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Butte County Commission Approves Five-Year Plan

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BELLE FOURCHE—Following public comments at the September 17 meeting of the county commission and discussion of the Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan, the Butte County Commissioners approved the written plan presented by Jason Hanson.

Several county citizens commented on the conditions of much of the county roads and asked for some sort of maintenance plan.

Although the Five-Year Plan does not directly address the majority of roads, the commissioners listened to the com

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Blizzard Boxes Made for Seniors

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BELLE FOURCHE—Meals on Wheels, Butte County has been providing meals to area seniors for 39 years. The organization delivers to all of Butte County, including Newell and Belle Fourche, every weekday. Last Thursday, 71 meals were packaged and delivered; this number changes from time to time.

Those living more than three miles outside of the city get all five meals for the week delivered to them on Monday. “They get their milk and their bread and their five meals just like the in-house people

BF High School Structure Turns 70



Belle Fourche Pep Band under the direction of Micah Pennel performs during the September 20-70th Birthday Party and Community Pep rally prior to the opportunity for the public to tour the school. *BFHS Journalism Courtesy Photo*

do,” said Bonnie Rosander, Site Manager.

In addition to food delivery, lunch is served on-site in the dining room at the Meals on Wheels building from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. They serve the same menu that is used for home delivery, to all seniors who can make it into eat.

Taking into consideration how many seniors count on the food that Meals on Wheels provides, as winter approaches, concerns arise on how to feed seniors during blizzards when meals can't be delivered.

Recently, Meals on Wheels, Butte County asked for the community

to help them with the supplies to build 84 Blizzard Boxes for seniors. They received enough supplies to build 73 boxes. “I think we did really, really well,” said Rosander. “73 will cover our needs for this fall.” Each box contains at least four shelf-stable meals and snacks. “We did two Completes microwavable meals, tuna salad and chicken salad packets, crackers, peanut butter, fruit cups and juices,” said Rosander. They also added in powdered milk for the seniors to use for however they wish.

The community not only donated items for the boxes, but also stepped up to help pack all of the Blizzard Boxes. For the second year, First Interstate Bank workers volunteered to put the boxes together. “They stuffed all the boxes, the boxes came in bundles so they had to tape boxes and pack everything in there, and make sure they had the right things in,” said Rosander. “They got pretty good at it.”

Meals on Wheels contd.A3



Some of the items to be packed in the Blizzard Boxes for seniors that use the Meals on Wheels

Sweet High School Memories

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If walls could talk, high school buildings would have a lot to say. Those of us who have been to high school know that



BFHS librarian and student council co-advisor Karen Schlekeway (center) models a festive sartorial 1950s look as she poses between Lydia Main and Lexi Pickett attired in contemporary high school costume. *English Photo*

from personal experience. We know for a fact that high school buildings have seen it all.

After all, the high school walls looked on as outrageous senior pranks were planned and orchestrated. The walls kept track of who left the cigarettes in a covert hiding spot outside the building in a strategic hiding spot.

The walls were quite familiar with the underground “hidden” high school curriculum and the unofficial rules and expectations of student behavior determined by the ‘dominant’ teenage culture.

However, the walls have always liked the kids and have always enjoyed their spontaneity, humor, exuberance, and even their imperfections.

Over time, the walls appear to be emotionally shockproof and surprisingly tacit in keeping secrets. For these gifts we are all grateful.

Birthday contd. A7



Volunteers from First Interstate Bank partnered with Meals on Wheels to package up all of the Blizzard Boxes to be given to seniors for use when weather conditions prevent food delivery. *Courtesy photos*

Runners Relay Run Across South Dakota for Mental Health

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September is suicide prevention month. Bright late summer sunshine and a brisk South Dakota wind set an energizing tone for the start of the third annual Project 437 relay run across the state.

The 437 Project was created by Avera, as a means of drawing public attention to something that has often been overlooked. That ‘something’ is the critical importance of mental health and its relationship to physical health.

The 437 project was born when Avera saw a critical need for a mental health public awareness campaign as the need to prevent suicide became increasingly apparent. Each year over 48,000 people in the United States die by suicide leaving behind thousands of loved ones to endure this life-changing loss.



A journey of 437 miles begins with a first step. Runner Marty Wennblom started the journey across South Dakota.

“The 437 Project is a way to support several areas that are a great fit for Avera, physical activity and reducing the stigma around mental health issues,” said Lindsey Meyers, Vice President for Public Relations at Avera. “We are passionate advocates for suicide prevention, and we are proud to work together to help save lives.”

One of the projects Avera supports is the Helpline Center. The Helpline Center is the only accredited suicide crisis center in the state of South Dakota. In existence since 1974, the Helpline Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Every year the Helpline Center offers guidance and hope to many people who have experienced thoughts of suicide. In 2023 over 100,000 people were served.

At 7 AM on September 19th, the 437 Project began when a lone runner took the first step. The total distance from the Wyoming border to the end of the race on the Iowa border is 437 miles. Hence, the 437 Project.

The first runner of the day was Retired Lieutenant Colonel Martin “Marty” Wennblom. Mr. Wennblom currently teaches 7th Grade Science and Social Studies at North Middle School, in Rapid City, South Dakota where he resides with his wife, Amber, and three children.

One of his first connections to Belle Fourche was attending the United States Military Academy at West Point the same time as Belle Fourche graduate Ryan Nenaber.

An accomplished long-distance runner, Mr. Wennblom has found his niche in teaching at North Middle School. “I love the kids.” He said. He also praised the North Middle School teachers and administration.

The second runner of the day was Mark Scharnberg. Mark has been a runner as far back as he can remember. Today he is a dedicated husband and proud father who he now chases around to various school and sporting events. During the day, Mark works as the Chief Financial Officer for Vance Thompson Vision.

The remaining 10 volunteer runners are representative of a variety of occupations and regions in South Dakota. Jonathan Buchanan is a Primary Care Sports Medicine Physi-

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Marty Wennblom passes the relay baton to Martin Scharnberg at the first relay runner change at the Spearfish Canyon Golf Course. (L) Mark Scharnberg chief financial officer for Vance Thompson Vision, Sioux Falls is ready to take the baton from Spearfish Country Club to Whitewood. *English Photos*



Several members of the 1955 first BFHS graduating class in the new structure were in attendance for the Birthday celebration community Pep Rally. *BFHS Journalism Courtesy Photo*



1965 Belle Fourche High School graduates, Scott Schuft and Keith Umenthum pause for a photo with building tour guide Ellie Schraeder. *English Photo*



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Rose Marie Riley 92

Rose Marie Riley, age 92, of Grand Junction, CO, passed away on September 9, 2024 in Grand Junction, CO.

The oldest of three children, Rose was born May 15, 1932 to Clarence and Elmore Reddick of St. Onge, SD. She attended elementary and middle school in St. Onge and then graduated high school in Spearfish, SD.

On July 7, 1951, Rose married Dale Riley. They had three children which they raised in Belle Fourche, SD. After her husband retired from their Phillips 66 gas station, in 1990 they moved from the Black Hills, SD area to Grand Junction, CO. She loved to correspond with many relatives and friends and enjoyed making her own cards to do this. In her later years she entered the computer age sending emails and enjoyed gathering photos from friends and family. Seeing the great-grandkids happy and growing were moments that she really cherished.

Rose was always full of hospitality as her life was centered around home, family, and friends. She was a home body whose house was always tidy and open to relatives and guests passing through to visit. Throughout the years boredom was never entertained. She did many creative and crafty projects and some skilled ones, like knitting, sewing, and quilting. Towards the end of her life, we found out she was good at drawing



and painting too. Nature was her place of being at peace and getting renewed. She always enjoyed taking an outdoor walk or a scenic drive, but Rose especially loved being in her vegetable and flower gardens. In fact, she used to say her therapy was digging in the dirt.

Rose was preceded in death by Dale Riley, her husband of 71 years, their son Randall Riley, her parents Clarence (Dick) Reddick and Elmore (Furois) Reddick, and by her brother Duane Reddick.

Rose is survived by her two daughters Linda Dyer and Diane Garduna, one sister Rita Heinert, 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, and many other beloved family and friends.

Rose will be buried alongside her husband, Dale Riley, at the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado in Grand Junction, CO.

No memorial service will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

St. Onge Cemetery % Raymond Kinghorn 19915 St. Onge Rd., St. Onge, SD 57779

To see more photos and information about Rose please go to www.dignitymemorial.com, search Rose Marie Riley, then scroll all the way down to the bottom of the page.

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

James 1:17

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Genesis 8:22

As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.

1 Chronicles 16:11

Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually. You show me the path of life.

Psalms 16:11

In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Matthew 24:32-33

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

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After the end of the second trimester, the State may regulate or prohibit abortion, except when abortion is necessary, in the medical judgment of the woman's physician, to preserve the life or health of the pregnant woman.

WHAT IT MEANS:

1st Trimester:
Because of the vague word "effectuation," meaning "to bring about," the State would be completely **unable to regulate abortion in any way.**
Even health/safety standards and parental notification requirements would be canceled.

2nd Trimester:
Abortion would still be legal for any reason, **even after the child is viable outside of the womb.**
The State can only begin to impose safety standards on abortion facilities during the second trimester. This poses a huge risk to women's health.

3rd Trimester:
The U.S. Supreme Court defines "health" as "all factors - physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age." This broad definition of health would allow for **late-term abortion even after viability.**
With this language under Roe v. Wade, abortionists were allowed to perform late-term and even partial-birth abortions.

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Opinion-Editorial: Shared-licensed Spectrum Means More Internet Connectivity and Opportunity for Rural America

Rep. Oren Lesmeister
Special to the Beacon

As a legislator representing rural communities in northwestern South Dakota, I know firsthand the challenges my constituents face in trying to access high-speed internet service.

Limited connectivity is a serious problem for businesses, schools, healthcare providers, and families in many rural communities. But there is a solution on the horizon that can provide reliable and affordable broadband to these underserved communities: shared-licensed spectrum.

Wireless spectrum is the lifeblood of modern connectiv-



Rep. Oren Lesmeister
ity, yet rural areas have historically been left behind as major mobile carriers focused their investments on more populous markets.

That's why enabling effi-

cient and affordable spectrum sharing should be a priority for federal officials who seeking to bridge the rural digital divide.

By allowing multiple parties to utilize the same band of spectrum, shared-licensed models make building networks in remote areas much more viable.

Beyond mobile broadband, there is a growing need for rural wireless connectivity to power precision agriculture, livestock monitoring, transportation, education, healthcare, and other critical applications.

Dynamic sharing technology, which is used in the Citi-

zens Broadband Radio Service (CBRS) band, is real-world proof of how shared spectrum can unlock opportunity for rural areas.

Thousands of small wireless providers are leveraging CBRS to deliver reliable, high-speed services to rural homes, businesses, and community institutions that have long been neglected by the major providers.

The failure of the major providers to bring 5G to more rural communities illustrates why the old playbook of exclusive, full-power licensing doesn't work for rural communities. Shared and unlicensed spectrum enables more agile, geograph-

ically focused deployments by alternative network providers. This allows them to fill gaps in coverage and provide effective competition at a local level - something desperately needed in our rural communities.

As someone who has seen the transformative impact of connectivity, I know that shared-licensed spectrum is essential to closing America's digital divide, particularly in places like South Dakota.

It's time for policymakers in Washington, DC to empower us with the tools we need to thrive in the digital age. The future of rural America depends on it.

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District 28A

Black Hills Roundup Committee Begins Plans for Next Year

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Black Hills Roundup Committee met on September 18 for the first time since the Fourth of July rodeo. Conversation about the celebration took center stage. Things that went well, along with things that the board can learn from and improve next year, were discussed.

The social media campaign to draw attention to the Black Hills Roundup has been working.

Alisha Barry, Social Media Director said, "I think things have been going really well, we kind of peaked this month, we had over 900,000 people on our page this last month. That's astronomical." She said last year at this time, there were only 25,000 people visiting the Black Hills Roundup

page. "Some of our reels are at 400,000 views, which is up from around a couple thousand at this time last year," she said.

Board President, Dallas Conner, shared that rodeo ticket sales were down \$6,000 in 2024 from 2023. The rodeos on the third and fourth were up by \$24,000 over 2023, but the rodeos on the first and second didn't sell out. "I think the dates, our dates this year, were not favorable, so the fact that we're only \$6,000 behind is pretty good all in all."

One concern that was discussed was late notice on sold out rodeos.

People showed up to the ticket booth to buy tickets when there were not any available. Would-be rodeo goers reacted in "not-so positive" ways.

Plans to fix this for next sum-

mer were discussed. Putting a "Sold Out" sign up by the entrance of the Roundup Grounds, so that visitors won't be disappointed after finding parking and walking all the way to the rodeo entrance to find out tickets are sold out, was one idea. Other ideas will be explored.

Next year, seating will be moving from general admission to more reserved seating, with less allotted area for general admission.

People will have assigned seats and know where to sit when they buy a ticket next summer.

Fireworks are planned for next year and are scheduled for the nights of the second and third again.

Merchandise sales made over \$11,000 for June 29 through July 5.

During the week of the Fourth, net sales were \$26,324.75, with costs being \$13,182.14.

All board positions are filled and preparations for next year's celebration are underway.



Rounds Encourages High School Seniors to Submit Applications for Nomination to U.S. Service Academies

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) is currently accepting applications from high school seniors who are looking to attend a U.S. service academy after graduation.

"Each year, I am honored to nominate our nation's future military leaders to U.S. service academies," said Rounds.

"By attending an academy, not only will students have the opportunity to serve our nation and help lead the best military in the world, but they will receive an excellent education at a top-notch institution.

I encourage young South Dakotans looking to answer the call of duty to consider applying to one of our service academies."

Applications for the 2025-2026 freshman class (Class of 2029) are due by **October 1, 2024.**

Nominations are available for the following institutions: *the United States Air Force Academy, United States Military Academy at West Point, United States Naval Academy at Annapolis and United States Merchant Marine Academy.*

Those interested in learning about the academy application process can reach out to Rounds' Rapid City office at (605) 343-5035 or Academy_Nominations@rounds.senate.gov.

An informational packet and the application packet can be found on Rounds' website at <https://www.rounds.senate.gov/constituents/academy-nominations>.

Meals on Wheels from A1

They had quite an assembly line." Rosander said she hopes the partnership continues; "We partnered with them and are planning for next year to make it bigger and better."

Let'er Buck 4-H Club reached out and wanted to contribute to the winter box endeavor. The kids made over 70 care packs that go along side the Blizzard Boxes. The care bags included items such as, hot cocoa, hot apple cider and oatmeal packets.

Print Market donated sticker sheets that were used to print all the donors' names and include with the Blizzard Boxes.

"So our people know everyone

that contributed, whether it was local businesses, local individuals, or families," said Rosander.

The boxes are all packed up and ready to be delivered. "I usually try to get my blizzard meals out by the first of October, when the weather can start changing," explained Rosander.

Seniors can use the food at their discretion.

Rosander stressed, "If you know someone out there that is struggling—groceries are really, really tight and grocery prices keep going up—maybe reach out to them or stop by and get them a menu to look over." Meals are provided for a donation to anyone over age 60.

County Comm. from A1
ments and ideas for managing the more than 800 miles of roads in the county.

Hanson pointed out that the Plan is a living document and can be changed as circumstances warrant. He also noted that there was no grant money available to improve or remove Gammon Bridge near Vale.

The bridge has been closed for several years, however, it seems to still be used by motorcycles and other ATVs. Area residents pointed out that the bridge is dangerous and something needs to be done to assure safety.

During Public Comments, Sue Broadhurst thanked the Highway Department for improving some roads, but also mentioned rough bridges. She then asked why the commissioners always use Butler Machine for county purchases.

