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August School Board Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche School Board held a meeting on Monday, August 11 at the new time of 5:30 p.m.

Mark Sprigler gave a presentation on behalf of the Middle School Math and Science Club regarding the yearly class trip to Disney World in Orlando, FL. He explained fundraising efforts and financial planning for this year's trip, noting that up to 35 students typically go on the trip.

The Board approved his request for a trip this year.

High school principal Mathew Raba reported on enrollment numbers for this year, noted that freshman orientation would take place August 13, and stated that the high school would again be holding their new teacher induction program this year. Kevin Smidt, middle school principal, reported that homeroom assignments would be posted on the west entrance doors August 11. He noted that on August 13, the middle school had an open house.

A special orientation for 5th graders was held in the gym starting at the same time as the open house.

Julie Hatling, elementary principal reported on enrollment, saying that right now the numbers change daily and are fluctuating.

This year, the school will continue working with the BFPD to maintain changes made to parking, drop-off and pickup processes at South Park. A parent open house at North and South Park was August 13. The first



The Belle School Board held its August meeting on Monday, August 11. Pictured left to right are Superintendent **Orion Thompson**, Board President **Nita Justice** and Board member **Faye Laduke-Pelster**. Longbrake Photo

BFACT Coffee Hour Hopes to Pique Interest

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BELLE FOURCHE—Grap's Backroom was the gathering place for the first ever Belle Fourche Area Community Theater (BFACT) Coffee Hour on Saturday, August 23.

The gathering is designed to be an opportunity for the community to talk to the BFACT board members and Director and learn about the organization in a relaxed fun setting. Katie Anderson, board member-at-large greeted the crowd and said, "this is the start of something I hope we can do monthly. I see a lot of familiar faces, in fact, I think 95% is familiar faces. Try to convince new people to come!"

Taking on the position of volunteer committee chair, Anderson is working on ways to get more people involved in BFACT. "I do operate the volunteer committee and that's kind of my big project right now—this was my first idea—to set up something, not as just a way to prove myself that I could do it, but as a way to get people together, because I love seeing these people together," she said. "So this event in particular is about trying to get the community to stay involved with community events like the community theater."

In addition to chatting and learning about BFACT everyone grabbed lunch from Grap's special menu and drinks. The atmosphere was laid back and laughter and chatter filled the room.

As the time went on, various

board games and cornhole attracted participants. "I know in the past, people have loved to get together to play games or just to chat, or even to have coffee or a beer or two, so I thought, why not just do that—give people a reason to go," explained Anderson.

Getting the word out about the need for volunteers is an important aspect to the monthly gatherings. "It's my hope that the people that aren't usually in theater themselves, but who may go to the shows or hear about then over social media or on the radio or even in the newspaper—if that sparks their interest and they want to be involved—even if it's just for one show—then this event is a great way to step in and say, you would like to help," said Anderson. "I think even when you help just a little bit, it goes a long way, especially for us, so that even though you're helping out just a little bit, you're really helping out a whole lot!"

The BFACT is currently working on their next performance, *Is He Dead?* at the Rec Center Auditorium September 12 through the 14. If you have any interest in helping out with the BFACT in anyway, reach out to them and come to Coffee Hour next month.

Even if you don't act, they can use your help in many ways, from painting, set building, technology, ushering, selling concessions or bake sale items and many more ways.

You can find out more about BFACT at bellefourcheact.com.

Butte County Safety on Display in the Park



Butte County ambulance director **Donnie Walding** explains some of the emergency life saving equipment at the **Butte County Community Safety Day** at **Herrman Park** Saturday August 23. Longbrake Photo

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BELLE FOURCHE—A whole afternoon dedicated to learning about community safety was the highlight of a gathering of area service vendors for the Butte County Community Safety Day at Herrmann Park on August 23.

The idea to showcase all of the services that are offered in Butte County came during a local emergency planning session. Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor explained, "I'm on the LEPC committee, the local emergency planning committee, I just brought up why don't we have some kind of a Safety Day for the county?"

We have all these great groups that are doing a lot for the safety of our citizens, so why don't we just tell people what we're doing!"

From that idea, this event was born, and planning and pulling it all together began. "We were trying to think of a good time—a date, and time—this was a date where most of us were all available to come together and make it work," said Capp. "And then I had a thought, since we're doing it from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 on a Saturday, let's try to get a bunch of food trucks here!"

People can enjoy lunch and walk around and check out all the vendors." And that is what happened. PooterQ Food Truck offered food while many services that are offered in Butte County were represented at the vendor fair.

The City of Belle Fourche, Butte County, Belle Ambulance, Newell Ambulance, Butte/Lawrence Extension,

Belle Fourche Economic Development Corp, Whatever It Takes Coalition, LEPC, Fire Departments, Belle Fourche Police, Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce, Freshman Impact, Bureau of Reclamation, City of Newell, Irrigation District, Butte Electric Cooperative, TREC Badlands Head Start, Butte County Sheriff and South Dakota Department of Health were all on hand.

Capp explained that the goal of the day was to bring awareness to the community about everything that they are doing to help keep people safe and educate them about all of the resources that are available to reach out to. "Community education—I'm all about that," she said.

One of the vendors that had a

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(above) People gather around the Freshman Impact educational display; (below) County auditor **Annie Capp** explains to a family what services are offered as they pick up information



Those interested in **BFACT** start gathering at **Grap's** for Coffee Hour. Longbrake photo

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Loren Weishaar 63

Loren Weishaar, age 63 of Belle Fourche, died Saturday, August 16, 2025 at the Monument Health Rapid City Hospital. No services will be held. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online at www.LeveringtonFH.com

Loren Adolph Weishaar was born June 24, 1962 in Mobridge, South Dakota. He was the son of Larry and Mary (Volk) Weishaar. Loren grew up on the family ranch near Sorum. He attended the Reva Country School, Rapid City Central High School, and earned a degree in electronics from Western Dakota Tech. On November 5, 1984, he was united in marriage to Shawna Viken in Watford City, North Dakota. Loren work for Sunshine Sanitation from 1989 to 1992 and for several years he was a crosswalk guard at South Park Elementary School in Belle Fourche. Loren also worked at Black Hills Special Services



for 10 years, as their mechanic and as a school bus driver. Due to medical issues, he retired in 2013.

