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Jackson Dental's 6th Annual Tourney

Belle Fourche, SD — [July 31, 2025] Jackson Dental's 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament was a lively event held on July 11th, bringing together community members for a day filled with fun, friendly competition, and a shared commitment to giving back.

This year's tournament featured unique activities including hula hooping, paintball, and speed walking; adding a playful twist to the traditional golf game.

The event drew an enthusiastic crowd of golfers, supporters, and sponsors, all rallying together to raise funds for Esthers Rising Ministry, a faith-based nonprofit in the Black Hills that provides restorative care for adolescents at risk for, or recovering from, exploitation and trafficking.

Thanks to the incredible support of golfers and sponsors, Jackson Dental was proud to raise and match a total contribution of \$17,407.06 for Esthers Rising Ministry.

A special thank-you goes out to the event's generous sponsors: High Country Erectors, Monument Health, BN Doors, Cold Creek Ranch Beef, Ketel Thorstenson, Barker Law Firm, Tal Marketing Solutions, Redwater Eyecare, Chrissy's Island Grill, Belle Fourche Beacon, McGas, Upward Properties, Knecht's Spearfish, Elkhorn Ridge, Scheels, Belle Joli, The Stadium in Belle Fourche, Subway Belle Fourche, and a donation from The Dahl House.

We'd also like to recognize and thank the Jackson Dental team for generously donating their time to help make this event possible.

Jackson Dental's 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament Raises Over \$17,000 for Local Nonprofit



Jackson Dental team poses with mockup check of Golf Tournament proceeds for Esthers Rising Ministry. Jackson Dental will match the amount raised. Courtesy Photo

4th Annual Fishing at the Fair

Freelance Reporter
Special to the Beacon

The fourth annual 'Fishing at the Fair' was held on Wednesday, July 30th, during the Butte Lawrence County Fair in Nisland. It was another successful, well attended event by children of all ages.

The event was open to children ages 5-18. There is never an entry fee. Children simply

show up and fish. They have the option of bringing their own fishing gear or are welcome to use the gear and bait provided by Bachman.

The event originated and is spearheaded by Mark Bachman who recruited members of the High Plains Anglers to help bait hooks and weigh fish during the event. "When the riverbank is lined with excited

children catching fish, it keeps us running all morning," said Bachman.

Special thanks to High Plains Anglers members who come out to help and enjoy the fishing with the children. Bachman is grateful for the participation and the assistance.

"It's all about the kids.

They have a good time, and so do we. We are all looking forward to continuing this event for many years."

The coveted winner's plaques were made by NN Engraving and awarded to the following: Biggest Fish: Ty Ewing; Smallest Fish, Mariah Todd; Most Fish: Miles Gonzales. Congratulations to all. See you at the '2026 Fishing at the Fair.'

Heroes Honor Ride Recognizes Gold Star Families

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BELLE FOURCHE—Over 200 riders rolled into the Center of the Nation for the inaugural Heroes Honor Ride (HHR) to kick off the first ride from Belle Fourche to the Buffalo Chip in Sturgis, SD on August 3.

The Center of the Nation Monument located behind the Tri-State Museum served as the staging area for the grand event. Even though this was the first time the HHR began in Belle Fourche, the organization has been around for approximately 15 years.

The board prides themselves on honoring and recognizing veterans and first responders. HHR board president, Jesse Cunningham welcomed the crowd and thanked them for showing up to the inaugural ride. "I will tell you exactly who we are and what we're doing," he said. "Myself and my friends, Xotic Customs and some charities, we—for the better part of 10 years—have been building motorcycles to give to veterans.

Over the course of the last 10 years, we have built 42 motorcycles to give away to veterans!" The HHR is committed to doing this ride from the Center of the Nation to the Buffalo Chip every



Mariah Todd
Smallest Fish



Miles Gonzales
Most Fish



Ty Ewing
Biggest Fish

year in the future. All of the riders on this ride will get to pick the next group to be honored. "We're going to host this ride annually and all of you are going to be a part of helping us select who our hero is.

So everybody who's on the ride today—who registered for the ride—you cast your vote, and we're going to tally those votes and let everybody know what category we'll be building a bike for next year—starting tonight at the Buffalo Chip," explained Cunningham. "We will start receiving nominations across the United States for a hero for one of those categories, and then we will build a bike next year and bring it back here and present it and do this all over again next year!"

This year the Heroes Honor Ride honored Gold Star Families. Nola Fritz, from a Gold Star Family, was the keynote speaker. Fritz began her talk by asking if there were any Gold Star Families in attendance. As hands went up she said, "We're here. It's not the group we ever wanted to be in."

She went on to tell the story of the loss of her son and explained what being part of a Gold Star Family entailed. Her son, First Lieutenant Jacob Fritz, was a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and he was abducted and killed as a prisoner of war near Karbala, Iraq. She honors his memory by

Heroes contd. A3



Heroes Honor Ride flag that highlights all of those they wish to honor. Longbrake photo

Beacon's has new light!

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Last week's announcement of the final Beacon edition brought about many responses and strong encouragement to continue the newspaper on.

There were words of encouragement to continue from advertisers who have found sales benefits from their printed promotions; Subscribers who wanted to itch in either willing to renew or who have enjoyed the Beacon and offered to subscribe for the first time; and also a group that has media

publication experience understands the value of the weekly newspaper to the communities and trade area and is interested in continuing the Beacon.

Discussions to accomplish the transition are underway and further details will be shared as they develop.

This week and next will be online only editions and if desired printed copies can be made on legal size paper at the BF Chamber or Print Market on State Street or on any computer at no cost from logging on to : www.bellefourchebeacon.com.



All the riders participating in the inaugural Heroes Honor Ride surround the Center of the Nation Monument. Longbrake photo

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Jeff Helmer 71

Jeff Helmer, age 71 of Belle Fourche, went home to heaven on Thursday, July 31, 2025 following a sudden cardiac event at his home. A Celebration of Life Service will be held 10am Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place at Pine Slope Cemetery. Friends may leave written condolences at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Jeffrey Rand Helmer was born March 26, 1954 in Belle Fourche. He was the son of Glenn and Betty (Russell) Helmer. Jeff grew up on the family farm near Belle Fourche, and lived his whole life there. He was united in marriage to Deb Hill in 1981 at his home. Jeff worked at American Colloid for 43 years, retiring in June of 2024.

Jeff enjoyed reading, walking and hiking, puzzles, and putting outside. He loved the home where he lived, and sitting on his deck, enjoying the solitude of the outdoors, was his favorite way of relaxing. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandpa. He will be missed greatly by his family.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Deb of Belle Fourche; 3 daughters, Tuula Helmer of Rapid City, Abbey (Justin) Steber of Newcastle WY, Minna (Steve) Biehl of Belle Fourche; 8 grandchildren, Brennan, Owen, Nate, Natalia, Tavey, Griffen, Macy, Jacob; 2 great granddaughters, Emma and Blossom. He is also survived by his 2 sisters, Sandra (Mike) Baker of St. Onge, Jennifer (Bob) LeVee of Gillette WY; mother-in-law, Carol Hill of Rapid City; brother-in-law, John (Dawnna) Hill of Ralston, NE; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and father-in-law, Jack Hill.

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Thomas N. Steinhauser 72

Thomas N. Steinhauser, 72, of Orleans, NE died on July 23, 2025. Mr. Steinhauser was born July 20, 1953 to Clarence & Dorothy (Johnson) Steinhauser in Gregory, SD.

He graduated from Sacred Heart High school in Falls City, NE and later received his Machinist degree from Southeast Community College in Lincoln. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved both hunting and fishing.

Tom was preceded in death by his loving wife Dana Gail. He is survived by his children, Melanie (Shon) Denhoff, Amy Proctor, Thomas Steinhauser, 7 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, his siblings, Chuck Steinhauser, Cindy (Don) Kauk, Lavonne Eberhardt, Dennis (Roberta) Steinhauser, and Nancy (Brad) Schutte.

A Celebration of Tom's Life will be 11:00 AM on Friday, September 5, 2025 at Butherus, Maser & Love Funeral Home, 4040 A Street, Lincoln 68510. Inurnment will be 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 6, 2025 in the St. Michael's Cemetery-West Point, NE. At the request of the Steinhauser family there will be no public viewing/visitation, Tom's wishes were for cremation. Memorials are suggested to Nebraska Game & Parks Commission.

Butherus, Maser & Love Funeral Home

Charles "Ralph" Dienstel 87

Charles "Ralph" Dienstel passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 26th, 2025, at Fort Meade VA Medical Center in Sturgis, SD. He was born October 1st, 1937, in Belle Fourche, SD to Joseph and Isabella Donald Dienstel. He was the second born of three children that included one older brother, Lawrence Dienstel and Inez Dienstel (Parrish).

Ralph attended school in Belle Fourche and graduated from Belle Fourche high school and was the first graduating class in the new high school. He ran track & field, played basketball, & football. He joined the United States Navy on July 25, 1955, served a term of three years on the USS Colonial and was honorably discharged on July 20th, 1958.

