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Doeden Works to be the State's next Governor

Doug Cole

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Toby Doeden's campaign stop Saturday in Belle Fourche was just one of his "Visit every County in South Dakota" stops and talk to its people campaign.

Doeden's entry into the campaign is a result of his frustration over recent years of seeing the state budget grow and little to show for it other than high paying salaries for state government employees at the top.

He pledges to take a page out of President Trump's book and create a South Dakota version of DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency) to streamline and eliminate waste; improve services, and to direct more local control.

Another main theme is to eliminate the property tax burden on our state's citizens.

Doeden who participated and walked in the 2025 Black Hills Roundup Parade stated he had heard Belle had a great July 4th Holiday parade, but no one told him about

Candidate Visiting Every South Dakota County



Saturday, July 19th the **Toby Doeden for Governor** campaign made a stop in Belle Fourche at **Grap's Burgers & Brews**. A respectable size group of area citizens were on hand to show support, hear the candidate, and were able to ask "face to face" questions. The Republican primary on June 2, 2026 will determine who represents the party in the November 26 election. (Inset: Toby's Tour bus.) *Beacon Photos*

the accompanying water fight.

Pledged on next year's parade if returning he will come in a swimming suit and would be prepared to engage in the water fight.

of their Facebook posts. "The last few summers we have taken every other week or every third week or something and we just find some place to play," he explained. "A couple of weeks ago, we played at our drummer's place and our player and webmaster put something on Facebook and Nancy commented that she would love to have a neighborhood concert at her house, so that is why we are here!" The quintet has been playing together for over ten years. "We all play together elsewhere. We all played with the Black Hills State community band for a while, and we all play with the Belle Fourche

CON Brass Quintet Plays Free Neighborhood Concert

Robbi Longbrake

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BELLE FOURCHE—The front lawn of the big white porched historic structure located at 1208 8th Avenue in Belle Fourche, SD was the backdrop to a free neighborhood concert on Monday, July 14.

That historic house, also known as the Doug and Nancy Cole home, hosted the Center of the Nation Brass Quintet. As tuba player and band spokesperson for the evening, Steve Shuck told the crowd that the invitation to play on the lawn of the grand structure came via a comment on one



Center of the Nation Brass Quintet played on the front lawn of the Cole home. From left: **Carol Doeger, Kevin Rather, Tracy Kobberdahl, Gary Fladmoe and Steve Shuck.** *Longbrake photos*

Cowboy Band," said Shuck. "This actually got started because there were times when the Cowboy Band would be asked to play someplace and we couldn't field the full band so we thought, well, at least we can get a little music!"

They entertained the crowd with 17 songs from a variety of musical selections. "We played some blues, we played some pop music, we played a show tune, we played a boogie woogie and we played some old Dixieland stuff," said Shuck.

The crowd clapped along and cheered at times as they sat on the lawn and enjoyed

the music. The event was BYOC, bring your own chair, but refreshments were provided by the Belle Fourche Beacon and Lynn's Dakotamart.

Watch for the Center of the Nation Brass Quintet playing all over the Black Hills area this summer and make sure you pull up a seat and enjoy the experience of the stories and the music that these talented musicians provide.

The Band is made up of Steve Shuck on the tuba, Kevin Rather playing the trombone, Tracy Kobberdahl playing the trumpet, Gary Fladmoe playing the trumpet and Carol Doerges on the French horn. They are all from the Northern Hills area.



Chairs lined the front lawn of the Cole home to enjoy the live music by the **CON Brass Quintet.** *Longbrake photo*

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As Mark transitions into a well-earned retirement, the Midstates Group and QQP are honored to carry forward the legacy he built. The acquisition is rooted in shared values: **family ownership, strong community ties, customer-first service, and diverse product offerings.** This move positions Print Mark-Et for continued growth under the Midstates Group umbrella, while ensuring current customers experience the same local trusted service they've come to expect—now backed by even greater resources.

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Customers and community members are invited to stay tuned for details about a **Customer Appreciation Event and Retirement Celebration for Mark**, planned for **early September.**

This acquisition also aligns with the broader vision of **Midstates Group**, a 180,000-square-foot production and fulfillment facility in Aberdeen, focusing on **direct mail, catalog and publication printing, and fulfillment solutions.** Also under the Midstates Group banner is **Panther Premier Print Solutions**, based in Sioux Falls, SD, specializing in **digital and sheetfed printing, signage, apparel, die cutting, and engraving.**

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Merjil Signs to play softball at Heston College



Chloe Merjil, a 2025 graduate of Belle Fourche High School, signed with Heston College in Heston, Kansas July 18th.

Chloe received a scholarship to play softball and further her career and passion in the sport while majoring Exercise Science on a pre-physical therapy track. She plans to have a future career as a physical therapist.

Chloe is the daughter of Jeremy and Carie Merjil and sister to Lucila, Charlie and

Jeremy Jr.

Chloe has been playing softball since she was 4 years old in California and state, "it has always been my dream to play softball in college". She primarily plays catcher, but also can be found occasionally on 3rd base on her current teams and says she can play at any position!

When asked her softball memory, she commented, "being a part of a team that has a great attitude and atmosphere". Chloe is looking forward to being a Heston Lark!

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Pastor's Perspective

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

"About Astrology"

Recently a local television reporter asked me by telephone to state my position on astrology, "as a Christian and as pastor of one of Los Angeles' well-known churches."

That conversation reminded me of the necessity for everyone to have a basic understanding of the subject, hence:

1) The Bible not only rejects but condemns astrology. Isaiah 47:12-15 should be read carefully. The concluding words of warning regarding the person committed to astrology and related occult practices make clear that confusion is the inevitable lot of such a person and tragic, eternal loss the final price.

2) The supposition that the wisemen (magi), who found the young Christ as the result of astrological pursuits, somehow supports the practice of astrology by reason of their inclusion in the Bible story, is a groundless one. They only evidence how God meets earnest hearts where they are, and if they honestly are searching for Him, He'll see that they get there. But please notice: the whole story in Matthew 2 notes that (a) it took the revelation of the Word of God to finalize their quest and b0 their quest wasn't final until they found the Son of God.

3) The danger of astrology is beyond a simple, superstitious misuse of time. Plying the trade of occult practices is to traffic with the demonic. the "uncanny" concurrence of events, people contacts and trivia in a person's life, seeming to confirm the forecast of their horoscope, is the direct result of demonic manipulation of people and circumstances. It isn't the result of some cosmic influence radiating from the stars, but a hellish one emanating from satan himself,



having found but one more way to seal, to kill and to destroy sheep-like humans (John 10).

4) Presumably, everyone reading these words knows the difference between astrology and astronomy: the former is a metaphysical or occult practice; the latter an objective pursuit of physical science. There is nothing wrong with the study of astronomy: Indeed, there is great inspiration in studying any aspect of God's creation. In this realm, the acid test is the willingness of the student to acknowledge God's handiwork and to overcome the idolatrous systems of human pride which chalk galaxies off to a deity named Chance (Psalm 19:1-6; Romans 1:18-32).

5) Finally, knowledgeable Bible students are aware of the fact and the reason that the name of some star groups occur in the Bible (ex: Job 9:9; 38:31, 32; Amos 5:8). These references to constellations are not astrological, but are didactic that is they are a means of teaching. It is a fact that before the ancient Babylonian systems of astrology came into vogue, the godly patriarchs linked the spiritual lessons of God's promised redemption in the minds of their children by using the canvas of the skies (and in a day when pen and paper were unknown).