Loren loved his children and grandchildren very much. He was a special husband, father, and grandfather, and he will be greatly missed.

Loren is survived by his wife, Shawna of Belle Fourche; 3 sons, Loren, Justin, and Andrew, all of Belle Fourche; 1 daughter, Ivory (William) Vane of Maine; 9 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Larry Jr. (Cheryl) Weishaar of Oregon, Kevin (Sara) Weishaar of Bison SD; 2 sisters, Maureen Milliron of Seattle WA, Laurel Robowski of Myrtle Beach SC; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.



Mieko Bluhm

Born on May 8, 1947 to Atsushi and Kiyoko (Ishida) Hatori, Mieko Hatori Bluhm grew up in Gunma, Maebashi, Japan. Her father owned and operated a propane gas business, and was known in the community as an honest and generous man. Her mother worked diligently at home to support the household. After graduating from fashion school, Mieko moved to the United States to chase "the American dream."

God's providence eventually had her working at Picker International in the Cleveland, Ohio area doing secretarial work, where she met Thomas Bluhm, who would become her husband. With him, they had two children: Mia Kiyoka Bluhm and Luke Jun Bluhm. The relationships within this household proved to be of eternal consequences. Mieko began to be strongly drawn to Christian churches with the birth of Mia, finding the message of the grace of God compelling. That time, however, was only the beginning of a lifelong pilgrimage of coming to know God savingly in Jesus Christ.

Over the years, the family attended different churches, which God used in various ways to further her spiritual walk. In time, her son Luke became a pastor in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), and he took a call as pastor in Spearfish, South Dakota in the fall of 2018. Mieko's husband Thomas decided to move her and Mia to live near Luke and his family in April of 2020, and they became members of the church he pastored. It proved to be a spiritually fruitful season for them, where they clearly grew much in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

In January 2022, Mieko's husband passed away after a heart attack and subsequent health complications. In November 2024, Mieko was diagnosed with extensive stage small cell lung cancer. During the months of treatment, she memorized 2 Peter 1:10, "Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities



you will never fall." She also knew the surrounding context, which taught her to understand that, ultimately, nothing else really mattered in comparison to knowing that you are called and elected by God.

In retrospect, Mieko remembered that she had been exposed to Christianity (albeit in very small ways) during her childhood in Japan, which is a remarkable fact in itself. Towards the end of her life, she still remembered the first verse of Silent Night in Japanese. She recognized the immense grace of God to her in making Himself known to her, even during her childhood. Eventually, complications from cancer treatments led to her rapid deterioration in health, hospitalization, and death. During her hospitalization at the end of her earthly pilgrimage, one of her doctors expressed how impressed she was that Mieko was facing death with such courage, which led Mieko to shed tears of joy as she gave all glory to God for working courage into her heart.

After waiting upon the Lord to see if He would heal her, the Lord revealed His salvation in bringing her home to glory with Jesus Christ. She passed away quietly on the afternoon of Friday, August 16, 2025, with Mia, Luke, and his wife Michele surrounding her.

Services will be held 10:30 A.M. Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at the New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Spearfish. There will be no visitation. Interment will take place in Rosehill Cemetery, in Spearfish. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. The funeral service will available for viewing on Mieko's obituary page, located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com



Gerald Cotney 63

Gerald Cotney, age 63 of Gillette, WY, died Saturday, August 23, 2025 at his home with his loving family by his side, following a courageous fight against cancer.

A Celebration of Life service will be held 11am Friday, August 29, 2025 at the chapel located in Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette WY. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche SD. Friends may leave written condolences and view a video tribute online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Donald Gerald Cotney was born February 16, 1962 in Healdsburg, California. He was the oldest of four children born to Donald and Rose (Brown) Cotney on February 16, 1962, in Healdsburg, CA. Gerald spent his childhood in California and Nevada. He attended Burney High School in CA, exiting his senior year to join the workforce. Gerald worked in many different manual labor professions which eventually moved him to Wyoming. He enjoyed his time working in the trees, driving trucks, and took special pride in being a superior scraper operator. Gerald was disabled from a workplace accident in 2010.

Gerald welcomed his first son Jeff in 1984 followed by second son Jerry in 1985 and a daughter Sabrina in 1998. Gerald "found the right one" and on September 24, 2016, married Lisa and in doing so created their own "Brady Bunch" welcoming three stepdaughters Brittani, Nicole, and Haley. Gerald was a loving husband and proud father, but his greatest role was Grandpa/Pops/Papa to his 10 grandchildren and one due in February.

Gerald was an adventurer who loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. Keyhole Reservoir was his favorite place to camp and fish. He loved shar-



ing his time there with family and with the help of his favorite fishing pole Trusty was determined to never be out fished. He was an avid 49ers fan that loved his wife enough he set up a second television during football season to watch her Broncos when his team was playing too. Gerald loved NASCAR and scheduled his availability around races. His favorite drivers, Greg Biffle #3 and Joey Logano #22, would have him hollering at the television most races. Gerald was an honest man who had no problem telling you his opinions and thoughts. He was the first to help when he could and did so often. In August of 2024, Gerald was diagnosed with Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma. Throughout his fight against cancer, he never stopped fighting, and had never lost hope.

Gerald will be missed by his loving wife Lisa Cotney, Gillette, WY; his children Jerry (Cassie) Cotney, Mexico, MO, Sabrina (Alex) Edwards, Grand Junction, CO, Brittani Buckner, Nicole Dvorak, Haley (Aaron) Fernald, all of Gillette, WY and daughter-in-law Amber Cotney, Gillette, WY; grandchildren Hunter and Payton Cotney, Linda Lou and Douglas Cotney, Trenton and Layton Fernald, Kamdyn Buckner, and Montana, Pierce, and Weston Edwards (with one on the way). He is also survived by his mother Rose Cotney, Gillette, WY; siblings Emit (Theresa) Cotney, Laramie, WY Phillip Cotney, MT, Julie Land, Gillette, WY; and several nieces and nephews.