Ralph met the love of his life, Patricia Mickleson, and they got married on September 2nd, 1960. They built a beautiful life in Belle Fourche. On October 31st, 1966, they adopted their first child from Sioux Falls, Michele Dienstel (Martell). She was 4 months old when she came home. Ralph and Patsy moved to Rapid City in 1968. One year later they adopted a son, Michael Dienstel from Denver, Colorado on April 30th 1969. He was 10 days old when he came home.

Ralph was a Diesel Mechanic for Bickle Diesel Shop for 10 years. Ralph started driving truck for Perdue for 6 years. He then went to Barber Transportation as Director of Maintenance for 10 years. He found his calling to be on the road. From then on, he became a full-time truck driver. He hauled everything from grain, livestock, steel pipe for the oil field, wooden cabinets for East West. Ralph later on retired from truck driving off and on. In between retirement, he would eventually find his way back on the road to partially drive with trucker friends and his brother Lawrence. The actual date of his retirement is unknown.

Ralph and Patsy enjoyed traveling together, seeing, and being with family. They had many adventures together. In his free time he enjoyed spending his time fishing, hunting, and gardening.

Ralph is survived by his wife Patsy, their son Michael, brother-in-law, Jim Mikelson, his five grandchildren, Christopher Martell, Randal Martell, Heather Martell (Ogle), Jennifer Martell (Niederkorn), Jessica Nish, and many nieces, nephews and great grand children.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, brother Larry, sister Inez, father and mother-in-law Andrew and Jessie Mikelson, Sister-in-law Marguerite Kleven, Marilyn Elenberger, Deanna Mikelson, and his much-loved daughter Michele.

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Calvin T. Reilly 68

Calvin T. Reilly, age 68 of Belle Fourche, died Friday, July 25, 2025 in Spearfish following a sudden cardiac event.

A Celebration of Life service were held Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. There was no visitation. Friends may leave written condolences online at www.LeveringtonFH.com

Calvin Todd Reilly was born September 23, 1956 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was the son of Evelyn (Egeberg) and William T. O'Neil. At a young age, Calvin moved with his mother to South Dakota and he graduated from the Brookings High School in 1974. For many years, Calvin worked in and managed several restaurants in several different states.

Calvin was united in marriage to Gayle Waite Porter on December 24, 1998 in Black River, New York. Together they lived in New York until 2015, when they moved to the Black Hills. For five years, Calvin was a "CASA", a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children. He was also a therapeutic foster parent for two years and he adopted 3 boys with his wife Gayle. He will be greatly missed by his loving family.

Calvin is survived by his wife Gayle, of Belle Fourche; children, Charles (Kristin) Reilly of Belle Fourche, Elizabeth (Jason) Dallenbach of Belle Fourche, Christina (Ray) Delepaz of Temple Texas, Kenneth Reilly of Statesboro Georgia, Movada Fox and Adlai Stevenson both of Belle Fourche; step-sons, Ronald (Stacey) Porter of Rochester New York, Eric Porter of Black River New York, Bryan (Jessica) Porter of Copenhagen New York; grandchildren, Louis, Breena, Cheyenne, Dominic, David, Malina, Sean, Keegan; and several step grandchildren in New York. He is also survived by his brothers, Francis "Ed" (Kay) Reilly of Belle Fourche, and Pat (Bonnie) Reilly of Hulett Wyoming.

Calvin was preceded in death by his parents; and step-father, Francis Reilly.

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2 Chronicles 7:14
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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 Deadline is Friday before 5pm.

Museum "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 4th.

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.

The August 17th Family Fun Day at the Tri-State is "Nanny Goats and Billy Goats"

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a Family Fun Day on Sunday, August 17th from 2 to 4 p.m. entitled "Nanny Goats and Billy Goats." Families will see an educational film about goats, then get to meet a goat that stops by for the event. There will also be crafts, a book-drawing and a free take-home packet about goats for everyone. Refreshments will be served. Admission is \$2 per person or free with membership. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

1903 Reader's Theatre Company holds auditions for play "Your Friend, Ida"

The 1903 Reader's Theatre Company of the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold auditions for its next production on Monday, August 11 and Tuesday, August 12 from 6-8 p.m. No theatre experience is required to audition and there are no lines to learn as the actors read from their scripts during performances.

"Your Friend, Ida" is set in 1958 in the Belle Fourche area and is about women who are avid listeners of a radio show with special appeal to rural women. It was inspired by the work of Wynn Speece who did the My Neighbor Lady show on WNAX for over six decades.

The play has roles for 6 women and one man. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, August 17th and continue to Thursday, August 21st. The performances will be on Friday, August 22nd at 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 23 at 2 p.m.

For more information about "Your Friend, Ida," and the 1903 Reader's Theatre Company, please call 605-723-1200. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

From A1 Heroes

telling his story.

There were several celebrities on hand to help out with honoring the Gold Star motorcycle recipient and participate in the Heroes Honor Ride: Chris Kael, bass player for Five Finger Death Punch; MMA fighter Tim Sylvia; Frankie Loyal, an actor; and producer and country music singer Scotty Hasting Music.

All were on hand to take pictures with the crowd and visit with the audience. "I had the opportunity to come here and do the ride today and raise some awareness and help out some people using our plat-

form to lift up all others," said Kael. "I love doing this stuff!"

Well-known personalities can help bring awareness to an organization like Heroes Honor Ride. "Being in a band like Five Finger Death Punch, we have a very big platform—a lot of supportive people out there, people who support the causes that we support," explained Kael. "So anytime that we find something that we enjoy and that we can really get behind—like the Heroes Honor Ride—we're gonna get it all out over the social media and newspapers and continue to shine light where light

needs to be shined!"

Country Music singer Scotty Hasting donated his 2003 Heritage Softail 100th Anniversary Harley Davidson that was customized and given to a Gold Star recipient. Xotic Customs completely transformed the bike.

This year's HHR Gold Star Recipient was Private First Class Preston Yager. He lost his father, Army Staff Sergeant Kenneth E. Locker, Jr. on April 23, 2007 in Iraq.

When the customized bike was revealed, Yager was visibly touched by the honor. Yager shared the honor with his mom and brother.

De Smet's Dunn celebration

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The Harvey Dunn Society will host Painting on the Prairie in De Smet, its 17th annual Dunn Plein Air.

It comes on the 75th anniversary in which thousands of people came to De Smet to see an exhibit by the world-famous painter who had been born just a few miles from a homestead outside of De Smet.

During the 1950 exhibit, De Smet was celebrating the 70th Old Settlers' Day to mark the arrival of homesteaders to the region. Dunn was born in a homesteader claim eight miles west of town in 1884. He showed an early proclivity for drawing, and when he went to what would become South Dakota State University, an art teacher convinced him he needed better training. He was accepted by the Chicago Institute of Art.

While Dunn's art was broad, his paintings depicting life of the region's early settlers gained him fame.

Dunn agreed to an exhibit at the Masonic Hall to mark De Smet's celebration in 1950. Old Settlers' Day was

supposed to last for a weekend. "However, people kept coming and the exhibition lasted all summer," according to the Harvey Dunn Society. "In the end, Dunn agreed to give the paintings to the people of South Dakota, and South Dakota State College (now SDSU) agreed to exhibit them on campus for the public to enjoy."

Dunn died in 1952. His artwork remains on display at the South Dakota Art Museum in SDSU.

For this year's event, the Harvey Dunn Society and the South Dakota Art Museum will recreate the exhibit as it looked in 1950 with prints of the art that was on display.

"We want to highlight Dunn's gift and hope people can come and appreciate what his work has meant to all of us over the past seven and a half decades," Dunn Society President Janae Harris Bell said.

The plein air event will feature various artistic workshops and events, including a "Quick Draw" competition, artist demos and youth workshops. All events are free, and enthusiasts and artists of all abilities are welcome. The plein air takes place from Aug. 7-10. Details and registration are available at www.



(Above) Three of the celebrities on hand for the **Heroes Honor Ride** are **Scotty Hasting Music**, MMA fighter **Tim Sylvia** and **Chris Kael**, bass player for **Five Finger Death Punch**.; (Below) Private First Class **Preston Yager** was the recipient of a custom bike. He lost his father, Army Staff Sergeant **Kenneth E. Locker, Jr.** on April 23, 2007 in Iraq. Yager receives a hug from his mom as he sits on his new motorcycle. *Longbrake photos*



All the riders get on their motorcycles and prepare to ride to the **Buffalo Chip** for the **Heroes Honor Ride**.



