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## Roundup Delivers Action Packed Rodeos

**Robbi Longbrake**

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**BELLE FOURCHE**—The 106th Annual Black Hills Roundup six-time Medium Sized Rodeo of the Year once again delivered four days of action packed PRCA rodeo.

The Black Hills Roundup Arena hosted some of the top PRCA cowboys and cowgirls during the 4th of July celebration on July 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. The rodeos on the evening of July 3rd and afternoon of July 4th were sold out!

For the second year in a row, Championship Pro Rodeo, one of the elite rodeo producers in the Great Lakes Circuit, put together an action-filled four days of rodeo and entertainment. They also brought award-winning stock that made for exciting rodeo displays for the crowd to stay engaged with all the action in the arena. Additional stock was brought by Burch Rodeo, Harper and Morgan Rodeo and Mundorf Cattle.

New this year to the Roundup was Rodeo Clown and Barrelman Matt Merritt. He came out and interacted with the crowd, gave high-fives and told jokes all throughout the rodeo performance. At the end of each

## 106th Black Hills Roundup July 4th sold out Event



The crowd at the the **Black Hills Roundup July 4th PRCA Rodeo** react to directions given to them by Rodeo Clown and Barrelman **Matt Merritt**. Longbrake photo

rodeo Merritt would pick the best fan of the night and award them with an autographed t-shirt. He also hosted events in the arena for the kids such as the calf scramble before sliding into his barrel during the bull riding. He assists the bullfighters in protecting the bull riders during the dangerous

**Roundup contd A4**



Barrelman **Matt Merritt** is inside the barrel as the **Bull Fighters** use it to get away from a charging bull. Heitz photo

## U.S. Air Force Academy Band

**Doug Cole**

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The U.S. Air Force Academy Band performed a free, family-friendly concert at Belle Fourche on July 1st as part of their "**America the Beautiful: A Fourth of July Celebration**" Concert.

The United States Air Force Academy Band proudly performed in the bandshell at Hermann Park to begin the South Dakota portion of their 2025 Summer Tour.

This inspiring, family-friendly concert series celebrates our nation's values, unity, and resilience through the power of music.

The performance features patriotic favorites, American

classics, and selections from jazz, pop, and country genres ,something for all ages and musical tastes. The performance was free and open to the public.

Midway through the band took a short rain delay and resumed play on the then perfect evening in the park.

This tour in addition to Belle Fourche included: Laramie, WY. June 29; Gering, NE June 30; Rapid City, SD July 2; Mount Rushmore National Memorial, July 3 & 4.

As the only Department of Defense premier band located west of the Appalachian Mountains, the USAF Academy Band provides year-round support to the United States



The **Spearfish Legion Post Honor Guard** presentation of our Nation's Flag opened the **Air Forche Band Concert**. Hunter Anderson Photo

## Belle Fourche Wins Third Consecutive Buster Berry Trophy at State HS Rodeo

**Ryder Heitz**

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**BELLE FOURCHE**—It was another successful year for the Belle Fourche High School Rodeo team at the State Finals rodeo in Pierre, SD, June 17-21. The BFHS rodeo team won the Buster Berry Team Trophy for the third year in a row.

**Saddle Bronc:**

Taiten Eaton, Saint Onge, 3rd place

**Team Roping:**

Jet Jensen, Belle Fourche, 1st place/State Champion heeler  
Koby Bowden, Belle Fourche, 3rd place header  
Jory Olson, Belle Fourche, 3rd place heeler

**Goat Tying:**

Syd Pelster, Belle Fourche, 3rd place

LuKayzee Brink, Newell, 4th place

**.22 Light Rifle/Small Bore:**

Joshua Main, State Champion  
Lydia Main, Reserve Champion

**Trap Shooting:**

Tacen Carr, Reserve Champion

All contestants who ended State in the top 4 will continue on to compete at the National High School Finals Rodeo in Rock Springs, WY from July 13-19.

Congratulations to the Belle Fourche area qualifiers and good luck at Nationals!



The **BFHS Rodeo Team** won the **Buster Berry Team Trophy** for the third year in a row at the **State High School Rodeo Finals**. Courtesy photo

Air Force Academy and the more than 4,000 cadets in the cadet wing, helping develop outstanding leaders of character who will serve our country as officers in the United States Air Force and United States Space Force. The Academy Band maintains a rigorous performance schedule in support of Cadet and Air Force troop morale, recruiting and community outreach.



**Jet Jensen** of Belle Fourche, right, poses with his team roping partner **Drew Harper**, left, and their State Champion Team Roping saddles. Jensen won the **State Champion Heeler** title. Courtesy Photo

## Still Ticking and with a little luck Will keep on Printing

**Doug Cole**

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The Beacon ran a short piece end of June marking seven years of publication.

We are making changes that will help to ensure the Beacon continues publication.

Our heartfelt thanks to the several supporters/readers of the Beacon who made contributions

ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 to keep the publication going. They provided about one half of what was needed.

Like any business, when ends don't meet you work to cut expenses and raise income.

Gaining "legal" status and the publication of City, County, and School required public notices will be a welcome plus

and with a plan to cut back on cost of "in Belle Fourche" deliveries.

In lieu of paying the post office for deliveries we will provide papers throughout the community in convenient places where the Beacon will be available for pickup by the readers.

This will also eliminate redundant deliveries where currently

some people receive copies at their home, Post Office boxes, and places of business.

In addition to online access at www.bellefourchebeacon.com printed copies will be picked up at Lueders Grocery, Lynn's Dakota Mart, Print Mark-et, and the Belle Fourche Chamber to those readers who wish to read

a hard copy. We also have a person interested in doing home delivery.

The Beacon is working with the "Bring Back Belle" aka "Downtown Belle Fourche" with the intent of becoming a non profit to continue publication of the Beacon long after this grey haired old publisher is retired.

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### Ron Frame



Ron Frame passed away on June 30, 2025, leaving behind a legacy as wide as the prairie sky he called home. Born with grit in his bones and mischief in his smile, Ron lived life the cowboy way—honest, hard-working, and always ready with a one-liner that could disarm the sourest of moods—or cause one.

Ron died as he lived: proud, on his own terms, determined to fight his illness, impatient, and yes — swearing.

A lifelong cowboy and rancher, Ron knew the land, the livestock, and the rhythm of the seasons better than most folks know their own schedule. He believed in doing things right, fixing what was broken, and leaving things better than he found them. He never shied away from a hard day's work or a good laugh, and he taught those around him the true meaning of resilience, loyalty, and looking life straight in the eye.

Ron attended Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota, on a basketball scholarship before leaving to enlist in the U.S. Army, where he served in Europe. When he returned home, he went to work on the Panek Ranch in Piedmont, where he would build his life and raise his family.

He will be remembered for his humor, charm, legendary shenanigans, and a laugh that could fill a room. He had a handshake you could trust, a quick wit you'd best be ready for, and a heart big enough to car-

ry the burdens of those he loved. Whether he was pulling your leg, lending you a hand, or spinning a tale at the kitchen table, you knew you were in the company of someone unforgettable.

Ron was predeceased by his parents, David and Mary Frame, and his brothers Glenn and Duane. He is survived by his sister, Jean Hoehne, of Sussex, New Jersey.

