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August 4 City Council Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The City Council held its first meeting of the month on Monday, August 4. During community input, Marvin Poland addressed the Council to raise concerns about ongoing maintenance issues on the east side of Meadowlark Plaza.

He pointed out significant weed infestation, several dead trees, and a buildup of trash in the area.

The Chamber of Commerce thanked the Belle Fourche Public Works Department and all who helped with the Heroes Honor Ride, and welcomed several new members, including Blue Belle Vacation Rental and Western Dakota Tech Foundation. The August Chamber Mixer will be held Thursday, August 14, hosted by Highmark Federal Credit Union with food from Rolling in the Hills and a celebration of Highmark's 85th anniversary.

Looking ahead, Ag Day is set for Friday, September 27 at the Rodeo Grounds and will feature family

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Tear down the old, begin Building the New!



RCS Construction made short work of demolishing years of Belle Fourche History as they razed the current Police Station on the corner of 8th & Jackson (formerly elementary school-fondly referred to by past attendees as "the chicken coup".
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Bluebelle Vacation Home is Open for Visitors

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BELLE FOURCHE—After a three and a half year renovation project, the historic house, Bluebelle Vacation Home, officially opened with a ribbon cutting on August 15.

Being joined by both Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce and

Spearfish Chamber of Commerce made the ceremony extra special—as did fresh baked goods from Red Onion Marketplace!

Bluebelle structure was first built in 1915 and has classic turn-of-the-century charm but incorporates all of the modern day comforts.

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The outside of the **Bluebelle Vacation House**, located at 1028 5th Ave, Belle Fourche, SD. Longbrake photo

Highmark Credit Union Hosts August Mixer

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BELLE FOURCHE—Highmark Credit Union partnered with the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce to host the August Chamber Mixer on August 14.

The monthly Chamber gathering of businesses, it was a celebration for Highmark Credit Union. They created a festive atmosphere to recognize their 85th year in business!

Of course cake was served for the big honor, plus Rollin in the Hills food truck kept everyone fed with delicious egg rolls but instead of traditional filling, there was quite a variety including Philly cheesesteak, crab cake, Jalapeno Popper and a couple of sweet rolls. The rolls are crispy on the outside and filled with unique flavors on the inside! Bottles of dipping sauces were offered to go along with the sweet and savory snacks.

Refreshments including lemonade, bottled water, soda and adult beverages were provided.

All kinds of swag was handed out, from dog toys to notebooks and bottle openers and many other items.

Door prize drawings were also held. Before cutting the cake, Mindy Howard, President and CEO, thanked everyone for coming to celebrate. "I want to say thank you to everybody for being here. We do celebrate our 85th anniversary this year at Highmark!

Being in the community that long has been a great blessing for all of us and I hope for all of you as well," she said.

Michaela Horn, Executive Director, Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce reminded everyone of the upcoming Chamber events including Ag Day, sponsored by Wolff's Plumbing and Heating, on September 27 at the Roundup Arena.

The Connect and Collect drawing is a chance for all Chamber members to win some extra cash. All you have to do is be present to win. The prize pot is up to \$345.00. This month's winner was Belle Estates. No one from that business was on hand, so the money will be rolled over to next month.

The next Chamber Mixer is set for September 23 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Black Hills Title.



Chamber members lined up to get a piece of **Highmark Credit Union's** 85th year cake! Longbrake photo

The Honor Flight

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Robert (Bob) Wagner and Gail Sachtjen are proud veterans of the Vietnam War. Both currently reside in Belle Fourche. Recently, both Bob and Gail traveled to Washington, D.C. for a tour of America's celebrated war monuments courtesy of the Honor Flight Network.

Honor Flight is a national non-profit organization dedicated to sending United States military veterans from throughout the United States to visit war memorials in the nation's capital city.

Through the philanthropic charity of various donors, the trip to Washington is free. Since 2005, the Honor Flight Network has arranged for over 244,000 veterans and their guardians to tour America's veterans' memorials.

Last year in 2024, there were six Midwest Honor Flight excursions from Sioux Falls. Bob departed on October 19, 2024. Gail travelled on May 20, 2025.

Each of the honor flight guests is required to bring a 'guardian'. A guardian can be a family member or anyone of the veteran's choice who accompanies the veteran. Bob's guardian was his daughter, Sandra Clooten. Gail travelled with his guardian, son Scott Sachtjen.

Bob and Sandra travelled to Sioux Falls the day before the flight where they spent the night in a hotel. When they arrived at the Sioux Falls airport at 2:30 AM on October 19, 2024 everything was "exciting and well organized." Bob Wagner explained. "There were approximately 85 veterans on the plane with the same number of guardians. There were nurses on board and the veterans in poor health were extremely well accommodated by caring and professional staff." He added. Among the group were three servicewomen, two World War II vets and three Korean vets. Additional staff included tour guides and members of the Honor Flight Society who served as volunteers.

On the flight, Bob said, "Everyone had to stop and talk." There was even time to re-enact "mail call" Mail call was an important daily event for servicemen far from home. The Honor Flight Society organized a simulated mail call on the plane. There was mail for everyone, much of which was provided by school children who wrote colorful heart-felt thank-you notes to the veterans.

The activity evoked the first of many powerful emotional memories that would occur throughout the day.

In Vietnam, "We wrote a whole lot of letters." Gail said. Another means of communication he recalled was the use of mini cassette tapes, which still needed to be postmarked and sent back and forth. The mail was not altogether slow, but sending letters and packages back and forth took at least a week or more.

Bob recalls landing at the airport in Washington. "Four

buses transported the veterans, their guardians and the honor flight staff from the airport and throughout the tour."

Bob's guardian, daughter Sandra was similarly impressed. "From the moment we arrived in Washington, D.C., the outpouring of support was overwhelming. The veterans received front-row access to the memorials built in their honor. It was deeply moving to witness them being recognized and thanked, many for the first time in decades."

There was a lot of ground to cover in one day including the Vietnam War Memorial, the

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Honor flight Veterans and spouses **Gail and Marlene Sachtjen, and Dee and Bob Wagner** Courtesy Photo



(Above) **Vietnam War Memorial**; (Below) **World War II Memorial** aerial view. Courtesy Photos



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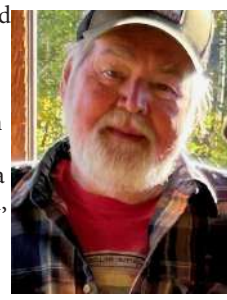
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James Sanders 77

James (Jim) Sanders of Belle Fourche, passed away peacefully August 13th, 2025. He was born July 24, 1948 to Orville and Clara (Schaeffer) Sanders in Aberdeen S.D.. Jim grew up on the family farm, graduating from Aberdeen Central High School in 1966 and Northern University in 1970. Jim worked as a Lab Technician in hospitals located at Huron, Belle Fourche, and Sundance. Jim was a doer and over the years owned a sporting good store, Fritz's furniture and loved when he took over the family farm. After retiring Jim and Sue wintered in Arizona and loved junking and going to casino's. Jim was a ruthless card player and enjoyed every minute spent playing with family and friend's. He never missed an episode of Yellowstone. Jim's heart belonged to the Black Hills where he enjoyed spending time fishing, hunting, and trapping. Jim enjoyed sharing his love of the outdoors with his family. Many memories were made camping and fishing with his five special girls. Jim is survived by his wife, Susan of Belle Fourche; daughter, Stephanie (Howard Mitchell) Sanders



of Clemmons NC; 3 granddaughters, Dakota, McCoy, and Reece Gonzales; brother, Bob (Fern) Sanders of Aberdeen; 5 sisters, Cindy Schwan of Aberdeen, Shelia Fordham of Groton, Lois (Jim) Opsahl of Aberdeen, Joan (Jake) Bentz of Aberdeen, Janet (Doug) Schinkel of Pierre; and many niece's and nephews. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Clara (Ken) Eilering of IL, Grace (Dave) VanWell of SD, Rita Miller of WA; and brothers-in-law, Rick Banghart of SD, and Garry Lebert of MN. He was preceded in death by his parents. Jim will be missed by many and now maybe the rest of us can win a game of cards. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Private family services will be held at a later date. Friends may leave written condolences and view a video tribute at: www.LeveringtonFH.com



Pastor's Perspective

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

"On a Rock in a Hard Place"

We stood on a little bridge spanning the trickling creek. The calm flow of water in late September in no way resembled the surgings and torrents that gush through that site when the spring thaws come to Yosemite. Looking downstream, Anna and I observed the mighty boulders scattered along the length of the stream bed, mute evidence of the explosive power of that creek at floodtime. As we did, I mused over a young redwood tree, standing right in the middle of the creek. On a slight, rocky rise around which its gnarled root system clung, it had somehow found a way to begin its life on that perilous perch. That it had begun didn't surprise me, in spite of the difficult granite footing, for seedlings are born by the millions and swept away in the flush of the spring tides. What did surprise me, was that it had survived. I wondered how that happened there in the middle of a stream. If the surging waters hadn't washed it away, surely the crashing boulders should have crushed it. But there it was. Tall. Serene. Probably ten to twelve years old, and clearly destined to stand for decades, if not centuries, to come. I drew a conclusion on my own. That tree's survival was related to a drought. I can't prove that, but there is no way in the world the young tree could have survived its setting if there had not been a two or three year period when the spring thaw was light. It was obvious that during the tree's infant existence, the clawing fingers of the creek-be-



come-river didn't reach as high or pull as hard. The lower waters kept the annual floods and the rolling boulders from threatening its life. But another factor came into play with the drought. The tree's roots searched more deeply for their supply. The dry spell was a blessing which not only allowed for survival, but which created the setting for firmer anchoring against the springtimes ahead. The rushings of the stream would be withstood because of roots sunk deep during dry times. Then I thought about God...and about His providence. I thought about the fact that notwithstanding the human interpretations about "chance," "fate," "luck," and the sundry other terms of human incredulity, the Creator's hand had planted that tree. I thought about God's life and breath establishing that seed. About His foreseeing my wife and me standing on that little bridge someday, learning from His textbook of creation. And I praised Him. I said, "Thank you, Lord, for the dry times in my soul-times when I think I would prefer surgings, but times when You are calling me deeper, deeper into a more thorough grasp of Your love and sustaining grace toward me." And I thought of the verse: "He shall be like a tree planted..." (Psalm 1:3) Wherever you are and whatever seems to be lacking around you, go deeper. You aren't there by accident. He has you there on purpose. You'll not only survive by His grace, you'll thrive.

