing to give a clearer, more accurate idea

My perspective will be different from yours, and that doesn't mean I'm wrong or you're wrong, we just look at things differently. Probably we are both orbiting around the same idea just our view of things is different. Kind of like two blind people describing an elephant with one holding the tail and the other the trunk.

I've been thinking about this since we had so many visitors from out of town over the Independence Days celebrations. Many of our businesses reported what I was also hearing. People love our town, think out downtown has really improved and they enjoyed our western hospitality and envied our way of life.

I talked to someone this week that moved here from California and their friends wondered why they would leave CA. Then they came, saw their place and lifestyle here in Belle Fourche and understood. They gained a different perspective when they came and saw for themselves.

That's what we need to do more often. Look at things

as our visitors see them. Those coming with a different perspective. They compare what we enjoy here in Belle Fourche and western South Dakota with where they are coming from and they envy us. There is a reason many of us have boatloads of company in the summer. This is a place people love to come because there is a lot to see and enjoy besides being with family and friends.

This past week I went to our Belle Fourche Country Club at 6 a.m. and met with the Golf Course Superintendent Casey Eggleston. I had been hearing about all the improvements they have been making at the golf course and wanted to do some video promotions. I've lived here twelve years and am not a golfer so had not been on the course. Wow, I was very impressed with the views from the course! I gained a new perspective because I saw the course.

What's my point? Maybe have a look around our great town with a new set of eyes. Get the perspective that some of our visitors have and be encouraged about Belle Fourche and our future.



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Daughters of the American Revolution members of the Catherine Thybo Chapter pose for a photo with the new sign designating the "DAR" garden in front of the Tri-State Museum and Visitors Center. Pictured left to right: Donna Hunt, Sturgis. Bev Keegan, Mona WY Mary Livingston, Whitewood Kathy Reid, Nisland. Connie Zimbleman, Spearfish, Julie Bulat, Spearfish, Joyce Buchholz, Ree Reich, and Susan Proefrock, Belle Fourche *Courtesy photo*


It rained but you showed up for the parade anyway! That was so fun!

It was a true honor to once again serve as Parade Chairman for the Black Hills Roundup. It was a pleasure to work with great men and women, who volunteered their time to help. Over the years of serving on the board of directors, I have sure made some life-long memories. As I step aside for the next volunteer to take my place, I wish them well.

To have a successful parade, it takes a great team. I had a great one this year. Kristi Thielen and her staff, Jean Maher and Maggie Tupper, did a great job handling all the stress and pressure. Thank you so much for your hard work! And Hersrud's of Belle Fourche continued their commitment of being our parade sponsor. No one knows more than I do how valuable they are to our parade. They provide many vehicles, man power, and a truck for me to enjoy for 10 days or more. Brian Franke was a real partner in making this parade go. Thanks Brian! You're a good man and it's a pleasure to work with you. Thanks also go out to our Chairman, Clay Crago and his family. I really enjoyed working with you! Kuddos to Dallas Conner, Keith Anderson, Justin Tupper, Kevin Fuhrer, and Ferman Clarkson who faithfully serve on the Board of Directors with me. Thank you to our parade judges and announcers: Paula Pierce, Darla Olson, Kelly Keegan, Sonya Ribordy, Teresa Schanzenbach and Phyllis Reller. I have an awesome wife Deb, and our great kids, Jessica, Luke, Brady and Michael. You all formed a great team and helped me so much. Thank you! Thank you also to Tom Carlson and Bentz Equipment who donated four "Gators" to use; we sure appreciate that.

It was a special parade this year, that's for sure. For the second year in a row, the road construction caused us to use a different route this year, and it was very taxing on our police force. So thank you Chief Marlyn Pomrenke and everyone who assisted with traffic and safety issues. You were great to work with. And to the employees of the City of Belle Fourche – thank you for all your work as well. I really appreciate what you do and so often you get over looked. The parade had almost 250 entries this year, and maybe 20,000 spectators they say. We sure appreciate the communities showing up! It rained on us and you showed up in force anyways! That was so awesome to see!


God's Blessings, *Marks Leverington*
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South Dakota H. S. National Rodeo Team's Finals Results

South Dakota National High School Rodeo contestants made a respectable showing at the 2019 event this past week in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

The Boys Team finished 7th and the Girls in the top half of the race at 20th.

Wall's Cash Wilson led the South Dakota team's way by winning the Short go and placing second in the aggregate in Saddle Bronc. His efforts earned him paychecks totaling \$1511.62. South Dakota Saddle Bronc teammate, Talon Elshere finished 4th in the average and won \$419.06. Also in Saddle Bronc in the 2nd Go Clint Donaldson, Sturgis, finished 4th and won \$344.23.

Meadow cowboy, Teigan Clark finished 23rd in the Saddle Bronc average.

Wynn Schaack continued his winning ways in steer wrestling. The Wall competitor fresh off a short go win and a 9th place finish at the IFYR in Oklahoma the week before Nationals, took 2nd in the average and finished 3rd in the 2nd go to earn a South Dakota team high earnings of \$2160.52.

On the girl's side, Hartford's Shaw Nelson spun the barrels in 17.232 to earn first place and \$1,581.11 in the first Go around.

Mikenzy Miller, Faith, won \$832.78 finishing 3rd in the 2nd Go of the Goat tying.

Riley Donnelly, Elk Point took home \$197.77 with a 6th place finish in the 1st Go of Pole Bending.

Miller's horse, Seban Magic Scotty won 4th place AQHA Girls Horse of the Year. Other SD Competitors and Rank in the posted standings:
Goat Tying Average
 28. Sid Ferguson, Dupree;
 68. Sawyer Gilbert, Buffalo;
 77. Isabel Risse, Martin; 110. Mikenzy Miller, Faith;
Pole Bending Average
 76. Shyanne Howell, Belle Fourche; 79. Riley Donnelly, Elk Point; 109. Molly Ryan, Belle Fourche; 134. Jessica Woodward, Custer.
Saddle Bronc Average
 2. Cash Wilson, Wall \$718.39;
 4. Talon Elshere, Hereford, \$419.06; 23. Teigan Clark, Meadow.
Steer Wrestling Average
 2. Wynn Schaack, Wall \$1,205.88; 75. Linkyn Petersek, Colome; 87. Justin Tekrony, Clear Lake; 101. Wyatt Tibbitts, Hot Springs; 104. Carter Kennedy, Beresford.
Team Roping Average
 53. Wyatt Tibbitts, Hot Springs and Tracer Olson, White River;

Seven Down Hosts Butte/Lawrence 4-H Horse Show



Butte/Lawrence 4-H Horse Show contestants pose for group photo at Seven Down Arena. -Courtesy Photo

Linda Johnson
Special to the Beacon

The annual Butte-Lawrence 4-H Horse Show was held June 1 at the 7 Down Arena in Spearfish.