He leaves behind his wife of 59 years, Janet; son, Cody; daughters, Camille and Calley (Mike) Davis; and proudly wore the title of "Ganpa!" to three beloved grandchildren, Payne, Preston, and Payge Davis. His family and friends will carry forward the stories, lessons, and laughter he left behind, like footprints in a dusty corral.

As he rides off into the great beyond, we tip our hats and say: Thank you, Ron. You were one of the good ones, and you sure made this world a little rowdier — and a whole lot better — while you were here.

Funeral services will be Monday, July 14, 2025, 11:00 a.m. at LifeSpring Wesleyan Church, Sturgis, SD. Burial, with military Honors, will follow at Black Hills National Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



### David Allen 79

David Allen, age 79 of Belle Fourche, died May 29, 2025 at the Monument Health Rapid City Hospital.

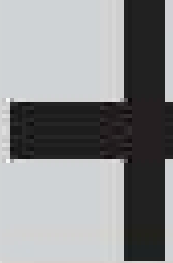
David John Allen was born September 18, 1945 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. During the Vietnam War, David served in the U.S. Air Force from 1964 to 1968, and was



honorably discharged. Funeral arrangements are pending. When service times are set, this website will be updated immediately.

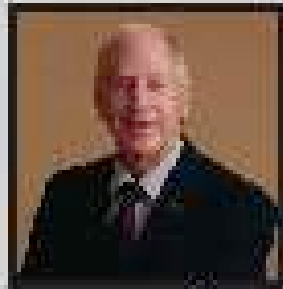


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**Brian Kline**  
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Here are a few considerations to help shape your retirement savings strategy.

**Calculate how much you’ll need.**

You may dream of retiring “comfortably,” but how do you define “comfortable” in terms of actual money? Take the time to outline how much you spend now, and how much you think you’ll spend in retirement. That will help you understand how much you need to save now to afford the retirement lifestyle you want later. A financial advisor can help with resources and knowledge for building and managing your retirement strategy.

**Start saving now.**

It’s easy to procrastinate, especially if you are younger and further away from



**Shannon L. Rolando** retirement. But the earlier you start, the less you may need to save from each paycheck to build your funds over time. If you’re closer to retirement, you can take advantage of catch-up contributions to most 401(k), 403(b), governmental 457 plans and the federal government’s Thrift Savings Plan. If you’re 50 or older, you can save pretax an extra \$7,500 to your retirement account beyond the standard total limit of \$23,500 allowed in 2025. Those 60–63 years old can

contribute to these plans an extra \$11,250 above the standard total limit. That’s an annual total of \$31,000 for people ages 50 and older; or \$34,750 for those 60–63 years old in pretax retirement plan contributions.

**Take the right amount of risk.**

You may think it’s risky to put money away for retirement instead of keeping it handy for discretionary spending. But the biggest risk of all is not reaching your retirement goal. For example, a portfolio that’s all in cash will have little increasing value over time and won’t provide any growth potential even to keep up with inflation.

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Rodeo Run Sees Over 200 Entries

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 BELLE FOURCHE—Bright and early on the Fourth of July, over 200 runners gathered at Herrmann Park for the 47th annual Rodeo Run 5K/10K.

DJ Fowler, local retired Marine Raider and Belle Fourche Sheriff’s Office reserve member, was dressed in full-kit gear for the race. Undersheriff Clark O’Connell

and Deputy Dwayne Bruce of Alzada, MT joined him. Running in full gear, Fowler represented the physical and emotional weight that first responders deal with on a daily basis.

At 7 a.m., contestants lined up by the bridge at Herrmann Park and were given route information and rules before they excitedly took off running.

The oldest road race in

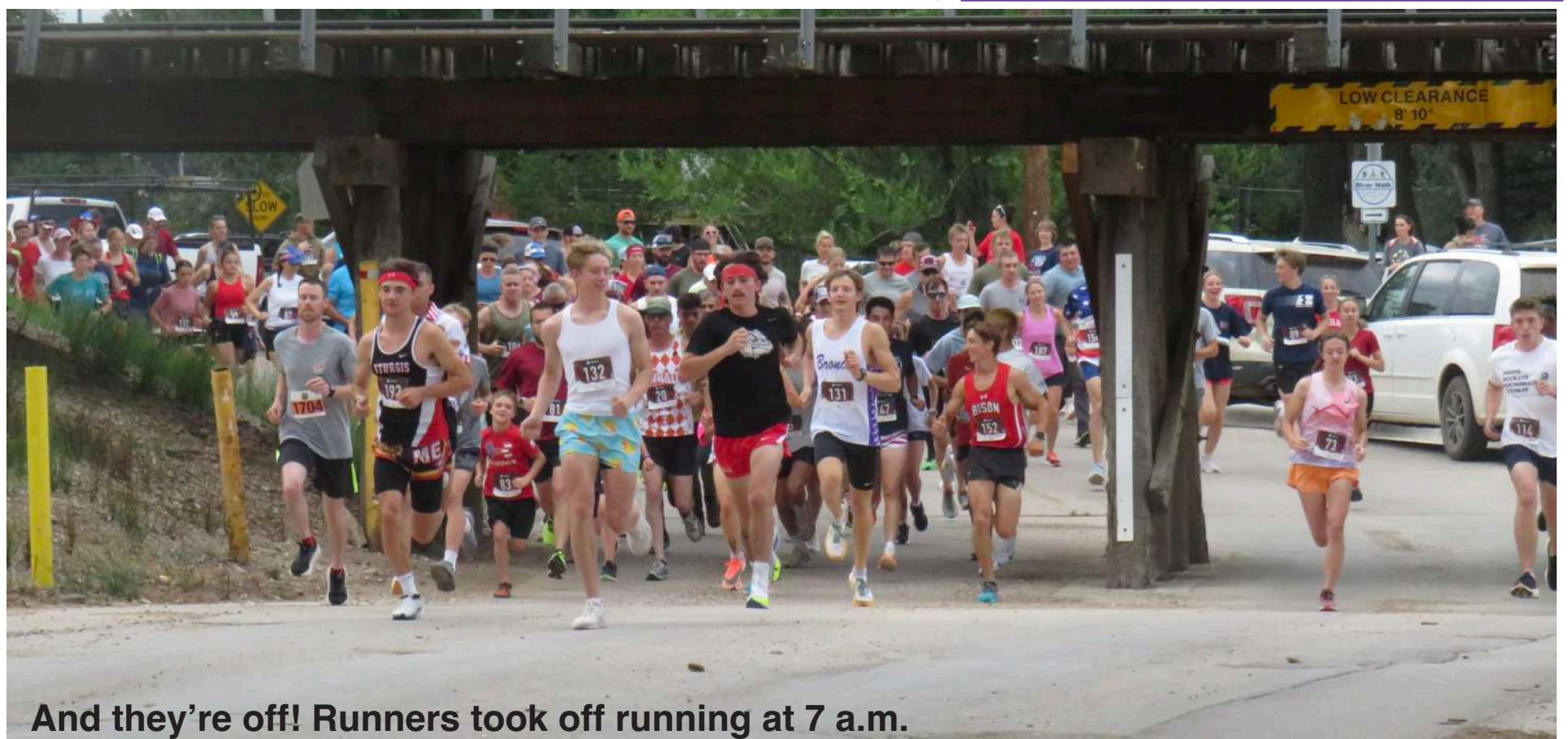
western South Dakota, the Rodeo Run originated in 1978 as a last-minute plan to fill the void when the carnival could not make it to town for the annual Black Hills Roundup festivities in Belle Fourche.

