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## Wheel Tax Ordinance Has 2nd Reading

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BELLE FOURCHE – The County Commission held the second reading of the new elevated wheel tax, Ordinance 2019-1. The ordinance would levy \$3 per wheel on vehicles less than 6,000 pounds and \$5 per wheel above 6,000 pounds, not to exceed 12 wheels or \$60 per vehicle. Now the publication process is in effect and residents have 20 days to bring the ordinance to a referral for a vote.

"I wonder if this board was willing to make small changes, after or before the reading?" asked Commissioner James Ager. "After our meetings I had multiple conversations and I wanted to bring both sides, ag people and city people."

Ager said he had several people tell him they thought a straight across the board \$5 per wheel rate was the way to go. "Ag people say the extra \$2 is unfair, city people feel they shouldn't have to pay any wheel tax at all," he said. "I had a couple dozen conversations with Ag people. They don't mind the

WHEEL TAX A6



**SETTING IN STONE -** Stone House Saloon, 8 miles west of Belle Fourche on Highway 34, has become one of the notches bikers carve on their belts. As you can see from this "shot in time" taken Wednesday, August 8, a multitude of bikers have made Stone House a destination, as well as a stop on the road to Devil's Tower in Wyoming. *-Beacon Photo* 

# **Proposed Changes in Response Time Policy Sparks Debate**

## BEACON STAFF

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BELLE FOURCHE - Should Belle Fourche city employees and department heads be required to live within a half hour's drive of the city? That question led to 30-minute debate at the City Council's regular meeting on Monday, August 5th.

At issue was a recommendation by the City's Legal and Finance committee to amend Policy 5 Section 19 of the city's Recruitment and Selection guidelines to extend response time for city employees from 25 defined in the code as the time required for an employee to report to work within the city's corporate limits by vehicular travel under normal driving conditions after receiving a call to duty.

In addition, the residency requirement for department heads and supervisory personnel would be striken. Current policy requires these employees to live within the "residency map" roughly an area that falls within a 3-mile radius of the city limits. The new policy would place the same response time requirements for both levels of city full-time employees. on the consent agenda, to be approved along with several other items, by a single vote. However Monte Talkington, Council President, requested the item be moved to the regular agenda, which it was without dissent.

"I have a real problem with this," Talkington said. "If we're going to have full-time people working in Belle Fourche we should have them living in Belle Fourche or as close as possible. The more time you give them, the odds are they're going to live someplace else and spend their money someplace else and their taxes go someplace else. And you have too."

The city policy states that if an emergency situation is anticipated, the department head is allowed to require essential personnel to remain in a closer proximity of the city.

The Legal and Finance Committee brought the change to the council when concerns were expressed about the talent pool to fill the city's job openings, including department heads, was fairly shallow.

"That was our main concern in the committee," said Ward 3 Councilman Vern Hintz, also a member of Legal and Finance. "If you have good employees, and we do, they're going to get here regardless. If there's bad weather, they'll plan in advance. And there's always the chance that they like their job and after driving back and forth

#### **RESPONSE TIME** A6

# **Custer Street House Fire**

**COLLEEN BRUNNER** news@bellefourchebeacon.com toward moving in and the family of five lost everything. There

to 30 minutes. Response time is

The changes were originally

to consider your first responders

# 4th Annual Camp Crook Bronc Match Friday



**READY TO REPEAT -** Jeremy Meeks, 2018 champion will be back at the 4th Annual Camp Crook Invitational Bronc Match to defend his title. The Camp Crook Roping Club sponsors the event which starts at 3:00pm in Camp Crook. Calcutta bidding is scheduled to begin at 2:30pm. *Photo Courtesy Helen Stevens & Dawn Padden* 

#### TRI-STATE LIVESTOCK NEWS

Special to the Beacon

The Camp Crook Invitational Bronc Match committee invites one and all to their fourth annual event August 16, 2019 at 3 pm in Camp Crook, South Dakota. Bidding for the calcutta will start at 2:30.

The event will kick off with a surprise ride from a local bronc riding youth talent.

With \$7,500 added and 30-32 bronc riders expected, the payout will make it worth their while.

Below is a partial list of those planning to compete: Cash Wilson –SDHSRA State Champ 2017-2019, 2019 NHS-RA 2nd place, 2018 NHSRA champion; Taygen Schuelke2010-2011 SDHRA All Around and Saddle Bronc Champion; Jesse Bail - local celebrity with a list of accomplishments a mile long; Lane Stirling; Chet Smith; Jeremy Meeks - 2018 Bronc match champion, and 5 time Indian World Champion; Curtis Garton; Kaden Deal; Jacob Kammermer - CNFR qualifier; Lane Schuelke - CNFR qualifier; Houston Brown – 2017 NHSRA Champion; Carter Elshere - 2018 CNFR 3rd place; Dawson Jandreau; Tate Thybo - 2016 CNFR 3rd place

In addition to Meeks in 2018 Jacob Lewis won the event in 2017 and Jade Blackwell in 2016.

Stock contractors include Viara Rodeo-Shane Viara, 4 Horsemen – Rory Lemmel; Kling Rodeo – Russ Kling and Stan Heading; Schmidt Rodeo – Cleve and Clete Schmidt; Longbrake Rodeo – Bud Longbrake; Knife & Guns Rodeo – Casey Holmes and Colt Floyd

This year's Bronc Match will be dedicated to the late Randy Curtis, former yard manager for Belle Fourche Livestock and friend to many in the rodeo and ranching world.

The event will include a stray gathering between sections of bronc riders. To enter, call Matt Gilbert at 605-797-4483.

Concessions and a beer garden will be available. Proceeds from the beer garden will go to support the Harding County Ambulance. BELLE FOURCHE – Right around noon on Wednesday, August 7, the Belle Fourche Fire Department responded to a house fire at 218 Custer. The house was the home of Jalynda Newlander and Dalton White Buffalo, their three-year-old daughter and two older children, Jayden and Jaylee, 21 and 19.

"The fire department confirmed that the fire started in the kitchen," said neighbor and friend April Ault. "We have been cleaning up in there the last few days with the power off. We think maybe someone bumped the knob on the stove without knowing. The fire department is still investigating."

Ault said that they had just been on the phone with the power company to get the power turned back on so the couple could move in. The power company said it would be a two-hour wait until someone could come, when they realized there was smoke coming from the home.

Newlander's parents, Dwayne and Tina Newlander owned the home, but were living in Buffalo and had turned the power off. Their daughter was working was no insurance. The 19-yearold was to leave for college on August 12 and lost all of her possessions. The daughter of Newlander and White Buffalo would have been the fourth generation to live in the home.

The family said they had contacted the fire department about doing a controlled burn on the rest of the remaining structure and were informed that would possibly happen in two weeks or so. At that time the remains would be shoveled into the existing basement and buried so the couple could move a new home onto the site.

Currently donations are pouring in, through an account set up in the name of Dalton White Buffalo at Northern Hills Federal Credit, as well as donation cans at local businesses including the northside Cenex, Mason's 5th Avenue and Common Cents.

Ault said the family is still in need of shoes; size 7.5 for White Buffalo, 8.5 for Newlander and size 6-7 toddler.

"We didn't know if there were any other animals in the house, but we rescued the one dog," said Ault.

They are still looking for HOUSE FIRE A6



**CUSTER STREET FIRE** - No one was home when a fire broke out at this home at 218 Custer Street on the city's northwest side. The family was waiting for the power company to arrive to reconnect the power when they noticed smoke coming from the house. They were able to rescue a dog inside, but nothing else. *Brunner photo* 

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# Obituaries Mike Kornemann 70

Mike Kornemann, age 70, passed away Sunday August 4th in Billings, MT surrounded by his loved ones.

Mike was born in Belle Fourche, SD on December 12, 1948 to Donald and Esther Kornemann. He entered this world during a nasty winter storm and made the trek home bundled up inside of a shoe box. He spent his childhood growing up on his family's sheep ranch near Albion, MT and attended school in a one room school house in Albion. Growing up, Mike and his siblings were always up to something whether it be building forts in the old wood pile behind the barn, riding their horse Trigger, or fishing in the river.

In 1978, Mike married Kay Thybo and to this union two sons, Wacey and Wade, were born. Mike raised his family on the same ranch he was raised as a child. During this time he passed his knowledge of livestock and love for border collie dogs onto his sons. Wacey and Wade were Mike's greatest joys in life and he could often be found cheering them on at their rodeos.



Mike always enjoyed helping his neighbors, which sometimes ended in a trip to the saloon, where some lifetime memories were made among friends. Mike moved off of the family ranch in 2007 and leased a neighboring ranch until 2009, when he moved to Belle Fourche, SD to retire. During his later years in life, Mike could be found visiting his children and loving on his grandson, Ryder.

Survivors include: His children, Wacey (Heather) Kornemann and Wade (Jessica) Kornemann; a grandson Ryder Kornemann; a brother Kelly (Toni) Kornemann; a sister

Marilyn (Kevin) McNelis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mike is preceded in death by his father and mother, Donald and Esther Kornemann, as well as his paternal and maternal Grandparents.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorials can be sent to: Wade Kornemann, PO Box 64, Arvada, WY 82831

# Allen Leroy Oedekoven 94

Allen Leroy Oedekoven was born September 27, 1924, in Sturgis, SD, to Albert and Ella (Linstrom) Oedekoven. He lived on the farm 17 miles northeast of Sturgis. He went to Nine Mile Grade School and worked with his family, especially his two brothers, Standly and Vernon and with his dad as he got older. He and his dad bought the place just east of the home place. Later, Allen, Standly, and Vernon split into their own places.

On August 23, 1953, Allen married Hannah Ruby at the Grace Lutheran Church in Sturgis. They made their home n his farm on Nine Mile Creek until 1971.

To this union were born a son, Timothy Allen on April 6, 1957, and daughter, Rebecca Lynne on September 26, 1961. They moved to Boulder Canyon in 1971. Allen and Hannah ran the Boulder Park Campground and Allen continued to farm on Nine Mile until 2006. Due to declining health and hard winters, they moved to Heritage Acres Apartments in Sturgis at the end of June 2009, after which they sold the campground. In September of 2016, he moved to Key City Assisted Living. In March of 2017, he moved to the Sturgis Regional Senior Care where he resided until his passing.