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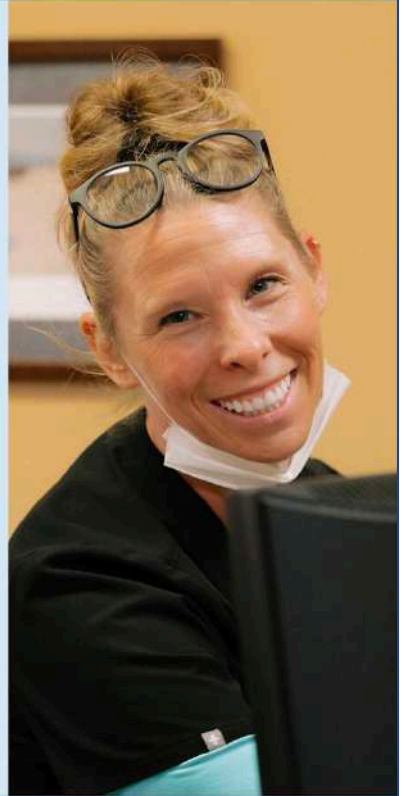
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Ilevel Construction Holds Ribbon Cutting



Jason Pedersen, owner of *Ilevel Construction, LLC*, cuts the ribbon to his new business location at 619 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD. He is surrounded by employees, family and friends. *Longbrake photo*

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Chamber of Commerce and the public welcomed another new business to downtown Belle Fourche. Ilevel Construction, LLC, owned by Jason Pedersen, held a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening on July 24, during the July Chamber Mixer.

The gathering gave the public the opportunity to inspect iLevel Construction's work firsthand because the business used their own construction skills to renovate the old building. "A lot of it was just emptying things out, cleaning stuff up, and painting," explained Pedersen. "It was a very cosmetic remodel!"

While the location is new for the business, the area is not. Ilevel Construction has been

doing business out of Belle Fourche for several years. Pedersen shared, "I moved up here 11 years ago. I went to the School of Mines for mechanical engineering and then I tried to work in engineering jobs—I forgot that and went back into construction! I started Ilevel Construction in 2019, we were based out of Sturgis for awhile. Then my wife and I bought some property just east of town (Belle Fourche) and built shop, built house, and then in November, I bought this building from Renee Bisgaard."

Pedersen ran his business out of his home prior to moving to the new location. He had a shop and a couple of offices there, but looks forward to his new location. "This location is the first away from my personal residence and it has been awesome," said Ped-

ersen. "It feels more real—just operating out of the home it feels not quite legitimate!"

The construction company currently employs five workers. While Pedersen helps if he needs to, he spends most of his time in sales, bidding new projects and project management. Ilevel Construction has built a lot of homes in the Northern Hills area and hopes to expand into Wyoming.

Even though Pedersen doesn't necessarily use his engineering degree daily, he credits a lot of what he does now to his college experience. "If schooling or college teaches you anything, I think it's just learning how to solve problems.

It's not necessarily the actual engineering—I think that's a benefit—it's just some of the soft skills you learn by going to school," he said.

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Hubbard Cattle Co, Reduse WY	13	Bbld...Str	543 \$430.00
Hutchinson, Drew & Judy, Aladdin WY	28	Red...Hfr	705 \$330.50
Mehling, Frank, Baker MT	20	Bbld...Str	764 \$340.00
Mehling, Frank, Baker MT	15	Bbld...Hfr	713 \$330.00
Moody, Tyrel, Buffalo SD	2	Bbld...Bull	792 \$272.50
Thompson, Ted, Whitehead SD	1	Bk...Bull	870 \$277.50
Wagner, David, Hulet WY	11	Rtbl...Hfr	767 \$320.00
Weigh Up Cows			
Burghdoff, Lex, Ludlow SD	4	Bld...Cow	1360 \$167.50
Burghdoff, Lex, Ludlow SD	1	Bk...Cow	1120 \$145.00
Denzin, Mick, Buffalo SD	1	Bk...Cow	1280 \$175.00
Domogalski, Mike, Whitehead SD	1	Bld...Cow	1225 \$154.00
Giger Ranch, Dd, Boyes MT	3	Bld...Cow	1560 \$178.00
Hayden-Maycock Family Trust, Gillette WY	1	Bk...Cow	1260 \$176.00
Johnson, Dean, Vale SD	3	Bk...Owette	1115 \$180.00
Johnson, Dean, Vale SD	1	Bk...Cow	1675 \$175.00
Johnson, Dean, Vale SD	9	Bk...Cow	1259 \$173.50
Johnson, Dean, Vale SD	1	Bk...Cow	1120 \$163.00
Komes, Joshua, Vale SD	1	Rbld...Cow	1400 \$157.00
Komes, Joshua, Vale SD	1	Rbld...Cow	1305 \$147.50
Komes, Timothy J, Sturgis SD	1	Bk...Cow	1155 \$161.00
Komes, Timothy J, Sturgis SD	1	Herf...Cow	1355 \$146.00
Lawrence, Edward, Alzada MT	5	Bbld...Owette	1481 \$179.00
Lawrence, Edward, Alzada MT	1	Bk...Cow	1195 \$170.00
Lawrence, Edward, Alzada MT	1	Herf...Cow	1395 \$170.00
Mehling, Frank, Baker MT	2	Bk...Cow	1192 \$154.00
Penner, Tony, Newell SD	1	Cow	1655 \$175.00
Penner, Tony, Newell SD	2	Bk...Cow	1340 \$175.00
Penner, Tony, Newell SD	1	Cow	1375 \$167.00
Persson, Terrance, Gillette WY	1	Bk...Cow	1375 \$176.00
Red Rose Cattle LLC, Caputa SD	1	Red...Cow	1645 \$175.00
Red Rose Cattle LLC, Caputa SD	1	Bk...Cow	1260 \$172.50
Red Rose Cattle LLC, Caputa SD	1	Red...Cow	1085 \$151.00
Red Rose Cattle LLC, Caputa SD	1	Red...Cow	1455 \$134.00
Roush Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Bk...Owette	1560 \$178.50
Schultz, Keith, Whitehead SD	1	Bk...Cow	1260 \$167.00
Shannon Ranch LLC, Sonnette MT	1	Bk...Cow	1370 \$178.00
Shannon Ranch LLC, Sonnette MT	1	Bk...Cow	1660 \$173.00
Shannon Ranch LLC, Sonnette MT	1	Bk...Cow	870 \$170.00
Shannon Ranch LLC, Sonnette MT	1	Bld...Cow	1275 \$167.00
Shannon Ranch LLC, Sonnette MT	1	Bk...Cow	1115 \$166.50
Shannon Ranch LLC, Sonnette MT	3	Bk...Cow	1165 \$155.50
Smith, Jim, Owanka SD	2	Bk...Cow	1377 \$178.00
Smith, Jim, Owanka SD	1	Bk...Cow	1380 \$159.50
Walleizer, Jeffery & Erika, Moorcroft WY	1	Xbrd...Hfr	980 \$253.00
Walleizer, Jeffery & Erika, Moorcroft WY	1	Bk...Hfr	905 \$210.00
Walleizer, Jeffery & Erika, Moorcroft WY	1	Bk...Owette	1375 \$178.50
Williams, Megan, Philip SD	1	Red...Owette	1075 \$192.50
Weigh Up Bulls			
21 Ranch Inc, Sundance WY	1	Red...Bull	2070 \$180.00
Andersen, Myron, Whitehead SD	1	Bk...Bull	2195 \$204.00
Andersen, Myron, Whitehead SD	1	Bk...Bull	2185 \$217.50
Boomsma, Dennis, Box Elder SD	1	Bk...Bull	1510 \$180.00
Boomsma, Dirk, Box Elder SD	1	Bk...Bull	1985 \$225.00
Burghdoff, Lex, Ludlow SD	1	Bk...Bull	1560 \$182.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Red...Bull	1850 \$210.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	2	Red...Bull	1845 \$205.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Red...Bull	1630 \$185.00
Delzer, Jim, Box Elder SD	1	Bk...Bull	1015 \$267.50
Delzer, Jim, Box Elder SD	1	Red...Bull	2460 \$190.00
Flint, Gavin, Gillette WY	1	Bk...Bull	1460 \$186.00
Hansen, Ken Or Pam, Fruitdale SD	1	Bk...Bull	1350 \$184.00
Hayden-Maycock Family Trust, Gillette WY	1	Bk...Bull	1675 \$227.50
Heart H Partnership, LLC, Camp Crook SD	1	Bk...Bull	1580 \$181.00
Heart H Partnership, LLC, Camp Crook SD	1	Bk...Bull	1410 \$171.00
J Six Enterprises, Seneca KS	2	Bk...Bull	2050 \$181.00
J Six Enterprises, Seneca KS	1	Bk...Bull	1870 \$204.00
Jochim, Mark, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk...Bull	2060 \$210.00
Kinghorn, Ray, St Onge SD	1	Bk...Bull	2025 \$207.50
Krinstetter, Greg, Moorcroft WY	1	Bk...Bull	1940 \$168.50
Larson, Quinn Or Jennifer, Gillette WY	1	Bk...Bull	1585 \$187.50
Larson, Quinn Or Jennifer, Gillette WY	1	Red...Bull	2240 \$207.00
Moore, Tim C & Joy Bell, Hulet WY	1	Herf...Bull	2230 \$184.00
Olson, Allen D, Box Elder SD	1	Red...Bull	1795 \$220.00

Olson, Allen D, Box Elder SD	1	Red...Bull	1690 \$210.00
Owen, Jack, Alzada MT	1	Red...Bull	1665 \$191.00
R & R Livestock, Upton WY	3	Bk...Bull	2171 \$222.50
R & R Livestock, Upton WY	1	Bk...Bull	1935 \$200.00
R & R Livestock, Upton WY	1	Bk...Bull	1930 \$210.00
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Rif Revocable Lifetime Trust, Weston WY	1	Bk...Bull	1430 \$174.00
Schultz, Keith, Whitehead SD	2	Bk...Bull	1597 \$200.00
Schultz, Keith, Whitehead SD	1	Bk...Bull	1135 \$250.00
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis SD	1	Bk...Bull	1580 \$185.00
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis SD	4	Bk...Bull	963 \$295.00
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	2	Bk...Bull	2192 \$217.50
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	1	Bk...Bull	1965 \$174.00
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	1	Bk...Bull	1720 \$220.00
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	1	Bk...Bull	1585 \$180.00
Smith, Jim, Owanka SD	1	Bk...Bull	1785 \$173.00
Ti Burch Ranch LLC, Alzada Mt	1	Bk...Bull	1680 \$175.00
Wolf Ranch, Hulet WY	1	Bk...Bull	2050 \$202.50

Friday, August 8, 2025

No Sale

Be safe during the Sturgis Bike Rally!