The way to relate to a person involved in astrology is not to preach against their practice, but to show them the love of Jesus Christ. It may be that their quest is an honest one, not an avoidance of confronting the reality of the Savior. If so, when they encounter His live in you, they'll do what wise men do every time. They will cease "following stars" and bow before Jesus.

Dear friends,

Losing Joe has been the most difficult and heartbreaking experience of our lives. However, amid our sorrow, the outpouring of love and support from family, friends, and surrounding communities has truly been a blessing. Your kindness, compassion, and generosity have carried us through this painful time and reminded us that we are not alone in our grief.

Each and every one of you has brought a glimmer of light into our darkness. From your comforting words and heartfelt prayers to your thoughtful gestures and presence, we are deeply touched and forever grateful.

We want to extend a special thank you to Mark Leverington, Tera Williamson, and Sandy Hammill for the incredible support and assistance you provided to our family. Also, to the members of Concerned Citizens of Butte County for organizing the benefit that brought together so many communities. It was a blessing in so many ways. May God bless everyone.

*With sincere gratitude,
 The Hanson Family*

Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Matthew 6:31-34 (NIV)

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Proverbs 3:5-6

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Butte/Lawrence County Fair Coming Up

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NISLAND—The 2025 Butte/Lawrence County Fair will soon be upon us! The 104th annual event starts July 28 and runs through August 2 at the Nisland Fairgrounds.

The fair kicks off with the 4-H and Open Horse Show at 8 a.m. on Monday, July 28. The next day, July 29, exhibit buildings open at 8 a.m. along with entries for open class non-livestock exhibits, 4-H and open class wool, 4-H non-livestock and horticulture, 4-H and open livestock, and 4-H beef. Participants will also set up both Individual and CFEL Club booths throughout the day, which will be judged and awarded prizes later in the week.

On Wednesday, July 30, activities will be aplenty! From 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., there will be a Fishing Tournament.

The 4-H and open class Dairy Cattle Show begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 4-H and open class Dairy

Goat Show at 10 a.m. and then the Meat Goat Show at 1 p.m. Wednesday afternoon brings fun events including Chuck-a-Duck at 1 p.m., Turtle Races at 2 p.m., then the AAU Wrestling Pancake Feed at 6 p.m. and Pig Wrestling at 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 31 is another big day, starting with the 4-H and open Sheep Show at 8 a.m. At 12 p.m. will be the Bum Lamb Dress Up Contest and Catch-a-Sheep Class Show. 2:30 p.m. brings the Talent Show. At 3 p.m., the 4-H and open class Poultry Best of Show & Showmanship Awards will take place at the grandstands.

Balloon Man Howard Uglan will be performing from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday evening brings the free BBQ sponsored by Butte Electric and West River Telephone Company, plus the Silent Auction and a performance by the Cowboy Band at 5 p.m.

At 6 p.m., the Nisland Fair Ranch Rodeo begins,

followed by the Catch-a-Sheep contest at 7 p.m. Jessica Loobey will perform live music from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Friday morning, August 1 brings the 4-H and open class Rabbit Show at 8 a.m. and Beef Show at 9 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. judging will commence for the 4-H and open class Companion Animals and Cats. The 4-H Small Animal Round Robin begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by the 4-H Large Animal Round Robin at 5 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m. before the auction there will be a Livestock Sale Buyer Appreciation Supper, sponsored by Cenex of the Black Hills. Finally, at 7 p.m. the Butte-Lawrence Livestock Sale takes place! The Wilt Brothers will provide live music that night at 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 2 is the final day of the Fair. The Youth Rodeo will start in the arena at 9 a.m. By 11 a.m. all livestock will be released and non-livestock exhibits picked up. From 11 a.m. to noon, the 4-H Best of Show Winners

Awards will be released. The Fair Office and Exhibit Buildings will close at 1 p.m. Don't forget to stop by the fire hall in Nisland on 2nd & Oak St. for the annual Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire & Rescue Brisket Feed and Pie Sale, starting at 10 a.m.

"The main highlights will be the Pig Wrestling on Wednesday night, the free barbecue, and then Catch-a-Sheep and the Ranch Rodeo, and then we have entertainment," said Chad Mackaben, Fair Board President. Mack-

aben also highlighted the Heifer Calf Giveaway on Friday, a yearly fair event that his family sponsors. Kids who are interested in the heifer calf giveaway must compete for it; Mackaben said, "They write an essay, a reason why they want it, and send it in. And then we interview them and then we award it to the winner."

Be sure to stop by the Nisland fairgrounds sometime during the week to support local 4-H youth, enjoy your local community members, and have fun! There will be something for everyone at the fair!

School Board Votes in New President

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche School Board held its July meeting on Monday evening, July 14. At 5:31 p.m. Scott Reder adjourned his final meeting as Board President.

The Board then reconvened to elect a new President, and Nita Justice was unanimously elected as the new School Board President.

Dr. Faye LaDuke-Pelster was elected unopposed and then unanimously voted as the new Vice President of the School Board.

Business Manager Susan Proffrock noted that the new fiscal year is starting. The Board designated the Black Hills Pioneer as its official legal newspaper. The starting time for board meetings was changed from 5:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

It was noted that August 4 will be the first competitive cheer practice and August 11 will be the first football practice for the upcoming school year.

Interquest Detection Canines informed the school in a letter dated May 7, 2025 that an increased presence of alcohol in school was noted this year, while THC "continued its prevalence in schools across our region." 3 loaded weapons were located in cars on school property in the last 45 days.

Using the Interquest program has served as a deterrent, and the educational value of periodic canine demonstrations and inspections creates a positive awareness, prompting students and adults to make good choices that enhance campus safety.

The Board appointed Kelly

Keegan as the 2025-26 Legislative Chairperson. The Board also voted for a Delegate/Alternate to the 2025 ASBSD Delegate Assembly. Kelly Keegan was elected Delegate and Tara Knapp was elected Alternate.

Superintendent Orion Thompson stated that due to concerns brought to the Board, the Activities Handbook was reevaluated, and Coaches/Mentor roles were clarified. Specific Activity Handbook changes include: Page 2, removal of index; Page 11 & 12, Added Belle Fourche Activity Department Hiring Procedure; and Page 30, Added trainer as an additional person to review the Emergency Action Plan for each program.

The Board discussed the 2026 Election Law Update. Beginning with next year's election cycle, the new state law permits a school board to hold their annual election on one of only two dates, one of which is in June and the other in November. In even numbered years, beginning in 2026, the annual school board election must be held on Primary Election Day, which would be Tuesday, June 2, 2026, or General Election Day which would be Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Susan Proffrock reiterated that June 2 would be the best option since the Board starts its new year in July, thus rendering the November date not an option. More information regarding this law and dates will come in the future.

The July board meeting was the final meeting in the current office. A new area for meetings is in the works, in the same building but in a different location. The Board is hopeful that next month's meeting will be held in the new area.

The next School Board meeting will be August 11 at 5:30 p.m.

for a few days visit. Harold and Junior went to school together, and were enjoying the stories and memories of their past.