He was a past member of Vale Lutheran Church in Vale and a member of Grace Lutheran



Church in Sturgis. He loved to play cards, especially the game of Spite and Malice.

Allen, 94, Sturgis, passed away Friday, August 9, 2019, at Sturgis Regional Senior Care. He is survived by his

daughter, Rebecca (David) Jeitz of Belle Fourche; two grandchildren, Theodore (Sarah) Jeitz of Belle Fourche, and Jennifer Jeitz and fiancé, Brian Everson, of Brookings; and six great-grandchildren, Walker, Weston, Audrey, Oliver, Owen, and Addie.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hannah; son, Timothy;

parents, Albert and Ella Oedekoven; brothers, Arthur, Vernon, Myron, and Standly; and sisters, Lena, Doris, and Rosie.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to Grace Lutheran Church.

Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 15, at Kinkade Funeral Chapel in Sturgis.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 15, 2019, at Grace Lutheran Church in Sturgis with Rev. Kris Garlick officiating. Burial will follow at Bear Butte Cemetery in Sturgis.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



# Bernita Grohmann 72

BELLE FOURCHE | Bernita Gail Grohmann, 72, died July 27, 2019. A Ceremonial Tribute will be at 11 a.m. on Aug. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Prairie City Cemetery.



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# **Richard Conley 69**

Richard Conley, age 69 of Belle Fourche, died Monday, August 12, 2019 at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. When service times are set this website will be updated immediately: www.funeralhomeofthenorthernhills.com Richard is survived by his daughter, Melissa of Rapid City.

> Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

# Pastor's Perspective — The Importance of the Thought of Life

In a personal struggle in my younger days I was accused of "stinking thinking" and I was soon to realize that my thought life had a profound effect on my attitude and behavior. I would later read in

scripture that "as a man thinks in his heart, so is he!". This

began a quest on my part to

focus on right thinking and

to improve the quality and quantity of the thoughts that I

think. I was amazed to I find a

settled peace in my life that I

later as I write this devotional

article, I can say for certain

that peace can be found in a

person's life when they directly

involve the heart and the mind

in the thought life. Isaiah 26:3

tells us that "God will us in

perfect peace, whose mind is

settled on Him (God): because

we trust in Him (God)". Wrong

thinking leads to wrong feeling,

are strangled by worry. We must

real and powerful, even though

they cannot be seen, weighed

or measured. We must learn

to take the negative thoughts

captive and weigh them against

and before long the heart and

mind are pulled apart and we

recognize that thoughts are

had never realized before. Years



the positive truth that we find in God's Word. *"Sow a thought, reap an action. Sow an action, reap a* 

habit. Sow a habit, reap a character.

Sow a character, reap a destiny."

#### [Author unknown]

The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Philippian church (Philippians 4:8) spells out in detail the antidote to "stinking thinking". Dr. Walter Cavert reported that 92% of the things that we worry about are imaginary and never come to life. The Apostle Paul addresses that issue by telling to think carefully about what is true and real and focus on those things. He goes on to instruct us to focus on whatever is honest and just. This does not mean that we hide our heads in the sand and avoid what is unpleasant and displeasing, but it does mean that we do not focus our attention on dishonorable things and permit them to control our thoughts. The apostle encourages us to think on things that are pure, lovely and of good report. When he speaks of "lovely" he suggests that we focus on beautiful and attractive things in our lives and This week's Pastor's Perspective provided by Paul Howard, Belle Fourche Christian Life Center

when he speaks of "things of good report" he encourages us to focus on things that are worth talking about and things that are important and meaningful in our lives. How much time have we spent sharing idle talk and pointless conversation? Let's focus on the good news of the Gospel and the good things that are happening all around us when we pay attention. He ends his thought on the focus of the mind and heart with a statement about virtue and praise. Think about those thing that are virtuous (healthy, right, meaningful) and reflect on those things that are worthy of praise (God's goodness and His significant promises to those who believe in Him). We cannot afford to waste our "mind power" and "heart energy" on thoughts that will tear us down and leave us hopeless. Stinking thinking also drags others down with us. The person who fills his/her mind with God's Word will develop a "built-in radar" for detecting wrong and meaningless thoughts. Right thinking can be enhanced with daily meditations on God's Word and simple devotional thoughts on the blessings of God in our lives. "Great peace have they who love the Word of God" (Psalm 119:165)

Psalm 119:76 May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant.



Nathan Sanderson

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# August 18 Family Fun Day is "A Day for Dogs"

The Sunday, August 18 Family Fun Day at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will be "A Day for Dogs."

The day will begin at 2 p.m. and feature a short film about dogs, a craft to make a distinctive dog marionette, and a drawing for the National Geographic book, "Everything Dogs." All kids will be given a free take-home packet of puzzles, games and info about dogs. Refreshments will be

served.

Those who attend and have a pet dog or dogs are encouraged to bring photos. Children will then be given a chance to make a short presentation about their pet and all dog photos will be displayed in a special way in the Visitor Center.

"We thought giving those who attend a chance to showcase their dog and speak about them will not only make the day more enjoyable but will also give kids an opportunity to practice their presentation

skills," says Tri-State Director Kristi Thielen.

While at the Tri-State for the Family Fun Day, parents and kids can also try out the new archaeology dig box and the new gold panning station.

Admission to the Family Fun Day is \$2 per person or free with membership. Reservations are always helpful; call 605-723-1200. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue.

While he was in London, a rumor emerged that he had fallen seriously ill. Soon after, another circulated that he was dead and that a newspaper had published his obituary.

take the tour solely to address the demands of his audiences,

however; Twain had racked

hoped to earn enough money

on his speaking tour to pay

up considerable debt and

When a reporter asked about this circumstance, Twain replied, "The report of

it off.

my death was an exaggeration."

Twain's witty retort seems appropriate for the current state of the retail industry, and not just because he said it the same year as the formation of the South Dakota Retailers Association.

Sometimes we hear "experts" talking about the impending death of retail, how large online retailers will replace physical stores.

Behind every rumor is a nugget of truth; in Twain's case his cousin, who shared the last name of Clemens (Twain's given name was Samuel Clemens), had passed away, leading to the rumor. And there's a nugget of truth with online sales as well, having grown from 7% of total sales in 2007 to about 10% today. It's a trend that will likely continue and we will probably see online sales

seeing a resurgence. Online retailers are setting up brick and mortar locations to meet the demands of consumers. Consumer confidence is high. The future of retail is bright.

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That's why South Dakota's efforts to level the playing field with online sale

tax collection have been so important. Competition

among businesses is nothing new and often leads to new innovations, better processes, and improved customer service.

Everyone must compete on the same terms, however, and our state's successful efforts to address this inequity with the United States Supreme Court demonstrates the inherent value of a strong group of individuals working toward a common goal.

Twain also wrote that, "The secret of getting ahead is getting started." We're fortunate that retail businesses started fighting for Main Street Fairness decades ago. It took a lot of time, energy, and effort, but the payoff proved worth the price.

So don't send flowers just yet; retail business in South Dakota is alive and well.



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they are subsidizing the Rec Center and Roundup Sport Complex with city tax money. But, really the sixth and seventh sales tax money is subsidizing what they are calling the "Capital Improvement". This additional tax was passed while I was mayor for the sole purpose very beginning) to make money. This is no different than the parks, bike path, cemetery, library, or other departments in the city which enhance quality of life for its residents.

The landfill, water, and sewer are and should be self-sufficient. The Rec Center was considered a necessity of having a thriving community which provides for recreation for its residents who live in and support the city they love. This was the intent from those of us who put countless hours and resources to making this happen over 35 years ago. If it is no longer the purpose or vision, it is nobody's fault, but city governments. The reason for the deficit the past 10 years is multifaceted. First, we lost the office rental income from the schools. Second (which was a mistake from the councils and mayors of the last 10 years) is an emergency repair fund wasn't started. Past board of directors have requested this for at least the past six years and the requests were consistently denied. All of the appointed board members who were not council person(s) have resigned because we felt we were not getting the support from the council to run the Belle Fourche Area Community Center like it should be and was intended to be.

difficult. Additionally, I don't think properly informed decisions are being made when you have a mayor and half of your council members, who are not members of the Belle Fourche Area Community Center, trying to manage and operate it. - I guess time will tell.

But, I guess if you can get along without a city engineer and a Belle Fourche Area Community Center manager, What's next? Chief of Police or Finance Officer? I, along with countless others, poured my heart and soul into this community over decades of dedication to a town we hold dear. I was born and raised, raised my family, owned/operated multiple businesses and have lived in Belle Fourche for nearly 80 years. I am disheartened by the lack of vision and commitment to a community I proudly represented as it was once a pillar community in this state. If you have any questions of what the sales tax money was set up for from the beginning, there are still plenty of council people alive. You can visit with some of them including: Bob VanSyoc, Oz Hespe, Larry Schuldies, Dale Gillette and Bill Noziska, who was the finance officer. Well I finally got it off of my chest. If you have any questions, call me: 605-210-1235. - Leslie (Chuck) Snoozy, former mayor, former councilman, former Public Works Director, former Belle Fourche Area Community Center board member, Belle Fourche businessman 40+ years and current resident.

of providing for funds for the Rec Center and the Sports Complex at the Roundup Grounds. Any "leftover" money could then be used for city improvements. Over the years, this promise to Belle Fourche residents has been forgotten and altered.

This dedicated funding currently amounts close to one and a half million dollars a year (\$1,5000,000). Of that fund, we are paying off two bonds, one for City Hall, \$153,000 a year for five more years and the other one is the railroad spur at the Belle Fourche Industrial Park, \$309,000 a year for approximately 18 more years. I don't know how many years we've been paying City Hall bond. But I recall we, the citizens of Belle Fourche, paid a lump sum when it was built and have been paying every year on the bond of \$153,000 since it was built and furnished. The Belle Fourche Area Community Center over the last 10 years has had a budget deficit of \$300,000 - \$512,000. Never \$600,000 a year, which has been stated by some sources.