Dale Simanton urged the commissioners to buy locally and said that he felt there were several area merchants that could have made a good deal for the equipment needed by the county. He thanked the commissioners for letting people speak, that it was a change that has been needed.

He addressed the process of looking and buying a new building for the Sheriff's Department.

"If you buy a building, we will make you put it on a ballot," he said.

Renewal of Black Hills Buds Cultivation license came before the commissioners.

There had been a Cease and Desist Order issued against BH Buds because of foster care children living too close to the facility. The children have been adopted which brings BH Buds into compliance.

Commissioner Karrol Herman pointed out that it was very important that the facility keep the fence in good order.

A member of the audience asked why there's a difference between having foster children and the children being adopted but living at the same residence. There was no clear answer, but could lead to a clearer change in the ordinance.

A roll call vote of four "Aye" and one "Nay" approved the license. BH Buds will begin growing marijuana as soon as possible according to CEO Calvin Reilly.

A resolution was signed by the commissioners proclaiming National 4-H Week 2024 the first week of October. The resolution reads in part as follows:

"Whereas, for the past 120 years, 4-H has served America's young people to make the best better and is now the Nation's largest youth development organization.

Whereas, National 4-H week reminds people about 4-H by spotlighting the different members, volunteers,

and opportunities within the program.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Fourth 4-H Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that it calls upon the South Dakota State Legislature, South Dakota Governor, County Commissioners, and City Mayors to proclaim National 4-H Week in 2024 within their jurisdiction."

Final approval was given to the 2025 Budget with changes to the Auditor, Sheriff, Highway, Fire, and Library Departments. An employee in the Auditor's Department was missed represented. The Sheriff's Department was raised by \$2,100 for 6 cellular radios. The Highway Department was increased by \$20,000 for Minor Equipment because a budgeted item came in more than the estimate. And the Fire and Library has minor increases due to growth.

A Special Event Liquor License was granted to the Branding Iron Steakhouse for a wedding on September 28.

A Dispatch Contract with the city of Belle Fourche was signed by the commissioners for January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2029.

The next regular Butte County Commission meeting will be October 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Butte County Courthouse.

Upcoming events,
for more information call:
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- Sept 26 - 5PM-7PM Chamber Chili Challenge
- Sept 27 - 7:30AM Caramel Rolls & Coffee @ Belle Silver Lining
- Sept 28 - 9AM Red Onion Market, 10AM BF Antiques Open House, BF Soccer @ Roundup Complex
- Sept 29 - 5PM Supper at St James Lutheran
- Sept 30 - 6PM Halloween Auditions @ Tri State Museum
- Oct 1 - 6PM Halloween Auditions @ Tri-State Museum

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Chamber Chili Challenge

The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce is hosting the **Chamber Chili Challenge on Thursday Sept 26th from 5PM-7PM.**

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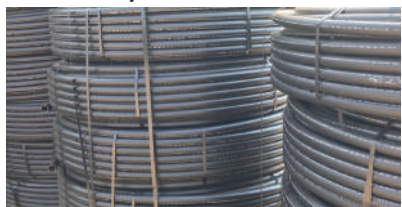
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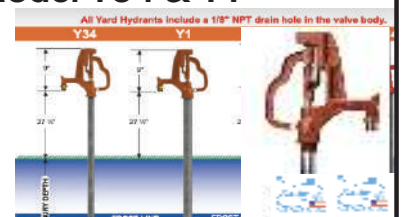
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TO THE LADY BRONCS VOLLEYBALL TEAM IN THEIR UPCOMING TOURNAMENT!

Bronc Sports Updates

Boys Football

Tuesday the 17th the boys varsity golf team headed to Spearfish to take on their conference rivals at Spearfish Canyon Golf Course. The nine hole, 3224 yard golf course proved no match for Issac Voyles, the Senior shot a 80 on the day finishing 4th overall. Continuing his hot start Voyles has been on a tear lately finishing in the top ten in every tournament this year so far. Freshman Noah Mailloux finished 18th on the day shooting a 96. Willam Carson and Riggin Lutter tied for 23rd both finishing with 104. Gabriel Raba finished 27th with a 109 and Tatum Martin finished 30th shooting a 117. The boys next play Tuesday the 24th at the Black Hills Conference Invite in Lead.

Bronc Golf

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Varsity Soccer

The boys varsity soccer team was in Sturgis last Thursday continuing their season by taking on the Scoopers. The boys squad continued to struggle losing 7-1. The lone goal was from Keagan Walker on a penalty kick. It was a very physical game with a lot well executed passes and plays from the Broncos but unfortunately more from Sturgis. "Win or lose the Bronc fans are always proud of the good sportsmanship, dedication, and heart the team exhibits" commented Bronc fan Sally Mason. The boys are back on the field September the 26th when they take on Custer on the road.

Cross Country

The boys and girls varsity cross country teams competed in the Eldon Knudson cross country meet last Thursday at Rocky Knolls Country Club in Custer. After her second place finish last week the 8th grader Lia Mundt took first place in the event with a time of 20:48. Lia has continued to prove week and and out she can compete with any runners in the state, only being an 8th grader

has all the potential you could ask for from a young student athlete. Lennon Clarkson who took first in the Belle Fourche Invite last week took second in the event with a total time of 17:40. Lennon also is a bright spot for this Broncs team continuing to finish in the top ten over and over again. For the girls Rhys Pearson took 8th with a time of 23:15, Misty Drieling 10th 23:24, and Alexa Stone 15th 24:31 in the top 15th. As for the boys in the top 15th Lennon Clarkson was the only one in that category.

Bronc Vollyball

The Belle Fourche Broncs girls volleyball traveled to Bowman North Dakota last week to take on the Bowman County Bulldogs last Tuesday the 17th. Nothing seemed to be going in their favor that night as they unfortunately lost 3 sets to 0. The Broncs were at home this past Thursday where Hot Springs traveled into town in an inter conference matchup. After going down 2 sets to nothing the Broncs answered by winning a set but their comeback was a little to short and they ended up losing 3 sets to 1. Hoping to improve their scoring there is optimism about ladies turning things around and finishing the season strong. This Saturday please come out and show your support as the Broncs host the Belle Fourche Tournament.



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Junior **Griffin Biehl**, #24 on the attack against Sturgis



Junior **Joshua Brill** #8 fights for possession of the ball against a Sturgis defender last Thursday night. *Potter Photos*



Freshman **Brahnson Brink**, #2 defends Sturgis from pushing the ball



Fighting for possession of the ball against the Spearfish defense.



Aurora Volyes #19, works to get under the ball *Hockenbary Photos*



Mya Nowowiejski #5 gets gritty to save the ball.



Mya Bush #14 is in the hunt to save the opponent's pass.



Bronc Vollyball in timeout huddles against Hot Springs

Jackson Dental is Passionate About Community

Robbi Longbrake
news@bellefourchebeacon.com
BELLE FOURCHE—Jackson Dental has been passionate about serving the local community and recently added a new community-focused page to their website that centers on monthly community involvement and invites the public to join in the charities they champion.

“Actually, the page itself is new, but the Jackson Dental’s involvement in the community has been going on for years and years and years,” said Tallia Nighswonger, Community Outreach Director.

The practice’s community outreach efforts have been ongoing since the practice was founded in 1986.

Giving back to the community is built into the foundation of the business, starting with Dr. John Jackson and his wife, Patty. “Back in the 80s they even had that servant mindset,” said Nighswonger. “And then when Dr. Christopher and Hope purchased the practice, they definitely just continued that servant leadership.”

All the employees at Jackson Dental are on board with the giving back atmosphere. “We do two things where our whole team volunteers their time.

In July we had our fifth annual Jackson Dental Charity Golf Tournament and our whole team donates their time to that.”

All of the money that is raised from the tournament is matched by the doctors and donated to a charity that benefits children in the area.

“We actually raised just over \$7,000, and then we matched that amount that we raised, and \$15,000 was donated to the Children’s Home Society,” explained

Nighswonger. “The other thing that the whole team participates in, volunteer-wise, is on Veterans Day, we do an event called Smiles for Freedom,” said Nighswonger.

Smiles for Freedom provides veterans and active duty military with free dental care.

They offer all services, from cleaning and checkups to crowns. “Really anything we can do to help people who maybe can’t afford it.” Nighswonger explained that the whole team volunteers their time that day. “No one gets paid, not even the doctors. They just all volunteer to serve those who served.”

They plan to focus on a different project each month. For September the group has adopted Compassion Cupboard as their community need to fill.

The Compassion Cupboard, led by Belle Fourche Ministerial, provides emergency assistance for utilities, gas, and essential food items to approximately 130-160 families monthly.

It was chosen after a post on social media asked the public for anything they could do to help. “So we took that to our doctors and the board of directors and said hey, this is a need that we see in the community, how can we help?”

They just have yes mindsets about anything we can do to help people, they’re totally on board,” explained Nighswonger.

The business will match every donation with \$1. So for every item you bring in, or canned good, cash will also be donated. Unfortunately, the

public hasn’t participated as much as hoped. “We actually haven’t gotten any donations, which we’re super bummed about,” said Nighswonger.

For October, Jackson Dental will participate in a candy buyback program for Halloween.

They go to the Rec Center and hand out glow sticks and toothbrushes. “Of course, we don’t hand out candy. If kids get too much candy, they can come into the office and we’ll give them \$1 per pound and then that candy is donated.

It’s shipped to our military members overseas,” explained Nighswonger. “It’s so much fun to be a part of a team that does all of this fun stuff,” added Jennifer Tudor, Business Coordinator.

November’s give-back plan is already in the works; this will be the third year that Jackson Dental will donate an entire Thanksgiving meal to a family in need in the area.

They will take nominations and the winning family will get everything they need to prepare a Thanksgiving dinner, “including the turkey, the stuffing, the cranberries, the whole nine yards, we will go and purchase all of those items and deliver them to the winning family,” said Nighswonger.

“There’s lots of really cool things that that we do throughout the year,” explained Nighswonger. “But it’s really just a team effort for everybody.” Check the website each month and see what Jackson Dental is up to in the community, and maybe decide to get involved as well.



The Jackson Dental staff and employees pose for team photo of the Children’s Home Society check proceeds from the 5th Annual Jackson Dental Charity Golf Tournament. Courtesy Photo



The Bronc varsity volleyball squad lines up before the national anthem and introductions before they take on Hot Springs. Potter Photos



The Bronc varsity squad stretching during half time of Lead-Deadwood game Friday night. More Bronc photos in Section C.

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They will be honored during pregame of the Homecoming/Hall of Fame football game on October 11. Ceremony will start approximately at 5:45 pm.



Freshman Maya Nowowiejski, #5 serving the ball against Hot Springs.



Senior Kailey Nowowiejski #1 getting ready to serve the ball.

Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater has announced the cast of their latest show, a one act production, "Charlie's Masterpiece", by local author Stephanie Bussiere. The cast includes Katarina Steeves as Charlie, Wes Barnhouse as Sammy, Rachel Munce as Gloria, Michael Meemken as Dad, and Emma Tinsley as Mika. The directors are Allie Jusso-Verry and Stephanie Bussiere. The opening performance will be October 10th at the BF Rec Center Theater as part of the annual Getting Our Acts Together with other Northern Hills Theaters.

Want to help promote FINE ARTS in our schools? The Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters (FAB) has also returned to their regular monthly meetings and invite all to join them in supporting and promoting fine arts programs in the BFMS and BFHS. Their next meeting will be October 16th at 6 PM at Graps.

Remember to head on down to the Chamber of Commerce office to purchase your **Center of the Nation Concert Series tickets** - \$50 for Adults, \$25 for Students & \$120 for families is a great deal for FIVE concerts right here in Belle Fourche! The first concert will be October 4th at the **BF Rec Center Theater**.

Now is a good time to add these school and other fine arts events to your calendars!

October 4: Jerad Freiberg - Hits of the 50s - The Center of the Nation Concert Series - 1st Concert! 7 PM at the BF Rec Center Theater. Admission with 5-Concert CON Ticket. (\$50 for Adult, \$25 for Student & \$120 for a family - for ALL 5 CONCERTS!)

October 10: BFACT presents: the 3rd Annual Getting Our Acts Together: A Night of Northern Hills One-Acts.

October 11: Belle Fourche School District Parade & Homecoming game, including the BFHS & BFMS marching bands

October 21: The BFHS Band & Chorus Concert, 7 PM at the BF Rec Center Theater

November 2: South Dakota All-State Band & Chorus concert in Sioux Falls & on PBS

November 11: Veterans' Day Programs @ the BFMS (2 PM) & the BFHS (9 AM)

November 21-23: BFHS Fall Production - TBA!

December 2: BFHS Band & Chorus Concert, 7 PM at the BF Rec Center Theater

December 9: BFHS/MS Jazz Concert, 7 PM at the BF Rec Center Theater

December 13-15: BFACT holiday production: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, the Musical.

December 16: BFMS (6-8th) Chorus Concert @ the BF Rec Center Theater, 6:30 PM

December 20: Belle Fourche K-4th Grade Concert, BF Rec Center Theater, times TBA

January 20: BFMS Band Concert @ the BF Rec Center Theater, 6:30 PM

Maybe YOU know what SHOW is UP next? Share your fine arts tidbits and upcoming events at bellelavenue@gmail.com. I especially love the *juicy backstage dish and green room gossip!* Mark your calendars, friends, so you don't forget to Show Up!

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Five concerts, presented by professional artists, are being offered this season by the **Center of the Nation Concert Association**. For over 30 years the group has brought high quality entertainment to the stage of the Belle Fourche Rec Center.

Jared Freiburg and the Vagabonds open the season on Friday, October 4, at 7 pm.

Piano maestro Freiburg and his trio will present memorable tunes from Sinatra to Elvis. Their genre covers country, jazz, blues and rock and roll.

Later shows will see the return of the **Doo Wah Riders**, Floyd Cramer style piano, recreation of the Beach Boys and an a cappella ensemble. Thé shows are designed to be appealing to young and old and cover many styles of music.

Season tickets are \$50 for adults, \$120 for a family and \$25 for students. All Association members have tickets for sale, along with the Tri State Museum and the Chamber of Commerce.

Contacts for more information are Connie Husband, Mary Kennon or Mary Wendt.

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Little Missouri, South Dakota Sets the Stage for Suspense in the Fourth Installment of the Engaging West River Mysteries

Little Missouri, SD – Immerse yourself in the captivating world of Little Missouri with See Jane Dig!, the highly anticipated fourth book in Jolene Stratton Philo's cozy mystery series, the West River Mysteries. Philo, an emerging talent in the genre, continues to enchant readers with her unique blend of small-town, western charm and riveting suspense.

Little Missouri, population 92, is located in Tipperary County, which occupies the northwest corner of the state. In the spring of 1978, rookie schoolteacher Jane Newell and her country school students set off on a field trip to a local dinosaur dig. But their day of fossil hunting turns grim when Jane discovers her former high school friend, Beanie Lavender, barely clinging to life in the lab tent.

Beanie is rushed to the hospital, and her dire condition sparks an investigation led by Sheriff Rick Sternquist and Jane. When a sudden spring snowstorm forces the dig team to find refuge at the school where Jane teaches and lives, she finds herself sharing her apartment with potential suspects.

Velma Albright, the school's curmudgeonly janitor, steps in as Jane's makeshift bodyguard.

After the snow melts and the dig team returns to their camp, Jane and

the sheriff dig into the mystery, racing against time to uncover Beanie's attacker before both she and Jane come face to face with a desperate killer.

"See Jane Dig!" combines Philo's signature warmth and wit with a suspenseful plot that will keep readers guessing. The novel, filled with vibrant characters and a richly detailed small-town setting, is an engaging addition to the West River Mysteries series.

Jolene Stratton Philo draws from her extensive background as a country schoolteacher in northwestern South Dakota and her experiences in cowboy country to craft her stories. Before becoming an author, Philo dedicated 25 years to teaching, seven of which were spent in South Dakota. Her novels reflect her deep connection to rural life and her appreciation for the ranching community where she lived.

