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## "The Quarnberg Family"

Story submitted by  
Linda Wiley  
Quarenberg descendent

*Editor's note: The Beacon found this particularly interesting especially considering Belle Fourche was over 110 years ahead of the current move by our government to end the use of the penny.*

Historical story of early Belle Fourche, mud, and pennies in about 1913 from "The Quarnberg Family, A Century in Dakota" by Pam Penfold Gueninm, page 25.

Carl in the story is Carl Quarnberg, son of Hans and Minnie Quarnberg; all three of Tri-State Mill fame.

"Carl points out that life in Belle Fourche in the early 20th century was about as uncomplicated as his father's (flour mill) laboratory. The town had a population of between 800 and 900. Some of the people boasted that, although a small town, Belle had ten saloons. These bars were restricted to one street on the west side of town, and were supported by the cowboys who came into town from the neighboring ranches.

The streets were dirt, resulting in a mud gumbo after each rain. Freighting outfits with six-horse teams drawing two wagons would come into town from the ranch country to load up with supplies. The wagons would get stuck in the mud, and hours were spent trying to get out of town with the loaded wagons.

Many young bachelors, including Carl, were in the habit of eating breakfast at Charlie Lovinger's restaurant and store. One day a stranger walked in during breakfast and bought a ten-cent cigar, paying for it with a nickel and five pennies.

In those days, there weren't any pennies in circulation in Belle; merchants didn't want them and gave no change less than a nickel. The popular saying was "No penny change makes for a good town."

When Charlie Lovinger saw the five pennies on this counter, he graciously thanked the stranger. But after the man walked out, Charlie took the five pennies out and threw them into the street, where they disappeared in the mud."

*Respectfully submitted by Linda Wiley, daughter of Jack and Mary Ann Wells. Mary Ann was a granddaughter of Hans Quarnberg.*

## Family Fun Day: Viva, Mexico!

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Tri-State Museum & Visitor Center hosted its May Family Fun Day on Sunday, May 18.

Eighteen participants braved the wind and rain to have fun with the theme "Viva, Mexico!" Activities for the day included watching a film, making pinatas, learning the Hat Dance with Krystal Cazer, a book drawing, and a free take-home packet. Museum-goers had fun learning about Mexican history and culture.

The next Family Fun Day will be June 15 with the theme "Nanny Goats and Billy Goats." Family Fun Days are held on the third Sunday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m.

Admission is \$2 without a membership and free for members, and reservations can be made by calling 605-723-1200.

*Family Fun Day photos on page A4*

## Pearson Renovation/Restoration Underway



The 600 Block of State Street is sporting a new sign where **Jenny & Zach Gaaskjolen** and family (children **Clayton, Stella, & Iris**) are undertaking a major renovation/remodeling project that will be the location of two new Belle Fourche businesses. The plan is to be open and in operation to for Belle Fourche's celebration of the July 4th holiday week. Date of the Grand Opening will be forthcoming. *Beacon photo*

## Belle Fourche SkillsUSA Students Take Classroom Skills to the Job Site

Guest column  
by **Austin Bishop**, Ag Education  
Educator and FFA Advisor; CTE  
Director

Three students from the Belle Fourche High School SkillsUSA chapter recently took their education to new heights—literally and figuratively—by showcasing their heavy equipment operation skills on a live worksite.

Thanks to a partnership with local companies Site Works Specialist and Scull Construction Service, these students had the unique opportunity to operate real machinery outside the classroom.

The students, all enrolled in the school's Heavy Equipment Operations (HEO) class, demonstrated their proficiency on a range of machines, including an excavator, forklift, skid steer, wheel loader, bulldozer, and an articulating dump truck.

The hands-on experience allowed them to translate the foundational skills they had developed through advanced classroom simulators into real-world application. "Learning on simulators gives our students the foundation of operation in a controlled environment, but nothing beats

the feel of operating the actual equipment," said Advisor Jim Hartwell. "This opportunity helps them understand the scale and precision of what's expected on a professional job site."

Site Works Specialists and Scull Construction Service collaborated to provide an active worksite for the students to gain this valuable experience under professional supervision with Site Works taking the lead. With the help of Jermey Veldman, Site Works Superintendent; Brandon Foster, Site Works Project Manager; and Steven Uttecht, Scull Construction Site Superintendent this training event was held with safety protocols in full effect, and the students were accompanied by both instructors and industry mentors throughout the day. These types of relationships not only help in the equipment function correctly, but also with field experience and networking. "This was a big moment for our students," said Mr. Hartwell. "It's not every day high schoolers get to jump in a bulldozer or haul material with an articulating dump truck. Experiences like this build

confidence and solidify career interest."

The Heavy Equipment Operations class is part of Belle Fourche's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program, which aims to equip students with job-ready skills across a variety of trades. With the support of local industry leaders, the program continues to expand its reach and impact. Both SiteWorks and Scull Construction expressed enthusiasm for continuing their involvement with the program, noting the importance of fostering the next generation of skilled workers. Mr. Steven Uttecht states that, "Scull Construction Service and Site

Works Specialists strongly believe in investing in our communities and the construction industry's future.

We value partnerships like this one with Belle Fourche CTE to expose high school students to the construction trades. We strive to cultivate interest in the industry and show the students another potential option for their future. We hope to continue this partnership well into the future."

The Belle Fourche SkillsUSA chapter along with the other Belle Fourche CTE programs plan to continue integrating real-world experiences into their curriculum, bridging the gap between education and industry—one piece of heavy equipment at a time.



Left to Right: **Jermey Veldman**, Site Works Superintendent; **Evan Bryum**, **Ryan Stagelman**, **Levi Anderson**, **Steven Uttecht**, **Scull Construction** Site Superintendent. *Courtesy Photo*

## Digits Nail Spa PLLC Ribbon Cutting Celebration

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche Chamber welcomed Digits Nail Spa PLLC to the neighborhood at the ribbon cutting ceremony on the afternoon of May 29.

Owner Marybeth Runnels, RN created a festive atmosphere to kick off the celebration. "Today we have the ribbon cutting and some hors d'oeuvres and drinks! I do have a drawing that people can enter for a free, Get Out of Your Head-y Pedi, that is my luxury pedicure.

It lasts an hour and a half and each month I change my theme. So the theme for May (and June) is Mamacita needs a Margarita," she said. "For those that are coming in I've got

little favors for everyone! Everyone gets to leave with a foot file and a coupon for 20% off—also, any new client gets 20% off just for being new!"

Runnels, a registered nurse, said that her nursing degree sets her business apart. "My nursing degree lets me provide services that can't normally be done in a normal nail salon," she explained. "I have one regular client that is homebound, she's 95. Every four weeks I go and do a foot exam, trim her nails and that sort of thing."

In addition to medical services, Runnels offers manicures and pedicures, including a 90-minute special "Get Out of Your Head-y Pedi," acryl-



**Marybeth Runnels** cuts the official ribbon at 520 5th Avenue surrounded by friends and family. *Longbrake photo*

ics, callus care and restorative treatments, nail art, and more. "One of the popular nail arts that they're doing now is what's called blooming gel," explained Runnels. "And you use this gel that when you put the paint on it, it kind of spreads out. And there's different designs you can do with the blooming gel... You can do flowers that way, you can do fireworks that way." Runnels said that she is also open to trying new trends and technologies. "I see a lot of things on social media that where they have new trends and new things like that.

I am finding in our area, people kind of like the tried and true, you know. And I'm fine with that too.

But if I see something that really intrigues me, that's new, I will order something in and try it out and see if it's something that I like and that I can offer."

Digits Nail Spa PLLC is open

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays through Fridays; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays; and is closed Sundays and Mondays. One can book an appointment online at digitsnailspa.com and walk-ins are also welcome. "Appointments will always have priority.

But if I'm here and I have my open schedule, if I have an opening between clients, people are always free to walk in. If I can fit them in, I will." Runnels looks forward to growing her business. "It's really exciting. I know that some people are aware that I'm here, but I'd still like to get the word out more, and I think this is the best way to do that, and introduce what I do to some other businesses in the area, so that they are aware that I'm here and how we can mutually collaborate with each other and help each other."



Eventgoers excitedly sign up for a chance to win a free "Get Out of Your Head-y Pedi" at Digits Nail Spa PLLC's ribbon cutting party.

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## Amy Elizabeth Denzin

Amy Elizabeth Denzin was born on March 27, 1972 in Sturgis, SD, died May 20, 2025 in Lafayette, CO. Survived by her mother Lynn (Rail) Denzin, Thornton, CO and father Bill Denzin, Spearfish, SD.



There will be a gravesite service on July 1 at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche, SD followed by Celebration of Life at the Joy Center on the campus of Black Hills State University, Spearfish, SD.

## Bruce J. Malcolm 75

Bruce J. Malcolm, age 75 of Belle Fourche, and formerly Lead, died Monday, May 26, 2025 at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Center in Belle Fourche.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

Bruce John Malcolm was born April 10, 1950 in Potrerillos, Chile. He was the son of Jack and Betty

(Babcock) Malcolm. Bruce was a college graduate of the School of Mines and working many year in the mining field.

Bruce is survived by his sister, Carol Phillips of Atlanta, Georgia.



## Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is from Pastor Jack Hayford's

### "How God Evaluates Worship"

In my experience, theological discussions about worship tend to focus on the cerebral, not the visceral on the mind, not the heart. "True" worship, we are often taught, is more about the mind thinking right about God (using theologically correct language and liturgy), rather than the heart's hunger for him.

But the words of our Savior resound the undeniable call to worship that transcends the intellect: "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).

We've been inclined to conclude that mind is the proper synonym for spirit here, but the Bible shows that heart is a better candidate. "In truth" certainly suggests participation of the intellect in worship, but it is inescapably second and dependent upon the heart's fullest release first.

This priority is usually held suspect. The heart is said to be governed by affections and thus is more vulnerable to deception than is the intellect. But to base worship on the intellect is to entertain a dual delusion: first, that the mind is less subject to deception than is the heart; second, that the mind is the main means to "contact" God in worship (note verses like Job 11:7: "Can you fathom the mysteries of God?").

Yes, human intelligence contributes to worship, but God's Word indicates he is not looking for something brilliant but something broken: "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart these, O God, You will not despise" (Psalm 51:17).

The exercises of our enlightened minds may deduce God, but only our ignited hearts can delight him and in turn experience his desire to delight us!

To be more specific, I believe that to please God, worship must do four things.