This show is a qualification for 4-H horse project members to go to the State 4-H Horse Show the end of July and to complete the horse project requirements. This year's event was pushed to the end of June due to rain and the many events 4-H members were involved in. The exhibitors competed in showmanship, western stock seat equitation, trail, ranch riding and ranch riding, along with the usual rodeo events of barrels, flag race and pole bending. The show was judged by Megan Kluz Hespden of Gillette. The following results were achieved by the top contestants:

Seniors Division: Nicole Kraft – Top purple in showmanship, trail, ranch riding, barrels and pole bending; she received a blue in stock seat equitation and reining. Shaylie Holben a reserve purple in western showmanship and pole bending and a blue in barrels. Lillie Ann Dubois received a reserve purple in trail and barrels and a blue in western showmanship and a red in pole bending.
Junior Division: Mattie Barden – Reserve Purple in barrels, a purple in western showmanship and blue in trail. Lainey Crago – Top purple in western showmanship, barrels, pole bending, and ranch riding and reserve in the flag race and purple in western showmanship and blue in trail. Anika Main received a reserve purple in western showmanship and trail and a blue in stock seat equitation and purple in barrels. Lydia Main received top purple in the flag race and stock seat equitation, a blue in western showmanship an ranch riding and a purple in barrels and poles.
Reined Cow Horse Average
 22. Dawson Phillips, Winner; 61. Reece Ullerich, Humboldt.
Barrel Racing Average
 16. Shaw Nelson, Hartford; 24. Wacey Brown, Piedmont; 91. Shantell Brewer, Dupree.
Bareback Riding Average
 18. Joe Alaniz Jr., Faith; 23. Cooper Filipek, Rapid City; 43. Jhett Knight, Rushville, Neb; 46. Cayden Wolfe, Belle.
Boys Cutting Average
 20. Brandon Volmer, Winner, S.D; 26. Cain Birkeland, Aladdin, Wyo.
Breakaway Roping Average
 40. Tayla Thorstenson, Eagle Butte; 99. Kaysee Christensen, Beresford.
Tie-Down Roping Average
 13. Blase Steffen, Gregory; 53. Reece Ullerich, Humboldt; 131. Tanner Fite, Hermosa.
Girls Cutting Average
 35. Jenna Fulton, St. Lawrence; 81. Sage Gabriel, Quinn.

For complete 2019 National High School Finals Results go to nhsra.com

ing and ranch riding, along with the usual rodeo events of barrels, flag race and pole bending. The show was judged by Megan Kluz Hespden of Gillette. The following results were achieved by the top contestants:

Beginner Division: Misty Drieling received a top purple in pole bending, and a reserve purple in flag race, a red in western showmanship, and a purple in barrels; Tieran Fredrickson was top purple in western showmanship and reserve in barrel racing and pole bending, he received a blue in trail; Joshua Main was the top beginner in the stock seat equitation and barrels, with a reserve in western showmanship and 3rd purples in trail and flag race; Emma Barden received a blue in western showmanship; Regan Miller received a purple in western showmanship and a blue in trail. Casen Schmidt showed his horse in the Beginner Division to a red in showmanship and then showed his pony in the pony division to pickup top purples in the Beg. Flag Race, ranch riding, trail, and reserve in stock seat equitation. Pony Division – Only Beginners and Juniors can show a pony. Casen Schmidt showed his pony to pony champion awards in stock seat equitation, barrels, pole bending, and barrels and reserve in pony showmanship.

Mattie Barden was the top purple in pony showmanship. First Time beginners who won awards were Joshua Main top purple in Showmanship and Stock Seat Equitation; Tiernan Fredrickson reserve purple in stock seat equitation and a purple in showmanship; Emma Barden received a blue in showmanship. Regan Miller was the reserve purple in showmanship. The Show committee would like to thank all the volunteers and parents who helped with the event. The 4-H Exhibitors would like to thank the following businesses that donated to the event and made it possible for trophies for classes and ribbons. Special than you to the 7-Down Arena for the use of the indoor arena and to Mary Ellen Lantis. With this weather the indoor arena was so important to the contestants. Sponsors were as follows: Spearfish: Ralph and Becky Crago, Wild Rose, La Mode Dress Shop, White's Canyon Motors, and Bomgaars. Belle Fourche: Carl's Trailer Sales, Belle Fourche Veterinary Clinic, Jackson Dental, Stephanie Lee Agency (Farmers Insurance), CBH, Olive Branch, Dairy Queen and Dakota Mill.



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property tax rate to raise revenue in order to cover annual expenses. Unlike the wheel tax, which will hit those with trucks and livestock trailers harder than other residents of the county, the mill levy taxes all property owners.

"This spring has been extremely tough on roads, and the first thing out of everyone's mouth is, 'I pay all this money for taxes, and I deserve good roads,'" said Richards.

The mill levy is calculated by determining how much revenue Butte County will need for the upcoming year, then dividing that projection by the total value of the property within the area. Adding the rate from each jurisdiction provides the mill levy for the entire area.

Richards said he felt that many people don't understand what small amount of property taxes fund the highway department. He explained that, the county budgets approximately \$76,000 from the general fund to the highway department in the form of supplementation at the end of the year.

"We're still working on those number more," he said. "And I think that's part of the puzzle we need to make people aware." He said that in the five years he has been on the commission that they used the excuse that the county just doesn't have any money. "We're saying, that excuse isn't good enough anymore." He did emphasize that he felt the board had been working hard toward solutions and that they had been making some headway.

Currently, county residents pay \$3.961 tax per \$1,000 of a property valuation.

"The way the law is written, we can increase that mill levy up to 90 cents (on top of the current levy) to go strictly to the road and bridge maintenance fund,"

Richards said.

Currently, a Butte County resident owning property worth \$100,000 pays \$396.10 worth of mill levy tax as part of their property taxes.

The commission unanimously voted to approve an increase of 35 cents per \$1,000 valuation, bringing the total mill levy to \$4.311 per \$1,000 valuation.

Beginning in January, a county resident owning property worth \$100,000 will pay \$431.10 toward the mill levy tax. With the increased tax, the county would yield an estimated \$273,113 more to utilize for road and bridge repairs.

Ager voted in favor of the change in mill levy, but in additional comments after the meeting he stated, "I am in favor of both an additional wheel tax and a mill levy increase only when two things happen. One, residents and my constituents support it (if they don't, I don't). Two, the county makes some cuts in its budget. I can't justify asking for the people to get into their pockets if we can't get into ours. We have such a small budget, so cuts wouldn't make up the potential short-fall in the budget, but it will show that we are willing to utilize both options available to us; increase revenue and make budget cuts."

He also reminded the public that the choices made were going to affect the commissioners as well as the residents of

the county. "This isn't like at the federal level where we're implementing a bunch of tax(es) or policies on (members of the) public that don't affect us," Ager said. "This is going to affect me ... could be up to \$400-\$500 a year on my little property. We're all in this together."

"In my eyes, we cannot go on as we are; we've got to look at every department," he said. "The increased funding is going specifically to projects and improvements. We're not going to just be status quo anymore."

The county considered the July 15 meeting as the first reading on the motions to increase the mill levy and the wheel taxes. The second reading will be July 29 at the regular second, monthly meeting. This will be followed at 6:30, in the Commission room at the courthouse, by the first public informational meeting. Then, on July 30, the county will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Newell Community Hall.

It was visibly evident that all five commissioners had wrangled with this concern personally, and they all voiced concerns throughout the meeting. They voiced their concerns that there truly is no other option for an issue that has been let get completely out of control over many years.

They encourage people to come to the public meetings to become better informed.

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Lazy, Hazy, Days of Summer should not be confused with this years area invasion of East River high humidity and moisture. We crossed the border (legally) and immigrated west years ago to get away from those conditions. At least we are still privileged to enjoy cooler temperatures during the over night.

We wonder if the combination of heat and humidity also affects one's quality of writing? Cannot help but think some of this week's work is a bit lame. You be the judge.

Bill: Where did you get that gold watch Joe?
Joe: I won it in a race.
Bill: Really? How many people participated in it?
Joe: Three, a policeman, the owner of the watch, and me!

A east river farm boy accidentally overturned his wagon load of corn. The neighboring farmer heard the noise and yelled over to the boy, "Hey Willis, forget your troubles. Come in and visit with us. I'll help you get the wagon upright later."
"That's mighty nice of you," Willis answered, "but I don't think Pa would like me to."
"Aw come on boy," the farmer insisted it's almost noon.
"Well okay," the boy finally agreed, and added, "but Pa won't like it."
After a hearty farm fare, Willis thanked his host. "I feel a lot

better now, but I know Pa is going to be real upset."
"Don't be foolish!" the neighbor said with a smile. "By the way, where is he?"
"Under the wagon."