Psalm 94:18-19

When I thought, "My foot slips," Your steadfast love, O LORD, helped me up. When the cares of my heart are many, Your consolations cheer my soul.

Revelation 21:4

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

John 16:33

"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 34:4-5, 8

I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

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Belle Fourche Beacon 'Happenings' and News Bytes Calendar

The Beacon Happenings Calendar is public service listing of meetings, events, and things to do in and around Belle Fourche. Happenings announcements may be sent to: news@bellefourchebeacon.com Deadline is Friday before 5pm.

1903 Reader's Theatre Company presents "Your Friend, Ida"

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

The performances will be on Friday, August 22nd at 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 23 at 2 p.m.

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

Museum "On the Map" Exhibit

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center has a new temporary exhibit.

The exhibit is entitled "On the Map," and will showcase the many maps in the museum's collections, including a distinctive map of the Black Hills on a scarf; a WWII combat map; and a mountain and desert map of California, among many others. The exhibit will also include photos, storyboards, a touchscreen quiz, cartography tools, globes and a kids' activity center with a workbook, book to read and a craft to complete. The exhibit will be up until October 4th.

There is no admission charge to see this exhibit, or the Tri-State Museum. For more information about the exhibit or upcoming events and exhibits, call 605-723-1200. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

Belle Fourche Recreation Center

4th Annual Sunrise on State Street Walk/Run Saturday, August 23. Join us for the 4th annual Sunrise on State Walk/Run @ 6:30 am. This event is sponsored in part by Pioneer Bank & Trust, Wild Magnolia Coffee Bar & Eatery and 8th Avenue Bakery.

Annual Coed Sand Volleyball Tournament. Sunday, August 24th Team registrations are due by August 13th. Registrations available at the Rec or www.bellefourcherec.org.



Coed Sand Volleyball Tournament 2025

Date: Sunday, August 24th
Time: Tentatively 11:00 am-8:00 pm
Where: Herrmann Park and Highland Park
Cost: \$125 per team
Format: 3 game guarantee
Teams: 4 person
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- Pickup a Team Packet @ Rec Center or www.bellefourcherec.com**
- Players must sign the roster and rules prior to playing.**
- Players 14-17 need a parent signature.**
- Return completed registration and team fee to the Rec.**
- We will hold payment until we have a minimum of 5 teams registered.** We need a minimum of 5 teams to hold the tournament.

From A1 City of Belle

activities, local vendors, and age-themed contests.

The Museum & Visitor Center reported that in July, the museum welcomed 3,187 visitors from all 50 states, Washington, DC, and 17 countries, including Australia, Germany, India, and the United Kingdom. While there was no First Saturday Brunch due to its overlap

with Roundup week, the museum hosted a Family Fun Day on Magnets and Magnetism; three bus tours; a visit from Fountain Springs in Rapid City; Road Scholars; and six nights of Hometown Thursday, making it a busy month. Several new artifacts were added to the collection, including a set of jury box chairs from a Wyoming courtroom now featured in the Law Exhibit and

an antique silver coffee and tea service displayed in the Pioneer Home exhibit. Auditions for the 1903 production "Your Friend, Ida" will be held on August 11 and 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. with roles available for six women and one man. No experience or memorization required!

The next City Council meeting will be held August 18 at 6 p.m.



From A1 Honor Flight



Bob Wagner in Uniform (Photo Courtesy Wagner Family)

tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Air Force Monument, the Korean War Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, the World War II memorial, the Koren War Memorial, the Iwo Jima Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and the National Naval Museum,

Gail has been on the honor flight once before. Sixteen years ago, he accompanied his dad, Ralph as a guardian on the trip. Ralph was a World War II vet. At that time, the trip was a two-day event which allowed for more time to see everything. The veterans on the two-day trip were able to take in the FDR Memorial and the National Air and Space Museum. At that time, guard-

ians were not required to have training as they are now.

Bob Wagner and Gail Sachtjen served in separate military branches and in different parts of Vietnam. Bob served from 1969 to 1970. Gail from 1970-197. They did not know one another at the time. Their memories of service in Vietnam are similar but different, as are their reflections on the trip to Washington.

Of course, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial had special significance for both Gail and Bob. The monument commemorates the men and women who served and sacrificed their lives in the Vietnam War. The names of more than 58,000 service persons are inscribed on the granite walls

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Gail Sachtjen in Uniform (Photo Courtesy Sachtjen Family)

highway. But then she came up with the perfect plan!

"What can I do with it? And I thought—well, Belle doesn't really have a property like this and I knew that I could make it beautiful.

It would just take time," explained Gamble. "I just didn't know it would take three and a half years! It's worked out all right, but it has taken longer than I expected—some road blocks, but I think it's come out beautiful!"

It is Gamble's goal to be one of the go-to destinations for visitors coming to Belle Fourche. "I hope that when people come to Belle they think of Bluebelle as the place to stay. I just don't think that we have anything like this property in our town," shared Gamble.

After her years of hard work, Gamble says she is excited to finally get some rest! If you would like more information about Bluebelle you can find it at bluebellesd.com.

From A1 Bluebelle

day comforts. When you walk into the spacious living area you are met with muted golden yellow color on the walls that perfectly matches shades of yellow in the beautifully restored stained glass windows. Impeccably decorated and boasting five bedrooms and two bathrooms, there is space for everyone. Stained glass windows can be found on the second floor along with a balcony and a sitting room. It will easily sleep 11 people.

Owner, Char Gamble, gave tours to everyone that came to the ribbon cutting. She also hosted an open house on Saturday, August 16. "I'm hoping that with everyone seeing it, they'll decide—wow, it's nice here—I would have my family stay here," she said.

After seeing the house on the market for a while, Gamble was really drawn to the property. She decided that it wouldn't be a good fit for her to live in, as she has animals and the home is very close to the

(L) **Char Gamble**, owner, gives tours of her new vacation rental. Here she is showing everyone how the new kitchen vent works. (R) **Char** holds the giant scissors as she prepares to cut the ribbon to her new business, **Bluebell Vacation Home**. One end of the ribbon is held by **Heather Giffrow**, Executive Director of **Spearfish Chamber** and the other end is held by **Michaela Horn**, Executive Director of **Belle Fourche Chamber**. Family and friends joined in the ribbon cutting. *Longbrake Photos*



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of the monument.

At The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Gail recognized the name of Thomas Ziegler, from Hamel, SD an acquaintance of Gail's who grew up in nearby Winner, SD. "Anyone can look up the names on the wall online." Gail said.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery was also a moving experience. Bob and Sandra witnessed the punctilious procedure for the changing of the guards who watch over the graves. The guard is changed every half-hour during daylight in the summer, every hour during daylight in the winter, and every two hours at night regardless of weather conditions.

Bob described the event. There was no speaking. He watched closely as the soldier marched 21 steps southward down a black mat behind the Tomb, turned left, facing east for 21 seconds, then turned left again, facing north for 21 seconds and finally marched the 21 steps down the black mat.

At each turn, the guard made precise movements followed by a loud click as the soldier snapped his heels together. Bob described how the soldier upon turning, snapped his head front and center with meticulous precision as if he were a robot.

At the Naval National Memorial. "Plaques were on display to commemorate the history of the Navy. The bronze plaques were unbelievable. They were like tiny islands that told the history of the US Navy." Gail said describing them.

The Korean War Memorial impressed both Gail and Bob as its many picturesque statues leave the visitor with a sense of eeriness.

The final venue on the agenda was the Lincoln Memorial.

At 5 PM the group was escorted back to the airport in gridlock traffic.

Back in Sioux Falls a few hours later, Bob described the unexpected fanfare awaiting the veterans' return. There was a huge motor brigade from the airport and a parade with firetrucks, The veterans were escorted from the airport in school buses to the Sanford Arena where approximately 500 people were waiting. A band played and there was a lot of cheering.

It was unlike his return to the US in 1970. When Bob came home from the war in Vietnam, he arrived in California with only a duffle bag. The first thing he remembers doing was buying civilian clothes. Then having a hot shave. Bob's wife Dee met him in Denver. Gail had a similar take on the return to the US. "There was not a lot of fanfare. We came back as ourselves." Gail recalled.

Neither Gail nor Bob is interested in returning to Vietnam. Neither has a lot of good memories of their months in service. It was a lonely time and they looked forward to mail from home and the packages of homemade goods, as well as boxes of Jenos Pizza mix.

"There was ample food. Milk to drink was available, but there was a lot of rice." Gail noted, without expression. These days neither Bob



Bob's niece **Susan Berger** had asked if she could make a quilt for her uncle honoring him for his military service. Quilt indicates **US Air Force**. It is with great joy that Bob was able to accept the quilt especially being it was made by his niece
Photo Courtesy of Wagner Family



Gail and Marlene Sachtjen at home. *Courtesy Photo*

nor Gail is fond of rice.

The weather although generally hot and humid was mercurial. While the soldiers would swelter in the heat most days, the wet monsoon winds were wet and surprisingly cold. Bob described the bitter chilling winds he experienced during guard duty. "You wouldn't believe how cold it could be in the monsoon season." He explained.

Gail was stationed at a small camp in Phu Bai, North Vietnam, about 20 miles south of the DMZ zone. Gail had some foot problems that made him a poor candidate for the infantry. His background in accounting turned into a clerical job in an army finance organization during his service period in Vietnam.

Bob's homebase was in Thailand, but he served at an Air Force Base near Saigon. Although trained as a medic, he was never deployed to the field.

Both recall living in plywood hutches pronounced "hootches". Hooches were built off the ground with a screen surrounding the lap siding. There was a metal roof and big rats to be kept out. There were rat traps which were most unpleasant to listen to when one snapped. "It was like a kid screaming." Gail recalled. Electric frying pans were available in the hootches. They remember the pizza mix they received from family in the US, a welcome diversion from rice.

Bob marked days off on a calendar. There were various types of calendars that soldiers used to count down the days. As the days were passed and removed, the calendar would

reveal a photograph of an attractive female.

Gail remembers getting out on a 30 day early out came home after nine months in Vietnam. He returned to Rapid where he earned a BA degree in accounting through the GI Bill.

Vietnam period may be long in the past for Bob and Gail, but the trip reminded them their service and sacrifices are never forgotten.

