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Belle Fourche Homecoming Coronation 2024



Back row left to right, Row boys: **Harvey Walding, Payton Jackson, Owen Schreder, Drake Sutter**; Front row girls: **Kaylor Kudlock, Alexa Swaney, Lily Nore, Kailey Nowowiejski**; center front Queen **Lydia Main** and King **Isaac Voyles**.
(Photo courtesy of Laura Young)

Homecoming Parade Photos C7

Methodic, Step by Step

Betty Bruner

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BELLE FOURCHE-As the Butte County Commissioners met in regular session Oct. 1 at the County Courthouse there was a lengthy discussion centered on the relocation of the Sheriff's Department.

The old jail located behind the courthouse has been a place of interest, however bringing the building into useable form may be a major undertaking.

Commissioners Chad Erk and Terry Batterman have researched the assessment of the old building.

According to the commissioners, the building contains mold, lead paint and other hazards. If it is salvageable, it could cost \$600,000 to \$800,000 to clean.

Another area that needs attention is an elevator at the Administration Building along with remodeling the basement, and then the potential of a new building.

Commission Chairman James Ager said it is important
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Belle Bronc Homecoming Fun



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It's been a busy, festive week in the Belle Fourche High School. Every day was a themed dress-up day. Many other activities such as the traditional "Burning of the B" continue to hold a place among the time-honored traditional memories for Belle Fouche alumni.

The Burning of the B. (Art courtesy of Lisa Wells)

The Coronation, Belle Fourche Homecoming



The Homecoming 2024 honorary parade marshall award was to **Krinda Fox** and her sons **Jesse, Owen, & Taten** in honor of the late **Chris Fox**. Courtesy Photo

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The annual 2024 royalty coronation was a splendid theatrical pageant. The stage setting in the Belle Fourche High School armory gymnasium provided a convincing background for an important celebration.

Many parents, grandparents, friends, former BFHS graduates, and high school faculty arrived early.

Parents of the candidates had their own reserved seating near the coronation and could watch their young adult children dressed in finery walk the path with decorated lighting.

To begin, BFHS choir's presentation of the national anthem inspired an enthusiastic round of applause and later, the audience enjoyed hearing the choir perform "The Sweetheart of Belle Fourche High".

The band entertained the crowd before the ceremony with a variety of spirited music including the school song. Both are directed by Micah Pennel.

Royalty candidates were splendid in their formal wear as they presented to the crowd.

The young attendants who followed the high school royalty candidates were also beautifully attired in formal black and white costume. Each set of royalty candidate parents entered with a stylish high school escort in sunglasses and letter jackets.

The auditorium was attract-

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Image circa 1900's **Bikers vs. Cowboy** L-R: **Reagan Hatling, Karen Schlekeway, Kailey Nowowiejski, Wyatt Lesmeister, Slater Humbracht, Ellie Schreder, Leah Lambert, and Lily Nore**.



Decades Day Front row L-R: **Karen Schlekeway, Kailey Nowowiejski, Aleyah Carbajal, Lydia Main**. Back Row L-R: **Lily Nore, Reagan Hatling, Slater Humbracht, Joshua Main, Brahmson Brink**.

Paleo Adventures Are for Everyone!

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Walter Stein has been told that he resembles Indiana Jones. They have other things in

common too. Both like to dig for treasures, one for artifacts left by humans, the other for dinosaur fossils. Both are scientists, teachers, and both love outdoor

adventures.

However, while Indiana Jones is a fictitious character, Walter Stein is a real-life dedicated paleontologist who lives in Belle Fourche, who has also earned a claim to fame in the world of paleontology. At the end of the month, Walter will be featured in an article on independent paleontology in the Wall St. Journal.

Walter and his wife Heather are both enthusiastic about Earth history. They are the proprietors of PaleoAdventures www.paleoadventures.com in Belle Fourche. PaleoAdventures specializes in authentic paleontological excavation excursions for enthusiasts including teachers, scientists, collectors, and students. For the past 20 years PaleoAdventures has offered these adventure tours, to private ranches in South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming and South-eastern Montana.

"This is a rock, and this is a dinosaur bone" Walter Stein, smiled as he explained to a small group of school age kids

how to distinguish ordinary rocks from fossils. Walter clearly likes the kids, and he likes teaching too.

The children and their parents were about to head out on a

two-day excursion to hunt for fossils. Day 1 would be spent outside at an excavation site called Deers Ears Buttes near Mud Buttes which is past

Paleo Adventures A7



Walter Stein



Walter demonstrating proper fossil cleaning tools and techniques to a young student.

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Randy Austin 71

Randy Austin, age 71 of Belle Fourche, died Monday, October 7, 2024 at his home, following a very sudden cardiac event.

The funeral service will be held 10:30am Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at the Belle Fourche Global Methodist Church. Visitation will take place 5 to 7pm Monday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will be in Pine Slope Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to kids in need at Christmas time, via "Shope with a Cop" and the Belle Fourche Police Department.

Friends may leave written condolences a view the funeral and video tribute from Randy's obituary page on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Randy Carol Austin was born August 24, 1953 in Tioga, North Dakota. He was the son of Carol and Jayne (Graham) Austin. Randy graduated from high school in 1971, in Baker Montana and following he moved to Billings Montana where he attended college to learn about Mechanics. After working as a mechanic in Billings, Randy moved to Belle Fourche in 1976, where he worked as a heavy equipment operator for Halliburton. Randy also worked with his father in a back-hoe business for a period of time. In 1979 he began working for American Colloid, retiring after 38 years, in 2016. On September 29, 1984, Randy was united in marriage to Janelle Ollila in Nisland. Together they were blessed with 40 years of marriage.

Randy always had a dream of raising sheep, and having a few horses. In his younger years in North Dakota, he broke horses. Spending time on the farm



near Orman Dam was one of his favorite things to do. In the early 1980's, he was an EMT for a few years. As a father, Randy was tough and firm, but when the grandchildren started showing up he mellowed and became a much sweeter man. Those grandchildren changed his life in many ways. His heart was full of pride and love for all of them. The interests they had, would interest him. If there was a recital to go to, Randy would be there. The same was true for any sporting or school event. He was always there for them, and enjoyed giving them cowboy boots, Minnesota Vikings clothing, and the always said he was going to get them each a horse someday. Attending the rodeo at the Black Hills Roundup, every Fourth of July, was always a memory maker for the family. Randy was a life-long fan of the Vikings. His partner in life was his wife, Janelle, whom he loved very much. He loved his children, grandchildren and his dog named "Bow". Randy will be greatly missed.

Randy is survived by his wife, Janelle; children, Brandon (Misty) Austin of Gillette WY, Vanessa Austin of St. Paul MN, Benjamin (Rebekah) Austin of Vadnais Heights MN, Valerie Austin of Belle Fourche; 6 grandchildren, Brooke, Amber, LouElla, Logan, Everly, and Zoey; 1 brother, Donovan Austin of Woodward OK; 1 sister, Laurene (Randy) Danner of OK; 8 nieces; and 4 nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Theresa Dunkerson.



Geraldine "Gerry" Heinbaugh 83

Geraldine Marie "Gerry" Nussbaum was born October 31, 1940 in Newcastle, Wyoming. She was the daughter of Albert and Robbie (Robison) Nussbaum. Gerry grew up on the family ranch located between Newcastle and Sundance and she graduated from Upton High School in 1958. During her high school years, she was an avid barrel racer and always was competitive on the rodeo circuit.

Following high school, she attended the University of Wyoming in Laramie for 1 year. On May 14, 1960 Gerry was united in marriage to Jerry Heinbaugh in Belle Fourche. To this union was born 3 children: Debra Sue, Richard Lee, and Mark Leslie.

Following their marriage, Gerry and Jerry lived north of Belle Fourche on the Heinbaugh Family Sheep Ranch. In 1975, Gerry moved into Belle Fourche with the children so that they could attend school. She worked for several years at the Hodge Bootery and in 1980 she began working at Bennett, Main and Gubbrud Law. For 35 years she was their Legal Secretary, retiring in 2015.

In her younger years, Gerry was an active member of the Gumbo Gals as well as the Western SD Sheepgrower's Ladies Auxiliary. She was an avid golfer for many years, and was a past Secretary of the Belle Fourche Country Club.

Many memories were made traveling to the area golf tournaments with friends, and it was a fun memory the year Gerry and her daughter won the women's championship in Belle Fourche. Gerry had a wonderful sense of humor; she loved to laugh; and she was a fun person to be around. She loved her job and was dedicated to it. She was a won-



derful wife and mother, and the type of grandmother whose pride ran deep for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Spending time with all of them brought her great joy. Gerry's dog, named "Bodie", was a special companion to her.

Gerry went home to heaven on Saturday, October 5, 2024. She was 83 years old, and she will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She is survived by her husband, Jerry of Belle Fourche; daughter, Deb (Tod) Torgerson of Edmond, OK; sons, Richard of Belle Fourche and Mark of Glenwood Springs, CO; 4 grandchildren, Karlee, Shawna, Logan and Cassandra; and 5 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Bill (JoAnn) Nussbaum of San Antonio, Texas, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her sister, Patsy Heil.

The funeral service was held Friday, October 11, 2024 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Visitation was Thursday at the funeral home. Interment took place at Pine Slope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Samaritan's Purse to help with the hurricane relief. Friends may a video tribute, as well as the funeral service, online by going to Gerry's obituary page, located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com



Daryl Joe Brownell 66

Daryl Joe Brownell, 66, of Belle Fourche, died Sunday October 6th, at home, surrounded by his family. He was born February 12, 1958, in Deadwood, to Durwood and Frieda (Schuck) Brownell.

After serving our country's Air Force, Joe then began his long career serving our veterans at the Veterans Health Administration in Ft. Meade. Over the next 37 years, he wore many hats at the VA. First as a nursing assistant, then police officer, housekeeping supervisor, back to police for a second time, and eventually retired in 2015 as the laundry plant manager.

Joe was a true friend to all who knew him. His warm and generous personality touched the lives of everyone he met. Always ready to lend a helping hand, Joe made friends effortlessly and will leave a lasting impact on the Belle Fourche and Ft. Meade communities. He will be greatly missed by all.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Debbie (Fish) Brownell; siblings, Delmar Brownell, Delores Eastwood, David Brownell, D'Anna Me-



dellian, and Dory Batka; four children, Jereme (Wesley) Fish, Raven (Scott) Hodgson, Colton (Tabitha) Brownell, Jason (Rachel) Walker; grandchildren, Nicole, Zenevia, Allana, Ava, Wesley, Keagen, September, Finnley and great-grandchild Easton; and many, MANY close relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law Roger Fish; his brother, Dale Brownell, and infant grandchild.

Joe loved dogs and expressed the wish that memorials be made to Rescues Unlimited. https://www.rescuesunlimited.org/donate/

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at later date. Burial will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Lella Lee Smith 94

Lella Lee Smith, 94, of Rapid City and formerly of Belle Fourche died October 7, 2024 at the Good Samaritan St. Martin Village in Rapid City.

Lella was born September 29, 1930 in Belle Fourche to Louis and Etta (Richardson) Shelden. She spent her entire childhood growing up on a ranch near Hulett, WY with her parents, two sisters and two brothers.

She taught rural schools for 2 years in Wyoming before moving to Belle Fourche in 1960. Lella married Richard J. Smith on October 3, 1963 in Belle Fourche and became a homemaker and dedicated her life to raising her family. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Belle Fourche where she played the piano for over 30 years at the church. She loved her church. In 2007 she moved to Rapid City where she has since lived.

Lella enjoyed playing the piano, sewing, painting, baking, gardening, motorcycling with her husband and spending time with her family. She loved her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Etta Shelden; her husband, Richard Smith; her sisters, Jean Dabney and Barbara Storm; brothers,



Griffith Shelden and Dan Shelden. She is survived by her children, Tom (Tonya) Stokes of Anchorage, AK, Sandy (Paul) Pazen of Ft. Collins, CO, Jackie, (Al) Spreizer of Rapid City and Judy (Bob) Domalewski of Rapid City; grandchildren, Brad Stokes, Chris Fryda, Siera Morado, Becky Stokes, Dan Stokes, Jay Stokes, Ben Anderson and Aaron Anderson and numerous great grandchildren.

Visitation will be one hour before services at the church. Funeral services will be held Monday, October 14 at 11:00 am at the First Baptist Church in Belle Fourche with Pastor Tim Smith officiating. Interment will be held Tuesday, October 15 at 10:30 am at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

The family suggests memorial donations to the First Baptist Church in Belle Fourche.

The funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed on Lella's obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



William (Bill) Nehren 80

William (Bill) Charles Nehren, 80, of Fort Lauderdale, FL, formerly of Belle Fourche passed away peacefully August 25. Born on December 2, 1943, in Rushville, NE, Bill was the son of the late Kenneth Nehren and Helen Varenkamp Nehren

Bill graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 1962. He earned a BS degree in Industrial Chemistry from SD State University and a MS degree in Business from Electrolux University. He served in the U. S. Army as a 1st Lieutenant in Germany. Son Geoff was born to Judith Amiss Nehren and Bill in Germany.

After completing his military service Bill embarked on a distinguished career, holding positions with Pellerin Milnor, Kirby and Scott Fetzer Companies. He served as VP of Electrolux International Sales and Marketing, and CEO of the Patten Company, a manufacturer of life rafts and safety equipment.

In his later years Bill and wife Lynn travelled



extensively, often including his sister Patti. He was especially proud of his grandsons Jacob and Travis, frequently traveling to Ohio to be part of their lives.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Judith Amiss Nehren, his sisters Jeanne Nehren Sweater and Phyllis Henriksen Stanish, brother Tom Henriksen, nephews Matthew Nehren Kaeck and Michael Sweater, and niece Sharon Sweater Schauer.

Bill is survived by his wife Lynn L'Homme-dieu, his sister Patricia Nehren, his son Geoff (Dana) and grandsons Jacob Charles Nehren and Travis Gregory Nehren. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held in the future as his ashes are spread in the Atlantic.

Bill would ask that you do something that brings you real joy and share it with those around you.

Roots Grow Deep and Strong # 19 “Hurricane, Just Another Everyday Catastrophe”



Meg English

“It’s 5:00 p.m., and I’ve been on the road since noon, caught in the relentless grasp of Hurricane Milton. What started as an uneasy departure from North Fort Myers has turned into a full-on battle with nature. My 2016 Chevy Traverse, loaded with all my art and my dog, has become my refuge as I navigate north.

I just learned that the streets of North Fort Myers—the town I now call home—are flooded, a brutal reminder that this storm isn’t letting up anytime soon.

The following is a guest column from So-DakArtist, soon after Hurricane Milton reached landfall on the west coast of Florida last week. It’s hard to let go of those we have loved and nurtured, but important to understand that adulthood is a myriad of challenges that one must overcome. I was very happy to receive this blog post and subsequent others from the author’s vantage point of safety. It’s also an informative and interesting story about Hurricane Milton.

Ahead of me, my buddy’s 2022 Dodge Charger cuts through the storm as best it can, but there’s no denying that Milton’s reach is everywhere.

The Moment It All Changed
For the first hour or so, it seemed like I might just outrun

the worst of it.

The rain was steady but manageable, the kind that could soak you through but not drown you. But by 1 p.m., Milton decided to show its true face.

The sky darkened like it was nightfall, and the rain turned vicious, slamming down with a force that made it feel like the heavens themselves had opened up. Wind gusts hit the car like punches, making every mile a fight to stay on the road.

Driving Blind Through Nature’s Wrath

There have been moments where I couldn’t see the road at all. High winds would whip the rain into a solid sheet against my windshield, rendering the wipers almost useless. It was like driving with a blindfold on, hoping the road was still there when the water finally cleared for a second. My buddy’s Charger would vanish into the gray, leaving me to trust my instincts and my sense of direction, praying I wouldn’t drift into a flooded ditch or worse. Those stretches where visibility drops to zero feel endless, each second stretched by the constant awareness of how fragile it all is.

A Journey of Survival
Driving through Milton is a reminder of nature’s unyielding power. It’s an experience of absolute exposure—where every gust of wind and every flash of lightning is a reminder that you are at the mercy of forces far greater than yourself. But there’s something deeply grounding in that, too. It strips away everything

trivial, leaving only the instinct to move forward, to push on despite the fear, the exhaustion, and the uncertainty. Each moment behind the wheel becomes a meditation on resilience, a reminder that in the face of such overwhelming power, sometimes the only thing you can do is keep going.

The Desolate Road

The emptiness of the highway only makes the storm feel more surreal. Normally buzzing with life, the roads are now eerily deserted, the only other vehicles are those of a few desperate souls like me, trying to escape the storm’s path. The sound of the rain beating against the car mixes with the howl of the wind, creating a symphony of chaos that is both terrifying and strangely mesmerizing. It’s like Milton has erased the normal world, replacing it with one of water and wind, where survival is all that matters.