1. True worship treasures God's presence. God wel-



comes those into his presence who want him. The quest may be one of desperation or of delight, of frantic need or of a loving hunger for fellowship, but the motivation is clear--and so is his pleasure with it.

In Exodus 33 and 34, a tender and powerful exchange takes place between God and Moses, spanning the range from an intimate face-to-face encounter to a dramatic declaration by the Almighty. Central is the cry of Moses: "Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in your sight, show me now your way, that I may know you and that I may find grace in your sight."

To which God replies, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest" (Ex. 33:13-15). Shortly following this, God displays his glory to Moses--as sure a sign of his pleasure and presence as he ever gives (Ex. 40:33-38; 1 Kings 1:8-11).

I had been in pastoral leadership for nearly 15 years when my thinking about corporate worship was transformed. Rather than tightly regimented gatherings, concerned over aesthetics, mechanics, and academic theology, we began to provide an unpressured portion of the service for free-flowing songs of praise and adoration. Within two years, our church began to experience God's glory and grace in new and more profound ways, an experience that continues still.

We've been vigilant in seeking constant renewal of the practice because we know that even the finest spiritual habits are vulnerable to the arthritis of ritualism--when form loses its focus. But with gentleness, the Holy Spirit has a way of drawing us back to our "first love"--to a renewed hunger and thirst for the Living God.

### "Making Your Home a Worship Center"

As biblical, stimulating, and renewing as worship with the assembly is, God wants your home to be a center of worship as well.

How does that happen? Allow me to offer a few practical guidelines to enhance the spiritual atmosphere where you live.

#### Kneel.

Yes, Kneel! Kneeling is an acknowledged point of submission. It is a way to bring anything under Christ's dominion. Kneel as you begin the day: "Lord, this home is Yours for this day." That doesn't substitute for devotional praying, but it's a good way to start the day at you house under Jesus' Lordship (Philippians 2:9-11).

When frustrations rise, anger stirs, bitterness simmers, fear creeps in, and the unexpected crashes in on you, make kneeling your retaliation.

#### Sing.

Not much need to elaborate here. Just do it. Fill your house with song. Tapes and CDs are good, but don't always have others doing the praising for you. Sing ... and keep it up.

#### Invite Him to dinner.

I abhor "religiousness" in homes. Few children have survived formulated religiosity packaged, pompous piety. So when I say "worship at the table,"

I am not proposing holding a dinner service while the mashed potatoes chill and a film forms on the gravy. But do make your table prayer special; do have a part of your table talk related to the Lord's working in

each family member's life; do keep spiritual reality "natural" to the family circle; do sing together (and laugh and cry and worship in the Spirit). Yes. Do.

#### Have communion.

The elements of the Lord's Supper ought, I believe, to be available in every home. I do not recommend such common use of this New Testament privilege that it becomes glib or meaningless, and all should be aware that Scripture gives firm warnings to those who partake in "an unworthy manner." Sensitivity, sobriety of mood, scripturality of participation all these factors ought to be observed.

#### Pray ... while feeding on the Word.

Personal practice of devotions is obviously essential. Family times of sharing in the Word and prayer are great, too if they are alive! I personally prefer using my parental influence to lead my children in cultivating their own private devotional life on a daily basis, while family prayer and reading the Word are occasional rather than daily.

As each one in the family grows, sharing your answers to prayer and your discoveries in the Word become enriching to all.

#### The home as worship center ... think on that idea. Better still, act on it.

What a heritage to pass along to our children ... memories of home intertwined with memories of praise and laughter and song and the strong, undergirding arms of the living God.

### Psalm 37:3-5

*"Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."*

### Psalm 28:7

*"The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song, I give thanks to him."*

### Jeremiah 29:11

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

### Proverbs 3:5-6

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."*

### Philippians 4:6-7

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

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Eagle Park	Elkhorn St.	Along Belle Fourche River
Thomas C. Gay	N. 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	North Park School/Kindergarten
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**Two Local Musicians Join TAPS Across America**

**Robbi Longbrake**

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**BELLE FOURCHE**—Anticipation filled the air as the countdown began, those playing TAPS Across America wanted to be sure to start their tribute at exactly 3:00 p.m. Watching the clock made the seconds tick by slowly, but the start time arrived, the signal was given and Craig Norwood and Katie Anderson began playing Echo Taps. As the small crowd stood silent their horns rang out over the stillness at the Pine Slope Cemetery on May 26.

TAPS Across America is a nationwide tribute that extends coast to coast to honor those who sacrificed their lives for our country. At 3:00 p.m. (local time) musicians from all backgrounds join in a synchronized, nationwide sounding of Taps, uniting the country in a shared moment of honor, remembrance, and reflection.

The two Belle Fourche residents joined over 1560 other musicians all across America playing TAPS together to honor our fallen military heroes. Both

musicians were humbled by the experience. "That's the main part about it, of course it's at every different time zone, but there are a lot of parts—and if you look up on the site, you know the whole history of it—we need to do something for veterans and so like I say, this is my little part of that," explained Norwood. "For the ones that have already passed and for the families that are still here—somebody cares and says thanks!"

Anderson shared that playing with so many others at the same time "was kind of comforting, you know, it's music, music often brings everyone together—no matter what the situation—even if it's for a time in memorial or if it's for something to be joyful about. It's just something I really appreciate about being human."

Norwood moved back to the area, after leaving in 1986, to be closer to his family. He has been involved in playing taps at different Memorial Services over the years. It is his way to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives at a time when he couldn't. "I'm not a veteran,

they didn't want me during the Vietnam era, I was just steps behind everyone and so this is just my way of saying thanks guys—you were out there taking my place," he said. "I had a couple brothers that were in the service, but I wasn't, so this is just my way of saying thanks."

Military is important to Anderson as well; her dad, Blaine Anderson, served in the Army for over 40 years. She credits him for a lot of her choices, he is the reason she joined in the TAPS Across America program. "My dad asked me—he usually does a lot of the Memorial Day Services up here since I was, I don't know, before I was born—he's been doing it a long time," she said.

"I owe a lot of my (success), well the reason why I'm working in the place I work now and got the degree that I got is because my dad helped me out with his veteran's benefits," explained Anderson. "So I figure if he helped me and people like him helped me, I might as well help out because it's only fair!"



Craig Norwood & Katie Anderson play TAPS Across America with over 1500 other musicians across the nation honoring fallen heroes. Longbrake photo

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Family Fun Day Photos from A1



(Clockwise from top) A group excitedly poses with their completed pinatas. Pinata-making was the crafting activity for May's "Viva, Mexico!" theme; The book winner for this month was Tason, who got to take home the book "Off We Go to Mexico!"; A young crafter gets some candy to fill their pinata; Dancers Hope and Jeremy learn about the Hat Dance from Ida Cazer. Courtesy Photos



**Belle Fourche Beacon 'Happenings' and News Bytes Calendar**

The Beacon Happenings Calendar is public service listing of meetings, events, and things to do in and around Belle Fourche. Happenings announcements may be sent to: [news@bellefourchebeacon.com](mailto:news@bellefourchebeacon.com) Deadline is Friday before 5pm.

**Rec. Center Annual River Run Walk.**  
Mark your calendars for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual River Run on River Walk on Friday, June 6 at 7 PM. The event starts and finishes at Rail Park on State Street. Walk or Run. Choose your distance! This is a family friendly event, for all ages and fitness levels. Participants receive a Crazy Cow ice cream coupon. Register at the Rec Center today or sign up at the event. We hope to see you there!

**Museum to open "On the Map" Exhibit**  
The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center has a new temporary exhibit. The exhibit is entitled "On the Map," and will showcase the many maps in the museum's collections, including a distinctive map of the Black Hills on a scarf; a WWII combat map; and a mountain and desert map of California, among many others. The exhibit will also include photos, storyboards, a touchscreen quiz, cartography tools, globes and a kids' activity center with a workbook, book to read and a craft to complete. The exhibit will be up until October 4<sup>th</sup>. There is no admission charge to see this exhibit, or the Tri-State Museum. For more information about the exhibit or upcoming events and exhibits, call 605-723-1200. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

**Action for the Betterment of our Community (ABC) Coalition**  
Summer is nearly here, and we're excited to announce that the coalition will once again have a presence at Hometown Thursdays! We're looking for volunteers to help staff our booth and engage with the community. Volunteers will interact with community members and assist with our Plinko board game for kids. It's a great opportunity to represent the coalition and connect with the public in a fun, relaxed setting. We're offering \$15 per hour for your time, or you're welcome to volunteer. Please sign up for any date(s) that work for you using the link <https://signup.com/go/pSPJSUQ> Or contact Courtney at 605.644.6522 or email [courtnevr@sturoisabc.org](mailto:courtnevr@sturoisabc.org)

**Belle Fourche Recreation Center**  
Activities in the Parks start next week which are FREE to all participants. Please see calendar for times and locations. Join us for Art @ the Rec/Park this summer! Fridays 2:00-4:00 pm @ Rec Center or a City Park.  
**June 6: Styrofoam Plate Printing (Herrmann Park)**  
Using Styrofoam plates and paint, participants will build their own relief stamp and print their own artwork. Each participant will create a drawing/design that they will transfer onto their styrofoam plate. They will carve into the styrofoam to create a printing plate. Covering the plate in a thin layer of paint, they can use their plate to print (or stamp) their designs onto paper.  
**June 13: Yarn Bracelets (Eagle Park)** Using yarn or embroidery thread, participants will learn a method of bracelet making called "circle bracelets". Each participant will cut out their own cardboard circle and use rulers to make notches at the appropriate intervals. They will choose and cut colored thread or yard and use their cardboard circle to weave their own bracelets or keychains. Check us out on Facebook or [www.bellefourcherec.com](http://www.bellefourcherec.com).

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**SALE PENDING**  
**New Listing in Spearfish!** Well-maintained 2-bed, 2-bath townhouse with main-level laundry, an open floor plan and a full unfinished basement that provides plenty of potential. Additional features include a spacious 2-car garage and quality finishes throughout. A great opportunity in a sought-after area!

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ST. ONGE LIVESTOCK Now Broadcasts our Sales live on the internet at [WWW.CATTLEUSA.COM](http://WWW.CATTLEUSA.COM)

## Cattle Report - Friday, May 30, 2025

Just under 1000 hd of cattle today  
Weigh up cows & bulls sold fully steady

No Sale June 6  
Next Sale - June 13- Weigh up Special - Selling all classes of cattle - 10 AM  
Thank you for marketing with St Onge Livestock!