Bob's daughter Sandra expressed her appreciation for the honor flight. "I hope every veteran gets the chance to experience this kind of honor." Sandra Clooten recalled. "This was one of the most memorable experiences I've ever had. For my dad and so many others, it was a time of both celebration and closure. You could see it in their faces—the emotion, the pride, and the healing."

Gail's wife Marlene Sachtjen and Bob's wife Dee Wagner were responsible for nominating their husbands for the trip. Any veteran may apply to be a guest on the honor flight. Top priority is given to the most senior veterans, and to any veteran with a terminal illness. Although most of the veterans are older, younger vets may also apply.

Marlene offered these instructional guidelines: "To apply go to midwesthonorflight.org. Click on the three lines in top right corner. Go to apply. You can fill out the application online, print it and mail it in or have one mailed to you. You will need to send them a copy of your DD-214. If you want a specific Guardian, fill in their name. They will have to fill out an application and take a half day training. The guardian cannot be your spouse. Once

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Gail and Bob each have some commemorative items from Vietnam. Gail has a Vietnam Memorial stein mug on display at his home and

quite a few photographs. Bob and Dee also have photographs and the uniforms that Bob brought home with him. Referring to the uniforms, Bob said "they soon became Halloween costumes for his kids." Bob chuckled at that memory.

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Cattle Report - Friday, August 15, 2025

Lighter run today
Lots of demand for yearlings!

Next Sale - Aug. 22 - Yrig & Fall Calf Special - Selling all classes of cattle - 10 AM
Thank you for marketing with St Onge Livestock!

Feeder Cattle					
Grub, Christopher, Sturgis SD	27	B/R	Hfr	941	\$320.00
Weigh Up Cows					
Antler Angus Ranch Llc, Moorcroft WY	1	Blk	Hfr	1240	\$260.00
Antler Angus Ranch Llc, Moorcroft WY	2	Blk	Cow	1502	\$174.00
Antler Angus Ranch Llc, Moorcroft WY	3	B/bld	Cow	1323	\$170.50
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Hfr	1045	\$265.00
Gilger Ranch, Dd, Boyes MT	1	Bld	Cow	1350	\$175.00
Gilger Ranch, Dd, Boyes MT	1	Bld	Cow	1360	\$161.00
Gilger, Triston, Boyes MT	4	Blk	Cow	1511	\$173.00
Gilger, Triston, Boyes MT	1	Blk	Cow	1230	\$169.00
Gustafson, Heath, Sturgis SD	1	Xbrd	Cow	1556	\$151.00
Haskell, Carlisle, Moorcroft WY	1	Red	Hfr	1085	\$245.00
Haskell, Carlisle, Moorcroft WY	1	Red	Cow	1065	\$172.00
Kein, Mark, Sturgis SD	1		Cow	1555	\$172.00
Mankin, Bill & Cindy, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Cow	1400	\$165.00
Mopherson, Ross H, Sturgis SD	1		Cow	1400	\$166.00
Pickrel Land & Cattle, Gillette WY	37	Red	Cow	1563	\$174.75
Pickrel Land & Cattle, Gillette WY	1	Red	Cow	1610	\$174.00
Pickrel Land & Cattle, Gillette WY	2	R/bld	Cow	1772	\$170.00
Pickrel Land & Cattle, Gillette WY	1	Red	Cow	1505	\$169.50
Pickrel Land & Cattle, Gillette WY	2	Red	Cow	1277	\$169.50
Pickrel, Tyler, Moorcroft WY	1	Red	Cow	1275	\$175.00
Seven Cross Ranch Inc, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Hfr	995	\$251.00
The Tait Ranch, Upton WY	1	Blk	Cow	1470	\$171.00
Williams, Loyd, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Cow	1505	\$172.00
Williams, Loyd, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Cow	1290	\$168.50
Weigh Up Bulls					
Arlidge Livestock Co Llc, Robert Lee Tx	1	Blk	Bull	1415	\$175.00
Barker, Linda, Custer SD	1	Blk	Bull	1435	\$187.50
Caputa Land Co Llc, Caputa SD	1	Blk	Bull	1870	\$207.50
Duprel, Jack, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Bull	2230	\$191.00
Duprel, Jack, Sturgis SD	1	Hfr	Bull	1860	\$192.00
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Bull	1875	\$223.00
Flying F Cattle Co, Arvada WY	2	Blk	Bull	1697	\$202.50
Foothills Ranch Inc, St Onge SD	1	Blk	Bull	1945	\$176.50
Frost, James Grover & Lynette, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Bull	1905	\$200.00
Grievess Ranch (Chuck), Newcastle WY	2	Blk	Bull	2260	\$210.00
Grievess Ranch (Chuck), Newcastle WY	2	Blk	Bull	2087	\$207.50
Hatch, Dusty, Hereford SD	1	Hfr	Bull	1815	\$180.00
H-C Feeders, Rozet WY	1	Blk	Bull	1125	\$247.50
Hillsview Ranch, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Bull	1920	\$205.00
Home Creek Cattle Co, Ashland MT	1	Blk	Bull	1615	\$204.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk	Bull	1800	\$195.00
Lazy Hd Llc, St Onge SD	1	Blk	Bull	2380	\$170.00
Lewis, Phil, Gillette WY	1	Red	Bull	1790	\$205.00
Mankin, Bill & Cindy, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Bull	1825	\$202.50
Minow Ranch, Olive MT	1	Blk	Bull	1785	\$200.00
Pearson, Wade, Aladdin WY	1	Blk	Bull	1745	\$171.00
Peters, Henry (Toby) Or Connie, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Bull	1790	\$217.50
Peters, Henry (Toby) Or Connie, Sturgis SD	1	Red	Bull	1695	\$210.00
Peters, Henry (Toby) Or Connie, Sturgis SD	1	Red	Bull	1235	\$242.50
Pickrel Land & Cattle, Gillette WY	1	Red	Bull	1455	\$187.50
Pierson, Jeri Ann, Hulet WY	1	Blk	Bull	1855	\$197.50
Randall Inc, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Bull	1850	\$220.00
Randall Inc, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Bull	1820	\$202.50
Reichert, Ross, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Bull	1225	\$236.00
Rookpile Ridge Cattle, Whitewood SD	1	Red	Bull	1515	\$165.00
Rourke, Beau Or Megan, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Bull	1730	\$182.50
Ryan Xz Ranch Llc, Aladdin WY	1	Blk	Bull	1970	\$187.50
Seven Cross Ranch Inc, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Bull	1685	\$210.00
Seven Cross Ranch Inc, Sturgis SD	1	Hfr	Bull	1280	\$177.50
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Bull	1785	\$170.00
Stoddard, Steve, Broadus MT	2	Blk	Bull	1975	\$201.00
Watsabaugh Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Bull	1540	\$187.00

Friday, August 22, 2025 Yearling and Fall Calf Special

10 AM - Weigh Up Cows, 12 Noon - Feeder Cattle
Followed by Bred Cows

St Onge Livestock Consignors for Big Horn Classic selling on Thursday, August 21st

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7874	Swatek Farms	215	Feeder Strs	1000	10.15-10.20
7992	Dead Horse Creek Cattle Co	260	Strs	450	Vac 34+ 12.08-12.15
8119	Dead Horse Creek Cattle Co	120	Wrd Strs	500	Vac 34+ 12.08-12.15
8022A	Roger Theobald	210	Strs	550	10.13-10.15
8022B	Roger Theobald	110	Hfrs	485	10.13-10.15
8090A	Shannon Ranch LLC	115	Strs	510	Vac 34/Nat+ 10.27-11.10
8090B	Shannon Ranch LLC	115	Hfrs	490	Vac 34/Nat+ 10.27-11.10
8091A	The 1200 Ranch	90	Strs	610	Vac 34+ 11.11-11.11
8091B	The 1200 Ranch	50	Strs	510	Vac 34+ 11.11-11.11
8091B	The 1200 Ranch	50	Hfrs	525	Vac 34+ 11.11-11.11

2025 CATTLE SALES

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
October 3rd - Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
October 10th - Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Friday, October 17th - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, October 18th - 1st Saturday Early Bred Cow Special & Weigh Up Sale
Wednesday, October 22nd - Spring Calf Special
Friday, October 24th - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, October 25th - Weigh Up Sale
Wednesday, October 29th - Spring Calf Special
Friday, October 31st - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 1st - Bred Hfr & Cow Special & Weigh Up Sale
Wednesday, November 5th - Final Wednesday Spring Calf Special
Friday, November 7th - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 8th - Weigh Up Sale
Friday, November 14th - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 15th - Bred Hfr & Cow Special & Weigh Up Sale
Friday, November 21st - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 22nd - Bred Hfr & Cow Special & Weigh Up Sale
Saturday, November 29th - Annual Thanksgiving Bred Hfr & Stock Cow Special
Friday, December 5th - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, December 6th - Weigh Up Sale
December 12th - Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
December 19th - Bred Hfr & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Final Sale Of 2025 - Thank You To All Our Consignors & Buyers For A Record Year!

2026 CATTLE SALES

January 9th - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
January 16th - Bred Hfr & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

St Onge Livestock has a receiving station for the Gillette Area every Thursday. It is on Northern Drive in Gillette. Call Doug Miller at 307-660-0960 to let him know what is coming. You can unload all day every Thursday until 3 pm. You pay receiving station fee of \$3 per head & \$2.50/cwt for trucking. You can also call Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259 & he can let them know your cattle are coming also.
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2025 SUPERIOR VIDEO SALE SCHEDULE

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Sheep Report - Thursday, August 14, 2025

Lamb market was \$3 to \$5 lower
Slaughter ewes sold \$5 lower

Next Sale - August 21 - Regular sale - Selling all classes of sheep & goats
Thank you for your business!