Unknown: I'd rather be a could-be if I cannot be an are; because a could-be is a maybe who is reaching for a star. I'd rather be a has-been than a might-have-been, by far; for a might have-been has never been, but a has been was once an are.

A lesson I learned early: If you're going fishing for Wall-eye you need a boat. Can be borrowed, but definitely needed. I heard a comedian say, "There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot." That fine line is being in a boat.

A little comedic assistance from those who were good at it. Relevance is still here today:

Groucho Marks: "I must say I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it on, I go to the library and read a good book."

"I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places."

"I'm against picketing, but I don't know how to show it."



Milton Berle, who once stated he had collected, "actually stole" over 1 million jokes. A sample of three of them:

"Poverty is not a disgrace, but it's terribly inconvenient."

"In Congress, a person gets up to speak and doesn't say a thing, and the other people disagree with them for three hours."

A Belle Fourche business owner was overheard doing a "critique" of an out of town steak house. He mentioned their steaks, hamburgers, tips, and kabobs. After panning each of those items individually he went on to mention that service and atmosphere were lacking too and recommended that if you want those items to be really good, eat somewhere else. If the occasion forces one to travel there for beef, the best thing to do is order the chicken.

E. B. White: "Prejudice is a great time saver. You can form opinions without having to get the facts." *No connection to previous anecdote.*

Abraham Lincoln: "Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves."

Adlai Stevenson: "Journalists do not live by words alone, although sometimes they have to eat them."

Benjamin Franklin: "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."

Unknown: "Try to find someone with a sense of humor. That's an important thing to have because when you get into an argument, one of the best ways to diffuse

it is to be funny. You don't want to hide away from a point, because some points are serious, but you'd rather have a discussion that was a discussion, rather than an argument."

Feel free to pass this comment on to anyone you may know who is in politics, whether it be state and local or US Congress. Both Democrats and Republicans alike are eligible to practice the exercise.

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Saturday, November 30th – Annual Thanksgiving Bred Heifer & Stock Cow Special
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2019 4-H & FFA Livestock Sales
Saturday, July 27th – Crook County, Sundance, WY – 5 pm
Saturday, July 27th – Meade County, Sturgis, SD – 3:30 pm
Friday, August 2nd – Weston County, Newcastle, WY – 7 pm
Friday, August 2nd – Butte-Lawrence County, Nisland, SD – 7 pm
Saturday, August 10th – Carter County, Ekalaka, MT – 3:00 pm
Saturday, August 10th – Powder River County, Broadus, MT – 4 pm
Saturday, August 17th – Fallon County, Baker, MT – 4:30 pm
Saturday, August 17th – Harding County, Camp Crook, SD – 6 pm
Friday, August 23rd – Custer County, Miles City, MT – 3 pm

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Sheep Report - July 18th, 2019
Feeder Lambs 90# & Over Sold Steady To \$2 Lower, Lambs Under 90# Sold \$2 Higher
Heavy Slaughter Ewes Sold \$10 Higher, Medium & Thin Ewes Sold \$4 Lower

Next Sale - July 25th - Regular Sheep Sale - 1 pm
Thank You For Your Business!

New Crop Lambs
Pittman, Marissa, Belle Fourche SD.....80.....Lambs.....74.....\$156.00
Sabo, Wyatt Or Denise, Reva SD.....50.....Lambs.....93.....\$149.00
Mansfield, Kathy, Norris SD.....31.....Lambs.....92.....\$148.00
Tanner, William, Edgemont SD.....15.....Lambs.....71.....\$152.00
Tanner, William, Edgemont SD.....22.....Lambs.....95.....\$148.00
Ginsbach, Julie, Newell SD.....45.....Lambs.....100.....\$145.00
Schelldorf, David Or Linda, Sundance WY.....12.....Lambs.....73.....\$152.00
Schelldorf, David Or Linda, Sundance WY.....65.....Lambs.....93.....\$142.00
Samuelson, Amel Or Levi, Broadus MT.....86.....Lambs.....99.....\$147.00
Thompson, Jane, Broadus MT.....20.....Lambs.....106.....\$142.00
Dirks, Chase, Vale SD.....17.....Lambs.....91.....\$148.00
Crago, Ralph Or Becky, St Onge SD.....27.....Lambs.....107.....\$141.00
Slaughter Ewes
Pittman, Marissa, Belle Fourche SD.....19.....Ewe.....181.....\$64.00
Wishard, Joe, Lantry SD.....19.....Ewe.....164.....\$62.00
Capp Ranch Inc, Faith SD.....6.....Ewe.....155.....\$62.00
Llb Ranch Llc, Kaycee WY.....9.....Ewe.....145.....\$54.00
Wishard, Joe, Lantry SD.....11.....Ewe.....145.....\$51.00
Llb Ranch Llc, Kaycee WY.....38.....Ewe.....135.....\$51.00
Senn, Jerry Or Heather, Nisland SD.....21.....Ewe.....143.....\$41.00
Slaughter Bucks
Wishard, Joe, Lantry SD.....3.....Buck.....261.....\$66.00

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JULY 25, 2019
1:00 PM
Regular Sheep Sale

Upcoming Sheep Sale 2019
July 25th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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August 8th – No Sale Due To The Sturgis Bike Rally
August 15th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 22nd – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 29th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 5th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 12th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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by Jim Thompson



Jim Thompson takes motivational stories that listeners and readers send him and incorporates them into the program. It has been on the air for more than 10 years.

As with many stories and poems the author is hard to determine, making "anonymous" the most prolific story teller of all. Here's another one that gives us an idea of whether to look back or ahead:

The Train of Life

Some folks ride the train of life, looking out the rear, Watching miles of life roll by, and marking every year.

They sit in sad remembrance, of wasted days gone by, And curse their life for what it was, and hang their head and cry.

But I don't concern myself with that, I took a different bent, I look forward to what life holds, and not what has been spent.

So strap me to the engine, as securely as I can be, I want to be out on the front, to see what I can see.

I want to feel the winds of change, blowing in my face, I want to see what life unfolds, as I move from place to place.

I want to see what's coming up, not looking at the past, Life's too short for yesterdays, it moves along too fast.

So if the ride gets bumpy, while you are looking back, Go up front, and you may find, your life has jumped the track.

It's alright to remember, that's part of history, But up front's where it's happening, there's so much mystery.

The enjoyment of living, is not where we have been, It's looking ever forward, to another year and ten.

It's searching all the byways, never should you refrain, For if you want to live your life, you gotta drive the train.

The Good Stuff was developed for radio by Jim Thompson nearly 2 decades ago. The Beacon is the only newspaper that it appears in. You can hear The Good Stuff in the Northern Black Hills on KBHB Sturgis, 810AM each weekday morning at 9:30. Or go online to KNKL.org each Monday through Saturday morning at 9:00

A New Face Takes Its Place on Newell School Board

BETTY BRUNER
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NEWELL - Newly elected Newell School Board member Tyrel Bonnet joined incumbents LeeAnn Gaer, Lisa Wendt, and Brianne Bonnet as they took the oath of office at the July 8 regular meeting following the meeting closure of the 2018-2019 school year.

Miles Burtzlaff once again will chair the board meetings, with LeeAnn Gaer as Vice-Chair.

The reorganized board approved designations for the 2019-2020 school year excluding three of the listed items – a new time for board meetings, the Board Attorney, and substitute teacher pay.

Gaer opened the discussion concerning meeting time by saying an earlier time set at 5:30 p.m. would be more convenient for some of the board members so that their children would not need to stay at the school until later. Wendt concurred with Gaer, echoing her desire that it would be better for the children to be home rather than waiting at the school.

Todd Youngberg stated that he “totally disagreed” with them to

change to an earlier time.

“It isn’t about us. It’s about them,” he said. He continued by pointing out that “when, not if” something would come up that needed the public’s attention, it would be important for the taxpayers to be able to be part of the process. An earlier time would make it more difficult for the public to be at the meetings.