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

The mowing mornings were interrupted by rain on several days for Karen Odell. Karen is still hauling off branches from the storm last fall, that carried away one of her sheds. Brandon Padden cut Karen's hay field. One evening storms were predicted, and the Padden boys worked in the dark getting things baled before the rains. Karen enjoyed sitting out in the cool night watching the lights of the machinery as they worked, but finally after midnight, she went in, and didn't know how long they worked, but in the morning there were nearly 70 bales in her field. She visited at Chancey Odell

and Megan's, several times this week, and enjoyed supper with them one evening. There were some nice cool rainy days, and still there have been few bugs and mosquitoes, this year. Micki Odell's family, with her mother-in-law and father-in-law, just returned home from Kenya. They spent two weeks on a picture safari, and stayed in comfortable tent houses on the huge animal reserves. Micki even got to pet a huge rhino. They traveled in an open vehicle through lions, hyenas, giraffes, elephants, and so many more species of birds and animals. It was the adventure of a lifetime, and I'm sure Rowan and Murphy will remember it always. Micki and Cris Hinds both had on Wolffy's shirts when their picture was taken beside the equator sign. One was in winter and the other in summer, because the equator was between them. Their flight home through London took more than a day. This Saturday, the Odells gathered in Omaha, for Liam Odell's wedding (son of Michael and Elizabeth Odell). Mollie and Kyia went down from Minnesota. Micki's family went from Washington. Cody's family went from Mitchell, Jeff's family went from Iowa, and Chancey Odell and Megan went from Tie

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Capitol News
July 20, 2025
by Karen Odell

Erma Albert has friends all over the country to visit with. She has

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

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

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

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

Things got a little interest-

ing on Monday, when Doug Davis watched outside during the lightening storm. He saw a strike, and then he saw a bale burst into flame. Bobby Cordell came out with the pumper, and they soon had it out. Wednesday was a busy day. Doug and Julia went to doctor's appointments in the Hills. Then they stopped to visit Alfreda, for a short time. They came home through Buffalo, so that Doug could attend the Fair Board meeting, and they could get the fair books mailed out. Doug and Morgan hauled some bulls to town for the sale. They decided to cross the river and go by Alzada, because the road that way was much better. Dan Davis and Barb stopped by, on Friday, to take a bull home with them. Haying is coming to a close, and now they will look for any that could be used for a second cutting.

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

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SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-1

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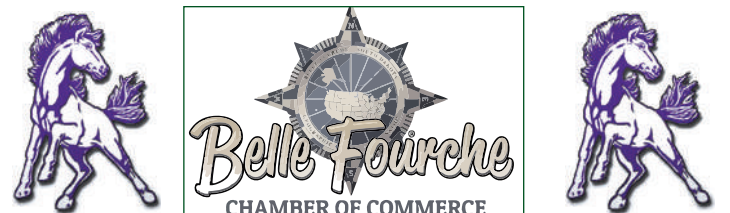
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Cattle Report - Friday, July 18, 2025

Weigh up cows sold \$4 to \$5 higher
Weigh up bulls sold \$\$ higher

Next Sale - July 25 - Regular sale- Selling all classes of cattle - 10 AM
Thank you for marketing with St Onge Livestock!

Weigh up cows

American Ranch Llc, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1430	\$167.00
Baker, John Charles & Judith, Whitewood SD	1	Bk	Cow	1785	\$153.00
Beck, Tom Or Tammy, Gillette WY	1	Bld	Cow	1425	\$155.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	3	Bk	Hfr	1213	\$217.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	22	B/R	Cow	1407	\$165.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	4	B/R	Cow	1371	\$165.50
Dinstel, Bruce & Lori, Alzada MT	1	Bk	Cow	1540	\$167.00
Dinstel, Bruce & Lori, Alzada MT	1	Bk	Cow	1480	\$164.00
Edwards, Dave E, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1485	\$169.00
Floyd, Chason Or Jesika, Buffalo SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1130	\$250.00
Floyd, Chason Or Jesika, Buffalo SD	1	Bk	Cow	1305	\$164.00
Frank, Brent, Newell SD	4	Red	Hfr	1225	\$201.00
Fuller, Mike, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1975	\$148.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	1	Bk	Cow	1190	\$172.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	1	Bk	Cow	1665	\$167.50
Geier Family Trust, Osage WY	1	Bk	Cow	1300	\$164.00
Geist, Jeff Or Rochelle, Newell SD	1	Bk	Hfr	860	\$210.00
Grant, Zach Or McKenzie, Vale SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1040	\$263.00
Hanson, Marian, Ashland MT	2	Bk	Cow	1642	\$168.00
Heart H Partnership, Llc, Camp Crook SD	3	Bk	Cow	1468	\$167.00
Hutchinson, Drew & Judy, Aladdin WY	1	Red	Hfr	1010	\$249.00
Hutchinson, Drew & Judy, Aladdin WY	1	Red	Hfr	1115	\$227.00
Hutchinson, Drew & Judy, Aladdin WY	1	Red	Cow	1500	\$169.50
Hutchinson, Drew & Judy, Aladdin WY	7	Red	Cow	1603	\$168.00
Ketelsen, Cole, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Cow	1210	\$170.00
Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Cow	1440	\$166.00
Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Cow	1355	\$160.00
Kuhnacher, Travis, Alzada MT	1	Rbd	Cow	1410	\$170.00
Lenhart, Jade Or Cinnamon, Weston WY	1	Bld	Hfr	1105	\$239.00
Lenhart, Jade Or Cinnamon, Weston WY	1	Bk	Hfr	1140	\$211.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD	2	Bk	Hfr	832	\$213.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD	3	Bk	Cow	1650	\$159.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD	2	Bk	Cow	1455	\$157.50
Lightning Ridge Inc, Olive MT	1	Bk	Cow	1050	\$151.00
Mackey, Scott & Carey, Gillette WY	1	Red	Cow	1430	\$181.00
Mackey, Scott & Carey, Gillette WY	1	Red	Cow	1450	\$167.50
Mackey, Scott & Carey, Gillette WY	2	Red	Cow	1310	\$160.00
Melum, Ernie, Capitol MT	3	Rbd	Cow	1398	\$166.00
Melum, Ernie, Capitol MT	2	Red	Cow	1240	\$160.00
Miller, Marlin, Broadus MT	3	Rbd	Cow	1615	\$167.50
Miller, Marlin, Broadus MT	1	Rbd	Cow	1565	\$166.00
Olson, Fred Jr (Ole), Piedmont SD	1	Bk	Cow	1525	\$172.00
P Cross Bar Ranch, Gillette WY	1	Red	Hfr	1125	\$209.00
Rice, Howard, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Cow	1900	\$160.00
Schlinz, Logan, Whitewood SD	1	Bk	Cow	1190	\$147.00
Schmidt, Cleve, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Cow	1485	\$168.00
Schmidt, Cleve, Belle Fourche SD	2	Bk	Cow	1810	\$166.00
Simons, Sully Or Debbie, Beulah WY	1	Bk	Cow	1425	\$155.00
Spelman, Ron, Lemx SD	1	Bk	Cow	1530	\$163.00
Wilson, Louise, Alzada MT	3	Bld	Cow	1541	\$169.00