New Crop Lambs				
Brengle, Tate, Buffalo SD	33	Lamb	89	\$212.00
Brown, Tim, Buffalo SD	10	Lamb	107	\$193.00
Deyoe, Tracey, Newell SD	290	Lamb	77	\$224.00
Falzerano, Warren, Belle Fourche SD	52	Lamb	78	\$226.00
Kizan, Dwight Or Gwen, Nisland SD	20	Lamb	107	\$189.00
Kizan, Josh & Heather, Nisland SD	50	Lamb	83	\$215.00
Mansfield, Kathy, Norris SD	26	Lamb	116	\$179.00
Matt, Hadley, New Underwood SD	24	Lamb	68	\$219.00
Matt, Hadley, New Underwood SD	68	Lamb	88	\$214.00
Moooy, Tom Jr, Belle Fourche SD	28	Hair Lamb	55	\$221.00
Meeks, Jaymi, Lantry SD	86	Lamb	103	\$204.00
Page, Ben Or Fran, Faith SD	22	Lamb	59	\$229.00
Page, Ben Or Fran, Faith SD	156	Lamb	82	\$218.00
Popkes, Jake & Seth, Sturgis SD	89	Lamb	98	\$209.00
Remington, Bobbi Jo, Edgemont SD	61	Lamb	114	\$183.00
Riesland Ranch, Broadus MT	140	Lamb	94	\$211.00
Sarsland, Richard & Ruby, Ludlow SD	75	Lamb	90	\$208.00
Schalesky, Tw Or Faye, Faith SD	56	Lamb	75	\$226.00
Schalesky, Tw Or Faye, Faith SD	190	Lamb	97	\$205.00
Secrest, Shannon Or Ashley, Buffalo SD	20	Lamb	105	\$193.00
Stranberg, Reid Or Stacy, Newell SD	147	Lamb	75	\$227.00
Tanner, William, Edgemont SD	26	Lamb	78	\$221.00
Veit, Morgan, Dupree SD	21	Lamb	56	\$227.00
Veit, Morgan, Dupree SD	103	Lamb	75	\$226.00
Veit, Morgan, Dupree SD	75	Lamb	90	\$217.00
Slaughter Ewes				
Innes Ranch, Gillette WY	28	K Ewe	176	\$87.00
Meeks, Jaymi, Lantry SD	20	K Ewe	200	\$88.00
Moore, David E, Douglas WY	10	K Ewe	150	\$90.00
Moore, David E, Douglas WY	34	K Ewe	179	\$87.00
Sarsland, Richard & Ruby, Ludlow SD	15	K Ewe	171	\$90.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, August 21, 2025
Regular Sheep Sale 1:00 PM
Please have animals in by 10:00 AM
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2025 SHEEP SALES

August 28th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 4th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 11th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 18th - Annual Replacement Ewe, Ewe Lamb & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 25th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 2nd - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 9th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 16th - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 23rd - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 30th - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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124 years ago
THE TIMES
August 16, 1900
REPUBLICANS LOOKING FOR A CAMPAIGN CRY "Prosperity" Slogan Will Not Do, and Leaders Are Searching for a Substitute FEAR TO FACE THE REAL ISSUE Trying to Dodge the Overshadowing Question of the Campaign, Imperialism - Washington Gossip. Washington Special: The republicans find that they will have to drop the "prosperity" issue which they had intended to make a leading feature of their campaign. President McKinley is at the white house deviding his time between the Chinese compieantion and the evolving of a letter of acceptance which shall in sotae measure constitute a platform for the party. The Philadelphia platform was torn to pieces by dissenting reublicans. Every week that goes by makes it more ditmentl to hit upon a campaign slogan which will make votes for McKinley. The reports from Dun and Bradstreet show how thoroughly the "prosperity" bubble has exploded. The secretary of agriculture a few weeks ago, in an optimistic mood, tried to rally the farmers with a prediction of "dollar wheat." Dun says this week that the "market showed an inclination to disagree and the September option fell below 50 cents in New York for the first time in two months." The lending administration organs are now admitting that the reaction from the alleged prosperity of the last two years has come, and they are beseaching the voters to re-elect McKinley in that hope that good times will come again. The voters are much more apt to try what a change of adminstration will

100 years
The Belle Fourche Bee
August 13, 1925.

PICKLE CROP IS VALUABLE Cash Return Per Acre Promises Larger Than Anticipated by Growers

With the first commercial cucumber crop in full bearing in the Belle Fourche valley, the farmers are beginning to realize that this crop, properly handled, is a real money maker, and one of the largest revenue producers they can raise. Up to Tuesday afternoon of this week a total of nineteen hundred forty bushels of pickles had been delivered to the salting station at Belle Fourche. The average price per bushel is approximately \$1.40 of the pickles delivered so far, but with careful picking on the part of the growers, this average can be raised considerably. At this figure, a total of \$2,716.00 has been paid to the growers. Just what maybe accomplished is shown by the three-fourths of an acre which David Foos is raising on the C. A. Wescott ranch east of town. Mr. Foos had, up to Saturday o last week received \$120 for the pickles, delivered from this patch, and the crop was just coming into

full bearing. Tom Higashi on the H. L. Barnett ranch three miles east of town has realized \$143.65 from a three-acre patch which is just commencing to bear well.

WORKING ON ELECTRIC PLANT Work on the new Hydro-electric plant on Redwater is progressing very satisfactorily, we are informed by H. Quarnberg of the Tri-State Milling Co., and it is hoped to get the plant completed before winter. The plant is being constructed on a plan called "full automatic," for safety, and in order to get the overhead or actual running expenses cut down to minimum. It has no indebtedness, and no flumes to rebuild, or any investment in non-paying properties or power lines. Only one electrician will be necessary, to look it over once a week, instead of a half dozen men, which is required by the old plan. Power plants of late years are being built "full automatic," even to the head-gates. The Belle Fourche mill of the Tri-State Milling Co. can use less than one-fifth of the power that will be developed by the plant, so there will be an excess of two million kilowatt hours about their requirements each year. If this excess power was sold at one cent per kilowatt hour it would bring \$20,000. Cheap power such as this will no doubt prove attractive to the man who is looking for a location for a factory where a sufficient amount of power can be procured at a price much below the ruling price not only in this part of the state, but in this entire section of the west.

BUTTE COUNTY CENSUS The state census for the state of South Dakota has been completed and from the latest reports the state shows a population of 663,000 persons. The federal census showed the population to be 630,111. This year's census shows a net gain in population of 26,929. Butte county shows a census of 3,198 males and 2,940 females, making a total of 6,348. The census of Belle Fourche shows a population of 1,235.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
August 24, 1950

Vera Junek, Redig, Will Be Lauded for Brave Polio Fight "No one has done so much with so little" were the words used by H. R. Woodward, chairman of the committee on awards at the Hot Springs polio center to describe Vera Junek of Redig. Vera was chosen as the outstanding handicapped person in the West River area and in the opinion of the committee is the one who has done most to over-



by Mary Buchholz

come her handicap and to find a useful place in life. When an attack of polio completely paralyzed both of her arms several years ago, Vera was admitted to a vocational rehabilitation center in Minneapolis after her hospitalization. There she learned to use her feet as dexterously as a normal person learns to use his hands. She writes excellently and paints greeting cards and textiles. This summer Vera has been in Denver receiving special treatment in an effort to restore to some degree the functions of her arms. The degree of success of the treatment is not yet know.

Belle Youth Wins One, Ties for 2nd U. S. Shoot Award

Perfect scores apparently are the only ones that are going to win any trophies at the grand American trap shoot but just as obvious is the fact that steel-nerved Bobby O'Donnell, 17-year-old Belle Fourche high school senior, has what it takes. Firing in the North American junior championships at Vandalia, Ohio, Monday, Bobby broke 100 straight clay pigeons to beat out two other close rivals for the international title.

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Hodge Heads Chamber Dan Hodge, of the Hodge Bootery, will be the new president of the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce. Hodge was elected to the past Tuesday at a meeting of the Chamber board of directors. Serving with the new president will be Gary Greenwalt, first vice-president; Dan Hanson, second vice-president; Gale Ballenger, treasurer; Ed Denham, advisor and retiring president.

New Doctor To Start Practice Here Dr. Michael Glanzer, D.O., 32, is to join Dr. E. Colin Smart, M.D., in medical practice in Belle Fourche next Monday, it was announced yesterday by Dr. Smart. Dr. Glanzer has just completed his internship at Mount Clemens, Mich. A native of Kimball, he attended the University of South Dakota and received his training in osteopathy in Missouri. He is married to the former Maurine Furois of St. Onge. Ad a doctor of osteopathy, Dr. Glanzer is licensed to engage in family practice in South Dakota. He will be associated with Dr. Smart in that capacity.

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Capitol News
August 17, 2025
by Karen Odell

We are still getting rain showers at Capitol and on Tie Creek. The haying continues, and the countryside is green. Our temperatures are reaching 90, but cool in the evenings. A mosquito or two may be seen, and only a very few grasshoppers. It is hard to believe that school will start this week; especially when the temperature is now getting close to 100, for a couple of days. Most neighbors spent some time at the fair in Camp Crook, this weekend.

Dick and Erma Albert made a trip to the Hills for shopping, on Monday. The rest of the week was quiet until Friday. They went to Camp Crook on Friday, for the Old Timer's Picnic, and enjoyed seeing and visiting with many people there. On Saturday, they went again to Camp Crook for the free barbecue in the evening that was held at the Community Center. The Catholic Church was full, on Sunday. Some may have been visitors, but Dick and Erma were glad to see so many people fill the church. After church, they went to Saloon Number Three for lunch.

Lynn Gustafson spent the week baking and getting ready for the Diligent Doers Cake Walk, that they would have during the fair on Friday. It had to be squeezed in between events at the Community Center, so they started early, this year. They attended the Old Timers' Picnic, that was going on at the same time. That evening, Bruce and Lynn were invited to Gordon Anderson's for supper, and his mother Dixie Garr did the cooking. On Saturday, they went to the free barbecue at the Community Center. There was a community church service at the gazebo, on Sunday, and then, they watched the parade. After that, Lynn went to the Community Center for the 4-H dog show, which was very good.

Doug Davis had a very busy week getting ready for the fair. He's on the fair board, so Monday began with more clean-up of the fair grounds. Julia drove to Rapid City for a doctor's appointment that day. She helped with preparations for the Rosalee English memorial services. Doug spent Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

at the fair. They got to watch their grandson playing in the outdoor 3 on 3 tournament on Saturday. That evening they went to hear the National Guard Band play for the dance, and their music was especially wonderful. On Sunday, their grandsons got to search in the old bookmobile for free books, and then watch the fair parade at the same place. Next they all went to the museum to see the exhibits there.

Dorothy Padden had a busy week, too. Lorraine Chin and her girls Christy and Erica, had come to get the Theater Museum ready for the fair. The displays improve and expand every year, and she has videos for entertainment, too. Dorothy and Dawn were at the Old Timers' Picnic and the Diligent Doers Cake Walk on Friday. They went to the Bronc Ride in the afternoon, and Dawn got some great pictures of exciting rides.