It was also pointed out that coaches would not be able to make the earlier meeting time. However, there is the option to change the position of reports on the agenda to a later time.

Gaer moved to change the time to 6 p.m. After a roll call vote with Youngberg the only dissenting vote, the motion was passed.

Eric Nies, who has handled some Board business for the school, was appointed as Board Attorney.

Substitute teacher pay was raised to \$85 per day for non-certified personnel and \$95 per day for certified.

Chairman Burtzlaff was appointed Legislative Chairperson. Brianne Bonnet volunteered to be the ASBSD voting delegate.

Committee members were

chosen and placed on the following committees:

District Leadership Team
Todd Youngberg
Brianne Bonnet
Lisa Wendt

Budget/Negotiations
Lisa Wendt
Darren Alexander
LeeAnn Gaer

Policy
Lisa Wendt
Brianne Bonnet
Tyrel Bonnet

Building and Grounds
Miles Burtzlaff
Darren Alexander
Todd Youngberg

There could be some consolidation of school bus routes according to Transportation and Maintenance Director Jeremiah Weeldryer. There are fewer students in the Nisland area, making it a possibility to combine routes.

The new K-12 principal, Doug South, was introduced. He thanked community members for helping with the move into their home and telling the board members that he appreciated the opportunity to be a part of the Newell area.

Superintendent Robin Dutt gave a short report highlight-



READY TO WORK - Newell School Board members for the 2019-2020 school year are; in the back row, l to r: Todd Youngberg, Tyrel Bonnet, Darren Alexander, and Miles Burtzlaff. Front row, l to r: Brianne Bonnet, LeeAnn Gaer, and Lisa Wendt. -Betty Bruner Photo

ing the direction of the school district. She said that although the school is going in the right direction with everything from painting to curriculum planning, student population was down nearly 20 students.

“I’m not so happy about that,” she said. She pointed out that most of the loss is coming from the south end of the district.

Remaining School Board business included:

- *Approval for building/room use by the WIT Program

- *Football, Cross Country, and Volleyball rules were approved.
- *Employee salaries/wages for 2019-2020 were approved.
- *Discussion of changes to the Student Handbook was tabled until the August board meeting.
- *Jack Hise was hired as custodian.
- *There will be a surplus auction August 17.

The next regular school board meeting will be Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Nisland Hosts NVN Area VBS



Black Hills CEF Director Jerry Dayton presents the missionary story to children at the Nisland Independent Community Church VBS in mid-July. -Brunner photo

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NISLAND – Nisland Independent Community Church held the only vacation Bible school in the NVN area. During the two-day event on July 12 and 13, the church saw around 20 children attend.

Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) of the Black Hills, under the direction of Jerry Dayton, along with several Christian Youth in Action (CYIA) workers, presented the daily Bible stories, missionary stories, as well as leading games and crafts for the group of 5- through

12-year-olds. The women’s ministry at the church served the meals and monitored the students under the supervision of Sunday School Superintendent Linda Marrs.

The event began on Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. and concluded at 2 p.m. on Saturday. The children were fed supper on Friday and lunch on Saturday.

“We felt like it was a good turnout, especially with all the other things going on during the summer,” said Marrs. “We may switch things up a bit next year and possibly try to hold it earlier in the summer.”



Black Hills CEF Director Jerry Dayton leads children at the Nisland Independent Community Church in a game during VBS in mid-July. -Brunner photo

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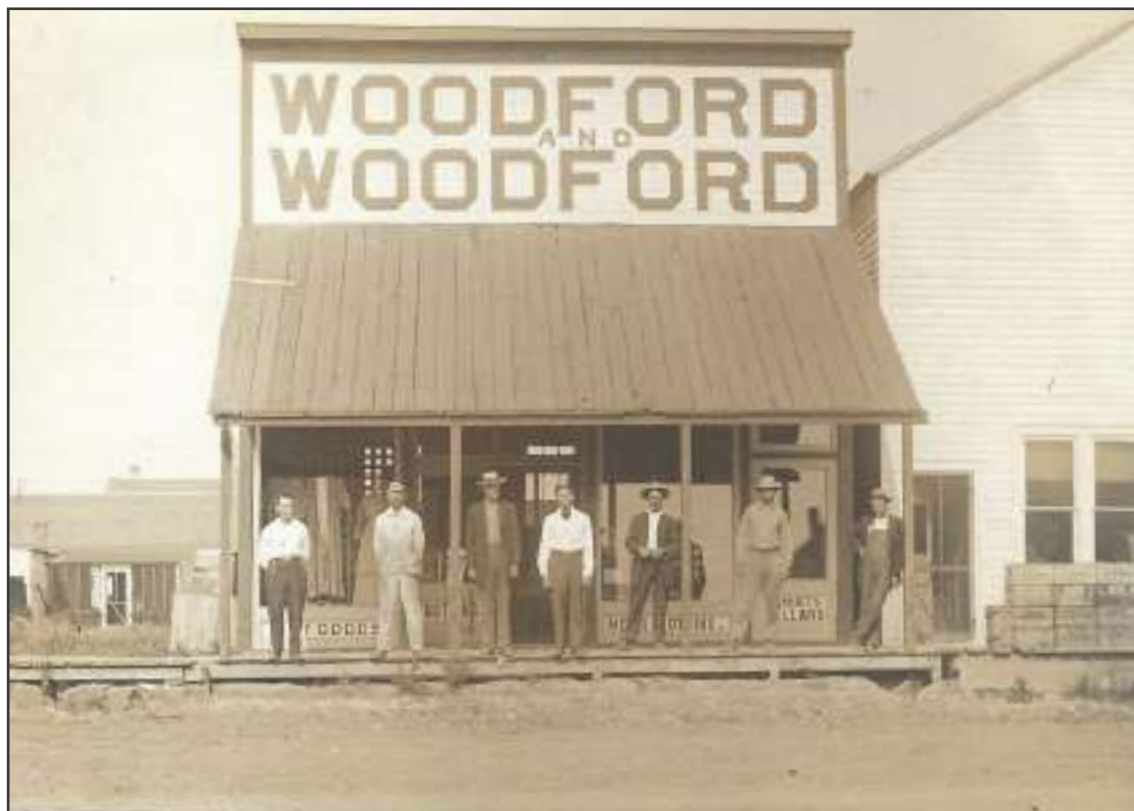
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from the Newell Museum



Woodford & Woodford Mercantile Store, offering dry goods and groceries in Newell from 1919 to 1926. The Woodford brothers Lindley in center and Charles to his right. (other folks not identified)

July 29, 1909

Harry Fox and Tom Anderson were fined \$5 and costs Tuesday evening for racing their horses through the streets of Belle Fourche. This is the first time that anything of this sort has occurred for some time, and the assessing of a fine against these men will probably be a lesson to horsemen and serve to remind them that the streets are not to be used as a race course.

Mrs. Green, a sister of A.B. Green, residing near Vale, a lady nearly 70 years of age, has so far this season raised 680 young chickens and she with one assistant, attends to the whole bunch. Mrs. Green does not use an incubator, but sticks to the good old way.

July 24, 1919

After three months effort, Woodford & Woodford now have a complete line of ladies silk stockings in all shades. Match your suit at once. Also, check the dry good section; they are closing out all their millinery at 50 cents, \$1. and \$1.50.

Come and see the babies at the Congregational Church on Sunday at 11:00 AM. There will be special songs by the Sunday school. Babies to be dedicated are; Mr. & Mrs. N. A. Viken's new baby boy, Mr. & Mrs. Mack Doody's new baby girl and Mr. & Mrs. Chris Carlson, Hoover a boy, all born at the Newell Hospital.

July 25, 1929

Why go hungry when you can eat at all hours and get what you want in short orders and meals. Still in the ring with plenty to eat and prompt service at Frank's Café across from the new filling station.