Weigh Up Bulls

Arnold, Landon, Owanka SD	1	Red	Bull	2380	\$192.00
Arnold, Landon, Owanka SD	1	Red	Bull	2220	\$205.00
Barbero Inc, Boyes MT	1	Bk	Bull	2205	\$217.00
Boller Livestock, Weston WY	1	Red	Bull	2130	\$214.00
Brown, Roger, Fruitdale SD	1	Bk	Bull	1900	\$174.00
Brown, Roger, Fruitdale SD	1	Bk	Bull	1805	\$180.00
Brown, Roger, Fruitdale SD	1	Bk	Bull	1520	\$171.00
Bruch, John H, Sturgis SD	1	Red	Bull	2200	\$218.00
Bruch, John H, Sturgis SD	1	Red	Bull	2140	\$218.00
Carmichael, Keith, Meadow SD	1	Hfr	Bull	1505	\$181.00
Casteel, Brenden, Vale SD	1	Bk	Bull	1440	\$174.00
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance WY	1	Bk	Bull	2120	\$215.00
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance WY	1	Bk	Bull	1470	\$181.00
Cottonwood Creek Cattle, Rozet WY	1	Bk	Bull	1780	\$201.00
Davis, Marlene M, Belle Fourche SD	1	Hfr	Bull	2045	\$193.00
Davis Ranches, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Bull	2135	\$209.00
Davis Ranches, Belle Fourche SD	1	Hfr	Bull	1995	\$205.00
Davis, Douglas Or Julia, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Bull	2285	\$218.00
Davis, Douglas Or Julia, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Bull	1990	\$209.00
Dayco Ltd, Scenic SD	1	Bld	Bull	1060	\$241.00
Duprel Livestock, Vale SD	1	Bk	Bull	2060	\$221.00
Edwards, Dave E, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	2355	\$191.00
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY	1	Hfr	Bull	2170	\$208.00
Ford, John W Alexander, Gillette WY	1	Red	Bull	1805	\$214.00
Frank, Brent, Newell SD	1	Hfr	Bull	2085	\$190.00
Fuller Livestock Ltd Liability, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	2305	\$184.00
Fuller Livestock Ltd Liability, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1780	\$180.00
Fuller Livestock Ltd Liability, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1755	\$208.00
Fuller Livestock Ltd Liability, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1560	\$206.00
Gianino, Wende, Boyes MT	1	Red	Bull	1905	\$201.00
Gianino, Wende, Boyes MT	1	Red	Bull	1550	\$198.00
Graham Mt Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Bull	1615	\$205.00
Grub, Christopher, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Bull	1290	\$222.00
Hanson, Marian, Ashland MT	1	Bk	Bull	1965	\$215.00
Hiser, Barney, Newcastle WY	1	Bk	Bull	1665	\$210.00
Karrels Cattle Co, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Bull	1650	\$202.00
Karrels Cattle Co, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Bull	1445	\$181.00
Karrels Cattle Co, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Bull	1185	\$243.00
Kc Ranch Llc, Rozet WY	1	Bk	Bull	1665	\$198.00

Krapp Ranch Holding Llc, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Bull	1835	\$180.00
Lenhart, Jade Or Cinnamon, Weston WY	1	Bk	Bull	1875	\$219.00
Lenhart, Jade Or Cinnamon, Weston WY	1	Bk	Bull	1710	\$180.00
Lenhart, Jade Or Cinnamon, Weston WY	3	Bk	Bull	1546	\$200.00
Lenhart, Jade Or Cinnamon, Weston WY	1	Bk	Bull	1180	\$247.50
Marsh, Shawn, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1295	\$190.00
Melum, Ernie, Capitol MT	1	Hfr	Bull	2135	\$185.50
Millers Crow Creek Ranch Llc, Spearfish SD	2	Bk	Bull	1587	\$211.00
Peri, Raina Kay, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Bull	1535	\$190.00
Rij Ranch West Llc, Sundance WY	1	Bk	Bull	1520	\$175.00
Schmidt, Cleve, Belle Fourche SD	3	Bk	Bull	1966	\$214.00
Steffes, Darrel, Vale SD	1	Bk	Bull	2090	\$218.00
Trump, Steve, Custer SD	1	Bk	Bull	1345	\$184.00
Trump, Steve, Custer SD	1	Hfr	Bull	2170	\$194.00
Whitney, Jerry, Newcastle WY	1	Bk	Bull	1695	\$209.00
Whitney, Jerry, Newcastle WY	1	Bk	Bull	1560	\$205.00
Williams, Britt, Hammond MT	1	Bk	Bull	1560	\$204.00
Williams, Zane, Hammond MT	1	Bk	Bull	2005	\$213.00
Wolf Ranch, Hulet WY	1	Bk	Bull	2115	\$220.00

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Sheep Report - Thursday, July 17, 2025

Lamb market was \$2 to \$3 lower
Slaughter ewes sold steady

Next Sale - July 24 - New Crop Lamb Special - Selling all classes of sheep & goats
Thank you for your business!

New Crop Lambs

Talcott, Chase Or Shanna, Broadus MT	61	Lamb	63	\$233.00
Talcott, Chase Or Shanna, Broadus MT	224	Lamb	79	\$228.00
Eckhardt, Joshua, Gillette WY	6	Lamb	113	\$194.00
Feldman, Chad Or Rebecca, Oral SD	27	Lamb	67	\$227.50
Hawthorne, Bob & Bill, Chadron NE	8	Lamb	90	\$219.00
Hawthorne, Bob & Bill, Chadron NE	21	Lamb	116	\$194.00
Rosenzanz, Gloria, Broadus MT	16	Lamb	73	\$226.00
Witherspoon, Robert, Newell SD	21	Lamb	94	\$219.00
Slaughter Ewes				
CJR Ranch LLC, Gillette WY	41	K Ewe	174	\$102.00
CJR Ranch LLC, Gillette WY	8	K Ewe	158	\$93.00
Phillippi, Renetta, Hammond MT	23	K Ewe	221	\$93.00
Tetrault, Tim Or Roxie, St Onge SD	7	K Ewe	147	\$93.00

Friday, July 25, 2025

Regular Sale

10:00 AM - Weigh Up Cows 12:00 Noon - Feeder Cattle

Followed By Bred Cows

Feeder Cattle

Spear 3 Ranch - 125 Blk & Red Strs & Hfrs - 600-750# - Off Grass

Monroe Anderson - 80 Blk & Red Strs - 700-900# - Off Grass

Rueben Ritthaler - 30 Blk Strs - 800-850#

Plus more by sale time!

2025 CATTLE SALES

August 1st - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
August 8th - Yearling & Fall Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
August 15th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
August 22nd - Yearling & Fall Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
August 29th - Yearling & Fall Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
September 5th - Yearling & Fall Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
September 12th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
September 19th - Yearling & Fall Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
September 26th - Yearling & Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

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Saturday, July 26th - Powder River County, Broadus, MT - 4 pm
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Friday, August 1st - Weston County, Newcastle, WY - 6 pm
Friday, August 1st - Butte-Lawrence County, Nisland, SD - 7 pm
Saturday, August 2nd - Crook County, Sundance, WY - 2 pm
Saturday, August 9th - Carter County, Ekalaka, MT - 3:30 pm
Saturday, August 16th - Harding County, Camp Crook, SD - 2 pm
Saturday, August 16th - Fallon County, Baker, MT - 4:30 pm

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Thursday, July 24, 2025

Feeder Lamb Special 1 PM

Expecting 1500 to 2000 lambs

Feeder lambs

SD - 150 Lambs - 90#

SD - 100 Lambs - 90-100#

SD - 40 Lambs - 110#

MT - 120 Lambs - 75#

MT - 100 Lambs - 80#

SD - 130 Lambs - 75#

Plus more by sale time!

Please have animals in by 10:00 AM

So they can all be weighed before the sale!