Pairs	Quantity	Sex/Age	Price
Boiler Livestock, Weston WY	2	Red Heifer	1260 \$3,400.00
Bruch Ranch Lc, Sturgis SD	5	Blk 4-5	1377 \$3,600.00
Clarys, Richard, Olive MT	4	Blk 3 Years	1402 \$3,625.00
Clarys, Richard, Olive MT	3	Red Ss	1665 \$3,225.00
Cordell, Rhonda, Camp Crook SD	14	Blk 3 Years	1325 \$4,075.00
Cordell, Rhonda, Camp Crook SD	8	Blk Heifer	1110 \$4,000.00
Crowley, Oliver Scott Or Abby, Rozet WY	1	Blk Ss	1865 \$3,650.00
Franzen, Josey, Sundance WY	2	Blk Ss	1600 \$3,700.00
Holland, David Or Sandra, Moorcroft WY	1	Blk 3 Years	1385 \$3,825.00
Holland, David Or Sandra, Moorcroft WY	4	Red	1271 \$3,400.00
Hunsaker, Evelyn, Hermosa SD	2	Bldd Solid	1802 \$3,250.00
Hunsaker, Evelyn, Hermosa SD	2	Heif 4-5	1380 \$3,550.00
Stinson Livestock, Moorcroft WY	10	Blk Mixed Age	1522 \$3,575.00

Weight Up Cows	Quantity	Sex/Age	Price
Amdahl, Eric, Moorcroft WY	1	Blk Cow	1275 \$169.00
Ayer Ranch Lc, Beulah WY	1	Blk Cow	1155 \$192.50
Bauder, Paden, Rozet WY	1	Blk Cowette	1220 \$180.00
Beug, Harvey, Sturgis SD	1	Blk Heif	1165 \$190.00
Cammack, Randy Or Mary Ellen, Sturgis SD	1	Blk Cow	1630 \$161.50
Clark, Merle J, Hulet WY	2	Blk Heif	1070 \$206.00
Crago Land & Livestock, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk Cow	1245 \$167.00
Crump Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	6	Red Cow	1570 \$163.50
Crump Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	2	Red Cow	1340 \$167.50
Cullum, Steven C, Custer SD	1	Blk Cow	1690 \$163.00
Damm Brothers Inc, Broadus MT	4	Blk Heif	902 \$266.50
Damm Brothers Inc, Broadus MT	1	Blk Heif	700 \$283.00
Davidson, Dru & Paulette, Rapid City SD	1	Blk Cow	1335 \$168.00
Debridge, Juanita, Union Center SD	1	Blk Cow	1630 \$165.00
Debridge, Juanita, Union Center SD	3	Blk Cow	1520 \$164.50
Double H Ranch, Ashland MT	1	Heif Heif	535 \$247.50
Duprel, Allen M, Sturgis SD	1	Blk Cow	1265 \$171.00
Duprel, Allen M, Sturgis SD	1	Blk Cow	1200 \$170.00
Eb Ranch, Broadus MT	2	Blk Cowette	1312 \$168.00
Eb Ranch, Broadus MT	6	Blk Cowette	1245 \$174.00
Eb Ranch, Broadus MT	8	Blk Heif	1084 \$210.00
Eb Ranch, Broadus MT	1	Blk Heif	1075 \$203.00
Elgin, Theodore Or Catherine, Biddle MT	6	Blk Cow	1093 \$210.00
Elgin, Theodore Or Catherine, Biddle MT	4	Blk Cow	1053 \$226.00
Goehring, Terry & Laurie, Buffalo SD	2	Blk Cow	1002 \$221.00
Hamm, Don Robert, Rozet WY	2	Blk Cow	1472 \$164.50
Hamm, Don Robert, Rozet WY	1	Blk Cow	1380 \$167.00
Harkin Ranch Lc, Hermosa SD	2	Blk Cowette	1175 \$185.00
Hearth Partnership, Lc, Camp Crook SD	3	Bldd Cow	1321 \$164.00
Holchkiss Ranch, Reva SD	1	Blk Heif	1030 \$227.50
Janviri Jr, Clair C, Ludlow SD	5	Blk Cow	1513 \$164.50
Janviri Jr, Clair C, Ludlow SD	2	Blk Cow	1380 \$164.00
Johnson, Troy, St Onge SD	1	Blk Cow	1490 \$168.00
J-Six South Dakota Operations, Seneca KS	5	Bldd Cow	1248 \$163.50
J-Six South Dakota Operations, Seneca KS	1	Blk Heif	1080 \$180.00
Kokesh, Rich Or Sherry, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk Cow	1135 \$190.00
Kornes, Brandon, Sturgis SD	1	Bld Cow	1575 \$166.00
Larson, Quinn Or Jennifer, Gillette WY	1	Bld Cow	1165 \$171.00
Larson, Quinn Or Jennifer, Gillette WY	1	Bld Heif	955 \$247.50
Larson, Quinn Or Jennifer, Gillette WY	5	B/R Heif	1059 \$234.00
Lawrence, Edward, Alzada MT	1	Blk Cow	1095 \$227.50
Lawrence, Justin, Alzada MT	1	Bld Cow	1360 \$164.00
Mackaben, Brad, Camp Crook SD	1	Bldd Heif	970 \$230.00
Mahaffy, Dale, Sturgis SD	1	Blk Cow	1720 \$159.00
Malloux, Gary Or Deb, Vale SD	1	Blk Heif	1060 \$230.00
McDonald, James O & Rhoda M, Hulet WY	2	Bldd Cow	1472 \$157.00
McFarland Land & Livestock Lc, Newcastle WY	1	Blk Heif	1005 \$239.00
McFarland Land & Livestock Lc, Newcastle WY	1	Blk Heif	965 \$248.00
Mills, Codi Or Brian, Nisland SD	1	Blk Cow	1525 \$164.00
Mills, Codi Or Brian, Nisland SD	1	Blk Cow	1210 \$199.00
Murphy Cattle Co, Hermosa SD	2	Blk Cowette	1195 \$183.00
Murphy Cattle Co, Hermosa SD	1	Blk Heif	945 \$255.00
Oshoto Flying M Operations Lc, Gillette WY	2	Blk Cow	1472 \$165.50
Powell, Stanley, Biddle MT	1	Blk Heif	1070 \$230.00
Powell, Stanley, Biddle MT	4	Blk Heif	1036 \$229.00
Powell, Stanley, Biddle MT	1	Char Heif	925 \$249.00
Randall, Craig, Broadus MT	6	B/R Heif	1055 \$235.00
Redding, David, Forsyth MT	2	Red Cow	1060 \$171.00
Richter, Mike, Whitehead SD	5	Red Cow	1599 \$167.50

Richter, Mike, Whitehead SD	1	Red Cow	1375 \$165.00
Rourke, Beau Or Megan, Gillette WY	3	Blk Heif	886 \$259.00
Rumph, Quentin, Biddle MT	1	Blk Cow	1430 \$168.00
Schalenberger, Leroy, Elkaska MT	1	Blk Heif	915 \$255.00
Sosu, Philip SD	2	Blk Cow	1402 \$165.00
Seeley Revoc Trust, Parker T, Sundance WY	1	Blk Cow	1405 \$164.50
Simmons, Joseph & Michele, Newcastle WY	11	Bldd Cow	1515 \$164.50
Thompson, Dana Roxona, New Underwood SD	1	Blk Heif	1065 \$222.50
Uhlir, Jordan, Hermosa SD	1	Red Cow	1575 \$165.00
Vivian, Chad, Ashland MT	4	Blk Heif	960 \$252.00
Ww Livestock, Alzada MT	4	Bldd	1310 \$164.50
Ww Livestock, Alzada MT	1	Blk Cowette	1155 \$185.00
Zalozski, Clint, Camp Crook SD	1	Blk Cow	1115 \$161.00

Weight Up Bulls	Quantity	Sex/Age	Price
Goehring, Terry & Laurie, Buffalo SD	1	Blk Bull	2055 \$182.50
Humbrecht, John, Camp Crook SD	2	Blk Bull	2002 \$185.00
Goehring, Terry & Laurie, Buffalo SD	1	Blk Bull	1995 \$177.50
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	1	Blk Bull	1955 \$167.50
Sams, Norman, Weston WY	1	Blk Bull	1945 \$170.00
Handran, James W, Gillette WY	1	Blk Bull	1940 \$171.00
Gantz, Richard, Ava WY	1	Blk Bull	1930 \$180.00
Sams, Norman, Weston WY	1	Blk Bull	1925 \$187.50
Vandervoort, Reed, Piedmont SD	1	Blk Bull	1230 \$210.00
Oshoto Flying M Operations Lc, Gillette WY	1	Blk Bull	930 \$255.00
Oshoto Flying M Operations Lc, Gillette WY	1	Blk Bull	905 \$282.50
Ayer Ranch Lc, Beulah WY	1	Blk Bull	865 \$265.00
Ayer Ranch Lc, Beulah WY	2	Blk Bull	862 \$272.50
Randall, Craig, Broadus MT	2	Blk Bull	830 \$280.00
Palo, Jim, Newell SD	1	Char Bull	2175 \$185.00
Vore, Tom & Susan, Newcastle WY	1	Char Bull	1960 \$197.50
Vore, Tom & Susan, Newcastle WY	1	Char Bull	1820 \$180.00
Holchkiss, Jill, Reva SD	1	Heif Bull	980 \$257.50
Swenson Operating Lc, Sundance WY	1	Red Bull	1605 \$184.00
Swenson Operating Lc, Sundance WY	1	Red Bull	1555 \$184.00

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THE BROADUS RECEIVING STATION IS TAKING CATTLE EVERY THURSDAY FOR OUR SALES ON FRIDAY. You can drop your cattle off every Thursday by 3pm. You pay receiving station fee of \$3 per head & \$2.50/cwt for trucking. For more information, call Tyler or Brandy Escott at 406-421-5579 or 406-951-1666 or Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259.

### 2025 CATTLE SALES

- June 6th - No Sale
- June 13th - Weigh Up Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- June 20th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- June 27th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- July 4th - No Sale - Have A Safe & Happy 4th Of July!
- July 11th - Early Yearling Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- July 18th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- July 25th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- August 1st - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- August 8th - Yearling & Fall Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- August 15th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- August 22nd - Yearling & Fall Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- August 29th - Yearling & Fall Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- September 5th - Yearling & Fall Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- September 12th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- September 19th - Yearling & Fall Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- September 26th - Yearling & Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

Attention to all sheep & goat producers: It is required that every male & female animal over the age of 12 months have a scrapie tag in place to sell. These tags can be obtained by the producer for FREE by calling 1-866-873-2824. If they come to the sale barn without being tagged, you will be charged \$4/hd for our vet to do them. Please call us if you have any questions.