Well, let's see, we have accounted for no greater than \$974,000. So, I guess the "leftover" from the sixth and seventh pennies sales tax can be utilized for \$528,000 worth of street projects. That is on top of the fifth penny sales tax which was originally passed and historically used for streets. This would add another \$1,300,000 for a total of at least \$1,800,000+ for streets.

Additionally, the Belle Fourche Area Community Center/Rec Center was NEVER intended (from the The reason there have "tough years" financially at the Rec Center were because of the major repairs. Had the board been provided with the ongoing requests for the emergency fund set up, those years wouldn't have been so





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# Bronc Cross Country Team Ready to Run



Keegan. We have very strong middle school runners that may be stepping up. Among these runners that have been coming to summer group runs are Anika Maine, Alanah Pomrenke, Alexa Swaney, and Ava Allen.

They have a strong chance of qualifying for state and placing well at regions. Allison Hayes said "I'm excited for this season, we have worked really hard all summer and I think





**Dylan Burns** in front of the Butler Library building on the New York City, Columbia College campus. *Courtesy photo* 

Making the Dean's list at Columbia College was a 2018 Belle Fourche High School graduate,

dream in New York. I cannot be more grateful for my friends, family, teachers, and community

**Sawyer Clarkson** set a school record last year on his way to a 7th place finish at the Boy's Class A High School State Cross Country meet at Yankton Trail Park in Sioux Falls *Photo courtesy James Cimburek – Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan* 

#### Sawyer Clarkson Special to the Beacon

Editor's note: The Belle Fourche Beacon is proud to announce the addition of student reporter, Sawyer Clarkson, to the Beacon team. Sawyer who job shadowed with us last spring will be providing various articles and event coverage throughout the school year. His preview of the Bronc Cross Country team follows.

The Bronc 2019 XC season is looking strong, and is looking to be one of Belle's best seasons yet.

The Belle Fourche team is a young team that is growing quickly with many strong upcoming 6th grade runners likely to join.

In addition, two new seniors will be joining the team, Ethan Jones and Harley Fischer. They will be a great addition to the team The Broncs have one returning senior Megen Keegan.

The team has been putting in a lot of work this summer with a good turnout in summer running groups that have taken place every weekday since mid June. This summer the team took a 5 day trip to Colorado for some elevation training such as running on trails at 9,000 feet or higher, and hiking Mt. Elbert a 10 mile hike and the highest point in the Rocky Mountains. We have also done many other things this summer, trails runs, Spearfish water park, and a trip to the Aerial Adventure Park in Keystone.

Returning runners on the boys varsity side include Devon Nowowiejski, Cole Hockenbary (a former State competitor, Wyatt Keegan, Nic Lambert, and freshman Sawyer Clarkson (7th Place State XC Meet), with a strong group of middle school runners that may be seeing time on the varsity team. Among these runners are Harley Rivera, Andrew McKenney, Zach Tonsager, Jordan Sandoval, and Darian Pesicka, all who have put in lots of miles this summer.

On the girls varsity side the girls will be led by two former state competitors, Allison Hayes (2018) and Hayley Wilbur (2017) along with seniors Harley Fischer, and Megen both girls and boys teams have a good chance to make it to state."

The first meet will take place at Mallo Camp in Newcastle, Wy, on August 30th. This is a very tough course with many gradual hills. A select few will go to the Augustana Twilight meet which is a fun meet with a very quick course that takes place under the lights. Regions this year will be set in Pine Ridge, SD while Belle Fourche will host the conference meet and the 2019 State meet is set to be held in Huron, SD.

We are very excited for this season to start and for all of the hard work to pay off come the 2019 cross country season. This season we are looking forward to the Augustana meet because it gives everyone a great chance to perform well because of the flat course and fierce competition. We are looking forward to two new meets we have this year, Broadus, Wy, and the Pine Ridge meet.Plesase note that our region is one of the most competitive regions in SD with 5 of the top 10 runners at the 2018 state meet last year being in Belle's region. Many of the top 10 runners at state were seniors so expect Sawyer Clarkson to place higher this year.

We are proud of our team's hard work and think we will have lots of success! Let's GO! first year at Columbia University in New York City and earned academic honors of being named to the Dean's List for both the Fall and Spring semesters.

Dylan Burns. He completed his

We asked Dylan what it was like for a kid from Belle Fourche to be a student at one of the oldest and most prestigious schools in America.

Dylan stated, "going to school at Columbia is definitely challenging: it is difficult adjusting to life in the city; classwork is demanding; and I sometimes miss my life in South Dakota. Nonetheless, I am living my who have helped me realize my greatest aspirations."

Dylan will be returning to Columbia in a few weeks.

As for his direction in the future: "After I graduate from Columbia," where he is majoring in political science with an interest in environmental law.

"I plan to obtain my law degree so that I can practice environmental law- probably in New York."

Dylan is the son of Jonette and Donovan Burns. Jonette is a Math and Computer Teacher at Belle Fourche High School and Donovan is head of transportation for the Belle Fourche School District.

## Welcome New FFA Members, Provide a Corduroy Jacket

Bath, SD (August, 2019) – The FFA corduroy jacket is more than part of Official Dress. To its owner, the FFA jacket is a physical reminder of the personal accomplishments achieved through the organization - a symbol of commitment and dedication for all who wear the corduroy. The jacket unifies members in a long-standing tradition and reminds them that they are part of something larger than themselves. Let's give every member the chance to be part of the tradition. The SD FFA Foundation Blue Jackets Bright Futures FFA Jacket Program is helping carry forward

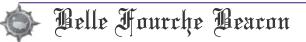
that long-standing tradition of pride, dignity and honor, by providing jackets for members to earn through a short essay application.

We want every SD FFA member to have that experience, if your FFA jacket still holds fond memories for you, we invite you to sponsor a jacket." The SD FFA Foundation is seeking sponsors, with a goal of 350 jackets, to award October 1st. Jackets can be designated for a specific chapter, or for any student in need.

Individuals and businesses interested in sponsoring an FFA jacket for a SD FFA member can do so online at: http://sdffafoundation.org/, or contact Gerri Ann Eide, SD FFA Foundation Executive Director at 605-765-4865 or gerri@sdffafoundation.org. Sponsorships are \$75 and include a jacket and FFA tie or scarf.

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# **NEWS**

# **Scott Peterson Motors Hosts 1st Annual Corn Hole Tournament**

Fourteen teams squared off against each other on a pleasant Saturday afternoon in the car lot for the 1st Annual Scott Peterson Motors Corn Hole tournament.

AJ Johnson, event coordinator and Internet Sales Manager for SPM, "was pleased at the turnout" for this inagural event.

The fourteen teams that signed up for the tournament were guaranteed three matches. Phil Vollmer, head of the West

River Cornhole Association.

was on hand to conduct the event.

Vollmer was excited about the event and plans are already being conceived for making the event bigger and better in year two.

"Interest in the sport is constantly growing and West River participated in a State Cornhole Tournament last month," Vollmer said. "We will bring our bags and boards anywhere they're needed."



**CORNHOLE CASH** - First place prize money went to Elliot Brugman and his teammate Rob (last name not known) at the inaugural Scott Peterson Motors cornhole tournament on Saturday, August 10th. - Courtesy photo

what we do that might hinder that," he said.

"I would like to see that 3-mile radius for department heads changed, that's my personal opinion," said Dirk Hoffman, Public Works Director. "I'd like to get a piece of land on the outskirts of town and that will happen when it happens. But as far as the 25-minute response time, that has always been adequate for however many years that the policy has been effect."

Interim City Engineer Steve Nafus said he has no real problem with the policies being left to the discretion of the specific department.

"Some departments like my department, when it comes to response time, have non-essential employees," he said. "If I have an employee who is 30 minutes out, is it that important that they be able to respond in 25 minutes? Police I understand, Dirk's department, I understand."

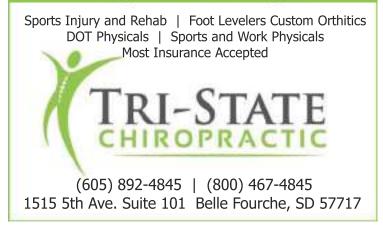
"But I think you need to make it straight across the board to avoid any issues with unfair labor practices," Hoffman said. City Attorney Kellen Willert, whose firm contracts with the city for legal guidance, said it was typical for city emergency services to have separate guidelines than those of other city departments. But as for as how broad the requirements need to be for all other departments he would have to have his firm review the policies in order to make a recommendation.

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#### From Page A1 WHEEL TAX

wheel tax, but feel it should be same amount across the board. They feel if we're going to raise it, it should be the same. Pick a dollar amount, net weight limit, tire limit, just X-amount of dollars."

Ager said he felt if any of the commissioners agreed with him, that they should hold one more conversation before proceeding to approve the ordinance.

\$58,000 plus.

"That may mean that those non-ag, \$3 per wheel people get on the bandwagon and decide to bring this to a referral and vote it (the increase) down. That's going to affect us," said Richards.

Commissioner Frank Walton stated, "This is what we agreed to, \$3 under six and \$5 over six." I'd like to see this fly first. If someday we need to change it, (then) change it." Both Harms and Commissioner Karrol Herman said they felt the same. Richards agreed. The commission voted four to one in favor. Ager also brought up the mill levy and asked for discussion. He said he had a man contact him who was in construction and said that man told him if the mill levy was assessed it would be counter-productive, stifling or even halting any new construction development. "The last two-to-three years, Butte County has seen an increase in development,' said Ager. "If our mill levy goes above that of a neighboring county, the guy said he wouldn't build another home in Butte County." Richards asked if Ager thought someone would be enticed to build a house if they only had a dirt road to that home, referring to not having sufficient highway funds to maintain roads. "All (wheel tax) funds go to the highway," he said. Because the mill levy is a resolution, there are no public readings following the initial discussion and proposal. Referral to a public vote is an option.

#### From Page A1 **RESPONSE TIME**

tors Cornhole Tournament.

they're going to want to eventually move to Belle Fourche."

"I think I agree with Monte," said Councilman james Ager. "I think department heads ought to live here."

The city currently has department head openings in Engineering and at the Belle Fourche Area Community Center (BFACC).

Breanna Schaefer, City Finance Officer said that the policy change reflects a change in our society and economy at large.