2025 SHEEP SALES

July 31st - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 7th - No Sale Due To The Sturgis Bike Rally
August 14th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 21st - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 28th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 4th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 11th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 18th - Annual Replacement Ewe, Ewe Lamb & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 25th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 2nd - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 9th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 16th - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 23rd - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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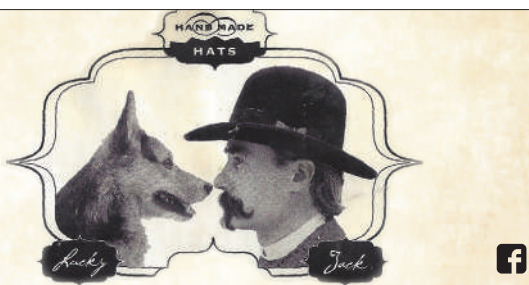
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124 years ago
Rapid City Journal
April, 1900

ENTHUSIASTIC STOCKMEN Meet In Annual Convention to Transact Business and Discuss Important Measures,

The program of the afternoon was opened by Emrick's Opera band playing a selection after which President Howard called the meeting to order and introduced Mayor C. L. Wood, who, he said, would extend a welcome in the good old North American style. Mr. Howard found that he had come even nearer to the truth than he thought, for, after extending a hearty welcome, Mayor Wood presented President Howard with a fine silver mounted gavel in behalf of the executive committee of the association. In doing so he stated that it was in appreciation of his fair and impartial management of the affairs of the association, holding that equality for all is the true basis. Mr. Howard was taken unawares, and was quite unprepared with a speech in acknowledgement. He said he highly appreciated the kind feelings which prompted the gift, and proceeded to touch upon several questions he thought could be beneficially carried out. He thought there were several questions that should be brought up for legislative enactment. He touched upon brandis, wolf bounty, and leasing of the public domain, and during his straightforward talk gave one an insight into why he was so popular a president. The true manliness shone out and commanded recognition.

He then called upon W. C. Irvien, of the Wyoming Stockgrowers' Association who spoke briefly, but in very comprehensive terms, of this association which is a sort of off shoot from the Wyoming association. On motion the roll call and reading of the previous minutes were dispensed with. There being no unfinished business, the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read. These showed that the association was organized in 1893 with fifty-seven members, but now has 524, eighty-nine having been taken in the past year. The association is now second only to the Texas association, the being the largest in the Union. These reports will appear in full in tomorrow's paper so nothing more will be given here. At this point a circular from the census bureau was presented, and C. F. Martin, of Denver, was called upon to explain the matter more fully. This he did and urged every stockman to cooperate with the census bureau in the coming enumeration of live stock.

James M. Carey, ex-senator from Wyoming, was introduced and made a few earnest and entertaining remarks. A resolution was then offered that the executive committee be increased from twelve to seventeen members. This was adopted. Election of officers then occurred which resulted in the re-election of the following: President - C. K. Haowrd, Smithville, Vice President - H. A. Dawson, Pine Ridge Secretary and treasurer - F. M. Stewart, Buffalo Gap. Short speeches were made by Mr. Howard and Mr. Dawson, the latter saying as he had not been presented with a gavel and his salary was unpaid he would be very brief. Mr. Stewart said as his hands were full and his salary had been paid he would be brief also.

M. Humphrey, A. J. Day and James A. Hale were appointed a committee to recommend the names of the executive committee. They reported as follows, which report was adopted: W. D. Driskill, Spearfish; **James T. Carig, Belle Fourche**; Albert Taddekin, Deadwood; S. G. Sheffield, W. J. Barclay, Sturgis; G. E. Lemmon, E. Hol-

comb, Rapid City; Ed Stenger, Hermosa; C. M. Lamson, Ardmore; Ben Irwin, Gordon; W. W. Anderson, Simeon; F. C. Huss, J. B. Binder, Pierre; John Z. Reed, Dakota City; I. J. M. Brown, Interior; J. A. Anderson, Chamberlain; J. W. Williams, Bonesteel.

While the selection of the executive committee was in progress C. L. Wood was called for and made a fine talk on the leasing problem. He believes the government will make a change, but he hopes the day will be put off as long as possible. He is opposed to the leasing system and gave his reasons in a concise manner and to the point. A meeting of the executive committee was called for 6:30, after which the meeting adjourned sine die. Following is the round up program: ROUNDUP No. 1 - Begin May 20 at American creek; then to Oacoma; then down Missouri river to mouth of White river; then up Whiter river to Petans; then to White Clay Butte; then down Yellow Medicine to Missouri river; then up Missouri to mouth of Cedar; then up Cedar and down Antelope to Missouri, and up Missouri to mouth of Bad river; then up Bad river till meeting 73 wagon.

No. 2 - Leave Fort Pierre May 20, Work up Missouri river to mouth of Cheyenne; then up Cheyenne river to mouth of Plum creek; then up Plum creek to Black Hills road; then down road to Fort Pierre. R. C. Blassingame, Forman. No. 3 - Begin May 25 at Petan's ranch, working up White river to Bartlett's ranch, head of White Willow. E.W. Thode, Foreman. No. 4 - Will be continuation of No. 3, work up White river from head of White Willow to head of Cane creek. I.J.M. Brown, Foreman. No. 5 - Begin at White Willow, after No. 3 reaches there, working all the range between the walls and forks of Bad river; then west to mouth of Sage creek on Cheyenne river; then down Cheyenne to east for of Deep creek. Willard Franklin, Foreman. Nov. 6 - Begin at forks of Bad river after No. 5 reaches there, working down to Burnt creek, at Black Hills road crossing; then west to east fork of Deep creek, working at the range between Cheyenne river divide and Bad river. Jack Borden, Foreman. No. 10 - Lower Belle Fourche roundup begins May 12, at Viewfield, one wagon working north side of Elk creek and one wagon south side, down to forks of Belle Fourche; then down north side of Cheyenne reaching to brakes



by Mary Buchholz

on south side, working to the reservation line; then across to Sulphur and up to mouth of Red Owl; then up Red Owl to mouth of White Owl; then up White Owl to White Owl postoffice; then across the head of Bad Land creek to round-up road; then follow round-up road to Elm creek; M. S. Coy, foreman. Then up Elm creek to Shingle's ranch; Al. Taddiken, foreman. Then round-up divide, Sulphur division to cross over to head of Sulphur and work down Sulphur to Red Scaffold, S. G. Sheffield, foreman. M. S. Coy, foreman, Pine Creek to Red Scallold. Belle Fourche division to work Belle Fourche, tributaries and Battle creek to Miles City crossing.

James Craig
1862-1930

In James Craig's life he was many things, cowboy, range detective, ranch superintendent, bank president, longest serving president of the Western South Dakota Stockgrowers Association, community supporter and family man.

Born in Scotland, Craig began his career during the turbulent range war days in Wyoming, working for John Clay's 71 Quarter Circle cattle outfit.

At the end of the Johnson County war, Craig came to Belle Fourche area as the superintendent of the Western Ranches (VVV). The fledging Western South Dakota Stockgrowers Association immediately sought him out. He joined in April 1893, and except for the years when he was vice-president, he served on the executive committee until being elected president in 1912. He went on to become the association's longest serving president.

Craig was also president of the Butte County Bank of Belle Fourche, during which time the Wild Bunch made their famous 1897 robbery attempt.

James Craig was a tireless supporter of Belle Fourche and surrounding area, promoting the Belle Fourche Roundup, building of the new courthouse, and Newell's experiment farm, to name a few.