Friday, August 15, 2025

Regular Sale

2025 CATTLE SALES

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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Sheep Report - Thursday, July 31, 2025

Lamb market was sure steady to \$2 higher
Slaughter ewes sold \$5 higher

No Sale next week - August 7 due to the Sturgis Bike Rally
Next Sale - August 14 - Regular sale - Selling all classes of sheep & goats
Thank you for your business!

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Charles Carter Inc, Broadus MT	18	Lamb	60	\$227.00
Charles Carter Inc, Broadus MT	56	Lamb	77	\$219.00
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Davis, Dan, Buffalo SD	64	Lamb	114	\$193.00
Germann, Darwin, Rhame ND	28	Lamb	109	\$196.00
Sonsalla, Crystal, Marmarth ND	28	Lamb	66	\$231.00
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Stedman, Terrance & Justin, Beach ND	40	Lamb	95	\$215.00
West, Scott & Christine, Oshotto WY	36	Lamb	73	\$224.00
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Slaughter Ewes

Farnsworth Livestock, Rgby ID	56	K Ewe	139	\$73.00
Germann, Darwin, Rhame ND	16	K Ewe	204	\$94.00
Reno, Eide, Gillette WY	10	K Ewe	236	\$94.00
Smith, Jim, Owanka SD	7	K Ewe	152	\$91.00
Stedman, Terrance & Justin, Beach ND	8	K Ewe	213	\$94.00
West, Scott & Christine, Oshotto WY	14	K Ewe	180	\$91.00

Kir Bucks

Davis, Dan, Buffalo SD	8	Kbuck	235	\$94.00
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NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, August 7, 2025

No sale due to the Sturgis Bike Rally!

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Feeder 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

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
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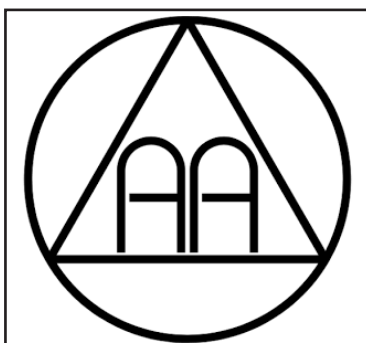
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Looking Back in Belle

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124 years ago
Belle Fourche Times
Aug 5, 1897

War on The Range A week ago last Thursday the CY and Ogallaia roundups which were working together in the Hole-in-the-wall country in Wyoming met three rustlers and a fight took place, which resulted in the killing of Bob Smith of the rustlers, and slightly wounding Bob Devine, foreman of the CY outfit, and his son, Lee Devine. Another of the rustlers, Bob Taylor, was disarmed and captured and taken to Casper, where he was lodged in jail. The roundup was gathering cattle near the Hole-in-the-wall, which is known as the rendezvous of the rustlers of that part of the country. There has been frequent trouble between the cattlemen and the rustlers and, it is said, the rustlers were especially bitter toward Devine and had threatened to kill him. The editor of this paper personally interviewed one of the CY boys who was present when the shooting occurred and his story was that the roun've got yodup met the three men and when they had passed by a few feet Bob Smith turned and drawing a gun said, "I've got you now you --- ---" fired, hitting Bob Devine in the side; the ball glanced and striking his horse knocked it down. The firing became general and in the melee Bob Smith was killed, Bob Taylor captured and Lee Devine shot through the arm. Al Smith was shot through the right hand, but he escaped capture. Devine seems to be accompanied by the sheriffs of Johnson and Natrona counties, with warrants for the arrest of the Belle Fourche bank robbers, who are now supposed to be in hiding in the section of the state.

Boston Belles Play Ball An aggregation of female base ball players from Boston are expected to arrive in the Hills in the near future and play a series of games with the various clubs in the Black Hills. The manager of the club writes that his players have been together for four years and put up an excellent game. We understand that games have been arranged between Deadwood and the "belles."

104 Years Ago
Belle Fourche Bee
Aug 4, 1921

Cloud Burst Results In Two Deaths Flood Came at Beulah, Wyo., Without Warning During Night - Some Damage To Town A cloud burst in the vicinity of Beulah, Wyo., twenty-five miles southwest of Belle Fourche, Wednesday night of last week caused the death of Mrs. William Bowers of Missouri alley, Ia., and her grandson, a small boy, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Bowers of Chadron, Nebr. A wall of water, said to have been four to six feet high, came rushing down Bear creek, and a dry draw that empties into Sand Creek at Beulah, sweeping everything before it. On account of the newly constructed road grade through Beulah, the natural drainage of the stream was congested, preventing the water from spreading as it usu-

ally does. Across the creek from the town, in camp near the flour mill, were several parties of tourists, one composed of William Bowers and wife of Missouri Valley, Ia., and Dr. R. L. Bowers and wife and two children of Chadron. The wall of water stuck their camp without warning

Deserted Baby During Round-Up week Mrs. Sinkey conducted a baby nursery for the convenience of parents who desired to leave the little tots while they attended the Round-Up. One baby so left was not as yet been called for, the parents leaving the child during the show, but never came back. The baby, a bright and pleasing appearing boy of about a year, is now in charge of the Children's Home at Sioux Falls. An effort has been made by the officials to locate the parents of the child, but evidently the name given was fictitious one, and it has been impossible to get any trace of either the mother or father of the child.

80 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
Aug 1, 1946

Record Number Tourists Visiting Mt. Rushmore J. Estes Suter, acting superintendent, reports that a record number of tourists have been stopping over and paying a visit thus far this summer to Mount Rushmore. In the first eighteen days of July, a total of 52,719 persons visited the Shrine of Democracy. The heaviest day so far this year was July 2 when 3,924 visitors were counted. During the month of June the registrations were 48,373. This was seven times greater than the number of registrations during June, 1945. A total of 6,904 visitors were counted in that month. Supt. Suter says tourists have come from every state in the union and even from such distant places as the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and China.

BURKHOLDER BUILDING BRICK BUSINESS PLACE Ground was broken the past week for the new brick and tile business place to be constructed by A. W. Burkholder adjoining the Western Drug store building on the west. The new structure will be 15 feet wide and 60 feet long. Mr. Burkholder states that the occupant of the new structure will be announced at a later date.

54 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
Aug 6, 1971

Plans to Honor Orman Pioneers Now Taking Shape Some 20 persons who were involved in the construction of Orman dam have been located to date as preparations continue for a special observation honoring the Orman pioneers. The recognition event will be held in conjunction with the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce Sept. 23 at the Community Hall and will be



by Mary Buchholz

under the auspices of the Chamber. Among features of the program will be a slide show arranged from pictorial records found in the Bureau of Reclamation office at Newell. A tour of the dam, with the old timers as guests is also being considered. The Black Hills Roundup office will serve as a central meeting place where the old timers can rest and visit that day. Tapes are to be made to record some of the first-hand history of work on the project. Tentative plans call for a banquet at \$4 per plate, which will make it possible to provide free tickets to the pioneers who will be guests of the Chamber. The event is a county-wide project, with the Orman Pioneer committee made up of representatives from all parts of the county. This group has met with Chamber representatives to work out plans for the special observance. Residents from all parts of the county are invited to attend the recognition event.