Grasshoppers in the South Hilen neighborhood are much thicker than usual in the fields this year but so far we've not heard of serious losses because of them. Pheasants are certainly increasing rapidly here-about

and are beginning to be a real nuisance in some grain and corn fields. One can scare up a flock of them on almost any place now and along the river there are numbers of them.

About 50 friends and neighbors gathered at the Ole Berg on Upper Horse Creek Sunday evening and charivariated Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Berg, who were married at Belle Fourche on July 13. A very pleasant evening was spent.

July 29, 1939

A.M. Jackley, Pierre, Rattlesnake Control Administrator for South Dakota, arrived in Newell the first of the week from Harding County and has been spending a few days in this locality locating snake dens accompanied by Professor Burns Taft, marking dens to be destroyed this fall. He also brought in two large females and one male which will be kept by Taft until they give births in late August.

W. D. Buchholz, Newell; G.W. Morsemann, Nisland; L.M. Simons and W.J. O'Bryant of Belle Fourche attended the Governor's Conference in Cheyenne, Wyo concerning the proposed flood control and storage dam in Wyoming which would hold reserve water for irrigation needs. This dam, for which legislation is pending, would hold flood waters from the Belle Fourche River until such time as they might be needed for Orman Dam.

July 22, 1949

New dial telephone units which will make exchanges at Newell and Vale the most modern in the state are now being installed by Western Electric Co. with completion expected in early August. The units are being installed in recently completed building of overloaded old lines. The new exchanges are in a single dial system at Newell since 1981 but the dual installation became necessary because the number of new subscribers.

Maurice Townsend, Newell narrowly missed serious injury Sunday morning driving along Highway 79 south of Newell when a piece of lumber tumbled from a truck he met and caught the Townsend's new Chrysler. The mishap occurred just south of the last canal and only by Townsend's quick reaction in applying the brakes when approaching, prevented it from crashing through the windshield and cracking into the grill.

July 23, 1959

Hail driven by gusty winds caused extensive crop damage southeast of Newell last Friday afternoon extending north-east to the Mud Butte area. At least one funnel in the sky was sighted southeast of town; hit the Bob Cunningham and Helmi Jukkola farms, and then extended southeast to damage a number of fields on the Har-



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Ian Palo, Leonard Wilson and Albert Fredlund farms. Further down Horse Creek the hail stones were relatively small with lighter crop losses on the Robert Setly, John Youngberg, Mike Lehi, Douglas Beckham and Henry Ulrich farms. And near Vale; Charles Grant, Alex Miller and Daniel Schnell farms sustained little damage.

A special Open House will be held in Newell newest business next Saturday was announced by Melvin Brennaman, owner of Butch's Garage on Girard Ave. Tony Schmaltz, Belle Fourche was general contractor, with Ingman Karlson, Eddie Lesselyoung, and Everett Barber as carpenters and Newell Electric and other firms also worked on the 50'x50' cement building.

July 25, 1979

Jerry Olson worked with his

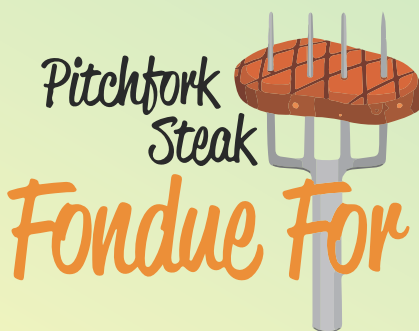
trained buffalo at rodeos in Sturgis and Buffalo during the week end, participating in and winning 4th place in bull-dogging at the Sturgis event. A couple bulldogging practice sessions were held at the Olson home during the week with Devin Stevens, Charlie Drybread, Mr. & Mrs. John Mattson, Kim and John Bush participating. Francis Haley, Whitewood and Larry Hins, Sturgis were on hand offering a few pointers.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Breidenbach, Cori, Steve and Eddie Joe and Marc Bogue attended a neighborhood BBQ at the Richard Espenschied home Sunday evening. Marc Bogue is a 4H exchange member who spent last week with the Breidenbach family, left Monday to return to his home at Beresford.

2019 BUTTE/LAWRENCE COUNTY FAIR, JULY 30-AUG 3

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Belle Fourche Times
July 25, 1896
Bryan At His Home
Thousands of Nebraskan's Meet Him At Lincoln
Warmly Welcomed Home
Lincoln, Neb. July 18 – The city is crowded with people to welcome W. J. Bryan back to his home, and every residence and building in the city is decorated. The visitors reached 25,000 before the Democratic Presidential candidate arrived late this afternoon. The reception committee went to Table Rock in a special car to meet the party.

Special Correspondence Butte
School will begin in this district on August 17th, with Mis Rosella Boe, Miss Mabel Woods and Miss Lacy Lytton as teachers.

Business Men's League
The Business Men's League of Belle Fourche met at Dana's drug store Saturday evening, July 18th, for the purpose of perfecting an organization of the subscribers to the Soldiers' Reunion fund, and appoint a committee to confer with the G.A.R. committee concerning arrangements for next year's reunion at this place.

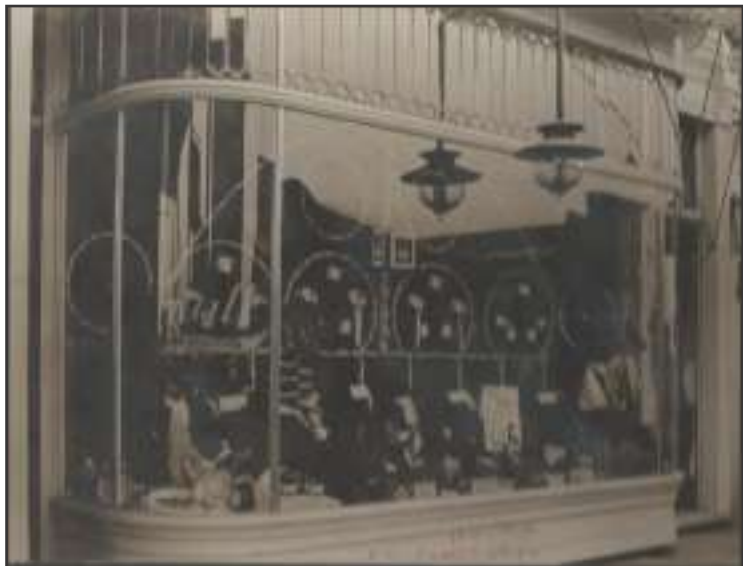
Talk of the Town
Walter Scott, foreman Cross Anchor, has returned from a visit home. Frank Steward and Billy Waddell of the VVV were visitors Wednesday. Dr. Champney reports the arrival of a little daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harra-man. The VVV shipped twenty carloads of cattle Sunday last, seventeen car Monday and twelve Tuesday.

When Condition Change So Do Demands
Thomas Jefferson advocated many principles during his political career that time will but make more stable; but strange to say, one of his most wise and far-reaching ideas was not given a place in construction of our government. This prin-

ciple was, that at the end of every sixteen years out laws should all be examined and those not longer required not desired by repealed, and those which were required or necessary be kept.

100 years ago
The Belle Fourche Post
July 24, 1919
Many Strikes On At Chicago Engineers of the Fire Department to "Resign" – Car Men Vote to Quit Demand 77 Per Cent Raise
Chicago, July 21 – Two hundred and thirty-seven men who operate Chicago's steam and gas fire engines went on strike at 8 o'clock this morning, leaving the city's fire fighting equipment badly crippled. Fifteen thousand employees of surface and elevated street railway lines have voted by a overwhelming majority to strike. About 100,000 men employed in building construction work are locked out by their employers who charge the men went on strike in violation of agreements.