"From an economic standpoint, we are a nomadic society, whether we like to admit that or not," Schaefer said. "So as society trends to move in a more regional spot, so does your economy."

Schaefer says it's no longer feasible for the city to "silo" itself and only hire from among those who live in Belle Fourche or will live in Belle Fourche.

"That's not how your economics are going to work," Schaefer added. "You're

in from outside the community. We've got to look at this policy so we're not limiting ourselves. This is reality we are facing.' As for department heads of

WARMING UP - Opening round competitors take preliminary

bag tosses at high noon at the 1st Annual Scott Peterson Mo-

emergency departments Marlyn Pomrenke, Belle Fourche Police Chief, said he feels like they need to live within or as close to the community as possible.

director that could be coming

"When you're called out at 3:00am it already takes a few minutes to get yourself out of bed and ready to go," Pomrenke said. "And we are really fortunate as department that most of our officers live within Belle Fourche. But I don't think the police chief should live too far out."

The police department is currently negotiating its rules separately and the city policy does give first responders leeway on how to handle situations that directly relate to public safety.

But some departments fit into more of a gray area, such as public works. There are situation where city employees or supervisors may need to quickly respond to a water problem or backed up sewer.

"I really think that it's hard to

walling yourself in, instead of building yourself out."

As far as potential loss in tax revenue Schaefer does not see that as such a major issue. "I guarantee that if someone is driving in from a nearby town they're going to have lunch here. They're going to buy gas here," she said. "All of that will add to your tax base."

After surveying other area communities Schaefer says they do not have policies that require department heads to live within a certain radius of the city. She says they base their requirements on response time, typically 25 minutes.

'We've got an engineering department director position that's been open for two years," she said. "We've got a rec center

be effective in those positions unless you're in the community night and day, to understand what you're dealing with," said Ward 2 Councilman Travis Martin. "If you're not driving those streets seven days a week you may not be as invested in making sure everything is running right."

But Martin also agreed with the economics of the issue. "I think we need 100 percent of our focus to be on drawing people to this community," he said.

Martin said there is a need for talented leaders, which he says, makes the community more attractive to people who might want to move to Belle Fourche and enhances the tax base. "So we need to be very conscious of

After debate the Council decided to send the policy changes back to the Legal and Finance Committee for further review. The matter was tabled by the Council until a second recommendation could be made.

The Legal and Finance Committee had the matter on their agenda for their meeting on Monday night August 12th.

Commissioner Stan Harms said he felt we needed (at least for some vehicles) a \$5 per wheel tax to get the grant funding that is potentially available, as that is one of the stipulations of the Bridge Improvement Grant. The county so-far has been unsuccessful in obtaining a grant, due to lack of enough points to compete. The \$5 tax is part of that point system.

Chairman Kim Richards said he felt that there was already an impact to the under 6,000 pounds group, because that tax, at \$3 per wheel, would raise approximately \$190,000, while the group taxed at \$5 per wheel would only raise an additional

#### From Page A1 **HOUSE FIRE**

items such as blankets, silverware, twin size sheets, and pillows. The couple has rented a storage unit to gather needed items until they can get a home moved to the site. They are planning to move a camper in temporarily.

White Buffalo works in Buffalo and is currently staying there. Newlander is staying with her grandmother.

Also responding to the fire was a unit from Nisland/Arpan Fire & Rescue and the Belle Fourche Ambulance.

# **Pickleball Courts Coming to Thomas Gay Park**

#### **BEACON STAFF**

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**BELLE FOURCHE - The Belle Fourche** City Council voted unanimously to allocate up to \$5,000 to convert the unused tennis court at Thomas Gay Memorial Park to two outdoor pickleball courts.

The USA Pickleball Association (USAPA) says pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America, despite having been invented in the 1960's in the state of Washington. It saw its popularity rise with the proliferation of RV Parks and resorts in the sunbelt states during the mid-2000's.

But the sport has seen a 650-percent increase in numbers in the past six years largely among those 55 and younger as rec centers and fitness facilities across America add it to their offerings. The Belle Fourche Area Community Center has seen pickleball players on Thursday evenings and up to three mornings per week. Teams also play at the Roosevelt Events Center. But the city has no outdoor facility.

"We received quite a bit of community input with this," said Mayor Gloria Landphere. "I would like to see this sport available in Belle Fourche 12 months out of the year. It could move indoors in the winter and be outdoors in the spring, fall and summer."

Pickleball is somewhat of a mix between tennis, racquetball and ping-pong. Nets



DILLY DILLY - The unused tennis courts at Thomas Gay Memorial Park are seen as the perfect venue for two new outdoor pickleball courts. - Beacon Photo

and courts are smaller than tennis courts and equipment consists of a paddle (larger than in ping pong but smaller than a tennis racquet) and a pickleball, which is similar to a whiffle-ball. It can be played doubles or singles, the rules are easy and games last around 15 minutes - all contributing to the sport's rapid rise according to the USAPA.

The Mayor, working with Dirk Hoffman, City Public Works Director, put together a budget and did the scouting for the location of the outdoor court. Gay Park, just east of North Park Elementary School was chosen.

"The park has a shelter, a barbeque and really good parking," the Mayor said. In

addition the part features green space and playground equipment.

The expenditure will include paint, poles and the net. With the existing surface of the tennis court Hoffman felt the entire cost of the project would be less than \$5,000.

"The most expensive product on the list would be the paint," he said.

A motion to proceed with the conversion was made by Councilman James Ager and seconded by Monte Talkington. The materials for the conversion were ordered last week and it is expected that the two new pickleball courts could be ready by the end of August, weather permitting.





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# Anything Left in the Barrel?-

We have watched from the sidelines the various gun law debates. As a youth, I was a very active hunter and always strong on 2nd amendment and hunters rights.

The part of the country we live in is an area known for solid gun support, but most people are not openly vocal about the issue, but if asked, they are not bashful about telling you how they stand. Out West sentiments are strong, but not flaunted.

Because of that "silent" majority it was a bit of a surprise to me when I saw a man walking down State Street openly car-

"Well," he said, as he pulled the weapon from his belt. "When there as thick as they are this year you keep it handy."

He then waved it in front of may face and said, "I've had several occasions I had to use it where instead of one I may kill three or more at a time."

After that comment he stuck the weapon, a flyswatter, back

in his jeans and headed up the street where a group of bikers were waiting for

all be purchased locally. \*

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We have been told that city employees and even City council members have purchased vehicles out of the area. That made absolutely no sense to us. The ability to do their jobs and their respective wages are paid by local taxes! The job they have that affords them the ability to buy that vehicle comes from local taxes.

The continuation of a city

as they badgered the witness: "What did the accused do when he learned the jewelery was stolen?"

"He did what any honest man would do," said the witness. "And what was that?" "It's just as I thought-you don't know."

The Beacon is going to sponsor a "Corny Joke Contest". Anyone, and everyone is invited to participate. You can email your corny joke to: news@ bellefourchebeacon.com or mail to Beacon, POBox 576, BF, SD 57717. Cash Prizes!

Enter as many jokes as you wish. When discussing the idea of having this contest we were informed that it wouldn't be fair if either Todd Collins or Chip Connor entered they would win. They both have agreed to be contest judges. They can enter but are not eligible to win. We will have more details on the cash prizes next week, but here's one to get you started: The police are called to an apartment and find a woman standing over a lifeless man, holding a bent and twisted fiveiron. The detective asks, "Is that your husband?" "Yes," replies the woman. "Did you hit him with the golf club?" "Yes, I did," sobs the woman. "How many times did you hit him?" asks the detective. "I don't know," she replies. "Five, six, maybe seven times. Oh look, just put me down for five.'

— By: Doug Cole

rying his weapon tucked in the back belt line of his pants.

I don't want to stereotype, but from his dress I assumed he was here with other guests for the rally. Long gray hair in a pony tail; gray whiskers; blue jean vest with Harley Davidson on the back; two bare skin arms bearing a plethora of tattoos. Imagine a Bud Harris if he had a pony tail and tattoos.

Anyway, as he walked by the office I couldn't help but notice what was tucked in the back of his jeans and asked, "you been packing long?"

"Every rally" he replied, "and this year I need it more than ever'

I commented, "as many bikers we see in the area during rally week, you're the first person I have ever seen openly carrying that weapon!

him. He stopped in front of the tavern; pulled out his weapon and immediately began using it!

Buy local is a commonly used comment. Possibly a sentiment that drew more attention here when the Shopko store closed.

I can attest to the fact that the items we need to operate the Beacon are 100% available in town. Cannot tell you if available for less online or elsewhere because we don't need to look.

More than one store option exists locally on: school supplies; groceries; lumber: hardware; clothing; furniture; dog food; coffee; pizza; hamburgers; flowers; paint; clothing; mowers; snowblowers (may be needed sooner than anyone cares); gasoline; propane; cars and trucks; soup to nuts it can

Then weigh the savings. Weigh the cost. There is a cost to not shopping locally: Loss of tax revenues; loss of jobs; business closings; loss of indirect support of kids and schools;

I wish I would have gone to school in Switzerland. Maybe there, they could have taught me how to be neutral. In spite of whose toes might get stepped on you cannot live,

employees job depends on tax collection. Maybe a friend, relative, or someone they know is one of the seventy-five plus people who are employed by a local car dealer. We would hope that city employees would understand that it is in their own best interest to shop locally when they can. This is a subject not to be neutral on.

Shopping locally is like physical exercise. You don't get the benefits unless you do the work.

The other day I was thinking, "I must be the most unobservant person in the world." Then I thought, "Well, maybe other people are equally unobservant and I just haven't noticed

before."

The prosecutor was relentless





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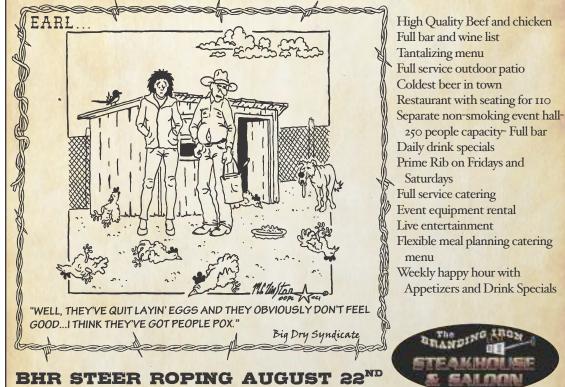


by Jim Thompson

to eternal life. And this sort of goes along with it on the other side of the coin:

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# Center of the Nation Disc Golf Course is Site of August 17th Tourney

The Black Hills Disc Golf Club in collaboration with the city of Belle Fourche will host

a tourney at the Center of the Nation Disc Golf Course in Belle Fourche, located on the grounds behind the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center at 415 Fifth Avenue.