Editorial Although the construction of the dam began only 65 years ago, the term "pioneers" is appropriate in the sense that the men working on the project actually were pioneers. They were pioneers in the field of earthen dam building. At the time of its construction, Orman was a landmark in earth-fill dams. It was the largest of its kind undertaken to that time and difficulties and heartaches marked the path of construction. The job proved too much for the initial contractor. New ideas had to be tried. Mistakes were made. Year after year went by and finally the water was turned in to what was then known as the Owl Creek dam. It was quite an occasion and for years people traveled hundreds of miles to see the project, to fish and boat on the lake. For a time, even the diversion dam backed up enough water to provide romantic boating facilities. Orman was, for a time, the biggest body of water in western South Dakota. Orman brought irrigation farming to the Belle Fourche valley and created the town of Newell and the U.S. Field Station. No single project has had as much effect on the economy of the area as the big earthen dam on Owl Creek. We hope the upcoming occasion honoring the pioneers of the Orman project will serve a dual purpose... that it will provide recognition to those men and women who played a part in the construction of this pioneering project, and that it will revive in today's generation a new interest in the dam and the lake so that can encourage and promote



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Capitol News
July 20, 2025
by Karen Odell

Erma Albert has friends all over the country to visit

with. She has to stop her visits long enough to share her news with all of you. She and Dick went to the Hills on business on Monday, and Erma stopped at Leuders for some groceries. Erma went back to Spearfish, on Wednesday, for her weekly chiropractor appointment. They both went to the Senior Citizen lunch, on Friday. This week there was roast beef, and Nick Mackey had another birthday. Erma stayed to play cards. She was happy to win one game this week. On Sunday, Dick and Erma went to the Catholic Church mass. After church they went to Saloon Number Three for lunch, and their new priest, Father Lee, joined them for lunch there. Father Lee is having some church services early in the morning, during the week, too, for those who can come before work.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell got eighty-five hundredths of rain, on Wednesday. Camp Crook got over an inch, that day, and Bobby Cordell did, too. Up in the Sheep Mountains, there had been an inch and a quarter at the Horton place. Grandson, Cade Pearson, has spent most of the summer out at the ranch. He has been helping his dad, Wade Pearson, in the hay field, this week.

The haying is coming to a close, except for some that may make a second cutting, so Cade likes helping his Grandmother, Marlee, with her chores. Eric Loken stopped by to bring some fish to Alvin and Marlee, on Friday. Then on Saturday afternoon, the Cordell families went to the Wickham Gulch Picnic and Fish Fry. The fish was delicious, as usual, and many people came to enjoy the gathering. Marlee went to church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook, on Sunday. She stayed for the congregational meeting and the pot luck afterward. Alvin has been assembling and cementing a new bench in place at the Camp Crook Cemetery. The bench is in memory of his sister Beverly.

Lynn Gustafson headed south to enjoy the very hot weather in Alabama. She had a high school reunion to attend, and always enjoys seeing old classmates, and remembering school events. Bruce has it pretty easy, because Lynn fills the freezer with food before she leaves. When those casseroles and lunches are gone, then he will have to cook for himself. This week he has worked on the house, and other times, out at the ranch.

Things got a little interesting on Monday, when Doug Davis watched outside during the lightening storm. He saw a strike, and then he saw a bale burst into flame. Bobby Cordell came out with the pumper, and they soon had it out. Wednesday was a busy day. Doug and Julia went to doctor's appointments in the Hills. Then they stopped to visit Alfreda, for a short time. They came home through Buffalo, so that Doug could attend the Fair Board meeting, and they could get the fair books mailed out. Doug and Morgan hauled some bulls to town for the sale. They decided to cross the river and go by Alzada, because the road that way was

much better. Dan Davis and Barb stopped by, on Friday, to take a bull home with them. Haying is coming to a close, and now they will look for any that could be used for a second cutting.

Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum have been busy with haying, too. They put their hay into stacks. Tommy will get this week off, because he is going to Youth Group Camp in Wyoming for the week. That means that Rachel will be extra busy. Junior and Shirley Melum were so glad to have Harold Morgan come for a visit. He was visiting his son in Ekalaka, so Ernie stopped to bring him out to the ranch for a few days visit. Harold and Junior went to school together, and were enjoying the stories and memories of their past.

Dorothy Padden went with Bryce and Dawn to Rapid City, on Monday, for doctor's appointments. Then, they had lunch with grandsons, Brian and Blake Olmsted. On Saturday, the Paddens joined others at Wickham Gulch, for the July fish fry. The fish is always the most delicious, and many people came for the evening.

The mowing mornings were interrupted by rain on several days for Karen Odell. Karen is still hauling off branches from the storm last fall, that carried away one of her sheds. Brandon Padden cut Karen's hay field. One evening storms were predicted, and the Padden boys worked in the dark getting things baled before the rains. Karen enjoyed sitting out in the cool night watching the lights of the machinery as they worked, but finally after midnight, she went in, and didn't know how long they worked, but in the morning there were nearly 70 bales in her field. She visited at Chancey Odell and Megan's, several times this week, and enjoyed supper with them one evening. There were some nice cool rainy days, and still there have been few bugs and mosquitoes, this year. Micki Odell's family, with her mother-in-law and father-in-law, just returned home from Kenya.

They spent two weeks on a picture safari, and stayed in comfortable tent houses on the huge animal reserves. Micki even got to pet a huge rhino. They traveled in an open vehicle through lions, hyenas, giraffes, elephants, and so many more species of birds and animals. It was the adventure of a lifetime, and I'm sure Rowan and Murphy will remember it always. Micki and Cris Hinds both had on Wolffy's shirts when their picture was taken beside the equator sign. One was in winter and the other in summer, because the equator was between them. Their flight home through London took more than a day. This Saturday, the Odells gathered in Omaha, for Liam Odell's wedding (son of Michael and Elizabeth Odell). Mollie and Kyia went down from Minnesota. Micki's family went from Washington. Cody's family went from Mitchell, Jeff's family went from Iowa, and Chancey Odell and Megan went from Tie Creek. Karen was a little afraid of the possible heat, so she stayed home to do chores, and as it turned out, Nebraska and eastern South Dakota was very hot and humid. Keely Lovgren



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Belle Fourche SD	21	Black-Yrimg Str	786	347.00	\$ 2,726.42
	16	Black-Yrimg Hfr	693	341.00	\$ 2,362.49
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	13	Black-Hfr	622	350.00	\$ 2,175.38
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	1	Black-Hfr	905	280.00	\$ 2,534.00
	1	Black-Cow	1525	175.50	\$ 2,676.37
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SDSU loses \$86M in federal research funding

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BROOKINGS, S.D. - South Dakota State University lost an \$86 million livestock research grant as part of recent federal spending cuts, making South Dakota the state with the highest per-student loss of research grants, the Center for American Progress reported.

However, without that grant, the overall impacts of the Trump administration's cuts to higher education in South Dakota are relatively minimal.

The state's high average loss can be attributed to relatively low numbers of undergraduate and graduate students in South Dakota as well as the one large grant rescinded earlier this year.

The other South Dakota schools that had research funding cut include the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City and Oglala Lakota College in Kyle. Combined, they lost around \$1.6 million in unused funds, according to the report.

More than \$1,700 per student, which includes the SDSU grant, was "targeted for termination" by the Trump administration in South Dakota, according to the report.

"Targeted for termination" means grants the administration intends to terminate, said Greta Bedekovics, co-author of the

article and associate director of democracy policy at the Center for American Progress, a policy institute focused on conservation.

The list of grants was compiled by cross-referencing lists of cancelled or rescinded grants from doge.gov, a spreadsheet of canceled grants from the U.S. Health and Human Services and the U.S. Treasury Department's usaspending.gov, Bedekovics said.

Daniel Scholl, vice president of research and economic development at SDSU, told News Watch the research funding situation is ever-changing, and exact impacts are unknown as the federal government prepares the 2026 budget.

"There are a lot of different ways it could shake out, so the pathway is not clear," he said.

"The things that are going on in the federal events are how to handle changes in the current fiscal year's budget. That affects what's available to us to support students and to carry out research," Scholl said. "Secondly, what are they going to do with the FY26 budget? It all reduces to those two things."

Here are the specific cuts:
South Dakota State University: An \$86 million U.S. Department of Agriculture grant that aimed to support beef and bison producers in grazing techniques to have a positive



Daniel Scholl, vice president of research and economic development at SDSU, is shown in his office on July 28, 2025, in Brookings, S.D. (Photo: Emily DeCock / South Dakota News Watch)

environmental impact. Around \$17.5 million was already spent but \$68.5 million was unused.

University of South Dakota: A \$150,000 National Endowment for the Humanities grant to use artificial intelligence to create tags for digitized cultural heritage materials at USD. Around \$106,000 was unused.

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology: SDS-MT had four grants that were terminated: One nearly \$1 million National Science Foundation grant, which had \$188,987 unused; a \$1.25 million grant from the South Dakota Health and Human Services Center for Disease Control that had \$1 million in unused funds; and two Institute of Museum and Library Services grants totaling \$267,099, with more than \$104,000 unused funds.

Oglala Lakota College: A \$205,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities that would have gone to cataloging and digitizing interviews with Lakota elders from four reservations. Over \$201,000 was unused.

SDSU project would have supported beef, bison producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture gave \$2.8 billion to fund 70 projects for the climate-smart commodities initiative grant in 2023. The Center of Excellence in Bison Studies at SDSU's West River Research and Extension facility in Rapid City received \$86 million, one of the largest sums of money that was given in the initiative.