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### Sheep Report - Thursday, May 29, 2025

Lambs sold steady today  
Slaughter ewes sold \$5 to \$10 lower

No Sale June 5  
Next Sale - June 12 - New Crop Lamb Special - Selling all classes of sheep & goats  
Thank you for your business!

#### New Crop Lambs

Garman, Trevor, Belle Fourche SD	46	Lamb	64	\$256.00
Peterson, Wade, Enning SD	54	Lamb	71	\$247.00
Philipsen, Gary, Vale SD	22	Lamb	91	\$241.00
Reno, Eide, Gillette WY	18	Lamb	93	\$246.00
Shaykett, Alan, Nisland SD	26	Lamb	58	\$257.00
Shaykett, Alan, Nisland SD	53	Lamb	78	\$242.00
Wetz, Chris, Newell SD	10	Lamb	71	\$247.00
Williams, Heidi Or Justin, St Onge SD	18	Lamb	50	\$258.00
Williams, Heidi Or Justin, St Onge SD	40	Lamb	64	\$251.00

#### Slaughter Ewes

Braun, Elizabeth, Newell SD	5	K Ewe	150	\$73.00
Davis, Marlene M, Belle Fourche SD	24	K Ewe	188	\$88.00
Davis, Marlene M, Belle Fourche SD	5	K Ewe	169	\$73.00
Garman, Trevor, Belle Fourche SD	22	K Ewe	127	\$90.00
Garman, Trevor, Belle Fourche SD	5	K Ewe	180	\$88.00
Garman, Trevor, Belle Fourche SD	16	K Ewe	123	\$73.00
Kronberg Land & Livestock, Bison SD	6	K Ewe	136	\$85.00
Kronberg Land & Livestock, Bison SD	53	K Ewe	121	\$73.00
Niemi, David & Roxi, Buffalo SD	8	K Ewe	148	\$88.00
Niemi, David & Roxi, Buffalo SD	7	K Ewe	127	\$85.00
Pittman, Marissa, Belle Fourche SD	27	K Ewe	160	\$85.00
Pittman, Marissa, Belle Fourche SD	40	K Ewe	142	\$76.00
Ridinger, Johnie Or Julie, Alzada MT	15	K Ewe	156	\$85.00

## NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

No Sale June 5, 2025  
Thursday, June 12, 2025  
New Crop Lamb Special 1:00 PM  
Please have animals in by 10:00 AM  
So they can all be weighed before the sale!

### 2025 SHEEP SALES

- June 5th - No Sale
- June 12th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- June 19th - New Crop Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- June 26th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- July 3rd - No Sale - Celebrate The Nation's Birthday!
- July 10th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- July 17th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- July 24th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- July 31st - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- August 7th - No Sale Due To The Sturgis Bike Rally
- August 14th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- August 21st - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- August 28th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- September 4th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- September 11th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- September 18th - Annual Replacement Ewe, Ewe Lamb & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- September 25th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- October 2nd - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- October 9th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- October 16th - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- October 23rd - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- October 30th - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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Registration will be from 6:00-7:00pm.

Good Shepherd Clinic is a free medical clinic for adults, ages 19-64, who meet our income guidelines. Medical services will be available on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lead. Enter the church through the Julius Street parking lot (below 825 W. Main Street).

The Spearfish clinic will continue to provide medical, emergency dental, and resource services on Monday nights at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, located at 1020 State Street.

For more information contact:  
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Email: [director@goodshepherdclinicspearfish.com](mailto:director@goodshepherdclinicspearfish.com)  
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Upcoming events, for more information call: 605-892-2676



**June 5 - 10:30 Line Dancing @ BF Rec, 6Pm**  
Hometown Thursdays - Drive By Night

**June 6 - 7:30AM Caramel Rolls & Coffee @ Belle Silver Lining, 2PM Art in the Park (Call Rec), 6PM River Run**

**June 7 - RIVERFEST 10AM-3PM @ Tri-State Museum; Disc Golf Tournament, Cornhole Tournament, FREE Kid Zone**  
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**Looking Back in Belle**

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*71 years ago Jack Wells Comes to the Rescue 1954*

In 1954, the Jesse Sipe and Shipman families spent a day at Iron Creek Lake. Edith Sipe, along with her daughters Regina and Mary and her niece Loretta Shipman, used one of the small rowboats available to visitors. While on the lake, two teenage girls attempting to swim across became exhausted and required assistance. They joined the Sipe family in the boat, which subsequently tipped over as they attempted to change positions.

Regina, the baby, does not remember the event but has heard the story multiple times: If it had not been for Jack Wells and his friend Mickey McTavish at the lake that day, you would have died. Maybe all of us would have drowned." Loretta Shipman's mother Florence saw the trouble from the beach and urged Wells and McTavish to help. They had just loaded their boat onto their car but quickly unloaded it to save the family.

In May 2025, 102-year-old Jack Wells explained why he took the risk: „You just do what you need to do." The Sipe and Shipman families consider his actions that day a miracle. McTavish and Wells were enjoying the motorboat before returning to their jobs at Belle Fourche's Montgomery Lumber. Although the motorboat was illegal on the small private lake due to its larger size, it allowed the boys to reach the family in time. Iron Creek Lake is located in an untouched area of the pristine Black Hills west of the scenic Spearfish Canyon. A trip to the lake is just a 20-minute drive from Spearfish on a well-maintained gravel road.

The lake was created through a WPA project to create jobs in the mid 1930s and to provide a recreation site in Lawrence County. The trail circle is just about one mile in length, making the lake small enough to prohibit wakes and high-speed watercraft.

Both Mary and cousin Loretta remembers the rescue clearly 71 years later. Baby Regina held onto her mother by her hair as her mother tried to hold her above the water, while Mary and Loretta clung to the overturned wooden boat on the opposite side from Edith and Regina. Loretta recalls Mary's panic and scratches on her back as Mary tried to stay above the water. Remarkably, Mary managed to hold onto her new glasses throughout the entire incident. Brother 12-year-old Fred and his cousin Jerry Shipman also remembered the day and the rescue. They had been swimming across the lake and were walking back to the beach when the accident happened.



Young Jack Wells ca 1948



**Jack Wells**

On June 20, Jack Wells will turn 102 years old. When Jack had his 100th birthday party in Belle Fourche, there was a YouTube interview still available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j46ULfu2brw>

Wells, a World War II veteran, was one of the founding members of the Belle Fourche Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and honor guard, was named commander of the VFW in 1951, and is the only original member still alive. Wells recounted his experience as a World War II veteran in vivid detail. Wells joined the Air Force in February 1943 and served until 1947. He took basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas and at Biggs Field, Texas. He qualified as a carbine sharpshooter and was a Draftsman. In 1945, Wells was sent to serve overseas in New Guinea. He served at Milne Bay, Finschhafen, Attapeu in New Guinea. Also at Biak and Owl in the Netherland East Indies and Leyte and Mindoro in the Philippines as well as Okinawa and Japan.

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Fred Sipe on the left, then Regina Sipe, Mary Sipe and Mike Sipe, Children of Jesse and Edith Caton Sipe ca 1954



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**Black Hills Roundup Welcomes New Carnival**

by Kaycee Monnens Cortner  
 The Black Hills Roundup is pleased to welcome a new carnival, Midway West Amusements, to its Fourth of July event in 2025. Black Hills Roundup Chairman Dallas Conner said, "The carnival draws people from all over for the entertainment of it. Living in Belle Fourche, we don't have a whole lot of opportunities for a carnival, and it was important to the Roundup to get a good quality carnival to come in, and that was one of the big reasons for the change." "We were just looking to improve the carnival. Carnivals are hard to find, so it took us a while, but I'm happy with who we found," she said. The owner of Midway West Amusements, Michelle Jensen, is equally happy to bring her amusements to downtown Belle Fourche. Though Jensen has not yet been to Belle Fourche, her experience in the Dakotas has been positive. "I've really got to say the experience that I had in the Dakotas was very exciting. It was. Everybody's so thoughtful, so very happy to have you. It's very nice to have that wel-

coming." Jensen is second-generation in the carnival business. Several of her six children are employed with the company, making them the third generation in the family business. "We're very family-oriented," said Jensen. Originating from Sun City, Arizona, Midway West Amusements spends most of the summer bringing carnivals to the Dakotas, Montana, and other northern states. Midway West Amusements has a strict drug-free policy in place for employees. Each week, a safety team (made up of trained, senior employees) inspects each ride. Employees attend safety seminars, such as National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials, where they learn latest safety techniques. They boast an "atmosphere of 'serious fun.'" According to their website, "We are serious about cleanliness, we're serious about a family atmosphere, we're serious about having fun, and we're serious about your complete satisfaction and our continued relationship."