Through leaving this earthly world Gerald was reunited with his son Jeff Cotney and Father Donald Cotney.



Donald Eldon Alexander 82

Donald Eldon Alexander, 82, of Newell, South Dakota, died at Ft Meade Veterans Hospital on August 24, 2025.

He was born in Sturgis, South Dakota in 1942, to Loyal L. and Enid Alexander. Don began his life on the farm and this is where he started to love rural life. He shared fond memories of going to school at Follete School where he started his schooling and the memory of the blizzard of 1949, where the drifts were 20 feet high and they could walk up a drift to put up the flag up until spring.

He with his parents, older brother Dale, younger sisters Bernita & Betty moved to Lead in 1950.

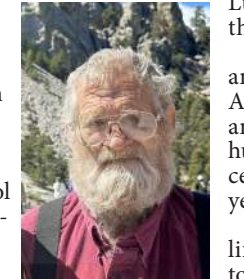
Soon Don gained another sister, Clarice. Don attended school and along with brother Dale delivered newspapers to stay out of trouble. Each summer he would return to the farm in Vale to help his aunt and uncle Art and Doris Wood. After the death of his Father in 1953, he continued to live in Lead until 1957. The family then moved to his step father Leo Harr's farm north of Vale. Soon he gained another sister Tweeter (Leona) and youngest brother George.

In 1958 at a skating party, he met the love of his life, Mary Rank but in his own words "This chapter will continue later".

Don graduated from Vale High School in 1960. He worked various farming jobs and at the Sugar Beet factory in Belle Fourche, until he enlisted in the Army in February of 1961. After his stateside training he took the slow boat to Germany where he was stationed, as a part of the Cold War presence where he attained the rank of Spec. 5 as a member of the Davy Crockett Nuclear Weapons System.

Upon his return from military service in February, 1964, he was re-acquainted with the love of his life, Mary Rank while attending the Valentines Day Dance in Vale SD.

September 10, 1964, a 60-year love story began. Donald and Mary Alexander were married at the Vale



Lutheran Church. Four children were born to this union, Douglas, Susan, Tara, and Darren.

Don and Mary went on some memorable anniversary vacations to Hawaii and Alaska. And one crazy family vacation to Canada and numerous family adventures. With rock hunting as a "favorite" activity of all. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last year with their family and friends.

He worked various jobs throughout his life as: A jack of all trades. From construction to sewing machine repairman. He served two different terms on the Newell School Board. Volunteered on the Newell Ambulance, after going through the certification classes together with his Mother Enid.

Donald retired from working fulltime and spent the remainder of his life helping his son Darren on the farm. Dad had a strength about him and a unique view on life. He had many health issues but was able to adapt through it all. His life made a full circle returning to farm life where it began.

Donald was a devoted Husband, Father, Father-in-law, and Grandpa. He is survived by his wife Mary of Newell SD; Eldest son Douglas, Red Lodge, MT; daughter Susan (Tracy) Zaugg, Cerulean, KY, grandchildren Alexander and Zachary Kessel, Thomas and Kimberly Zaugg; daughter Tara (Scott) Kadlecck, Hay Springs, NE, grandchildren Thomas, Erin (Austin Anderson), and Spencer; youngest son Darren (Angie), Newell, SD, grandchildren Taylor, Dylan, and Austin.

Thank you to the Ft Meade VA medical center hospice unit. You are all truly angels on earth.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to the Newell Ambulance Service.

Graveside services will be at the Vale Cemetery, Saturday, August 30, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

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keeper for soccer. Volleyball practice started on August 14, all activities are in full swing.

Tommy Coyle, Facilities and Transportation Director reported that he is happy with the overall state of the facilities.

The custodian and summer crew worked very hard all summer. All buses have been inspected and are ready for the school year.

Superintendent Orion Thompson gave updates on the BFLI situation, noting that there are 23 kids in the program.

Superintendent Goals will be presented in September. Good things are brewing for upgraded educational opportunities in the BFLI as well as capital projects for stronger infrastructure and more desirable learning environments for kids and staff.

In their search for a new board member, the Board then interviewed five candidates for the open position. Interviews were public and lasted about ten minutes each.

The next School Board Meeting will be Monday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m.

August 18 City Council Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The City Council held its second meeting of the month on Monday, August 18. Mayor Randy Schmidt reported that the City of Belle Fourche was selected by the Governor to receive the 2025 Outstanding Public Employer Award.

During community input, Raymond Allen reported concerns regarding the inability to hear the emergency sirens from his residence, the presence of a pothole on Dacar Street, and issues related to mosquitoes.

Parks & Recreation reported that a circus show will be held Saturday, August 23 at 5 p.m. at the Rec Center, with hopes of making this an annual event in Belle Fourche. Advance adult ticket purchases include free admission for two children.

Ryan Stedillie and Steve Nafus of the Public Works Committee will attend the South Dakota Water and Wastewater Association conference in Pierre from September 10-12. City Administrator Jason LaFayette, Police Chief Ryan Cherveney, HR Manager Gina Carpenter, Public Works Director Ryan Stedillie, Finance Officer Wayne Tonsager, and Assistant Finance Officer Lynda March will attend the SDML Annual Conference in Pierre from September 30 to October 3.

Finance Officer Tonsager gave the August Budget Update. He reported that expenditures in the CIP Fund

are increasing as the 11th and 12th Avenue reconstruction projects progress. He further noted that the Water and Sewer Funds will continue to incur expenses, while the 211 and other funds are nearly completed for the year.

There will be a Special Council Meeting about the 2026 CIP Budget on Wednesday, August 20 at 5 p.m.

Councilperson Fowler inquired about the park signs and when they would be illuminated at night. City Administrator LaFayette reported that he had spoken with Mr. Tolly earlier in the day and that work on the lights is scheduled to begin next Monday.