See Jane Dig! will be available in bookstores and online retailers on October 1, 2024. Don't miss the chance to delve into the heart of Little Missouri and unravel another intriguing mystery.

For more information, to request a review copy, or to schedule an interview with Jolene Stratton Philo, please contact:

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From A1 437

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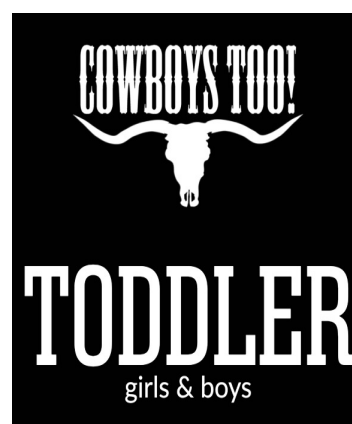
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Each of the 12 runners completed a run for several miles. After all runners had completed a turn running, the rotation was repeated to keep the relay moving. Accommodations for sleep, food and rest were provided along the way.

Communities and onlookers are encouraged to cheer and celebrate the runners on their

journey. Donations are always welcomed. In 2023, proceeds from the 437 Project raised over \$270,000 for the Helpline Center. Funds raised enabled the Helpline Center to provide suicide prevention training for caregivers and support to families who have experienced trauma through suicide.

The 437 project concluded in Sioux Falls on Sunday, September 22nd. Celebrations for these heroic volunteers, Avera's vision, and the all-out public effort to address the critical scourge



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From A1 **Birthday** contd.

On Friday, September 20 the Belle Fourche High School Building celebrated its 70th birthday. The festivities included an informational school and community assembly followed by an open invitation to enjoy a guided tour of the Belle Fourche High School between 10 AM and noon. The opportunity to visit former high school classrooms

and hallways is a tempting treat, whether the memories evoked are uncomfortable or pleasing. High school tour guides received special briefing at the Friday morning assembly. Visitors arrived promptly at 10 AM and kept coming though out the morning. School was in session and visitors were invited to step into classrooms. Not many people can say their high school alma mater building has been in continuous service for 70 years and not everyone has had an opportunity to revisit the past and compare it to the present. Not everyone can say they attended a 70th birthday celebration for a building. Overall, the 70th birthday party for the present Belle Fourche High School building was a much appreciated, respectful overture to both the building and the community. We hope there will be a 71st celebration next year!



The High School choir performed at the 70th Birthday Party Community Pep Rally BFHS Journalism Courtesy Photo



The Gymnasium as it appears in 2024; A few outdated television screens in the 'repurpose' room at the high school is testimony to the myriad and rapid changes in high schools during the past 70 years. English Photos



(from Left) Lunch opportunities have improved; The school still has lockers, but they are no longer used following the COVID epidemic. Most students can carry a small laptop from class to class easily without changing books at their lockers for each class. Student are allowed to rent a locker if needed.; The first floor hallway; Sections of the "Legacy Wall" in the student center. Students and faculty can purchase a brick for \$15 for a commemorative message. English Photos

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Anything Left in the Barrel?

Fall snuck up and arrived here on Sunday. Not really wanted fall colors to turn from golden oranges to white, but I supposed that its not far behind

In section C of this edition is an article about Elk hunting. Friend Alan Roth following in a long family tradition took home what I'd say is a beauty!

Thoroughly enjoyed watching and

supporting the 437 Project as they made the relay trek run across the state for suicide prevention. They had raised at this writing (1:36 pm, Saturday September 21) raising funds to support the Helpline Center \$67,492 as they made it to a gathering at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, runners having traversed 358.5 of the 437 miles at that point. The funds raised will be matched as well. The Helpline Center is the only accredited suicide crisis center in South Dakota and the 988 number serves the entire state. The relay ended Sunday at the Iowa border.

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Local Belle Fourche attorney pinned with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel



Pictured from left to right are Kellen Willert parents, **Brad and Diane Willert, Logan, Hope, Kellen, Jenelle, and Blake Willert.** *Courtesy Photo*

Local Belle Fourche attorney Kellen B. Willert was pinned with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) by his wife and three children at a ceremony held with the 196th MEB on September 8, 2024.

LTC Willert enlisted in the South Dakota Army National Guard during college and also received an Army ROTC scholarship at SDSU. LTC Willert was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Signal Corps after graduating from SDSU, took a year off from school to attend Army training at various locations, and then went to law school at USD.

While in law school, LTC Willert continued to serve in the South Dakota Army National Guard holding various positions including S6 for the 139th BSB; Platoon Leader and Executive Officer for the 115th Signal Company, and then again as S6 for the 139th.

After graduating from law school, then Captain Willert moved positions to the US Army JAG Corps. Since joining the JAG Corps, LTC Willert has served in various roles in the JAG Corps including Trial Counsel for the 196th MEB, Defense Counsel for the 891st JA Trial Defense Team, Defense Counsel for the 707th JA General Detachment, Trial Counsel and Command Judge Advocate for the 109th RSG, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate and Chief of Criminal Justice and Legal Engagements for Combined Joint

Task Force – Horn of Africa, performed work for the Department of Defense Institute for International Legal Studies by training international forces in multiple foreign countries.

Willert is currently serving as the Command Judge Advocate for the 196th MEB.

LTC Willert resides in Belle

Fourche with his wife, Jenelle, and their three children. LTC

Willert is a partner at the Belle Fourche law firm of Bennett Main Gubbrud & Willert, P.C. in Belle Fourche, and volunteers with and is a member of many civic organizations in the community.

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Storree Halverson, is the new BFHS art teacher. Ms. Halverson is a native of Casper, WY and a graduate of *Casper College*.

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Many Belle Fourche area residents and regional guests have enjoyed the waning days of summer taking advantage of the warm days camping/residing in Rocky Point campground at Orman Dam. One Belle business person shared this final summer of 2024 sunset at Orman with the Beacon.

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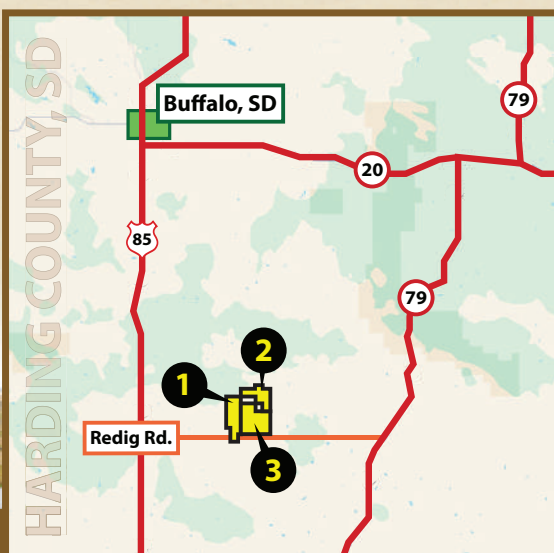
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Table with columns: Calves, Location, Quantity, Price. Includes entries for Mopherson, Jay, Piedmont SD and Talcott, Duane, Hammond MT.

Table with columns: Yearlings, Location, Quantity, Price. Includes entries for Crago Land & Livestock, Belle Fourche SD and Edwards, Marty, Gillette WY.

Table with columns: Weigh Cows, Location, Quantity, Price. Includes entries for Baker, Mike J, St Onge SD and Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT.

Table with columns: Weigh Up Bulls, Location, Quantity, Price. Includes entries for Baker, Mike J, St Onge SD and Bush Ranch Inc, Fa, Hulett WY.

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Jim Konechne -- 41 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 550-700# - BT, PC

2024 CATTLE SALES
October 4th -- Yearling & Spring Calf Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Friday, October 11th -- Yearling & Spring Calf Special
Saturday, October 12th -- 1st Saturday Weigh Up Sale
Friday, October 18th -- Yearling & Spring Calf Special
Saturday, October 19th -- Weigh Up Cattle & Early Bred Cow Special
Wednesday, October 23rd -- 1st Wednesday Spring Calf Special
Friday, October 25th -- Yearling & Spring Calf Special
Saturday, October 26th -- Weigh Up Sale
Wednesday, October 30th -- Spring Calf Special
Friday, November 1st -- Spring Calf Special
Saturday November 2nd -- Bred Heifer & Cow Special Along With Weigh Ups
Wednesday, November 6th -- Spring Calf Special
Friday, November 8th -- Spring Calf Special
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Friday, November 15th -- Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 16th -- Bred Heifer & Cow Special Along With Weigh Ups
Friday, November 22nd -- Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 23rd -- Bred Heifer & Cow Special Along With Weigh Ups
Friday, November 29th -- No Sale -- Happy Thanksgiving
Saturday, November 30th -- Annual Thanksgiving Bred Heifer & Stock Cow Special
Friday, December 6th -- Spring Calf Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Friday, December 13th -- Spring Calf Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Friday, December 20th -- Last Sale Of 2024 -- Bred Heifer & Cow Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle

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Thursday, September 26, 2024
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October 17th -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 24th -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 31st -- Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 7th -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 14th -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 21st -- Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 28th -- No Sale -- Happy Thanksgiving!
December 5th -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 12th -- Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 19th -- Regular Sale -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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Sheep Report - Thursday, September 19, 2024

Nice run of sheep for annual replacement ewe special
Lambs sold steady to \$2 higher
Slaughter ewes sold steady to \$2 lower
Lots of demand for replacement ewes
Pooled slaughter ewes
Fat Ewes346 Hd\$80 To \$81
Medium Ewes466 Hd\$68 To \$72.50
Thin Ewes358 Hd\$62

Next sale - September 26th - Feeder Lamb Special - 1 PM
Animals should be here by noon so they can be weighed before the sale
Thank you for your business!

Table with columns: Ewe Lambs, Location, Quantity, Price. Includes entries for Bar 69 Ranch, Belle Fourche SD and Davis, Marlene, Belle Fourche SD.

Table with columns: Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head, Location, Quantity, Price. Includes entries for Tetrauit, Jim, St Onge SD and Tetrauit, Jim, St Onge SD.

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by Mary Buchholz

MET DEATH IN BLIZZARD

107 years ago
Camp Crook's
Range Gazette
February 9, 1917

Lost on Storm-Swept
Prairie Girl Dies and Man
Has Narrow Escape

Miss Flossie Heimbaugh, ages 25 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heimbaugh of Belle Fourche, was frozen to death early last Sunday morning on the prairie in northwestern Butte county.

Walter Wilson of Albion, Mont., who was with Miss Heimbaugh and made heroic effort to save her, had a very narrow escape from death. He was brought to the Camp Crook hospital Tuesday by his brother, J. L. Wilson for treatment. He is suffering with a terribly frozen face and will probably lose several toes.

Mr. Wilson gives The Gazette the following account of the tragedy: He was returning Saturday from Belle Fourche with a load of supplies and upon arrival at the Heimbaugh ranch, about 35 miles out from Belle Fourche Miss Heimbaugh decided to accompany him for a visit at the Wilson home.

For some time after noon the weather was pleasant, and they had proceeded some "six or seven miles when the rapidly lowering temperatures and approaching blizzard impelled them to turn back toward the Heimbaugh place. The storm increased in fury and the temperature dropped over 40 degrees in an hour or two.

Soon after turning back on the road the wagon broke down, the front trucks being pulled

from under the load, thus making their plight more serious. They decided it was best to lead the teams and proceed on foot, thinking there would be little difficulty in finding shelter.

Meanwhile the storm had increased in violence, it was becoming bitterly cold and night had overtaken them. Their progress was slow because of the darkness, the snowdrifts and the beating, blinding storm. It was impossible to follow the road; their only guide was the direction of the storm; yet they missed two other ranches besides the Heimbaugh place, and as it turned out, drifted to the southward.

After wandering around until nearly daylight in a vain effort to reach a habitation, Miss Heimbaugh finally sank exhausted. Wilson found a low bank which furnished some shelter; got the girl under it, wrapped her with as much of his clothing as he dared to take from his body, and at once set off in search for help. The storm was unabating. Wilson got on one of the horses. He would go in one direction and keep his bearings so as to be able to return to the girl's assistance; then he would strike out another way. Several hours were thus spent by Wilson; his strength was beginning to wane; he realized that his face and feet were freezing.

Finally, in going over a bank, he tumbled from the horse; the freezing stupor was apparently crawling over him. Wilson says it was only by a superhuman effort that he ever got up again. He felt that it was all over anyway; the inclination was to lie

there and rest. Summoning all his remaining strength, he managed to regain his feet and, with the aid of a friendly snowbank, remounted the horse. Within the next few minutes a sheep wagon loomed in view.

Two men were found at the wagon - the owner, Mr. Stetta, and his herder. Wilson was able to direct the men to the spot, less than a quarter-mile distant, where he had left Miss Heimbaugh not over a half hour before. Upon their arrival the woman's life had sped.

The body was at once taken to Belle Fourche where the mother and younger children reside and the funeral was held yesterday. Decreased was a sister of Mrs. Irwin Gilbert of Harding. The Heimbaughs have resided in or near Belle Fourche for many years and are well known and highly respected. Mr. Heimbaugh is a prominent and successful stockman.

Walter Wilson located two years ago on a homestead eight miles east of Albion and fifteen miles northwest of the Heimbaugh ranch. That he is alive to narrate the terrible experience can be attributed only to the rugged constitution with which he was endowed and his display of indomitable pluck. And yet, the physical and mental shock he has suffered must have a lifelong effect.

[Editor's note - I live on the Stetta ranch on Frozen Horse Creek, named for this event]

him at 70 yards.

Didn't know for sure it was the same bull until I got up to him. Such a relief that it was. You could see my broad head

mark from a few nights before on his shoulder".

Oh, almost forgot, Alan shared photo of his Grandpa's Elk and in the Rochford area

cabin was another bull Elk that had been taken by Alan's father, Troy Roth. Can you expect any future Roth children will gain knowledge of Black Hills Elk?

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Every hunter usually has stories about the hunts to tell.

We at the Beacon felt this was a hunting story worthwhile to share.

Our friend, insurance agent Alan Roth got his South Dakota Elk this hunting season. It was the first Elk he had ever shot.

In 2016 he drew his first Black Hills Elk tag. He had had 16 years of preference. The tag was for rifle in the H2 unit. He hunted 30 days that October and never harvested an Elk.

This year he drew with 16 years of preference an Archery taag in unit H7.

Before returning to live and work in South Dakota, the Sturgis native had previously guided elk hunts in Craig Colorado for a 3 year period.

Alan had had both Colorado and Idaho elk tags, but again, this was the first time he had ever shot an elk.

Alan had commented to me, "There is nothing like getting close to a bugling bull. you can

actually feel the bugle. It is a crazy feeling!"

The first shot on this bull had hit him in the shoulder.

The shot basically bounced off the Elk and left no blood trail.

That was on 09/11/24. Exactly 20 years after his grandpa, also Al, shot his archery elk. 09/11/04.

At that time Alan was sitting on his Dad's lap 40 yards away when that happened.

We didn't pursue, but about that event, Alan commented, "lots of good stories behind that hunt."

The story of the Bull Elk he did get this year the best way to tell is in the hunters own word, "I actually had him at 136 yards on 9/11 the wind felt like it was blowing 100 mph. I was able to belly crawl to 75 yards, got him to stop broadside and hit him in the darn shoulder.

Three nights later I found a bull, watched him bed down; sat in the woods for 2 hours waiting for him to stand up.

He did and walked into a clearing to my left and shot hit



Alan Roth, his wife Hayley and Dad Troy with the Black Hills Elk he shot.



Elk with archery wound from three days prior.