Originally a 10K race, the Rodeo Run now offers both 5K and 10K distances.

Proceeds from the race are donated to youth sports and activities in Belle Fourche and the surrounding area.



Contestants cross the bridge to get to the starting line on the road by **Herrmann Park**. Over 200 runners signed up for the race! *Heitz photos*



And they’re off! Runners took off running at 7 a.m.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

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Bring your blanket or lawn chair, spread out on the lawn, and enjoy the free, entertaining concert!

1208 8th Avenue is located approximately one block north of Herrmann Park on the west side of the street.

Members include: Gary Fladmoe, trumpet, Tracy Kobberdahl, trumpet, Carol Doerges, horn, Kevin Rathert, trombone, and Steve Shuck, tuba.



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### Roundup from. A1

event.  
The voice of the rodeo was a shared duty. Steve Goedert announced from high above the arena in the crows nest, while Andy Seiler announced from horseback inside the arena. The duo kept the rodeo rolling along and kept the crowd informed and entertained. Music plays an important part in the excitement and energy of a rodeo. For the second year in a

row PRCA Music Director Wil Moorhead kept the music pumping from the beginning to the end of every performance.

On the evenings of July 2nd and 3rd, Fritz Carlson of Belle Fourche put on an amazing fireworks show for the entire area. The lighting display is one of the largest, most elaborate fireworks display in the Black Hills region. If you are in the Roundup Arena area, you are fortunate enough to get a musical sound of patriotic

songs from rock to country to traditional music to go along with the fireworks. However, the show can be seen from all over the area.

The event goes that were not quite ready to go home at the end of the rodeo took advantage of the live music and dance behind the grandstands after every night rodeo.

Dakota Country played on the 2nd and 3rd and Wilt Brothers entertained the crowd on the evening of the 5th.



PRCA Cowboy **Shorty Garrett** from Eagle Butte, SD riding **Tommy Boy** from **Burch Rodeo**. Longbrake photo



Rodeo Clown **Matt Merritt** makes the participants of the calf scramble take an oath before the action begins. Longbrake photo



At the end of the **4th of July performance** the rodeo paid homage to the **stars of rodeo**, horses, and let a herd of moms and their colts into the arena. The horses were met with loud applause and cheers from the crowd! Heitz photo



PRCA Cowboy **Damian Brennan** from Injune, QL scored 89.5 on **Tickled Pink** from **Championship Pro Rodeo Stock**. Longbrake photo

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Video Royale - July 28-Aug 1, Winnemucca, NV Catalog Deadline - July 11th

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- 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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- 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
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Trucano Ranch	50	Hfcs	530	Vac 34+, Nat+	10.13-10.27
Llewel Johnson	85	Strs	600	Vac 34+	10.13-10.17
Llewel Johnson	55	Strs	500	Vac 34+	10.13-10.17
Llewel Johnson	55	Hfcs	500	Vac 34+	10.13-10.17
Jim Palo	85	Strs	630	Vac 34+	10.08-10.22
Jim Palo	85	Hfcs	600	Vac 34+	10.08-10.22
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Harold & Lori Miller	175	Strs	650	Vac 34+	10.20-11.03
Harold & Lori Miller	175	Hfcs	610	Vac 34+	10.20-11.03
Swatek Farms	255	Feeder Strs	950		08.11-08.15
Iron Mountain Cattle	315	Strs	530	Vac 34, NHTC, Gap4	10.29-11.12
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Iron Mountain Cattle	250	Hfcs	440	Vac 34, NHTC, Gap4	10.29-11.12
Swartz Ranch	110	Strs	540	Vac 34+, Nat+	10.10-10.20
C & T Ranches - South	115	Strs	500	Vac 34+, NHTC	10.11-10.23
C & T Ranches - South	100	Strs	575	Vac 34+, NHTC	10.11-10.23
C & T Ranches - South	118	Hfcs	475	Vac 34+, NHTC	10.11-10.23
C & T Ranches - South	108	Hfcs	525	Vac 34+, NHTC	10.11-10.23
C & T Ranches - North	220	Strs	510	Vac 34+, NHTC	10.21-10.21
C & T Ranches - North	98	Strs	575	Vac 34+, NHTC	10.21-10.21
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## FFA Burger Bash

Ryder Heitz

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BELLE FOURCHE—From 11

a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 2, locals

came to Rail Park to enjoy a deli-

cious Burger Bash and support the

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Attendees got to have ham-

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served by FFA members for a

free-will donation.

This was the event's fifth

year of connecting the commu-

nity with FFA.

"So this is the annual Burger

Bash, the Chamber helps us put

on," explained Austin Bishop,

Belle Fourche FFA Advisor.

"They wanted to do something

downtown during the Fourth

of July, and asked if the FFA

chapter would want to come

help serve it and kind of do it as

a free-will donation—little bit

of fundraiser, more communi-

ty-service oriented.

Because the community serves our kids so much, we decided we wanted to give back, and it's just been a great thing.

We're trying to draw some people downtown to help out the businesses as well that support us."

Proceeds from the Burger Bash go towards funding FFA activities and events. "The money we raise for this goes to leadership camps, we send our officers to leadership camps," said Bishop. "Also our National Convention in October, it goes to a lot of that.

We also do other community services throughout the year, and so any extra funds, if the kids want to spend it for that, we try to give back that way too."

The students even took some plates to the Police Department to feed the officers. 200 burgers and 80 hot dogs were prepared for the Bash.



FFA members lined up to serve food to happy customers. Longbrake photo

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**GOALS:**

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- To promote socialization with friends, make new friends, and interact with your community.
- To give kids ideas on activities they can continue doing all summer, with fun giveaways to help!

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**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:**

- 1-Parents: Complete your child's Summer Waiver at the Rec Center or at the park prior to an activity. (Waiver is valid for all of the summer activities.)
- 2-Pick up your monthly calendar. Available at the Rec, on Facebook @BFRecCenter or our website [www.bellefourcherec.com](http://www.bellefourcherec.com).
- 3-Park Activities are FREE. Rec Center activities require a membership or day pass. (Youth \$4 ~ Senior \$5 ~ Adult \$6 ~ Group of 2 \$10 ~ Family \$20)
- 4-Tell your friends and have fun!