The tourney will take place August 17th with a tee off at 10 a.m. There is a \$25 entry fee and entries can be paid for one hour prior to the tee off. Entrants may play in three

different groups: Advance, Intermediate and Rec. If there is sufficient participation, there will be pay-outs to those who finish in first through third place.

Ninety percent of monies collected will be paid-out, with 10%

being retained by Black Hills Disc Golf Club for operational costs. Though this tourney is an unsanctioned event, five extra temp baskets will be installed. The tourney will also offer two rings of fire and CTP (Closest to the Pin) contests on three holes. Tourney promoters also plan to have one 888' foot hole. This tourney is the first in an

effort to expand the disc golf course and its use as a recreational opportunity in Belle Fourche.

For more information about the August 17th tourney, call Eric Foesch at 1-605-858-5001.

# **Little Britches Rodeo Contestants**



reminder of how we can truly show the love to God to people around us.

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I love this prayer of St

Francis. At least he's given

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love.

Where there is offense, let me bring pardon.

Where there is discord, let me bring union.

Where there is error, let me bring truth.

Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.

Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.

Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

O Master, let me not seek as much

to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love, for it is in giving that one

receives, it is in self-forgetting that one finds,

it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,

it is in dying that one is raised

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

The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you." A star shone brightly. But he noticed it not.

And the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle." And a life was born. But the man was unaware.

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

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

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

#### Source Unknown

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



JP Jensen Competes in Flag Racing event. -Courtesy photo

Kolby Bowden, header, and Slone Weishaar, in Littles Britches team roping. - Courtesy photo



**Shaine Weishaar,** Goat tying, and **Sern Weishaar** dismounting for Goat tying. -*Courtesy photos* Saturday night's heavy rain in Belle Fourche resulted in the cancellation of the second day's schedule of the Little Britches event.



Rance Bowden Pulls his slack in calf roping event. - Courtesy photo



# **Two Counties Name Conservation Winners**

#### **COLLEEN BRUNNER**

news@bellefourchebeacon.com NISLAND – Both Butte and Lawrence County Conservation Districts took the opportunity of the Butte/Lawrence County Fair to announce the winners for this year's Conservation Producer and Citizenship winners.

Karl Jensen, Chuck Edwards and Zindie Meyers, presented the 2019 Conservation Citizenship Award to Doug and Carol Pavel of Butte Vista Farm.

"The Pavels have worked hard to make their operation healthier and more productive since they purchased the property 18 years ago," said Meyers. "Living on a small acreage near Whitewood, where they raise hay, meat goats, a small cow/calf herd, and garden produce, the Pavels embarked on a two-year project using Integrated Weed Management to control the spread of chicory."

The couple worked with SDSU Extension Weed Science coordinator, Paul Johnson, to identify weed management practices that are cost-effective, environmentally responsible, and which can be duplicated in a straight-forward fashion by other producers. Test plots were established in the spring and the Pavels regularly checked and photographed the sites.

The Lawrence County Conservation District named Butte Vista Farm for their conservation efforts, their passion about the land and natural resources entrusted to them.

They dedicated the award in honor of their son, Brian, who died in an accident in 2007. Brian had majored in Range Management at SDSU and loved Butte Vista Farm.

Dan and Cindi Conner, Belle Fourche, were the Conservation Producer of the year for Butte County. They have operated a cattle and sheep ranch on native rangeland north of Belle Fourche for the past 40 years. The area where their ranch is located is a mixture of private and public lands, which are important for wildlife habitat and livestock grazing. The Conners were recognized for changing the grazing management to benefit and increase animal gains, while ensuring the stewardship of the land.

"They have implemented a rest-rotation grazing system which includes rotating cattle and sheep between pastures to maximize plant vigor and resilience to drought," said Cliff Conry, who with Matt Gottlob presented the award.

Conry said the Conners recently worked with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to implement a Sage Grouse Initiative contract in conjunction with the BLM and SD Game, Fish & Parks. Those measures included: wildlife friendly fence, reduction of perches used by raptors, development of livestock water via pipelines, to assist the grazing management plan, utilization f a rotation/season long deferment system, identifying opportunities to benefit grassland resources, and improving hunter experiences through the SD Hunter Access Program.

The Conner's recently received the SD Society of Range Management-Excellence in Range Management, as well as the National SRM-Excellence in Range Management designation.

"They work hard to ensure that multi-species grazing management across the lands of multiple jurisdictions is a success for their ranch," said Conry.



From left: Cliff Conry, Cindi and Dan Conner, Matt Gottlob, during the presentation of the 2019 Conservation Producer of the year award by the Butte County Conservation District, during the Butte/Lawrence County Fair in Nisland. *-Brunner photo* 

# From left: Carol and Doug Pavel, Butte Vista Farm, received the Lawrence

From left: Carol and Doug Pavel, Butte Vista Farm, received the Lawrence County Conservation Citizenship award during the Butte/Lawrence County Fair in Nisland. Presenting are Karl Jensen, Chuck Edwards and Zindie Meyers. *-Brunner photo* 

# **Nisland/Arpan Raises Funds**

#### **COLLEEN BRUNNER** news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NISLAND – The Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire and Rescue (NAVFR) held their 11th Annual Brisket Feed as a fundraiser for the new fire hall that is under construction. This was held totally in the new hall, as last year they were able to set up tables but not serve in the new building.

The department has been working on fundraisers to help with the costs of the three-phase project. The feed on August 3 brought in around 400 hungry people that ate and donated. Most of those stayed through the live auction at 12:30, with some good bidding, both in person and over the phone.

The department raised around \$7,000 toward the building costs. They served around 400 people during the event which ran from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the auction held mid-way through the day. Jerry Casteel did the auctioneering and department members carried items as well as calling bids. Fire Chief Stan Lewis took phone bids. Some of the auction items were handcrafted by department members including a sheep grain feeder and tool box made by Tom Lewis from recycled materials. Fred Wells fashioned a

bone handled knife and scabbard and Calvin Fickbohm created a hitch based steel anvil. Other items donated included a Rapid City Rush package of jersey, hats, cowbell and four center ice tickets, painting, a 100-year-old cookie jar, and handmade quilts and afghans.

There was also an Essential Oils cleaning basket, a ice cream cake donated by Dairy Queen of Belle Fourche, a \$50 lamb bundle, and nome ground organic flour and flaxseed donated by Belle Valley Ancient Grains. Bailey Bauer created some beautiful leather and beadwork items and there was a large basket of goodies donated by Runnings. Many other items were donated toward this worthy cause. The NAVFR is the first responder in fire, accidents and other emergency situations in the middle of Butte County. Their coverage area goes from Arpan Road on the west to Highway 79 on the east and a good chunk of ground in between. It is a group of dedicated volunteers who drop everything to serve at a moment's notice when they get a page out call from dispatch. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, you can send a donation to PO Box 169, Nisland, SD 57762.





This is just a handful of the guys and gals ready to serve up some beef brisket, pulled pork, coleslaw, beans and chips to a hungry public. From left: Second Chief Ronald Fickbohm, Fred Wells, Bill Heidrich, Josh Kitzan and Randy Vallery. *-Brunner photo*  Rhonda and Randy Vallery (auxiliary and dept members) paint the fundraiser fire plug to reflect where the NAVFR is in the construction process. This does not necessarily reflect where the department is in its fundraising efforts.

-Brunner photo

#### **Nisland Tractor Pull**

On page B4 of the August 7 edition of the Belle Fourche Beacon this information was left out of the Nisland Tractor Pull article.

Class 13 Classic: 1st-Ken Hansen with IH 1256, Full Pull. Pull off-145.6. 2nd-Willie Wilbur Oliver 99, Full Pull. Pull off-133.4. 3rd-Wyatt Hansen, IH 806, Full Pull. Pull off-91.3. Others in this class were: Wyatt Hansen IH 706, 177.7. John Kirby IH 856, 159.



# Belle Fourche Beacon REGIONAL

#### Wed. Aug. 14, 2019

# **Cottage Cheese and Worm Poop**

#### **COLLEEN BRUNNER** news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NEWELL – What do cottage cheese, worm poop and good soil health have in common? Some may say nothing, but according to Dave Ollila, West River Extension Specialist, if your soil is in good shape there should be an abundance of worm poop, and a cottage cheese-like quality to the soil, no matter the type.

On Tuesday, July 23, a group of around 20 people who boarded a bus in Belle Fourche at the NRCS office to learn a bit more about how to create better soil health, better crops and less inputs. Ollila said the purpose of the tour was to look at how cover crops have been implemented on the places they visited, a general discussion on soil health, water infiltration tests, sharing soil analysis information, cost share opportunities and basically improving soil health and production on grazing lands.

The group stopped first at the Art Walker farm at Fruitdale. "He planted cover crops because of the wet conditions this year, but has been using them in the past as well," said Ollila.

The group was supposed to stop at the Paul Winkler farm, but due to a great deal of



**Dave Ollila** speaks from his cover crop alfalfa field to the Soil Health Tour group. -Brunner photo

moisture recently and a difficult road, the group detoured to Walker's.

During the drive to Walker's, Justin Boerboom, the District Conservationist for the NRCS shared a discussion of principles of soil health. That related back to Ollila's information about soil consistency, such as cottage-cheese texture, and the evidence of worms, along with what they leave behind. Kent Cooley, NRCS, performed a filtration test at the Walker farm in a field that was sandy loam. Due to the lack of ground cover and crusting of the coil, the test did not perform as they had hoped.