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	1	Black-Pair 3/4 Yo	1590	3600.00	\$3,600.00
Peter Sobotka, Whitehead SD	8	Black-Pair 2yo	1281	4100.00	\$4,100.00
Rafter K Revocable Trust, Sundance WY	8	Black-Pair 5/Bm	1514	3400.00	\$3,400.00
Ronnie Or Vonda Mahaffy, Newell SD	3	Black-Pair 2yo	1275	3600.00	\$3,600.00
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Travis Or Julie Hurst, Buffalo SD	16	Black-Brd Hfr	960	3150.00	\$3,150.00
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John Boetker, Rapid City SD	3	Black-Cow	1613	168.00	\$2,710.40
	1	Black-Cow	1370	161.50	\$2,212.55
Tim Moiney, Alzada MT	1	BwF-Cow	1425	167.00	\$2,379.75
	1	Black-Cow	1565	167.00	\$2,613.55
	1	Black-Cow	1380	167.50	\$2,311.50
	1	BwF-Hfr	905	236.00	\$2,135.80
John S Or Bonnie Johnson, Buffalo SD	5	Black-Cow	1478	168.00	\$2,483.40
	1	Black-Cow	1420	165.50	\$2,350.10
	1	Black-Cow	1545	167.00	\$2,580.15
Scott & Christine West, Oshoto WY	1	Black-Cow	1320	169.00	\$2,230.80
Zachary Or Krystal Steele, Sundance WY	1	Red-Cow	1510	165.50	\$2,499.05
Agri Steer Inc, Johnson Lake NE	5	Black-Cow	1491	168.50	\$2,512.33
	4	Black-Cow	1430	166.50	\$2,380.95
Randy Peterson, Rapid City SD	1	Black-Cow	1575	167.50	\$2,638.12
	1	Black-Cow	1555	167.50	\$2,604.62
	1	Black-Cow	1575	163.50	\$2,575.12
Charlie Williams, Alzada MT	1	Black-Cow	1620	162.00	\$2,624.40
	1	Black-Cow	1445	163.00	\$2,355.35
Mccoid Ranch, Buffalo SD	8	Black-Cow	1562	163.50	\$2,553.66
Consignment From MT	1	Black-Cow	1415	162.00	\$2,292.30
Rafter K Revocable Trust, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1445	162.00	\$2,340.90
X Heart Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	1	BwF-Cowette	1125	180.00	\$2,025.00
	1	BwF-Cow	1670	154.00	\$2,571.80
	1	BwF-Cow	1415	157.50	\$2,228.62
Tooke Ranch, Ekalaka MT	3	Black-Cow	1252	161.00	\$2,015.18
	6	Black-Cow	1399	160.00	\$2,238.66
Evertt Kraft, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	1570	167.50	\$2,629.75
	1	Black-Cow	1600	165.00	\$2,640.00
	1	Black-Cow	1670	167.00	\$2,788.90
Casey Kraft, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	1425	169.00	\$2,408.25
Muleshoe Ranch Inc, Belle Fourche SD	1	BwF-Hfr	1085	216.00	\$2,343.60
	1	Black-Hfr	1085	235.00	\$2,549.75
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Mike Anderson, Whitehead SD	2	Black-Cow	1363	167.00	\$2,275.37
Lacy Williams, Broadus MT	17	Black-Cow	1357	166.50	\$2,259.01
	5	Black-Cowette	1101	185.00	\$2,036.85
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Arnie Mader, Biddle MT	1	Red-Cow	1555	164.50	\$2,557.97
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**Capitol News**  
**May 25th**  
**by Karen Odell**  
 Last week was a wonderful week of rain, at Capitol and on Tie Creek.

Dick and Erma Albert traveled to Spearfish, on Monday. They got some work done on their windshield. Then, on Tuesday, Erma went to the monthly bingo afternoon at the Senior Center, and won one game. On Thursday, Dick headed to Pollock for fishing with his friends. Erma went to the Senior Center, again on Friday, for the Senior Citizen dinner. This time it was a barbecue. She went to mass at the Catholic church on Sunday. Then, she spent some time cleaning out the freezer so that there would be room for the fish that Dick will bring home with him.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell got at least two inches of rain last week. It is filling dams and making the country green again. Alvin has begun spraying weeds along the river. Last week, they watched a couple of Gavin's Belle Fourche baseball games on the computer. Gavin and Rhys will be going to the state track meet in Sioux Falls. Ryan Cordell and Charlie have been moving cattle to summer pasture. On Friday, Alvin and Marlee went to the Audrey Cordell funeral in Buffalo. Ashley Pearson and Jay Cordell came out from Belle Fourche for the funeral, too. Alvin did some work at the Camp Crook Cemetery, on Saturday, and on Sunday, Marlee went to Ekalaka to do some work at the cemetery there.

Last week, the Diligent Doers Extension Club had their meeting at the Camp Crook City Hall Building. This week there was a Bible Study gathering at the new City Hall, too. Lynn Gustafson attended both meetings. Bruce and Lynn made a trip to the Hills, on Friday, for some shopping. They did some yard work on Saturday, and went to the Little Missouri Church for services on Sunday morning. Doug Davis is still busy with calving. He and Julia went to the Audrey Cordell funeral on Friday, and visited with lots of family afterward.

Ernie, Rachel and Tom Melum did their branding, on Thursday, up at the Hackberry place. Rachel had lunch there for the helpers. Daniel Kalbach was out to help. He is now working in Baker. Last week's rain was wonderful, and made the country look new again.

The past two weekends were busy with branding, for Ronda Cordell and Clint and Denise Zolnoski. This week brought some continued rain. It rained much of the day on Monday, as Ronda drove to Ekalaka to pick up some CMPK to have on hand for grass tetanus. She had to doctor three cows, and all with great success. Those three had quite different symptoms. The first one was found down with both legs straight out behind her, pulling herself forward through the draw over the fallen debris from last year's windstorm. Her bag and back feet knuckles were bleeding. They were gathering cattle for branding and, of course, her calf came with the group to be branded.

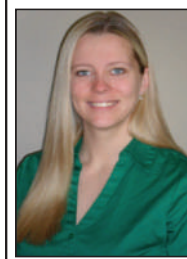
The next day, the guys thought they'd maybe have to haul her home, but found her on her feet, headed for home, looking for her calf. She was stiff and sore for a couple days, but is nearly back to normal. The symptoms of the other two cases were similar in that both were staggering, trembling and high gated (that is, as they were stepping forward their front leg came up in a high arch). Life is quite interesting in the country. On Tuesday, Ronda's rain gauge had two inches of rain. It's been quite a relief to have the moisture and cool temperature for a change. She was wondering if we are as green as Ireland's emerald green. Our area is much relieved from the past few years of drought. On Wednesday, Ronda looked out to a light covering of frost on everything. Luckily, it didn't nip the flowers that Cristen had brought her for Mother's Day, but they were damp from rain and near the house. In the afternoon, Ronda made a quick trip to Baker for the hamburger from the gathering mishap. Then, back at home, she baked cake and cupcakes for grandson, Caden Zolnoski's, graduation party on Saturday. Curt Zolnoski came out, from Rapid City, to Clint and Denise's, where he spent Thursday evening. On Friday, they attended Audrey Cordell's funeral. Chad and Roudy Zolnoski had come from Rozet, Wyoming, and Ronda, Clint, Denise, Darby, and Abby all attended. Ronda headed to Rapid City, on Saturday afternoon, to attend Caden's party. She stayed over with Cristen and Jayda Westling and attended his graduation on Sunday afternoon. Caden, a student at Stevens High School, was second to last to be called to the stage for his diploma. Alphabetical order

isn't the best for a guy with the last name beginning in Z, when there's nearly 450 graduates. They estimated the crowd attendance was over 3000.

Last week was a busy one for Karen Odell. She had planned to go to Pierre for a state middle-school track meet, but the weather report was for rain and wind, so her grandson, Carson Odell's meet was cancelled. Instead, she drove to Mitchell, SD, to visit at Cody Odell's. On Saturday, they all went to Kellan Odell's track meet, south of Sioux Falls, at Harrisburg. Micki Odell's family had flown in for Kellan's graduation, and Jeff Odell's family drove up from Iowa. Everyone gathered at the track meet to watch Kellan in four events. Karen was a slow walker, and some of Kellan's events conflicted, so they had to hurry to a distant track, or throwing area. It was good that triple jump and long jump were at the same place.

It was cloudy, and very windy, and not a perfect day for a track meet. Karen had a stocking cap and warm clothes, and since it was cloudy, she didn't expect a sunburn. Then, the next day was Kellan's graduation, and a party following, in Mitchell. Karen's face had burned to a bright red by that time, but the party still turned out to be a really fun time. Mollie Smith had been coaching at a track meet in Minnesota, on Saturday, so she and Kyia came to the graduation on Sunday, too. Kellan's sister, Kenna Odell had built a slide show presentation that could just keep running during the party for anyone to watch, and his mother, Kylie, had planned and remembered everything needed for a great party, while all the family pitched in to help decorate and prepare. Mike Odell came from Nebraska and Cody's cousins Chancey Odell and Kenny Smith were there, too. Kellan had a room full of cousins, and all of his immediate aunts and uncles, as he looked very handsome greeting everyone. Karen drove home, the next day, and her face soon lost the redness, but then her lips began blistering, so that she had no desire to be seen. She made Welsh cakes, but did not venture out to the Audrey Cordell funeral, this week. She is grateful to Tom Melum for doing her chores while she was gone.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Audrey Cordell family. Honesty, without hurtful comment, is the elegance that raises a person to the height of integrity.



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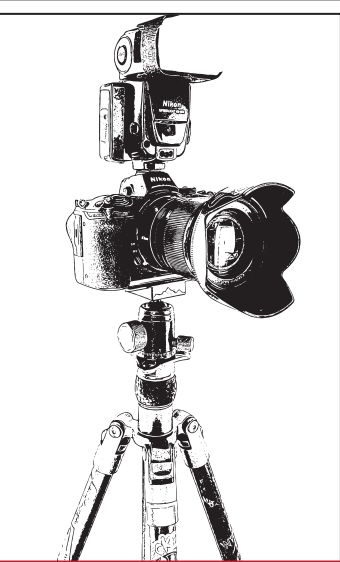


## Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden May 25, 2025

Central Meade County and most of western South Dakota was blessed with moisture this week. The pastures look great at this time as cattle are moved to pasture for the summer. The cooler temperatures have helped so as not to dry out and deplete the moisture we've been able to accumulate. Kyle and Bob Barry moved their cattle to summer pasture on Friday. Gardens are being sewn so conditions should be good for the planting season. Larry and Sandy Rhoden attended the Bronc Match in Deadwood on Saturday. Larry read a proclamation for the group that is responsible for putting on the Bronc Match in Deadwood. Several family members braved the cooler temperatures and enjoyed the rodeo on Saturday. School is officially out for the summer. Marking the beginning of the summer season is Memorial Day. Larry Rhoden spoke at the service at the National Cemetery on Monday, Memorial Day. As a veteran himself, it is always an honor to be a part of these ceremonies. Sandy Rhoden and sister, Debbie, visited the National Cemetery on Friday as both of their parents are buried there. Their dad, Francis Murphy served 3 1/2 years in WWII. Larry's father, Allen Rhoden, served in WWII as well and was in the Battle of the Bulge. Larry also

has three uncles who are buried at the National Cemetery after serving in WWII. The new coffee shop in Union Center has been hit thus far. There are typically vehicles and visitors parked out front on many days during business hours. Delayna is doing a good job of making guests feel welcome and also providing a great environment for fellowship. Chuck Spring escaped serious surgeries after surviving a wreck on a four wheeler. He will need to wear a neck brace after fracturing a couple of vertebrae for a few months. We are thankful he is on the mend. Bill Meirose is mending from his surgery for his hand. It was successful as he regains feeling in his hand. On this Memorial Day weekend we remember those who fought for our country as well as those who worked hard so that we could have a great way of life in our state, community and families. Our pastor suggested to his congregation this past Sunday, that the best way we can honor those who served in the military is to cherish and use of the freedoms they fought for. And for others who have gone before us and fought for or worked hard to improve our way of life in other ways, it honors their life to help continue or make use of their efforts.