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Eagle Park	Elkhorn St.	Along Belle Fourche River
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**Looking Back in Belle**

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100 YEARS LATER  
*The Northwest Post*  
 July 4, 1926  
**BELLE FOURCHE ALL READY FOR NINTH ROUNDUP** Monday Will See Many People There From Everywhere They have come from every section of the west and southwest and from the north and east, and are ready for the opening of the Ninth annual Roundup at Belle Fourche, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, California, Nevada and Mexico, and Canada, have sent representative performers. All of them are real cowboys and cowgirls, and in their acts will give the vast throngs of people who witness their performance thrills which will last. From a study of the program and from a knowledge of the excellence of those who will take part in all of the events, the 1926 Round-Up is going to be the best that has ever been staged at Belle Fourche, and the crowd will be the largest that has ever attended a similar exhibition.  
*Belle Fourche has planned* to house and feed everyone who attends the show and wishes to remain for the three days. The hotels and lodging houses have been supplemented by the people of the city throwing open their homes to the visitors, and committees will see to it that everyone will find a place to stay, a place to eat and entertainment in plenty of the highest character. The program this year will be exceptionally good, better than anything hitherto

attempted, for the riders, the ropers and the other performers have been selected with care, and none but stars have been engaged. The horses and steers were also selected for their wildness and for their viciousness and will give the cowboys and cowgirls who attempt to ride or tame them interesting sessions in the arena.  
*Among the performers*, most of the favorites and champions of the roundup and rodeo worlds are: Leonard Stoud, with his aggregation of fourteen cowboys and their horses. The McFarlane boys, trick riders and ropers. The Blatherwicks, also trip riders and trick ropers. Charles Wilson with his herd of bucking horses, all of them bad actors. Russ Madison of Rapid City, and the Mackey Brothers of Harding county, with a bunch of vicious horses. A carload of longhorn steers has also arrived and the animals all give promises of living up to their reputations. Troops A and B of the Fourth United States cavalry from Fort Meade are on the ground under command of Colonel Walker, and will give drills, stage sham battles, do Cossack riding and racing and other stunts. Seth Bullock's original band of cowboys, nearly the full complement of the company that went to the inauguration of President Roosevelt will be on the ground and parade on their own ponies. There will be other bright stars of the roundup firmament in attendance, and the daily program will be spiced with variety, so there will not be a repetition of



acts and each day will be filled with excitement and interest for those who act and those who watch.  
*Sam Brownell* will again be in charge of the arena, and that is a guarantee that everything will be pushed off on time, that there will be no delay and every actor in the bucking contests and the bulldogging and roping and tying exhibitions will have an equal chance. The bucking contests will be the best that have ever been staged on a rodeo, frontier day or a roundup, and the men and women who will take part in them will be the best in the world, and that large extent of territory is taken in with a knowledge that the statement cannot be successfully disputed.  
*R. R. Doubleday*, the official roundup photographer, will again be present with his cameras, and still and moving pictures of the events will be taken.  
*Prizes aggregating \$11,000* have been put up by the Tri-State management, and this has been added to by a score or more of individuals, and the men and women taking part in the various contests will be amply compensated. Large parks have been provided for the parking and storing of autos and each will be under guard day and night.  
 Arrangements have been made for seating all who wish to enter the stands under shade, and the arrangements at the ground are declared to be perfect as human hands and minds can make them for the comfort and care of the crowds. Deadwood and Lead have a special section of the stands and will be given the special care as people from other cities. Special trains will be run to and from Belle Fourche for the accommodation of the crowds, and the 1926 Round-Up promises to be a glorious affair, successfully conducted and satisfactory to those who attend.



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The Belle Fourche High School Class of 1960 gathered at the Belle Fourche Country Club for their 65th Class Reunion during the Belle Fourche 4th of July week celebration. Hunter Anderson Photo

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Hunter Anderson Drone Shot View of July 4th BH Roundup

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Pat Main rings up a customer during the Fashion that Fits event at Pasque Ladies Fashions. Longbrake photos



French Dressing Jeans jean-fitting expert, Amanda Stratford, helps a customer find the right style during the Fashion that Fits event at Pasque Ladies Fashions.



FDJ Customer Service Manager, Amanda Stratford, had a birthday during her visit to the area for the Fashion that Fits event and Pasque Ladies Fashion, co-owner Michelle Evans arranged for her to have a birthday cake celebration with area Rodeo Royalty singing Happy Birthday to her!

**Pasque Ladies Fashions Hosts a Fashion that Fits Event**  
**Robbi Longbrake**  
 news@bellefourchebeacon.com

BELLE FOURCHE—A unique event happened over the Fourth of July holiday, in addition to celebrating America, Pasque Ladies Fashions was celebrating women by hosting a Fashion that Fits event from July 2 to July 5.

In partnership with FDJ, French Dressing Jeans, Pasque brought in over 100 pairs of jeans to help guide ladies to find the perfect jean and perfect fit. With the guidance

of Customer Service Manager and jean-fitting expert, Amanda Stratford—who has been with FDJ for 10 years—they did just that! “They sent her down here with 106 pairs of jeans from a tall, short, skinny and wide, a few new styles in the stores to help with different sizing,” explained Michelle Evans, Owner.

This event is new to Belle Fourche, but is an annual tradition for French Dressing Jeans. “So every spring we do events with our retailers—they want to do a Fashion that Fits event. We bring a bunch of

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our different fits and fabrics to get the the retailer familiar with all the different things that we have. They can see something and be like, ‘Oh, I don’t think my customer is going to buy that’ and then we’ll bring it to them and then they do like it! So it kind of introduces them to the brand in a different way,” explained Stratford.

Stratford enjoys getting out of the office and meeting customers. She travelled to the area from Montreal, Canada. “Actually seeing the customers in your products is such an amazing thing to see because it gives so much more depth and meaning to the company. You see the women who love our brand and how their bodies are all different, there are so many

different body types and yet there is a jean for them,” said Stratford. “They come in thinking, ‘Oh, you’re not gonna be able to fit me’ and then they leave with something that looks great on them, but they wouldn’t have thought so without the interaction—I love that part!”

The company has been generous in this endeavor. They gave a gift bag with every purchase and donated \$1.00 for every pair of jeans that was tried on during the four day event. Evans said, “They have been fantastic, they sent us gift bags—that is the gift with purchase and we’re giving away one pair of jeans every single day, and then, for every pair of jeans that you try on, they give \$1 to a cancer organization to help ladies win the battle of

cancer!”

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Evans said the whole experience has been a good one. “It’s a learning experience for us—not just for our customers—it’s for us to learn our customers, so it’s a win, win!



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## Ranch Rodeo at the Roundup

**Ryder Heitz**  
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**BELLE FOURCHE**—The 16th annual Ranch Rodeo served as the perfect kickoff event for the Fourth of July festivities at the Black Hills Roundup this year. On the evening of July 1, fans gathered at the Roundup grounds and enjoyed some free BBQ to fill their stomachs before the night's activities.

At 5:45, the mutton bustin' started—an event where youth ages 3-10 ride sheep out of the bucking chutes and must stay on for 6 seconds. The kids are required to wear a helmet for safety!

After the mutton bustin', the Roundup royalty took the arena to crown the new Miss Black Hills Roundup, Jr. Miss Black Hills Roundup, and Black Hills Roundup Princess.

At 6:30, the Calcutta for the Ranch Rodeo began. Twelve teams of four entered the arena and were bet on to win by those in the crowd. The high bid this year was \$3,800 for the Williams

Rope Horse Company team. Each team had one bronc rider who was also bet on individually during the Calcutta, and the high bid was \$3,100 on Taiten Eaton of the Eaton Construction team.