Roth family Elk on display in Rochford area cabin. (Left) Troy Roth's and Alan's Grandpa, Al Roth's on the right



Alan Roth on 9/11/2004 with his Grandpa's Elk. Courtesy Photos

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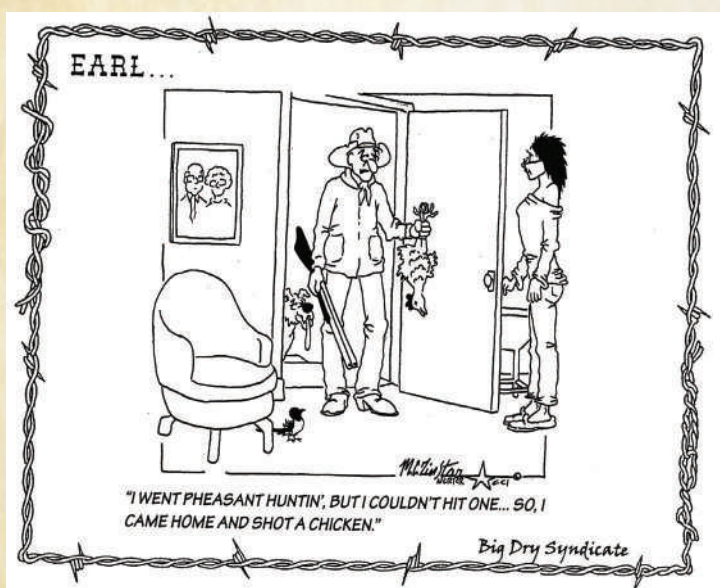
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	60	Bk/Bw-Yr Yr Str	954	236.50	\$2,256.01
	76	Bk/Bw-Yr Yr Str	817	260.00	\$2,125.32
	17	Red/Rw-Yr Yr Str	861	240.50	\$2,070.42
6 Creek Farms, Ekalaka MT	103	Black-Yr Yr Hfr	915	226.50	\$2,072.14
Leroy Schallenberg, Ekalaka MT	49	Bk/Bw-Yr Yr Hfr Op	828	227.50	\$1,882.91
S&W Livestock Llc, Arvada WY	18	Black-Yr Yr Hfr	946	220.00	\$2,080.22
Cliff Or Cheyenne Conry,					
Belle Fourche SD	18	Black-Yr Yr Hfr Spay	917	224.50	\$2,058.54
Howard & Diana White, Upton WY	69	Black-Yr Yr Hfr	751	243.50	\$1,828.36
Mary Beth White, Ranchester WY	13	Bk/Bw-Yr Yr Hfr Op	836	224.50	\$1,876.30
Ellen Reddick Trust, St Onge SD	10	Hfr-Yr Yr Hfr	999	195.50	\$1,952.06
David A Or Denise K Wagner,					
Hulett WY	10	Rd/Bk-Yr Yr Str N	769	245.50	\$1,886.66
	7	Rd/Bk-Yr Yr Str N	860	228.00	\$1,960.80
	10	Red/Rw-Yr Yr Hfr Sp	715	227.00	\$1,621.91
Sams Livestock, Weston WY	20	Black-Yr Yr Hfr	805	236.50	\$1,902.64
Daniel Bird, Olive MT	23	Black-Yr Yr Hfr	761	240.75	\$1,831.79
	38	Black-Yr Yr Hfr	864	256.00	\$1,699.03
Burdick Ranch, Baker MT	38	Black-Yr Yr Hfr	889	230.00	\$2,045.48
Cole & Lindsey Cook, Forsyth MT	25	Bk/Bw-Yr Yr Hfr Op	888	229.75	\$2,040.63
Mark Miller, Bloomfield Ne	47	Bk/Bw-Yr Yr Hfr Sp	896	221.00	\$1,979.83
Ivn Cattle Co Llc, Newcastle WY	25	Bk/Bw-Yr Yr Hfr Bv	721	249.00	\$1,795.78
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Ll,					
Belle Fourche S	10	Black-Yr Yr Hfr	815	226.00	\$1,841.90
Doolittle Wagner Ranch Ll,					
Belle Fourche S	12	Black-Yr Yr Hfr	937	225.00	\$2,107.50
Kurt Collins, Broadus MT	9	Black-Yr Yr Hfr	928	224.50	\$2,084.10
Labree's Red Hill Ranch L,					
Ekalaka MT	8	Black-Yr Yr Hfr	879	229.50	\$2,018.16
Wayne Mopherson, Sturgis SD	28	Black-Yr Yr Hfr	893	228.50	\$2,040.99
Duke Buffington, Hermosa SD	13	Black-Yr Yr Hfr	815	229.00	\$1,865.46
Mt Frye Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT	11	Black-Yr Yr Str	785	254.50	\$1,997.82
Hamilton Inc, Osage WY	17	Black-Yr Yr Hfr	883	222.00	\$1,960.78
Mecaha Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD	12	Black-Yr Yr Hfr	919	224.00	\$2,058.00
Collins Ranch Llc, Biddle MT	16	Black-Yr Yr Hfr	931	222.50	\$2,071.33
Dave Frohman, Vale SD	6	Bk/Bw-Yr Yr Str	823	240.00	\$1,974.00
CALVES					
Jae & Suzanne Notti, Otter MT	23	Black-Str	480	305.00	\$1,462.67
	17	Black-Hfr	455	293.00	\$1,332.28
Justin Yates, Hammond MT	29	Bk/Bw-Str	545	277.00	\$1,508.69
	13	Rd/Bk-Str	440	337.50	\$1,486.29
	22	Bk/Bw-Hfr	470	282.50	\$1,326.46
	9	Bk/Bw-Hfr	362	305.00	\$1,104.77
Ellen Reddick Trust, St Onge SD	10	Bk/Bw-Str	550	269.00	\$1,479.50
	13	Bk/Bw-Hfr	500	255.00	\$1,274.01
Barb Or Byron Davis,					
Belle Fourche SD	5	Red-Str	589	225.00	\$1,325.25
BRED COWS					
Jae & Suzanne Notti, Otter MT	40	Bk/Bw-Brd Cow Sm	1276	-	\$1,925.00
WEIGH-UPS					
Nate Frederickson, Spearfish SD	4	Black-Cow	1365	133.00	\$1,815.45

	1	Black-Cow	1665	129.00	\$2,147.85
Ross Potter, Spearfish SD	1	Rw-Cow	1225	149.00	\$1,825.25
Ivn Cattle Co Llc, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Cow	1655	133.00	\$2,201.15
Charlie Hensley, Rozet WY	1	Hfr-Cow	1500	131.00	\$1,965.00
Ross Potter, Spearfish SD	1	Black-Cow	1240	131.00	\$1,624.40
	1	Hfr-Cow	1595	129.00	\$2,057.55
Nate Frederickson, Spearfish SD	1	Black-Cow	1530	123.00	\$1,881.90
	3	Hfr-Cow	1462	130.00	\$1,900.16
	1	Black-Cow	1425	110.00	\$1,567.50
Ellen Reddick Trust, St Onge SD	16	Hfr-Cow	1465	132.00	\$1,933.38
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Harold & Rebecca Burch,					
Oshoto WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Fre	2275	152.00	\$3,458.00
	1	Black-Bull Drug Fre	2610	155.00	\$4,045.50
	1	Black-Bull Drug Fre	2085	167.00	\$3,481.95
Tarver Heart X Rch, Gillette WY	1	Hfr-Bull Drug Free	2040	147.00	\$2,998.80
Monte Joe Miller, Sundance WY	1	Black-Bull	2075	142.50	\$2,956.87
Marvin Smith, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Fre	1930	165.00	\$3,184.50
Owen Rumph, Biddle MT	1	Black-Bull	2110	155.00	\$3,270.50
Doyle Or Lorie Dejong, Box Elder SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Fre	1770	170.00	\$3,009.00
	1	Bw-Bull Drug Free	1725	162.50	\$2,803.12
Tyler Gaer, Mud Butte SD	1	Char-Bull Drug Free	1825	167.00	\$3,047.75
Jack Or Cindy Orwick, Newell SD	2	Char-Bull Drug Free	1943	147.50	\$2,865.18

FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL

SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT | FEEDERS @ 12 MT

YEARLINGS SNOOK LAND & LIVESTOCK-WY 200 MOSTLY BLK STRS/ SPAYED HFRS, 750-850# STRS - NI, HR / HFRS - TESTED OPEN, HR	KLING RANCH-SD 75 BLK/FEW RED STRS 850-900# ONDRIEZEK & FLIGGE-WY 60 BLK SPAYED HFRS 900-950#, TESTED OPEN, HR ENNEN/ANSTINE-SD 35 BLK OPEN HFRS 800-850#	RANDY ARPAN-MT 21 BLK SPAYED HFRS 925-850# CALVES B&L BETZ CATTLE COMPANY-WY 200 BLK CLVS 475-525#, BT SHOTS
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ON-LINE BUYERS REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY WEDNESDAY NOON PRIOR TO SALE DAY.

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UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

October 3, 2024	SPRING CALF & YRL SPECIAL & WEIGH-UPS / ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT	November 8, 2024	WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT
October 10, 2024	SPRING CALF & YRL SPECIAL / ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT	November 14, 2024	FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL - FEEDERS @ 10 MT
October 11, 2024	WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT	November 15, 2024	WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT
October 17, 2024	SPRING CALF & YRL SPECIAL / ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT	November 21, 2024	FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL - FEEDERS @ 10 MT
October 18, 2024	WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT	November 22, 2024	WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT
October 24, 2024	SPRING CALF & YRL SPECIAL / ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT	November 25, 2024	BRED CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, BREDS @ 12 MT
October 25, 2024	WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT	December 5, 2024	FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, FEEDERS @ 12 MT
October 31, 2024	SPRING CALF & YRL SPECIAL / ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT	December 12, 2024	FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, FEEDERS @ 12 MT
November 1, 2024	BRED CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, BREDS @ 12 MT	December 19, 2024	FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, FEEDERS @ 12 MT
November 7, 2024	FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL - FEEDERS @ 10 MT	December 20, 2024	STOCK COW & BRED HFR SPECIAL - ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT

Cars and Coffee Draws Car Enthusiasts to Belle Fourche

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BELLE FOURCHE—Car enthusiasts converged on downtown Belle Fourche on September 21 for a gathering of Cars and Coffee of the Black Hills. Alicia Lewis with Cars and Coffee explained, "Usually once a month, normally every third Saturday, we pick a place throughout the hills that can

handle a lot of cars. Usually, it's a local coffee shop and we get together and hang out, talk about vehicles and see what everybody's got hidden in their garage." This month Cars and Coffee picked Belle Fourche to gather in and discuss cars. They partnered with Pioneer Bank, who offered the area to park and meet. Wild Magnolia

Coffee Bar was this month's highlighted coffee business. "We partnered with Pioneer, they block off the street and do a lot for us here," said Lewis. "We try and do a local coffee shop to give them business and people who may not go to that coffee shop as a patron will get to try out different places." Anyone can join in on the car show, there is no requirement to

be a member of the organization to participate. "It is open to the public, you can just come in. There's no registration, just park your car and hang out," said Lewis. "There is no judging, no registrations, nothing like that." Everyone that is involved with Cars and Coffee simply has a love for cars. "We're all just volunteers, we don't get

paid for anything. We do have sponsors that do help us with merchandise and things like that," said Lewis. The public turned out to look at all of the cars. "For being chilly, overcast and not extremely nice today, we have had a very good turnout here," said Lewis. The car meetups run from April through October.



Car show enthusiasts gather around a Ford Mustang. Longbrake photo



Cars filled up the Pioneer Bank parking lot and then spread out to the street. Cars lined up on each side of the street and down the middle. Longbrake photo



Cars and Coffee participants lined their vehicles up next to each other, popped the hood and proudly showed off their cars. Longbrake photo



The beautiful blue Ford Fairlane drew a lot of attention. Longbrake photo

Hitching Post Tap House Selects Artist of the Month

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BELLE FOURCHE— Beautiful paintings are on display at the Hitching Post Tap House as part of the Artist of the Month program.

They have been choosing qualified artists to have their artwork line the walls at the Tap House for the past four months.

This month, Artist Jessica Erhart of Spearfish, SD was selected for this honor.

She paints brightly colored animals and nature scenes. “My primary focus is on wildlife, impressionistic wilderness and abstract, only because I’m not classically trained,” said Erhart. She paints with an interesting medium; “I am an alcohol ink artist,” she explains. “And then to manipulate I use 91 percent to 99 percent isopropyl,

depending on the season, because 91 percent is going to stick around a little longer than 99 percent. So I’ll use that if it’s hotter, as opposed to in the winter, as it still lasts long.”

Erhart tried several different mediums, from acrylic to resin before she settled on a style to set her apart. “I don’t even use a paintbrush.

I’ll put the ink down, and I’ll put alcohol in it, and I’ll move it around with an airbrush that’s empty,” she explained. “It’s just air pushing it around and it creates these beautiful hard lines.”

Erhart started painting as an outlet for her to deal with trauma from her years in the military. “

I’m a self taught artist, I started doing fluid art with acrylics after I retired from

the army because I needed an outlet. I went from being a full time NCO of a squad of soldiers to being a full time stay at home mom.”

In her military career she was stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan and South Korea. “I was medically retired in my 15th year after I didn’t heal fast enough from a spinal surgery,” said Erhart.

“I started just painting to shut my mind up, and it’s turned into this. It’s a good outlet—it’s a beautiful outlet,” she said. “I like to bring joy, and I feel like I can do that through color and expression, and if I evoke emotion, I don’t want it to do something that is going to be haunting, but rather happy.”

Stemming from her own experiences, Erhart is passionate about helping

others who may be hurting in any way. “I encourage other people who suffer with mental illness or trauma to find an outlet,” she said. “It doesn’t have to be painting, it can be woodworking.

It can be blacksmithing. It could be equine therapy, dog training, whatever brings you joy and shuts your brain up.”

Erhart also gives private lessons as she enjoys teaching others her craft.

She is kind enough to offer free lessons to veterans and those with a service past. If you’re not local, Erhart will give lessons over video. After you have all of your supplies it’s time to paint, “Let’s get on video and do this!”

Originally from Wisconsin, her husband of 14 years is a Belle Fourche native. They

moved back to the area to be near family. “My husband is in business with me as well. He’s a woodworker and a photographer,” said Erhart. “He does a lot of my framing.” They have two children.

If you are interested in seeing Erhart’s work, many of her originals are hanging in the Hitching Post Tap House. She sells prints and creates on both canvas and metal.

Erhart spends her time traveling to different art shows in an effort to get her name and her business recognized. She has recently travelled to Montana, Denver, and Chicago. You can also find her artwork at MasterofNoneArtistry.com.

Erhart has also created bears, wolves and otters artwork for the gift shop at the West Yellowstone Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone.



Hitching Post Tap House, Artist of the Month, Jessica Erhart shows off two of her paintings. Her artwork can be seen lining the walls for the Hitching Post this month. Longbrake photo



One of the featured pictures hanging in the Hitching Post Tap House this month is “Skittles” by Artist of the Month, Jessica Erhart. Longbrake photo

Range War: Indictments of South Dakota ranching couple over land dispute spark outrage

Charles and Heather Maude ranch land in the family for more than 100 years

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South Dakota’s ranching and agriculture industries have unified their support for a West River couple that was indicted by a federal grand jury this summer over allegations they stole federal land.

The indictments against Charles and Heather Maude followed a dispute about the placement of a fence on the family ranch along the Cheyenne River near the Buffalo Gap National Grasslands. The ranch has been in the Maude family since 1910, and the fence in question has been present for decades, say family supporters.

In the indictments, the two were accused by the United States Department of Agriculture of appropriating 25 acres of grasslands for cultivation and 25 acres for grazing. The family has grazed the land in question for generations and has decades’ of grazing permits on federal portions.

“The fence that was there had been the since the 1950s,” said Scott Edoff, a neighbor and family friend. “They didn’t just move the fence yesterday.”