Will Probe Packers Senator Kenyon Charles Campaign Against His Bill
Iowan Says Banking Interests



Small's clothing shop on 5th Ave becomes Bent Glass Cafe Current-ly Bob's Cafe

and Others Are Being Asked to Oppose Measure to Regulate Meat Industry.
Washington, July 21 – Flat charges that the great packing interest of the country are conducting a widespread propaganda against the Kenyon bill, which would regulate their industry, were made by Senator Kenyon of Iowa, who sponsors the measure. Senator Kenyon said today that an investigation will be made. "Large packing interest have sent every stockholder a letter urging to get after your congressman and senator."

Pearson & Small
A deal was completed last Thursday whereby James Pearson and Fred Small became the owners of the Joe Paulson tailor shop in the Scotney block. The new firm will be known as Pearson & Small, and as both young men are well known hustlers, they will doubtless enjoy a splendid patronage.

Here And There
E. M. Arnold, the pioneer grocer, is preparing for a long rest and play spell. He is advertising his household furniture for sale and with Mrs. Arnold will leave in the near

future for an extended trip, going first to their old home in Kentucky, and from there to California.

During Mr. Arnold's absence the store will be operated by their son, Joe.

John S. Barr last week sold the H. E. Thompson residence property in this city to G. G. Gilbert, who will make some extensive improvements on the place and the family will occupy their new home.

The Bent Glass Cafe
Louis Hess, late of Effingham, Ill., has purchased to George Brettell cafe, located in the Small building on Maple street, and will be open for business next Sunday. This week the place is being thoroughly cleaned and repainted and everything will be spic and span on the opening day. Mr. Hess is a cousin of Charles Lovinger and comes here highly recommended as a first-class restaurant and business man. He has had years of practical experience in his line and operated a large cafe in San Francisco during the exposition in that city.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Post
July 25, 1944
Births
Twins, a boy and a girl, were born Tuesday at the John Burns Memorial hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Kay Dungey of Aladdin.

Strange Disappearance of Sheepherder Creates Mystery
A baffling mystery had developed yesterday concerning the whereabouts of Roy A. Crawford, 45, a sheepherder who apparently left his sheep wagon on short notice and has not been for several days. Sheriff Elmer Hill reported last night the confusing circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Crawford, employed by Donald Hoeye on the Roy Congdon ranch about 20 miles north of Belle Fourche. In an effort to clear up the matter, Hill asked last night to be notified by anyone who might have information concerning the man's whereabouts or had driven someone to Belle Fourche last week who might by the missing herder.

Orman Guards Seek Furniture
Soldier guards at the prisoner of war camp near Orman dam are looking for some odd furniture for

a recreation room at the camp. The men, who will be stationed here for at least three months, would like to obtain some odd furniture such as chairs, sofas, floor lamps, magazines. They just want to borrow the articles and promise to return them undamaged. If you have any articles you would be willing to lend the servicemen, please call No. 1, The Daily Post. Tell us what you have. The articles will be picked up at your home and returned when the camp is closed.

50 years ago
The Belle Fourche Post
July 29, 1969
Officials Satisfied With First Race Effort
Enthusiasm is running high here, following the first successful week-end of pari-mutuel horse racing that saw a track record of 17:24 seconds established by Leota Bar in the 8th race on Saturday, and a \$314 payoff on the daily double on Sunday to the lucky ticket holder who picked Mr. Bid Bars, the first race, and Miss Pacifist in the second. Turf Club President Dale Hardy of Spearfish, commented "It looks like horse racing has come to the Black Hills to stay this time."

Dale Nickelson Signs Intent Letter For Arizona State At Tempe
Tempe, Ariz. – Dale Nickelson, Belle Fourche, has become the latest in a line of high school basketball standouts to sign a letter of intent to Arizona State, head coach Ned Wulk announced today. Nickelson, a 6-7. 200-pound forward was signed by assistant coach Bruce Haroldson. Nickelson twice earned first team All-State honors.

Black Hills Pioneers Will Met Sunday July 18th
Another reports were heard of accomplishments of the past year with the Mount Roosevelt monument listed as the top item of interest. As of the last of this month then landscaping has almost been completed with the graveling of the road into the monument scheduled to be completed by October. President Fraser pointed out the growing interest in the society of the area and its individuals.



by Mary Buchholz



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Tuesday, July 30
8:00am - 7:00pm
Open Class Non-Livestock Exhibits Entered
9:00am - 1:00pm
Enter and interview Judge all 4-H & FFA Non-Livestock & Horticulture
2:00pm
4-H, FFA & Open Class Horse Show

Wednesday, July 31
12:00pm
4-H, FFA & Open Class Dairy Cattle Show
1:00pm
4-H, FFA & Open Class Dairy Goat Show
3:00pm
4-H, FFA & Open Class Meat Goat Show
4:00pm
Sheep Dog Trials
5:00pm - 6:00pm
Butch Samuelson
5:30pm - 7:00pm
Fondue 4-Youth (Picnic Area)
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Entertainment - Brock Anundson
6:00pm
4-H, FFA & Open Class Swine Show

Thursday, August 1
8:00am
4-H, FFA & Open Class Sheep Show
12:00pm
Bum Lamb Dress Up Contest
4-H Poultry Showmanship
1:30pm
4-H, FFA & Open Class Poultry Judging
5:00pm
Tractor Pull weigh-ins
5:00pm - 5:30pm
Cowboy Band

Thursday, August 1 Continued...
5:00pm - 6:30pm
Free Barbecue
6:00pm
Tractor Pull
Sponsored by Bentz Equipment
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Entertainment - Lyle Berry Band
7:00pm
Catch a Sheep Contest

Friday, August 2
8:00
Small Animal Showmanship
8:30am
Dress a Rabbit Contest
9:00am
4-H & FFA Beef Show
(Open Class Beef Show to follow 4-H & FFA Show)
4-H, FFA & Open Class Rabbit Show
(Small Animals & Pets Judging follow Rabbit Show)
5:00pm
4-H Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship
5:00pm - 7:00pm
Entertainment - Mark Mowry
5:30pm
4-H Large Animal Round Robin Showmanship
7:00pm
4-H & FFA Livestock Sale
8:00pm - 10:00pm
Entertainment - Brandon Jones Band
9:00pm - Midnight
Dance (NO ALCOHOL)

Saturday, August 3
9:00am
Youth Rodeo
10:00am
Horseshoe Tournament
10:00am - 11:00am
Baby Show
3:00PM
Exhibit Buildings & Fair Office Close

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We have been having rain nearly every night this week, and this is the greenest July most people can remember at Capitol and Tie Creek. Last week, the hail in the foothills of the Sheep Mountains had been four inches to two feet deep in some places. Daniel and Nathan Kalbach and Ernie and Rachel Melum watched as the melting caused deep water to come down the draw and up Hackberry, and completely cover the hayfield. The Kalbachs are weather watchers and reported the approaching storm to national weather, where they learned that there were rotating clouds in the area. They hurried Ernie's family over to Junior and Shirley's for safety. When Nathan and Daniel headed to their house, they found deep hail, a broken house window, two cars pounded by hail and a broken windshield. Later they learned that a tornado had hit Courtney Higgins's place and already done much damage there, before heading our way. This week Rachel's shredded garden has been recuperating and surviving pretty well. Ernie can be seen out raking hay and making his famous stacks. Junior may not agree, but Ernie is nearly as good at stacking as his dad. On Monday, Rachel's sister, Sarah, and her family came to visit for a few days. They have a new little girl baby and two older cousins for Tommy to entertain. Rachel, too, watched the electrical sky last Friday, as it kept constantly lit by lightening for nearly an hour, and another tornado warning