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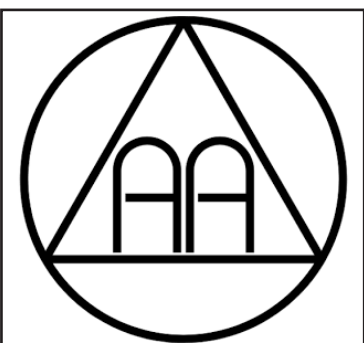
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Wright WY	8	Black-Hfrt	1172	221.50	\$ 2,595.70
Galen Humble, Vale SD	1	Rwf-Cow	1335	161.00	\$ 2,149.35
Justin & Heather Edwards,					
Wright WY	4	Black-Cow	1226	165.00	\$ 2,023.31
Zach Elmore, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1445	167.00	\$ 2,413.15
	1	Black-Cow	1300	165.00	\$ 2,145.00
	1	Black-Hfrt	1075	250.00	\$ 2,687.50
Jason Garman, Alzada MT	5	Black-Cow	1527	169.50	\$ 2,588.26
Dave Garman, Belle Fourche SD	2	Black-Cow	1678	170.50	\$ 2,860.13
Garman Brothers Llp, Alzada MT	1	Black-Cow	1460	170.50	\$ 2,489.30
Ben Or Lori Garman,					
Belle Fourche SD	7	Black-Cow	1526	169.00	\$ 2,578.45
Mayflower Cattle Company,					
Sheridan WY	6	Rd/Blk-Hfrt	818	298.00	\$ 2,436.15
	1	Black-Hfrt	915	275.00	\$ 2,516.25
	1	Bwf-Cow	1385	167.00	\$ 2,312.95
	1	Black-Hfrt	900	272.50	\$ 2,452.50
	1	Black-Hfrt	975	252.50	\$ 2,461.87
Cory R Peterson, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	1475	165.00	\$ 2,433.75
Cjr Ranch Llc, Gillette WY	13	Rd/Blk-Cow	1237	178.00	\$ 2,201.72
	4	Rd/Blk-Cow	1600	168.50	\$ 2,696.00
BULLS					
Cjr Ranch Llc, Gillette WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2070	227.50	\$ 4,709.25
	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	1870	225.00	\$ 4,207.50
	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	1850	225.00	\$ 4,162.50
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Whitewood	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1965	192.50	\$ 3,782.62
Pearson Ranch Llc, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Bull	2120	200.00	\$ 4,240.00
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Jake Reynolds, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1925	204.50	\$ 3,936.62
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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden
July 20, 2025

The prairies look so good in luscious shades of green as one passes through western South Dakota. Eastern South Dakota looks extremely healthy as well. The landscape is a treat for those who live here or are visiting during this time of year. Winter wheat fields look ready to go and it looks like wheat farmers and corn growers will have a bumper crop this year.

As the Rally moves in closer to us the vendors are also moving in to Sturgis. Expectations are for a bit larger Bike Rally this year from what we hear.

Rodeos are taking place at this time and folks are looking forward to the Days of 76 Rodeo and festivities in Deadwood coming up very soon. Sandy and Larry Rhoden attended a PRCA rodeo in Mitchell, SD on Friday night. They have a brand new facility completed last year and were able to attend the 2nd rodeo held there. Governor Rhoden presented a flag to a well deserved veteran and it was a wonderful service. Rodeo is a sport that more than any other honors our flag, our veterans and has prayer before every event. We never tire of their opening ceremonies.

Highschool National Finals Rodeo took place last weekend. They were at Rock Springs, Wyoming. Tyon Arneson qualified for the finals for the SDHSRA in Tie Down Roping. Rylan Elshere also qualified in Saddle Bronc. These young men have achieved some great standing in their rodeo careers already.

Tom and Brenda Tiff's daughter, Jenny, and her family has been staying on since Brenda's memorial service to take care of the ranch and necessary things needing to be done. Her husband will head back on Wednesday, while Jenny and their son will stay on until mid August to finish working with the ranch.

They had lunch on Sunday at Nellie's in Enning. Larry and Sandy Rhoden, Lorrie and Gary Hausmann and Reggie Rhoden were there for lunch as well. Jack Seller, Darrell Wilcox, Janice Arends, Neoma Richter, Deb

and Keving Vig were all there for lunch as well.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of long time resident of Union Center, Wayne Overland. He was one of seven children to Ruth and Dewey Overland of Faith, SD born in 1935. Wayne did some things some of us were not aware of like completing one year of high school in Faith and going to work for his brother-in-law Merle Bastian as a ranch hand. He later enlisted in the Army and served 2 years as a mechanic. Wayne was part of a sharpshooting squad winning numerous competitions and cementing his reputation as a sharp shooter.

Later her and Clayton opened Overland Brothers Service Station in Whitewood in 1961. Wayne married June Hackworth in 1965 and they built their life in Union Center where he worked for Farmer's Union Oil Company for over 40 years.

They had two daughters, Toni and Karla and owned and operated the Union Center Store.

After June's passing he moved back to Faith to live with his daughter Toni and Scott where he stayed active on the ranch helping in many different ways. He also spent time with his daughter, Karla and husband where he was a bit spoiled with them wining and dining him on his favorite things and spent hours in the shop and attended the races. Friends and neighbors remember clearly his laugh and easy going spirit. He enjoyed and was proud of his daughters and his grandchildren whose sporting events he loved to attend. Many years ago he enjoyed watching daughter, Toni, on the Cenex Chicks softball team.

She had a bullet arm that could match the speed of many of the young men playing softball at Union Center at the time. Wayne's smile and spirit will be dearly missed by his community and all who knew him. Our condolences to Toni, Karla and families, Pearl, grandchildren and all who shared in his life.

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The \$50 That Stays vs. The \$50 That Flees - Let's start with something we can all relate to – a \$50 cash purchase at your local hardware store. When you pay cash, magic happens, you get \$50 worth of goods, the store owner gets \$50 to pay employees and restock shelves, and that same \$50 continues circulating in your community. The hardware store owner might spend it at the local diner, the diner owner at the barber shop, and so on. Economists call this the "local multiplier effect," and studies show that every dollar spent at a local business generates roughly \$2.60 in additional local economic activity. That is not a misprint, that \$1.00 in spending generates another \$2.60 within your community.

The Convenience Trap - Don't get me wrong – I'm not suggesting we return to a cash-only society. Credit cards offer undeniable convenience and consumer protections. The point isn't to eliminate their use, but

Now, replay this transaction with a credit card. You still get \$50 worth of goods, but here's how things get interesting – and

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B's Buzz

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I was recently looking over some columns I had written a l-o-o-ng time ago when I first started writing for the paper back at the turn of the 21st Century. I can tell that I have grown in some areas, but still have the same time some things are still evolving. How can that be? It's been over 20 years and I still have the same issues especially when it comes to time and family.

In one article, I mention stress and the fact that life does not go smoothly. Life is much smoother and less chaotic (most of the time) now, but there are still moments that try my patience.

Scientists say that we all need some stress in our lives much like a plant needs water in its stem to keep rigid. I say that sometimes I'd rather be a limp flower than a rigid tree!

So how much does it take to stay upright? I think that maybe two days out of five should be sufficient. However, so far, it's more like four out of five, when will the urgent stop getting in the way of the important?

We have so many opportunities to touch the lives of others. Every time the phone rings or someone walks past us on the street we also enter their lives. The impact we make can be a vacant one-that is we don't acknowledge them nor do they even realize we are there. Or that chance meeting can change the direction of that person's life-for a day, a week or a lifetime, if we take the time to speak or even nod to them. SMILE!

Today we had a grumpy waitress at lunch. She had no smile and was "too busy" to really wait on us. Even though we were polite, she didn't change her attitude. Now that I think about we should have

made more of an effort to bring some sunshine into her life. Instead, it made us grumpy. As the "adult" I know that it was my responsibility to be pleasant and kind. Hopefully, next time I'll remember before we get home.