Dawn and her mother, Helen Stevens, had spent last week taking pictures at the Ekalaka fair, and you could see them in the Ekalaka Eagle. On Saturday, Dorothy watched the 4-H livestock show. Three of Dorothy's cousins from Kansas came for a visit, and on Sunday morning Dorothy took them to visit the Ekalaka cemetery, where they placed flowers on some graves. There was no place to eat in Ekalaka, so they came back to Camp Crook to get lunch. Her cousins left for home, and Dorothy stayed in Camp Crook for the rodeo, and the street games in the evening. Wolfy's garage had sponsored outdoor dances on Friday and Saturday night, too, so Camp Crook was a busy place.

Karen Odell is still fighting the huge sunflowers and tall weeds at her place. The mornings are usually cool enough to do some work outside, so if there is no rain, she can get some work done. Karen went to the Old Timers' Picnic in Camp Crook, on Friday, and enjoyed visiting with lots of people there. On Sunday, Karen went to town again for the fair parade. It was a fun time, and even an old person got one piece of candy. The horses were especially beautiful, and well mannered, and everyone enjoyed the floats that some of the businesses and organizations had produced.

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Central Meade County News



By Sandy Rhoden
August 17, 2025

While we had a very warm week we did happen to sneak a little moisture out of the day on Wednesday evening. Crops are looking good and the hay crops are great as some were able to do a second cutting already. The Lord has been good to Central Meade County.

Students, teachers and school personnel are in full swing as of Tuesday of this week at the New Underwood School. Faith looks forward to a full week starting on Monday. Meade 46-1 schools begin on Monday, August 25. While temperatures are warm and everything is green, fall will soon be felt in the air.

Sylvia Rhoden and the rest of the family were busy tracking and packing up boxes of Colorado peaches for folks at the church in Union Center on Friday. This is a yearly event started years ago. The Colorado seem to be just a bit sweeter and juicier than store bought peaches, so they remain a popular item in August here in Union

Center.

Larry Rhoden headed to Rapid City to do the ribbon cutting and kick off the Central States Fair on Friday afternoon. It began on Friday August 15 and will end on Saturday, August 23. Certain days feature a special event which includes PRCA Xtreme Broncs Finals on Sunday, Range Days Rodeo on Monday, Lil' John and Mike Jones on Thursday, Lee Brice and Timothy Wayne on Friday, and Tanya Tucker and Julie Eddy on Saturday.

All went well for events at the Faith Stock Show and Rodeo. Last Monday was an Open for Opportunity Tour for the Governor and First Lady. We started out at the Larry and Eileen Stomprud's as they received the Leopold Conservation Award. The family was recognized at their ranch with about 60 people in attendance. Larry Stomprud spoke about the history of their lives and the ranch, among a few others. Governor Larry Rhoden delivered a message as well. Afterward

they served a great lunch and then folks hopped on a flatbed trailer for a tour of the Stomprud Ranch. Their son, Jay and Jennifer Stomprud and family were a part of the celebration as they are now on the ranch as well. In visiting with Eileen, the I was able to find out that Eileen is a top notch trumpet player and would love to venture out on motorcycle to enjoy the Black Hills and riding free in South Dakota. If anyone would like to partner with her, I would suggest giving her a call! Congratulations to the Stomprud Family as this is a very prestigious award in the world of agriculture and conservation.

The Governor's Open for Opportunity Tour took them to Faith where they stopped and shopped and enjoyed a short tour of Keffeler Kreations. They went south of town to visit the shop where cement tanks, retainer walls, etc. are made, visited the museum, and ordered ice cream treats at the Drive In before heading to the Brown County Fair in Aberdeen. The rest of the week was very full and busy for the Governor.



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	108	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Str	1001	326.25	\$3,264.31
	54	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Str	1024	320.50	\$3,281.26
	62	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Str	912	345.50	\$3,152.13
Mallett Cattle Co, Miles City MT	32	Black-Yrimg Str	935	338.75	\$3,168.37
Jeremy Yeager, Buffalo WY	11	Black-Yrimg Hfr	914	319.00	\$2,915.95
Lawrence Ranches Llc, Buffalo WY	12	Black-Yrimg Hfr	675	360.00	\$2,430.00
Janet K Evars, Weston WY	9	Black-Yrimg Str	843	349.00	\$2,943.23
John & Connie Ahlgren,					
Grass Range MT	7	Red-Yrimg Hfr	954	315.50	\$3,010.77
Pearson Ranch Llc, Aladdin WY	3	Bwf-Yrimg Hfr	1048	296.00	\$3,103.06
	4	Hfr-Yrimg Hfr	895	317.00	\$2,837.15
WEIGH-UPS					
Dave Garman, Belle Fourche SD	4	Black-Cow	1408	172.50	\$2,427.93
	1	Black-Cow	1445	173.00	\$2,499.85
	1	Black-Cow	1520	171.00	\$2,569.20
	8	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1679	169.00	\$2,838.14
Garman Brothers Llp, Alzada MT	1	Black-Cow	1365	173.50	\$2,368.27
	3	Black-Cow	1723	161.50	\$2,783.18
	4	Black-Cow	1466	168.00	\$2,463.30
Trevor Garman, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1505	172.50	\$2,596.12
	1	Black-Cow	1605	170.00	\$2,728.50
	1	Black-Cow	1385	173.00	\$2,396.05
Bernard Barnaud, Nisland SD	1	Black-Cow	1620	168.00	\$2,721.60
Glenn, Melvi, Norma Lee Mater,					
Upton WY	9	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1604	170.50	\$2,734.63
	1	Black-Hfr	1175	242.50	\$2,849.37
Neiman 77 Ranch Inc, Hulet WY	3	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1805	168.00	\$3,032.40
Lucas & Melinda Stolhammer,					
Newcastle WY	1	Black-Cow	1490	172.50	\$2,570.25
	1	Black-Cow	1655	167.50	\$2,772.12
	1	Black-Cow	1255	168.50	\$2,114.67
	1	Bwf-Cow	1635	166.00	\$2,714.10
	1	Bwf-Cow	1415	162.00	\$2,292.30
	1	Black-Cow	1575	169.50	\$2,669.62
Steve Mills, Boyes MT	1	Black-Cow	1585	170.00	\$2,694.50
	1	Black-Cow	1740	163.00	\$2,836.20
Ben Greenough, Buffalo WY	1	Black-Hfr	1025	260.00	\$2,665.00
Michael & Deanna Gauthier,					
Rozet WY	2	Black-Cow	1628	168.00	\$2,734.20
Spur Land & Livestock Llc,					
Newcastle WY	1	Black-Hfr	955	270.00	\$2,578.50
	1	Black-Cow	1305	170.00	\$2,218.50
	1	Black-Hfr	1220	239.00	\$2,915.80
	1	Black-Cow	1200	227.50	\$2,730.00
BULLS					
Twenty One Ranch Inc,					
Sundance WY	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	2320	225.00	\$5,220.00
Tim Reich, Belle Fourche SD	1	Char-Bull Drug Free	2265	190.00	\$4,303.50
X Heart Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1685	201.00	\$3,386.85
Jay Mopherson, Piedmont SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1295	221.00	\$2,861.95
Ginger Harrington, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2175	189.00	\$4,110.75

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Upton WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2040	215.00	\$4,386.00
Phil Verwolf, Broadus MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1970	220.00	\$4,334.00
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2130	197.50	\$4,206.75
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Gillette WY	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	1840	205.00	\$3,772.00
Burke Cattle Llc, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Bull	2005	192.50	\$3,859.62
Rafter Diamond Llp, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1750	203.50	\$3,561.25
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1970	217.50	\$4,284.75
Joseph/Melindie Burke, Newell SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2295	197.50	\$4,532.62
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2065	202.00	\$4,171.30
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2145	217.50	\$4,665.37
Cody / Gabrielle Burke, Newell SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2035	202.50	\$4,120.87
Ray Williams, Broadus MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2020	192.00	\$3,878.40
Tennant Ranch Inc, Camp Crook SD	4	Black-Bull Drug Free	1888	197.50	\$3,727.81
John Carlin, Custer SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2190	207.00	\$4,533.30
James Or Linda Bird, Volborg MT	1	Black-Bull	2070	195.00	\$4,036.50
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"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" "How Smart Communities Are Winning the Information War"

The death of traditional media has left communities scrambling for ways to reach residents who are scattered across multiple platforms from Facebook, TikTok, and others. But while media entities are failing more than ever before, innovative communities are discovering that fragmentation isn't just a problem—it's a great opportunity. Rather than mourning the loss of your local newspaper that once reached everyone, forward-thinking communities are building multi-channel communication ecosystems that reach more residents than ever before.



your strategy is imperative to standing out from the competition. When Hurricane Ian hit Southwest Florida in 2022, Lee County discovered their fragmented approach actually enhanced emergency communication. While some platforms went down, others remained functional. Their multi-channel strategy—combining emergency alerts, social media, local radio partnerships, and door-to-door communication—reached more residents than any single traditional media outlet could have.

Cary, North Carolina launched "Cary Today," a local digital newsletter combining city updates and community-generated content. Rather than competing with traditional media, they focus on municipal services, upcoming construction projects, and community events that major outlets typically ignore. Their open rates exceed 40%—double the municipal average.

Local governments are using social media to promote their websites and engage residents, helping create online communities that foster trust with citizens. The City of Tempe, Arizona uses Instagram to showcase behind-the-scenes city operations, making government more transparent and accessible.

Perhaps the most significant opportunity lies in resident-generated content. Communities

are discovering that fragmentation allows for more voices, not fewer. The Borough of State College, Pennsylvania created a resident contributor program where volunteers cover local events, school boards, and community issues through official channels.

This is a great opportunity for Chambers to create a successful community newsletter as an invaluable way to keep people informed and connected, building relationships among residents, businesses, and organizations. These community-driven approaches often generate higher engagement because residents trust their neighbors more than distant news organizations. Successful communities survey residents about preferred communication channels. Don't assume, but measure where your specific population actually consumes information.

Plan consistent messaging across platforms while tailoring format to each channel. A zoning change announcement might be a detailed email newsletter, an Instagram infographic, and a Facebook Live Q&A session. Partner with schools, nonprofits, and businesses to amplify messages. When the library shares your parks programming on their social media, you've expanded reach without additional effort. Live streaming city council meetings on YouTube, Facebook, and local cable access simultaneously reaches different audiences with minimal additional cost.