City Administrator LaFayette reported that the pit less unit is awaiting installation by the drilling company. He further advised that the water study must first be completed to determine the tank location for future water storage and determine whether a pump is needed in the well house. In addition, the well house must be constructed prior to the well going live.

City Engineer Hardy noted that during the Highway 85 overlay project, the pavement sensor at the Summit traffic light was damaged. He reported that the State will be installing a new sensor to correct the issue, which is why the lights are currently covered and not operational.

The next City Council meeting will be September 1 at 6 p.m.



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.

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 Writers

The Belle Fourche Writers will hold their regular monthly meeting on Saturday, September 20 at the Belle Fourche Public Library from 10 AM to noon. Anyone interested in writing, regardless of background or experience is invited to attend.



(Center) **The PooterQ** food truck was on hand to provide lunch; (above) **Tommy the Turtle** with **SD Office of Emergency Management** was on hand in Herrmann Park to meet kids. (Below) **Bureau of Reclamation & Butte County Sheriff office** had booths at he safety event. Longbrake Photos



Family Fun Day: Nanny Goats and Billy Goats

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BELLE FOURCHE—It was an exciting day for the people that showed up for the August Family Fun Day at the Tri-State Museum on August 17.

The theme for this month was "Nanny Goats and Billy Goats," and kids got to learn about goats with two informa-

tive videos, crafts, and most importantly, interaction with a friendly goat that the Allart family generously donated for the day.

The children enjoyed petting and feeding the goat!

Family Fun Days are held on the third Sunday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. Each Family Fun Day has a specific

topic and typically includes a video or presentation, crafts, activities, a free take-home packet and a book drawing.

Admission to the Family Fun Day is \$2 per person. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling 605-723-1200.

The next Family Fun Day will be October 19 with the theme



(Above) Kids got to interact with the Allart family's pet goat. (L) Making a pink goat was her craft. (C) The book winner this month was Paige. She got to take home a book about goats! Courtesy photos

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New Chapter Begins After 28 Years at Pete's Clothing

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BELLE FOURCHE—Last week brought a bittersweet send off for a long-time employee of Pete's Clothing and Western Wear, when the store hosted a going away party for Shannon Davis on August 21.

At the young age of 21, Davis began working for Pete's, and for most of those years it has been her main workplace. "It has been my only job for 28 years—well I guess I should say that, because I waited tables for Todd at the Prime Time and American West off and on—but this has been my main full-time job," she shared.

During the number of years that she has worked there, Davis worked her way up the ladder. She started as a sales clerk, and is leaving a Manager.

Staying at Pete's for the past 28 years was an easy decision for Davis. "I absolutely loved it. I loved everything about it. I loved the people, I loved clothes, I loved the interactions I had—I've been blessed," Davis explained. "I had the world's best bosses! I loved the people, and I truly loved what I did! Everything, every day was different—I got to meet new people, the people I met became my friends and my family! I just truly loved what I did!"

After waking up and going to work at the same place year after year, it will take some time for Davis to get used to changing that routine. "It's going to feel really weird, it's going to feel really strange—it's going to be very bittersweet," said Davis.

As that chapter of her life comes to an end for Davis, a new one starts. And for her it starts immediately! "I'm moving this weekend and then I start my new job on Tuesday," she said. Her new job will take her to an office setting as she will be a Customer Service Representative at Dakota Bank



Shannon Davis being handcuffed to prevent from leaving by Belle Police officer Eddy. *Courtesy Photo*



Shannon Davis and friend Chad (maybe a reason she's moving?) *Courtesy Photo*

in Bison.

Davis has two grown children that both graduated from Belle Fourche High School.

As she leaves the area, Davis knows she will miss it—perhaps some things more than others. "I'm going to

miss my bosses and I'm going to miss my customers," shared Davis.

"My co-workers are fantastic—she's more like a sister than a co-worker! I'm gonna miss my family here at the store."



A Belle Fourche resident visiting the Southern Hills attended the **Fall River Hot Air Balloon Festival** and shared these photos. Unfortunately wind conditions were strong enough to cause cancellation of the early morning launch. *Courtesy photos*



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Cattle Report - Friday, August 22, 2025

Yrags unbelievably dollars higher again today!
Lots of demand for yearlings!

Next Sale - Aug. 29th - Yrig & Fall Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle - 10:30 AM
Thank you for marketing with St Onge Livestock!