Through the Eyes of the Storm

The view from behind the wheel says it all—blurred, distorted by rain, with barely a hint of the world beyond the glass. The windshield wipers fight a losing battle, each sweep revealing just enough of the road to remind me that I’m still moving. In the distance, the red taillights of my buddy’s car flicker through the downpour like a lifeline, a faint glow in a world dominated by gray. It’s a surreal kind of isolation—just me, my dog, and the raw power of a storm that refuses to let up. The road stretches out like a wet ribbon, leading us deeper into the unknown, with each mile a reminder of how vulnerable we truly are.

Brief Moments of Shelter
Finding an open gas station has been like finding an oasis in a desert. Twice, I’ve managed to refuel, each time sharing

a silent understanding with the others waiting in line. We’re all just trying to get enough gas to keep moving north, hoping to find a place where Milton’s reach isn’t so brutal. But even these stops are brief—the storm doesn’t pause, and neither can we. Each minute spent outside the car, under the pounding rain, is a reminder that time is not on our side.

The Journey Continues

It’s been over five hours now, and I’m still pushing forward. The radar shows just how engulfed we are—heavy bands of rain stretching across Florida, with no clear end in sight. I’ve just reached the junction near Brooksville—where 98 North meets Highway 75 on Cortez Boulevard, west of the town. The radio is a steady stream of warnings—tornado alerts, flash floods, the endless reminders to get to higher ground. But there’s no turning back; there’s only the hope that each mile brings me closer to safety. My dog’s quiet presence is a reminder that I’m not alone in this, that there’s a reason to keep going even when the road seems endless. And as Milton rages around us, I grip the wheel tighter, knowing that every moment behind it is one more moment survived.

Conclusion: A Long Night Ahead

I’m not out of it yet. Hernando County is just another check-point in a longer escape route as Hurricane Milton continues its destructive path across Florida. The worst may still be ahead, but there’s no turning back now. Every mile is a step closer to safety, but also a step deeper into the heart of a storm that will leave its mark on the landscape and on me. This journey isn’t just about survival; it’s about bearing witness to the incredible power of nature—and coming out on the other side with a story that will never be forgotten.” SoDakArtist

World Habitat Day, 4-H Week, and Youth Substance

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BELLE FOURCHE—At the October 7 City Council meeting, Mayor Randy Schmidt highlighted the city’s commitment to recognizing important causes with the proclamations of World Habitat Day, National 4-H Week, and National Youth Substance Use Prevention Month.

The mayor designated October 7 as World Habitat Day in Belle Fourche to “encourage all Belle Fourche citizens to work towards the elimination of inadequate housing.” By raising awareness and advocating for universal housing, he explained, we can change the systems that reinforce poverty housing and make affordable homes a reality for all.

National 4-H Week in Belle Fourche was proclaimed October 7-12. 4-H is nation’s largest youth development organization, and has served America’s youth for 120 years. National 4-H Week serves to “remind people about 4-H by spotlighting the different members, volunteers and opportunities within the program.”

Finally, Mayor Schmidt declared October 24 as National Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Day in Belle Fourche. He stated that addressing the opiate and overdose epidemic remains a critical priority; and Belle Fourche is committed to supporting substance use prevention training for educators, screening tools for youth, local prevention campaigns, and more.

The Chamber of Commerce shared news on new business members, including Outlaw Bar, Pooter Q, Creative Care LLC, and the Belle Fourche Soccer Association. The Chamber’s Chili Challenge was a success, with Posy Palace and Badlands Security Team winning best chili. Several upcoming events were announced,

including the Lunch and Learn on homebuyer education by NeighborWorks on October 9; a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Creative Care LLC on October 17; and the SDCEO Women’s Business Summit on October 24, where the Chamber will have a booth. The next Chamber Mixer is scheduled for October 29 at Black Hills Vision, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The Parks and Recreation board reported that local third and fourth graders have begun their swimming lessons. A recent Middle School Madness event drew over 70 participants. An issue with pool tiles separating from the liner is under assessment for repairs. Open soccer sessions will be held on Sundays, 6-8 p.m. Movie Night is set for October 19, 3-4:30 p.m.

The council unanimously approved waiving \$625 in fees for the 2024 Festival of Trees on December 3, hosted by the Black Hills Roundup Ag Committee and First Interstate Bank. Councilperson Elliot suggested establishing a policy for waiving fees in the future.

City Administrator Jason LaFayette updated the council on several ongoing projects, including the completion of Prairie Pines Road and water valve replacement, with no reported issues from residents. Progress is also underway on the engineering loop for water, along with improvements at Helmer Park. Sourdough Road is scheduled for filling on October 8. Finally, drainage work at Eagle Park is currently in progress.

In closing, Police Chief Ryan Cherveney noted an upcoming Internet Safety meeting on November 14 at the Rec Center, 6-8 p.m. City Engineer Brent Hardy urged the removal of political signs from public boulevards.

The next City Council meeting will be October 21 at 6 p.m.

4-H Shooting Sports in Butte & Lawrence Counties

Shooting Sports is just one of more than 70 project areas available in the 4-H Program.

There are two shooting sports groups in Butte & Lawrence counties. Both groups are open to all 4-H members in Butte and Lawrence counties and 4-H members are welcome to join whichever group fits their schedule.

These are special interest groups that meet in addition to regular club work.

Butte County 4-H Shooting Sports meets weekly on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 PM and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Choose the day and time that works best for your family. All practices are held in the basement of the Economic Development building in Belle Fourche.

This group offers BB Gun, Air Rifle, Air Pistol and Archery. .22 Rifle and .22 Pistol are also



available, weather permitting, to regular attendees.

For more information, please contact Amy Clark at 605-569-0408

Lawrence County Sharp Shooters meets weekly on Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM at the Historic

Homestake Opera House Shooting Range in Lead.

This group offers BB Gun, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol. .22 Rifle and .22 Pistol are also available on a limited basis.

For more information, contact Kristy Eastman (605) 920-0248 or Levi Brownell at (605) 645-5679.

South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports - State website for additional information about the program.

Please contact the Butte/Lawrence Extension Office at (605) 892-3371 for details or if you need help finding a 4-H club to join.

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to be methodical and to do things in a step by step process. He pointed out that it is vital that each idea is explored.

“Small steps are significant,” he said. It is invaluable to look at everything.

During Public Comment, Sue Broadhurst brought up past expenses from 2023 and early 2024 for money spent on water, flowers, tissues, cards, gifts, and cell phones. She also mentioned that travel expenses were high and asked if they were necessary. She cited the cost of the picnic table at the Administration Building, saying that it seemed to be too expensive.

John Dale spoke about wireless energy regarding Wi-Fi for the audio/video and his research on security. He said that he desires to be on the Butte/Lawrence Fair

Board.

Katy Thompson, Head of Dispatch, gave a report on efforts to update everyone on new workings of Dispatch. They are two positions still open in the department. She said that it is important to call Dispatch with any questions, i.e. on how to file Protection Orders, general questions, etc. The questions are passed onto the Belle Fourche PD and Butte County Sheriff’s Deputies.

“It keeps the records clean,” she said.

Call Dispatch at 605-892-2737 with questions.

The State’s Attorney office has been busy with many open cases and upcoming Grand Jury cases. Barnaud is working part-time and coming up to speed with the systems and cases.

A computer will be surplus by the Sheriff’s Department.

A bid has been accepted for Ken Thomas Construction to re-

pair the Administration Building for \$25,988.58. The commissioners will ask Thomas and ABE for a quote to paint.

The commissioners discussed at length regarding the appointment of an opening in the planning commission. An interview panel was formed which includes Planning Chair Heidi Lewis and Chief Deputy Jason March. They discussed whether the sitting commission or the future commission which is seated in 2025 should make the appointment. After several minutes of discussion, the consensus was the interview panel should bring a recommendation, the Commissioners will take the recommendation, and the present commissioners will appoint the person.

Commissioner Frank Walton mentioned that he has plans to resign at the end of 2024.

The next commission meeting will be October 15 at 11:00 a.m. Note the time change.

Pumpkinfest October 26th

Pumpkinfest, the collaborative event of the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center and the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will include over two dozen craft and food booths, either on the museum grounds or at Community Hall at 512 Sixth Avenue. The Chamber of Commerce handles these booths.

Family activities will be held at the Tri-State, at 415 Fifth Avenue. These activities include an inflatable – weather permitting – plus face painting, the pumpkin train and a variety of new games and crafts. The “Haunted” Johnny Spaulding Cabin, with an “animals gone wild” theme will be open for visitation.

There will be drawings for kids’ Halloween book at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30. All kids will receive goodie

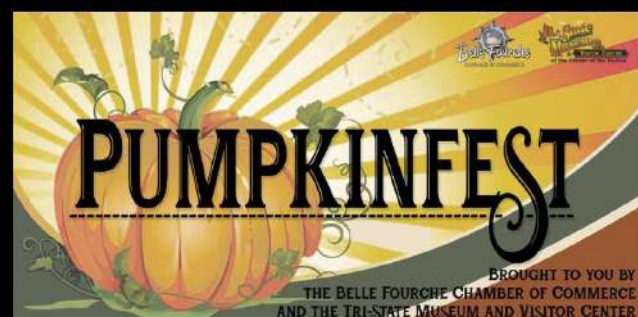
bags of candy and novelties.

“Maleficent,” will demonstrate experiments every 15 minutes after 11 a.m. and help kids make colorful playdoh.

The Tri-State Performers will present the family comedy, “The Great Halloween Scavenger Hunt,” at noon and 3 p.m. There is no charge for admission to the play.

Kids can sign up during the day for the costume contest, which will be judged at 3:30, following the last performance of the play. There will be \$25 awards given for the scariest, funniest and most original costume.

For more information, call the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center at 605-723-1200 about events, or Chamber of Commerce at 605-892-2676 about food and craft booths.



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Thank You

Black Hills Roundup Ag Committee for honoring us with the 2024 Ag Persons of the Year award.

We were completely surprised and totally flattered. The gifts will be much appreciated in the coming years. It was a wonderful evening with family and friends.

Jack and Rosina Owen



Bronc Sports Updates




Belle Fourche Bronc Cross Country

Coach Brittany Clarkson
Special to the Beacon

The Belle Fourche boys and girls team headed to Ft Meade in Sturgis for the Black Hills Conference meet on Thursday, October 10th. Three varsity runners were awarded with All Conference Honors.

Sophomore Lennon Clarkson placed 6th, Eighth grader Lia Mundt placed 3rd, and Freshman Rhys Pearson placed 13th. All Conference teams that competed were Spearfish, Sturgis, Douglas, St Thomas More, Rapid City Christian, Hill City and Custer.

The Bronc Varsity Girls team placed 4th out of 8 teams, and are currently seeded 2nd in their respective Region.

Individual results in Girls Varsity-Lia Mundt 3rd, Rhys Pearson 13th; Misty Drieling 28th; Alexa Stone 32nd; Kate Blair 37th.

Individual results Boys Varsity: Lennon Clarkson 6th; Nathan Hudson 30th; Oden Walding 32nd; Clifford Torberson 37th; Kale Williams 38th; and Thad Mckenney 39th.





Lia Mundt, Rhys Pearson, & Lennon Clarkson. All Black Hill Conference Honors. Courtesy Photo

Girls Varsity left to right: Lia Mundt, Kate Blair, Alexa Stone, Rhys Pearson, & Misty Drieling. *Courtesy Photo*



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Freshmen Lady Broncs, Go Strong, Last Long

Meg English
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It was a long day for the players, but the lady Broncs freshman volleyball team does not give up without a fight. On Saturday, the team demonstrated their skills, and were unrelenting in their efforts to out-perform other regional freshmen high school volleyball teams. The Belle Fourche Broncs coached by Katie Mailloux captured a third place standing in the Spearfish freshmen volleyball tournament.



The players experience camaraderie as they pass the time between matches. *English Photo*



Boys Varsity All **Black Hills Conference**: Lennon Clarkson bottom row second from left.



Congratulations and thanks for a game well played. *English Photo*

Carolyn Kindsfater and Richard Nickelson 2024 BFHS Hall of Fame Inductees

Meg English

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The sun was just setting as the Belle Fourche homecoming was about to begin at Lou Graslie Field in Belle Fourche on Friday evening.

During the pre-game twilight, Carolyn Kindsfater, class of 1957 and Richard Nickelson, class of 1970 were officially inducted into the Belle Fourche High School Hall of Fame.

Every year two deserving Belle Fourche high school graduates are named and inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Each of this year's inductees were not only accomplished athletes, but were also dedicated to public service work.

Carolyn Kinsfater attended Huron College after high school where she studied math. Her first teaching job in mathematics was in Bristol, SD from 1961-1966.

Carolyn returned to Belle Fourche in 1967 where she taught for 34 years.

Known as "Miss K", Carolyn Kinsfater was always ahead of her time. In 1989, she purchased a video golf simulator so kids could practice golf during their free periods.

Carolyn was also the first female head coach in any sport

in Belle Fourche, an honorable achievement of merit by itself. However, Carolyn also enjoyed a long string of accomplishments as a coach.

She was the head girls' golf coach from 1978-1995 and again from 1991-2001. For a short time she also coached boys' golf.

Altogether, Carolyn earned many impressive honors. She coached 7 Black Hills Conference Championship teams, 2 region golf title teams, and some notable state team titles during her career.

Her state teams took 4th place in 1979, 5th place in 1983, 7th place in 1986, 4th place in 1992, 3rd place in 1993, and 4th place in 1994. Additionally, she coached State Medalist Sarah Smith in 1992 and 1993.

Carolyn retired from teaching in 1995.

Richard Nickelson, a 1970 graduate was a multi-sport athlete in high school, where he excelled in football, basketball, track and field, and golf.

Richard was a member of two conference championship basketball teams. During his senior year he became the team leading scorer. He was also the

leading scorer in the conference.

Not only was Richard an accomplished athlete he was also the class valedictorian and a member of National Honor Society.

Richard was chosen to attend Boys' State in 1970.

Following high school graduation, Richard went on to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy where he majored in astronautical engineering.

At the same time, he was a member of the division I basketball team.

At the Air Force Academy, he received various awards including All Tournament Team MVP, 2nd Team NCAA District Seven honors, and 2nd Team Academic All-American honors.

Richard was the recipient of the 1974 Air Force Academy Athletic Excellence Award and ended his college career as the 3rd leading scorer in the 15-year history of the Air Force Academy.

Richard graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1974 as a 2nd Lieutenant.

He went on to continue his basketball career playing in the NBA summer league.



Richard Nickelson, his sister Nancy and brother Larry.

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Carolyn Kinsfater

Julie Adams Joins Edward Jones Belle Fourche Office

Meg English

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Julie Adams, the new trainee for the financial services Edward Jones office in Belle Fourche was looking for a change.

She had been working for the Lawrence County Treasurer's office in Deadwood for 16 years. The branch office administrator position at Edward Jones in Belle Fourche

appealed to her.

"A branch office administrator is not only responsible for the daily operation of the branch, but also must provide top-level client service and marketing support for my activities," said Shannon Rolando, local financial advisor for the firm.

Although Julie was born in Timber Lake, SD she grew up in California. When it was time to go off to college, she returned to Spearfish to attend Black Hills State College where she earned a degree in sociology. She has lived in Spearfish for the past 20 years.

Julie Adams is friendly and easy to meet. She likes people, performing office management tasks and building customer relationships.

She also enjoys reading, sewing, bowling and getting together with family most of

whom are in the area.

To become fully established as a BOA for Edward Jones, Julie must successfully complete the firm's in-depth training program within six months to graduate from the trainee designation into the position of branch office administrator.

The program consists of on-line modules that are grouped into study weeks.

Rolando added that he was impressed not only with her office skills and efficiency but also with her knowledge of the community.

"I know she will be a terrific asset to our team as we strive to provide our clients unparalleled personal service," Rolando said.

Rolando's branch office is located at 1407 5th Avenue in Belle Fourche.

He may be reached at (605)569-7979.