Adding to the uproar is the fact that Charles and Heather were indicted separately, meaning they’ve had to retain separate legal teams. A federal

magistrate judge ordered them not to have contact with each other about the case.

While it’s not uncommon for defendants under indictment to be barred from having contact with each other, the individual indictments of a husband and wife have posed challenges for the couple, Edoff said. If they want to talk about the case, Edoff said they have to communicate through him or their lawyers.

Meanwhile, the couple have sent their two children to live with a relative because they fear the children will be taken away if they are jailed, Edoff said. They could be jailed for up to a decade and face hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines.

“The community is in an uproar,” Edoff said.

Chuck Willard, the president of the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association, said the case has united sometimes fractious industry groups. He noted that the land in question is bordered by the Cheyenne River, which is known to alter its course – which has certainly been the case over 100 years since the Maudes first started ranching the land.

Willard said the Forest Service, which initiated the disagreement, should drop the charges, publicly apologize and start over.

“I don’t think the Forest Service could have handled the situation any worse,” he said.

Lawyers for the couple declined to comment.

The situation has spilled



Charles and Heather Maude with their children. The couple is in a fight against the federal government over a land dispute. Courtesy of Elsie Fortune Photography

beyond the local community, creating a national uproar, with a diverse array of agriculture groups supporting the family.

“I am deeply disgusted by the Forest Service’s persecution of family ranchers Charles and Heather Maude,” said Mark Eisele, the president of the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association in a statement.

“The Maude family has been ranching in South Dakota for five generations and Charles and Heather have spent their lives protecting natural resources, investing in their

land, and raising their children. The U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Attorney’s Office have maliciously targeted and prosecuted these family ranchers, and it’s clear that if this can happen in South Dakota, government overreach can happen anywhere.”

Last month the Cattlemen’s and Public Lands Council issued statements in support of the Maudes.

Less than two months from meeting to indictment

The dispute has reached the highest levels of government. Sen. Mike Rounds sent a letter to USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack in July asking Vilsack to investigate the matter. According to Rounds, the Maudes were first notified about an issue with the fence on March 29.

On May 1, they met with U.S. Forest Service District Ranger Julie Wheeler to discuss the issue. Also present was U.S. Forest Service Special Agent Travis Lunders. They agreed that a land survey should be done.

Cows graze near the Badlands. Courtesy Elsie Fortune Photography

Lunders led a survey team to the sight on May 6. On June 24, the couple was indicted, without the survey results being completed.

“I am concerned about how and why this case escalated to

a criminal matter, as well as the process USDA and USFS personnel utilized in interacting with Mr. and Mrs. Maude,” Rounds wrote.

In his letter, Rounds included documentation showing the Maudes had grazing permits dating back 60 years, as well as a Forest Service report completed in 1991 that showed the presence of the fence, noting it was 70 years old.

A source with USDA told The Dakota Scout that the department has reacted to the outcry by drafting “talking points.”

Wheeler, in an email, said she could not talk about the issue because it is an ongoing investigation. Lunders told The Dakota Scout the same.

“In order to respect the integrity of the process and the rights of everyone involved I respectfully decline to comment or discuss the indictment,” Wheeler wrote.

The fallout has gone beyond ranching. Charles Maude was a local fire chief and active with the Pennington County Fire Service Board.

Because the fire departments work closely with the Forest Service, Maude has had to step back from some of those duties.

“Now, they have shook that relationship to the ground,” Edoff said of the Forest Service. “The community is kind of pissed about it.”



Cows graze near the Badlands. . Courtesy of Elsie Fortune Photography

Area Church Schedules

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL
6th and Roundup - 892-2446
The Rev. Evelyn Weaver
The Rev. Sandy Williams, Priests Deacon Rev.
Mike Weaver
Sunday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
2020 Vista St. - 892-4767
Dan Carlson, Pastor
Paul Howard, Pastor
Sunday Schedule:
Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
1105 Todd St.
John Alfred, Bishop
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting
Sunday School:
1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.
Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society, Young Men and Young Women:
11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

Emmanuel Baptist
Meet at American Conference room -
Andy Anderson, Pastor
9am Sunday School 10am church
Men's Bible Study 10am at the Senior Center
Women's Bible Study Tuesday 9am. Call for location.
website: ebctf.org

CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC)
613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche
(605) 210-2150
Pastor Stephen Carson
Worship Pastor Ashton Plone
Sunday Worship: 8:45 or 10:15 am

FIRST BAPTIST
807 8th Ave. 892-4178
Pastor Tim Smith
Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am
Morning Worship - 10:30am
Wednesday: Salt and Light Youth - Kindergarten - 12th grade
5:00pm Soup & Sandwich
5:30pm - Salt and Light

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC
892-3402 - www.bfsoucc.org -
717 Jackson St. Sunday:
9:35 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
901 Laurel St. Whitewood
(605) 920-1959
Feverand Jill Jennewein
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
(ABA) - 22 miles east on Hwy 34
723-1092
Sunday: 10 a.m. worship service

NEWELL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
308 4th Street, Newell SD, 57760
605-456-2544
Sunday Worship Service: 10:00am

NORTHERN HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST
5 miles south of Belle Fourche on Hwy 85 - 642-7167
Calvin Chapman - Int. Minister
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

NORTH POINT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
10959 Kellem Lane, Spearfish
Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM

NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH
On Hwy 212 in Nisland
(605) 257-2356
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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

BLACK HILLS GOSPEL ASSEMBLY
1/2 Mile east on Hwy 34 - 210-1374
Kenny Riley, pastor
Sunday: 1 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY OF THE NORTHERN HILLS
120 Ryan Rd., Spearfish
605-642-0924
Envoys: Tim and Peggy North
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 11 a.m.
Worship Nursery available
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Learning and Discovery Study

ST. ONGE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday School and Worship at 8:30 a.m. • www.bfsoucc.org

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

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
855 5th Ave.
Father Kevin Achbach, Pastor
Father Francis Nsubuga, Assoc. Pastor
Pastor Mass Times
Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m.
Daily Mass: Weds. & Thurs. 12:15 p.m.
Confessions available one hour before all Masses

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN
1100 Stanley Street
Open for in-house worship
Sunday Worship 10:AM with coffee fellowship following the service.
Watch live-streamed services: www.sjlbellefourche.org
Wednesday at 5:55 PM during the school year. Watch our Sunday service live on Facebook.

SUMMIT OPEN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
Seventh and Summit
892-4630 or 892-4389
Pastor Rick and Diane Brennan
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship
Kidz Church Immediately Following
Wednesday: September - May 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
Kidz Alive (Kindergarten - 6th Grade)

GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Sheri Fadley
1804 7th Ave. Belle Fourche
605-892-2405
Worship: Sunday 10:30 am -FB Live
Sunday School 9:30 am
Small Groups & Studies schedule online at www.bellefourchehgmc.com

VALE COMMUNITY COUNTRY CHURCH
Pastor Darla Dunn
402 Rosander St. Vale SD 57788
Service Sunday: 10 a.m.
605-210-0512

SPEARFISH Adventist@ CHURCH
290 W Highway 14
Pastor Darren Purdy and Pastor Marveen Gentillon
Join Us This Saturday
Morning Prayer: 9:00am
Sabbath School: 9:30am
Worship Service: 10:45am
Bible Study-Tuesday: 6:00pm

Red Water Church of Christ
Belle Fourche Rec Center
Sun: 9:30-12:30.
Contact: Nathan Thompson
605 569-3057
Sermons: fightintheshade

NEW COVENANT PCA
1120 North Fifth Street, Spearfish
642-1122 - Luke Bluhm, Pastor
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Service
Spearfish United Church of Christ (Congregational)
920 N Main Street, Spearfish
Sunday Service 10 a.m. in person and on Facebook.
Pastor Randy Hedge
605-642-8253

Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden September 17, 2024



While Central Meade County was tracking a pretty dry week, we did get a shower and just under .4 inch about the middle of last week. Mid-September we are still enjoying the blessing of green grass, trees and bushes.

We did experience some smoke from fires both locally and from Wyoming last week. Thankfully, our volunteer fire department in the rural area was able to contain fires that broke out due to lighting. Juanita Delbridge's and the Wetz ranch were recipients of some great volunteers after lightning struck. Though the fires were basically diminished at the Delbridge ranch, several volunteers stayed through the night to make sure it didn't reignite. Besides fighting fire some of the friends and neighbors provided food and drinks for the volunteers.

There are ranchers from Meade County who have shipped hay to Wyoming for ranchers who suffered great loss. One of those semi trucks left our place as we sent a half of a load of hay to Wyoming last week as well.

It was good to look over and Wes and Sue Labrier in church on Sunday. On Sunday, September 22, some of the local churches were not holding services due to

the Sunday School Convention. The Community Baptist Church of Union Center will host it this year. Tim Norris was the speaker. A Pot Luck dinner took place after the service. After the pot luck, there was a Meet & Greet for the newest babies of Meade County in the fellowship room as well. All were welcome to come and meet these new little Central Meade County citizens.

One thing that is on the minds of many these days is the Presidential election. There are two totally directions our country will go, depending on which candidate is elected. As far as some voting information goes, here's what we need to know. Sept.20 is when absentee voting begins in SD. October 21 is the voter registration deadline. The General election is on November 5. You can go to your county courthouse to vote early, but you have to go to your polling location on November 5.

To register to vote in South Dakota you must: Be a United States citizen; reside in South Dakota; be at least 18 years old on or before the next election; Not be currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction and not be judged mentally incompetent by a court of law. Sample ballots will be posted on or before Sept. 20

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"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" YES, The Poverty Mindset is Real!

While I have addressed the issue of the poverty mindset in previous columns, one can't discuss it too often as it is a problem in many rural and even urban communities. I am often reminded of the saying that goes, "Many saying something can't be done are interrupted by those doing it". We could also use Jim Rohn's quote when he once said, "Your life does not get better by chance, it gets better by change." These two principles apply not only to individuals but also to communities seeking revitalization. While each community faces their unique challenges, a common obstacle is what we might call a 'poverty mindset' - a very limiting and debilitating belief system that hinders progress and innovation.



growth. These digital tools might be digital payment systems, online marketing, and e-commerce solutions for local businesses.

Education and entrepreneurship can also make a huge impact. The Lumina Foundation reports that increasing post-secondary attainment by just 1% can increase a region's GDP by 0.5%. Knowing this, partnering with local colleges to create targeted workforce training programs. According to the Kauffman Foundation, new businesses account for nearly all net new job creation in the U.S. economy. Knowing this, communities need to establish small business incubators and provide mentorship programs for startups.

Many communities have successfully overcome the poverty mindset, achieving remarkable transformations. Greenville, South Carolina, once a declining textile town, invested in downtown revitalization, attracting over \$1 billion in private investment and becoming a model for mid-sized city renewal. Paducah, Kentucky through its Artist Relocation Program, transformed a blighted neighborhood into a thriving arts district, generating over \$30 million in private investment.

Overcoming a poverty mindset requires more than just optimism; it demands a commitment to data-driven strategies and calculated risk-taking. Communities must conduct thorough market analyses to identify growth opportunities. They can engage in participatory planning to ensure community buy-in. They can set measurable goals and regularly assess progress. They must be willing to pilot innovative programs and learn from both successes and failures. Lastly, they must cultivate partnerships with private sector, non-profits, and educational institutions to assist them along the way.

By embracing change and adopting a growth mindset, communities can break free from the cycle of decline and create vibrant, sustainable local economies. The choice is clear: change and adapt, or risk being left behind in a rapidly evolving economic landscape. As we face the challenges of the 21st century, the time for transformation is now. With vision, strategy, and a positive, can-do attitude, even the most struggling communities can chart a path to revitalization and prosperity.

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Capitol News



September 16, 2024 The summer weather has come back to Capitol and Tie Creek. The mornings are cool and productive,

but by noon things have heated up.

Diane Wear came to Ronda Cordell's on Monday, and Ronda rode with her to Buffalo, where they had lunch at Blossoms N Brew. Diane went back home with an assortment of vegetables from Ronda's garden. Ronda took Sophie to the Belle Fourche Vet Clinic for a check-up. Then, Ronda went on to Walmart and the Pizza Ranch until Sophie was finished at the clinic. She stopped to visit Alfreda Davis. Ronda went to Ekalaka on Thursday. She stopped by the Wagon Wheel for a bite to eat and some good visiting.

Clint and Denise Zolnoski's family were busy with homecoming activities, this week. Each day at school was a dress-up day with a different theme, and Ronda Cordell received pictures of the girls in their different outfits. Clint took time out from haying in the millet field, to take in some games and the homecoming parade.

Dick and Erma Albert took their car to Belle Fourche to have the dash lighting checked. When they finally found the trouble, it was that a dash cover was blocking a sensor that dimmed the lights during the brightness of daytime. The dash cover had to have a piece cut out of it to let the sensor work. Personally I think it would be much easier to let a person actually be responsible enough to know how to turn a knob up or down. Dick and Erma went to the Senior Citizen dinner on Friday. Many people were busy with Homecoming activities, and they went to see the parade at one o'clock. Erma stayed to play cards in the afternoon. Later that afternoon, Erma went for a haircut. Dick and Erma went to the Catholic Church on Sunday, and then met John and Carol Helms at Saloon Number Three

for lunch.

Alvin, Marlee, Tawni and kids went to church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook on Sunday. After church everyone was treated to cinnamon rolls, and there was a meeting to decide about the fall church bazaar. Lynn Gustafson flew back to Rapid City on Tuesday. She had been visiting family in Alabama. Bruce met her there for the drive home. She set out her pepper plants, and later discovered one especially nice purple pepper nearly perfect for eating. The trouble is that a deer saw it, that night, too. The deer wasn't even polite enough to eat the whole pepper, but left half behind. Lynn wants it known that it was the Diligent Doer's Extension Club that sponsored the cake sale and cake walk at the fair, and not the church ladies. Kellan Davis's birthday is on Tuesday, and there are so many family birthdays this week, that they have a tradition of meeting everyone at the bike park in Sturgis for one big celebration. It is a great place for family, and if you don't ride a bike, you have a great time eating and watching the others. Doug and Julia enjoyed the day with the kids. Then at noon they all had lunch at Pizza Ranch. On Sunday, Doug discovered that a coyote had taken a lamb, so they kept watch early while Alvin Teigen flew to search out the coyotes, but had no luck. Ty Moncur and Ivan Rosander brought loads of hay from the Hulett area on Friday and Saturday. Shirley Melum has been busy baking apple pies. She is known for her delicious apple pies and Rachel brought her a bunch of apples, so she got busy with pie baking. Friday was delivery day. First, Junior and Shirley took a pie down to George Oleson, and visited there. Then they took a pie up to Donahey's and had a visit there. The third pie was for Ernie, Rachel and Tommy. Shirley has kept quite busy with all that work, but she had energy to spare. Then on Saturday, Daniel Kalbach came for a visit with Junior and Shirley. Dorothy Padden and Dawn made a trip to Buffalo for some

lab work on Tuesday. Dorothy spent most of the week on the computer, watching the Harding County homecoming activities and sports on the National High School channel. Kelly Padden came to join her on Friday to watch with her. The channel seemed to have a time limit, and the end of the football game was cut off. When Bryce came in later, they were surprised that Buffalo had come from behind to win a very close game. Dawn and Bryce Padden had a busy week. Their grandchildren are really keeping them busy this year. They are in most grades from junior high to high school. Dawn is especially busy because she is the designated photographer for the area. During homecoming week, Dawn took pictures at eight events on five days. Cross Country was a new event for her, and she nearly had to run the race with her camera equipment to get the pictures from beginning to end. There was junior high football, the coronation, high school volleyball at Bowman, cross country in Sturgis, home volleyball, the parade, and football. That was still not all, because she would go to Bowman for the junior high football jambo-ree. That just gave her a day to sort, work with, and save her billions of pictures. Things will slow down next week. Karen Odell worked to get rid of weeds in the mornings while it was cool, this week. She wrote some music to use for singing at church on Sunday, and took copies to town to put in the music folders. She visited Wolff's and the Camp Crook post office. She practiced piano, violin, harp and bass guitar. On Sunday, Karen went to church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook. Alan Loken was guest speaker. Lynnette Wolff had the children's sermon and the kids got to ring the bell. Karen played piano, and everyone seemed to have a good time learning the new song. It was actually a very old song, but has always been a favorite of those who know it, even today. Put your best foot forward, and hope the other one can withstand the trip.