How we respond to "intruders" can make our day, too. Have you ever noticed that when you're mad and unkind words are said, the "mad" keeps growing and growing and growing. Kind words cause our hearts to become gentle and they're not really that hard to say, but it does take time and effort.

It may seem like a broken record but take time to say something, anything, to family and friends and let them know that you appreciate them. They are a part of who you are.

Sometimes I have trouble voicing how I feel to family members. It seems easier to tell friends how much I treasure them. That's what I'm working on to tell family they are the most important part of my life.

Most of you know that I lost my brother not too long ago. This summer, I've thought a lot about him and so many times remember how we used to talk when we were teenagers, but not so much as we grew older. I really miss those times! So now, I stop myself and realize that I have a husband right here and our kids are close, too. Time is wasting! It's time to make sure I say the things I need to say (want to say) to them while they can hear.

Well, if my husband wasn't on the phone right now (talking to one of his sisters), I'd go over and talk to him. I guess it will have to wait until he has used his words because I still have lots to use!

Go give someone close to you a hug and lay some words on them!

Still Benefitting the Town



Above: Kathy Hogen stands ready with some of the merchandise donated by Howdy after the Newmart closed.

Below: These ladies worked hard to gather the donated items. From the left are Cindy Hippen, Patty Karas, Pastor Terri Blanchett, Kathy Hogen, and Betty Kozar-Baker. Courtesy Photo



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NEWELL-It was sad that the legendary building that has housed Newell's local grocery store had the final day last week. But the heart of the owners, Howard (Howdy) Hobernicht and his wife Peggy, still desired to reach out to the residents of Newell by donating any remaining inventory to the NVN Food Bank.

Hobernicht has always had the back of the organizations and goings on in the NVN area. Whenever there was a special project or event going on, he was there to offer whatever he could to make it work.

On Friday, July 18, he once again lent a helping hand to those who need the use of the food bank. The volunteers of the food bank were on hand to load up the remaining merchandise consisting of canned goods, some refrigerated items, and miscellaneous items. All told, according to spokesperson Patty

Right: Pastor Terri Blanchett has been the bedrock of the NVN Food Bank for many years. Courtesy Photo

Karas, there were probably at least 30 boxes of much needed articles. It was at a time when the shelves of the food pantry were getting bare, according to Karas.

Newell's food bank has been headed by Pastor Terri Blanchett for about nine years. During this time, in 2020, a new building was moved to the present area by the Dakota Life Christian Center at Fourth and Fisk Streets.

Recently, the ability to order commodities from other sources has become difficult and has caused a shortage for those who need the bi-monthly distribution.

The products from the closing of the New Mart are timely indeed.

Non-perishable food items can be brought to the pantry. Contact Pastor Terri Blanchett at Dakota Life Christian Center. Food distributions are every fourth Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The new owner of the grocery store, Rod Peachy, has great plans for the building, beginning from the floor and up. Look for a new opening in the next few months. Peachy also owns Prairie Lane Farms north of Newell.



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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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This week started off really hot with a temperature of 100 degrees on Monday, but it cooled down the rest of the week. We got some rain on Tuesday, Wednesday and a tiny sprinkle on Thursday so I only had to water the gardens a few times this week.

Reub and I went to the Gideon Faith Fund Rally at the Branded Building (the old Lemmon high school) in Lemmon Monday morning to listen to Col. V.K. Bharos from India speak. Col. Bharos is retired from the India military and currently serves as the National Chaplain of India and he gave a very interesting speech before we were served lunch. Jim and Kim Petik's daughter sent some delicious pulled pork for us to eat along with all the other goodies the Auxiliary provided. We came home through Hettinger and tried to find a part for Reub's sprayer but didn't have any luck so we stopped in Reeder

late that afternoon to visit John and Phyllis Brown. John was able to order the part Reub needs for the sprayer and Phyllis served us some wonderful lemonade she made with real lemons. I hadn't had any lemonade like that since I was a kid and I had to have another glass because it was so good! We missed the Yesterday Kid's Camp down at Cedar Canyon that day, but hopefully we'll get to make it to the camp next year because that is always a fun day with friends.

Our granddaughter Acalia Olson and our great granddaughter Chantry Klug both had birthdays on Tuesday and Casey and Missy went up to North Dakota for Chantry's birthday party that day. I had two ZOOM calls that evening with South Dakota Republican Party about the State Central Committee meeting in Pierre and the SDPRLCA with guest speaker Rep. Julie Auch. Sadly, my old friend Ron Kopren died on Tuesday, the same day as his birthday. Ron and I grew up together in Bison and were in the

same class at the school in Bison.

Ronald J. Kopren was born on July 15, 1946 in Lemmon, SD to parents Carvel and Julia Kopren of Bison. He died peacefully at home in Rapid City On July 15, 2025 after living with, and battling metastatic prostate cancer for over 13 years. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 2nd, 2025 at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday at Kirk Funeral Home with a Vigil beginning at 6:30 p.m.

It was pretty chilly when Reub and I went to Hettinger on Wednesday and dropped off a part in Reeder for John Brown to fix. After we left Hettinger we stopped back in Reeder to have coffee with the Prairie Pioneers and I had brought along a small antique ceramic barrel that I found at Fred Denzin's house years ago. Fred's house is in our Horse Creek pasture and I found this one day after helping the guys trail cattle to the pasture. Fred was a terrific magician and

I wondered if Diane Sanford could tell me what it was. Diane's grandmother Lila Verhulst was Fred's sister and she was the only one I could think of that might know what it was. Several people there for coffee took a picture of the barrel and Googled it and it might be a container for beverages. I wish I would have thought to show it to our old friend and historian Jerry Verhulst before he passed away because Fred Denzin was his uncle.

Reub went up to spray weeds at our Horse Creek pasture on Thursday, Friday and Saturday while I was busy making some goodies to take down to the church for coffee and lunch after the morning service on Sunday. The guys were busy haying all three days and it looks like they are getting a pretty good hay crop. After Reub got home on Saturday we went over to sort through some of his mother's stuff that no one needs around here anymore so I washed up the things that I'll take to the second hand store, some I'll take down to the church for the ladies to use, and some I'll give to the little people to play with. Reub's Mom would like that. Missy went up to Hettinger on Saturday to her Aunt Sylvia Engle's 85th birthday party at the Senior Citizens at noon. Happy Birthday Sylvia!

Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen had services at Trinity/Bethany in Harvey, ND Sunday morning and a Baptismal service at Inherred near Bottineau, ND so Pastor David Douglas from Buffalo had the service for us at Slim Buttes Lutheran on Sunday and gave a really good sermon. My Aunt Patsy Wilkinson and I

served coffee and goodies after the service.

I'll leave you with this: Leflist Brad was sick of the world, of Covid-19, those who hate China, global warming, species extinction, racial tension and all the rest of the disturbing stories that occupy the legacy media headlines. Brad drove his car into his garage at home, carefully sealed up around the windows and doorways of his garage, selected his favorite radio station and started his car to a slow idle.

Two days later, his neighbor realizing she had seen no sign of Brad for a while, peered through the garage window to see Brad at the wheel of his car. Immediately she phoned emergency services. Police, fires and the ambulance arrived promptly.

After pulling Brad from his car and giving him a sip of water, he seemed as good as gold. Brad drives an electric Tesla. It now has a flat battery.