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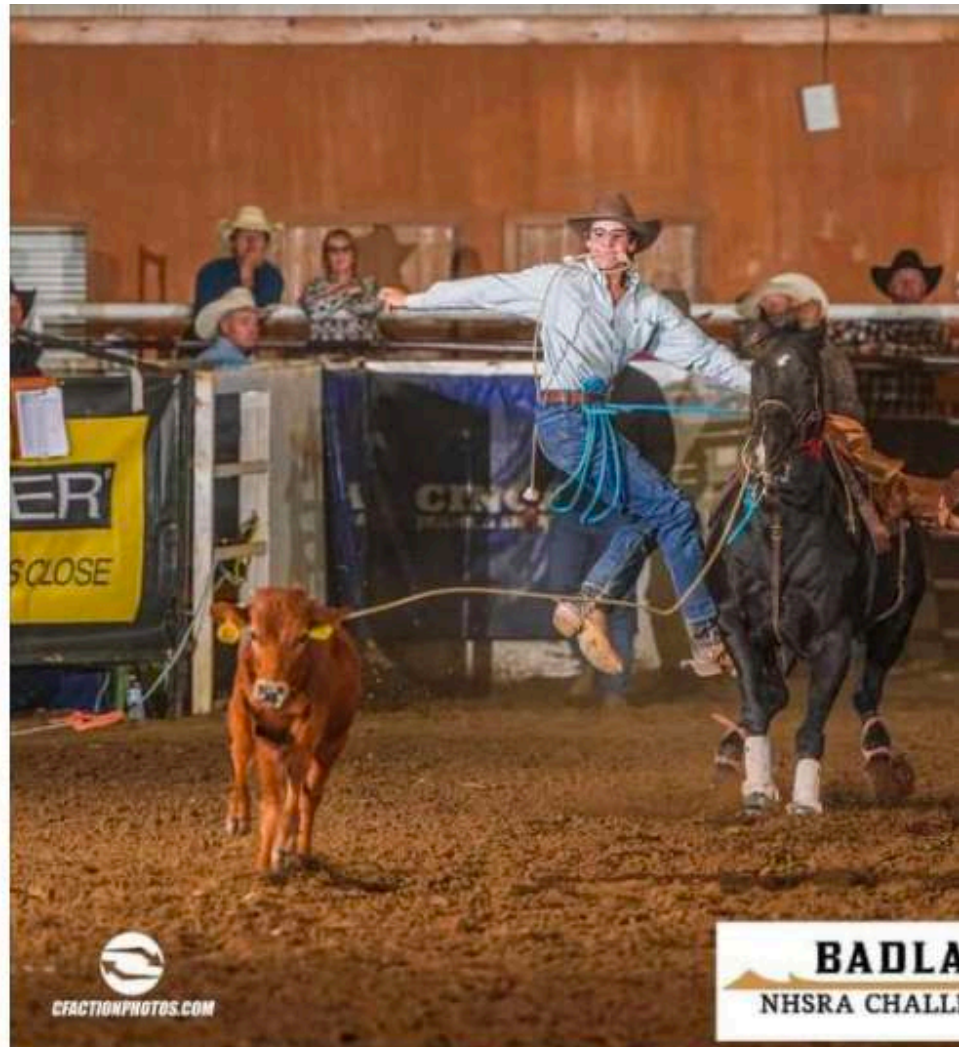
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Julie Adams is the newest addition to the **Edward Jones** office in Belle Fourche. She is training to be a branch office administrator (BOA).



Syd and Cade Pelster had a time of 7.35 to win Round 1 of the **NHRSA Challenged Time Event** Team Roping. Photo Courtesy Clint Foster Photography



Koby Bowden won the tie-down roping 1st round in 10.92 at the **NHRSA Challenged Time Event**. Photos Courtesy Clint Foster Photography

Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



Homecoming is over, but the BFHS Marching Band will still be performing this month! Everyone loves a marching band field show, and everyone can attend the BHSU Marching Band Showcase to see multiple field shows. The showcase will be on Saturday, October 19th, at 9 AM at the BHSU Stadium. There is no charge to show up and cheer on the performers!

BFHS and BFMS Bands brought the spirit to the Belle Fourche Homecoming at the pep rallies, the parade, and the big game. Directors Jacque Bratcher (BFMS) and Mika Pennel (BFHS) brought inspiring performances from their growing bands. The powerful high school drumline was an especially big hit for the purple and white crowds!

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

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!

Vore Buffalo Jump Annual Meeting

Sundance, WY. The Vore Buffalo Jump Foundation will hold its annual meeting on October 19, 2024 at 10 am at the Vore Buffalo Jump Archaeological Site located on Old Hwy 14 just west of Beulah, Wyoming.

Tours will be offered from 9 am to 10 am and after the meeting until noon.

At the annual meeting, VBJF board president Jacqueline Wyatt will provide an update on the state of the non-profit Foundation.

This year, the board is excited to share recent progress toward exhibit development. The Foundation recently received a grant from the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund to create an exhibit of approximately 17 bison skulls that were removed from the Vore Site sinkhole during excavations conducted by the University of Wyoming in the early 1970s.

This exhibit will visually emphasize the number of bison killed at the Vore Site and will acknowledge the contributions of the Vore family to the development of the Site.

There will also be an update on progress toward curation of the 22,000 plus artifacts that were removed from the Vore Site sinkhole in excavations in 1971 and 1972. Most of these artifacts are bones of bison killed in the sinkhole during the 22 jumps at the Site by Native American hunters between about 1550 and the late 1700s. Archaeologists have also found more than 200 projectile points and the skeletons of dogs that traveled with the hunters.

The Vore Collection is stored at the University of Wyoming



The exhibit made possible by a grant from the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund will include this skull, which was one of the first complete skulls removed from the sinkhole during the first summer of excavations in 1971. The skull was given to **Doris and Woody Vore** and until recently hung over the fireplace in the Vore ranch house. This skull demonstrates the unique preservation of the artifacts in the sinkhole: The horn sheaths are intact. These sheaths are grown by specialized hair follicles and are composed of keratin, the same protein found in fingernails.

Archaeological Repository.

The Vore Scholars program provides stipends to two interns each semester who work on the Vore Collection. Donations from our supporters, including the Sundance State Bank, support the Vore Scholars Program.

As part of the Foundation's educational mission, the Vore Site hosts about 800 students

from the region in spring and fall for field trip programs. This fall students have come from Moorcroft, Rozet, and Sheridan in Wyoming and Lead/Deadwood, Dupree, and American Horse schools in South Dakota. The volunteers who make this program possible will be acknowledged at the annual meeting.



Michael Thom, a 2024 fall semester Vore Scholar, is pictured in the bonebed at the **Vore Site**. Michael is a graduate student at the University of Wyoming and will study the projectile points excavated from the Vore Site with the goal of developing a new exhibit.

Community Calendar

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Oct 18 - 7:30AM Caramel Rolls & Coffee @ Belle Silver Lining, 5PM Angel Store @ BF Global Methodist Church

Oct 19 - Disc Golf Tournament @ Tri State Museum, 1:30PM Afternoon Tea supporting Artemis House (845 N 5th, Spearfish), 3PM Movie @ BF Rec Center

Oct 20 - 2PM Family Fun Day @ Tri State Museum

Oct 21 - 6Pm City Council Meeting

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Contd. From A1 Paleo Newell.

The kids and their parents were eager to get started. They were dressed appropriately for a day in the badlands. They had sun-screen, water, hiking boots, hats and all the recommended necessities. Excavation tools were provided by PaleoAdventures.

PaleoAdventures has attracted quite a lot of attention from enthusiasts across the globe. Along to collect research for a film documentary on Day 1 was a French free-lance journalist Pauline L'Allement. Pauline joined the group to film and research dinosaur excavations in the United States.

Day 2 would take place in the lab where Walter would teach the kids the proper use of cleaning tools and how to distinguish fossils from rocks and how to recognize the distinct characteristics of each.

PaleoAdventures works with private ranchers, under a signed contract, who permit excavations on their property, in return for a percentage of any commercial sales and tours. "It's starts off as a business partnership, but we've been on some of these ranches for so long, that many are like family to us now". Walter explained.

Visits for the excavation season, June through September, are scheduled right before Christmas and by the end of January they are usually booked solid. By the time summer rolls around there is often a long waiting list of families trying to get in.

Walter always knew that he wanted to be a paleontologist from the age of 6. Growing up in New Jersey was not the best place to study dinosaur bones. So following college, and a degree in Geology, Walter made his way west in search of dinosaurs.

He remarked that New Jersey was just claustrophobic. "I prefer the wide-open spaces." Indeed, the wide-open spaces in western South Dakota offer infinite possibilities in the world of paleontology as well as to those who prefer the visual and emotional feeling and freedom of space. The Tri-State region is one of the best places in the world to find fossils.

Heather Stein's first career was in the natural health and martial arts fields, but now she wears many hats at PaleoAdventures. She continues to study martial arts at the Northern Hills Bujin

Ki Ryu Jujitsu school. Western South Dakota offers rich caches of dinosaur fossils as well as deposits of plant and insect, marine life, avian and mammal fossils. It's a fine hunting ground for such treasures.

So of course, there is strict protocol for hunting, excavation, and collection.

On Day 1, the kids would learn how to excavate with special tools. They would learn how to respect the fossils, the land, and the landowners' rights. According to Walter "Ethical paleontology requires the respect of science, the respect of the specimens, the respect of the land, the land-owners and their rights, and the cooperation and commitment of like-minded individuals to advance our common knowledge."

On Day 2 they would learn how to clean and identify fossils. Fossils are divided into three broad categories: Common Fossils, Commercial Grade Fossils, and Scientific Grade Fossils. If the kids find fossils that are not unusual, rare, or scientifically important, they may keep them.

Specimens that are of little scientific interest, but commercial value may be marketed for sale, to private collectors, hobbyists, educators, or tourists.

Walter and Heather Stein have been diligently working toward another dream goal. They want to build a large dinosaur museum in the region.

"Dinosaurs are like dogs..." Walter explained, "They need good homes with caring parents. When a scientifically significant specimen is found, PaleoAdventures seeks to have it placed in a reputable museum preferably in the western United States. "Our main goal is to find relatively complete or partial dinosaur skeletons that can find a good home in a proper US museum for research and study. Exploring for dinosaurs should never be about the money."

People who are interested in dinosaurs like visiting the Belle Fourche Area. They tend to come from distant all over the US and even some visitors from outside the US. Many visitors make return trips.

In addition to museum work, Walter and Heather

Both neglected to double check this past week and the end result was a page was mislabeled and it resulted in Page C7 being printed twice. Where it belonged and in the place of C8 too.

That caused the omission of page C8, the back page of Section C. Advertisers when possible like ad placement on an outside of a section.

Business owners of the three ads that as a result of the missing page not in the paper were understanding of what had



Working at the **Deers Ears Butte Dinosaur** site.



Fossils need to be cleaned for identification have created a club for all ages called Hell Creek Paleontology Society. <https://www.thehell-creekpaleosociety.org> The club currently meets online via Zoom, but will hopefully meet in person next summer. New members are welcome. Walter and Heather firmly believe that paleontology is for everyone.

happened, but not necessarily pleased their ad was absent.

Oh, did I mention, it is difficult to send an invoice for an ad that isn't published. Let me correct that, "it is difficult to collect for an ad that didn't make it into the Beacon."

Michelle Schmidt has been assisting the Beacon and has been in contact with many of you regarding your subscriptions to the Beacon.

The Beacon refers to Michelle as "Keeper of the List".

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Again, wondering how two people cannot remember to double check.

We had to ask each other how the two of us could not remember to put the amount of a yearly subscription in the reminder



Walter Stein and French free-lance journalist **Pauline L'Allement**. Pauline is researching dinosaur excavation sites throughout the world. *English Photos*

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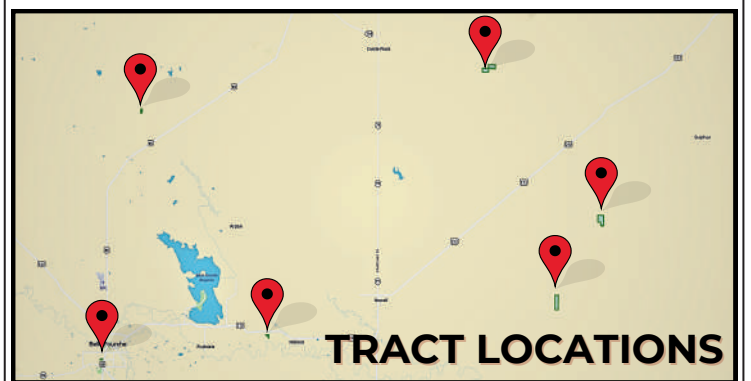


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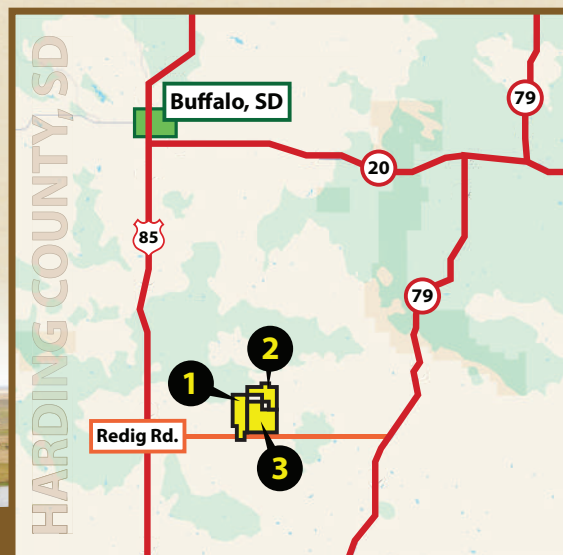
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Demolition underway of Old Cliff Thomas Drug Facade

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Quite a few onlookers were on hand when the old aluminum siding was being peeled from the face of 521 State Street.

The metal facade was added in 1968 probably to give the old, tired structure a fresh new look. At that time, the building was owned by Pharmacist Cliff Thomas.

521 State Street was constructed in 1890 as the Ferrall Hardware Store. It was one of eight buildings constructed before 1895 in Belle Fourche and the only one according to most records to survive the devastating fire of 1895.

The building has earned its place on the historic register.

Following the sale of the building when Cliff Thomas retired, it became the home of several businesses including a

pawn shop, a thrift store, and for a while a physical training facility.

Porcupine LLC purchased the building four years ago. Today, 521 State Street is the home of a non-profit organization, the South Dakota Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Dakota Territory Firearms. Dakota Territory Firearms has business for the past 10 years. They specialize in firearms and sporting goods for hunting, sporting, and self-defense.

Funding to help start this

project came from the Outside Deadwood Granting Program.

The Outside Deadwood Granting Program is a project of The Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission. The purpose of this grant is to promote the preservation and interpretation of historic sites, buildings, and properties throughout the state. Grants are awarded annually to promote quality restoration, protection, and interpretation of buildings, sites, and properties that contribute to the region's history.



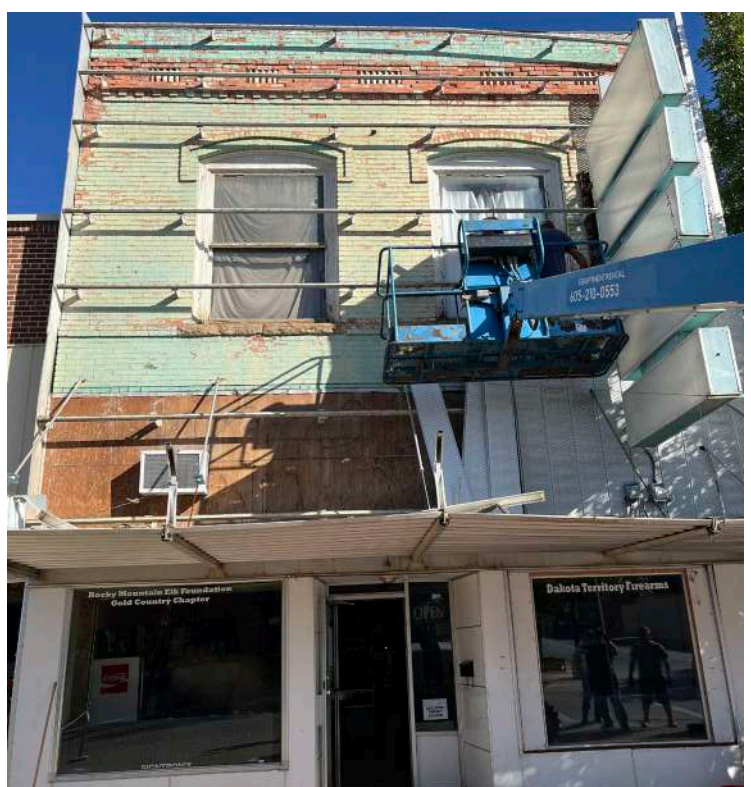
The tin is off the East side of the structure and it uncovered on the building exterior adjacent the structural wall a Brick facade and an exterior stucco layer. (R) 521 State with metal facade removed.

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Cattle Report - Friday, October 11, 2024

Just under 6000 head today
Yearlings sold steady
Spring calves sold \$2 to \$5 higher - light calves sold steady

Next sale - October 18th - Yrlg & Spring Calf Special - Selling all classes of cattle
8 AM yearlings followed by spring calves
October 19th - Weigh Up sale & Early Bred Cow Special
9 AM - Weigh ups - 12 Noon - Bred Cows
First Saturday Weigh Up Sale - October 12th - 9 AM - Weigh Ups 12 Noon - Bred Cows
Thank you for marketing with St Onge Livestock!

Table with columns: Seller, Location, Sex/Age, Price, Weight. Includes entries like Mueller Land & Livestock, Anderson, Monroe, etc.

Spring Calves

Large table listing various calf sales with columns for seller, location, sex/age, price, and weight. Includes entries like Bauer, Bradley/Rhonda, Duprel Livestock, etc.