Feeder Cattle					
Semieck Ranch Resources, Llc, Moorcroft WY	12	Blk	Str	1021	\$332.00
Semieck Ranch Resources, Llc, Moorcroft WY	63	Blk	Str	934	\$360.00
Turkey Track Livestock, Ekalaka MT	114	Bld	Hfr	878	\$347.50
Turkey Track Livestock, Ekalaka MT	15	Blk	Hfr	833	\$349.25
Hammi, Don Robert, Rozet WY	28	Blk	Hfr	972	\$329.25
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	17	Blk	Hfr	837	\$349.50
Millers Crow Creek Ranch Llc, Spearfish SD	15	Blk	Hfr	1059	\$296.00
Pleasant Valley Cattle Co Inc, Sturgis SD	16	Bld	Hfr	912	\$333.50
Scott, David, Owanka SD	11	Blk	Hfr	990	\$296.00
Whalen, Mathew, Aladdin WY	10	Herf	Hfr	776	\$349.50
Weigh Up Cows					
Arthur, Leandra, Piedmont SD	2	B/R	Cow	1702	\$168.00
Aurand, Jeremiah, Sturgis SD	1	Red	Cow	810	\$145.00
Bordhgrevink Livestock, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk	Cow	1750	\$169.00
Floyd, Chason Or Jeska, Buffalo SD	6	Bld	Cow	1558	\$174.50
Garman, Wayne Or Dixie, Sundance WY	1	Blk	Cow	1240	\$152.00
Grant, Michael R, Whitehead SD	1	Blk	Hfr	1095	\$245.00
Guy Castael Livestock Llc, Newell SD	1	Red	Hfr	1140	\$222.50
Guy Castael Livestock Llc, Newell SD	1	Blk	Cwette	1080	\$185.00
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD	7	Bld	Cow	1575	\$174.00
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD	1	Blk	Cow	1320	\$168.00
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD	1	Bld	Cow	1525	\$167.50
Lehrkamp, Michael C Or Joleen M, Caputa SD	1	Blk	Hfr	1095	\$241.00
Lehrkamp, Michael C Or Joleen M, Caputa SD	4	Blk	Cow	1395	\$157.50
Lehrkamp, Michael C Or Joleen M, Caputa SD	1	Blk	Cow	1500	\$155.00
Maass Enterprises, Hot Springs SD	1	Blk	Cow	1410	\$156.00
O Dea, Marty, Edgemont SD	1	Blk	Cow	1305	\$174.00
Olson, Sandy, Newell SD	1	Red	Cow	1315	\$165.50
Rhorer, Travis, Rozet WY	2	B/R	Cow	1737	\$165.00
Schmidt, Ray Or Deb, Upton WY	2	Herf	Hfr	1100	\$215.00
Semieck Ranch Resources, Llc, Moorcroft WY	1	Blk	Cwette	1220	\$182.00
Semieck Ranch Resources, Llc, Moorcroft WY	1	Blk	Cow	1670	\$168.00
Spyglass Enterprise, Moorcroft WY	1	Red	Hfr	1050	\$236.00
Spyglass Enterprise, Moorcroft WY	1	Red	Hfr	1005	\$230.00
Spyglass Enterprise, Moorcroft WY	1	Red	Cow	1320	\$166.00
Vetter, Tracy, Belle Fourche SD	1		Cow	1425	\$172.00
Vetter, Tracy, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk	Cow	1265	\$157.00
Warner, Adam Or Lynn, Rozet WY	1	Blk	Cow	1095	\$171.00
Weigh Up Bulls					
Bauder, Trena, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Bull	1945	\$222.50
Baumgarten, Bill, Rapid City SD	1	Blk	Bull	2115	\$190.00
Baumgarten, Bill, Rapid City SD	1	Blk	Bull	1745	\$167.50
Birkey, Brian, Osage WY	1	Blk	Bull	2095	\$195.00
Birkey, Brian, Osage WY	1	Blk	Bull	2075	\$187.50
Brown, Kyle Or Shannon, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Bull	1615	\$210.00
Cammack, Randy Or Mary Ellen, Sturgis SD	1	Herf	Bull	2085	\$203.50
Cammack, Randy Or Mary Ellen, Sturgis SD	1	Herf	Bull	1675	\$187.50
Carlisle, Bill, Ekalaka MT	1		Bull	2110	\$187.50
Carlisle, Bill, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk	Bull	1965	\$197.50
Deer Creek Livestock Llc, Moorcroft WY	3	Blk	Bull	1110	\$252.50
Dennis, Robert, Red Owl SD	1	Blk	Bull	1115	\$252.50
Gay Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Bull	1895	\$200.00
Gay Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Bull	1835	\$208.00
Gay Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Bull	1800	\$180.00
Greiner, Joe Or Renee, Olive MT	2	Blk	Bull	1567	\$187.50
Greiner, Joe Or Renee, Olive MT	1	Blk	Bull	1460	\$187.50
Greiner, Joe Or Renee, Olive MT	1	Blk	Bull	1100	\$265.00
Greiner, Joe Or Renee, Olive MT	5	Blk	Bull	1063	\$279.00
Grant, Michael R, Whitehead SD	1	Blk	Bull	1035	\$269.00
Jordan, Austin, Rapid City SD	1	Blk	Bull	2035	\$188.00
Jordan, Austin, Rapid City SD	1	Blk	Bull	1175	\$239.00
Kreutz, Kent, Whitehead SD	1	Blk	Bull	1735	\$197.50
Mans, Shawn, Elm Springs SD	1	Blk	Bull	1650	\$193.50
Perit, Keith, Piedmont SD	1	Blk	Bull	960	\$245.00
Reindl, Kevin, Custer SD	1	Blk	Bull	1790	\$210.00
Semieck Ranch Resources, Llc, Moorcroft WY	1	Blk	Bull	1705	\$207.50
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	1	Blk	Bull	1480	\$165.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	1	Blk	Bull	1255	\$212.50
Talbot, Duane, Hammond MT	1	Blk	Bull	1880	\$192.00
Tetrault, Thane, St Onge SD	1	Red	Bull	1965	\$207.50
Tetrault, Tim Or Ronnie, St Onge SD	1	Red	Bull	2320	\$184.00
Waizeker, Jeffery & Erika, Moorcroft WY	1	Blk	Bull	1215	\$221.00
Wood, James R & Teresa G, Moorcroft WY	2	Blk	Bull	1255	\$191.00
Wood, James R & Teresa G, Moorcroft WY	5	Blk	Bull	1081	\$275.00

Friday, August 29, 2025 Yearling and Fall Calf Special

10:30 AM - Weigh Up Cows, 12 Noon - Feeder Cattle
Followed by Bred Cows

Feeder Cattle

Grubbing Hoe Ranch - 30 Blk & Bldy Strs - 900#

St Onge Livestock Consignors for Big Horn Classic Cattle Report

Consignor	HD#	Sex	Weight	Price	Vac Prog.	Delivery Date
Swalek Farms	130	Feeder Strs	950	\$337.00		10.05-10.10
Swalek Farms	215	Feeder Strs	950	\$339.00		10.15-10.20
Dead Horse Creek Cattle Co	260	Strs	450	\$537.50	Vac 34+	12.08-12.15
Dead Horse Creek Cattle Co	120	Wind Strs	500	\$537.00	Vac 34+	12.08-12.15
Roger Theobald	210	Strs	550	\$492.50		10.13-10.15
Roger Theobald	110	Hfrs	485	\$460.00		10.13-10.15
Shannon Ranch LLC	115	Strs	510	\$483.00	Vac 34/Nat+	10.27-11.10
Shannon Ranch LLC	115	Hfrs	490	\$455.00	Vac 34/Nat+	10.27-11.10
The 1200 Ranch	90	Strs	610	\$446.00	Vac 34+	11.11-11.11
The 1200 Ranch	50	Strs	510	\$492.00	Vac 34+	11.11-11.11
The 1200 Ranch	50	Hfrs	525	\$472.00	Vac 34+	11.11-11.11

2025 CATTLE SALES

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.
THE BROADUS RECEIVING STATION IS TAKING CATTLE EVERY THURSDAY FOR OUR SALES ON FRIDAY. You can drop your cattle off every Thursday by 3pm. You pay receiving station fee of \$3 per head & \$2.50/cwt for trucking. For more information, call Tyler or Brandy Escott at 406-421-5579 or 406-951-1666 or Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259.