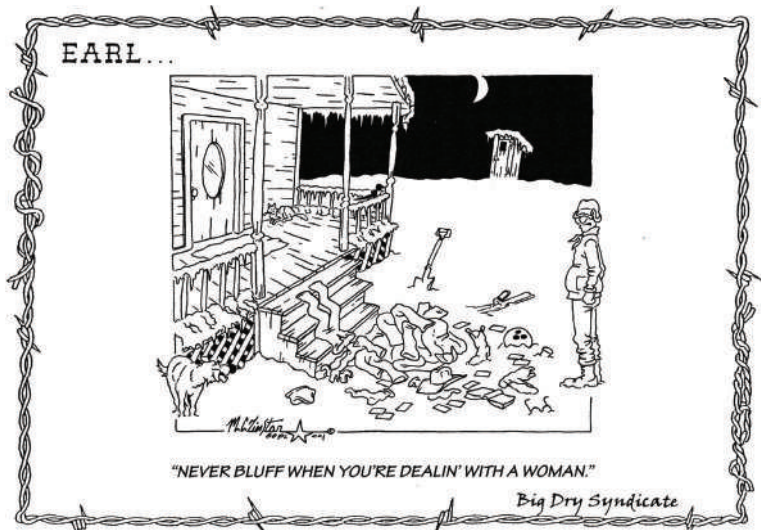
Once the Calcutta was finished, the Ranch Rodeo began! The crowd went wild as the cowboys demonstrated what life on the ranch is like.

There were five total events: penning, branding, stray gathering, wild cow milking, and ranch bronc riding. The winners in each event were: penning, Fairview Ranch Outfitters; branding, Maxwell Butte Ranch; stray gathering, Broken H; wild cow milking, Raven Angus; and ranch bronc riding, Willow Creek Cowboys.

Overall placings were: 1st place, Williams Rope Horse Co.; 2nd place, Pioneer Bank and Trust; 3rd place, Broken H; and 4th place, Rocking C Services. Top Hand for the night went to Cooper Crago of Pioneer Bank and Trust. Top Horse for the evening was Katie, ridden by Kylie Askew.

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A youth hangs on tightly to the sheep during the Mutton Bustin'! Longbrake photo



(Clockwise) (1) Teams line up and eagerly await at the starting line. (2) **Wild Cow Milking**, where one member of each team had to milk a cow and run the bottle to a judge to stop the timer. (3) **Scott Reder** was the horse whisperer of the night as all the horses seemed to flock to him during one of the events! (4) Teams had to get 3 specific numbered cattle into the pen during the **Team Penning** event. Longbrake photos



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Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

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10 a.m. Worship

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## Belle Fourche Freedom Rally

Meg English  
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On Tuesday, July 1st a group of peaceful, non-violent local citizens gathered in front of the courthouse in Belle Fourche.

Sponsored and organized by the Belle Fourche Pro-Democracy Squad, the event was attended by a variety of participants. All people interested in promoting democracy regardless of party

affiliation or political ideology were encouraged to attend. The Belle Fourche Pro-Democracy Squad seeks to promote Democracy in America. They believe in protecting the constitution, and advocating government programs that benefit all Americans. Participants were asked to bring a sign and stand up for democracy.



Regardless of political affiliation all pro-America, pro-democracy, pro-constitution and pro-rule of law people were welcome to attend the event in peaceful protest. (Courtesy Photo)

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## "Building Main Street, not Wall Street" Promoting Tourism on a Dime

While at a disadvantage due to limited resources, small communities can effectively promote tourism on minimal budgets by leveraging free and low-cost digital tools, community resources, and strategic partnerships. Here's how local areas can maximize their tourism potential without significant financial investment.



ries, when shared on free platforms like WordPress, help establish the area's online presence and improve search engine visibility. Local festivals, farmers markets, and community

events already draw visitors but often lack broader promotion. Creating simple event pages on Facebook and sharing across community groups costs nothing but can expand attendance significantly. Small events that typically draw 50-100 people can reach 200-300 with proper social media promotion. Historical societies, libraries, and long-time residents possess valuable knowledge about local stories, legends, and historical sites. This information becomes content for walking tours, brochures, or social media posts without requiring external research or expertise.

Regional tourism boards often provide free marketing materials, training, and promotional opportunities to member communities. Many state tourism departments offer grant programs specifically for small communities, though these require advance planning and application processes. Collaborating with neighboring communities creates regional attraction packages. Five small towns working together can promote a "heritage trail" or "outdoor recreation circuit" that benefits all participants while sharing minimal costs. Local businesses can participate in cross-promotion without direct financial investment. Restaurants can display information about local attractions, while hotels can provide guests with community event calendars and activity suggestions. Local newspapers and radio

stations often feature community stories at no cost, especially human-interest pieces about local attractions or upcoming events. Press releases about unique local features, seasonal attractions, or community achievements can generate valuable media coverage. Travel bloggers and social media influencers frequently seek authentic, off-the-beaten-path destinations. Reaching out to micro-influencers (those with 1,000-10,000 followers) with offers of local experiences or information can result in organic promotion to targeted audiences.

Start with an inventory of existing attractions, including natural features, historical sites, recreational opportunities, and community events. Many small communities underestimate their appeal to outsiders seeking authentic experiences away from commercialized tourist destinations. Develop a simple content calendar focusing on seasonal attractions. Spring wildflowers, summer festivals, fall foliage, and winter activities each offer promotional opportunities throughout the year. Create basic marketing materials using free design tools like Canva. Simple flyers, social media graphics, and basic brochures can be produced without graphic design experience or costs.

Track social media engagement, website visits, and informal visitor feedback to understand which promotional efforts generate results. Many free analytics tools provide insights into audience demographics and content performance. Monitor local business reports of increased visitor traffic, particularly during promoted events or seasons. This feedback helps refine promotional strategies and demonstrates community-wide benefits.

Tourism development requires patience and consistency. Small communities shouldn't expect immediate dramatic increases in visitor numbers. However, sustained effort using these low-cost strategies can gradually build awareness and reputation.

Success often comes from attracting day-trip visitors from within a 2-3 hour driving radius rather than destination tourists from distant locations. These regional visitors are more likely to make repeat visits and recommend the area to others. Communities with unique natural features, historical significance, or authentic cultural experiences have inherent advantages, but even locations without obvious attractions can develop niche appeal through creative promotion and community storytelling. By focusing on authentic experiences,

leveraging free digital tools, and building community participation, small towns can develop sustainable tourism promotion strategies that work within severe budget constraints while preserving local character. 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

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

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While their painting dries, they will cut out the images to transfer onto their paper. After the paint is dry, they will use mod podge to transfer the images over their paintings. Participants are encouraged to bring images with them that they would like to transfer onto their paintings.

### Cowboy Band Concert

Wednesday July 9  
 Cowboy Band Concert Practice Long-Term Care 3pm, Concert Library Lawn, Musicians gather 7:30pm, play at 8PM.

### Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center holds "Spies and Secret Codes" class for rising 4th and 5th graders

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a class on "Spies and Secret Codes" on Saturday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. The class is for kids in rising 4th and 5th grades. Students will learn the history

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7	Sausage & Rice Lettuce Boat Dinner Roll 	Cordon Bleu Roasted Potatoes Roasted Vegetables Breadstick	Swiss Steak Rice Broccoli Dinner Roll	Baked Ham Sweet Potato Asparagus Dinner Roll	Sloppy Joes Coleslaw Chips
14	Pot Roast Roasted Potatoes Sautéed mushrooms, onions & peppers	Chicken Enchilada Refried Beans Spanish Rice	Turkey ala King Egg Noodles Mixed Vegetables Dinner Roll	Meatloaf Mashed Potato with gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll	Zuppa Toscana Soup Garden Salad Breadstick
21	BBQ Chicken Mac n Cheese Spinach Salad	Liver and Onions OR Deluxe Burger Steak Fries Mixed Vegetables	Hawaiian Pork Scalloped Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Dinner Roll	Goulash Mixed Vegetables Garlic Bread	Tuna or Egg Salad Sandwich Croissant Zucchini Boat
28	Chili Cheese Dog Steak Fries Southern Pea Salad	Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Country Gravy Salad Dinner Roll	Chicken and Dumplings Creamy Spinach Dinner Roll	Beef Spaghetti Garden Salad Breadstick	

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## B's Buzz

Betty Bruner  
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It's been awhile since we've visited. The Irrigator has been full of other stuff and so have my days been full (and my mind empty of logical thoughts)! Not that my mind is now set and ready for logical thinking, but there comes a time when we must press forward.

As a farmer, I think about growing things and seeing how wonderful it is to see all the green crops reaching for the sky. I love to look out my office window and see the apple trees and the big pot of petunias. And I look out the other window and see our garden with tomatoes and peppers and zucchini and all those other good things to eat!

Anyway, that was a week ago and the world changed in a matter of moments. First came the dark clouds, then the dust began to fly, and whoosh! The wind, hail, and rain came with a passion and zest that out did anything meager human hands could assemble.

Chuck and I stood and watched in awe as wave after wave of storm hit our place. Our dogs lay beside us in the shop wondering what all the fuss was about. As long as their food dish was safe, they weren't too concerned.

As I think about it, I should have paid more attention to our animals' attitude toward the fury outside. It didn't matter that there was no power or that most of the crops were being devastated. They didn't even care that the flowers were in

shreds! Ah! There's a lesson there to learn. Now, I just need to think about it and unravel the mystery of believing everything is really in control.

The storm stirred something deep inside of me and it's taken most of the week to sort it out. I usually am a firm believer that whatever happens in life holds a lesson to learn and that it's up to me to figure out where it will lead me. Which way to go?

Now I could see the crops that were three feet tall and are now four inches. Or I could see the opportunity to replant something else and take pleasure in seeing how some of the crop has come back already. As a neighbor said, "At least the weevils are dead!"

And the pot of flowers? They are just stubs with a few leaves, but they'll return!

The air is clean and fresh, the dust has settled. The trees look a little thin, but they still have leaves and will continue to do what trees do-supply us with oxygen and clean up the CO2. Windows can be replaced, things will grow again-there's still time. We can pray for a late fall to get more time. Who knows what God's plan is in all this. He certainly knows the beginning and end of everything.

Another thing that has crossed my mind for the last two weeks is the wonderment of an alfalfa plant. I have one plant in a flower bed that will not give up. I pulled it, dug it up, and tried to put something on it to kill it. But it keeps coming back. It's just one lone little plant, but it's in the middle of

## Yard of the Month



Another Yard of the Month shows off a relaxing porch ready for a cup of coffee.  
Courtesy Photo



the flowers.

It got me thinking about how deep the roots are of an alfalfa plant. I understand that the roots can be several feet deep! No wonder I can't dig it up! Even when I've forgotten to water the flowers, that alfalfa plant grows and blooms. Its roots reach deep down to find moisture the petunias can't reach.

And I realize that we need

to be like that solitary alfalfa plant. We need to put our roots down deep and never give up. They say reach for the stars, but I think we need to reach for life-giving water! Deep down in the soil so that we are not moved by the wind and rain. The plant was bent and flattened during the storm, but began to spring back to life in a couple of days.

It's the perfect concept-we can be flattened, but never

squished to the point of no return. We can spring forth with new growth, ready to do our part for whatever comes our way!

You know, I think as soon as I'm done here, I'm going to fluff my feathers and shake off the mud to go forward with a new outlook. Ready for the next storm to come our way! Ready to enjoy the ride! Join me!

*This is supposed to be part of a windbreak that has finished its job for now. High winds hit the Newell area Saturday evening. Power was out and the winds came from the NW then switched to the SE. Things were moved around. At least no hail.*

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## Grand River Roundup



**Betty Olson**

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This was a really hot week with 100 degrees on Thursday. I'm sure glad Taz put our window air conditioner in for us because we probably would have melted in that heat.

The sad news we got this week was that our old friend Jim LeFebre passed away. James "Jim" LeFebre, age 86, of Lodgepole, passed away on Saturday evening, June 28, at the Western Horizons Care Center in Hettinger. Funeral services for Jim were held on Sunday, July 6, at the Holland Center Christian Reformed Church southwest of Lodgepole with Pastor Brad Burkhalter officiating with burial in the church cemetery. Jim and his late wife Beverly were friends of ours for years and he will be missed.

We got a little sprinkle of rain on Sunday so I didn't have to water anything before the Hymn Sing at our church that evening.

Reub was spraying weeds here on Monday to make sure the tire that went flat on his spraying side-by-side last Saturday would stay up before he ventured out to spray weeds at the Horse Creek pasture that is a long way from here. The guys were haying at the east ranch and Missy took lunch over to them at noon. Amanda and the kids took some cool drinks over to them in the afternoon and then the kids spent the rest of the afternoon in the swimming pool that Taz and Amanda set up for them. I watered all my gardens before Reub and I went through several boxes of his mother's stuff to see if we could find her copper tea kettle. We didn't find the kettle yet, but we found a lot of good stuff to take to the second hand store because no one here needs any of it.

Tuesday was July 1st and Reub went back up to the Horse Creek pasture to spray weeds again and the tire stayed pumped up. The temperature here was 90 degrees so I had to water every-

thing again.

Reub and I went to Hettinger on Wednesday to get some stuff we needed from Runnings and Laufer Vermeer. We stopped in Reeder on the way home to visit with John and Phyllis Brown and have coffee with the Prairie Pioneers. Gary, Donna and Scott Martin's mother Val Grosz stopped there while we were having coffee to get a double-tree and two single trees from Reub that she will use to hang up several of her plants.

Reub stayed home in that 100 degree heat to do some mowing and weed eating around the place on Thursday and then he fixed the garden hose I use to water the gardens with that had water shooting out of a hole in the middle of it. I was able to get all the gardens and the flowers watered again before we had another little shower of rain. Thursday was also our friend Sharon Longwood's birthday and her kids took her and Lester to Shadehill to celebrate her

birthday.

Friday, July 14th was Independence Day and Reub and I celebrated by going to Hettinger to watch the parade that morning and then eat lunch at the Granary. After lunch we went to Mirror Lake Park to visit with a lot of nice folks. I had a nice visit with Eddie McKuen and his wife. Eddie is related to the Hulm family and I know several of them. We saw a lot of people wearing patriotic tee shirts that had "Home of the Free because of the Brave" written on them and we got to talking about the veterans that fought for our freedoms. My Cousin Steven Campbell, son of my Aunt Bessie (Wilkinson) Campbell who just passed away, had sent me a text message with pictures of all my father Bryce White's Army medals and the Purple Heart he got fighting in WWII along with pictures of his uniform and the first aid kit that he carried as an armed medic in the Infantry. Dad joined the Army in February of 1941, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in December of 1941 and Dad fought through the war until it was over in 1945. When I found all his medals he put in his first aid kit, I said "Dad, you're a hero" and he told me "No, I'm not, the heroes didn't come home!"