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## “Building Main Street, not Wall Street” Fail to Plan, Plan to Fail: Building Economic Resilience in Local Communities

Albert Einstein once observed that “Logic will take you from A to B, imagination will take you everywhere.” This distinction captures the fundamental challenge facing American communities today: the difference between reactive governance and transformative leadership.



The middle ground—regional chains and medium-sized retailers—continues to shrink, communities have fewer options between global giants and local entrepreneurs.

Forward-thinking communities understand what is known as the local multiplier effect. Research demonstrates that local businesses recirculate approximately 68% of revenue within the local economy, compared to just 43% for national chains. This 25-percentage-point difference compounds over time, creates substantial economic impact. For a community of 25,000 residents, redirecting just 10% of retail spending from national to local businesses can generate an additional \$1.6 million in local economic activity annually.

Small and mid-sized communities face unique vulnerabilities in this transformation. Unlike major metropolitan areas with diverse economic bases, these communities often depend heavily on retail and service sectors for employment and tax revenue. When local businesses fail, the ripple effects include reduced property tax revenue as real estate values decline, higher unemployment rates, decreased foot traffic that affects remaining businesses, loss of community gathering spaces and social cohesion. The International Economic Development Council reports that communities under 50,000 population have seen 23% higher rates of business closure during the pandemic compared to larger metropolitan areas.

Today's retail environment operates on a barbell distribution. On one end, major national retailers like Target, Home Depot, Walmart, and others report strong growth and expanding market share. These companies leverage economies of scale, sophisticated supply chains, and digital integration to thrive in the new economy. On the opposite end, locally-owned businesses face unprecedented challenges. The FED reported 200,000 excess businesses closed in 2020 beyond typical rates, with small businesses accounting for most. These closures disproportionately impact smaller and mid-sized communities where local businesses form the economic backbone.

Many communities continue pursuing national chain recruitment as economic development strategy, unaware of the

long-term consequences. While chains may provide initial job creation and tax revenue, they often undermine local entrepreneurship by competing directly with existing local businesses using superior capital resources, extracting profits from the local economy rather than reinvesting them, creating low-wage employment with limited advancement opportunities, and reducing community economic diversity and resilience.

Successful communities implement what can be termed “The Law of Local”—a comprehensive approach prioritizing local economic development. This strategy includes creating business incubators, reducing regulatory barriers, and providing access to capital for local startups. The SBA reports communities with robust entrepreneurship programs see 15% higher business formation rates.

Municipal governments directing purchasing power toward local suppliers. Studies show that every \$100 spent on local procurement generates an additional \$45 in secondary economic activity. Investing in quality-of-life amenities, cultural attractions, and experiential retail that cannot be easily replicated online. The Experience Economy, valued at \$8 trillion globally, represents a growth sector resistant to e-commerce disruption. Helping local businesses develop online presence and omnichannel capabilities to compete effectively in the digital marketplace. Effective marketing research shows that messages require 6-7 exposures before achieving retention. Communities must apply this principle consistently, continuously reinforcing the “shop local” message through multiple channels and touchpoints. This isn't just about promotional campaigns—it requires sustained community education about economic interdependence.

The economic dynamics reshaping American communities are not temporary disruptions but permanent structural changes. Communities face a binary choice: adapt proactively to these new realities or accept gradual economic decline. Success requires moving beyond traditional economic development approaches focused on recruitment and incentives. Instead, communities must cultivate local entrepreneurship, strengthen economic interdependence, and build resilience against external economic shocks. The transformation is accelerating, and the window for strategic response continues to narrow. Communities that

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embrace imagination over mere logic—that plan for transformation rather than simply reacting to it—will position themselves to thrive in the new economy. Those that fail to plan are, quite literally, planning to fail.

John A. Newby is the author of the “Building Main Street, Not Wall Street” column dedicated to helping local communities, government and business combine synergies allowing them to thrive in a world where truly-local is being lost to Amazon and Wall Street chains. His email is john@truly-local.org

# Bronc Track & Field Finishes Up Strong

**Kandi Tonsager**  
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The Bronc high school track and field team ends the season with many new school records and state placers.

On Tuesday May 13th in Belle Fourche, the Black Hills Conference meet was held ahead of inclement weather moving in on its originally scheduled date of Thursday May 15th, also moved due to inclement weather was the "Last Chance Track Meet" at O'Hara in Rapid City, so named as it has previously been the last chance to qualify for the state meet. It was held on Thursday May 22nd. The Broncs had some great results in both meets with new school leaderboard spots, school records beat and state rankings improved.

For the boys, Kash Le LaCheur moved into 7th on the school leader board and 11th ranked in state in the 200 meter dash, Tegan Fredrickson moved to 3rd on the leaderboard and

22nd in state rankings, Gavin Pearson moved to 6th place spot on the leaderboard in the 400 meter dash and earns a spot of 13th in state, Lennon Clarkson moved to 5th on the school leaderboard and into 18th in state rankings in the 1600 meter, and the 4x100 relay team of Gavin Pearson, Oden Walding, Caeyn Howard and Kash Le LaCheur moved to number 3 on the leaderboard and earned a ranking of 15th in the state for their last regular season meet.

For the Lady Broncs, 8th grader, Ansley O'Brien moves up to the high school team and steps onto the leader board 100 meter hurdles at 2nd and earns a state ranking of 11th and 4th on the leader board for the 300 meter hurdles earning a ranking of 22nd in the state as well as joining the 4x200 meter relay team with Mikka Dunavant, Mya and Kailey Nowowiejski who move to 2nd on the school leaderboard and earn a state ranking of 2nd. Berklee Nore moves up to the high school team after middle school season

as a 7th grader and ties for 6th on the leaderboard in high jump, also earning her a tied spot for a 15th spot ranking in state. Mya Nowowiejski moves to 3rd on the leaderboard in the 400 meter dash and earns a ranking of 23rd in state. Chloe Merjil improves her 5th place spot on the leaderboard in shot put with a throw of 38'8". Rhys Pearson moves to 1st on the school leaderboard in the 800 meter run breaking the old school record by 1.4 seconds with a time of 2:20.52 and earns an 8th place ranking in state. The 4x100 meter relay team of Ansley, Mikka, Mya and Kailey break the school record with a time of 50.3 for the last meet of regular season.

Broncs who qualified and competed in the State Meet held at Howard Wood field in Sioux Falls on May 29th-31st, 2025 were: Kashton Le LaCheur in the 100 meter dash placing 19th, and the 200 meter dash placing 21st; Gavin Pearson in the 400 meter dash placing 16th and

in the 800 meter dash placing 21st; Lennon Clarkson in the 1600 meter run placing 19th and in the 3200 meter run placing 7th making the podium; Tegan Fredrickson in the 300 meter hurdles placing 21st; Aiden Keil qualified in high jump; Gabe Raba placed 9th in discuss with a Personal Record and ranking of number 24 in the state; Joseph McLennon in shot put placing 10th with an almost 2 foot Personal Record and state ranking of number 21. The 4x100 meter relay team of Gavin Pearson, Oden Walding, Kashton Le LaCheur and Caeyn Howard placed 14th; the 4x200 meter relay team of Gavin Pearson, Oden Walding, Kashton Le LaCheur and Tegan Fredrickson placed 17th and the 4x800 meter relay team of Oden Walding, Aiden Keil, Clifford Torberson and Nathan Hudson placed 21st.

For the Lady Broncs, Berklee Nore placed 14th in High Jump; Chloe Merjil placed 15th in Javelin; Ansley O'Brien placed 9th in the 100 meter Hurdles and 14th in the 300 Meter hurdles;

Rhys Pearson placed 15th in the 800 meter run and 10th in the 1600 meter run with a PR and state ranking of 15th; Lia Mundt placed 22nd in the 800 meter run with a PR and ranking of number 24 in final state rankings, 9th in the 1600 meter run, and 6th in the 3200 meter run making the podium.

The 4x100 and 4x200 meter relay team of Mikka Dunavant, Ansley O'Brien, Mya Nowowiejski and Kailey Nowowiejski placed 5th in the preliminaries of the 4x100 earning them a spot in the finals where they placed 5th again with a time of 50.87. In the 4x200 they placed 3rd in the preliminaries earning them a spot in the finals where they placed 4th with a time of 1:46.73.

The 4x400 meter relay and sprint medley relay team of Mikka Dunavant, Rhys Pearson, Mya Nowowiejski and Kailey Nowowiejski placed 16th in the 4x400 and 10th in the sprint medley with a season best time of 4:18.38 and an 11th place state ranking overall to end the season.

**Great job Broncs!**



(clockwise from above) 4x100 & 4x200 meter relay team of Ansley O'Brien, Mikka Dunavant, Mya & Kailey Nowowiejski at State; Lennon Clarkson takes 7th at state in the 3200 meter run; 4x400 and Sprint Medley State Qualifying Relay team of Mya Nowowiejski, Mikka Dunavant, Kailey Nowowiejski and Rhys Pearson; Lia Mundt takes 6th at state in the 3200 meter run



(clockwise from above) Gabe Raba placed 9th at state in discuss; Joseph McLennon placed 10th at state in shot put; Rhys Pearson places 1st and sets new school record in the 800 meter run at the Last Chance Meet at Rapid City's O'Hara; Lia Mundt

(Above) Kailey & Mya Nowowiejski at Howard Wood; (Below) Mikka Dunavant & Ansley O'Brien at Howard Wood



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## Honoring Those Who Gave Their All



Nila Charles, VFW 5807, stood at attention at Wilson Cemetery on Memorial Day 2025.

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### Betty Bruner

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NVN-Monday, May 26, was a day of remembrance. A day for remembering those who had given the ultimate sacrifice. Memorial Day has been set aside to honor those who have fallen in battle defending our freedoms. Originally called Decoration Day for over a century, this special day was changed to Memorial Day in the 1880's.

Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor American soldiers who had given their lives in service. On May 5, 1868, General John Logan, the national commander of the Grand Army of the republic, officially proclaimed it in his General Order No. 11.

In the Order, the General proclaimed, "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." This was the date of the first Decoration Day.

Now known as Memorial Day, it is celebrated throughout the US.