Friday, October 18, 2024

Yearling & Spring Calf Special

8:00 AM -- Yearlings followed by Calves

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs
Vaccinated NI-No Implants

Yearlings

Hubbard Cattle - 90 Blk, Bldy & Few Red Strs & Hfrs - 700-750# - Hfrs Are Open
Double H Ranch - 70 Herf & Herf-X Strs - 800-900#
Lester Phillippi - 10 Blk Hfrs - 850-950# - Open
Dan O'brien - 10 Mostly Red Hfrs - 850-950# - Open

Calves

Rolph Ranch - 1200 Char & Blk Strs & Hfrs - 400-575# - BT, PC
Ernie Mellum - 350 Red Bldy Strs & Hfrs - 500-575# - BT, PC, NI
Brad Bauer - 200 Blk & Bldy Hfrs - 550-600# - BT, PC, NI
Jake Sinner - 200 Mostly Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-550# - BT, PC
Drew Persson - 170 Blk & Few Red Mostly Strs - 500-525# - BT, PC, NI
Ken & Pam Hansen & Sons - 170 Blk Strs - 450-550# - BT, PC
Bob Baker - 160 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-600# - BT, PC
Lester Phillippi - 150 Blk Strs - 500-550# - BT, PC, NI
Llewellyn Johnson - 150 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-550# - BT, PC
Dale Sprague - 150 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 475-575# - BT, PC
Crago Land & Livestock - 150 Blk & Bldy Strs - 475-550# - BT, PC
Justin Rantapaa - 130 Mostly Blk, Few Red Strs & Hfrs - 450-650# - BT, PC
Karen & Darin Davison - 120 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 550-600# - BT, PC, NI
Wayne & Dixie Garman - 120 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 650# - BT, PC, NI
Matthew & Wendy Moore - 120 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-550# - BT, PC, NI, DF
Zimmerscheid Livestock - 120 Blk & Red Strs & Hfrs - 475-575# - BT, PC
Scott Robinson - 110 Blk Hfrs - 500-550# - BT, PC, Replacement Quality
Scott Packard - 80 Blk & Bldy Strs - 500-550# - BT, PC
- 20 Blk & Bldy Hfrs - 475-525# - BT, PC
Stinson Livestock - 100 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-550# - BT, PC, NI
April Lane - 100 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs - 450-575# - BT, PC
Tyler & Shannon Tibbetts - 100 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 450-550# - BT, PC
Waylon Carson - 100 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 475-550# - BT, PC, NI
Op Bar Ranch - 90 Herf Strs - 525-625# - BT, PC
Ayer Ranch - 85 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 450-575# - BT, PC
Trevor Tibbetts - 80 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 450-550# - BT, PC
Lindsey Ranch - 75 Blk Strs - 550-575# - BT, PC, NI
Randy Tinnell - 75 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 425-525# - BT, PC
Myron Andersen - 40 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 550-600# - BT, PC, NI
Greg Harris - 65 Mostly Herf Strs - 450-550# - BT, PC, NI
T Qtr Circle Ranch - 60 Blk & Char Strs & Hfrs - 400-525#
Toby Peters - 55 Red Strs & Hfrs - 500-550# - BT
Steve Trump - 55 Blk & Bldy - 500-600# - BT, PC
Barney Jorensen - 55 Char Strs & Hfrs - 500-600# - BT, PC, NI
Rich & Judy Lynde - 55 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 450-500# - BT, NI
Darrel & Kristi Steffes - 55 Blk Strs - 550-600# - BT, PC, NI
Jim Tetrault - 50 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-550# - BT, PC, NI
Brad, Roger & Loma Wood - 50 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs - 475-525# - BT
Gerald Schuldiess - 45 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 600-650# - BT, PC, NI
Mcmichael & Young - 45 Blk Strs - 550# - BT, PC
Zach Elmore - 40 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-450# - BT, PC
Burke & Haugen Ranch - 28 Blk & Few Red Strs & Hfrs - 550-600# - BT, PC
Kyeilyn Coombe - 26 Blk Bldy Strs & Hfrs - 500-550# - BT, PC
Ralph Crago - 25 Blk Strs - 500# - BT, PC, NI
Dan Bacon - 20 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-450# - BT, PC
Peggy Sue Garman - 12 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 650# - BT, PC, NI
Jan Wood - 12 Blk Strs - 500-550# - BT, PC, DF
Dan Debuhr - 10 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-600# - BT, PC
Luke Spaulding - 10 Blk & Bldy Mostly Strs - 500-540# - BT, PC, DF

Plus more by sale time!

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Early Bred Cow Special

9:00 AM -- Weighups 12:00 Noon - Bred Cows

Dispersion

Dan & Jodi Cheser - 18 Blk Hfrs - Bred Blk - 4/1 For 60 Days
-45 Blk 3 Yr To Short Term Cows - Bred Blk - 4/1 For 60 Days
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Bred Cows

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Barney Jorensen - 58 Red Mixed Age Cows - Bred Char - 2/14
Dan Rice - 45 Red & Red Bldy Solid To Short Term Cows - Bred Red - 3/20
For 45 Days
Jay Mattson - 31 Blk Solid To Short Term Cows - Bred Blk - 3/25
Justin Rantapaa - 20 Blk Short Term Cows - Bred Blk - 2/10
Bill Carlisle - 15 Blk Short Term Cows - Bred Sim - 3/26
Plus more by sale time!

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Sheep Report - Thursday, October 10, 2024

Lamb market was higher today
Medium & fat ewes sold steady, thin ewes sold \$20 higher
Good demand on the replacement ewes

Next sale - October 17th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling all classes of sheep and goats
Animals should be here by 10 AM so they can be weighed before the sale
Thank you for your business!

Feeder Lambs

Table listing feeder lamb sales with columns: Seller, Location, Sex/Age, Price, Weight. Includes entries like Janvin, Clair, Ludlow SD, Geer Trust, Virginia, etc.

Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head

Table listing replacement ewe sales with columns: Seller, Location, Sex/Age, Price, Weight. Includes entries like Bowers, Jim & Tom, Broadus MT, Janvin, Clair, Ludlow SD, etc.

Slaughter Ewes

Table listing slaughter ewe sales with columns: Seller, Location, Sex/Age, Price, Weight. Includes entries like Akers, Jean, Lodgepole SD, Akers, Jean, Lodgepole SD, etc.

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Feeder Lamb Special 1:00 PM

Expecting 2500 to 3000 Feeder Lambs

Replacement Ewes

Jack Orwick - 150 7-Yr-Old Ewes

Plus More By Sale Time!

Please have animals in by 10:00 AM So they can all be weighed before the sale!

2024 SHEEP SALES

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

2024 CATTLE SALES

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
Saturday, November 9th - Bred Heifer & Cow Special Along With Weigh Ups
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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Arrest Made After Theft from a Belle Fourche Middle School Class Room

Belle Fourche, SD – The Belle Fourche Police Department has made an arrest following an investigation into the theft of multiple educational items from the Belle Fourche Middle School.

The theft, reported at the beginning of the school year, involved educational toys, Lego sets, art supplies, educational blocks, and various other items valued at approximately \$2,000.

School Resource Officer Schmeltzer was informed of the missing items shortly after the start of the school year. It was reported that all the items were accounted for at the end of the previous school year.

During the investigation, surveillance footage from the school was reviewed, and it was observed that Shila Liggett of Belle Fourche who was identified as a suspect had made several trips from the classroom to her vehicle, carrying the stolen items.

Liggett later admitted to being in possession of some of the stolen items. Further investigation revealed that Liggett had attempted to sell the stolen goods at a local garage sale.

Community members came forward with photographs of toys labeled "Property of Belle Fourche School District," providing crucial evidence.

It was also learned that Liggett had attempted to replace some of the stolen items with alternatives items. As a result of the investigation, an arrest warrant was issued for Shila Liggett.

She was arrested and charged with two counts of Grand Theft, a Class 6 Felony. Belle Fourche Police Chief Ryan Chervenky stated, "The theft of items intended for the education and development of our students is both troubling and unacceptable.

We appreciate the assistance from community members who assisted in the investigation and the Belle Fourche School District for their continued support and assistance".

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125 years ago
Belle TIMES
October 5, 1899

Talk of The Town Fred Stearns was in from the Cave Hills this week. H. E. Frost expects to leave for Nebraska in a few days. Gen'l Supt. Hughes, of the Elkhorn, was in town between trains Monday. Levi P. Decker, a groceryman of Sturgis, was looking over our town yesterday. Wm. Ogg of Seim was in town this week and made his yearly visit at this office. Roy and Leslie White came in from the ranch Monday and took in the dance. The "Wideawake" and "Good Groceries" are synonymous term in Belle Fourche The old reliable Wideawake grocery house is still the leader in quantity, quality and price.

Jerry Ducharme was in from the Moreau and took out a load of supplies yesterday. Mrs. May Crippen left this morning for Sundance, where she will display a stock of millinery for a few days. Today's Pioneer Times says the boys will be mustered out today and will arrive home about next Thursday.

100 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
October 6, 1924

MARRIED IN DEADWOOD
Russell E. Clanton of Harding and Miss Willo M. VanHorn of Buffalo, S. D., were united in marriage at Deadwood Monday of this week. The groom is a son of W. B. Clanton, one of the prominent stockmen of Harding county, and is associated with his father in the ranching and livestock business. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. VanHorn of Buffalo and is a charming young lady who numbers her friends by her acquaintances. She is a graduate of Belle Fourche high school. Their many friends throughout this part of the country will extend best wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

DEATH OF PROMINENT HORSEMAN

Ed Hilliker, age 64, prominent horseman of Omaha, died at a hospital in Omaha last week, from an ailment that had been causing him trouble for several years. Mr. Hilliker was a member of the firm of Hilliker & Simpson, dealers in horses and mules, at South Omaha, for several years, and was also in the horse and mule commission business at Grand Island. For the part few years he has been proprietor of a feed and sale barn at Fremont, Nebr. Mr. Hilliker has visited Belle Fourche many times, and had many friends among the stockmen and businessmen of this part of the country. He is survived by a wife, one son and

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CANDLES AND MIRRORS #2
By DeAnn Kruempel
"Ties That Bind"

It was just big enough—my very own secret hiding place! Two or three bales had been pulled from the straw pile in front of the barn, leaving a small cave, a perfect hangout. It was dry and warm inside; the barn blocked the South Dakota wind.



Of course, life can never be easy. The next bale was somewhat askew, certainly not in a perfect line to follow into the loader. Visions of broken bales danced in my head. I didn't look back because I figured Delmer would expect me to steer the tractor into place and expertly reel in that bale. I yanked back on the clutch to stop the tractor and scurried down to re-position the straw block. Only when I was certain it would easily head into the chute did I climb back up to the tractor seat.

The day wore on. I stopped to move a lot of bales. I envisioned my brother chewing on a straw of oats waiting for the next golden chunk to hurtle up to him. Maybe he sat on a bale as he waited. Maybe he took a nap.

We got the bales picked up and headed home. Delmer didn't complain about how long it took or how many times we stopped.

When we pulled into the yard, he maneuvered the rack next to the barn to unload.

I am pretty sure Dad checked his watch, but he never asked what took us so long to bring home the straw bales that day.

Even more amazing was the fact that Mamma Kitty and I kept our secret hiding place for a long time that winter. For some strange reason, when the guys needed a bale, they pulled it from the other side of the stack.

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Momma Kitty jumped up behind me and for a half hour she purred in perfect understanding as I poured out the typical catastrophic woes of a nine-year-old girl, stories inspired by the clean, earthy smell of oat straw. I knew our private spot would not last long. Tomorrow fresh bedding would be needed and the guys would grab more bales from the pile.

A barn door clicked shut and Dad walked by, just below. I pulled my boots inside, not wanting to give away the secret. As I snuggled in, my mitten caught on the tan colored twine that bound the bale together, reminding me of last summer when this stack came about.

"Delmer, you and DeAnn take the hay rack out to the oat field and pick up the bales. There are only about 90 left." Dad's confidence in my tractor-driving ability far exceeded my own. I was shaking in my tennis shoes.

I sat quietly next to my brother on the tractor seat as we headed down the road to the oat field, the bale loader and rack rattling behind us on the gravel. "You'll be alright, DeAnn. You just have to line up the bales between those guides on the loader. If you hit it right, the bale will ride right up to me." Easy for him to say!

Dad and Donald had taken off the chopper from the back end of the pull-behind combine. The oat straw was easy to pick up and bind into square bales. Back then the straw was as important as the oats. Plenty of dry, warm bedding kept cattle, hogs and chickens happy and healthy during winter months when they were confined to barns and coops.

The bales formed parallel (mostly) lines through the field. Delmer got me started and I nudged the clutch forward on the John Deere 520. I puffed a sigh of relief as the first few bales fit into the guides and traveled up the elevator chains. They slid to a stop on the platform just above the hay rack. Delmer grabbed them by the twine ties and carried them back to begin the pile on the hay rack.

three daughters.
REPUBLICAN MEETING IN COUNTY
Governor McMaster Will Speak in Belle Fourche Afternoon of October 24

Chairman Burkholder of the Butte County Republican Committee has just been advised of the political meetings and speakers that will be in this county from now until election. The first meeting will be in Belle Fourche on Monday of next week, October 20, when Congressman Williamson will speak. Governor McMaster, republican candidate for United States senator will be in Belle Fourche the afternoon of Friday, October 24, and at 3:30 will speak at the Legion hall. Mr. McMaster is a forceful speaker, using a language that all can understand and does not dodge or try to evade the issues, but talks straight from the shoulder. No difference what your party affiliations, you will enjoy hearing the Governor's talk.

75 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
October 6, 1949
George Hafner Rites Monday

George M. Hafner, 67 year-old former Butte county sheriff, died Friday morning at his home in Belle Fourche. Funeral services were held at 2 pm Monday at the United Church of Christ in Belle Fourche with Rev. Sam Cushing officiating. Burial was in Pineslope Cemetery under direction of the Frost and Sons Funeral Home. Hafner was engaged in law enforcement work in Butte county for almost 30 years, first as a police officer and deputy sheriff at Newell, later as a police officer in Belle Fourche. He returned to Newell as an officer until he was elected sheriff in 1954 and served as sheriff until his retirement Jan. 1, 1973. George M. Hafner was born March 7, 1907 at Dover, Minn. He moved to Govert, in Harding county, with his parents when he was five years old and spent his boyhood on a homestead in Harding county. He attended high school in Buffalo. Hafner ranched in Harding county until 1946. During that time he served as county assessor for 11 years. He then moved to Newell where he began his law enforcement career. While he lived in Govert, Hafner also served as postmaster of that communi-



by Mary Buchholz

ty for a brief time. He was a member of the Buffalo Masonic Lodge, the Belle Fourche IOOF Lodge and the National Sheriff's Association. Surviving are: his widow, Belle Fourche; one daughter, Mercedes Proudift of Charleston, S.C.; two sons - George D. of Tulsa, Okla., and Howard of Independence, Kan.; two sisters - An Giannonatti, Buffalo, Gladys Giannonatti, Ludlow, Gladys Giannonatti, Buffalo, two brothers - Lester of Ludlow and Kenneth of Milwaukee, Wis. Ten grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
October 11, 1974

Orman Bill in Limbo If you are wondering what happened to the legislation which will provide a face lifting for time-battered Orman Dam, the word is that the bill is alive and moving - slowly. Legislation would provide \$3.62 million for updating of the dam, and is included in the reclamation omnibus bill which passed the house, has been approved by the senate interior committee and is on the senate calendar.

Word from Washington is that there has been a pile-up of bills in the senate and the big question is whether the senate would act before the election recess. Reports from the offices of Senate George McGovern and Senate Jim Abourezk both indicated that if the bill does not come up this week, there will be no action until after the election. This brought up the question: If the bill is delayed until after the election would it be subject to budget cuts? While it is impossible to predict what congress will do, spokesmen for both senate offices were optimistic that the bill would ultimately be passed with no more than minor changes. Senate McGovern's office held out hope that the senate might act this week and later Wednesday word was received here that the matter might come up for action today or tomorrow.



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From B2 Arrest

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Liggett has been released on bond, while the case remains under investigation. Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the Belle Fourche Police Department at 605-892-4240.