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SCOUTING REPORT | Cuba's Centrally Controlled Bread

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We conclude this week's journey with a stop in Cuba. What should be a beautiful Caribbean paradise has, sadly, been marred by decades of communist rule. Communism, responsible for the deaths of more than 100 mil-

lion people in the 20th century, was discredited as an effective governing system in much of the world, but it persists among the true believers in places like Cuba, Venezuela, North Korea and Columbia University in New York. Reuters reports that Cuba's government has cut its subsidized ration of daily bread by a quarter

of its weight, from 80 grams to 60 grams. The wire service compares that size to the weight of an average cookie or small bar of soap. But that also came with a slight price drop, to under 1 peso, equivalent to one-third a U.S. penny. Many Cubans who earn the equivalent of \$15 a month can't afford bread on the private market and are stuck with the government subsidized version. Meanwhile, some complain about the bread's quality

Bernardo Matos, of Havana, said he had not detected a change in bread size on Monday, but said he was unhappy with the quality. "The quality is terrible," Bernardo Matos of Havana told the wire service. "The flour tastes like acid."

The government has vowed to increase quality with stepped-up inspections of state-owned stores.

Bread is among a number of products the government subsidized following the communist revolution, including milk, fish and cleaning supplies.

"Today, the crisis-racked government offers just a fraction of those products, and often, they arrive late, in poor quality or not at all," Reuters notes.

Food shortages and shortages of gasoline and other products have led to a record-breaking exodus of its citizens for the United States, where, presumably, they hope the Marxists at Columbia and other elite universities don't gain governing power.

Belle Flower Ribbon Cutting & Chamber Mixer



The Belle Fourche Chamber September mixer was hosted by Belle Flowers + Co. a newly announced merge of two businesses in Belle Fourche, *The Wild Bluebell and Belle Flowers Design & Decor*. Brittany and Kyle took over Belle Flowers within the last 2 years, leaving much of the same but adding in clothing from The Wild Bluebell. Belle Flowers + Co was happy to host the mixer as they have received new fall items including clothing, decor, and fall scents. The Wilkinson's are active members in the community while maintaining their busy family life. Belle Fourche Chamber mixer is hosted each month. Please call the Chamber office for more events and questions 605-892-2676.

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Initiated Measure 28: Grocery/consumables tax repeal
Dakotans for Health sponsored this measure to prohibit the state from collecting sales tax on "anything sold for human consumption, except alcoholic beverages and prepared food."

Supporters insist the intent of IM 28 is to eliminate the state's 4.2% sales tax on gro-

ceries. The measure's language states that it will not affect the up to 2% sales tax on groceries charged by municipalities in South Dakota.

Opponents criticize the wording of the measure as broader than just groceries. They say it could cause a budget crunch by preventing the state from collecting sales tax on "consumable" items such as tobacco, toothpaste and toilet paper.

"This is not a food tax

repeal - it's a consumables tax repeal," said Nathan Sanderson, executive director of the South Dakota Retailers Association and part of a coalition that opposes IM 28.

The group asserts that the measure could lead to a state income tax in South Dakota to make up for lost revenue.

Sanderson also disputed whether municipalities could still collect a food tax if IM 28 passes, pointing to a state law that says cities and towns

can charge a sales tax if it "conforms in all respects to the state tax," which would not be the case if the state food tax is repealed.

Repealing the grocery tax was staunchly opposed in 2024 by the Republican-dominated Legislature, which approved a cut in the state's general sales tax rate from 4.5% to 4.2% during the 2023 session that's due to expire in 2027.

The fiscal note for IM 28 indicates it could reduce annual state sales tax receipts by \$124 million. Opponents said that could stress the state's budget when combined with the rate change on general sales tax.

Weiland notes that Gov. Kristi Noem pledged a grocery

tax cut as part of her 2022 re-election campaign, a plan ultimately rejected by lawmakers.

The governor took the rare step of testifying for her grocery tax repeal bill during the 2023 session, insisting that the budget was strong enough to absorb lost revenue and that voters wanted the tax repealed.

Jim Terwilliger, Noem's top budget official as commissioner of the Bureau of Finance and Management, told News Watch that Noem doesn't support the ballot initiative because of concerns about the wording.

He added that the governor "still believes a repeal of the grocery tax is the best tax relief for South Dakota families if it is

POINT I Food tax repeal opponents selling fear, not facts

By Rick Weiland, Dakotans for Health

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Rick Weiland

It's time we had an honest conversation about what's at stake with Initiated Measure 28 in South Dakota. You've probably heard the noise and the fear mongering from those who should know better, like the South Dakota Municipal League of Cities. It claims that IM 28 will lead to budget shortfalls and be a disaster for our cities and towns. But let me tell you something - those claims

aren't rooted in reality. They're based on fear, not facts.

IM 28 isn't a disaster - it's a lifeline. And here's why:

Right now, across South Dakota, too many hardworking families are struggling to make ends meet. These are people who get up every morning, go to work, play by the rules and still find it tough to put food on the table. Feeding South Dakota reports that 106,000 people, including 1 in 6 children, are food insecure. They don't know where their next meal is coming from. Now, that's not just some abstract statistic. That's a moral crisis.

Now, don't get me wrong. I understand the importance of maintaining our roads and parks. The South Dakota Municipal League talks a lot about potholes and park maintenance, and yes, those things are important. But they will not be affected. The idea that IM 28 will decimate local budgets is not only misleading, it's downright irresponsible. Local governments will still have the authority to collect taxes on food. They won't be left out in the cold, as

the Municipal League would have you believe. When IM 28 is approved by voters this fall, it will become the law, superseding existing laws. The state's tax on food will be repealed, saving consumers \$123.9 million, while municipalities will continue to collect their food taxes. Organizations opposing IM 28 are running a campaign of hypotheticals and deception.

So, let's call this what it is: a choice. It's a choice between eliminating the state tax on food and supporting our families or clinging to an outdated system that taxes the very food that sustains them. IM 28 is a commonsense measure designed to put money back where it belongs in the hands of the people who need it most. South Dakota remains one of only two states in the country that still taxes life-sustaining food at their full sales tax rate. It's time to do the right thing and vote yes on IM 28.

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COUNTERPOINT I Initiated Measure 28 will be devastating for our towns & cities

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As South Dakotans head to the polls this fall, a critical ballot measure, Initiated Measure 28, promises to reshape our state's tax landscape. While its proponents argue it will simplify tax collection and provide relief for consumers, the hidden cost of this measure is a potential \$51.5 million blow to municipalities across South Dakota.

IM 28 proposes to alter the current taxation framework by removing state-level sales tax on "anything sold for human consumption." On the surface, this might seem like a win for consumers, however, this measure is in direct conflict with South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 10-52-2, which allows

cities and towns to impose a sales tax of up to 2 percent on the same items taxed at the state level. If the state stops collecting tax on these items, municipalities would be forced to follow suit, effectively cutting off a crucial revenue stream.

The Attorney General's opinion on IM 28 underscores the gravity of this issue. According to the opinion, the measure "may affect the state's obligations under the tobacco master settlement agreement and the streamlined sales tax agreement."

Furthermore, the vague language of "human consumption" in IM 28 opens the door for broader implications. This terminology could lead to the repeal of sales tax on various everyday items beyond just food and beverages, including tobacco, candy, soda and medicines.

Should IM 28 pass, municipalities stand to lose an estimated \$51.5 million in revenue.

This figure is not just a statistic but a reflection of the vital services and infrastructure that would be jeopardized. The financial shortfall could cripple efforts to fix streets, update aging infrastructure, and maintain city facilities like libraries and swimming pools. Parks, which offer essential recreational spaces and community gathering spots, could face reductions in maintenance and programming.

IM 28 undermines the financial stability of local governments, placing an undue strain on municipal budgets and forcing cities to find alternative revenue sources or cut essential services. Such a scenario would likely lead to higher property taxes or other local fees, placing additional financial pressure on residents already grappling with economic challenges.

It is essential to recognize that while IM 28 may offer short-term relief for some, the long-term consequences for South Dakota's municipalities are severe.

In making an informed decision about IM 28, South Dakotans must weigh the immediate benefits against the substantial costs.

The health of our municipalities, the upkeep of our infrastructure, and the quality of our local services are all at stake. Before casting a vote, it is crucial to consider whether the suggested benefits of IM 28 outweigh the very real and potentially devastating impacts it could have on our local communities.

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Tourist attractions combine sightseeing and science

Some sites are capitalizing and partnering on an increased interest in learning in hopes of inspiring the next generation of South Dakota's STEM workforce.

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HOT SPRINGS, S.D. – Family vacations with school-aged children are a time for fun and increasingly a time for learning.

Most tourist attractions have always offered some kind of cultural or historical education opportunities.

But there is an emerging appetite to engage with science and research at a deeper level. Some sites hope to capitalize on that attention and inspire the next generation of South Dakota's science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) workforce.

One of the first examples in the state was unearthed 50 years ago.

In 1974, heavy machine operators leveling land for a Hot Springs housing development uncovered a 7-foot tusk. Further excavation found an unprecedented number of mammoth fossils. The landowner, Phil Anderson, sold the land and donated the fossils to create the Mammoth Site.

The active research location is enclosed in a visitor center, which is also home to a museum and a variety of educational programs.

"If the site in '74 had been done like a lot of traditional paleo digs, they probably would have come in, removed everything, and the construction project would have continued," said Chris Jass, lead researcher

at the Mammoth Site. "Here, because we have the building, we can take our time. And as new analytical techniques come along, as new methods of understanding the past come along, we can actually apply those to the site."

For example, researchers initially believed the site to be about 26,000 years old, he said. More recent work suggests the site could actually be at least 140,000 years old.

Because of that, revisiting the age of the site, we're going back and evaluating some of the questions that were asked in the past. But we're doing it with new information," said Jass.

The Mammoth Site sees more than 100,000 visitors a year. Presston Gabel, chief operating officer, said it partners closely with regional tourism associations.

"There's millions of visitors that come to the Hills every year," he said. "And 90% of our funding, even though we're a nonprofit, comes from tourism. It comes from admissions, it comes from gift shop sales and things like that."

Though the site offers programming for large tour groups and senior citizens, family programming has been especially attractive to visitors, Gabel said.

"Our family dig program we started a couple years ago has grown tremendously popular," he said. "That happens four times a day, and it allows families to dig together in a mock bone bed environment."

The site also offers summer classes and dig camps.

"One of the great things about paleontology in general is that it's a great kind of gateway science into the broader world of science for kids," said Seth

Vandenberg, science educator at the Mammoth Site. "They see dinosaurs and mammoths and they get really, really excited."

Learning on the road South Dakota Secretary of Tourism Jim Hagen sees the potential in educational opportunities at attractions like the Mammoth Site, Badlands National Park and a host of other local offerings, whether families are nearby or from all corners of the nation. "We're really only limited in our reach by resources in terms of our marketing dollars," he said. "We have a product that I would argue not many states have, in terms of having universal appeal across the entire country."

That appeal, anchored by Mount Rushmore National Memorial and other Black Hills attractions, has expanded to curiosity about other regions of the state, Hagen said.

Families make up a bulk of that audience.

"It's your traditional mom and dad, kids in the home," he said. "They have always been our bread and butter."

To that end, the Travel South Dakota website features a kid-friendly vacation guide with attractions across the state.

Hagen's department also offers its own educational resources. In 2020, it released online lesson plans based on local points of interest, including a lesson on prehistoric animals like the fossils found at the Mammoth Site. Other entities, such as the South Dakota State Historical Society and the South Dakota Statewide Family Engagement Center offer educational road trip itineraries for a variety of age groups. Inspiring the future scientists

A couple hour's drive north of the Mammoth Site, underground research of a different kind is ongoing at the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF) in Lead. Leaders there hope to entice families with the educational opportunities it offers and to inspire future STEM professionals at the same time.

SURF occupies the former Homestake Mine, once the deepest gold mine in the Western Hemisphere. Scientists are able to use the mile-deep caverns to conduct delicate research into neutrinos, dark matter and other unsolved questions about the building blocks of the universe.

The Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center hosts year-round exhibits explaining the history of the gold mine and details of the ongoing experiments.

The lab's annual Neutrino Day, a community-wide free science fair, drew in 2,200 visitors this year, said center director Kelly Kirk. The event includes presentations and activities for a variety of age groups, including young kids. The rest of the year, the center welcomes field trips and provides tours in the summer tourist season.

"One of SURF's missions is to inspire learning across generations," Kirk said. "We like to think that when we visit with students of all ages that, in inspiring their wandering curiosity, they might come back as the next science intern, the next engineering intern. They might participate in an experiment at their university that brings them back to SURF to go underground."

It's a belief shared by Mike Headley, laboratory director at SURF.

"As a father of a 16-year-old, wanting to have opportunities for her to grow up in a state where there's great STEM op-

portunities was really a big deal for me," he said.

Most people in the Black Hills are familiar with the work happening in Lead, but that's often not the case East River, Headley said.

Cross-state partnership SURF recently partnered with the Kirby Science Center at the Washington Pavilion, which is nearly 400 miles from the lab in the state's largest city, Sioux Falls. It sits at the intersection of the state's two interstate highways, key thoroughfares for cross-state travelers, and also is an arts and entertainment hub for local families in the southeast corner of the state.

The partnership yielded the H2O Workshop, an interactive space for children to experiment with the physics of water. Nicol Reiner, SURF's director of education and outreach, said the exhibit fulfills the organization's mission of fostering "intergenerational learning."

"Parents might learn how to interact better with kids, like how to ask questions or how important hands-on play is," said Reiner. "The kids might learn something about cause and effect.

Like how doing a certain motion impacts a ball or where the water goes or how to solve a problem." It's a resource that serves local families and visiting families alike, along with the Mammoth Site and many other attractions across the state. Kirk is enthusiastic about offering opportunities to inspire young learners and capture their natural curiosity.

"The students that we're visiting with today are the STEM and technical workforce of tomorrow who are going to be the ones who further answer the mysteries of the universe that the experiments underground are currently probing," she said.

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How South Dakota and Michigan took different paths to 'election integrity'

Democratic-controlled Michigan expanded voting opportunities through ballot measures while Republican-led South Dakota restricted access with legislative action. Both states believe that they're on the right track.

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DETROIT – Justin Roebuck can recall the exact moment that distrust of 2020 presidential election results impacted his status in the Republican Party.

The top election official of Ottawa County in western Michigan was speaking to a GOP women's group when he was asked who won the race between Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Joe Biden in the Midwest battleground state.

"When I told them that Biden won Michigan by about 154,000 votes, the gasp was audible in the room," said Roebuck, adding that he was castigated by other party members for legitimizing the results. "I think it hit home for me at that point."

Roebuck was among a group of election officials who spoke to journalists as part of the National Press Foundation 2024 Elections Fellowship in late July, assessing the state of American voting systems ahead of November.

They illustrated how unfounded claims of voter fraud, exacerbated by public frustration over social restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic, emboldened electoral activists seeking to overturn results and erode trust in the democratic process.

These reverberations were felt in South Dakota, where grassroots efforts from organizations such as South Dakota Canvassing Group put pressure on state legislators to address election security through post-election audits and the banning of unmonitored drop boxes.