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was issued. This Friday, Ernie and Rachel went to Rapid City for some shopping. On Sunday, they went to church in Baker. Harold and his son, David Morgan, had visited at Junior and Shirley Melum's the past week and they left on Monday for California. It had been a great visit and lots of fun having them visit. David works at remodeling houses, and that was especially interesting because Junior and Shirley's grandson, Luke, does that same work. Clint Zolnoski and Joey Douglas took advantage of the morning sun. They raked hay about noon time, in order to get some dry enough by late afternoon. Then they got it baled before dew set in. So far, no night baling has been needed. That's quite a switch from most years. We, on Tie Creek, have been luckier than neighbors on Boxelder where a tornado passed through the Higgins Ranch a few evenings ago. Luckily no one was hurt. Diane Wear came to Ronda Cordell's on Monday, so Ronda could go to Buffalo for a physical. Arlie Basler accompanied Diane home that evening after the three of them loaded seven little skunks (the animal skunks) and relocated them some twelve miles away from the ranch. They returned Tuesday morning. With three grandkids there, the days were a different routine. They went looking for dinosaur bones; climbed the mud butte in the south pasture, and were to Camp Crook a couple of times to enjoy the playground equipment and slab. They rode to Buffalo with Diane Wear on Wednesday, while Ronda

attended the funeral of Brad Johnson. Ronda had to go to the courthouse in Ekalaka on Friday, so they ate lunch and went to the playground before coming home. They all enjoyed a pizza supper at Clint and Denise Zolnoski's that evening. They had the water mattress filled, so all five youngsters had a blast on that, before eating, roasting marshmallows and making S'mores. It's a job keeping them from the computer and TV and motivating them to outdoor activities. Oren Basler and Jayda Westling rode bicycles to the mailbox quite frequently. Arlie Basler stayed with Joey and Clint in the shop when they were doing mechanical work. Her clothes need a little special hand scrubbing after those jobs. On Saturday Ronda told them they were going to the Fish Fry at Wickham Gulch. Clint and Joey decided to stay home to bale while Denise and the girls went to Ekalaka, where they met up with family and watched the rodeo that some of her family were participating in. On Sunday afternoon, Ronda and her grandkids went to town to eat lunch and stop by the cemetery. Jayda wanted pictures of Bill's and her grandparents' head stones. The Lewis family reunion is next weekend, so Donna is mowing to get everything ready. Pam Gorder is busy planning her creative water slide. Soon there will be lots of tents and campers surrounding Donna's shed. Justin Kerr did not have a bit of news. Pete Anderson and Ian and Jenna Flatgaard went to the Wickham Gulch picnic on Saturday evening. Erna Albert's daughter from Nebraska came early on Tuesday. Dick made trips to the dump on

Grand River Roundup

what is now Oklahoma, leaving his father with 7 children, a small band of horses and a herd of longhorn cows. It took them quite a while with lots of trouble, but they finally made it to Dakota Territory to settle along the South Grand River in Harding County. Seab had very little education and his spelling was horrific, but he wrote a little book about the history of their journey north titled "Last Riders of the Great Northern Range in North of the Black Hills". Reub's mother, Amy Olson, was able to decipher what he had written and typed it up so we could read it. His older brother, George Ledbetter, started the ML Bar that is located just south of Doug Doll's on Hackamore land along the South Grand River. In the letters Seab wrote to Buck, he tells about Jesse Dalton, who raised cattle along the Redwater River between Belle Fourche and Spearfish. Jesse Dalton was a L7 cowboy and was married to Ed Lemmon's niece. Although Seab wrote



that Jesse was very likable, but he was also a member of the Dalton gang and always had his 45 pistol on his hip. Seab first met Jesse Dalton in 1907 and the last time he saw him was in 1911. Seab didn't know where he went. Seab also talked about John Isaacs, who rode with the Confederate Quantrill's Raiders during the Civil War, along with Jesse James and his brother Frank. John Isaacs escaped from Missouri after the war and came to Deadwood in 1876. Isaacs, who was a very colorful character, was a neighbor of my grandparents, Clem and Manda White, in the Slim Buttes where my father grew up. People in the Slim Buttes were having trouble with a fellow who was stealing and harassing his neighbors, so John Isaacs rode to Belle Fourche to report him to the sheriff. The sheriff told him there wasn't anything he could do because they were so far away and didn't have a deputy up that way. John asked the sheriff to deputize him, which he did. He then came back to the Buttes,



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Saturday. They went to the Brad Johnson funeral in Camp Crook on Wednesday. On Friday, they went to the Senior Citizens' buffalo lunch. They went to church on Sunday. Dorothy Padden went to the Brad Johnson funeral on Wednesday. Dorothy, Bryce, Dawn, and Brandon Padden's family and Roger Stevens went to the Wickham Gulch picnic on Saturday. Billy Roadifer visited his family in Gillette on Friday. through their place this week, but I didn't know what they had for damage. I called Randy on Sunday and he told me that the tornado had torn up two buildings, scattered tin and hay bales everywhere, and hail did a lot of damage to some other buildings. Pretty scary, but at least no one was hurt! Around here tornadoes often hit with sudden devastation, and without warning. In one case, a house was completely whisked away, leaving only the foundation and first floor. A silver-haired ranch lady was seen sitting dazed in a bathtub, the only remaining part of the house left above the floor. The rescue squad rushed to her aid and found her unhurt. She was just sitting there in the tub, talking to herself. "It was the most amazing thing ... it was the most amazing thing," she kept repeating dazedly. "What was the most amazing thing, Ma'am?" asked one of the rescuers. "I was in here, taking a bath, and all I did was pull the plug and doggone it, if the whole house didn't suddenly drain away."

Elsons Call it Quits

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BELLE FOURCHE – On June 19 and 20, there was a business-wide auction of all equipment at the Elson Implement location on Highway 212 west of Belle Fourche. Curt and Judy are calling it quits.

They had been in that same location for 30 years on April 1, 2019. Curt purchased the property, which used to be Gil's Implement, from Gilbert Seeler. He has primarily sold equipment parts, but some complete units as well. The auction in mid-June saw collectors and salvage businesses, as well as those looking for some obscure parts.

"There were some complete tractors, disks and drills that interested the collectors," said Elson. "There was an old John Deere two-cylinder, 4020's and bigger." Elson said it was mostly just him at the business although he did have occasional help from Ernie Viken and Jay Morey. They would trade work for space in the shop.

Elson felt like he had a successful business over the years, providing a needed service to the local area. He did feel a bit disheartened when people were looking for tractor or equipment parts and would be sent elsewhere. He thought that the city government should have known that there was a viable business. But, he said, "That's in the past."

Curt and Judy have been spending the winters in Arizona, leaving the business closed during those months. They have one daughter that lives in Douglas, Wyo.

As far as where they go from here, Elson said he doesn't know, but he thinks there may be fishing involved. After looking at the shed right next to the driveway, it's pretty clear that he could open a small museum of tractors and signs. He



Curt and Judy Elson stand below the iconic tractor on the post that marks the location of their 30-year-old business on Highway 212 west of Belle Fourche. They recently sold their inventory. -Brunner photo

has literally hundreds of signs from the past and distant past plastered over the walls of the inside of the shed, as well as several John Deere, Farmall and Allis Chalmers tractors protected inside.

He also has an extensive toy tractor collection on a shelf in the office.

"The grandkids always wanted to play with those tractors," said Judy. "But he's pretty careful with them."

He has two eagle figurines that he salvaged from the old U

& I Sugar Factory building and enjoys pointing them out.

He has a line of old tractors outside the building to the east that he didn't try to sell. He is keeping them as part of his collection.

While he waits for those who purchased items to come and collect them, he contemplates the future. He said that everything is always for sale and he might be tempted to sell the property if someone made him a good enough offer.



Curt Elson has a fairly large collection of antique collectible toy tractors all lined up on a shelf in his office. -Brunner photo

Walton 2019 County Fair Honoree

Frank Walton is a well-known name and face at the Butte/Lawrence County Fairgrounds. He served on the fairboard for a little over two years. While he was on the board, a bad storm created a lot of damage to buildings and finished off the grandstand that was already in rough shape and had been condemned. Through his efforts, along with other fairboard members, all the buildings were re-roofed and re-painted.