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Belle Fourche S	80	Blk/Bwf-Yring Str	923	248.75	\$2,295.65
Angel Lei, Busby MT	68	Black-Yring Hfr	790	245.00	\$1,936.22
CALVES					
Monte Joe Miller, Sundance WY	81	Black-Str	598	310.00	\$1,854.06
	41	Black-Str	470	347.00	\$1,630.05
	82	Black-Hfr	561	308.00	\$1,727.42
	29	Black-Hfr	458	323.50	\$1,482.52
Hoagland Family Trust, Banner WY	109	Blk/Bwf-Str	594	316.00	\$1,876.43
	46	Blk/Bwf-Str	505	335.00	\$1,690.29
	85	Black-Hfr	555	301.00	\$1,670.01
	28	Black-Hfr	451	316.00	\$1,424.82
Brad & Bill Johnson, Reva SD	109	Blk/Bwf-Str	490	349.00	\$1,709.77
	20	Blk/Bwf-Str	436	363.00	\$1,580.86
	38	Black-Hfr	432	329.00	\$1,421.47
	10	Black-Hfr	355	370.00	\$1,313.50
Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish SD	94	Blk/Bwf-Str	506	337.00	\$1,704.71
	14	Black-Str	419	375.00	\$1,572.32
	74	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	488	305.00	\$1,488.11
	12	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	409	346.00	\$1,415.71
Matt/Megan Harkless, Oral SD	12	Blk/Bwf-Str	470	335.00	\$1,574.50
	14	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	436	317.00	\$1,383.47
Perino Ranch, Newcastle WY	111	Blk/Bwf-Str	515	334.00	\$1,718.59
	104	Char-Str	554	315.00	\$1,746.28
	70	Blk/Bwf-Str	454	350.00	\$1,589.50
Patt Lynch, Newcastle WY	97	Blk/Bwf-Str	533	325.50	\$1,735.88
	15	Blk/Bwf-Str	442	357.00	\$1,579.13
	57	Black-Hfr	483	315.50	\$1,523.53
	15	Black-Hfr	393	351.00	\$1,379.43
Doug & Judy Johnson, Sentinel Butte ND	37	Blk/Bwf-Str	494	326.00	\$1,611.49
	27	Black-Str	381	412.00	\$1,571.70
	55	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	445	321.00	\$1,428.15
	15	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	337	372.50	\$1,254.08
Allen Clark, Rozet WY	28	Rd/Blk-Str	498	319.00	\$1,588.30
	6	Char/Blk-Str	295	380.00	\$1,121.00
	28	Black-Hfr	490	307.00	\$1,503.20
Matthew Stiegelmeier, Otter MT	82	Black-Str	365	423.00	\$1,542.14
	32	Black-Str	281	430.00	\$1,209.37
Matt Or Karen Disney, Sundance WY	43	Red-Str	532	319.50	\$1,698.92
	14	Red-Str	453	339.00	\$1,535.18
	28	Red-Hfr	489	305.00	\$1,491.77
Danny White, Devils Tower WY	29	Blk/Bwf-Str	523	320.00	\$1,672.82
	11	Blk/Bwf-Str	437	364.00	\$1,590.01
	11	Black-Hfr	466	307.50	\$1,432.67
Lacy J Or Jeremy Schneider, Ludlow SD	22	Black-Str	618	277.00	\$1,712.36
Daniel & Stephanie Stutzman, Banner WY	16	Black-Str	588	298.00	\$1,753.54
	19	Black-Hfr	543	298.00	\$1,619.39
Colvin Ranch, Rapid City SD	30	Black-Str	668	286.00	\$1,911.43
	12	Black-Hfr	654	240.00	\$1,570.00
Bear Ridge Ranch, Spearfish SD	45	Rd/Blk-Str	644	280.50	\$1,806.73
	8	Rd/Blk-Hfr	469	297.00	\$1,394.04
Dave & Shelly Hahn, Hammond MT	20	Black-Str	594	295.00	\$1,751.56
	36	Black-Hfr	539	310.50	\$1,674.54
Laird Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT	29	Red-Str	440	331.00	\$1,456.40
	32	Red-Hfr	444	300.00	\$1,331.71
Cory R Peterson, Upton WY	50	Black-Str	540	315.25	\$1,701.71
	16	Black-Str	432	362.50	\$1,566.67
	42	Black-Hfr	515	314.00	\$1,618.22

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.....43 Blk/Bwf-Str479325.00\$1,556.59
.....38 Black-Hfr465303.00\$1,408.55
.....17 Blk/Bwf-Hfr402335.00\$1,346.89
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October 25, 2024	WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT
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Alley Fitness & Recovery Opens Its Doors

Robbi Longbrake

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BELLE FOURCHE—A Grand Opening to celebrate the highly anticipated launch of Alley Fitness & Recovery was held Sunday afternoon, October 6.

The opening of the gym completed the transition from its previous existence as South Park Lanes Bowling Alley.

The renovation involved gutting the entire building and starting from scratch. "There was not a shred of insulation in the building at all, all the suspended ceiling, all the existing ductwork, all the overhead power, everything came out, all the plumbing," said Trevor Kapsch, Owner. "By the time we got done with the demo, there wasn't a single wall

standing in here."

With help from family and friends the rebuilding began. "It's been me and my parents and my wife and my son with the help of some friends intermittently," said Kapsch.

After all of the hard work and planning for the past ten months, Kapsch's dream of opening a fitness center finally came to fruition. "It's been a long time coming, even though it's only been, you know, eight, nine, ten months now, it's been a long time," he said.

With a nod to the old bowling alley, Alley Fitness has kept some of the items from the bowling alley and repurposed them.

The counter that greets you when you walk in is made out of wood from the old lanes, and the seating area chairs are benches from the bowling alley. Trevor's mother made a table for the entry area also utilizing the old wooden lanes.

When you come through the front door you are greeted by a state-of-the-art gym. From the gym membership to class sign-up or picking a time to hit the sauna, the gym utilizes sophisticated technology.

"As a member, you sign on to the app, check the calendar to see what's available, sign up for it. It bills your account, and then you swipe to get in, your phone is your key," explained

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Kapsch. "It works out nice because literally, it's 24-hour signups. That door is always open and then you just scan that RFID code and fill out your information and you're in."

The facility now hosts four group instructors, two personal trainers and offers classes daily. Kapsch said, "Everything has been falling into place. I'm pretty happy with what we got

going on right off the get go." There is a heated studio for hot yoga, or any future class that will be taught in the space.

A large area dedicated to weight lifting is the most noticeable when you arrive. Along the back wall there is a cardio center with treadmills, elliptical machines, stair climber along with other machines.

Contd. C6 Alley Fitness



Joanne and Trevor Kapsch hosted the Grand Opening for their new business Alley Fitness & Recovery on October 6, 2024. Longbrake photo



The seating area and counter showcase materials from South Park Lanes Bowling Alley, the business that was in the space before Alley Fitness & Recovery remodeled the facility. Longbrake photo

Alley Fitness From C1

One of the highlights of the gym space is the turf area—a large, wide open area covered with artificial turf.

“This is one of the things I was most excited about. Everyone that’s seen and used it just loves it because the amount of stuff you can do,” explained Kapsch. “Sports training, Plyometrics, agility training, cardio, stretching, the uses for just an open space with grass are a lot.”

There are also six different sleds to be used for drills and cardio training and agility ladders for anyone who wants to engage. “This area is sports focused,” he said.

Another section of the facility is dedicated to recovery rooms.

There is an Infrared Sauna Room, Tanning Room and Ice Room. The Ice Room is for Contrast Therapy and contains a cold plunge and a sauna. Contrast therapy is designed to cycle between

the cold plunge and sauna usually repeating the process 2-3 times.

Kapsch aims to keep the facility flexible and responsive to community needs.

“Nothing’s really set in stone. We’re going to be pretty fluid about everything.”

The open house had a good turnout with vendors like Superior Nutrition and Game Day Men’s Health participating. Door prizes were given out.

The event led to several new memberships. “It’s been great, the input from the community has been nice.

A lot of people have been terribly excited about it,” said Kapsch.

“We have had really good feedback,” added Joanne Kapsch, Owner, “it’s been a very successful two weeks.

Just hope that people will keep coming. I met some of my lifelong friends at a gym.”



One of the recovery rooms is called the Ice Room and it is for **Contrast Therapy**. It contains both a cold plunge and a sauna. *Longbrake photo*



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Public Notice

The Bureau of Reclamation will implement administrative rules at Duer Lake Wetland Mitigation Area (Duer Lake) in November 2024. Reclamation will designate a Special Use Area for Duer Lake to restrict firearm use and camping at Duer Lake.

Restricting legal weapons to archery and shotgun only reduces the public health and safety risk as farmhouses are located nearby and Duer Lake is located along Hwy 212. In addition, based on the concerns from adjacent landowners to not allow rifle hunting or shooting, Reclamation will restrict the use of all rifles on Duer Lake property.

Restricting camping at Duer Lake is warranted since no camping or sanitation facilities exist and the property is located immediately off of Hwy 212. In addition, Duer Lake will be managed as a Wildlife Management Area. No camping is allowed on Wildlife Management Areas in South Dakota.

Duer Lake consists of 3 tracts of land where Reclamation holds an easement from the underlying landowners to manage the area and allow public hunting access. All 3 of these tracts are connected and will be managed as one unit for a total of 58.32 acres. Duer Lake is located approximately 2 miles west of Nisland, SD along Hwy 212. Duer Lake is part of the Belle Fourche Project.

Reclamation will manage Duer Lake until management can be transferred to South Dakota Game Fish and Parks. Public access will be allowed. Reclamation will post a rule sign at the entrance to the Duer Lake property until a managing partner is secured.

Public interest has increased substantially at Duer Lake since the inception of online hunting map applications. Duer Lake offers waterfowl habitat and public hunting opportunities. Reclamation has made improvements to the area, including parking lot construction and access improvements. Walk in access only is allowed on the Duer Lake property. Boundary signs and a rule sign has been installed to aid the public.

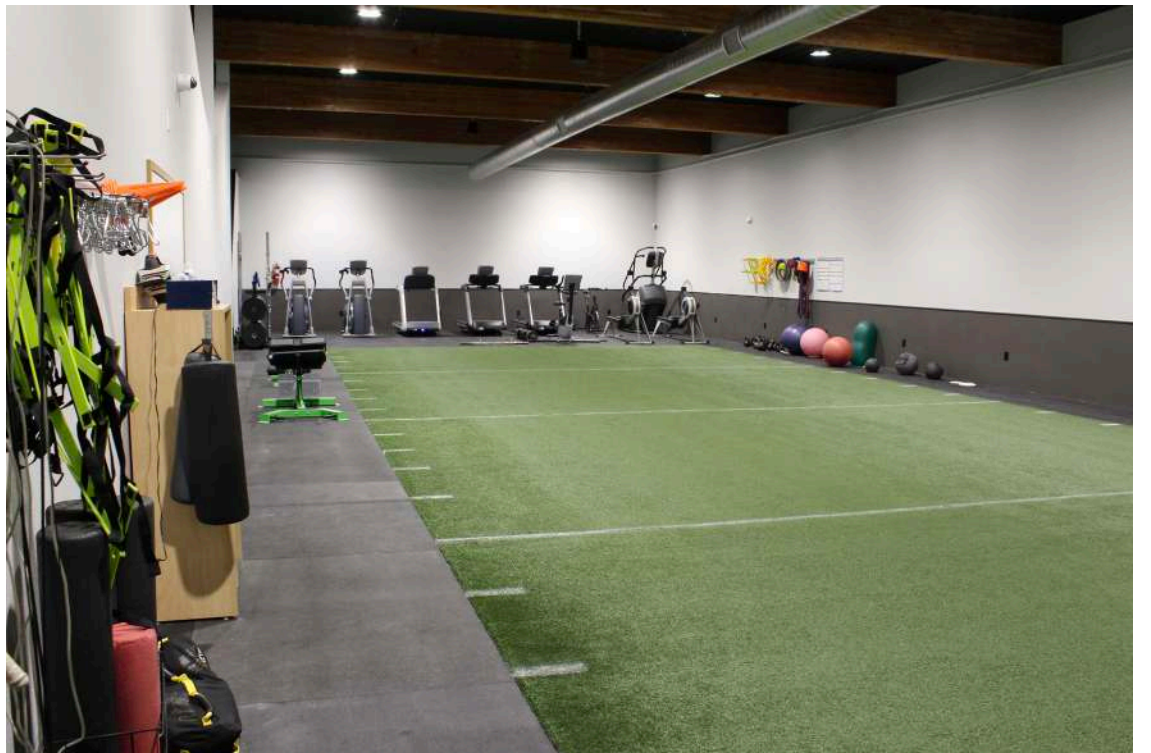
Belle Fourche Project is in western South Dakota northeast of the Black Hills. Principal structures include a diversion dam, a storage dam, and a system of canals, laterals, and drains to irrigate 57,068 acres in the general area of Newell, Vale, and Nisland, South Dakota, along the valley of the Belle Fourche River. The project is a single-purpose development; however, flood control, fish and wildlife conservation, and recreation benefits are inherently provided.

For more information, please contact Jay Leasure at (605) 519-5504 or jleasure@usbr.gov.

A map of the proposed management actions is available here: [Dakotas Area Office \(usbr.gov\)](#)

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A highlight of **Alley Fitness & Recovery** is the turf area. A wide open space to utilize as needed. *Longbrake photo*

Ladies Night Raises Money for Breast Cancer

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BELLE FOURCHE— Women gathered for a good cause and discounted shopping on Ladies Night at Runnings October 9.

“Ladies Night is a breast cancer awareness fundraiser and each local Runnings store gets to pick their charity,” said Abby Williamson, Receiving and Sales Associate.

“Ours goes to the Black Hills Roundup, Tough Enough to Wear Pink.” Runnings creates five gallon buckets specifically for the event. Then, for the purchase of \$4.95, the bucket becomes a shopping basket and half of the cost of each bucket goes directly to the charity. “It’s

a bucket sale, clothing that fits inside of it is 20 percent off and everything else in the store—with a few exclusions—is 10 percent off, if it fits in the bucket,” said Williamson.

The store creates a festive atmosphere to entice shoppers to the event.

“Ladies night we serve food and snacks and offer samples of different things that we sell,” explained Williamson.

“And then we do silent auctions, raffles and door prizes, 50/50 drawing and all of that money goes directly to the charity.”

Preparation for the event begins in January. Many months are spent acquiring items for the silent auction and getting everything in place. “It’s a big undertaking, it takes us half of the year to get everything planned and organized,” said Williamson.

Vendors that already sell products in the store help out with the event and have been very supportive of Ladies Night. “A lot of our vendors in the store will send us items to use for a door prize or silent auction,” said Williamson.

“The last couple years we’ve had Pit Boss donate a big pink ceramic charcoal grill.”

As for the store employees, they look forward to the event as well. Williamson shared, “It is something that everybody in the store gets excited for, it’s fun.”

“I mean, I come in on my day off—a lot of them did on their day off—come in for a few hours to help out, just because it’s fun,” said Nancy Reid, Department Manager.

Some of the Black Hills Roundup Committee members came in and volunteered for the evening. Those representatives

Black Hills Roundup Chairman; Denise Adams, Black Hills Roundup Chutes For Charity Vice President; Brenda Whetham, Black Hills Roundup

Secretary; Raye Brown, Black Hills Roundup Queen Coordinator; and Addison Brownell, 2024 Black Hills Roundup Princess.



Addison Brownell, 2024 Black Hills Roundup Princess and **Raye Brown, Black Hills Roundup Queen Coordinator**, help out with Ladies Night at Runnings. *Courtesy photo*



Dallas Conner, Black Hills Roundup Chairman and **Denise Adams, Black Hills Roundup Chutes For Charity Vice President**, make sure all the Ladies Night participants get some good food. *Courtesy photo*



Runnings Ladies Night Bucket

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

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Friday: 7:30 p.m.

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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
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Service Sunday: 10 a.m.
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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
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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.
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605-642-8253

Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden October 8, 2024



We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day on Sunday. The sun was shining, touting temperatures from 65 - 70, and the best gift about

Sunday was that there was NO WIND. Conditions last week were windy and dry.

The nights are very cool at this time of year and the colors of the leaves are turning to give us that beautiful fall setting. The remainder of the week is predicted to be more summer/fall like rather than some years where it feels almost like winter.

Most everyone is good with that, but we are all closely watching as each day without rain brings the fire danger higher and more dangerous.

We are thankful that the fires that have started in Meade County have been contained. But this week we will be watching closely because of the high fire danger.

Smoke levels from other fires are expected to infiltrate western South Dakota.

Talina Spring and Josh Sandine were wed this past weekend. It was a western theme and all in attendance were in casual attire. Guests enjoyed the celebration.

The mother-of-the bride, Sheri Spring, toughed it out the best she could and wound up having gall bladder surgery on

Sunday. She came through the surgery well, and the wedding is a great event that is now behind them and was enjoyed by all. We wish Sheri a great recovery and congratulations to Talina and Josh.

Lorie Hausmann took a solo road trip to Yankton last weekend and came back through Sunshine Bible Academy, near Miller, for their homecoming. While there were few people she knew at SBA, she thoroughly enjoyed the beauty in and around Yankton, SD.

There was a pot luck dinner after church services on Sunday in Union Center.

After pot luck dinner, three families were recognized as they all have young babies. Robert and JoDee were also acknowledged because of their dedication to family. A special cake was served after the short program that was held in the fellowship room. Families recognized with young babies were Callen and Sandrine Brink, Wyatt and Nicole Peterson, and James and Tashonna Ingalls.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden enjoyed a visit to Melody and Earl Smith's on Sunday night. They got a tour of the new addition to the Smith residence. All of the work, plus a complete remodel of their kitchen was done by Earl. It was fun seeing the great spaces that were added and share a few laughs.

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

The Nature of Light and Darkness

In physics, darkness doesn't have a definition other than being is simply the absence of light. Light is a form of energy that travels in waves and illuminates our world. When we "remove" darkness, we are actually introducing light into a space. Metaphorically, this principle can be extended to social and community issues.

In the context of a community seeking revival, "darkness" can represent various challenges. It can take the form of economic stagnation, high crime rates, lack of educational opportunities, poor infrastructure, and/or social disintegration. These issues often interconnect and reinforce each other, creating a cycle of decline that can be difficult to break.

Just as physical light dispels darkness, positive actions and initiatives can address community challenges. This "light" can take many forms. This might be economic development programs, education and skills training, crime prevention strategies, infrastructure improvements, community engagement and social cohesion efforts.