It was noted that Walker still does a bit of tillage, which reduces the amount of ground cover and gives the opportunity for crusting when there's rain. During the drive to the Ollila farm, southeast of Newell, there was communication about the Soil Health Coalition and the mentor programs for people beginning to start the process. Ollila showed the group an area of pasture land that he had utilized inter seeding on, pro-

viding a longer grazing period for his livestock. "This field has been in cover crops for the past nine years," said Ollila of a pivot watered

said Ollila of a pivot watered alfalfa field. Cooley did another infiltration ring at the pivot site to compare reduced tillage to no-till farming.

The test on this heavy clay soil was vastly improved over the one on the sandy soil that had been tilled with little ground cover.

Following the stop at Ollila's, the group traveled to the SDSU farm by Sturgis where there was discussion about grazing cover crops and stocking rates. The group had the opportunity to discuss the SDSU farm and what is being done there.

On the way back to Belle Fourche, Boerboom talked about using the CSP/EQIP programs to improve soil health, along with a wrap up of the day, answering questions and handing out soil health folders, as well as infiltration rings to whoever wanted one.



A beneficial tool to farmers to understand both soil health and moisture content, as well as how quickly moisture penetrates the soil, is a soil infiltration ring, demonstrated by Kent Cooley. -Brunner photo

# Then and Now in Newell "Looking Forward to our Past" by Linda Velder

from the Newell Museum

from a seed, has developed rapidly and this spring bloomed. The developing fruit might well prove something relatively new in this territory and of interest. August 11, 1949 The Butte Electric Coop will soon occupy more spacious quarters in Newell in the Moutka building just west of the Irrigator office, was revealed by Coop directors. The building formerly occupied by the United Mattress Co is redecorating with partitions, shelving and expected to move in within a few weeks. The office along Main St. in which the Coop now maintains its office also owned by Moutka has already several inquiries regarding rental of same. The Vale Fire Department was called to near the Charley Grant farm where a tractor driven by Glenn "Buzz" Alexander was set on fire due to a leak in the gas tank. Buzz coasted down the hill into a drainage ditch and had the fire under control by the time the fire department arrived. August 13, 1959 Guests at the Rodney Winkler home for Sunday noon, in celebration of the 13th birthday of David Winkler were: Mr. & Mrs. Ed Janke; Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Laumer, Lynn, Jack and Joel; Mr. & Mrs. Don Dahlberg and family; John Knutson and the Karen children Raymond, John and Merle. A birthday dinner was served and in the afternoon the children went swimming. The County Fair Committee has been overhauling the grounds the past two weeks. New arrangements of exhibits, lots and added space in the commercial exhibit hall will be improved. Water lines have been replaced, barns and buildings gone over and cleaned up. The use of irrigation water on the grounds will insure a pleasing green turfed midway, which, with the large shade trees will add to patrons comfort. August 15, 1979 Rome and Roxie Glover of

# **STILL MISSING!** NISLAND AREA

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Yellow Lab: Breezy, chipped with BF Vet, has collar, no tags. Missing since Sunday, July 7 ~ 8pm.

#### **Distinguishing Features:**

Cream colored, darker on ears, across shoulders and down back, brownish pink nose, sores on front elbows (hygromas), had 2–3 foot piece of pink leash at time of disappearance.

Very friendly, would go to anyone.

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# Simple Movement Tests Can Predict Health

PRESS RELEASE sur Belle Fourche, August 7, If 2019-- The American Heart on Association encourages people to "know their numbers" cor referring to blood pressure, at r blood cholesterol, blood glucose, and weight. However, to u research is now showing that to g moving properly is also important for health.

Walking speed has been called the "sixth vital sign" in medical literature recently. Like blood pressure or heart rate, it is quick and easy to measure. It also

sured on a treadmill. If you can't easily get down on the floor and back up your health might be in trouble, according to a study that looked at more than 2,000 people. They found that if you need to use more than one hand t to get up and down from the American floor, you were 2 to

Heart Association If a sociation If

life is why who can do it with just one hand, or even better, s- no hands at all.

Moving well is obviously important to overall health and longer life. These tests can give a snapshot of how you're doing. If you're having trouble with any of them, consider seeing a movement specialist - your physical therapist. Pain & Movement Solutions is an outpatient physical therapy private practice in Belle Fourche, serving the community since 2012. Their staff works diligently to be the best evidence-backed option for all of your musculoskeletal pains and movement problems to keep you living your best life. *For more information please* visit www.PainandMovement-Solutions.com. #ChoosePT1st

*August 19, 1909* According to the law enacted at the last session of the state

3:00 PM August 20, 1919. *August 15, 1929* Harvey Fellows, veteran stage

Legislature, all hunters are required to have a gun license. Fee for residents \$1. Get your license before the hunting season opens warned F.E. Bennett Butte County Treasurer.

Next Sunday at 8 o'clock PM, a song service will be held at Woodman Hall. One number will be a solo by Eleanor Dennis. The collection will be given to the Woodman Lodge to help pay for the piano.

#### August 14, 1919

The Empire Threshing Co started the season's business Friday with Mr. Long as engineer and Mr. Hoke Cox of White Owl as separator man. Robert Cox will run the Vowden Machine this season. The Threshing outfit (association) starts out this week to thresh for James Foster on Kleinfeldt then for Paul Ashley near Vale.

Anyone interested in carrying the school children of the Newell School District No. 7 to and from school in Newell, is invited to make a bid on one or more of the contemplated routes. Information concerning the routes and the number of passengers may be obtained from Harry L. Bauer, Clerk. Application on each and also forms of making the proposals may be obtained and make application to the Board. Bids will be received by the board up until

driver of the Black Hills, passed away in Spearfish yesterday, following injuries received when he fell from the old Spearfish Stage coach at the conclusion of the Days of '76 parade Thursday. The accident occurred on his 84 birthday. He came to the Black Hills in 1877 and began driving the Deadwood-Spearfish Stage Route owned by J.T. McClintok until it was discontinued 15 years later. He missed his step when dismounting from the stage and broke his hip.

W.H. Samuels, who is herding a band of sheep for Henry Jacobsen, Castle Rock vicinity, found it necessary to set out coyote traps since several sheep had been taken by the pests. The Sheridan boys trailed their sheep to their ranch north of Hoover, on account of the scarcity of water on the gumbo range.

*August 17, 1939* Mr. & Mrs. Roy Newman and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Davis left Monday morning to Bonilla, So Dak to visit relatives. Roy will ship his belongings to Mason and plans to build a garage and filling station near the Crow Buttes.

Of unusual interest in Newell are a few peaches which are developing on a tree in the John W. Price yard. The plant, started

tells medical staff a lot about your health. Walking speed has been shown to be predictive of future hospitalizations, functional decline, and overall mortality. Normal walking speed is considered to be 1.2 to 1.4 meters per second. How many push-ups you can do without stopping can also give a picture of your health Researchers found that men who could do 40 or more consecutive push-ups were at a 96% lower risk for cardiovascular disease than were men who could do less than 10. The push up test was also more useful in predicting future cardiovascular disease than aerobic capacity mea-





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Glover Construction, Sturgis hosted a meeting Saturday at the NVN Senior Center. The purpose was to conduct a survey to establish and prove to the Regional HUD CEO, that there is a need in Newell for housing for the elderly. Blue prints of a proposed attractive 12-unit complex were displayed. HUD favors only 6 units, Newell is trying to get 12.

Newell Jaycettes met August 8 at BEC in Newell as the time to discuss the upcoming Jr. Miss Pageant. National Jr. Miss rules have changed and new deadlines set, so the show will be held earlier than usual, September 16. A Garden Party theme was selected and committees appointed. Interested Sr. High School girls who have not signed up yet may do so at the Middle Office in Newell High School. The deadline is Aug.31.



**The Arcade Theater -** Prices at one time were; children under 12:  $5\phi$ , 12 yrs through high school:  $10\phi$ , and adults:  $25\phi$ .



Belle Fourche Beacon

# **Women's Organizations Long** Part of Methodist Church

#### PAT ENGEBRETSON

Special to the Beacon Women's organizations in the Methodist Church have been a part of the church from the very beginning. While there have been different names over the years, they all have been concerned with missionary work both at home and abroad. The women's group of the church is now called United Methodist Women. In 1925 an addition was made to the church with

a basement which contained a full kitchen and dining room equipment. This made life much easier for the women of the church who had been doing all their cooking at home and carrying it to the church. The women served at many functions in the community. They were famous for their chicken pot pies and they served at LOT of them over the years. Their catering service was just one of the ways the ladies raised

money for the church. At tough times, like drought, depression, and finances, when some folks wanted to throw in the towel, the Methodist Women stepped in and saved the day. To celebrate 125 years in Belle Fourche, the church will be having a potluck block party after worship on Sept. 8th. Worship is at 10:30 and block party will start at 12:00.

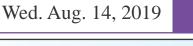


**Belle Fourche Missionary Society** of Methodist Episcopal Church 1919

Back row Left-Mrs. Hough (Elizabeth) Holmes, Sarah J. Thompson, Mrs. W.W. (Ermine) Wood, Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Mandville, Mrs. W.A. (Martha) Morgan Front row Left-Mrs. B.C. (Willie Pearl) Johnson, Mrs. L.L. (Mary) Towle Bertha McNeil, Eleanor Small

Missionary Society of Methodist Episcopal Church was started in New York April 5, 1819.

# Looking Back in Belle –





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**Closed Sunday** 

by Hunter Anderson

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

#### 123 years ago **Belle Fourche Times** Aug. 15, 1896 Fire at Crook

Camp Crook, S.D.. Aug. 12. The Presbyterian church at this place burned last night. It was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary. The fire was discovered between 12 and 1 o'clock, at which time the interior was a mass of flames but had not appeared on the outside. The church organ, Frank Bower's piano and John Alexander's kit of carpenter tools being in the church were also destroyed.

#### Talk Of The Town

Old-time Dan has again opened up a neat barber shop one door west of the Postoffice. Any desiring a neat shave or hair cut are respectfully invited to call. D. W. Lothrop

Jerry Flannagan and Oren Snyder came in from the Bear Lodge country Wednesday. The gold excitement still continues at that place.