I used to ask Dad questions about the war and all he would tell me was "You don't want to know". The only time I heard anything about the war was when Roy Goddard would come visit Dad. Roy grew up with Dad and he joined the Army in February of 1941 with Dad. Dad was in the Infantry and Roy

served in the Heavy Artillery and all that awful noise made Roy almost deaf. When Roy would come to visit Dad while we lived in Bison running the Sorum Telephone Company I would get sent upstairs to bed. I would go up the stairs, go around the corner and sit out of sight so I could listen to them. Roy could almost hear so Dad would have to yell for Roy to hear him and Roy would yell back to Dad so he could hear himself. That's when I heard more about the war than Dad would ever tell me.

Reub and I came home from Hettinger Friday afternoon before the fireworks went off over Mirror Lake and we were able to join Casey and Missy at Taz and Amanda's house that evening to watch Taz and the kids shoot off a lot of fireworks for our entertainment.

When you're watching those fireworks on Independence Day, don't forget about the veterans that fought to keep us free because we owe them everything.

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## Then and Now in Newell

### "Looking Forward to our Past"

**July 8, 1915**

A special school meeting was held here; there were 58 votes cast for and 4 against consolidation of the district. Under consolidation there will be no change in the territory embraced on the district, but the work of the High School can be carried to the 12th grade. No change in the regular course of study is contemplated for this school year, but as the district becomes better, situated financially there will be added to the school course manual training, domestic science and agriculture.

Perry Smith went to Sundance last Thursday and returned Friday with his father, G. M. Smith, who had been doing assessment work on his mining



*The Bober-Erdman apartment complex (AKA "Tin Sheds") 1965 sold to Art Foxley. It continued as an apartment building for several more years. Now it is used as a storage facility and for sale Newell Museum*

claim in that vicinity.

Ernest Gardner, Alfred, Frank Roughton and George Winkler went to Deadwood to take part in the July 4th celebration. Incidentally Frank won fame against 5 big well-built men, in the fat men's race at Deadwood.

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**July 2, 1925**

Dr. Walsh, a specialist from Rapid City, will hold a clinic at the Newell hospital on Saturday July 4th, glasses fitted and examinations for tonsils and adenoids, both procedures can be removed that day. See Doctors Mitchell and Clark about appointment arrangements.

C. H. Pickarts, the gentleman who is looking after the building of the pickle vats for the Squire-Dingee Pickle Company, arrived in Nisland

Tuesday from Belle Fourche, where he had finished a 20-vat building and with a force of workmen, started work on a 30-vat building in Nisland. Verne Wilson has charge of the construction work. As most of the pickles are raised in this and the Vale community, it is necessary to add 10 more vats to this salting station than the one in Belle Fourche.

Otto Barnett of the LaBelle Creamery Company was in the Newell area on Tuesday buying poultry, having a big poultry car on the railroad siding. The LaBelle Company expects to have another poultry car here about August 1st and will pay the highest market prices.

**July 4, 1935**

Hailstones said to measure up to 6½ inches in diameter fell in a wide area in the Black Hills about midnight last night, stripping the trees of leaves and small limbs and doing extensive damage to crops. Stones as large as base balls were still on the ground near Keystone at 5:00 this morning.

A young man named Humphrey, living in the Fairpoint Community, was brought to the Newell Hospital for treatment last Friday for an injured leg sustained when he accidentally forced a shearing clipper into his leg. He sustained a bad gash near the knee. After Dr. Clark had packed and stitched the wound, the young man returned to his home.

Relief projects now under construction in Butte County, providing they are considered worthwhile by the county planning board, may be transferred to the new Works Progress Administration (WPA) and carried to competition, according to instructions received at the County Relief Office. Types of projects which may be transferred are listed as dams, public buildings, schools, water & sewer systems, airports, bridges, recreation facilities and municipal improvements.

Quite a number of Newell businessmen and other merchants went to Belle Fourche last Friday evening to hear W. C. Welch, South Dakota Tax Director, explain the provisions of the new 1935 Tax Law. Retailers all over the state are now collecting a tax on all sales of 15 cents and over. Securing of a license is required by everyone whose business comes under the new law.

**July 5, 1945**

Authentic reports are to

by Linda Velder

effect that the Rapid City Air Base is to be closed own. Many of the civilians employed there received notice last Saturday that their jobs would end in a couple weeks. It is known that for weeks past large numbers of the bomber crews in training there have been transferred or sent direct to the fighting fronts. With such a large well-appointed camp, it is not unlikely the government will make an appointment camp, it is not unlikely the government will make other use of the facilities for some time. But as a bomber training base the end is in sight.

Among the new laws becoming effective on July 1 is one requiring car owners to remove all old stickers, dangling objects and non-essential items from the windshields. The state motor patrol has announced



*Vale High School: During 1965, meetings were held to consolidate with other School Districts in order to continue as a High School Newell Museum*

that this law is to be strictly enforced.

Newell was pretty much a deserted village on the 4th, with little observance of the Nation's Birthday except that at least one Legionnaire must have remained home to see that the Legion flags were set a-flying. A majority of the cars leaving town that morning carried fish poles.

The beaver may appear quite harmless, but when aroused it can become one of the deadliest of fighters. A beaver can easily kill a dog if the dog tries to battle him in the water. Be aware when approaching a beaver lodge.

**July 7, 1955**

Work has started at the Congregational Church, preparatory to an extensive remodeling of the sanctuary to be completed this summer. Volunteer crews have been on hand, removing the furnishings from the basement rooms. The first step will be to replace the walls and floor of the basement with heavier, strongly reinforced concrete walls and

some changes in the floor plan. Harold Falk has been engaged to do the work. A new entrance to the sanctuary will be made and other alterations to the exterior appearance. The volunteer crew on the first evening of work consisted of Arne Lund, Herman Shipley, Govert Van derBoom, Lyn Gladstone, Erny Lyons, R. C. Johnson and son Larry and Rev. William Reitmeier. Another crew of men and boys will turn out for later work sessions.

teams against two leading Newell teams at Newell lighted field starting at 7:30 PM. And on July 13th another show-down, Newell Jrs. vs Nisland Jrs. also, at the Newell field beginning at 1:30 PM.

**July 1, 1965**

Wanted some way to kill a Box Elder bug, besides stepping on them. They are tougher than a tax collector and just as difficult to eliminate. They have moved in on local strawberry beds. Although the outstanding insecticide "rotenone" has been sprayed on them, they seem to thrive on it. There is some stuff that will lower the boom on the bugs, but it cannot be used on edible products. You might check with a County Agent.

Art Foxley, Newell City Police Chief has purchased the former Bober & Erdman apartment building on 3rd St & Fist Ave (AKA "Tin Sheds"). It was revealed the past week. The large building was purchased from the late E. J. Erdman Estate and Foxley advises that he plans to continue to operate it as in the past as a business investment.