Just as a small source of light can illuminate a large dark space, positive community initiatives can have far-reaching effects. This is known as the multiplier effect in economics and social science. For instance, a study by the National Bureau of Economic Research found that for every \$1 invested in high-quality early childhood programs, there was a return of \$7 to \$10 in reduced need for special education, higher earnings, and reduced crime.

Light in a community context can also refer to social capital - the networks of relationships that enable a society to function effectively. Robert Putnam's seminal work "Bowling Alone" demonstrated how increased social capital correlates with lower crime rates, better educational outcomes, and improved public health.

Communities with high social capital are more resilient and better equipped to address challenges. A study by the World Bank found that communities with strong social networks recovered more quickly from natural disasters compared to those with weaker social ties.

Community leaders play a crucial role in "bringing light" to their communities. Effective leadership provides vision, or a clear picture of what the community can become. They can provide direction and strategies to achieve that vision. They can provide inspiration and motivation for community members to participate. Research by the Urban Institute highlights



the importance of local leadership in successful community development initiatives.

There is also the contagious nature of positive change. Just as light

spreads and reflects, positive changes in a community can have a contagious effect. This phenomenon is supported by social contagion theory, which suggests that behaviors and attitudes can spread through a population like a virus. For example, a study published in the American Journal of Public Health found that commu-

nity-based programs to reduce smoking had a ripple effect, influencing even those not directly involved in the programs. While introducing "light" is crucial, maintaining it is equally important. Community revival is often a long-term process that requires sustained effort and investment. A longitudinal study of the Harlem Children's Zone, a comprehensive community initiative in New York, showed significant improvements in educational outcomes and quality of life indicators over a 20-year period, demonstrating the value of long-term, holistic approaches to community development.

The scientific principle that darkness cannot remove darkness, and that it takes light to dispel darkness, offers a powerful framework for community revival. It emphasizes the need for proactive, positive initiatives rather than solely focusing on fighting against negative elements. By introducing "light" in the form of economic opportunities, education, social cohesion, and effective leadership, communities can create a self-reinforcing cycle of positive change.

This approach requires a shift in mindset from problem-focused to solution-oriented thinking. It calls for sustained effort, investment in social capital, and a recognition of the interconnected nature of community challenges. By embracing this perspective, local communities can harness the power of positive action to illuminate their path toward revival and sustainable development.

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Capitol News



October 7, 2024

Well, October Curt, Caden and Carsen Zolnoski and Erik Berglund came to Ronda Cordell's from Rapid City, last week, to help work on a siding project on the trailer house. The guys stayed with Clint and Denise Zolnoski.

They came to "Git-R-Done", as Larry the Cable guy would say. When they left Sunday afternoon, only a portion of the east side was unfinished. They came back again this weekend to finish the siding, skirting framework and insulation. Erik's son, Blaz, came along with them, this weekend. When those guys get at it, it's like a whirlwind of activity. Along with their whirlwind, Saturday brought some serious wind a-blowing, but that didn't deter their work. Caden and Carsen helped Ronda dig in a green, treated two by twelve, to replace the railroad ties on one end.

The ties being used weren't in line and wouldn't be mouse-proof. When the guys left on Sunday afternoon, they'd gotten the bottom enclosed before it turned cold. Tin was in place on the west long, sixty foot side and the deck back was done, so Ronda doesn't need a step ladder to get to those places. Ross Phelps stopped by at Ronda's, on Monday, to get paid for September's work.

Diane Wear came from Ekalaka for a visit, on Monday morning. They picked some garden goodies, and drove down to the creek to check on a group of calves. Diane stayed for lunch before heading home. On Tuesday, Ronda went to the Buffalo Clinic for blood work, and then stopped by Blossoms 'N' Brew for lunch. She thanks Michelle for lunch. She's been there several times this summer, mostly because there's no cafe in Camp Crook open at lunch time.

She finds it interesting to see the "long-distance" customers that are there. She visited with

two women from Canada, there, this week.

On other occasions, she met customers from as far away as Florida and Georgia. On Friday, Ronda cleaned the trailer house of clutter, so that Joie Douglas and a friend, Luke, from Wahpeton, North Dakota could stay over. She had given Joie her old Lincoln Continental, and they loaded it on Saturday morning to take it back to Wahpeton with them.

Dell Dague hauled a load of hay for Ronda, from east of Newell to the Old Church hay yard, and by mid-day he was headed back for another load. Clint drove the loader tractor over to unload the bales. Curt went to pick him up, and Clint joined the work crew for lunch at Ronda's. Denise and the girls had gone to the Pumpkin Patch near Spearfish for the day.

Dick and Erma Albert were headed to Sturgis on Wednesday, so that Erma could get an x-ray. They heard a thump, and steam seemed to be rising from their pick-up, so they turned around and went back home. Then they used the car for the trip. They decided they had hit a deer, but didn't see any along the road. On Friday, they both went to the soup dinner at the Senior Center. On Sunday, they went to church, and then to Saloon Number Three for lunch. Father Brian joined them for lunch there. The Catholic Church Bazaar will be on November third, this year, at the Rec Center in Buffalo. It is always a most delicious meal.

Lynn Gustafson went to the Hills, on Monday, for a doctor's appointment. On Tuesday, she and Linda Matthews went to Bowman. Bruce and Lynn went in to Camp Crook, on Wednesday, to have lunch with Pete 'Gordon' Anderson and Dixie Garr. They went to the Little Missouri Church for the service on Sunday morning. Ernie, Rachel, Tommy, Junior and Shirley Melum had a big day, on Sunday. That morning, they all went to church at the Baptist Church in Baker. It was baptism day for Tommy, with lots of family there for the special day. They stayed for the

church dinner after the service. Then they visited with many of the Kalbach family. They got to see Bessie's house in Baker, and then see the house Daniel had bought, too.

They enjoyed the visit with all of the Kalbach family. On the way home, they stopped for a visit with Marguerite, before coming on home. Karen Odell visited with all her children this week. She also talked with her cousin and a high school friend in Ohio. She learned that another high school friend living in Florida, who had finally gotten his house rebuilt after a hurricane three years ago, was hit again this time.

On Wednesday, she made a trip to the Metzger-Holcomb Vet Clinic in Spearfish. On Friday, Chancey Odell had to make a trip to the same clinic to take his cat in to be stitched up, so he brought Karen's cats home for her, too. Chancey did not know what had attacked his cat, but after it's belly got stitched up it was much happier. On Friday night, Karen got to watch the Mitchell Kernels football game on YouTube, against Aberdeen.

It was a tough match against one of the best teams, but it is wonderful to get to see a grandson play, even though she was far away. Micki Odell gets to teach in a brand-new school building this year, in Tacoma, Washington, and Murphy gets a new classroom. Jeff Odell is harvesting a bumper garden crop in Iowa. Cody's family in Mitchell spends much of their time following school sports, music and speech competitions with all their kids active in many things.

Mollie Smith is busy with a new cat, but Kyia's broken hand will soon be healed, and then she will soon be going to volleyball games again this winter. We need some prayers for our whole country, and also for areas where terrible weather has caused devastation. Hope you can help out. The light of one star can still penetrate to reach us, even through billions of miles of darkness.

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Aladdin Homemaker's Pie Social



The **Aladdin Homemakers** would like to thank all who came to our pie social on October 8th and helped to make it a big success. Pictured are Jenna Ellsbury, Dorothy Lesmeister, Darlene Lagg, Pam Yunk, Pam Thompson, Sheila Burggraff, Jan Hell, Kathy Watters, Sam Neiman, Cindy Wilson, & Wanda Burget..

Bats in Our Belfry Mini Exhibit Opens at The Tri-State Museum

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BELLE FOURCHE—All things bats, from Batman to bat houses are investigated in the new mini exhibit, *Bats in Our Belfry*, at the Tri-State Museum.

The opening of the display was held October 12 and featured bat themed dark chocolate or salted caramel pumpkin cupcakes made by the Red Onion Marketplace.

The new exhibit was written prepared by a team of three. Kristi Thielen, Director, was responsible for the research and facts about bats, with Jean Maher, Assistant Director taking on the gathering of all the bat pictures to illustrate the story. Jada Udager, Archivist, took care of all artifacts related to the new display.

When deciding on what to focus on, the team likes to spend time educating the public on things that may scare them at first glance.

"Well, we do like to inform people about things that might be kind of scary or they want to



Bats in Our Belfry, a new mini exhibit is open at the **Tri-State Museum**. The educational display aims to inform the public about the nocturnal mammals. Longbrake photo

stay away from, like bats. We had one on spiders too, and bees," explained Maher.

Maher says that while putting together the display she learned a lot about the little creatures. "I like bats because of the exhibit. I think the bat houses are interesting. It shows how they can crawl up inside them and sleep through the night."

There are handouts with fun games and coloring pages focusing on bats, books about bats and an interactive quiz display to engage the public. Maher said, "there's a lot of information on the storyboards about bats and how beneficial they are."

Stop by the museum and learn all about bats, the mini exhibit runs through February.



Downtown shoppers got a surprise visit and chance to view the General Lee as Eagle Country 95.9/96.3 brought the Dukes of Hazards 1969 Dodge Charger to **Pete's Clothing/Western Wear & Hodge Bootery's** October Hat & Boot Sale. Daisy Duke wasn't there, but the great deals on Hats and Boots were!



Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce Hosts Ribbon Cutting and Open House for new member, Creative Care, LLC at The Bright Gallery

Belle Fourche, SD – Creative Care, LLC invites the public to a Ribbon Cutting and Open House on Thursday, October 17th, from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM at 902 Lawrence Street, Belle Fourche.

Guests can enjoy coffee and donuts while viewing the art studio, classroom, and event space (former Emmanuel Baptist Church) and learning about the creative arts and wellness programs offered.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will mark the official opening of Creative Care, LLC

at the Bright Gallery, led by Ariadne (Ari) Albright, Director.

Ariadne (air-ee-odd-knee) leads the Arts in Health programs at Creative Care, focusing on how creative practices can improve health and well-being.

These programs are shared in settings like hospitals, schools, and senior living centers, bringing the benefits of creativity to a wide range of people. Ari is also the arts in health instructor at the University of South Dakota, helping students gain hands-

on experience in this growing field. Creativecarellc.com

The Bright Gallery hosts quarterly events featuring artists curated by Albright. Please RSVP to attend art events at thebrightgallery.com This event is free and open to the public.

Event Details:

- Date: Thursday, October 17th
- Time: 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
- Location: 902 Lawrence Street, Belle Fourche, SD

We look forward to meeting community members at this early morning ribbon cutting.

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Hatling Encourages Learning

Building on a decade as a middle school teacher and district-level curriculum leader, Julie Hatling has spent the last six years leading a transformation toward learner-centered practices as principal of North Park and South Park Elementary Schools (NPSPEs).

After participating in extensive observation of personalized, competency-based teaching methodologies throughout the state, Hatling has implemented practices that encourage learners to take ownership of their academic goals and to move flexibly among groups based on skill readiness, while providing teachers with the professional development needed for effective co-teaching.

NPSPEs teachers regularly attend conferences and have even gone on to present on the benefits of the vertical co-teaching model.

Hatling also responded to a years-long decline in reading proficiency by introducing a structured approach to fill foundational skill gaps in literacy. Building on years of independent research, Hatling led her staff in a two-year long process

to reconcile divergent teaching philosophies and build a consistent plan centered on student growth.

Less than a year into implementation, the program has already produced strong gains in the number of students reading above grade-level.

These successes would not be possible without Hatling's parallel efforts to shore up family engagement and elevate school-community partnerships that enhance learning. Hatling holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Black Hills State University and Ed.D. and Ed.S. degrees from the University of South Dakota.



Julie Hatling

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What It Means to Young Riders to be in 4-H

Special for The Beacon

The Young Riders 4-H Club held a meeting recently to elect officers for the new year. One of the benefits of 4-H is learning proper meeting conduct and parliamentary procedure.

Since it is National 4-H Week, the members wrote about what 4-H means to them and how it prepares them for the future:

Abigail—4-H has taught me about livestock.

Liza—I like showing animals. It's really fun. I learned how to train sheep to show.

Sarah—I like making new friends, learning about animals, and learning how to make different projects.

Ellie—4-H has made me more independent and more responsible. I've learned many lessons through 4-H.

4-H has given me a chance to meet other people and make new friends from other schools and towns, as well as our town.

Aiden—It helps me be involved in the community and it is fun.

Neriah—4-H has helped me to become more confident in many ways, such as speaking up in front of other people, and writing better notes. I've also

learned more about my animals and how to take care of them. Thank you 4-H for teaching me these things!

If you are a young person interested in joining 4-H, call the Extension office at 605 892-3371.



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Halloween Reading from Local Author's Newest Release, Ghouls of Greenbottom Ward,

Local writer Kathy Bjornestad invites the community to celebrate her latest middle grade novel, Ghouls of Greenbottom Ward.

This middle-grade fantasy is appropriate for grades 3-6 (and adults who are children at heart).

Bjornestad will talk about

how writers engage readers and share edge-of-your-seat passages from the book.

Children will draw prizes from a "mystery bag," and all may partake in treats and Halloween punch.

This is Bjornestad's fourth children's book.

She is a long-time educator,

a speaker for the South Dakota Speakers Bureau, and is available for school and library author visits.

She invites readers of all ages to join her for an entertaining hour filled with monsters and mayhem.

Books will be available for purchase and signing.



BOOK

Launch

Join me for the release of my newest middle-grade novel, Ghouls of Greenbottom Ward. Bring your 3-6 graders for a reading and prizes!



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National Newspaper Week:

I still look forward to getting my local news through a trusted news source, including my local newspaper, whether it's a real piece of paper or electronically delivered.

Running a newspaper today looks a lot different than it did when I was a kid.

Digital photos have replaced the dark room and electronic media now plays a major role in how many of us receive our news.

And as artificial intelligence capabilities continue to advance, newspapers are looking at the impact that could have on them, as well.

What hasn't changed, however, is the importance of the reporter, the editor and the entire newspaper team. We still rely on reporters to be objective.

We rely on editors to have integrity in determining which stories go on the front page, and which stories go on the editorial page.

And we rely on the entire newspaper team to make sure we get our news in a timely fashion.

While newspapers in South Dakota strive to meet these criteria, the U.S. Postal Service doesn't always help with the cause. Since 2021, while delivery rates for periodicals have increased cumulatively by 40%, nationwide on-time delivery has either declined or remained stagnant.

Since the Postal Service's on-time delivery performances have not improved, it leaves local journalists to pick up the

slack by handling their own delivery in order to make certain their readers receive their papers on time.

That's why I have introduced a bipartisan bill, called the Deliver for Democracy Act, which would address these persistent postal delays and surging rate increases that are negatively impacting local news outlets across the country. This legislation would require the USPS to improve its delivery of newspapers before it is allowed to raise its rate.

Local journalists work hard every day to deliver news on a timely basis. The U.S. Postal Service should have to do the same.

Earlier this year, I was honored to receive the "Support Journalism Champion Award" from the NewsMedia Alliance, which represents more than 2,200 news outlets, including newspapers, magazines and online news organizations from across the country. While I am honored to have received this award, the real champions are the local journalists who work tirelessly every day to produce and publish a document at the center of their communities.

As we celebrate National Newspaper Week, I want to recognize and thank everyone working for local newspapers in South Dakota. You all play a vital role in keeping our communities connected, vibrant and strong. You go the extra mile to make sure community members are informed of the news around the world.

Rand Higbee Reception

The Matthews is excited to host a free reception for Spearfish playwright Rand Higbee preceding his induction into the SHS Fine Arts Hall of Fame.

On Sunday, October 20 at 2 pm, please join us in the Matthews fireplace room for a celebration offering refreshments,

a little history, and an informal presentation of the playwright's work.

For more information contact the Matthews Opera House and Arts Center at (605) 642-7973, visit matthewsopera.com, or stop into the Matthews Gallery at 612 N. Main Street, Spearfish.



The freshmen lady Broncs are ready for anything. English Photos



For the audience there was never a dull moment watching.

Matthews Opera House

October 19: Art and Craft Workshops: Basic Weaving

Art and Craft workshops at the Matthews Gallery are designed for everyone, from beginners exploring their creative side to experienced artists looking to refine their skills. Saturday, October 19 from 1-3 pm, the Matthews is excited to present Basic Weaving with Mary Baker. Learn the basics of weaving and create your very own woven piece. Participants under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration for this two-hour session is \$30 and all materials will be provided. Class size is limited to 12 participants. For more information or to register for this event, contact the Matthews at (605) 642-7973, visit matthewsopera.com, or stop into the Matthews Gallery at 612 N. Main Street, Spearfish.

October 23 & 24: "A Christmas Story" Auditions

The Matthews is excited to announce open auditions for "A Christmas Story," the classic holiday comedy adapted by playwright Philip Grecion. Roles are available for a variety of ages including young actors. This family favorite follows 9-year-old Ralphy Parker in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun under the tree for Christmas. Auditions will take place in the Matthews theater from 6-8 pm. No prior experience necessary. For more information, including performance dates, contact the Matthews at (605) 642-7973, visit matthewsopera.com, or stop into the Matthews Gallery at 612 N. Main Street, Spearfish.