#### 100 years ago The Belle Fourche Bee Aug 14, 1919 Congressman Gandy Here

Congressman Gandy was in Belle Fourche Monday of this week looking over matters relative to the Belle Fourche project. Mr. Gandy met President Martin and Vice President Perry of the Water Users' association at Vale and went over the south canal with them. Arriving at Belle Fourche a party accompanied Mr. Gandy to the site of the proposed chicken creek reservoir. Mr. Gandy was very

favorably impressed with the claims of the Water users.

**Charged With Illegal Fishing** E. Fuller, deputy federal game warden was placed under arrest Monday of this week by Deputy State Game Warden Edholm of Deadwood, the charge being illegal fishing, Mr. Edholm alleging that Fuller had been fishing with a line to which was attached more than two hooks. The hearing will be before Justice Couch on Saturday of this week.

Mr. Fuller has been located at the big dam of the past few years, catching fish from the lake which he sells, and also looking after the federal government's interests as deputy game warden. His arrest will be a clash between the federal and the state game laws, and the case next Saturday promises to be as interesting one.

#### 75 years ago The Belle Fourche Bee August 10, 1944 **Golfers**

Sturgis-Golfers from Sundance, Wyo., Sturgis, Spearfish and Belle Fourche played a four-town tournament in Spearfish Sunday of last week. B. W. Woodle of Sturgis with a score of 36 was winner of the medal. R. F. Remschel of Spearfish placed second and Jay Durfee of Sundance third. In the afternoon a ball-and-chain tournament, representing the same towns, resulted in Mrs. Lyle Hare and George Blake of Spearfish placing first: Mrs. Joe Morris and Jay Durfee of

Hunter Anderson is filling in for Mary Buchholz as the researcher doing "Looking Back in Belle' this week. Hunter is Mary's son-in-law. He and his family reside in Belle Fourche. Mary is on a trip to Norway.

Sundance second and Mrs. J. M. Ramsey and Dr. Lyle Hare, Spearfish, third.

#### Lead

Enough metal to build a Liberty ship and 64 medium tanks has been shipped out in scrap by the Homestake company. There were 152 carloads, or approximately 6945 tons. The scrap collection was under the direction of R. R. Pullen mechanical engineer, and was begun in 1941. The company announced that the scrap was all shipped to American plants for use by the government. At no time previous did any Homestake scrap ever go to Japan.

#### 50 years ago The Belle Fourche Bee Aug 15, 1969 Minnesela Residents Vote to **Close Both Areas Schools**

Residents of the former Minnesela school district voted by a decisive margin Tuesday to close both of their schools and buys the children to Belle Fourche.

In a special election, residents of the district voted 44 to 3 to close the White school and 34 to 13 to close the Sunnyside school. The results are unofficial returns. Ballots will be canvased later by the school



# Coming Soon!

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#### board.

Residents of the district several months ago voted to dissolve their district and attach to Belle Fourche

#### Nine Games Ahead For **Bronc Gridders**

Any way you look at it, summer is almost over and one of the sure signs is the fact that football equipment will be issued at Belle Fourche high school Aug. 23 in preparation for a nine game schedule that starts here Sept. 5.

Coach Larry Klink this week announced this year's football schedule.

The first game will be a non-conference match Sept. 5 with Lemmon here. On Sept. 12 the Broncs will open their conference season against Sturgis here. On Sept. 19 Belle goes to Spearfish and on Sept. 26 the Broncs go to Lead

Belle Fourche will host Hot Springs on Bronc Day, Oct 3. On Oct 10 Belle goes to Douglas. On Oct. 17 the Brons go to Deadwood and on Oct. 24 they go to Custer. The season winds up with a non-conference game against Gillette here oct. 31.

#### City Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Clarkson and Mrs. Helen Seper attended the graduation exercises of the Clarksons' son Scott, last Friday evening at the University of Wyoming, Laramie. Guest speaker for the evening was astronaut Colonel Borman. They spent the weekend visiting with Scott and his wife Cathy, sho is the daughter of Mrs. Seper. Elizabeth Seper, another daughter, came up from Greeley, Colo. and joined them for the weekend. Elizabeth is working toward her master's at Colorado State College.

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# **Notice to the Public**

Notice to the Public: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the implementation of a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Belle Fourche Reservoir (BFR). Reclamation is the lead federal agency responsible for ensuring compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and related federal environmental and cultural resource laws. To ensure that all social, economic, and environmental effects are considered in the development of this plan, Reclamation is seeking your input pursuant to Section 102 (2) (D) (IV) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Reclamation and managing partner South Dakota Game Fish & Parks (SDGFP) estimate that public use at BFR has doubled since the previously-completed RMP from 2004. The increased use has created management challenges for Reclamation, SDGFP, and the recreating public. A new RMP would serve as the blueprint for the future use, management, and development for BFR. Public involvement efforts on the RMP began in May 2018 and to date includes an online and paper survey, an initial scoping letter, open house, public meeting to discuss options, numerous press releases to local newspapers, radio stations, and local businesses advertising the survey and public meetings, and newsletters updating the public on the progress.

Reclamation has developed an Action Alternative based on previous public involvement activities to determine the best uses for BFR. This Alternative includes enhanced recreation development on Middle and Gadens Point, a change to day use for Fruitdale Area, Inlet Canal, and CCC Point, and the elimination of the off-road vehicle area, among other changes from current management strategies.

Reclamation is requesting your input about the proposed action and information or concerns you may have regarding the potential effects. If no significant issues are identified during scoping or in the preparation of the EA, Reclamation would issue a Finding of No Significant Impact. Conversely, if any significant issues are identified, Reclamation would consider whether to proceed with the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement. Reclamation defines significance in accordance with 40 CFR 1508.27.

Please provide comments, concerns, or information by September 1, 2019. Questions or comments regarding the preparation of the EA may be delivered to Andrea Gue at 701-221-1223, ague@usbr.gov, or in writing to: Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 1017, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502.

#### **KAREN ODELL**

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We've had another good August week. Many people got good rains and things are still green. The countryside is covered with bales of hay.

Dick and Erma Albert made a trip to Rapid City and Spearfish on Tuesday for doctors' appointments and shopping. On Friday, Erma went to the senior citizen's Friday dinner. Bobbie always has a great meal, and Erma enjoys playing cards in the afternoon. She and Dick went to church on

Sunday. Pete Anderson spent

the week fencing. Norm Hendrickson had done three days of dirt work for Alvin Cordell this week. Alvin had about a quarter of an inch of rain this

week at home, and more at the Yates place. He had heard that Albion had a really big rain on Friday. The having is done at the Horton place, and they had gotten their equipment home again. On Saturday night, Alvin and Marlee went to Ekalaka for supper and stayed a while for the dance. It was a good band and after the rodeo a big crowd came later in the evening. Denin Cheguis went up to Ekalaka for the fair, too.

Doug Davis helped friends with the races at the Sturgis Rally this week. It was such a good year for haying, that he didn't have much time to go

# **Capitol News** to town. Julia went to Buffalo

on Friday for a quilting class where they were learning appliquéd blocks. They will have a beautiful quilt for the raffle this year, too.

Justin Kerr had rain on Saturday night and again on Sunday at the mailbox, but not much at the house. He had heard that Ronald Turbiville had had an inch of rain.

Donna Lewis went to Ekalaka on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the fair. She didn't stay late

each day, but enjoyed much of the fair. She was disappointed that there was no breakfast served by the Catholic Church and there was no music on Sunday afternoon, but she enjoyed Indian tacos and the

great exhibits. She went to the cemetery and marveled at the lovely green mowed lawn there. Next week she will be busy watching great-grandchildren compete at the Baker fair. She wishes either Baker or Camp Crook would change their date so that she could go to both of them. She mentioned that the Baker parade has been moved up to 10 o'clock this year.

Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum went to Ekalaka on Saturday for the Gospel Sing at the church bandstand. They are very busy with having and Rachel has not had to water her garden at all this summer.

Junior Melum went with Ernie, Rachel and Tommy to Ekalaka on Sunday for the fair parade. They spent the afternoon visiting and picked up Tommy's entries from the fair building in the afternoon.

The Fallon County Vet Clinic did some ultra-sound work on cows at the Padden Ranch on Wednesday. Lorraine Chin has come from Texas. She is preparing the Theatre Museum for the Camp Crook Fair next week. She and Dorothy Padden went to Ekalaka on Friday for the Firemen's supper. On Sunday, Dorothy went back to Ekalaka for the fair parade. Then she went to Ludow for great-granddaughter, Kadi's birthday party and barbeque.

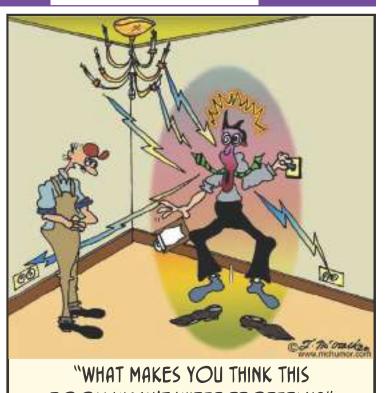
Last week Ronda Cordell went to Rapid City to stay over at Cristen's. She had to be there early Monday morning for a Cat Scan of her shoulder. Then she had two dental appointments. With the Rally going on it would take longer, she knew the speed limit would be 65 MPH through Sturgis. Diane Wear and Joey Douglas held the fort down at Ronda's. Joey is still helping Clint Zolnoski and Gene Secrest with having. In Rapid City, she had the house to herself, because Cristen Westling and Jon Hamilton