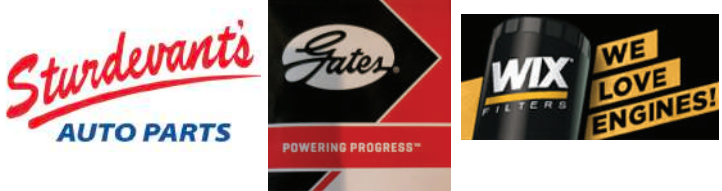
Common School Districts surrounding the present Vale High School are divided in opposition on a proposal to join such District and Vale electors favor continuation of the present High School, it was indicated at a meeting held in Vale Thursday to discuss possibilities of such reorganization. Don Pelle, Chairman of Vale Board of Education reported that 47 voted Yes and 19 voted No on the question of keeping the High School and that 49 voted Yes and 12 No on the question of keeping High School of the Common District joined it. Harry Schnell of the Empire District reported 1 Yes vote and 18 No votes in joining the Vale District if it remained as Independent (High School) District, but a unanimous affirmative vote on joining it if it became a Common District. Plainview District voters did not vote, but if the District were forced to join another District, those on Empire side would prefer Vale and the Plainview people would prefer to join the Newell District.

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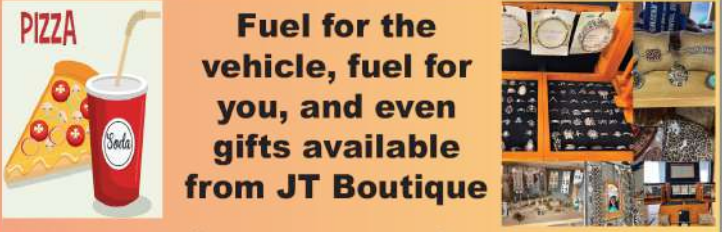
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**Why Did We Celebrate?**

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We just celebrated Independence Day, but there's more to the story than just parades and fireworks. America's independence from England began more than 249 years ago with growing tension between the colonies and England.

As the American colonies became increasingly dissatisfied with British rule, events like the Boston Massacre in 1770 and the Boston Tea Party in 1773 escalated tensions. The colonists were especially dissatisfied with taxation policies such as the Stamp Act in 1765 and then the Tea Act in 1773.

Then in April 1775 the Revolutionary War began with the Battles of Lexington and Concord. These battles marked the start of armed conflict between the colonial militias and British forces. Few colonists desired complete independence from Britain, and those who did were considered radicals.

A little more than a year later on June 7, 1776, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia. Many more colonists had come to favor independence. The Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence.

Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but did appoint a five-man committee that included Thomas Jefferson,

John Adams, Roger Sherman, Benjamin Franklin, and Robert R. Livingston. These men drafted a formal statement justifying the break with Britain.

An interesting note was that John Adams believed that July 2 was truly the correct date to celebrate the birth of American independence. It was reported that he turned down invitations to appear at July 4 celebration events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826-the 50th Anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote. The New York delegation abstained, but later affirmed the vote. The Declaration wasn't signed until August, but July 4 remains as the official date.

On July 2, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade... Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other."

During pre-Revolutionary years, the colonists held annual celebrations of the king's birthday and included bell ringing, bonfires, processions and speechmaking. So, by contrast, during the summer of 1776 some colonists celebrated by

holding mock funerals for King George III as a way of symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America.

Accompanying the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence were concerts, bonfires, parades and the firing of cannons and muskets. Philadelphia held the first annual commemoration of independence on July 4, 1777, while Congress was still occupied with the ongoing Revolutionary war.

Several months before the key American victory at the Battle of Yorktown in 1781, George Washington issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark Independence Day. Massachusetts became the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday.

After the Revolutionary War was over, Americans have continued to celebrate Independence Day every year.

In 1870, Independence Day became a federal holiday. In 1941, it became a federal paid holiday.

Now in present day America is celebrated with fireworks, parades, concerts, and patriotic displays across the country. It remains a day to honor the nation's founding values of freedom, independence, and unity. It reminds us of the importance of freedom, democracy, and it offers an opportunity to appreciate the nation's journey and the sacrifices made to achieve independence.



Photos from the Fourth of July parade in Belle Fourche. Courtesy Photos

**Enjoy Some Summer Recipes**

**Grilled Chicken Ramen Salad**

**Ingredients**

- 2 tbsp canola oil
- 2 packages (3 oz each) ramen noodles, crumbled
- 2/3 c canola oil
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 1/3 c seasoned rice vinegar
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 2 tbsp reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1-1/2 lbs boneless skinless chicken breast halves
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 package (14 oz) coleslaw mix
- 1/2 c minced fresh cilantro
- 3 c fresh snow peas, thinly sliced lengthwise
- 2 c shredded carrots
- 4 c torn mixed salad greens
- 3 thinly sliced green onions
- 1/3 c crumbled cooked bacon

**Directions**

1. In a large saucepan, heat oil over medium-low heat. Add ramen noodles; cook and stir until toasted, 5-8 min. Remove from pan.
2. In a small bowl, whisk oils, vinegar, sugar and soy sauce until blended.
3. Sprinkle chicken with pepper and salt. Place chicken on a lightly oiled grill rack. Grill, covered, over medium heat, or broil 4-5 in. from heat until a thermometer reads 165 degrees, 8-10 minutes on each side. Cool slightly and chop into 1/2-in pieces.
4. In a large bowl, combine coleslaw mix and cilantro. Layer coleslaw mixture, peas, chicken, carrots, salad greens, noodles and green onions in an 8- to 10- qt dish. Sprinkle with bacon; serve with vinaigrette.

**Nutrition Facts**

1 serving: 458 calories, 29g fat, 47mg cholesterol, 738mg sodium, 28g carbs (10g sugars, 4g fiber), 22 g protein.

**Air-Fried Radishes**

**Ingredients**

- 2 1/4 pounds radishes, trimmed and quartered (about 6 c.)
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp minced fresh oregano or 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper

**Directions**

- 1 Preheat air fryer to 375 degrees. Toss radishes with remaining ingredients. Place radishes on greased tray in air-fryer basket. Cook until crisp-tender, 12-15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

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2/3 c: 88 calories, 7 g fat, 0 cholesterol, 165 mg sodium, 6g carbs (3g sugars, 3g fiber), 1g protein.



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**Ingredients**

- 2 lbs. Lamb stew meat
- 1 c chunky salsa
- 1/3 c apricot preserves
- 6 tbsp dry red wine, divided
- 1 to 2 tbsp Moroccan seasoning (ras el hanout)
- 2 tsp chili powder
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1 English cucumber, very thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp prepared ranch salad dressing
- 16 Bibb or Boston lettuce leaves

**Directions**

1. Combine lamb, salsa, preserves, 4 tbsp wine, Moroccan seasoning, chili powder and garlic powder. Transfer to a 3-qt slow cooker. Cook, covered, on low 5-6 hrs or until lamb is tender. Remove lamb; shred with 2 forks. Strain cooking juices; skim fat. Return lamb and cooking juices to slow cooker; heat through. Stir in remaining 2 tbsp wine; heat through.
2. Combine cucumber and ranch dressing; toss to coat. Serve lamb mixture in lettuce leaves; top with cucumber mixture.

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