Members of VFW Post 5807 make sure that the day is not forgotten in the NVN area. This Memorial Day did not fall short of honoring the fallen soldiers lying in graves at Vale, Wilson

Cemetery, and Hope Cemetery.

Mike Keolker was the Master of Ceremonies for each service. He introduced each person as they laid the wreath at the foot of the flag pole. Michelle Stockert had the honor at the Vale Cemetery, Luann Youngberg at Wilson Cemetery, and Sabrina Harmon laid the wreath at Hope Cemetery.

The Honor Guard was made up of men representing Post 5807. Sergeant at Arms, John Maxwell gave the orders to fire the 21-gun salute. Members were Larry Schumacher, Fred Wells, Joe Crockford, Dale Grant, Zack Grant, Dave Krcelic, and Dave Baumiller.

Nila Charles held the American Flag during the ceremonies.

Greg Todd was the speaker and shared emotional thoughts about the day. He began by saying that most think Memorial Day is a day for picnics and fun. But it is more

than that.

It's very important to honor and memorialize those who gave their lives for our nation. Many have been wounded and seen horrors and felt the pain of war.

"There are those whose lives ended all too soon," he said.

"We celebrate those who have no voice. We owe so much to them," he continued.

Because of the sacrifices the men and women gave, we can enjoy the freedom to have a picnic. Todd pointed out that we live in a free nation, a prosperous nation, because of their sacrifice.

As Todd said, "We owe them such a great debt. Consider it an honor to pay tribute to those who gave us so much."

There is a debt we have that can never be paid back. Consider it an honor to pay tribute to those who gave so much.



Sergeant at Arms John Maxwell salutes the flag as it is raised. The Honor Guard was made up of Larry Schumacher, Fred Wells, Joe Crockford, Zack Grant, Dave Krcelic, Dave Baumiller, and Dale Grant. Betty Bruner Photo

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## Grand River Roundup



### Betty Olson

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This was a warm, beautiful week and we got a tiny sprinkle last Monday, which was Memorial Day. I went to Hettinger on Memorial Day to decorate the graves of my parents Bryce and Lila White, both of my grandparents Clem and Manda (Hallan) White and Harvey and Lydia (Smith) Wilkinson, and two of my great grandparents Carl and Caroline Hallan and Andrew and Caroline Smith. My great grandfather Carl Hallan built most of the old country schools in Harding and western Perkins County and my great grandmother Caroline Hallan delivered most of the babies born in the Slim Buttes while they lived down there and Carl, my grandpa Clem White, and my father built the Slim Buttes Lutheran Church at Reva when Dad was about 12 years old. Carl also built most of the old houses

in Hettinger after they moved up there. While I was gone Reub went up to spray weeds at our Horse Creek pasture and Casey and Taz hauled two semis full of cows up there while Missy took Copper, Knox and River and several horses up there for them to ride to herd the cows around the pasture. Sadly, there are several more deaths to report: Harold Heupel, age 84, of Bison, passed away on Thursday morning, January 2, at the Western Horizons Care Center in Hettinger. The memorial service for Harold has been scheduled for Saturday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the American Lutheran Church in Bison. Burial with military honors will follow in the Bison Cemetery. After a courageous journey with cancer lasting more than a decade, Beverly (Ellingson) Byers passed away at Western Horizons Care Center on March 9, 2025. A celebration of her life will be

Friday, May 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the Centennial Chapel of Evanson Jensen Funeral Homes in Hettinger, ND followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments before inurnment at Rose Hill Cemetery in Reeder. Horace Seim, 96, of Shadehill, South Dakota passed away Thursday, April 17, at Five Counties Nursing Home in Lemmon. Graveside services have taken place, and we will have a memorial service in June with Kesling Funeral Home of Mobridge. Darlene Finck, 90, of Rapid City and formerly of Reeder, entered into the embrace of the Lord in Rapid City, Saturday morning, May 17th. Service of Remembrance was Friday, May 23rd, at the Hettinger Lutheran Church with burial at the Hettinger Cemetery. Funeral Services for Audrey Cordell, 91, of Camp Crook were

Friday, May 23, at the Old High School Gym in Buffalo with burial in the Fairview Cemetery in Camp Crook. Audrey passed away Saturday, May 17, at Belle Estate, Belle Fourche. Aletha Adcock's brother, Jerry (Gerald) VanSickel, age 67, passed away May 18 at Monument Health Hospice House in Rapid City. Per his wishes no services will take place. Betty Niemi's brother, Andrew (Andy) Johnson, a devoted family man, respected rancher, and proud community member, passed away peacefully on May 20 at the age of 87. Graveside services will be held on May 31st at 2:30 p.m., at Bear Butte Cemetery in Sturgis. A celebration of life will be held at the Veterans Club in Sturgis at 3:30 p.m. Jane Teigen, 88, passed away on May 20, at the Sturgis Hospital. The Funeral Service for Mary "Jane" Teigen of Buffalo, was held on Wednesday, May 28, at the Camp Crook Community Center with burial at the Little Missouri Lutheran Cemetery in Capitol, MT. It was a nice day on Tuesday when Amanda helped the guys get the cows ready to breed that morning. I had a ZOOM call that evening with the South Dakota property rights people. Reub and I went over to the Bar H for the branding Wednesday morning at the Thybo ranch and had a good visit with Maxine and Dan Oehler who came up to their ranch from Arizona. I was hoping to get to see Maxine's twin Jeanine Bisetti who planned to come but she didn't make it this year, however we did get to visit with Maxine's son Jeff. Lots of friends and neighbors came to the

branding so we had a lot of good visits before heading home. When we got home Amanda's sister Josi Jensen was here visiting Amanda and her family after coming home from spending five months touring Asia and Europe. It was so nice to see her again. Reub went spraying weeds up at our Horse Creek pasture Thursday morning. Amanda and the kids went up to see Jace and Kami Jensen that morning and brought little Keen home with them to play with the kids all day. Josi came down that afternoon and Amanda had Casey and Missy, Jace and Kami, and Josi at her house for supper before Jace and Kami took Keen back to Ralph. It was 82 degrees here on Friday when Reub was up spraying weeds at our Horse Creek pasture. These guys were Aling the heifers Saturday morning and while they were doing that, Lark Welch came down from Bismarck to decorate her grandmother Violet (Wilkinson) Krambeer's grave and Aunt Daisy Wilkinson's grave at the cemetery over at Glendo. Reub and I took her over there so Reub could bring the flag home that he put up for Memorial Day. Lark's uncle and my cousin Donald Krambeer will soon be buried there beside his mother Violet Krambeer and Aunt Daisy Wilkinson. A nice crowd showed up for church on Sunday and we had some good fellowship while Linda Mohagen and I served coffee and goodies after church. I had to turn the air conditioner on at home with the temperature at 89 degrees. With the heat I'll leave you with this Climate change joke: I haven't always believed in climate change, but I'm warming up to the theory.

## Then and Now in Newell

### "Looking Forward to our Past"

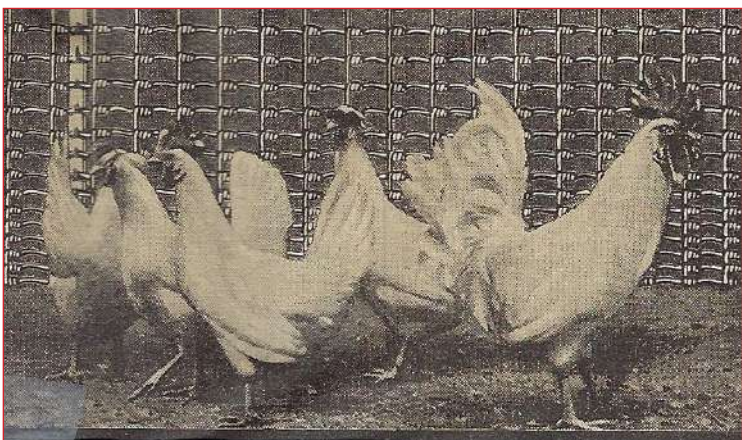
#### June 3, 1915

One year ago, the State Food & Drug Commission for the first time issued a proclamation designating a day in June as "Rooster Day" on which date all male birds in South Dakota flocks were to be slaughtered or marketed in order to prevent the enormous spoilage in eggs during summer months which results from the production of fertile eggs. The movement was so successful that a similar proclamation was issued this year. Experiments have shown that hens produce as many eggs and more eggs and keep in better condition when the male birds are removed from the flock. All persons owning flocks of chickens urged to remove all male birds from their flocks on that day and keep flocks free

and bridle in Spink County. The saddle was found in Newell at the Christian Secondhand Store, where Belmont had sold it for \$35. The owner, who lives near Redfield, was here Friday and identified the saddle. Belmont was taken to Redfield for trial. Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Woodford attended the polo game at Ft. Meade last Sunday afternoon. This was their first view of the game and C. W. is already looking for a polo pony. While friend T. G. Wall participated in the golf tournament at Rapid City and it is reported to have scored along with the top notchers. Last week an unfortunate accident befell the little daughter of Mr. & Mrs. O. R. Mathews, who was run over by an automobile near the school-

### by Linda Velder

weeks, was arrested in Belle Fourche for practicing without a license. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, but the sentence was suspended for good behavior and actual medical successes. Max Williamson, whose inspirational singing has been so much appreciated in the Black Hills churches all this season, is to make his final appearance in Newell next Sunday morning and evening at the Congregational Church. Palmer Kremer, with his French horn, will be with him. Don't miss hearing them, at 1:00 PM and 7:30 PM. Admission free. **May 31, 1945** T/Sgt Eino A. Virkkula is the first Newell soldier to have earned his final discharge, by reason of the recently established point system. He arrived home today, and his first objective was to acquire some civilian clothes. He had a credit of 14 points. After 38 months service with an engineers' construction battalion in the Japanese infested South Sea Islands, he was finally furloughed home, reaching Newell April 9 with an Honorable Discharge. Dolly Edwards, who has been in Rapid City for treatment of her ankle which was injured in an auto accident last winter, visited over Memorial Day with her mother in Newell. From here she returned to work in Belle Fourche. Miss Lois Paulson was brought to her home in Newell last Sunday from the Belle Fourche Hospital. She is still confined to bed as a result of the same car wreck. A party of 21 Cheyenne Indians arrived Monday at Sturgis from Montana and are encamped on the south side of Bear Butte. They came to carry out a religious ceremonial, praying to the Good Spirit for peace and the safety of all Americans. The ceremonies will be performed under an American flag which was presented to them several years ago in Washington. For the first time in 75 years these Indians from Tongue River Agency, Lame Deer, Montana will pray for peace. It is "one land, one flag and one God", the old chiefs say with much emotion. They want the people to know that they are praying, not only for members of their own race, but for all Americans. The Sturgis Chamber of Commerce is caring for and hosting the Indians while they are here.