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Sheep Report - Thursday, August 21, 2025

Lamb market sold steady to \$5 higher
Slaughter Ewes sold \$15 To \$20 higher

Next Sale - August 28th - Feeder Lamb Special - selling all classes of sheep & goats
Thank you for your business!

New Crop Lambs

Anderson, Bill, Nisland SD	15	Lamb	50	\$280.00
Anderson, Bill, Nisland SD	76	Lamb	70	\$232.00
Anderson, Brenda, Custer SD	10	Lamb	67	\$230.00
Askin, Kirk, Broadus MT	34	Lamb	113	\$199.00
Bomtreger, David, Forsyth MT	18	Lamb	105	\$205.00
Bomtreger, Levi, Forsyth MT	23	Lamb	130	\$193.00
Brewer, Ben, Broadus MT	27	Lamb	78	\$221.00
Fior, Mike, Beach ND	29	Lamb	74	\$220.00
Gilroy, Robert, Rozet WY	63	Lamb	85	\$209.00
Kizian, Josh & Heather, Nisland SD	29	Lamb	95	\$202.00
Peterson, Zack & Lacy, Fruitdale SD	13	Lamb	76	\$221.00
Richter, Cathy, Buffalo SD	69	Lamb	105	\$206.00
Strohschein, Mick Or Anita, Newell SD	10	Lamb	55	\$250.00
Strohschein, Mick Or Anita, Newell SD	27	Lamb	74	\$227.00
TJ Livestock & Equipment, Douglas WY	44	Lamb	101	\$199.00

Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head

Bomtreger, David, Forsyth MT	12	Yrig	152	\$290.00
Anderson, Brenda, Custer SD	14	3-Sid	171	\$215.00
TJ Livestock & Equipment, Douglas WY	77	S-Brk	158	\$180.00

Slaughter Ewes

Charles Carter Inc, Broadus MT	12	K Ewe	187	\$109.00
Charles Carter Inc, Broadus MT	6	K Ewe	168	\$103.00
J3 Enterprises, Belle Fourche SD	8	K Ewe	153	\$103.00
J3 Enterprises, Belle Fourche SD	17	K Ewe	145	\$89.00
Pond, Andrew & Susie, Recluse WY	12	K Ewe	184	\$109.00
Strohschein, Mick Or Anita, Newell SD	9	K Ewe	130	\$89.00
TJ Livestock & Equipment, Douglas WY	4	K Ewe	142	\$103.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Regular Sheep Sale 1:00 PM

FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL

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Please have animals in by 10:00 AM

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2025 SHEEP SALES

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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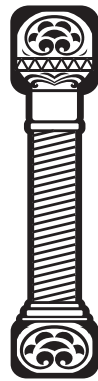
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124 years ago THE TIMES August 31, 1901

by Mary Buchholz

100 years ago
The Northwest Post
September 3, 1925
PICKLE CROPS VALUABLE Cash Return Per Acre Promises Larger Than Anticipated by Growers

SPECIAL TAX ON DEALERS GASOLINE UNCONSTITUTIONAL Pierre, S.D. Aug. 29 - The provisions of Chapter 229 of the 1925 session laws, imposing of \$5 license on all dealers in motor vehicle fuel was held unconstitutional, as being in contravention of interstate commerce, in an opinion handed down by the supreme court today in the case of Standard Oil Co. vs. E. A. Jones, state auditor. The law provided that every dealer must pay a \$5 tax on July 1 of each year, the proceeds being appropriated to the state auditor's office for the enforcement of the gasoline tax law. An additional purpose of the law was to provide a means of ready enforcement of the gasoline tax, as no license could be issued to paying the 3 cent gasoline tax, and the license might be cancelled at any time whenever a dealer became delinquent in paying this tax. In the opinion the court said in part: If the \$5 tax be an occupation tax, we think it is discriminatory as between dealers in gasoline in the broader sense. With the introduction and use of motor vehicles have come the filling and distributing stations and garages, with gasoline tanks and pumps designed to sell gasoline at retail especially to motorists. Anyone operating a filling station is as much a dealer in the true sense of the word when he buys his gasoline of an importer as when he buys his gasoline of a refiner and imports it. It is unfair and discriminatory to require one dealer to pay an occupation tax while another in competition with him, doing indifferently the same business, with no difference excepting the person from whom he buys his product at wholesale, is not required to do so.

TOWN PROPERTY CHANGING HANDS During the past week several residence properties have changed hands in Belle Fourche, which may be taken as an indication that conditions are "looking up." Clerk of Courts A. W. Burkholder has become the owner of the residence on Sundance Hill which he has occupied with his family for the past several years. The former owner was Miss Susie Bird, now a resident of California. Earl Wilson has

become the owner of the C. S. Hall residence in the south part of town, just vacated by Mr. Hall and family, who have moved to Pierre. Jack Reddick, who moved from Nisland with his family last week, has purchased the resident property in the south part of town, formerly owned by Miss Jennie O'Connor. Assistant Postmaster R. B. Kirkham will quit paying rent in a short time, having purchased the Charles Lovinger property, now occupied by Dr. Champney, and he will move his home in about a month. Vic Pattinson has purchased the Chamberlain property in the west part of town.