But the heightened scrutiny of casting and counting votes was hardly unique to the Republican-run Mount Rushmore State.

Michigan, a Democratic-controlled swing state that voted for Trump in 2016 and Biden four years later, was at the center of civil unrest before, during and after the tumultuous 2020 presidential race.

The way the two states handled the fallout – with Michigan expanding voting opportunities through ballot measures and South Dakota restricting access with legislative action – reveals disparate strategies to defend the sanctity of the vote.

South Dakota House Majority Leader Will Mortenson told News Watch that, in the case of restricting drop boxes, there were questions about the "susceptibility of abuse" and whether that justified changing the law. "Or do we have to wait until there's actual abuse that we see before we address the susceptibility?" he asked.

David Becker, founder of the Center for Election Innovation and Research, which provides support and legal assistance to election workers, addressed the question by saying that ballot security measures should be based on verifiable information and not theories or speculation.

"What I'd love to see the conspiracy theorists asked is, 'Why are you putting this out on social media? Why isn't this being presented to a court of law?'" Becker said during the fellowship in Detroit. "Because still to this day, over 44 months since the 2020 election, there has not been one single shred of evidence presented to any court anywhere in this country that cast doubt on the outcome of that election."

Michigan serves as testing ground for election

Trump led the vote tally in Michigan well past midnight on election night in 2020. But the race shifted in the early morning hours as nearly 3 million absentee ballots were counted, many in the Democratic strong-

hold of the state's largest city, Detroit.

The logistical challenge of processing mail-in ballots on Election Day delayed results and then showed Biden taking the lead, fueling anti-government distrust from conservative groups that flared earlier in the year.

In April 2020, hundreds of protestors, some armed with rifles, stormed the state Capitol in Lansing to rail against Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home orders and other pandemic restrictions.

In October, a month from the 2020 election, the FBI charged a group of men with hatching a plot to kidnap the governor from her northern Michigan vacation home, with ensuing trials leading to nine convictions and five acquittals. Following Biden's victory, Michigan was at the center of a coordinated effort to subvert the election, with Republican activists submitting fraudulent documents claiming Trump won the state's Electoral College vote, a prelude to the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol in Washington.

"Just about every election-denying scheme or stunt that gained national attention in the past four years was attempted at some point here in Michigan," said Attorney General Dana Nessel, who filed forgery and other felony charges against 16 alleged false electors.

"So they really staged their dress rehearsal in Michigan because they knew it was a good laboratory for their experimentation and to probe the kind of reception they'd get on a national level."

Ballot measure expands voter access

In June 2021, after months of investigation, a Republican-controlled Senate Oversight Committee in Michigan issued a report that found "no evidence of widespread or systematic fraud" related to the 2020 presidential election in Michigan.

But GOP lawmakers still pointed to vulnerabilities in the system and moved to pass near-

ly 40 bills aimed at restricting voter registration, absentee ballots, voter ID and drop boxes. Whitmer vetoed the bills and overcame a narrow Republican legislative majority, which has since shifted to a slim Democratic advantage.

In 2022, Michigan voters adopted Proposal 2, a constitutional amendment that established at least nine days of early voting, provided voters with a right to request an absentee ballot, and enshrined voter ID rules that Republicans had sought to restrict.

The measure also mandated at least one state-funded drop box for each municipality, with additional boxes for every 15,000 voters, building on absentee voting reforms passed in a similar Promote the Vote amendment in 2018.

Proposal 2, lauded by supporters as Promote the Vote II, passed with 60% of the vote, a notable mandate at a time of election-related angst in the state.

"In Michigan, you don't get 60% of the vote with Democrats or liberals alone," said Democratic state Sen. Jeremy Moss, who chaired the Senate Elections and Ethics Committee that implemented many of the reforms.

"That's a coalition of Democrats, Republicans and Independents who wanted to back away from misinformation and join other states that had early voting and other provisions that provided more access to the ballot."

Election message matches the moment

South Dakota's own introspection on election access was accelerated by groups such as South Dakota Canvassing, whose founders were inspired by My Pillow founder and conspiracy theorist Mike Lindell's 2021 Cyber Symposium in Sioux Falls.

Lindell, who campaigned for Trump alongside South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem, claimed to have incriminating 2020 election data showing that China hacked into U.S. voting systems to help elect Biden. He offered \$5 million to anyone who could prove him wrong, which did indeed happen, forcing him into a

court battle as he tried to avoid honoring the bet.

"Fair elections equal a representative republic, but stolen elections equal slavery," Canvassing Group co-founder Jessica Pollema told followers, who put county auditors and commissioners on the defensive by echoing accusations from conservative media and demanding proof of secure systems, even in a state that Trump won by 26 points in 2020.

For some Republicans, the message matched the moment. In a May 2024 poll co-sponsored by News Watch, more than 6 in 10 South Dakotans said they were dissatisfied with how democracy is working in the United States, including 32% who said they were "very dissatisfied."

The same poll found that 58% of Republican respondents said they accepted the outcome of the 2020 presidential election.

"Election denialism presents an opportunity to build a movement around restricting voting access and turning back the clock on a variety of electoral innovations," Charles Stewart, a political science professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, told News Watch in 2023.

"The places that are generally going to be the most receptive to that message are rural-based Republican states. To put it plainly, it makes sense to hunt where the ducks are."

"Make sure that it's done right"

That was the political climate in which South Dakota's Republican leadership, in consultation with county auditors, explored the issue of election security during the 2023 state legislative session in Pierre.

Those seeking major overhauls included Rick Weible, a computer analyst and Canvassing Group adviser who supports the hand counting of ballots and criticizes South Dakota's 46-day early voting period, tied for longest in the nation.

"If you want to get rid of election deniers, you have to let them be part of the process," Weible said of his lobbying efforts.



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Thank you!



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Tourists watch the ongoing excavation at the Mammoth Site in Hot Springs, S.D., on July 17, 2024. (Photo: Krystal Schoenbauer / SDPB)



Mammoth Site lead researcher Chris Jass and SDPB's Jackie Hendry stand next to one of the mammoth fossils in the active dig site in Hot Springs, S.D., on July 17, 2024. (Photo: Krystal Schoenbauer / SDPB)



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 21 Verb-forming (suf.)
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 23 Hindu god of love
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 29 Egypt. king
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 22 Species
 24 Civil War commander
 25 Nose (pref.)
 26 Exclamation
 27 Euchre (2 words)
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 30 Poetic contraction
 31 Hindu essence of being
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 39 Idea (Fr.)
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Next Clinic: September 26.
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Good Shepherd Clinic is a free medical and emergency dental clinic for adults, ages 19-64, who do not qualify for or have insurance and meet 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Since February 2009, the clinic has been open on Monday nights at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Spearfish to provide medical and emergency dental services. We are pleased to announce that a satellite clinic, for medical services only, will be available on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lead. Enter the church through the Julius Street parking lot (below 825 W. Main Street).

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NEWELL-It's always time for chili! There will be an opportunity to try several samples of the delicious dish on Friday, October 4 from 4-6 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Newell School.

It's a new idea to raise funds for a scholarship for a Newell Graduating Senior. Instead of chili and chicken noodle soup being offered and tickets sold, a free will donation will be received.

This year, Homecoming will begin September 30 with Coronation. And end with the football game on Saturday, October 5.

Even with the game on Saturday, there will be lots to enjoy on Friday. Games for the elementary, a sack lunch, the parade, then Bingo and the Chili Cookoff.

The highlight will be the Chili Cookoff with bowls to sample! Every free will donation will receive a ticket that will be used to vote on the favorite chili. Entries need to be at the school by 3:45. Chicken Noodle Soup, sandwiches, coffee, and water will also be offered. The winner of the Chili Cookoff will receive \$50 cash.

Bingo will be played in the Multi-Purpose Room from 2-4. The cost is \$1 per card. There will be 10 games, with a 50-50 split. This fundraiser is for the NVN Food Bank/School Snacks and Back Pack Program.

What's chili and soup without dessert? The Newell Education Association is taking care of that part of the menu. They will have pie and desserts to sell.

If you have any questions please call Luaine Shaykett at 605-210-0825.

Plan to bring your favorite chili to share. If you don't want to cook, bring your appetite and vote for the best one! What a plan!

Newell Named First West River Cardiac Community



Members of the Newell Ambulance Service proudly stand with the town's newly hung Cardiac Ready Community sign. Front row: Sherry Hocking, Ashley Fickbohm, Tom Lewis, Nellie Issacs. Back row: Don Tishmack, Kurt Hocking, Randy Decker, Stan Lewis, Calvin Fickbohm. Not pictured: Nick Elston, Kim Ford, Bailey Hahne, Ryan Stark. Heitz photo

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NEWELL—The town of Newell has officially been designated the first Cardiac Ready Community in the West River of South Dakota, and the sixth statewide. The "Welcome to Newell" sign has now been adorned with a Cardiac Ready Community sign. This extraordinary honor was made possible by the diligent efforts of the Newell Ambulance Service during the past year.

A total of 138 people in Newell were trained and certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillators (AED) over the past year, including students and staff from the Newell School District, the Belle Fourche Irrigation district, employees from Vale, members of local fire departments, and the public. "It's a huge accomplishment to have so many members of our community trained in CPR and AED," said Sherry Hocking, who has been the director of the Newell Ambulance Service for nine years. "That's kind of

what kicked this off." Hocking explained that the original goal was simply to educate and certify more community members in emergency situations by hosting CPR and AED training courses over the year. She applied for and received a grant through the Department of Health which allowed the Ambulance Service to host CPR/AED, first responder, and first-aid training at no cost to attendees. When the state of South Dakota recognized the hard work that Hocking and the ambulance team had accomplished, they reached out to Hocking and invited her to apply for the Cardiac Ready Community designation.

The Cardiac Ready Communities (CRC) Program "focuses on educating, equipping, and empowering local community members to be better prepared and more confident in helping a patient experiencing a cardiac event before the ambulance arrives." To be eligible for the title of a Cardiac Ready Community, a number of requirements must be met, the most important of

which are CPR/AED training and the identification and implementation of AEDs in the city. "If someone has a cardiac arrest, minutes count," said Hocking. "It can be the difference between life and death. If I can have people trained in the community, in the area, that could start care prior to us, we give the patient a better chance at survival."

Hocking explained that while the application was a huge undertaking, it was worth the effort. "It is a huge honor to receive this designation," she said. Hocking said that during the process of completing the CRC application, she had to identify and create a map of all local AEDs. Because of that, people and businesses in Newell took interest in becoming AED-providing locations. "I have had other businesses reach out to me and say, 'Hey! How do we get an AED? We want to be on your map!'" said Hocking. "So I think there has been a huge awareness to this community." Recently, Markus and Candy Erk Manthey donated an AED to the Evangelical Church; Hocking Greenhouse also donated new cabinets to house

the AEDs at the school.

As of now, there are eight AEDs in the town of Newell. These life-saving devices can be found at the following locations: Newell School's middle school gym and Austin Auditorium; Belle Fourche Irrigation District; Butte Electric Co-op; Newell Evangelical Church; St. Mary's Catholic Church; Newell Ambulance hall; and the Newell Fire hall. Additionally, Hocking shared that plans are in place for AEDs to be placed in Nisland and Vale.

The CRC designation is not set in stone; to maintain the title requires ongoing work by both EMS members and the community. A number of requirements must be met every two years, and ongoing training and continued local involvement are crucial. But keeping this achievement will not be difficult given the dedication of Newell's population. "I cannot give enough kudos to this community for the support to the ambulance service. They're behind us in everything that we do," Hocking said.



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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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It was cooler this week with lots of wind, but we did get a little sprinkle of rain Tuesday night.

Casey and Taz and several neighbors went to help Jace Jensen preg test his cows on Monday while I washed laundry and hung it outside to use 'solar and wind' to get it dry really fast. Reub spent the day mowing and weed eating to clean it up around here. Amanda went to Buffalo after school to coach Copper's basketball practice and I went to get Knox off the bus at Reva to bring him home.

Reub and I made a trip to Bowman for his dentist appointment on Tuesday and we came home through Reeder to get the side-by-side that he sprays weeds with that John Brown had fixed. When we tried to load it on the trailer we found out that we had gotten the wrong hitch for the pickup so we had to make a trip to Runnings in Hettinger to exchange

that one for the one we needed. When we got back to Reeder, everything worked and we got home later that afternoon. Reub's cousin Lance Olson called to visit him after we got home and I had a zoom call that evening with the Coalition of Counties in South Dakota discussing the political events in this state.

We lost an old friend and neighbor this week: Phillip Ellingson, age 88, of Hettinger, passed away on early Wednesday morning, September 18, at the St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck. Phillip's funeral services were Wednesday, September 25, at the Hettinger Lutheran Church in Hettinger.

Reub took the Kubota that John Brown fixed up to Horse Creek to spray weeds again on Wednesday and what John fixed worked good, but some other parts broke down so he had to bring it home again and have Taz help him take it apart so he could order the parts he needed from Lindskov in Isabel. I went

to Buffalo that afternoon for the annual Coffeehouse meeting at Sheri and Larry Blankenbaker's house. At the meeting we welcomed some new board members and after the annual meeting we had the election meeting with Tom Holt elected president, Shari Blankenbaker re-elected Secretary Treasurer, and we put Susan Klempel in charge of advertising the musical performances. I left the meeting early because I was going to Reva to get Paisley Parmely, Copper and Knox off the school bus that afternoon. Huxton Parmely didn't go to school that day because he was sick, but thankfully he was feeling better and playing outside when we dropped Paisley off at their house.

Casey and Taz went up to help Jeremy Stadheim work his sheep on Thursday. That afternoon Taz and Amanda went to Buffalo for the parent-teacher conference after school and their family stayed to watch the volleyball games against Philip that evening. I called our son Guy out in Wyoming that evening to visit about the upcoming wedding of our grandson Trig and Dakotah Winsor at Sheridan, Wyoming, on Saturday.

Casey and Missy, Taz and Amanda and family all left to Sheridan Friday morning to help cook for the wedding and to join the wedding rehearsal that evening. Val Ganje came

down from Bismarck Friday afternoon to see if he could buy some old stuff from us that we don't use anymore. We had a good visit and sold him an old gas pump, some locks and keys from my great grandfather, Charles Wilkinson, and some old coffee cans from years ago. We even sold him one of the Reeder Bottling Works bottles that we found out in our pasture years ago. He told us that there were 18 of those old bottling places in North Dakota years ago and he has only found a few of them.

I drove out to our son Guy and Megan's house in Rozet, Wyoming, Saturday morning and their sons Cade, Creed and Cass gave this grandma some good really good squeezes. We were all planning to go to the wedding of our grandson Trig Olson and Dakotah Winsor in Sheridan. Cade left in his car, Megan took Creed and Cass in her car, and I had Guy drive our pickup to take me to Sheridan because I didn't have a clue on how to get there. The wedding was at the Big Horn Equestrian Center at Sheridan and Guy knew exactly how to get there, thank God! It was a beautiful Christian wedding with a large crowd of friends and family and it was great to meet Dakotah's family, who live at Kaycee, Wyoming. The minister who married them was also from a church in Kaycee and a friend of the Windsor family.

Reub would have loved to go to the wedding, but he stayed

home to take care of the chores after all the rest of the ranch went to the wedding. After the wedding, Guy drove me back to their house in Rozet to spend the night and I got home just after noon on Sunday. With so many friends and family at the wedding, Reub said there weren't a lot of people in church that morning and he went to check water for the cows over at the east place after we ate lunch.

The Wedding Prayer by Max Lucado

Create in us a love, O Lord.
An eternal love....
Your love.

A love that forgives any failure,
Spans any distance,
Withstands any tempest.

Create is us a love, O Lord.
A new love.
A fresh love.

A love with the tenderness of a lamb,
The grandeur of a mountain,

The strength of a lion,
And make us one. Intimately one.