Community efforts face challenges including funding constraints and competition from mainstream media, but innovative solutions like diverse funding models and leveraging digital platforms can enhance reach and impact. The key is

Smart communities have embraced what marketers call "omnichannel" approaches. Instead of relying on one dominant platform, they're meeting residents where they already spend time. The City of Fort Collins, Colorado exemplifies this strategy by maintaining active presences on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube, while also publishing weekly newsletters and hosting live-streamed city council meetings.

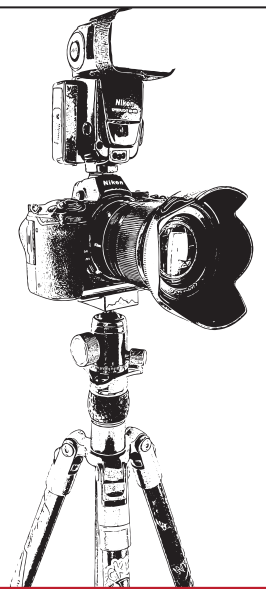
This approach recognizes a fundamental truth: different demographics consume information differently. While younger residents might discover city news through Instagram stories, older residents prefer email newsletters or Facebook posts. In the era of social media fragmentation, diversifying

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starting small and scaling gradually. Many communities worry about resource constraints, but fragmentation actually allows for more efficient communication. A single staff person can schedule content across multiple platforms using tools like Hootsuite or Buffer. The Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina increased their social media engagement by 300% with just one additional part-time position dedicated to digital communication.

Media fragmentation isn't destroying community communication—it's democratizing it. Communities that embrace multiple platforms, encourage resident participation, and focus on consistent, valuable content are discovering they can reach more residents more effectively than ever before. The communities thriving in this new landscape aren't trying to recreate the past. They're building something better: communication ecosystems that are more resilient, more inclusive, and more responsive to resident needs than any single traditional media outlet ever was. Success requires embracing fragmentation rather than fighting it, and recognizing that in a world of scattered attention,



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South Dakota State lost \$66 million in federal research funding but hopes to get it back

Trump administration pulled previously awarded 'climate-smart' grant, offers chance to regain money with a greater focus on producers

MAKENZIE HUBER

South Dakota Searchlight
South Dakota State University is working to get back about \$66 million in federal funding it lost when the Trump administration canceled a grant program it said was a "climate slush fund."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded South Dakota's largest university \$86 million in 2023 to research the impact of bison and cattle ranchers' land management practices on soil health, and to open markets for farmers and ranchers using those practices. It was the largest research grant in South Dakota higher education history.

The grant came from the Partners for Climate-Smart Commodities program. Since 2022 during the Biden administration, the USDA had awarded 141 projects across the country a total of \$3 billion. In April, the Trump administration terminated the grants and renamed the program Advancing Markets for Producers, saying "select projects may continue if it is demonstrated that a significant amount of the federal funds awarded will go to farmers."

Brooke Rollins, head of the USDA, said at the time that the Biden-era version of the program "was largely built to advance the green new scam," a reference to policies undertaken by Biden to address climate change.

SDSU had already spent about \$20 million when the climate-smart grants were terminated. The university lost an additional \$1.4 million in other grant funding. Two other South Dakota institutions also lost grant funding: the University of South Dakota lost \$223,892, and South Dakota Mines lost \$1.3 million.

The new program requires at least 65% of funding to go toward producer incentives, instead of 35% under the earlier version of the program. Kristi Cammack, assistant dean for SDSU agriculture West River operations, said the universi-

ty renamed the project from "The Grass is Greener on the Other Side: Developing Climate-Smart Beef and Bison Commodities" to "Producers first: incentivizing land management and advancing markets for US beef and bison operations," and shifted some funding originally intended for research toward producer incentives.

"We learned quite a bit over the two years we've been working on this, so we've been able to make educated shifts from research to producers while still being able to answer research questions," Cammack said.

SDSU resubmitted its research proposal at the end of June with the hopes of regaining the award by the end of the summer.

"Producers are at the crux of the whole project," Cammack said.

The five-year program encourages bison and cattle producers to implement conservation land management and grazing practices. They collect soil samples measuring microbes and other indicators of soil health and carbon sequestration as a result of the changes. The program also has a goal of introducing those producers to new markets with customers interested in eco-friendly practices.

More than 100 producers, primarily raising cattle, were participating in the project at the time of termination. More were preparing to enroll this year. SDSU had eight faculty members working on the project, along with four other staff members and several graduate students, Cammack said.

If re-awarded the funding later this summer, Cammack said the team will have a "busy fall" collecting soil samples before the ground freezes.

The grant cancellation is "interruptive," she added, but her group is "nimble" and "research projects never go perfectly."

The grant cancellation comes during a period of broader concern about university research funding. Federal funding for science is the lowest in years due to cuts made by the Trump administration and has been declining for decades as a share of gross domestic product.

President Donald Trump proposed "draconian cuts" this spring, said Daniel Scholl, vice president of research and economic development at South



A cow in a pasture near Eureka in September 2024. (Joshua Haiar/South Dakota Searchlight)



A bull bison grazes on Oct. 6, 2024, in Wind Cave National Park. (Seth Tupper/South Dakota Searchlight)

Dakota State, to federal research funding agencies such as the USDA, National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation — the three largest funding agencies from which SDSU receives research grants.

Scholl said he hopes Congress will resist the cuts, but is

"uncertain where things will land."

"We're optimistic based on the efforts members of Congress are putting out to restore research funding and preserve the prowess of U.S. research and enterprise that's largely driven by universities," Scholl

said.

If the university isn't able to reinstate the remainder of its grant for the bison and cattle research project, Cammack said her team plans to apply for other grants and work with other partners to continue the program..

Capitol restoration looms as a major expense for South Dakota

State official tells lawmakers the cost could be \$150 million or more

Seth Tupper

South Dakota Searchlight

As South Dakota lawmakers consider spending \$650 million to build a prison, another major building expense is looming: the first full restoration of the state Capitol in nearly 40 years.

The state official in charge of planning the restoration is Darin Seeley, commissioner of the Bureau of Human Resources and Administration. When he briefed a committee of legislators during a public meeting Tuesday at the Capitol, one of them asked for a ballpark estimate of the cost.

Seeley stressed that he does not have an official number yet. "But," he said, "we're talking probably between \$150 million and \$200 million."

South Dakota is in a tight budget climate while the Trump administration and Congress reduce support for states. The governor's budget office says various state departments have already lost a combined \$24 million in federal funding since Trump's second term began.

That's a reversal from the latter part of Trump's first term and the Biden years, when South Dakota's budget benefited from pandemic aid and stimulus funding. Lawmakers set aside enough money during those years that they should be able to build a men's prison without taking on any debt, if they approve the plan during a Sept. 23 special legislative session. The new prison — which would be built on undeveloped land in northeast Sioux Falls — would replace the oldest parts of the pre-statehood peniten-

tiary.

The lawmaker who asked Seeley for a ballpark estimate on the Capitol project is state Senate President Pro Tempore Chris Karr, a Republican from Sioux Falls.

"That number itself is a tremendously huge number," Karr said afterward in an interview with South Dakota Searchlight. "I look forward to getting some more data and facts."

No savings have been set aside yet for a full Capitol restoration. But lawmakers have provided about \$12 million in the last six years to study problems afflicting the Capitol, along with its lake and its grounds, and to make temporary repairs while planning for a larger project.

Lake studied

So far, that work has included studying the condition of the 115-year-old, 1,300-foot-deep well feeding Capitol Lake. The well formerly produced natural gas in addition to water, and for many years the gas was lit to create a flaming fountain. The gas flow began to diminish about 20 years ago and can no longer sustain a flame.

A study in 2019 determined that the well could be compromised, and that a collapse could cause an uncontrolled flow of water to surface wherever it finds a pathway. A follow-up study that included sending a camera down the well determined it was in better shape than originally feared, and "a new water source for Capitol Lake is not the emergency that we had been led to believe," Seeley told lawmakers.

Discussion continues about a replacement water source, but it's been pushed down the priority list. Meanwhile, the lake has been dredged.

Roof repaired

The Capitol's roof was repaired recently, although not without problems. Lawmakers learned Tuesday that while the roof was undergoing work, heavy rains in May and June leaked into the technology equipment closets that serve the House of Representatives chamber.

About \$185,000 of damage was done, which will hopefully be covered by insurance. It's unlikely new equipment will be in place by next month's special session, meaning some House members' voting buttons might not work, and the electronic display for voting results might be inoperable. The Legislative Research Council is preparing workarounds.

Plaster repair, rotunda restoration

The next project targets numerous areas of damaged plaster for repair, which Seeley hopes to finish before the start of the annual legislative session in January.

"We're going to make it look right in the short run, in places where it's the worst today," he said...

After that, Seeley plans a rotunda restoration to begin after the 2026 legislative session and be completed by the 2027 session. A company specializing in historic restoration will try to recapture the rotunda's original beauty, which Seeley said is dimmed by aging paint and plaster, and poor lighting.

While all of that is happening, Seeley hopes to work with the Capitol Complex Restoration and Beautification Commission — a bipartisan group of seven people appointed by the governor — on a full restoration plan. The last full restoration was completed for

the 1989 statehood centennial celebration, he said.

The needs are many. Nearly every communication system that's ever been installed in the Capitol is still in the building. The steam heating system needs a replacement. Some of

the plumbing is more than 100 years old. Roof drains that run inside the walls need attention.

There was no discussion Tuesday about how to pay for it all. Karr said that discussion should start soon.



A photo shows part of the South Dakota House of Representatives chamber in 2025, left, while a rendering shows what it could look like after a restoration project. (Courtesy of the South Dakota Bureau of Human Resources and Administration)



Cracked plaster in the back corner of the state House of Representatives chamber at the South Dakota Capitol in Pierre, as seen in March 2025. (Joshua Haiar/South Dakota Searchlight)

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Newell School Open House Welcomes Students Back

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NEWELL—The hallways were filled with excited children exploring new classrooms and meeting new teachers at the Newell School Open House on the evening of August 14.

All kinds of activities were planned for the students to participate in and get comfortable with the new year ahead, including a Title 1 scavenger hunt that sent kids around the school to perform a variety of quests to get a prize. Some of the tasks included things like: visit

Mrs. Wallace in the Library for an "I Love to Read" bracelet and meet our new PE teacher, Mr. Santiago, in the gym and pick up a pencil. There were four tasks to complete and they could be done in any order.

For those students interested in being in band, Haggerty's Music was on hand to help kids get an instrument. The Newell Cheer Squad was selling pom-poms for school spirit and FFA was set up to recruit new members.