October 25 - November 3: "Deathtrap" Community Theater

Would you be a killer for a thriller? "Deathtrap," by playwright Ira Levin premieres at the Matthews Opera House on Friday, October 25 at 7 pm with additional performances on Saturdays, Sundays, and Tuesday through November 3. When a once-successful playwright sees his latest Broadway effort bomb on opening night, he tumbles into despair—until he receives a package from a former student containing a script worth killing for. Audiences should be advised, "Deathtrap" is rated R. For more information, including tickets and performance times, contact the Matthews at (605) 642-7973, visit matthewsopera.com, or stop into the Matthews Gallery at 612 N. Main Street, Spearfish.

October 31: Halloween Drawing Party

The Matthews is excited to announce their Halloween figure drawing workshop on Thursday, October 31 from 6-8:30 pm in the historic theater. This fun workshop for adults (18+) will feature drawing from live, costumed models in a creative atmosphere. Led by BHSU art professor Desy Schoenewies, no experience is necessary to participate in this free event. Artists are encouraged to bring their own supplies. For more information, contact the Matthews at (605) 642-7973, visit matthewsopera.com, or stop into the Matthews Gallery at 612 N. Main Street, Spearfish.

Attention All Federal Employees and Retirees Open Season Information Sessions

National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Ida Marie Snorteland News Release

The local chapters of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees association (NARFE) are hosting several information sessions regarding the upcoming Open Season (November 11 through December 9, 2024) for the Federal Employees

Health Benefits (FEHB) and Postal Service Health Benefits (PSHB) programs. A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield Federal will be available to answer questions, and there will also be information available from other health care providers. These events are free and open to all current and retired federal employees.

Schedule:

October 16 at Rapid City from 11:00 – 12:00 at the Journey Museum

October 17 at Sturgis from 12:00 – 1:00 at the Sturgis Pizza Ranch and from 3:00 – 7:00 at the Sturgis Chamber of Commerce

For updated information visit www.narfe.org/sd

You do not have to be a NARFE chapter member to attend - these events are open to all current and retired federal employees! Please join us at one of the following events to learn more about the FEHB and PSHB plans for 2025:

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From A1 Homecoming

tively decorated with a lighted runway creating a stage for royalty candidates, their attendees, the parents, and the escorts.

Everyone seemed to enjoy taking part in the honorary pomp and pageantry.

In fact, it seems that the purpose of the annual homecoming ceremony is to celebrate pride in the excellent students, their commitment to education, family, and community.

The ceremony is symbolic as the candidates have each embodied the most important values in the community. They are hard-working, loyal, kind, and destined to thrive as adults.

The children who represented the candidates' attendants symbolize a good start for the future.

Cast members were master of ceremonies Wyatt Lesmeister, Mistress of Ceremonies Bailey

Moke, and student council representative Lexie Pickett.

Also, among the cast were the members of the 2024 royalty court and their parents, Payton Jackson, son of Chris and Hope Jackson, Kaylor Kudlock daughter of Brandon and Vanessa Kudlock, Lydia Main, daughter of Holly and Jeff Main, Lily Nore, daughter of Mark and Melissa Nore, Kailey Nowowiejski, daughter of Adam and Traci Nowowiejski, Owyn Schreder, son of Amber and Matt Schreder, Drake Sutter Son of Beth and Paul Sutter, Alexa Swaney, daughter of Jason and Kendra Swaney, Isaac Voyles, son of Chad and Mary Jo Voyles, and Harvey Walding son of Donnie and Traci Walding.

The full cast included official attendants and their parents Sasha Bevier, Son of Julia and Marcus Bevier, Madison Branning, daughter of Jason Branning

and Allie Day, Loxley Martin Del Campo, daughter of Jason and Casey Huber, Adylyn Graslie, daughter of Kyle and Lindsey Graslie, Charlie Hennessey, daughter of Cole and McKenzie Hennessey, Myles Olson, son of Chance and Mackenzie Olson, Hallie Pottorff, daughter of Clay and Katelynn Pottorff, Easton Swaney, son of Jason and Kendra Swaney, Vincent Manke, son of Alix Lordemann and Bradley Manke, and Gus Walding, son of Donnie and Traci Walding.

The 2024 BFHS high school homecoming coronation presentation on Wednesday evening was entertaining, celebratory, and symbolic.

The ceremony concluded with the school song, and thanks offered to senior class advisors, Ms. Tara Niesent and Mr. Mike Kane, and Principal Matthew Raba with special thanks to the Belle Fourche Masons.



Master of Ceremonies Wyatt Lesmeister presents the honorary parade marshal award for to Krinta Fox and her sons Jesse, Owen, & Taten in honor of the late Chris Fox.



Belle Fourche High School Escorts dressed for "cool".



Queen Lydia presents gifts of appreciation to her young attendees.



The 2024 Homecoming candidates' proud parents.



King Issac Voyles places the royal crown on Queen Lydia Main.



The candidates, and attendants express their approval of the new King and Queen



Directors Jacque Bratcher (BFMS) and Mika Pennel (BFHS) brought inspiring homecoming parade performances from their bands on October 11.



The powerful high school drumline was an especially big hit for the purple and white crowds!



Drum Line fires up the Pep Rally crowd.



Fledgling future Belle Fourche Homecoming Royalty?



Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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- 1 Rom. date
- 5 Sin
- 9 Bounder
- 12 Sixth: music
- 13 Fat (pref.)
- 14 River (Sp.)
- 15 Olive genus
- 16 Instrument (sul.)
- 17 Jap. vegetable
- 18 The real thing
- 20 Same (Lat.)
- 22 Egypt language
- 24 Babism founder
- 25 Lace's tip
- 26 Sea green
- 30 Nat'l
- 31 Endowment for the Arts (abbr.)
- 32 New flower
- 33 Woman: obs
- 34 Breed of dog
- 36 Sour milk drink
- 38 Before common era (abbr.)
- 39 Fr. historical

DOWN

- 1 Equal (pref.)
- 2 Delaware (abbr.)
- 3 Model
- 4 Incense
- 5 Ingredient
- 5 Medieval sword
- 6 Extra
- 7 Kwa language
- 8 Direct
- 9 Caked deposit
- 10 Second
- 11 Gingerbread
- 19 Citizen (abbr.)
- 21 Amer. Basketball Assn. (abbr.)
- 22 Inclination
- 23 Molding
- 24 Sleeping location
- 26 Dog
- 27 Jaunty
- 28 Buddhist sacred mountain
- 29 Haw goose
- 31 Insect
- 34 Slugger's stat
- 35 Son of Daedalus
- 36 Delay
- 37 Though (2 words)
- 39 Wife of Abraham
- 40 Indo-Chin. language
- 41 Irish writing
- 42 Chest sound
- 43 Hilt of a sword
- 46 Poetic contraction
- 48 Chief Warrant Officer (abbr.)
- 49 Recline

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Hopefully, this will be the first of many columns to be found here in the Irrigator. It's a new adventure of sharing a few thoughts and words with readers.

I woke up in the middle of the night and thought about what subject I would delve into for the first time.

All that came to mind was the beauty of living in this area. We have been part of the Newell area for over 40 years. I know that may seem impossible since I'm only 30, but looks can be misleading.

Anyway. As I travel from here to there and back again, I especially realized the splendor of the autumn leaves. And the contrast between the yellow and green against the brown grass. Alfalfa fields are still green and bring a calming contrast. Take a look at the hills. Oh, this has got to be the most beautiful place in South Dakota!

We have water and trees, crops and grasses, cattle and sheep. This is God's place of rest! Enjoy the drive from here to there!

I have another adventure I would like to share with you, too. This week, I stepped into the realm of the aged-hearing-aid bunch. I'm not saying I'm aged, but it has been getting harder to hear grandkids and stories from students at school.

Oh, the sounds I can hear that I didn't even know I couldn't hear! We have three parakeets I didn't realize were so noisy! And I can hear the rustle of papers and feet crunching on the gravel. But most of all, I can hear my five-year-old granddaughter tell me secrets.

"Can you hear me, Grandma?" Yes, I can!

It reminds me of being in Third Grade when I got my first pair of glasses. I didn't know that you could see the leaves on the trees! I looked and looked!

And now I see the wonders of the world and hear the birds singing! From Sturgis to Newell to Belle and beyond. I love the freedom we have to travel the roads to go from here to there.

Right: Jerry Seaman and Todd Youngberg were busy painting the walls of the fellowship hall.

Far Right; Luann Youngberg lent a hand with painting.

Photos by

Betty Bruner

Have Paint Roller Will Paint



Painting and making the Newell Christian Fellowship Hall ready for use are, from the left, Debbie Krcelic, Susi Murphy, and Dixie Seaman. Photo by Betty Bruner

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NEWELL- It was started nearly 12 years ago, it has stood strong, and been used a little. But now it is nearing the finish. The building added to the Newell Christian Fellowship Church is beginning to see the finale. The congregation of the church has spent the last few months working to make the area into a place for reunions, weddings, funerals, post-prom

or graduations and all sorts of community fetes. There is a kitchen, Pastor's room, storage areas, and lots of room for gatherings.

Beginning about mid-May of 2024, the group gathered, along with Construction Workers Christian Fellowship (CWCF) and began to tape, texture, and create the space. CWCF members travel the US helping churches with construction projects.

With the help of Wacey

Boylan, the CWCF members did the electrical installation, along with tape and texture and the blown insulation in the ceilings. The church members hired All Pro to hang the dry wall, but did all the wall insulation.

Presently, Newell Christian Fellowship Church is without a pastor but the pulpit is being filled with two men from the area. John Locher was a Chaplain with the Air Force and Bill Wood is a pastor with

Cowboys for Christ.

According to church members, they hope to have the area ready for use by Christmas of this year. Dixie Seaman said that she is planning the Christmas decorations now and looks forward to using the facility. It will be open for the public to use. Call Dixie at 605-456-2712 and leave a message.

Newell will soon have another place for events-Newell Christian Fellowship Hall.



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Grand River Roundup



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It was still warm this week with temperatures in the eighties, seventies and sixties and we ended the week with a low of 26 degrees on Sunday, but still no rain. It was 79 degrees on Monday when Casey and Hughie Ulberg hauled the calves to the sale barn at Faith. It was so nice that I hung the laundry on the clothesline outside and they smelled so good when I brought them back in when they were dry. I love hanging the laundry outside.

We lost another old friend this week: Leonard "Lenny" J. Jacobs, 96, of Reeder, passed away on October 7, at the West River Medical Center in Hettinger. Mass of Christian Burial for Lenny was on Monday, October 14, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Reeder with

burial in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Reeder.

It was 31 degrees when we got up Tuesday morning, but it warmed up to 86 degrees later in the day. Casey hauled a load of cull cows to Faith that morning. We had Ladies Aid at the church that afternoon and Amy Johnson was the hostess. Taz and Reub had gone down to the church that morning to put a new outside door in the basement, but they were done by the time I got there. Reub and I went to Bison that evening for the Gideon Pastors Banquet at the Grace Fellowship Church. We are so grateful for the pastors who serve the churches in this area.

Reub and I went to Hettinger Wednesday afternoon to get the oil changed on the red pickup at Laufer Vermeer and to bring the black pickup home that they fixed for us. Thank-

fully, they had the black pickup ready to bring home, because when they got the red pickup up on the hoist to drain the oil out they saw that one of the springs on the back was busted, so they had to order two new springs to put on that pickup. We are sure blessed to have two pickups now, because if we only had one we would probably have to travel horseback!

Doug Storer came down from Bowman on Thursday to buy all the old deer horns we've been picking up for years. We got his name from Kaye Smith because she has been selling deer horns to him for a long time. Doug also bought an old sled and a couple of old tire rims off an old Model A car that used to be around here.

We had several family birthdays this week. Our grandson Dathan Olson's birthday was on Thursday and our

grandson Cade Olson, our son Thad and Reub's cousin Sandy Bill Matson all had birthdays on Friday. Happy Birthday to all! Casey and Taz went up to help Ron and Jace Jensen wean calves Friday morning. Taz and Reub finally got everything working on the side-by-side that Reub uses to spray weeds so Reub went up to our Horse Creek pasture on Friday to try to spray weeds with it, but it was a wasted trip because all the weeds were already dried up so he brought the side-by-side home again and stored it for the winter.

Sage called us early Saturday morning to let us know that Acalia and the Hettinger/Scranton Night Hawks would be playing volleyball at the Quad in Buffalo against Harding County, Bowman, and Newell that morning. Amanda left before we did to take Copper and Charlie Routier down to Belle Fourche to play basketball. Charlie had been staying with Copper since Thursday night and they really had a fun game down there. Reub and I made it to Buffalo in time to watch most of the games and visit with a lot of friends and neighbors. Amanda, Copper and Charlie were home when we got back from Buffalo and Grandma Laurie Goehring came to pick up Charlie to take her home after we got back from Buffalo. Saturday just happened to be Laurie's birthday but I didn't get close enough to tell her Happy Birthday!

Do you have skunks around your place? We sure have them around here. On Saturday when I was on the way up to take care of my pullets, I saw a skunk drinking from the water trough by the barn so I went to get Taz to have him shoot the skunk. By the time Taz got out there with his gun, the skunk had disappeared. When I looked out the window early Sunday morning I saw another skunk walking on the road across Olson Creek and then Taz's dog Slick started following the skunk. Get this, the skunk raised its tail, turned around and chased Slick back to Taz's house! I called Taz to go shoot the skunk, but the stinky bugger had disappeared again. I'll probably have to start packing a gun every time I go outside because we can smell the nasty buggers around here all the time. At least it isn't a bear. Bret Clanton posted a picture on Facebook of a black bear running across the prairie west of Buffalo a couple days ago!

Reub saw this on a Christian show he was watching: A little boy was walking through the woods when a big grizzly bear started following him so close the little boy could feel the bear's breath. He looked around and saw a tree branch about 15 feet off the ground and he knew nothing could jump that high, but he jumped anyway. He jumped up and missed the branch, but caught it on the way down! It's amazing what God can do.

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

October 15, 1914

M. J. Henderson was in from Ball Thursday after 2500 small fish were placed in his 73-acre foot pond. The fish were shipped from Pierre by the government and were brought up by State Game Warden Hedrick. They were perch, bass and bullhead
N. E. Bigham took some



Newell High School Football Team 1924

Newell Museum

large watermelons, muskmelons and pumpkins to Sulphur Friday. They were raised on dry land near the Mud Buttes and were the largest this writer had ever seen. Recent report, little Ruth Bigham has been very ill the past week and is no better at this writing.

Mr. Gibson passed through here on Tuesday with a load of goods on his way to Sturgis, where he is going to make his home. Mr. Gibson is an "old timer", having lived on the Moreau River for the past 12 years. The neighbors in that vicinity had a picnic at the Moreau on Saturday. The day was greatly enjoyed by young and old.

October 9, 1924

The first flurries of snow, driven by a cold, spiteful wind arrived last Saturday. The storm was of comparatively short duration but gave an inkling of what may be expected later on. It came at a very good time, as most of the hay is in stacks and some places the ground in fine condition for fall plowing. In the beet district it will tend to delay the harvest for a week or so but, otherwise the fall two-inches snow was welcome.

The old plank from the Tommy Brown Bridge on the Belle Fourche River will be sold on Wednesday, October 13 at 2:00 o'clock to the highest bidder for cash. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids by County Commissioners.

Sam Moen pleaded guilty to intoxication and paid a fine in City Justice Court, Duncan Duff is under bonds to appear in Circuit Court on charge of

having liquor in his possession and John Uren was thrown into a jail at Belle Fourche to sober up - all because of the appearance of a jug of hooch at a sheep camp 8 miles southeast of town. Uren and Duff came into Newell last Sunday evening in Moen's car which they parked in front of the Mitchell Drug Store. They were pretty much "stewed" and upon leaving

town later took a car belonging to Maurice Tinsley from in front of the Price Drug Store. Marshall Chas Lawell and Deputy Sheriff Stevenson took up the track and finally located the culprits near the sheep camp. The Tinsley car had run into some obstruction and damaged considerably and an attempted to hide it in the bushes. Moen was found at the camp sleeping off a jag and oblivious to the whereabouts of his car. The 3 men were placed under arrest and Moen's car was confiscated along with a bottle of liquor. Moen pleaded guilty in Judge Goff's court to intoxication in City Limits and paid a \$25 fine and costs of \$37.90. A charge of possessing intoxicating liquors was lodged against Duff, who claimed he had found a half gallon of hooch in a draw. He furnished a bond of \$1000 to appear in Circuit Court. It were better that he disappear for a while, so Deputy Stevenson took him to the County Jail for a rest treatment.



Carter Filling Station Downtown Newell

Newell Museum

by Linda Velder

October 18, 1934

Local nimrods are preparing for the opening of the pheasant hunting season which starts at noon next Sunday and continues for 5 afternoons, closing Thursday evening, October 25. The daily bag limit is four, of which one may be a hen.