75 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
August 31, 1950
Reds Repulsed After Bad Day at Pohang Tokyo, Aug. 30 - Everything seemed to go wrong for the allies in the fight for Pohang today. But it came out all right tonight - with the important port city and its valuable airfield still in United Nations hands. After a four-day battle, the communists were battered and beaten in their attempt to move in on east coast city from the west. Now they're pushing anew drive from positions 2 1/2 miles north - with South Korean defenders holding firm at last report. It was a heartening victory over heavy odds for the allies west of Pohang. In the first place, the estimated 25,000 communists on the front out-numbered the Americans and South Koreans three to one. To make matters worse, fear and confusion threatened time after time to lose the day for our side. United Press Correspondent Robert Bennyhoff, at the front, says this is the way it went.

Pearson Services To Be Held Today Funeral services will be held here this afternoon for Julian H. Pearson, 81 year-old Belle Fourche resident who died at his home Tuesday. Rites will be held at 2 p.m. today from the Episcopal church here, with Rev. Stuart Frazier officiating. Burial is to take place in Pineslope cemetery under direction of the Frost and Son Funeral home. Pearson had lived in the Tri-State area since 1893 and in Belle Fourche since 1897. He is survived by Mrs. Pearson, four daughters and two sons.

Clarkson Named To Hospital Board E. W. Clarkson has been named to the board of trustees of the John Burns Memorial hospital, it was announced yesterday by President R. I.

Howlett. Clarkson, whose appointment becomes effective immediately, will replace E. E. Edmondson, who resigned following his transfer to the management of a J. C. Penney store at Sidney, Mont. Other members of the hospital board include, in addition to Howlett, Gene Sly, Herman Ripperger, K. L. Arthur, R. A. Smiley and George C. Johnson. Dr. J. H. Davis is the board's medical advisor.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
September 3, 1975
Nisland Appraisal Almost Finished Most of the field work in the current re-appraisal of property at Nisland should be completed by Sept. 5, it was announced Tuesday by Larry L. Christiansen, director of equalization. Christiansen says he hopes field work can begin in Fruitdale sometime during the third full week of this month. After the field appraisals are completed and all appraisal cards are finished in the three communities. Under most situations, it is not necessary to enter buildings during the review, said the director.

Rites Tuesday For Mary Larson Funeral services were held here Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Mary I. Larson, 81, long-time Belle Fourche area resident, who died Aug. 29 at the John Burns Memorial Hospital. Rev. Sam Cushing officiated at the rites, which were held at the Frost and Sons Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Pineslope Cemetery. Mary I. Larson was born May 3, 1894 in Chicago, the daughter of Fred and Margeret Sanborn. She moved with her parents to South Dakota in 1909 and the family lived north of Belle Fourche. She was married at Deadwood Aug. 4 1915 to James Larson of the Fruitdale area. The couple ranched north of Belle Fourche. When Larson died in 1953, she moved to Belle Fourche but continued active in ranching until her death. She was a member of the National CowBelles, National Stockmen and Society of Black Hills Pioneers. Surviving are: one daughter Mrs. ary (Isabel) Scheele, Belle Fourche; three grand-daughters - Mrs. John (Rita) Morris, Buffalo, Wyo.; Mrs. Lyle (Charlotte) Gruble, Rapid City; Mrs. Robert (Barbara) Chyba, West Bend, Wis.; one grandson, Jim Scheele, Belle Fourche; seven great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

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Capitol News
August 24, 2025
by Karen Odell

Things seem calm and quiet at Capitol and on Tie Creek after the two weeks of fair. First the Ekalaka fair kept people busy, and then, the Camp Crook fair kept them busy again the next week. The rest of the time many people are still working in the hay fields, with an abundance of hay, after a few years of drought. Thoughts of the dry years are still in our minds, so we want to save as much hay as we can in a good year like this one.

Dick and Erma Albert made their Monday trip to the Hills for shopping. On Tuesday, they both went to bingo at the Senior Center. Erma won one of the prizes. A storm came through Buffalo late during the night early in the week. There was a huge flash of lightning and a shocking boom of thunder, that woke them both, and switched off a breaker to their house, so that some of the plugs and lights didn't work. Then on Wednesday, Erma had a chiropractor's appointment in Buffalo. There were about twenty-five people who joined in the Senior Citizen dinner on Friday. Dick and Erma were there, and then Erma stayed to play cards in the afternoon, and won one game there, too. On Sunday, they went to church at the Catholic Church, where lots of people had gathered for mass. Then they joined the Helms family for lunch at Saloon Number Three.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell had a hunter last week for archery antelope season. That hunter, from Minot, got his antelope and left early in the week. Then four hunters from Wisconsin came on Saturday, and they are also archery antelope hunters. Charlie Casteel has been ramrodding the effort to haul bales home from the Horton place. He finished that job and is now moving bales home from the Yates place. A big rain came early in the week, that reached Camp Crook and Tie Creek, but only a little reached south to Alvin and Marlee's. Alvin and his hunter had been to Mark Baier's place, but decided the hunting would be better in a drier area. Eric Loken had gotten a half-inch in Camp Crook. Ryan Cordell has grown a nice field of corn up on Tie Creek and hasn't even had to do much watering. On Sunday evening, Alvin and Marlee went in to the Corner Bar, for supper.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson have finally gotten a flock of mosquitoes to contend with. During the fair, the mosquitoes were not noticeable, but now they have discovered dogs, cats and people make a good lunch, in Camp Crook. Lynn and Linda Matthews, made a trip to Bowman to the beauty parlor, this week. The Little Missouri Church was full for the Sunday service, with sixteen kids for Sunday school.

Rachel and Shirley Melum made a trip to Ekalaka on Wednesday, for Shirley's doctor's appointment. Ernie, Rachel, and Tommy visited at Junior and Shirley's on Saturday evening.