In her second year as Superintendent and High School

Principal, Pandi Pittman is looking forward to an exciting new year of school. "We're focused on team and we're working to develop a positive and motivated culture," she said.

All teaching positions are full and everyone is ready to begin! "We had great inservice, and we all got the WE ARE NEWELL t-shirts," said Pittman. WE ARE NEWELL is the students' rally cry for school pride.

High School football practice has started, as well as high school volleyball and cross country track are underway.



Representatives from **Haggerty's Music** were on hand at the **Newell School Open House**. Band teacher, **Kimberly Bachman**, helps student, **Iantha Ahart**, pick out an instrument for the upcoming year. *Longbrake photos*

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Two students study the chart to find the right color that matches their grade level.

Newell Labor Day Celebration is Full of Activities

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NEWELL—The 2025 Newell Labor Day Celebration will soon be upon us! Begin making your plans to attend the annual event with exciting activities planned from August 23 through September 1. One of the highlights this year will be the opportunity to see the new arena grandstands that were just installed in June of this year! New royalty will be crowned at 6:30 p.m. at the Rodeo Queen Coronation on Saturday, August 23. You can watch the hopeful queen contestants compete in the Rodeo Queen Pageant earlier that day, with the competition starting at 8:30 a.m. Then the weekend kicks off the next Friday, August 29 with the Quilt Show Check In from 1 to 4 p.m. at the City Hall. The Newell Museum will also be open from 1 to 5 p.m.

Bright and early on Saturday, August 30 is the 5K Run/Walk, which opens for registration at 7 a.m. Walkers then start at 7:30 a.m., while runners will start at 7:45 a.m. The Whistle Stop Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the NVN Center. The Quilt Show and the Newell Museum will be open for viewing from 1 to 5 p.m. at City Hall.

That afternoon, be sure to catch the Ranch Rodeo and Calcutta, which starts at 1:30 p.m. at the rodeo arena. Then, at about 3:30 p.m. there will be Corgi Races at the arena! That evening, be sure to swing by the Fireman's BBQ from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Fire Hall. From 6 to 7:30 p.m. behind the ram sale pens, there will be FFA Goat Roping, come watch kids and adults try to catch goats as fast as they can! And to round out the night, check out the Newell Bar Dance featuring live music by Williams & Wright, starting at 9 p.m. at the Newell Bar.

Sunday, August 31 is also packed with activities, starting with the J.D. Mutchler Memorial Team Roping. Breakaway roping will start at 10 a.m. followed by team roping. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at South Park, there will be a car show. The afternoon brings several activities including the Tractor Pull at 2:30 p.m. on Girard Street, Chicken Bingo at South Park at 1 p.m., and the Corn Hole Tournament, also at South Park, at 2 p.m.

For little ones, the Newell Christian Fellowship Bouncy House will be open 12 to 4 p.m. at South Park. Once again the Quilt Show and Newell Museum

will be open for viewing from 1 to 5 p.m. at City Hall.

Finally, Monday, September 1 is the big day! On Labor Day, the Labor Day Parade starts at 10 a.m. with lineup and registration open at 9 a.m. In front of the Quilt Bank will be a delicious bake sale starting at 7 a.m. and running until sold out.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at South Park will be the Midwestern Meat Locker Frank Cookout.

It will be another fun day for the youth with kids' games and a bouncy house sponsored by First National Bank starting at 10:30 a.m. at South Park. The biggest event of the day, the Newell Labor Day Rodeo, starts at 1 p.m. at the arena with slack running from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. That evening, swing by the NVN Center from 6 to 8 p.m. for some good old Bingo! The Newell Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Labor Day, and Quilt Show viewing and pickup will run from 1 to 3 p.m. that day.

The Newell Labor Day Weekend Celebration is chock-full of fun activities for the whole family! Be sure to enjoy the events that are in store for you!

Minor Changes to Newell School Policies

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NEWELL—During the recent Newell School Board meeting held August 11, the first reading of several policies was discussed. Essentially, the policies gained more clarification and came in line with state codified laws.

Policy BDDH involves the public participation in school board meetings. There must be a sign-up sheet for participants to be able to speak during Open Forum. This is part of the State's Open Forum policy.

Policy BD concerns the School Board meetings and must be reviewed annually. Again, it is part of the Open Forum Policy.

The third policy reading was IGBA and concerned Special Education and Related Services. The policy was recommended by the Associated School Board Association.

There was a minor change to the student transportation policy, EEA. The wording was changed from bus to

transportation to entail all forms.

These policies are available on the school's website.

Bids were opened for the 2025-2026 school year for gas, diesel, and propane. Olson Fuels, Buffalo, was the only company that submitted bids for the products. Gas was bid at a price that is 10 cents under the posted price, with diesel also 10 cents under market price. Propane was bid at \$1.25.

There were no beef bids submitted, however, at this time Wall Meats is the closest processor approved for school beef.

Several teaching and support staff positions were approved. Dominic Santiago, Activities Director, was approved as an official signer of the Trust & Agency Checking Account. The resignation of Sunny Pesicka, Kindergarten teacher, was accepted. Steven Simpson, MS teacher and Pam Riesland, Kindergarten teacher were approved at \$49,100 and

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Grand River Roundup



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We started the week off last Sunday evening with Bible Study at Lester and Sharon Longwood's, joining Ginger and Dexter Koontz, Duane and Dawn Harris, Jim and Lucy Anderson, Ezra and Isaack Anderson, Eric Seim and Lester and Sharon Longwood for the Bible study.

Another death to report: Loretta (Gunderson) Schmidt, 82, passed away on August 6 at the Five Counties Nursing Home, where she resided the last few years. Her funeral service was on Tuesday, August 12, at the New Hope Worship Center of Lemmon.

We had an interesting day on Monday. Reub had a flat tire on the side-by-side while he was spraying weeds at the Horse Creek pasture so Casey came up to jack up the side-by-side and take the flat tire off before he went back home to finish haying. Reub called me to meet him at Bill Holt's turnoff to take him, his pickup and the tire to Bowman to get it fixed at Northwest Tire.

We stopped in Scranton to gas up his pickup before going to Bowman. It didn't take Jacob long to fix the tire at Northwest Tire and then we headed back to eat lunch at Scranton before going back to take the tire to the Horse Creek pasture. We loaded the tire in my pickup at Bill Holt's turn and drove up the trail to where the side-by-side was sitting jacked up. We had to take the jack out of my pickup to jack up the side-by-side again because the tire wouldn't fit between it and the handyman jack. After a lot of struggling we finally got the tire put back on so then I left for home while Reub went back to spraying weeds and he didn't get home until after 7:00 that evening. It was quite a day!

I hosted Ladies Aid down at the church Tuesday afternoon but Missy wasn't able to come because Missy and Amanda were busy helping the guys work cows up at the arena until late in the afternoon. Everyone else was there and we had a good lesson that afternoon before I went to the Reva Store to get groceries. It was hot on Wednesday

when Reub was spraying cockle-burs up west that morning. We ate an early lunch and then drove to Hettinger that afternoon. We stopped in Reeder on the way home to have coffee and some goodies with the Prairie Pioneers. We stopped to get more weed spray from Southwest Grain before we left town.

Thursday, August 14th was the last day of WWII when Japan surrendered after President Harry Truman bombed Japan and that's the day my father Bryce White got out of the Army and was able to come back home. It was still hot here on Thursday so I had to water the gardens and flower beds while Reub was spraying weeds at the Horse Creek pasture and he didn't get home for lunch until 3:00. We got a couple tiny sprinkles on Wednesday and Thursday that didn't even wet the ground.

President Trump met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Alaska on Friday to try to end the Russian war against Ukraine and it sounded like everything went well but they will meet again soon. My Grand-

mother Lydia Wilkinson was a German from Russia and she told me that one of her grandfathers was born in Alaska back when Alaska belonged to Russia. Russia was broke and sold Alaska to the United States for 2 cents an acre!

While Trump and Putin were meeting in Alaska on Friday, Reub was spraying weeds at Horse Creek. The filter on the sprayer plugged up and it took Reub quite a while to get everything working again so he didn't make it home for lunch until 5:00 that afternoon. He saw the guys up there working on the corral that afternoon to get it ready to work cows next week. The construction on Highway 79 sure slows everything down while everyone waits for the pilot cars to lead them down the road.

Reub was back spraying leafy spurge, Canadian thistle, burdock, and cockle burs at the Horse Creek pasture on Saturday, but everything worked good enough that he was able to make it home for lunch just after 1:00. The guys were busy haying and bunching bales before we got a little shower that evening and a heavy rain in the night that gave us over 3 quarters of an inch of welcome moisture. Some of our neighbors down south got 2 inches or more and we all appreciate every drop.

Margaretta Hanson and Teddi Carlson fed us a delicious lunch with coffee and fellowship after church Sunday morning and then after we ate dinner at home I joined a big crowd of ladies at the Reva Hall that afternoon for the bridal shower for Beth Lien, soon to be the

bride of Jace Klempel. Karen and Joe Wilkinson came out from Buffalo so Karen could go to the shower and Sandy Bill Matson and Joe came up to the ranch to visit Reub while Karen and I were at the shower. Lots of other people were here when I came home because Clint and Kelli Doll, Karli and Cody Holmes, Matt and Molly Kerner, Brad and Amy Johnson, Ron and Starla Jensen, and Casey and Missy were visiting at Taz and Amanda's house while Sandy Bill, Joe and Reub were visiting on the patio in front of our basement and all the little kids were having a lot of fun playing in the yard!

I'll leave you with this wedding joke: A perfect wife is one who helps the husband with the dishes.

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Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

August 19, 1915

Tuesday's passenger was delayed for a few minutes on account of engine trouble near the Horse Creek Bridge. From the startling reports circulated would be led to believe there had been a horrible wreck. However, no one was hurt, and no damage was done to train or riders.

The Federal and State authorities have again made the Union Stockyards of Chicago a restricted area and have put all other states in close quarantine following an outbreak of the foot and mouth disease. The fresh epidemic has been traced to infected cholera serum.

The latter part of last week, O. H. Kraning closed the deal for the water delivery route and the purchase of teams, wagons, etc. from H. A. Breeding, who will retire.