The Federal Government's cattle purchasing program in South Dakota will be virtually closed by the end of October after 20,000 to 21,000 more cattle are bought with the \$306,000 additional funds which were allotted to this week. Department State Relief Administration announced today that a million and three quarters cans of meat have been canned and stored so far by the State Relief Administration. With the cattle buying program re-opened, the cannery at Big Stone will be utilized. The goal is three and a half million cans of beef to be distributed to school lunch and other institutions' programs.

Edward DeLand, a 6th grader at Horse Creek School took his pet turtle to school last week and all enjoyed watching the little creature.

The Newell football team went to Sundance, Wyo last Friday where they played a good game. Although it was Sundance's "Homecoming Day", Newell seemed to be the lucky team as they won by a score of 20-0. A strong wind, dusty field and low visibility forced the teams to use center plays, as passing was almost impossible.

October 12, 1944

At a meeting of field representatives of Chicago, the President of one of the large automobile companies declared that new cars will be ready for delivery after the war much sooner than the public has been led to expect and that the new machines will have some pleasing surprises. Most car manufacturers can build their first cars in 90 days. To produce a new car to cost somewhere around \$600 and capable of making 30 to 35 miles per gal-

lon of gas.

The War Production Board has recently authorized gold mines to purchase and receive materials and equipment for rehabilitating their properties and for operation, in order that they may be all set to go when the "green light" is given. Guy N. Bjorge, General Manager, states the Homestake Gold Mining Company has ordered and soon will receive such operating supplies and other material as are essential immediately when operations are resumed. After the closing order is rescinded, will thus be avoided.

Unless some of the onions now on the market are stored properly at home, there is a possibility of an onion shortage again next spring.

October 14, 1954

Residents of this territory had visions of a 4-lane highway last week when they noticed grading in progress parallel to US Highway 212 and SD 79 east of Junction south of town. However, their anticipation was short lived, when members of the Pascoe Highway Construction Firm revealed that it was not the case. The new construction involved a new grade which will enter to US 212 and extending about 200 yards to allow traffic to and from SD 79 to enter or leave 212 at a point that distance east of the present junction. One machine operator declared that it was the first time he had ever seen anything like it, the first "Option Junction" to be built in south Dakota.

In noting the success of the Homecoming, football game 13-6 over Beetdiggers; Supt G. W. Austin extended to all business and civic organizations which participated in the homecoming parade and also to the members of the Community Club and Jaycees who helped at the game. Dan Wiest again did a capable job of announcing over the speaker system furnish by the later organization. At half-time ceremony, Queen Candidates and Pages were each presented with a carnation and also a football to Queen Pearl Sprague and was also presented with Black Hills gold earrings donated by the Jaycees and presented by President Neil Martin.

More than 100 children

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and adults gathered at the Newell Implement Company last Friday after the homecoming parade to receive favors and witness the uncrating and display of the new Maytag Automatic Washing Machine, for which the Implement Firm is the local dealer. The children assembled each received a plastic siren and fire men's hat in keeping with the theme of the showing "Hotter than a firecracker".

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Kuchera and Mr. & Mrs. Sam Michelson attended a Carter Oil Company meeting and banquet at the Alex Johnson Hotel, Rapid City Monday evening.

October 8, 1964

Bituminous surfacing of the runway of Newell's Main Street Airport the past week marked the climax of co-operation project for such major improvements, which has been underway the past summer. The 36-foot wide surface area extends for 2665 feet from the northwest to southwest, Mayor H. T. Caton praised the members of the Airport Board, Dr. R. D. Johansen, Roy Anderson, and Gene Hemmer and expressed his praise for Airport operator Darrel Blomberg and Jim McMains who operates a radio repair service in the airport, Zo Berg and members of State and Highway crews who co-operated with the grading, graveling and surfacing. The city had purchased the hot asphalt mix from the State for the surfacing the runway and for the tennis court.

The Annual fall meeting of the Newell Boat & Ski Club will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the BEC Hospitality Room, it was announced by Harry Dumler, Club President. Three films on water skiing will be shown and a number of important matters considered.

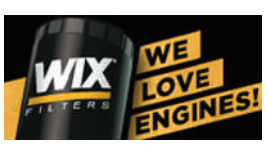
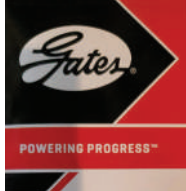
Gary Velder, young dairy farmer, shot a fine 3-point buck deer, which he shot with a bow and arrow northeast of Newell last Thursday morning, opening day of deer archery season for this area. He secured the animal with a bow & arrow on the Leo Ahonen range east of Newell Lake and it dressed out at around 130 pounds. Velder has been hunting successfully with a bow for several years.

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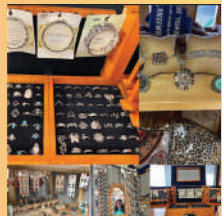
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Words of Wisdom Superintendent Pittman



During my twenty-three years in education, the sentiment of “kids just behave poorly these days” has been expressed several times. I have always felt that if we want better kids, we need to be better adults. This is a responsibility that we should all take seriously, especially as we make future plans for our school district.

Coretta Scott King once said that “the greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” Compassion packs a heavy punch. The simple act can strengthen relationships, facilitate trust and cooperation, and create a more cohesive group. Social connectedness and increased engagement are significant products of compassion, which coincidentally, are goals that the district has made for our students.

I truly appreciate the community members that are compelled to step up and help in some way. Those individuals feel a need to make a greater contribution. There is a wonderful adult population that

strives to help in any way and push a positive message in this community. They are everywhere; providing emergency services, hosting community events, volunteering their time, and more. People that strive to be “cup-fillers” send a healthy message to our young people.

I mention the cup-filler metaphor for an important reason. “Filling your cup” means to take the time to replenish yourself, whether it is mentally, emotionally, or physically. When you have a full cup, you can give to others. The recognition of self-care and service is an important message to send to our youth as they navigate a world of instant gratification and anonymous opinions. A respected peer once told me that he felt this generation would have to be some of the most empathetic leaders we have ever seen. He’s not wrong.

Many of us elect to live in small towns for that sense of community. We know the members and we share life together. Our voices are heard and our actions are noticed. How we behave in our community is impactful. This is a pivotal time, and how we choose to respond and conduct ourselves will be influential for our younger generation as they navigate life.

I have one more sentiment to share in closing.

“It is every man’s obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it.” - Albert Einstein.

Here’s What’s Happening in Newell!

Saturday Mornings

Farmer’s Market
8-1, South Park, until frost

Mondays

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

Wednesday

Story Time with Patty
Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday,
11 a.m. All ages welcome

Whistle Stop Market

First Saturday of every month

through April, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Newell Senior Center

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Sept. 30) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Oct. 1) Turkey Wraps, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk	2) Pancakes, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk	3) Scrambled Eggs & Sausage, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk	4) Dutch Waffles, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Chicken & Noodles, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Fruit, Milk, Muffin	Meatball Subs, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk	Sack Lunch-sandwich, veggies, fruit, apple or orange juice
7) Egg Patties, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk	8) Breakfast Egg Rolls, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	9) Waffles, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	10) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	11) NO SCHOOL
Chicken Nachos, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Milk	Tangerine Chicken, WG Rice, Oriental Vegetables, Fruit, Milk	Cubano Pulled Pork Sandwich, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	Chicken Patties, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	
14) Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	15) Egg Patties, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	16) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	17) Quesadilla, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	18) NO SCHOOL
Chicken Gyro, Coleslaw, Fruit, Milk	Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk	Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Fruit, Milk	Chicken Strips, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	



2024

Homecoming Parade

Above: First Grade

Right: Second Grade

Left: Third Grade

Photos by Betty Bruner



Educated Voter Forum



Tom Brunner, Nisland, was MC for the Forum. Brunner will become a Butte County Commissioner in January. Betty Bruner photo

NEWELL-Approximately 50 people gathered in Austin Auditorium at Newell School last Monday evening to hear several speakers address the upcoming ballot candidates and questions. Several candidates were on hand, along with the Butte County Auditor, and video presentations.

Following the opening Pledge of Allegiance, MC Tom Brunner introduced Butte County Auditor Annie Capp. Capp explained that absentee ballots are now open with over 340 ballots cast as of October 7.

She encouraged people to check their registration status to be sure their registration is up to date, where their polling place is located, and any other information that needs modified. The last day to register to vote is October 21.

Her office supplied sample ballots for the forum and ballots are available at the Auditor's Office. The ballots are long this election because of the number of ballot questions. According to state law, a question wording must be grouped together and not separated by a column or page.

Absentee voting can be done in the Administration Building at 115 5th Ave., Belle Fourche. Because voting is taking place in that building, it is considered an official polling place. Any campaigning, including apparel promoting a candidate or ballot question, cannot take place there.

Tom Brunner introduced the various candidates, either via video, letter, or in person, running for offices on November 5 ballot.

The two candidates for US House of Representatives had videos addressing the audience.

Incumbent Dusty Johnson-R, has been serving in the US House since his election in 2018. He began serving in 2019. He is a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Agriculture Committee, and has been appointed to the Select Committee on China. He has been Chairman of the Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development Subcommittee.

Sheryl Johnson is a Democrat running against Dusty. She has traveled South Dakota extensively and listened to the people. She supports small business, is pro-abortion, affordable healthcare, and private schools. Sheryl points out that farmers and ranchers are the backbone of rural South Dakota and they must be supported. She states that property rights must be addressed—"Your land, your decisions" and the government shouldn't allow private companies to grab the land.

Public Utilities Commission candidates were addressed next with incumbent Kristie Fiegen-R, Forrest Wilson-D, and then Gideon Oakes-I each making their views known. The PUC regulates investor-owned electric, natural gas, and phone utilities. It ensures utility companies in South Dakota provide safe and reliable service and that investor-owned companies do so with just and reasonable rates.

Fiegen was appointed to the PUC by Governor Dennis Daugaard in 2011. Raised in Chancellor, SD, she served as Chancellor of Junior Achievement for several years, SD area manager for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and as a sales rep for the Monsanto company. She is a former SD

Representative, 1993-2001 where she served as Chair of the House Health and Human Services.

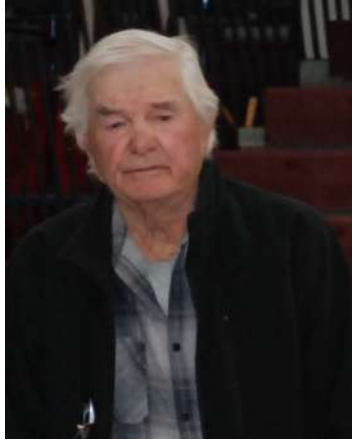
Forrest Wilson is a new-comer to the political arena. He has been the director of the Lead-Deadwood Boys and Girls Club. He says he will advocate for the "everyday utility rate payer" and promotes the idea of a candidate from West River.

As an Independent, Gideon Oakes, says that he is a fourth-generation South Dakotan and wants to ensure that his children and grandchildren grow up with an infrastructure that is secure and up to date. He says he would be a consistent advocate for the public including utility subscribers and landowners alike. He has been on the town board of Keystone, SD twice and is active in the civic community. Oakes would like to bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to the PUC.

"Being in public office is a calling, not a career," he said.

Dean Schrempp-D, is running for District 28 SD Senate race against Sam Marty-R, and Shane Farlee-I.

Schrempp was a member of SD House in 2009 and knows the workings of the South Dakota government. He would like to see teachers receive a raise and will work for the people. He says that since he has served in the SD House, he will be "up and running" right away if elected.



Dean Schrempp is running for District 28. Betty Bruner photo

Sam Marty has served in the South Dakota legislature and has sat out for a few years. But with phones and urging of area residents, he has decided to once again run for office. He states that he believes in the values that make South Dakota strong. He is committed to upholding conservative principles and preserving the rights of private property owners. He wants to limit the size of government, protect property rights, keep taxes low, and promote economic prosperity.

Shane Farlee has served on several local boards in Ziebach



Shane Farlee, who is running for SD House, District 28. Photo by Betty Bruner



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County. He assures the people of District 28 that he will never lie and only wants to do what is best for his constituents.

There is no other candidate running against Travis Ismay as State Representative in District 28B, but according to Auditor Annie Capp, he still must get one vote to be elected. Ismay is a Newell local rancher and businessman who is active in Concerned Citizens of Butte County and South Dakota.

"I just want to do what's right," he said.



Travis Ismay is the only one seeking the District 28B SD House seat. Photo by Betty Bruner

Among the list of ideas he wants to champion is eliminating wasteful spending and bureaucracy, protecting property rights, less government, eliminate property taxes, and stricter enforcement of serious crimes.

Next on the platform were explanations of the ballot questions explained by a representative of the Attorney General's Office. More information can be obtained at the county auditor's office or check out the Secretary of State's webpage.

Constitution Amendment E "An Amendment to the SD Constitution updating gender references for certain officeholders and persons"

This amendment changes the text of the State Constitution to remove the use of generic male pronouns when referencing certain officeholders or individuals. A "Yes" vote adopts the amendment. A "No" vote leaves the constitution as it is.

Constitutional Amendment F "An amendment to the South Dakota Constitution authorizing the state to impose a work requirement on individuals eligible for expanded Medicaid benefits."

This constitutional amendment authorizes the state to impose work requirements on any person eligible to receive Medicaid benefits under the expanded Medicaid program. It does not identify any specific work requirements. Questions from the audience arose wondering how it would be decided who could work and how much to continue to receive benefits. There is no clear-cut requirement at this point and any work requirement proposed by the state must be approved by the federal government.

Constitutional Amendment G

"An Initiated Amendment establishing a right to abortion in the State Constitution."

This initiated amendment establishes a constitutional right to an abortion and provides a legal framework for the regulation of abortion. This framework would override existing laws and regulations concerning abortion.

It establishes that a woman can obtain an abortion during the first trimester.

The amendment establishes that in the second trimester, a woman's "abortion decision, and the regulation of carrying out an abortion must be reasonably related to the physical health of the woman."

In the third trimester, the amendment "allows the regulation or prohibition of abortion except in those cases where the abortion is necessary to preserve the life or health of the woman." It must be determined by the physician.

A vote "yes" adopts the amendment. A vote "No" leaves the constitution as is.

Constitutional Amendment H

"An amendment to the South Dakota Constitution establishing top-two primary elections."

Presently, only members of the candidate's party may vote for that candidate in a primary election unless the party has opened the primary to votes not affiliated with the party, i.e. an Independent Party voter can presently vote on the Democratic ticket Primary. This Amendment may be challenged on constitutional grounds.

A vote "Yes" adopts the amendment. A vote "No" leaves the constitution as is.

Initiated Measure 28

"An initiated measure prohibiting taxes on anything sold for human consumption."

This would prohibit the state from collecting sales or use tax on anything sold for human consumption. The measure eliminates the sources of revenue for the state. Also, Human Consumption has not been defined by state law. The measure may affect the state's obligations under the tobacco master settlement agreement and the streamlined sales tax agreement.

A question from Dale Simanton brought up what several people were already thinking—"What would replace the tax?"

Tom Brunner said that some people say it may lead to a state income tax. Also, he said that statute says that municipalities cannot tax what the state does not tax. So, does that mean that municipalities will lose a portion of state tax money?

There is no definition of "human consumption" to clarify the initiated measure.

Initiated Measure 29

"An Initiated Measure Legalizing the Recreational Use, Possession, and Distribution of Marijuana."

This measure allows individuals 21 years old or older to possess, grow, ingest, and distribute marijuana or marijuana paraphernalia. Individuals may possess two ounces of marijuana in a form other than marijuana concentrate or other marijuana products.

The state and municipal-

ities would collect minimal additional sales tax revenue, as the measure would decriminalize the sale of cannabis but would decriminalize the sale of cannabis accessories.

Employers and landlords could restrict the use of marijuana at work or place of residence.

Travis Ismay said that the recreational use of marijuana cannot be regulated. Tom Brunner agreed and said that the law would be an "absolute mess."

A "Yes" vote would be to adopt the measure and allow recreational use of marijuana. A "No" vote would leave South Dakota law as it is.

Referred Law 21

"A Referred Act to provide new statutory requirements for regulating Linear Transmission Facilities, to Allow Counties to Impose a Surcharge on Certain Pipeline Companies, and to Establish a Landowner Bill of Rights."

The act authorizes counties to impose, for any tax year in which the pipeline operator receives a tax credit, a \$1.00 per foot surcharge on carbon dioxide pipelines. Revenue from the surcharge must be distributed as tax relief to each property owner in the county where the pipeline is installed. Any remaining revenue can be allocated at each county's discretion.

The act also imposes certain requirements on carbon dioxide pipelines: pipelines must be installed to a minimum depth, each pipeline operator is responsible for damages to drain tile, and to the surface owner caused by the pipeline, each operator is also responsible for leaks or failures of the pipeline, and any land agent acting on behalf of the pipeline must be a pipeline employee, State resident, or State licensed real estate agent. There are also requirements for easements and pipeline operators must initiate business operations within five years of the easement.

The act is locally unpopular because residents feel it would bring more problems than it solves and would usurp landowner rights.

A "Yes" vote allows the referred act to become law. A "No" vote rejects the act.

More information can be found at the Secretary of State's website: www.sdsos.gov.



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