1915, roosters were encouraged to be destroyed because fertile eggs did not keep well during the hot summer. Newell Museum

from roosters until November 1 or later. There was a large attendance at the Mud Butte Sunday School Sunday. The school is preparing a Children's Day Program for the second Sunday in June. A number of people later went sightseeing in the Buttes. Several from the vicinity attended the Catholic Mass Service at Mr. Snell's ranch. The total precipitation from April 1 to June 2nd amounts to 5.42 inches according to observations taken at the Government Experiment Station. For April total 2.58 inches, total from May 2.32 inches and June 1, 1 1/2 inches and still a steady rain falling. This greatly exceeds the total for April of several years back.

#### May 28, 1925

The Catholic ladies of Arpan are holding a basket social at their hall Saturday evening, May 30th and would appreciate an attendance and patronage from Nisland and Newell. Hal Belmont was arrested here last week by Deputy Long charged with stealing a saddle

house. The child is still bed-ridden but it is believed she will suffer no permanent ill effects from the experience. **May 30, 1935** Maj. C. D. McAlister, Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala. and Master Sergeant Bishop of Scott Field Belleville, Il, both now stationed at the Black Hills Stratosphere Camp were in Newell, Monday, flying here in a FOKER Army Plane. They were accompanied by Sergeant Becker, Sergeant Swift and Patrick McDermott, all of Ft. Meade. Maj. McAlister piloted the big plane and landed at Newell Airport. He stated that the Newell landing field will be an excellent one after improvements contemplated are made. The large plane had no difficulty whatsoever, either in landing or taking off. The men were on a tour of the country, checking weather conditions for the Weather Office at the stratosphere camp. J. J. Normandy who was practicing medicine in Vale a few weeks ago and made promises to be back within a few

**June 2, 1955** Three Newell 4-H Club members won top honors in the

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Butte County Cherry Pie Baking Contest held at the Newell High Schol lunchroom last Wednesday evening. 1st place Barbara Lakson, 2nd Barbara Milberg and 3rd Rommie Van derBoom a dark horse candidate entry. Miss Lakson will represent the county in the State competition at Brookings. Van derBoom showed the girls a few tricks in weaving the lattice top on his pie. The girls are members of the Happy Helpers Club, while Rommie is a member of the Westerners Home Economics Club. Other contestants were Linda Ypparila member of Happy Helpers, Newell; Rebecca Ruff from Eager Beavers, Nisland and Linda Harvey also Eager Beavers. All contestants agreed Rommie should have won first place because of pie baking skills, but the judges had never had a boy enter in the contest before, decided to stay with the norm. Dry cleaners of America were asked to join in a nation-wide drive in which all American flags would be cleaned without charge in return for the owners promise to display the colors on Flag Day, June 14. Fred Bunney announced that Bunney's Cleaners would cooperate by cleaning all flags brought in before that date without charge. Window posters identifying dry-cleaning stores participating in the program have been provided to all such establishments. Post Commander Albert Fitchell of Newell urges everyone here to make sure they "show their true colors - a bright sparkling red, white and blue". Play in the Newell Softball League will begin next Tuesday evening, with appropriate ceremonies to be held at 7:30 PM in commemoration of the completion of the second section of the Newell Community Lighted Athletic Field. District softball Commissioner, Bob Wohlheuter of Belle Fourche has been invited to speak briefly, and Newell Mayor Vern Hafner will toss out the ball for the first game. The playing diamond has been completed in the combination football-softball area of the athletic field, with the combination acclaimed as one of the most outstanding in the state.

**May 27, 1965** The Vale Post Office will be moved June 1 to the old Baptist Church building about 40 feet west of its present location, it is announced by new Vale Postmaster Mrs. Clara Lungren. The Post Office has been located in the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Holdren for some 40 years, during which time Mrs. Holdren served as Postmaster. More than 3 inches of rain fell on Sunday and Monday were recorded at the US Newell Field Station. Water was reported over Highway 79 north Castle Rock and Hoover, washing out part of the road in several spots; Willow Creek began flooding northeast of Newell Monday, reached its crest Monday morning; both Horse and Indian Creeks were reported as at a high flood level as ever and Dry Creek was out of its bank over Old 212 just below Newell made it practically impossible for 5 miles east of town, some places 1 foot deep. The North Canal, spilling over in many places from northwest to northeast of Newell, Belle Fourche Irrigation District crews worked round the clock removing debris and preventing serious washouts on small Laterals, Whitewood Creek and Belle Fourche River. Flood damage to the District is around \$30,000, principally at the Belle Fourche River Siphon. The Newell Golf Clubhouse, run by the Newell Golf & Country Club, will be open on weekends beginning this weekend, it was decided at the meeting of the club held there on Friday evening. Directors Duane Friez and Lyn Gladstone negotiated for management of the facility and also announced Arne Lund has been named club manager for the coming season. The Women's Association re-elected present officers President Mrs. Emmett McDermott, Vice President Mrs. Jack Dawson and Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Lyn Gladstone. Members also voted for dinners to be served every Wednesday evening, beginning June 2 with some type of play or competition. It was noted dinner would be prepared and served by the Cove Cafe as long warranted.

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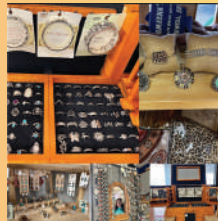
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## Burning Buildings, Personnel Issues

NEWELL-The Newell city office was full Tuesday, May 27, with many area residents waiting to here the outcome of some top issues. The agenda included hiring a blade operator, the resignation of Verl Tift, and burning the mobile home on Ash Street owned by John Nelson.

With Mayor Tara Tennis absent, Commissioner Josh Mackaben took the gavel and began the meeting. Following a change in the agenda, Mackaben asked that a recess be granted to allow the Mayor time to attend the meeting.

After waiting 30 minutes, without the mayor appearing, the commissioners came out of recess and began business listed on the agenda.

The first order was to discuss burning the building on Ashe Street. John Nelson was on hand to answer any questions from the commission. The mobile home cannot be moved due to the condition of the building. Commissioner Vonda Clausen noted that the smoke could be obnoxious but the "eye-sore must be gone."

Nelson will coordinate with Fire Chief Verl Tift to set a time for the project. It's important to watch weather conditions to prevent smoke from drifting toward area residents. Tift said that the fire department would have trucks there to keep the fire contained and everyone safe. He also mentioned that fire department personnel cannot light the fire.

The commissioners voted to allow the building to be burned, with the caveat weather permitting.

The hiring of a blade operator was tabled until the next

Weather permitting this area will be burned under the watchful eyes of the Newell Fire Department. Betty Bruner Photo



regular meeting and when the mayor is present. Mayor Tennis has the information needed for the commissioners to plan.

The commissioners approved the resignation of Foreman Verl Tift, with Clausen abstaining. Tift pointed out that he wants to receive his earned PTO, half his sick leave, and other benefits due him. He has worked for the city since December 2017.

Tift expressed his desire to have a public exit interview. After passing out a written letter of resignation listing his reasons, he sat down and began to expand on his reasons for resigning. Essentially the problem began two or three months ago, he said, when the mayor would not answer his questions. There were several instances that Tift outlined that continued and finally led to his resignation.

"I was never called in to discuss problems," he said.

"We are sorry you are leaving," Mackaben said. And asked Tift what can be done in the future to prevent the same problem.

Tift did assure the residents of Newell that he would not "ham string" the community. He has talked to the council and will help when/if he can.

During Public Comment, the commissioners were urged to take time to get the right person to replace Tift. Several people were concerned about water breaks and use of the rubble site. At this time, there was no answer on how to handle those types of situations.

The next regular Newell Commission meeting will be June 9 at 5 p.m. in the city offices.

## Here's What's Happening in Newell!

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### Mondays

Monday Night Bingo at the NVN Senior Center 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### June 8

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### BH Farmer's Market

Second Tuesday each month, 4:30, Nisland Town Hall

### June 9

VBS, Wonder Junction, Newell Christian Fellowship, 9 a.m.

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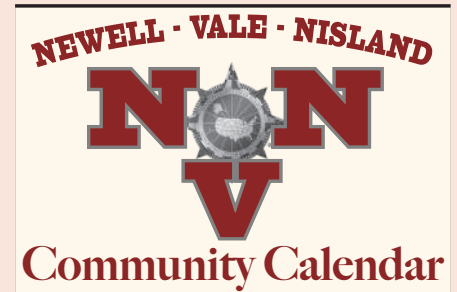
### June 14

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## A WELCOME ADDITION

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NEWELL-With funding coming from the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission Outside of Deadwood Grant Program, the directory for Hope Cemetery has a new home. The polycarbonate panels surround the directory, shielding it from the elements. New panels are on the way to complete the directory.

According to Newell Museum Curator Linda Velder, the new shelter will protect the displays from severe weather. With the 82 mph winds and hail in the past, the display has suffered major damage. In fact, one panel was completely destroyed and never found.

The contractor for the project was NEEDAK Manufacturing Company. Ken Ballou and the 2024-2025 NHS welding class also helped with the

project.

Velder points out that the names on the directory will be updated on a timely basis. And adds that suggestions and donations are always welcome for upkeep of the directory. Send correspondence to Newell Museum, PO Box 433, Newell, SD 57760.

Be sure to stop and check out the beautiful directory and building. It's a welcome addition to Hope Cemetery.



Top: The new building surrounding the directory at Hope Cemetery south of Newell.  
Bottom: The project was part of a grant from the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission  
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# Memorial Day Remembers

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*Top Left: Memorial Day speaker Gregg Todd inspired the crowd as he spoke of the sacrifice given for freedom.*

*Luann Youngberg placed the memorial wreath at Wilson Cemetery during the Memorial Day services.*

*Master of Ceremonies Mike Keolker raised the flag from half-mast to full-mast at the Vale Cemetery.*

*Sabrina Harmon lays the wreath at Hope Cemetery during Memorial Day services held May 26, 2025.*

*The gun salute at Wilson Cemetery on Memorial Day 2025.*

*Larry Schumacher, left, and John Maxwell folded the flag at Wilson Cemetery. Nila Charles is in the background.*

*Crowd at Vale Cemetery.*