August 12, 1925

A financial plan which will enable every farmer to own a Fordson tractor, Oliver plow & harrow and other equipment without any inconvenience, has been worked out by the tractor, implement and equipment distributors, according to the Badger Equipment Company. A plan is worked out whereby power machinery can be placed in the farmers' hands under long-deferred payments. The Department of Agriculture has pledged to a program that will bring good times back to the farmer, that is the means of bringing prosperity to the farmer is to give him power-driven equipment. The business of farming is expected to be placed on the same efficient economical, productive basis as the manufacturing concerns in the city.

Ode To Good Old Dobbin: “Oh horse you are a wondrous thing, no horn to honk, no bell to ring, no license to screw on front and rear. No spark to miss, no gears to strip, you start yourself, no clutch to slip, no gas bills climbing every day to steal the joy of life away, your inner tubes all work OK and thank the Lord they stay that way. Your spark plugs never miss and fuss, your motor never makes us cuss, your frame is good for many a mile, your body never changes style. Your wants are few and easily met – you've got something over the auto yet.”

A Mexican cucumber picker, working for Ned Ritter in the Vale District, was taken suddenly ill and died almost

immediately before getting to Nisland, enroute to the Belle Fourche Hospital.

August 15, 1935

Dr. Clark reports that Miss June Luken, formerly Lead, is now in charge of the Newell Hospital. She is a competent nurse and will give the public the best of hospital service. The Newell Hospital now has a compassionate nurse in charge, who will not overcharge. She solicits your patronage. Several cases of typhoid fever are reported at St. John's Hospital in Rapid City. Dr. Clark is prepared to vaccinate to prevent this disease in Newell. Clark's daughter Rose is taking nurse's training at Rapid City and will be home on break to visit her parents and in-training practice at the hospital.

Many swimmers have been enjoying the much-improved pond at the A. H. Noltensmeier farm, southeast of town, and it is becoming a very attractive resort.

The entire Twilight neighborhood turned out last Saturday to fight the prairie fire which destroyed the Robert O. Hice hay ground and threatened his haystacks and out buildings.

August 16, 1945

Maj. John M. Flatten, until recently Judge Advocate at San Antonio, Texas, has been appointed a member of the War Crimes Commission and is now in Germany. Maj. Flatten is a cousin of Joe, Bert and Erny Lyons of Newell. He was born and raised in Moody County, graduate of the University of Nebraska and took up the practice of law.

WAR'S OVER! Glad tidings announced Tuesday evening by President Harry S. Truman. That the cruel war was over, that Japan surrendered unconditionally, was the signal for unloosening of the pent-up emotions of the American people over this land and abroad. State revelry was rampant in larger cities, there was shouting, crying and period of silent meditation.

John (Tiny) Christopher is at his parents' home in Newell recuperating from injuries sustained Monday evening at the Smeenk Ranch near Twilight. It is presumed that he fell from the horse he was riding. But exact causes of the accident are still unknown. He had been helping in the hay field and remembers nothing after he had unhitched the team and put them into the pasture. After a search

by Linda Velder

he was found by members of the Smeenk family. Tiny was walking around in a dazed condition and leading his saddle horse. He had sustained a broken shoulder and rib and was taken to Belle Fourche Hospital Tuesday for examination and treatment.

August 18, 1955

Newell Community Club reported at their regular noon meeting in the Skyroom of the Cove Café Tuesday that the plans for the Annual Labor Day Celebration are progressing nicely. In other action, the club voted to request that the city install a blinker caution light or lights and consider other safety measures along the highway in front of the Newell Schools. Vice President Noel M. Holmes was designated as the Liaison Committee Chairman.

Boxing cats will appear with “Winners All” stage show at the Butte County Fair at Nisland Thursday, Friday and Saturday, are an attraction that has appeared on TV several times. Eddie Fay's giant New Zealand tom cats, “Rocky” and “Archie” mix fancy footwork with left hooks and jabs and it is not unusual for one or the other to be knocked out cold two or three times during a single match.

August 12, 1965

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Chowen spent the summer on duty in Washington and returned to Vale on Monday evening. They are staying at the home of her parents Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Bracewell rural Vale. Dennis left Tuesday for Wisconsin National Guard



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Duty, following obligations, he and his wife Roxie will attend Black Hills State Teacher's College in Spearfish this fall.

Extensive remodeling of the First National Bank of the Black Hills in Newell was expected to get underway this week according by F. J. Boettger, Vice President and Manager of the bank. The primary purpose of the remodeling, which will also include new teller windows and lighting fixtures, is to secure more privacy and better conditions for the loan desks of the institution. The front of the building will also be cleaned and re-painted and the south side and the back will be resurfaced with pressure

applied stucco.

Three dry Hereford stock cows were stolen, branded A-triangle connected right hip and wide V slash ear marked out of end of right ear. Last seen while being moved from pasture Monday July 19. A \$300 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of party involved. Information received will be strictly confidential. Please call collect E. Theo Kari, Prairie City, So Dak. Telephone 274-3821.

Gerald “Jerry” E. Lee left Saturday for Camp McCoy, Wisconsin to attend Army Reserve training. He also plans to visit his brother Roger Lee and Howard Reid in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, if time permits.



(Top) WWII is over: many movies were made and stories written about certain events of the war. A 1917 FORDSON Tractor. Every farmer should have one in the 1925 campaign to mechanize the farming industry. Located at Newell Museum

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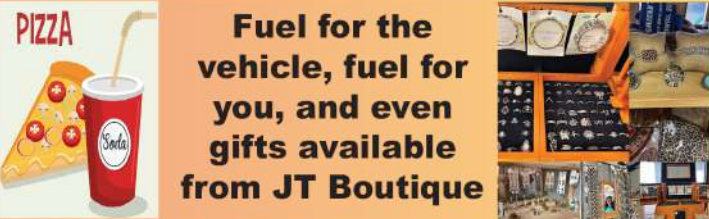
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Menu for Week of August 18-21

SALAD BAR AND FRESH VEGETABLES SERVED DAILY
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JANUARY	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY 18	French Toast Sticks or Cereal Fruit Juice/Milk	Tacos Refried Beans Cheese Sauce Pineapple Tidbits Milk
TUESDAY 19	Bagels Cream Cheese/PB/Jelly or Cereal Fruit Juice/Milk	Chicken Patty Sandwiches Mixed Veggies Tropical Fruit Milk
WEDNESDAY 20	Yogurt Parfait or Cereal Fruit Juice/Milk	Ham or Turkey Subs Tomato/Cheese/Lettuce Corn Milk
THURSDAY 21	Egg Patty or Cereal Fruit Juice/Milk	Chicken Nuggets Broccoli Mac Salad Fruit Milk
FRIDAY 22	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL

Menu for Week of August 25-29

AUGUST	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY 25	Blueberry Muffins Cereal Fruit Juice/Milk	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes w/ Cheese Sauce Broccoli Fruit Milk
TUESDAY 26	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Cereal Fruit Juice/Milk	Chicken Nachos Corn Fruit Milk
WEDNESDAY 27	Pancakes Cereal Juice Fruit Milk	Pigs in a Blanket Green Beans Fruit Milk
THURSDAY 28	Hashbrown Eggs Cereal Fruit Juice/Milk	Chicken Strips Brussel Sprouts Fruit Peaches Milk
FRIDAY 29	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL

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\$48,700 respectively. Amanda Shirley was approved for MS and HS student councils as well as Yearbook. Rhonda Miller was approved as part-time kitchen assistant. The Technology Handbook was approved with no changes from last year. The "Black Hills Pioneer" was named as official newspaper due to the closing of the Belle Fourche Beacon. Business Manager Amy Williams approached the school board members to authorize her to open and maintain a Business Money Market account at First National Bank in Newell for the purpose of investing fund balanc-

es. She informed the members that the process could gain interest on the account and that she would be able to withdraw funds as needed to use. After a lengthy discussion by members, it was decided to table the issue until the next month's meeting. They were hesitant because of the ambiguity of the name of the fund "Money Market" and were not sure of the process of establishing funding. It is against the law for public funds such as used by the school districts to be invested in funding that can fluctuate with the market, in other words be put at risk. Williams said that she understood from bank personnel that was not the case, it was a safe investment. However, she will research further the matter further. The next school board meeting will be September 8, 6 pm.



NEWELL LABOR DAY WEEKEND

**AUGUST 29th - SEPTEMBER 1st, 2025
NEWELL, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**RODEO QUEEN CONTEST
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025**
Pageant - 8:30 a.m. • Coronation - 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025

Quilt Show Check In - 1:00-4:00 p.m. - City Hall
Newell Museum Open - 1:00-5:00 p.m. - City Hall

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025

5K Fun Run/Walk - 7:00 a.m. Registration / 7:30 Walkers Start / 7:45 Runners Start
Ranch Rodeo & Calcutta - 1:30 p.m. - Arena
Corgi Race - Around 3:30 p.m. - Arena
Whistle Stop Market - 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - NVN Center
Quilt Show Viewing - 1:00-5:00 p.m. - City Hall
Newell Museum Open - 1:00-5:00 p.m. - City Hall
Fireman's BBQ - 5:00-7:00 p.m. - Fire Hall
FFA Goat Roping - 6:00-7:30 p.m. - Behind Ram Sale Pens
Newell Bar Dance featuring Williams & Wright - 9:00 p.m. - Newell Bar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

J.D. Mutchler Memorial Team Roping - 9:00 a.m. Reg. / 10:00 Breakaway / TR After
Car Show - 8:00-10:00 a.m. Registration / 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Show - South Park
Tractor Pull - 12:00-2:00 p.m. Weigh Ins / 2:30 p.m. Tractor Pull - Girard Street
Corn Hole Tournament - 1:30 p.m. Registration /
2:00 p.m. Tournament - South Park
Chicken Bingo - 1:00 p.m. - South Park
Newell Christian Fellowship Bouncy House - 12:00-4:00 p.m. - South Park
Quilt Show Viewing - 1:00-5:00 p.m. - City Hall
Newell Museum Open - 1:00-5:00 p.m. - City Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

Parade - 8:30-9:30 a.m. Line Up & Registration / 10:00 a.m. Parade
Bake Sale in front of Quilt Bank - 7:00 a.m. until sold out
Midwestern Meat Locker 'Frank' Cookout - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - South Park
First Natl. Bank Sponsored Kids' Games & Bouncy House - 10:30 a.m. - South Park
Newell Labor Day Rodeo - 8:00 a.m. Slack / 1:00 p.m. Rodeo
Bingo - 6:00-8:00 p.m. - NVN Center
Quilt Show Viewing & Pickup - 1:00-3:00 p.m. - City Hall
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