The SDSU project was intended to support beef and

bison producers in grazing and land management strategies, said Kristi Cammack, director of SDSU West River Research and Extension.

Much of the work from that grant has stopped, Scholl said. "It has impacted people's plans for their research education in one way or another. And that's important, even if someone hasn't lost their job, but they've had to experience a change," Scholl said. "Even if it was an opportunity for them to shift their direction and shift gears, it's still disruption. And I think that's the important point. It's been disruptive to some people's career preparation and career growth."

Neither Scholl nor Cammack could comment on the direct impacts that losing the grant had on staffing.

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden
August 3, 2025

Because of some more moisture last week, Meade County prairies were still a beautiful green color. What was great to see was a photo of John and Dede Long's tall, healthy corn crop. What a blessing to behold!

Though it is still summer the next thing after this week's bike Rally will be county fairs, followed by the State Fair. However, school begins in Meade 46-1 on August 25 so school will be in full swing before we know it.

A pot luck dinner was held after church services on Sunday at the Community Baptist Church of Union Center. It was a great time of fellowship.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden have been busy for the opening week of the bike Rally by the Governor kicking off the Mayor's ride on Saturday and attending the Law Enforcement Picnic held in Sturgis in the Hershrud's parking lot on Sunday. Most of the

gun related booths and vendors were set up out there as well. They also attended a fundraiser on Monday for the Hampsters who give large donations to LifeScape which provides much for the mentally and physically handicapped youth. They also did a ribbon cutting for Special Olympics. It was a full weekend for the Rhodens. Earlier last Thursday night they attended the fundraising event hosted by Dairy Queen of Madison, SD. That night they raised over \$100,000 by selling blizzards just that day. The line continued all day for the purchase of Blizzards. This makes Madison DQ the highest fundraiser in the nation, raising over 1 Million dollars for the Children's Miracle Network. Madison was named Miracle City that day. The Governor spoke at that event for support of the community event.

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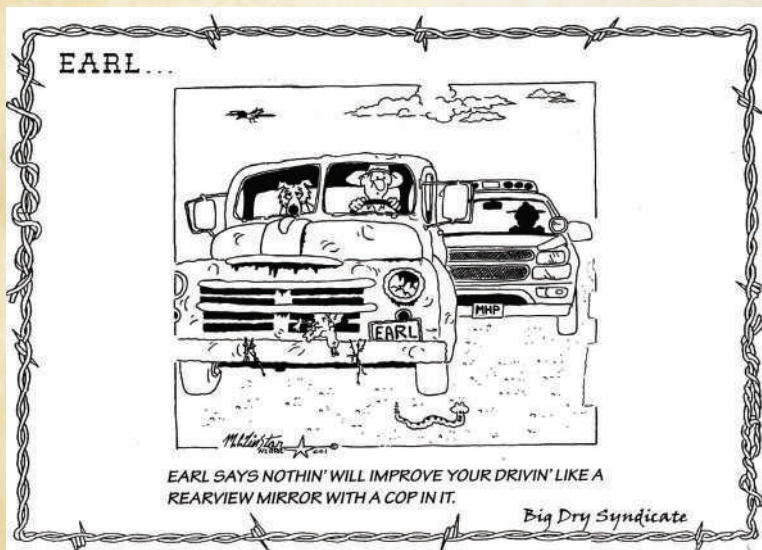
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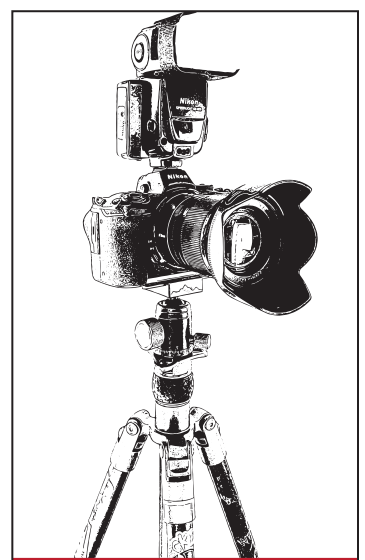
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John A. Newby is the author of the "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street" column dedicated to helping local communities, government and business combine synergies allowing them to thrive in a world where truly-local is being lost to Amazon and Wall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



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Picture Sarah rushing into downtown after work, desperately searching for a birthday gift for her daughter. She pulls out her phone, types "toy store open now," and watches three precious seconds tick by as the page loads. In those three heartbeats, something remarkable happens: over 50% of mobile users like Sarah will abandon sites that take longer than three seconds to load, clicking away to find instant answers elsewhere.



While almost half of U.S. consumers abandon online purchases due to additional costs like shipping and fees, and others flee because websites demand account creation or offer slow delivery, a different kind of opportunity emerges for savvy local business owners.

Enter Tom, who owns a small pet supply store downtown. When he learned that Mrs. Johnson's beloved Golden Retriever had passed away, he didn't just send condolences—he sent flowers. That simple gesture, costing maybe \$30, generated hundreds of dollars in future sales and dozens of referrals. Why? Because 95% of consumers say customer service is essential for brand loyalty, and 60% will abandon brands due to poor service. Tom understood something crucial: while his store couldn't match Amazon's two-day delivery, it could deliver something far more valuable—genuine human connection and service that makes customers feel valued. Consider the local business owner who promises to match Amazon prices within a few percentage points. When customers request items not in stock, he simply orders them from Amazon and has them delivered directly to the customer's home. Brilliant? Absolutely. He's using his competitor's infrastructure while adding his personal service layer—the best of both worlds.

Thirty percent of consumers in 2024 were driven by ethical loyalty, meaning they stay committed to brands that align with their values—a 25% growth since 2021. This shift represents local businesses' secret weapon:

the ability to embody community values and create experiences that digital retailers simply cannot replicate. Think about Chick-fil-A's legendary service culture. Customers don't just buy chicken sandwiches; they buy an experience of being treated with genuine warmth and respect. The employees' appearance, training, and genuine enthusiasm create an atmosphere that keeps customers returning despite plenty of faster options. Local businesses can adopt this same philosophy. Every employee becomes a brand ambassador, trained not just to process transactions but create memorable moments. When staff dress professionally, speak thoughtfully, and treat every customer like royalty, they're not just completing sales—they're building relationships.

Most consumers work 8-to-5 schedules, yet many local businesses close precisely when their potential customers become available to shop. Smart retailers have cracked this code, staying open when working people can actually visit. It's not just about convenience—it's about recognizing that customer behavior, not business tradition, should dictate operating hours. The data reveals another crucial insight: 93% of customer service teams agree that customer expectations are higher than ever before. This isn't a threat—it's an opportunity for businesses willing to exceed those expectations.

The modern marketplace doesn't favor the fastest anymore; it rewards the smartest. While Amazon optimizes for speed, local businesses can optimize for soul. They can know their customers' names, remember their preferences, and anticipate their needs in ways that no algorithm ever could. Success requires passion and devotion to consumers, demanding hard work and long hours. But for those willing to commit, the rewards extend beyond profit margins. Eighty-nine percent of companies view customer experience as critical for driving

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SDSU's Moon mission

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A team of South Dakota State University students has been selected by NASA as one of 12 university teams to participate in the agency's Moon to Mars program.

The project is preparing for eventual missions to the Moon, which could be used as a staging area for Mars exploration.

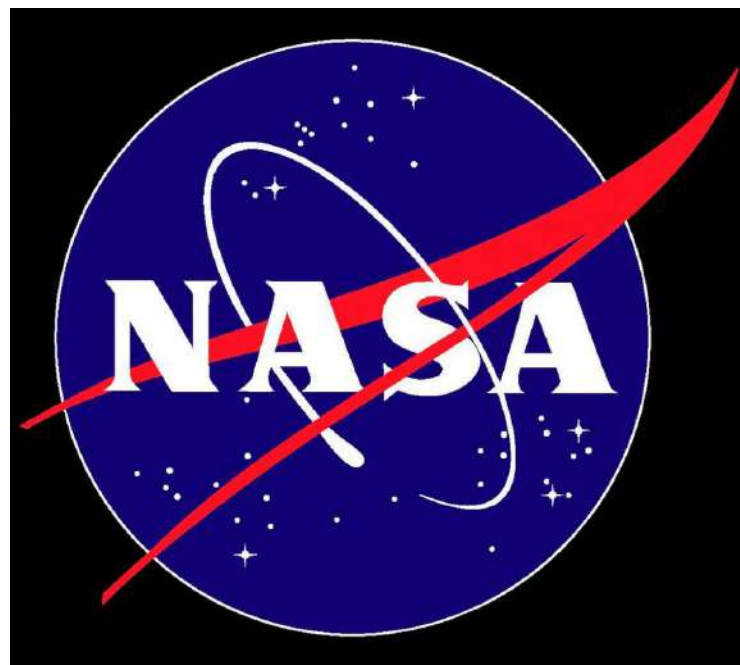
SDSU has a track record of working with NASA. In 2020, NASA selected the university for that year's Moon to Mars competition. In 2024, SDSU's engineering team was one of six finalists in the Break the Ice Lunar Challenge. This year's selection comes with a \$20,000 award.