As You made a hundred colors into one sunset,
A thousand cedars into one forest,

And countless stars into one galaxy....
Make our two hearts as one,

Father, forever....
That you may be praised,
Father, forever.

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

September 24, 1914

J.H. Senovoy had just completed a stave silo, 14 feet in diameter and 26 feet high, and the high wind on Sunday night blew it down. The anchor posts had just been set in concrete and had not had time to harden. Little damage was done to the silo except the work of setting it up again. The silo has a capacity of 96 tons.

Edward Bushnell, for the past week, has been operating a new Harley Davidson motorcycle with a side car which was empty. Girls, here is your



Edward Bushnell, one of Newell's early day "most eligible bachelors".
Newell Museum

opportunity.

Saturday evening warrants of arrest were issued charging Charles Wheeler; Bryan Guffey; Arthur Guffey and others of breaking into the exhibition tent at the Vale Fair Friday night and committing theft and doing other malicious mischief. They were arraigned before Justice C. D. Sanders at Newell on Tuesday afternoon. A. D. Hadley of Dunnebeck appeared for the defendants and J. W. Malvin for the State. The witnesses for the State were Archie Arndt, Charles Long, Harry Webb and Orvil Mason. The defense put in no evidence. Charles Wheeler and Bryan Guffey were held to the district court in the sum of \$1000 each, which they furnished, and Arthur Guffey was discharged.

September 18, 1924

Tom Lewis and family spent Sunday at R. C. Keene's home. They all went over in the afternoon to see Mr. Viken's apple and plum crop. They found his orchard cultivated like a field crop and the trees bending to the earth with their loads of ripening fruit.

The 1924 irrigation season will close on September 30th. Those desiring stock water later in the season should file their request in the usual way, some

time before November 10th and the ponds will be filled about the middle of the month. The cost of the stock water will be charged to those receiving the service as usual. F. C. Youngblutt, Supt. Will answer your concerns.

F. A. Gammons of Vale, bridge constructor, was in Pierre Saturday on business with the State Highway Department. Mrs. F. A. Gammons has purchased a classy yearling Rambouillette ram at the Huron State Fair. The animal took 1st premium at the Wisconsin State Fair this year. H. W. Follette of Vale also got two fine Shropshires which were purchased for him by E. H. Adams at the South Dakota State Fair last week.

Royal Society needlework, Fisk Hats and full line of Gossard Corsets, also the latest reducing rubber corsets and brasseries can be purchased at the Variety Store located in the Livestock Exchange Building.

September 27, 1934

The old site of Camp Sturgis, first camp of the US Cavalry, before the permanent location of Ft. Meade, has been found through the efforts of Col W. R. Pope, commandant at the Fort, with the aid of Mrs. Belle Fredlund, Sturgis, widow of the late John Fredlund, who had shown his wife the location some time before his death.

About 3 inches of snow fell here Monday night and Tuesday. The moisture content was reported as .20 at the US Experiment Farm. Temperatures during the week were well below freezing almost every night, making all winter apparel quite popular.

Loss of memory caused George Drey, Winner, to sit for

days in his car in the breaks of Owl Creek. The Deputy Sheriff brought the man to the Belle Fourche Hospital for examination. Dr. John Davis, who examined, said that he appeared to have been in the car for about 10 days without food or water and was suffering from a lapse of memory, unable to recall his name or when he came. A case was discovered; record of enlistment and honorable discharge issued to George Drey, from Company C, Spanish-American War troops, were found in a case. Relatives were notified and when they learned of the plans of local officers of Spanish-Americans War Veterans, he was taken to Soldiers' Home in Hot Springs.

September 21, 1944

Work has started on Newell's waterworks system and will be pushed as rapidly as possible. All material is on hand, and it is hoped to have the job completed by December 1.

William Pauley of Vale completed a deal on Tuesday whereby he becomes owner of the Vale Lumber Company, purchasing the business from J. W. Follette, who has operated the yard for several years.

The Newell office of the First National Bank of the Black Hills has received official notice from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis stating they have been qualified to cash US Savings Bonds, Series A, B, C, D and E Bonds. Banks that have been duly qualified may commence making payments on October 3, 1944.

The Newellites who were lucky enough to get an antelope license in the recent drawing at Pierre, included: Arne Lund; George Longpre; Howard Wilcox; Elmer Milberg; Hughie

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Kayras; Livingston Edwards; Howard Kinghorn and Emil Nelson so far as reported to us. The big blitz starts next Saturday and lasts 7 days.

September 23, 1954

The Vale students enjoyed talks and a hayride during the second week of school: James Wood was elected as head of the student body; Boys' State report given by Jerry Nedella; Girls' State by Deanna Scoggins; Wilma Clyde on Nebraska's Girls' State and the sophomore class organized a hayride for all the high school. About 80% of students attended and 3 teachers went along as chaperons while Eleanor Wood serenaded the group with accordion music and some vocals.

R. D. Long, Butte County Commissioner was in Deadwood Monday -Wednesday presiding at the 40th Annual Convention of State Association of County Commissioners. Long was winding up his term as Chairman of the State's Association. Long welcomed members to the convention, a BBQ dinner Monday evening, followed by the trial of Jack McCall and a dance. On Tuesday Governor Sigurd Anderson gave the principal talk and Jerry Ann Long also appeared on the program, giving a reading.

September 17, 1964

During the past several months articles have been written about predator animal con-

trol. We all are in favor of this project and welcome "trappers" anytime. The main concern is not the fox or coyote, it is the 2-legged predator, they take the rancher's share of what he hoped to be profit or at least just to make ends meet. Livestock in our area have been hit hard by old time rustlers. In the 1800's and the early 1900's a caught rustler was hung from the nearest tree. This is against the law today. A cattle or sheep thief caught and convicted is sentenced to 18 months to 2-years and is out in 6 months. Worse yet, probably all he will get is a fine. No more than a teenager would get caught speeding or underage drinking. Stockgrowers ask what can they do?

The Capitol Beauty Shop in Newell is closing down for the winter. Miss Olga Mundel, the operator, regrets very much the inconvenience caused her customers, but is most grateful and wishes to express sincere thanks for your patronage in the past.

The First Annual meeting of Stockholders of the Northwestern South Dakota Production Credit Association will be held in Newell on Saturday, it is announced by R. C. Johnson, assistant secretary of the organization of the Newell Office. Registration will start at 11:00 AM in the High School lunchroom, with a banquet to be served at noon by the school lunch staff. There will be special entertainment by Newell High students, reports on progress, business administrative reports and the election of 2 directors. Terms to expire this year: Roy F. Wilson Belle Fourche and Robert Samuelson Faith. Other members of the board are: Ward VanHorn Buffalo; Albert Fredlund Newell and Wayne Everidge Meadow. This year's meeting will also have a ladies day theme and will include favors for the ladies. A quarter of beef will also be given for a door prize.

Ernie Wigen, Voc-Ag instructor at Hoven, was renewing old acquaintances in Newell Wednesday, having a team of boys here to compete in the Annual FFA Great Plains Judging Contest in conjunction with the Stud Ram Show & Sale. Mr. Wigen was formerly a member of the Newell High School faculty.



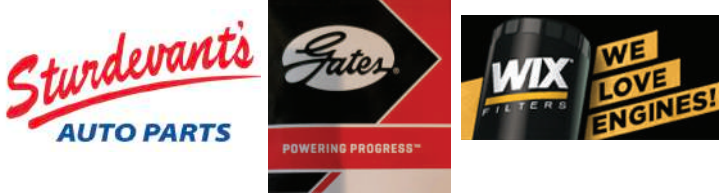
Edward Bushnell at his motorcycle repair shop, pictured extreme left. He would deliver mail or packages in the area at 10 cents per mile. This building was built in 1913 and is now the Town Community Hall.
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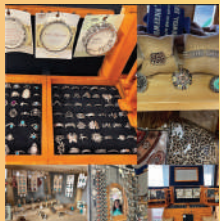
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Words of Wisdom from Dr. Pandi Pittman



want to discuss. Acknowledge your child's successes, whether it's academic, social, or extracurricular. This positive reinforcement encourages your child to continue positive effort in learning.

Be open to feedback from teachers. They can provide valuable insights into your child's behavior and performance in the classroom. Discuss strategies for supporting your child's learning at home and in school. Working together with teachers can create a strong support system for your child.

After the conference, keep the lines of communication open. Regularly check in with teachers and Infinite Campus about your child's progress. Share what you discussed in the conference with your child and focus on ways to engage them in learning. Highlight their strengths and areas to work on and encourage them to set personal goals.

Fostering a positive relationship between home and school can significantly benefit your child's educational experience. Teamwork between the teachers and parents will motivate positive academic achievement and a healthy learning approach for the student. See you all on Tuesday.



Here's What's Happening in Newell!

Blood Drive, September 30, 8:30-2:15
Newell High School, Austin Auditorium

Homecoming Parade, Chili Cookoff, Pie Sale, Bingo-October 4. Beginning at 12:30
Homecoming FB Game-October 5
Educated Voter, October 7, 6pm
Austin Auditorium

Saturday Mornings
Farmer's Market
8-1, South Park, until frost

Wednesday
Story Time with Patty
Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 11 a.m. All ages welcome
Feeding South Dakota
Second Thursday every month, 1:30
Newell Library Reading Program
Read 1000 books before Kindergarten. Every 100 books read wins a prize!



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SEPTEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
September 2) NO SCHOOL	3) Maple Baked French Toast Squares, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Chicken Nuggets, Fruit, Milk	4) French Toast Sticks, Long Johns, Fruit, Juice, Milk Chicken Alfredo, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, Milk	5) Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Turkey Pot Pie, Fruit, Milk	6) NO SCHOOL
9) Pancakes, Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Nachos, Black Beans, Corn, Fruit, Milk	10) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Burgers/Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	11) Breakfast Burritos, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Ham or Turkey Hoagies, Brussel Sprouts, Fruit, Milk	12) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Hamburger Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Milk	13) NO SCHOOL
16) Breakfast Quiche with Cheese & Veggies, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Shredded Pork Sandwich, Corn, Carrot Salad, Fruit, Milk	17) Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Fajitas, Black Beans, Fruit, Milk	18) Pancake Wraps, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Walking Tacos, Black Beans, Veggies, Fruit, Milk	19) Egg Patties, Wheat Toast, Jelly/PB, Juice, Fruit, Milk Mini Corn Dogs, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	20) NO SCHOOL
23) Biscuits & Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Pork Tamale Pie, Pasta Salad, Fruit, Milk	24) Long Johns/Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Sloppy Joes, Corn, Broccoli Salad, Fruit, Milk	25) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk	26) Hash Brown Eggs, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chili, Broccoli Salad, Sweet Rolls, Fruit, Milk	27) NO SCHOOL

Menu is subject to change!

Middle School and High School have access to fresh Salad Bar
Soup is offered daily for Middle and High School

Gator Volleyball beats Bison

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NEWELL—The Newell Lady Irrigators played a volleyball game at home versus the Bison Cardinals on Tuesday,

September 17. The Irrigators were on a roll all night, beating the Cardinals in the first match with a score of 25-13; the second match with a score of 25-15; and the third match with a score of 25-17. The victory came shortly after another hard

stomp against Olreichs on September 12, a game the Irrigators won 3-0. The team's current record is 2-4. The next varsity home game will be October 1, where the Irrigators will face McIntosh.



Left: Senior Hailey McCann, #2, makes a pass to the setter at the Irrigators' home game vs. the Bison Cardinals on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Right: Junior Rachel Stranberg, #15, hits the ball and gets a kill.

Above: The team celebrates a perfect kill during Tuesday's volleyball game.

Heitz photo



Newell Ram Show & Sale



Above: Sheep filled the pens last week in Newell for the 79th annual Newell Ram Show & Sale.

Below: Isen Kitzan of Nisland sold sheep at the Newell Ram Sale.



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Top: Tate and Finn Ollila of Newell carry on the tradition of their family's sheep business and could be found in the sale ring on Sept. 20. Hewitt Land and Cattle served as auctioneer and clerking service for the Newell Ram Sale.

Above: A nice crowd was on hand for the ewe and ram sale on Sept. 20.

Courtesy Photos

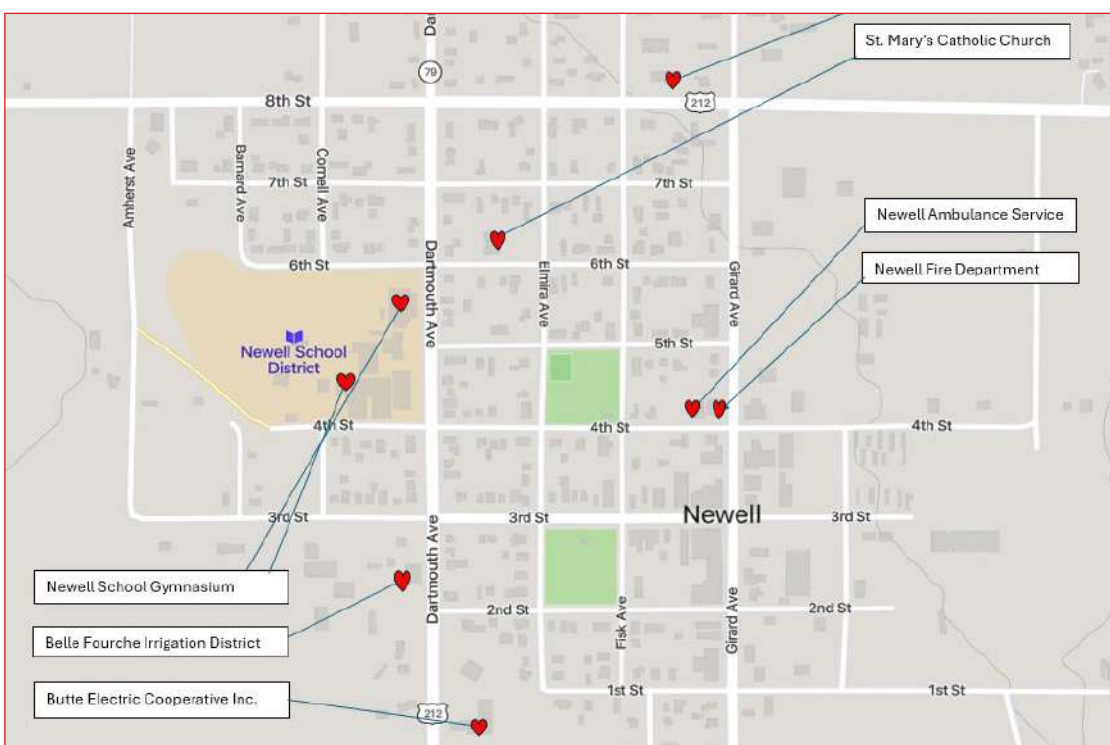
Newell High School Blood Drive

Donate for an instant Halloween Costume when you donate blood on Monday, September 30 8:30 to 2:15 at Austin Auditorium. This Spooktacular T-shirt can be won through the Donor Rewards program while supplies last.

The blood drive is sponsored by National Honor Society. Please contact Molly Moes at Molly.Moes@k12.sd.us or www.donors.vitalant.org and enter the blood drive code: newell.

Sixteen and seventeen-year-old donors require a Minor Donor Consent Form, please see Molly Moes for more information. Be sure to eat and hydrate before your donation and bring a picture ID.

Locations of AEDs in Newell Area



Daily Reservoir Data as of 09/21/2024
 Pool Elevation is 2961.4 Feet
 Reservoir Storage is 82293.0 Acre-Feet
 Reservoir Inflow is 144.5 CFS
 Reservoir Outflow is 304.8 CFS
 Reservoir is 47.6 % Full*
 Reservoir Flood Control Pool is filled 0.0 %
 Belle Fourche River Flow at State Line is 11.8 CFS