Frank and his wife Dee both grew up in Huron but moved to the hills in 1963 and consider it home. They have two children, Rick, who works for the DOT locally, and Shannon.

Frank worked for the bentonite industries for 20 years and then went to work for Scott Peterson Motors for the past 30 years. He was a county commissioner for 11 years in the 1980's and ran again, becoming a commissioner again in 2015.

"The Butte/Lawrence County fair is for kids and their families and gives the kids a chance to show what they can do on several projects," said Frank re-



cently. "They show quite a few livestock and take care of them, and there's lots of smiles when they show them. The biggest thing the fair does is that it gets families to take time out of their schedules and enjoy their kids outside without all the daily problems of today's world."

Walton said this is a week when people enjoy each other and get together with folk with the same interest.

He is recognized as this year's Butte/Lawrence County Fair Honoree.

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902 Lawrence St. - 723-6899
Andy Anderson, Pastor
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School
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Pastor Del Neumeister
Sunday:

9:35 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
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Wednesday afternoon children's time

during the school year, 3:45-5:15

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10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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Baxter or Skyler Anders, Rapid City, SD.....6.....Black-Cow.....1477.....63.00
Baxter or Skyler Anders, Rapid City, SD.....6.....Blk/Bwf-Cow.....1427.....59.00
Colby Crago, Belle Fourche, SD.....1.....Black-Hfrt.....985.....93.00
Chance/Janessa Lange, Belle Fourche, SD...1.....Red-Cow.....1385.....63.00
Scott Kittelmann, Ekalaka, MT.....4.....Black-Cowette.....1115.....71.00
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Scott Kittelmann, Ekalaka, MT.....3.....Black-Cow.....1372.....62.00
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Lazy Y Quarter Circle LLC, Aladdin, WY.....3.....Black-Cow.....1242.....62.00
Garman Ranch Trust, Alzada, MT.....11.....Black-Cow.....1358.....61.50
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William White, Ranchoester, WY.....1.....Rwf-Cow.....1320.....56.00
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Tiffany Johnson, Hulet, WY.....2.....Herf-Cow.....1530.....53.50**BULLS**Doolittle Wagner Ranch LL, Belle Fourche, SD...2.....Herf-Bull Drug Free...1790.....89.00
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James Hall, Gillette, WY.....1...Black-Bull.....2340.....83.00
Robert & Alicia Olson, Alzada, MT.....2...Black-Bull.....2225.....82.50
Doug Doll, Prairie City, SD.....1...Herf-Bull.....2145.....82.00
Saunders Land & Lvstik Co, Gillette, WY...3...Rd/Blk-Bull.....1997.....81.00
Stephen Sulzbach, Newell, SD.....1...Black-Bull.....2260.....80.00
Melvin Ameson, Enning, SD.....1...Black-Bull.....1830.....79.50**News From The Block**

We had another nice summertime run of cows for our sale on the 18th. I would call the market steady with a week ago still seeing strong premiums in drug free cows and bulls. We also had a small offering of feeder cattle lots of buyer interest present on the cattle. I was really pleased with the interest that we had for the feeder cattle sale. Looks like the market will continue to be strong at the sale barn. Call anyone of us anytime for all of your marketing needs.

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Rod Schaffer - 406-436-2235 (home) 406-672-5546 (cell)**BELLE FOURCHE LIVESTOCK MARKET, LLC**
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Kim Kling - Kem Kjerstad**UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE****Thursday July 25th**.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....10 AM Start Time
Feeder Cattle Special.....12 PM Start Time
Thursday August 1st.....Selling All Classes of Cattle.....10 AM Start Time
Thursday August 8th.....No Sale - Rally Week
Thursday August 15th.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....10 AM Start Time
Feeder Cattle Special.....12 PM Start Time
Thursday August 22nd.....Selling All Classes of Cattle.....10 AM Start Time
Thursday August 29th.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....10 AM Start Time
Feeder Cattle Special.....12 PM Start Time
Friday August 30th.....Horse Sale Loose Horses.....9 AM Start Time
Catalog Horses.....1 PM Start Time
Thursday September 5th.....Feeder Cattle Special.....8 AM Start Time
BBQ Special
Friday September 6th.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....12 PM Start Time
Thursday September 12th.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....10 AM Start Time
Feeder Cattle Special.....12 PM Start Time
Thursday September 19th.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....10 AM Start Time
Feeder Cattle Special.....12 PM Start Time**Thursday September 26th**.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....10 AM Start Time
Feeder Cattle Special.....12 PM Start Time
Thursday October 3rd.....Feeder Cattle Special.....8 AM Start Time
Friday October 4th.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....9 AM Start Time
Thursday October 10th.....Feeder Cattle Special.....8 AM Start Time
Friday October 11th.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....9 AM Start Time
Stock Cow/Bred Heifer Special...12 PM Start Time
Thursday October 17th.....Feeder Cattle Special.....8 AM Start Time
Friday October 18th.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....9 AM Start Time
Stock Cow/Bred Heifer Special...12 PM Start Time
Thursday October 24th.....Feeder Cattle Specil.....8 AM Start Time
Friday October 25th.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....9 AM Start Time
Thursday October 31st.....Feeder Cattle Special.....8 AM Start Time
Friday November 1st.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....9 AM Start Time
Stock Cow/Bred Heifer Special...12 PM Start Time**Thursday November 7th**.....Feeder Cattle Special.....8 AM Start Time
Friday November 8th.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....9 AM Start Time
Thursday November 14th.....Feeder Cattle Special.....8 AM Start Time
Friday November 15th.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....9 AM Start Time
Stock Cow/Bred Heifer Special...12 PM Start Time
Thursday November 21st.....Feeder Cattle Special.....8 AM Start Time
Friday November 22nd.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....9 AM Start Time
Monday November 25th.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....9 AM Start Time
Stock Cow/Bred Heifer Special...12 PM Start Time
Thursday December 5th.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....9 AM Start Time
Feeder Cattle Special.....12 PM Start Time
Thursday December 12th.....Feeder Cattle Special.....11 AM Start Time
Friday December 13th.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....9 AM Start Time
Christmas Classic.....Stock Cow/Bred Heifer Special...12 PM Start Time
Thursday December 19th.....Weighup Cattle Sale.....9 AM Start Time
Feeder Cattle Special.....12 PM Start Time
Stock Cow/Bred Heifer Special.....To Follow**Belle Fourche
Community
Calendar****July 24:** Fitness Made Fun,
11am, Senior Center
Wednesday Nights Herrmann
Park Concert Series, 7pm
July 25: Community Pie
Social, 3pm, Rail Park
Farmers Market, 4-6pm, Roosevelt Event CenterHometown Thursdays: Church
of Cash Music, 6pm, State St.
July 26: Caramel Rolls &
Coffee, 8:30am, Senior Center
The Stone House Saloon on
Highway 34 opens at 9a.m.
on Friday, July 26. Live music
starting at noon."
July 30: Early Bird Net-
working & Coffee, 7:30am,
Chamber of Commerce
Butte/Lawrence County Fair,
July 30-August 3
July 31: Fitness Made Fun,11am, Senior Center
Fondue For Youth: Pitchfork
Steak Dinner, 5:30-7:30pm,
Butte/Lawrence County Fair-
grounds
July 31: Wednesday Nights
Herrmann Park Concert Series,
7pm
August 1: Community Pie
Social, 3pm, Rail Park
Farmers Market, 4-6pm, Roosevelt Event Center
August 2: Caramel Rolls &
Coffee, 8:30am, Senior CenterHealthy Habits Made Easy,
10am, Senior Center
August 3: First Saturday
Brunch, 10am, Tri-State Mu-seum
August 5: City Council
Meeting, 6pm, City Hall**Brought to you by**
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