"It's a small project in terms of dollars, but X-Hab projects are fairly prestigious in terms of

recognition," said Todd Letcher, an associate professor in SDSU's mechanical engineering department and coordinator of the school's NASA projects.

Teams in this year's competition will have the 2025-2026 school year to complete their projects. Their deadlines are May 6, 2026. In the past, SDSU has taken on lunar rover designs. But the team this year is one of three that will design lightweight pressurized tunnel projects.

"We're proposing something like an airplane jetway that is portable and can be steered," Letcher said. "It may be about 10 meters long and must be airtight to keep the dust out. Potentially, it will need to have lights. The idea is the astronaut could go from a pressurized rover to a pressurized habitat without wearing a cumbersome space suit."



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Brisket Feed Raises Funds for Nisland-Arpan

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BELLE FOURCHE—For the 17th year in a row the Nisland-Arpan Volunteer Fire and Rescue held their annual Brisket Feed at the Nisland Fire Hall on August 2.

The volunteers started serving food at 10 a.m. but the preparations for the event began well before then.

Everything has to be prepared and ready to go the minute hungry patrons show up!

“We start with like 250 pounds of brisket and 150 pounds of pork,” explained Stan Lewis, Fire Chief. There was also baked beans, coleslaw, chips and drinks. After everyone finished eating, cups of ice cream were offered.

Coinciding with the Brisket Feed was the 18th Annual

Nisland-Arpan Volunteer Fire & Rescue Auxiliary Pie Sale. Pies sold for \$15 each.

Tables were set up along the side wall to display silent auction items for anyone who wanted to bid on and go home with a cool item. Businesses all over the area donated items to support the Nisland-Arpan Volunteer Fire and Rescue.

Some of the items included a 20v cordless grease gun donated by Butte County Equipment, a one-night stay at the Mineral Palace, Godiva Dark Chocolate Liqueur donated by the Newell Bar, Rodeo Tin Sign donated by Yes Way Liquor Store, rechargeable work light donated by Dakota Lumber, Jump Stater donated by Sturdevants Auto Value and many more items donated by generous businesses

all over the area.

The money raised this year has a purpose. Lewis said, “Right now we’re putting it towards updating our tender truck. We’re hoping to update our tender 77—it’s an older truck—we’re hoping to upgrade it and make us better!”

The Fire & Rescue crew couldn’t have a successful fundraiser without the community getting involved. “We really appreciate the support we get from the community,” said Lewis.

If there is any brisket left at the end of the day it won’t go to waste! There are plans for it already! “We hope to have a little bit left over because we have Fire School in two weeks,” explained Lewis. “We hope to serve out of here again for that.”

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(Above) Turn out was great at the **17th Annual Nisland-Arpan Volunteer Fire and Rescue Brisket Feed.**; (Below Left) Silent auction fundraiser drew a lot of interest; (Below Right) During the brisket feed a live band made up of volunteer firefighters and friends entertained the crowd. At one point they played the National Anthem and the crowd stood for it. More photos D3. Longbrake photos



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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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The end of July was a nice cool week with just a couple sprinkles of rain, but we got a hard rain on Friday, August 1, that left 2.27 inches in the rain gauge.

I lost another friend this week: Darrell Carr, 77, from Belle Fourche and formerly from Prairie City, passed away the Fort Meade Medical Center on July 27. Darrell was a younger brother to Keith and Rodney Carr and his sister Jonell. His parents and his siblings were good friends of my family. No services are planned at this time and his family has our sympathy.

Since the turtle races were over, our granddaughter Lanie and Matt Klug took their kids back to North Dakota on Monday, but they hadn't left yet when Reub and I made a quick trip to Dickinson that morning. The exciting thing for the little people that day was that the mama cat Moon had five little kitties, so now they will have more kitties to play with the three that they

have already.

I met with Rep. Travis Ismay to attend the Perkins County Commissioners meeting in Bison Tuesday morning to try to stop Highway 79 from being closed by the company building the new bridge on 79 at the South Dakota-North Dakota state line. They wanted to route the traffic off the highway onto gravel county roads until they were done building the bridge and changing the highway around. There is no way the county roads can handle the heavy traffic that goes up and down Highway 79 without wrecking it so the county would have to fix them. Harding County Commissioner Charley Verhulst, Harding County Highway Superintendent Jeremy Humbracht, Perkins County Highway Superintendent Cody Green, Vince Tift from the Reva Store, and lots of other people from both Harding and Perkins County met with the commissioners to try to stop this and the Perkins County Commissioners voted unanimously to stop the highway from being closed. The meeting didn't last long and I

made it home before Reub got done spraying weeds up at our Horse Creek pasture. Reub and I finally got the pickup washed that afternoon after we both got home.

Reub and I went to Hettinger Wednesday afternoon to get a lot of stuff from White Drug and Runnings and we stopped to visit John and Phyllis Brown before going down to have coffee with the Prairie Pioneers. Phyllis gave me a huge cucumber from her garden and then came down to coffee too, but John had been working on fixing stuff so hard that he stayed home to rest. I peeled that cucumber when I got home and it is delicious!

Reub went up to spray weeds at the Horse Creek pasture again on Thursday and didn't get home for lunch until 2:00. I got all the gardens and flowers watered while he was gone and Missy brought the pickup over to load Copper, Knox, River and all their bicycles to take them up to join Lanie and her kids for a trip to Medora and go bike riding on pavement, which they can't do

here.

Reub was spraying weeds again Friday morning at the Horse Creek pasture and didn't come home for lunch until 2:30 that afternoon. Missy brought the kids and their bicycles home that afternoon and the kids said they had a great time up there with Lanie and her kids. We got the hardest rain we've had all year late that afternoon that left a lot of water in Olson Creek and some of the dams. There was a lot of wind that came with it so there were a lot of dead branches and leaves off the trees laying all over the yard.

We had a really fun day on Saturday when our grandson Cade and KyLee Olson came down from Beulah, North Dakota where Cade works at the power plant under Iver and Bev Heier's son-in-law, Tyler Mickelson. Cade and KyLee had lunch with us and then we showed them a lot of pictures from both Reub's family and my family and gave them a lot of history about Cade's ancestors. Casey, Missy, Amanda and the little kids all came to visit with them and then we took Cade over to look at Casey's para-plane. Cade thought that looked like so much fun he told KyLee that's what he wants for his birthday! Saturday was also the wedding anniversary for Ron and Starla Jensen. I was at their wedding several years ago but it just seems like a couple years ago. Congratulations to a really sweet young couple!

Reub and I went to Cowboy Church at the Bentley Building in Bison Sunday morning where Pastor Phil Hahn had the service. We went to the Fair Board

breakfast at the Bentley Building before the church service and got to see lots of friends, including our longtime friends John and Corinne Erickson who were the Perkins County Friends of the Fair for 2025. John and I grew up together and Corinne (Williams) Erickson was a freshman in high school in Bison the year I was a senior. My cousin Mary Jane Haggart was in Corinne's class and her brother Terry Haggart was a senior with me. Pastor Phil Hahn led the church service, Tracy Buer played and sang several songs for us, Evan Lopez gave his testimony and his wife, Pastor Jake Stoh's daughter, played and sang a beautiful song for us. It was a really enjoyable day.

Dan Penn sent me these "Laws of Nature" a long time ago:

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August 5, 1915

O.T. Reedy of Ft. Laramie, Wyoming was registered at the Newell Hotel on Friday. F. C. Magruder, former Project Manager, now of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska was also in Newell the latter part of the week giving testimony before the Board of Review.

On returning to the hitch rack where they had tied their saddle horses on Tuesday evening, Wm. Youngberg and Wm. Ross found their outfits missing. The following morning the animals were found with the saddles and bridles still on. A few miles east of town. At first it was thought that someone had turned the animals loose as a practical joke, but later developments have changed this theory, and someone may be rather surprised by the developments.

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July 30, 1925

The local post of the American Legion is beginning to line-up the program for the Annual Labor Day Celebration in Newell, which occurs on Monday, September 7th. Committees have been appointed, and preparations are underway to make the affair bigger and better than ever. Watch for further particulars.

At the Smiley shearing camp east of here, 22,500 sheep were sheared, and the camp has been moved to a new location. The shearers report the average weight of the clips at the camp to have been 8 pounds, which means 180,000 pounds of wool which is selling at present at about 40 cents a pound.

Otto Kranvig's ball tossers for Newell went up against something at Vale last Sunday, so we hear. When our reporter left the ringside, the score was something like 20 to 0, but of course our boys hadn't been to bat yet.

August 1, 1935

N. H. Darton, of Washington, D. C., geologist in the US Geological Survey, was in Newell this week. Mr. Darton has served the government in scientific research for 49 years and has specialized in the study

of underground water supplies. His numerous reports serve as texts for much of the drilling of oil and artesian water in this western country. Mr. Darton reminisced of his explorations around here before there was any government irrigation project or any city of Newell. When the Townsite was designated, Mr. Darton suggested to A. P. Davis, Assistant Commissioner of Reclamation, that the town be named in honor of F. H. Newell. He also recommended that an artesian well be sunk at the US Experiment Farm in order to gain scientific information that would be valuable to farmers and ranchers in this territory who would want flowing wells. Mr. Darton is now engaged in another survey of South Dakota in his special line and went to Buffalo on Tuesday morning.