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Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

July 22, 1915

We learned that John Bulgar has traded his homestead in the Moreau vicinity to L. L. Storm in exchange for horses valued at \$1000 and has shipped the horses to Aurora, South Dakota. Ralph White came in from his ranch, also on the Moreau River Friday and took the afternoon train to Belle Fourche on some business.

Price's Drug Store is receiving new interior decorations and a coat of paint this week. The professional, James Cecil is the man behind the brush.

James T. Craig, M. J. Smiley and W. B. Penfold came down from Belle Fourche last Thursday and held a director's meeting at the Reclamation State Bank. James Conner of Denver, traveling auditor for the Clay-Robinson Banks, was

hot weather prevailed for 5 successive days the past week. It appears to have been general over the middle west region. The heat has been unbearable this last week, ripening grain very fast and also making corn grow too quickly and the cucumbers will be ready to harvest in 2 weeks.

Mr. & Mrs. August Maass and Mrs. Dave Ducharme, of Hoover, were in Deadwood Monday to have some dental work done. August had all his upper teeth extracted. While here, Mrs. Ducharme became sick and unable to return to her home until late Tuesday.

July 18, 1935

Petitions addressed to Senators Peter Norbeck and William J. Bulow and Representative Theodore B. Werner, asking that a federal assay of-

by Linda Velder

inald Long and Jack Weider. The test is sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Army Air Corps. The Helium gas escaped, and the huge balloon collapsed, bursting one hour before scheduled take off. The big balloon was inspected and later was shipped back to Akron, Ohio, home of the Goodyear Company, makers of the bag. The crowd were disappointed in the outcome

July 19, 1945

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July 21, 1955

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small charge will be made for craft supplies.

A total of \$39,194 in current personal property taxes were owned by taxpayers to Butte County as of July 1, 1955, according to the Delinquent Personal Property Tax List published in this week's official paper. The list published in accordance with South Dakota Law shows the current delinquent taxes, except where the first half of such tax has been paid.

July 15, 1965

Jack Barnett, Nisland was awarded the contract of \$10,090, in installing modern new restrooms at the Butte County Fairgrounds, Ferguson's Catering Service of Rapid City was the successful bidder of \$361 on operation of the lunch stand this year and Mrs. Leonard Wilson, Newell, has been contracted to operate the restaurant at the Fairgrounds again this year, reported Ralph W. Milberg, Fair Board Secretary. Also, the board advised to install another cookstove to facilitate such operating.

Construction of another modern home in Newell was started the past week by Giannonatti & Lee, local carpenters and contractors. The new home, which will be a one-story modern frame style, will be 30'x38' and is located north of the former Kenaston home along Dartmouth Ave. It is being built for Mr. & Mrs. Earl Alexander by Dutton Lumber Company, Vale, to whom the Alexander's traded their present home at 314 3rd Street.

Gary Nash, son of Mrs. Dorothy Nash, formerly of Newell, now of Whitewood and grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Felix Busse of Newell won the coveted sportsman trophy in the Northern Hills Soap Box Derby held in Deadwood Sunday. Gary, a Junior Division Entry, went all the way to the semi-finals in the racing classic. Mack Garson, Ellsworth Air Force Base, won the event and a trip to Akron, Ohio, for the All-American Soap Box Derby set for August 7. Young Nash says this was an experience of a lifetime.



Nisland Fair grounds, (1920 circa). Restroom upgrade bids were awarded in 1965. The facilities were "very primitive" and the new improvements were much appreciated. Newell Museum



Everet and Alice Munroe greeting customers on Opening Day of "Everets Place", recently purchased from Bart LayFayette, 1955. Newell Museum

in Newell, checking up on the Reclamation State Bank. He left the following morning for Nisland for additional banking audit duties.

July 16, 1925

Another attempt will be made to get the big gray wolf that has made this county home for the past ten or more years and has killed stock enough to mount into the thousands of dollars. On Monday Clyde F. Briggs arrived from Rapid city and went out to the Devitt Brothers ranch, where the wolf killed a number of lambs a short time ago. Mr. Briggs is Deputy for this state under Mr. Knowles of the Government Predatory Animal Department and has had wide experience with such animals. It is hoped he will have better success than others who have been on its trail.

The Weather Bureau instrument at the Experiment Farm recorded the maximum temperature of 102 degrees during the torrid spell of the past week. This high mark was reached on Saturday. Scorching

office be established in the Black Hills area, are being circulated here and in other communities. The move is sponsored by the Black Hills Mining Men's Association, and they seek 1,000 signatures in this locality. Mining activity has increased in the Black Hills territory to such an extent that a General Assay office is sorely needed. The office in Deadwood was closed several years ago.

Jack Garrett has been busy the past few weeks putting up hay in the City Limits. The City Parks present a greatly improved appearance since Jack completed is mowing job.

Dr. Clark informs us that typhoid is becoming prevalent in various parts of South Dakota and one case in Newell. He suggests that people take precautions by inoculating against the disease. Vaccine is on hand at the Newell Hospital.

Some of the neighbors who went to see the stratosphere balloon ascension last Friday morning were Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Glover; Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Hammontree; Mrs. W. F. Long; E. W. McLennan; Reg-

equipment "used" or useful for harvesting, threshing, processing or transporting grain or livestock feed of any kind produced during the farming season of 1945.

Plans to improve brand inspection of cattle shipped in and out of the livestock ownership inspection area were mapped at a joint meeting in Pierre of the State Brand Board and executive officers of the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association. Emphasis was placed upon enforcement of livestock ownership the inspection law and said it is "highly important" for truck operators to be able to produce bills-of-lading for cattle being transferred. Owners should send to market bills-of-sale covering animals being marketed if they carry more than the owner's brand. Stockmen are urged to have all cattle inspected for ownership before they attempt shipments out of the area unless cattle are con-

pleasant relations he enjoyed in operation of same. He will resume giving full time to operate the Newell Livestock Exchange and trust you will give the new owner of this recreation establishment the same fine support he has enjoyed there.

The Farm Women's Camp at Box Elder will be from July 31 to August 3. County Extension Agent Elsie S. Wood was glad to report that to date 4 extension members have made applications to attend. No better inexpensive vacation can be had than these few days at Box Elder Camp. Members come from all over the state. There will be a \$14 fee which includes lodging, food, and ticket to the Passion Play. Passion Play will be the highlight of the camp. A trip through the Black Hills and picnic in Spearfish Park before attending the Passion Play. Those who attend are asked to take bedding, toilet articles, a cup for cabin use and comfortable walking shoes. A

Taking Down the Old to Make Room for the New

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NEWELL-When a building becomes unsafe, it is time to replace it. Sadly, this is the story for the treasured Newell Irrigator crow's nest that has served the Newell School District and community well for over 50 years.

As the coming 2025/2026 football season approaches, preparations are being made for a new crow's nest.

The new crow's nest will be a combination of two shipping crates stacked one on top of the other. The lower crated will

hold equipment and provide storage. The top crate will serve as the crow's nest. Both shipping crates are currently being modified with windows, doors, and shelving for storage. They will be painted with the legendary Newell Irrigator "N" front and center.

We thank the community members and staff who are supplying not only their equipment but also for the hours of labor it takes to make this worthy project come into fruition.

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supplement to other primary care. He urges people to sign up and contact him now so that care can begin at any time. He also does house calls. The clinic is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

"I'm here to meet the needs of the community," he said. He does wellness exams, DOT physicals, and free athletic physicals.

The next regular town meeting will be August 11, 2025 at 5 p.m.



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