Devil's Tower and back through Hulett and Belle Fourche. On Tuesday, they all went to the Bergstrom Ranch tending to yard work and then, Ronda and the three grandkids did an overnighter at "home" as Oren calls it. Wednesday dawned on a somewhat sullen note, as the grandkids had to head to Spearfish and be picked up to begin their ride east. The last finale of their three week visit here was spent at the water park in Spearfish. Cristen took them as far as Mitchell, that evening, and to Kansas City by Friday evening, where they were met by Leon Basler and Lynn Rose. They spent two nights in Kansas City, before Leon and Lynn headed on east with three grandkids. Jayda Westling had gotten to spend time with Grandpa Leon, too. Ronda had coffee and homemade pie with Shirley Moseley in town on Tuesday. On Wednesday, She made a quick trip to Camp Crook to get creep feed that Diane had brought from Buffalo, and again on Friday to get photo board from Laurie Elmore. On Saturday, Ronda visited with Denise Zolnoski and Elmore's as they enjoyed watching Darby Zolnoski, Waverlee and Havlan Elmore play in the bouncy houses at the Day's of '85. The

three weeks in Montana. On

Monday, Gramma Ronda and

Diane Wear had taken them to



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parade was the attraction on Sunday, and then a trip through the livestock barn with Zolnoski's and Kim and Gene Secrest before heading home. Steve Hanson came to Charlie Odell's on Tuesday to get a car and bring some tractor parts. The Dish man came on Wednesday and discovered that high winds had stripped the bolts holding the dish. Charlie made a trip to Buffalo on Friday. He had been waiting to visit with his class members on their 60th anniversary, but on Sunday when they got to the Senior Center at Ekalaka, no one was there. Karen Odell had done some music practicing, but there were no musicians around town for the jam session, either. They were lucky enough to get to borrow the use of some chairs for the fair parade. Luther Waterland was in the parade and did not use his, and Livingstons had an extra, so they were quite comfortable. They had a good visit with Marlene Waterland and Leonard Livingston. The town didn't seem to be as busy as usual for the fair, but it was great to visit with people we had not seen for some time, and talk about the great crops and beautiful August scenery. It's interesting that you can go right into convers tion, after not seeing someone for five years or more, as if you had seen them just yesterday.



gone to meet a ride for Oren and Arlie Basler that would take them back to Altenburg, MO. Oren and Arlie had spent

track of him. Reub's brother

Doug Olson, our granddaughter

were on their way home from

Kansas City, where they had

# **Grand River Roundup**

#### **BETTY OLSON**

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Reub and I went to the Perkins County Fair in Bison last Friday evening for the supper and Talent Show at the arena. The Buer family and some other locals did a great job, making it a really enjoyable evening. Tracy, Todd, Pete, and Lance Buer and their sister Pam all performed. Lynn Buer and his wife were also there, although he didn't get up on the stage with his siblings. Corey Buer was the only one missing, but hopefully they will all be on the stage next year.

Irean Jordan from Faith sent me a nice letter this week with a question some of you may be able to answer. If you can, please let me know because I've asked everyone who might know and came up empty. Irean's father was Mat Clauson, who lived north of Faith in Perkins County. Known as "Little Matt the Wolfer", he was hired by the government to kill wolves that were killing livestock for local ranchers. Irean said that sometime before 1910, her Dad picked up four big sets of horns from Texas Longhorns in northwestern Harding County. A big cattle outfit had trailed three or four hundred head of Longhorns up from Texas in the late fall, too late for them to get ready for the hard Dakota winter and they died in a winter storm on the bed ground. There is a map in John O. Bye's book "Back Trailing in The Heart of the Short Grass Country" showing where all the big cattle companies ranged before there were any fences and the ones that I found in northwest Harding County were the Turkey Track, the E6, and the CY so it

might have been one of those. There are lots of weddings this summer. Megan Adams and Garrett Clark got married in Lemmon Saturday evening with lots of locals attending. The Bridal Shower for Ashley Goldade, bride elect of Kent Wilkinson, was at Slim Buttes Lutheran after church last Sunday with a good crowd.

Ashley and Kent

will be married in

Tierney and Brad John-

son are getting married

August 23rd in Sturgis and our

grandson Till Olson and Kelsey

September 21st at the Cadillac

Ranch south of Belle Fourche.

this Saturday at the Elk Creek

Resort near Piedmont, so Missy

has been really busy getting ev-

erything ready for the wedding.

We got some nice rains this

All I'm doing is cooking the

beef and trying to find some-

week on Saturday, Sunday,

moisture. They weren't so

and Monday that added up to

almost an inch of much needed

lucky up north of here though.

A lot of fields and gardens got

hailed out. Don't you just hate

There are also some birth-

days to report. Knox turned

one year old this Monday and

Amanda took him and Copper

to the PRCA rodeo in Spearfish

to celebrate with Taz who was

in the rodeo that day. They got

to go swimming and visit with

Knox is walking all over now,

so it's going to be hard to keep

some of Amanda's relatives.

thing nice to wear.

that hard water?

Our granddaughter Bryce Olson

Swales are getting married

is marrying Braxton Hespe

Timber Lake on



Lanie Klug, and Amanda's Aunt Kim (Hight) Berberich also had birthdays on Wednesday. Happy birthday to all! Casey and Trig went over to help Bill Holt work his cows at the corrals at our east place on Wednesday. Jace

and Jarret Jenson also came to help Bill and Mollie, so they were able to finish before lunch. Doug Doll went to help Bill work his cows up at the home

place on Thursday.

Dixie Smith sent us some more local history that Blanche Ames had collected. One of things she sent was an article about Harold and Floyd Carr from Reva that was in an Associated Press article in June of 1979. A day later I was going through some of my late mother's old letters and found the same article that Mom's old friend Nina Wolhow, who was raised in South Dakota and lived in Michigan, had sent Mom that had been printed in the Detroit Free Press on June 29, 1979. It was the same article with different headlines. The South Dakota headline read "Sod House Built in 1910 Still Home to Brothers". The Michigan headline read "For them, it's sod-burbia". What an interesting coincidence to find both articles about the same time.

Little Evan Anderson, youngest child of Chet and Mandy Anderson, was bitten by a rattlesnake on Thursday. He was airlifted to Bismarck where he seems to be doing well. Those rattlesnakes are dangerous! Just a reminder that the

Vanished South Dakota Documentary filmed in Harding and Perkins Counties is scheduled to air on Monday Aug. 19th at 6pm MT on SDPB TV.

The Motorcycle Rally is still going on in Sturgis this week, so I'll leave you with this:

A motorcycle patrolman was rushed to hospital with an inflamed appendix. The doctors operated on him and when he came round he was relieved when they told him all had gone to plan and he was going to be fine.

But the patrolman kept feeling something pulling at

the hairs on his chest. He was worried that something may be wrong but he was still too weak from the surgery to do anything. Eventually, he managed to pull his hospital gown down enough to check what was causing the discomfort. When he looked down at his chest he saw three wide strips of ultra-adhesive tape stuck firmly to him. Written on it in large black letters was the message:

"Get well soon... from the nurse you gave the ticket to last week. I'll be around to remove the tape later."



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Belle Fourche Beacon

10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School LANDMARK MISSIONARY **BAPTIST CHURCH** 

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4th Friday of the month

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ST. JAMES LUTHERAN

110 Stanley · 723-3923 Sunday: 9am Adult Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship

Wed: iPraise - after school 7th-8th grade confirmation 4 p.m.

Thurs. Pray Without Ceasing 10am

Friday: 7 a.m. Lutheran Men in Missions, Belle Inn

Saturday: 5 p.m. Worship

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**EMMANUEL BAPTIST (SBC)** 902 Lawrence St. · 723-6899 Andy Anderson, Pastor Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Wednesday: 6 p.m. Prayer Service

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NEW COVENANT PCA 1140 Ames St. Spearfish 642-1122 - Luke Bluhm, Pastor Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Service NORTHERN HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST 5 miles south of Belle Fourche on Hwy 85 · 642-7167 Thomas Pruett - Minister Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Class 10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class NORTH POINT CHRISTIAN CHURCH 10959 Kellem Lane, Spearfish Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM NISLAND INDEPENDENT **COMMUNITY CHURCH** On Hwy 212 in Nisland (605) 257-2356 Pastor Doug Clark Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m.

> PRAIRIE HOME CHURCH 1701 Hwy 212, Newell Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. RANGELAND MINISTRIES

CHURCH Alzada, MT Sunday: Worship: 10:00am Mark Leverington, Lay Pastor

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**Belle Fourche** Community Calendar

August 14: Fitness Made Fun, 11am, Senior Center August 15: New Garden Club, 10am, Senior Center Community Pie Social, 3pm, Rail Park Farmers Market, 4-6pm, Roosevelt Event Center August 16: Caramel Rolls & Coffee, 8:30am, Senior Center Healthy Habits Made Easy, 10am, Senior Center

August 17: Mini-Exhibit Opening: "School Days, School Days", 10am-5pm, Tri-State Museum

August 18: Family Fun Day, 2pm, Tri-State Museum August 19: City Council Meeting, 6pm, City Hall

August 20: Early Bird Networking & Coffee, 7:30am, Chamber of Commerce August 21: BF Economic Development Corp Meeting, 7am, 5th & Grant Plaza Fitness Made Fun, 11am, Senior Center August 22: Community Pie Social, 3-4pm, Rail Park Farmers Market, 4-6pm, Roosevelt Event Center August 23: Caramel Rolls

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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
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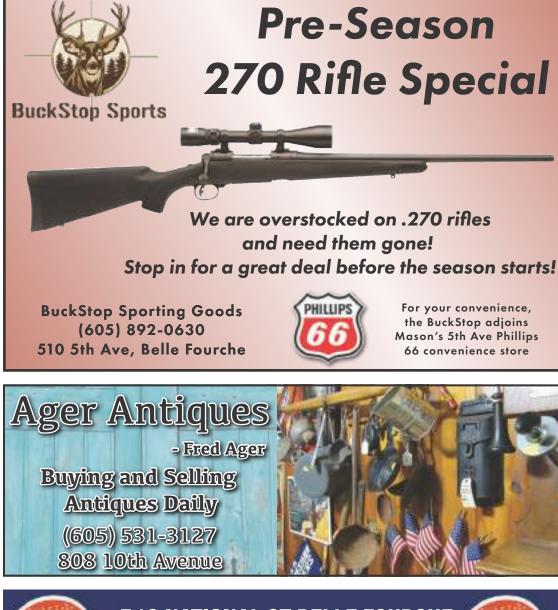
Friday November 1st	Weighup Cattle Sale	9 AM Start Time
	Stock Cow/Bred Heifer Special	12 PM Start Time
Thursday November 7th	Feeder Cattle Special	8 AM Start Time
Friday November 8th	Weighup Cattle Sale	9 AM Start Time
Thursday November 14th .	Feeder Cattle Special	8 AM Start Time

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Friday December 13th	.Weighup Cattle Sale	9 AM Start Time
Christmas Classic	Stock Cow/Bred Heifer Special	. 12 PM Start Time
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