The swimming pool was filled with water last week for the first time this year. Extensive improvements have been completed, and the pool is now open to the public. It will be necessary to drain the pool to get rid of surplus tar, but after a continuous stream running into the pool it should keep the water fresh.

Mr. & Mrs. Wm Yuill of Horse Creek are the parents of twins; a boy and a girl, born at the Dr. Hills Maternity Home. To be christened Patricia "Patty" and William "Billy". Dr. Hills states it's the 5th time that he has been the attending physician when twins were born.

August 2, 1945

A fire caused by combustion started Sunday afternoon at the Alfred Holstein ranch in the Upper Horse Creek district, burning 25 tons of hay and 5 acres of grassland before being checked. They had it well under control before help arrived. The fire spread very rapidly, almost reaching 2 more haystacks where a stacker and sweep were located.

Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Robbins and children and Mr. & Mrs. Wm Taft and daughter enjoyed a cook-out picnic supper last Wednesday at the Bear Butte Lake resort. The children enjoyed an evening of swimming.

One window at the Butte Electric Association is completely filled with a collection of war trophies sent from Germany by T/5 W. Otis Burk of Nisland son of late Mr. & Mrs. Phil Burk, who is serving with a Tank Division of General Patton's 3rd US Army in Germany. There is the largest and finest collection of war trophies yet seen here. It comprises of

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captured war rifles; knives; war equipment; German medals; coins; badges; belts; flags; banners and trinkets carrying the Nazi symbol. His wife Mildred is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Dick of Nisland and employed at B E A office. Cpl Otis Burk is a cousin of Bob Hice of Newell. Don't fail to see these rare accumulations of war trophies while they are still on exhibition here.

August 4, 1955

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A group of youngsters from the 7th grade and up gathered at the Legion Hall on Monday evening for square dance instruction. Mr. & Mrs. Carl Orwick, Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Anderson and Mr. & Mrs. Arne Lund are in charge. The dancing starts at 7:30 and the children are dismissed promptly at 10:00 PM. It is planned to meet every 2 weeks, and the mothers are to furnish refreshments.

Among those from Newell who attended the Black Hills Hoedown at Rapid City on Saturday evening were Mr. & Mrs. Harold Snoozy; Mr. & Mrs. Julius Viken; Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Jaskela and Mr. & Mrs. Arne Lund for the Annual Square get-together. The Vikens stayed overnight at the Curt Magstadt home. They attended Baccalaureate service at National School of Business, of which their daughter Arvilla was one of the graduates.

July 29, 1965

The Board of Butte County Commission will meet with SD Highway engineers and contractors' representatives to consider possible changes and approval for improvement and surfacing of the road to the US Newell Experiment Station, it was announced yesterday by Commissioner R. D. Long. At the same time as the board deferred action of the Newell project, it approved a similar project at Belle Fourche as the "13th Street Project" both are considered under the farm-to-market program. The Belle Fourche project is \$17,770 and additional \$10,000 for drainage problems and Newell's project \$91,918 with the low bid going for both jobs to Dean Rounds, Rapid City lower than than bids



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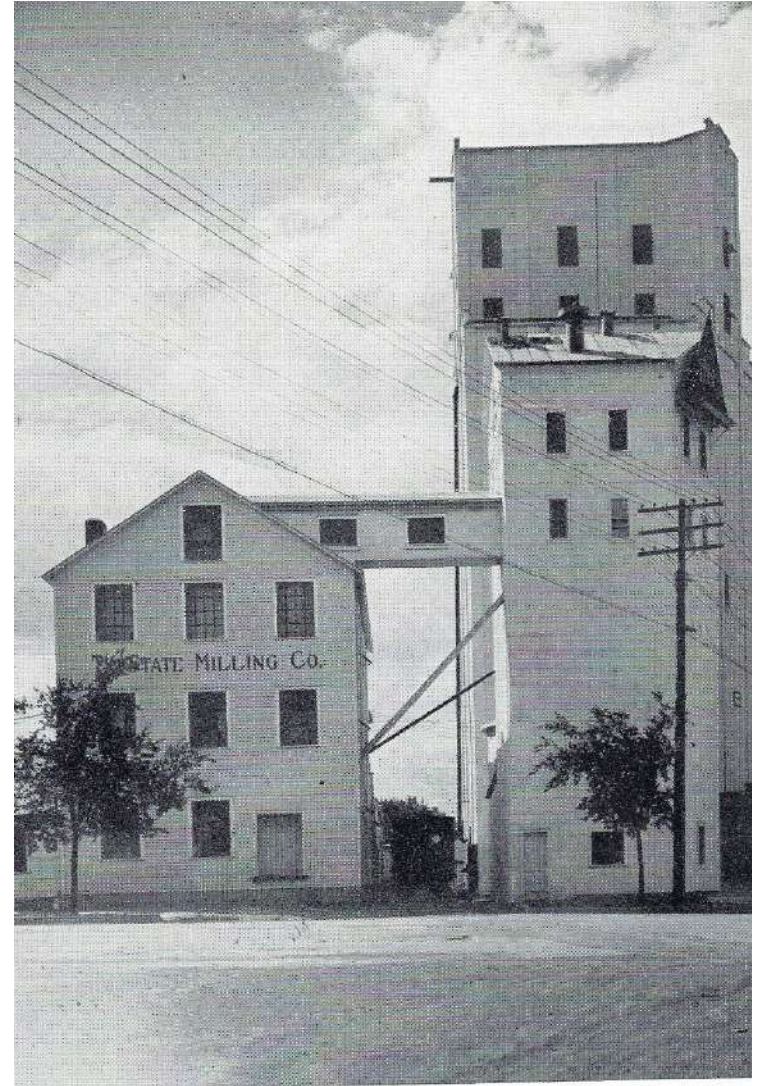
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Butte County Agent Kenneth Leslie toured the Jerry Goeringer wheat farms near Castle Rock. They looked at many acres of spring and winter wheat growing. It appears rust is going to make quite an inroad on the winter wheat yield while spring wheat looked good. However, the best field they viewed was not wheat, but it was Bolley flax which appears to produce a high yield. Mr. O. V. Goeringer of Chattanooga, Oklahoma arrived at the farm to assist Jerry and Bill with the

grain harvest.

Jack Dawson, Newell golfer, shot a 128 to tie for 2nd place spot with 3 other golfers and won 3rd prize on a draw in the 2nd flight, in the Annual Tomahawk Open Golf Tournament at Deadwood Sunday, while Cletus (Fizzer) Huber shot 144 to tie for 2nd place and win 3rd on the draw in the 4th flight. Other winners were John Lorton Ellsworth Air Base, who won championship honors with a 107, followed by John Yates of Ft. Worth, Texas with 108 and Ed Pace of Belle Fourche with 109.



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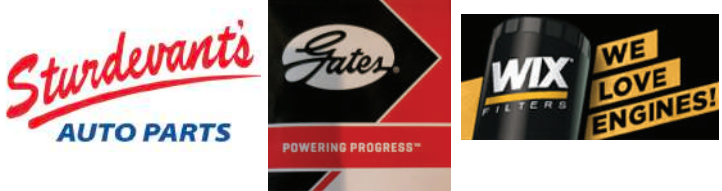
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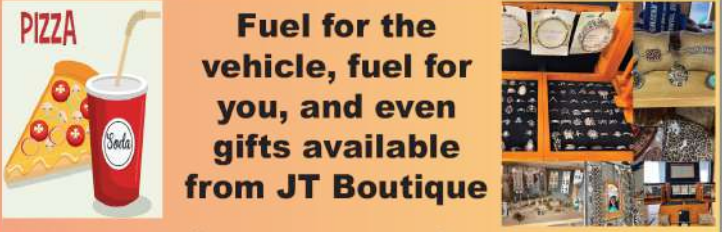
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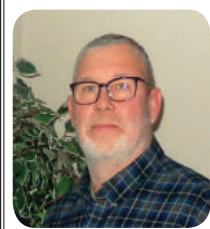
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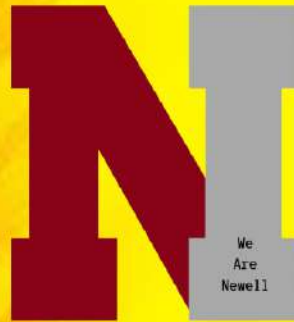
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(Top Left) **Nisland-Arpan Volunteer Fire and Rescue** served brisket with all the fixings to the community. (Top Right) Nisland-Arpan Volunteer Fire and Rescue manned the drink station as well; (Below) Rally Bikers showed up to support the **Nisland-Arpan Volunteer Fire and Rescue Brisket Feed**. Longbrake photos



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