The Padden and Brewer families took campers to Ft. Peck for a weekend of fishing. It is an annual event, and they took campers up to the dam on the Missouri River. The weather was cool and beautiful, and they caught more fish than they had ever caught there before. Dorothy's nephew, Donny and Lynn Brewer, and other Brewer relatives were there, too. The food, weather, and visiting were great. Brenton Padden had already headed to Watertown, last week, to start college classes at Lake Area Technical College. Dawn has had a weekend without her camera, but with school started, she will be on the road again.

Ronda Cordell had said she wasn't going to take any exhibits to the fairs, this year, but her late-planted garden, and her flowers, had produced a few exhibits. She got to the Old Timer's Picnic, just as the food was beginning to be put away, but there still was plenty to eat. Shirley Blake, Alfreda Davis, Dorothy Padden and Ronda visited until the hall had nearly cleared out. On Saturday afternoon, Ronda went in to look at exhibits, and watch Darby, who was playing on one of the 3 on 3 basketball tournament teams. She watched the 4-H dog show, went to the museum, attended the Free Barbecue, and stayed to hear the dance band play their first song, before heading home in the rain. On Sunday, she went to the parade and watermelon eating contest. Then she looked at Darby and Abby Zolnoski's exhibits. Both girls had won lots of ribbons and Best of Show with their decorated cake and cupcakes. Ronda spent the afternoon visiting, until exhibits were released. She went to Ekalaka on Monday, and to Spearfish to the Chiropractor on Tuesday. Clint Zolnoski had swathed most of the millet. With this week's high temperatures, and ups and downs of the weather, it will need to have nitrates tests done.

Chancey Odell and Megan spent Saturday evening at the Tanya Tucker concert at the Central States Fair in Rapid City. Karen Odell got in three good days of mowing, this week. Some sunflowers were big enough to be cut with tree trimmers, but she could use her weed-eater and her John Deere for much of it. There was a nice rain of about half-inch, one night, and it was one-hundred degrees on Wednesday, but then, the cool air moved in and made it great to be outside. She visited at Chancey Odell and Megan's on Saturday. Karen's grandchildren, Kenna and Carson Odell, have started to school at Mitchell High School again, and Kellan has moved to Mount Marty College to begin classes there. Micki Odell and Jesse's family, in Washington, spent the weekend camping in the mountains, because Washington doesn't start school until after Labor Day. It is a good thing that they are not in a hot classroom, because they had one-hundred degree weather too, this week, which is very unusual for the northwestern coast. Kyia Smith, in Minnesota, still has a couple of weeks before her school starts, too.

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Central Meade County News



By Sandy Rhoden
August 24, 2025

We continue to be amazed and the great moisture we received last week and the green prairies we have been blessed with this August. Prayers for moisture and good crops this year have been answered.

School is in full swing here in Meade 46-1 as we watch our little ones grow up all too fast.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden spent last week in London, England and then Dublin, Ireland on a South Dakota Trade Mission. While the Governor took the lead at each of the many meetings, Les Shaw had a part in this mission. Les and Ann Shaw were there representing cattle producers from South Dakota to encourage trade and promoting our excellent South Dakota beef. Our secretary of Ag & Natural Resources, Hunter Roberts, along with our Commissioner of Economic Development, Bill Even, were also spokesmen for South Dakota Trade. Jesse Fonkert is the CEO and Exec. Director of South Dakota Trade and all did an

exceptional job of representing us over seas. It was quite unique to be in Ireland where most of us had some strong Irish heritage. The Shaws and the Rhodens (Murphy & Murphy) had especially strong ties. Meetings were many and breaks were few, but it was a very educational trip taken with a wonderful group of people. One may refer to FB pages SD Trade and Governor Larry Rhoden.

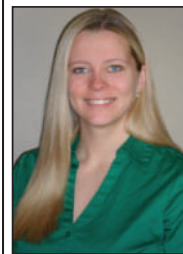
While we were gone we heard of some sad news that Francie Sanders had passed away. She passed quietly with her son holding her hand. Francie will remain in our memories with a smile on her face, a twinkle in her eye, and a comment that would tickle your funny bone. She was a joy to all who knew her. Our condolences go out to her children and family members as well as her close friends Karen Speed, Shirley Baker and others. Another friend and fellow teacher who passed was Norma (Johnston) Pellegrin of New Underwood. Norma is remembered

as someone who absolutely loved and cherished her family and grandchildren. She has a great sense of humor and a distinct laugh that I will always remember. She could have a great time just doing the simple things in life. Norma will be missed by all who knew her. Services for Norma will be at Elm Springs. Please refer to the funeral home or family for correct details.

It is a good time to take into account the many people we are blessed to have as family and friends, and to reach out to each one to let them know how much they mean to us. Have a wonderful and blessed week.

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	45	Black-Hfr	718	369.00	\$2,648.19
Shane Finn, Nisland SD	70	Red-Yrfg Hfr	910	326.50	\$2,969.75
	21	Red-Yrfg Hfr	821	336.00	\$2,759.20
	12	Red-Yrfg Str	992	330.00	\$3,273.87

Matt Or Donna Perino, Newcastle WY	7	Bk/Rd/Ch-Yrfg Str	814	360.00	\$2,928.85
	16	Char/Blk-Yrfg Hfr	805	342.00	\$2,753.10
Joe Fortner, Biddle MT	27	Black-Yrfg Hfr	842	343.50	\$2,892.39
Houck Ranch, Wibaux MT	12	Char/Blk-Yrfg Str	893	382.50	\$2,650.40
Barb Or Byron Davis, Belle Fourche SD	5	Red-Yrfg Hfr	811	349.00	\$2,830.39
Bar 69 Ranch, Belle Fourche, SD	8	Black-Yrfg Hfr	1088	303.00	\$3,297.01
X Heart Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	3	Bwf-Yrfg Hfr	978	316.00	\$3,091.53
Haier Enterprise Inc, Spearfish SD	7	Black-Yrfg Hfr	959	327.50	\$3,139.32
Brad Severson, Vale SD	7	Red-Yrfg Hfr	933	338.50	\$3,157.72

WEIGH-UPS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Shawn Stinton, Spearfish SD	1	Black-Cow	1440	171.00	\$2,462.40
Deer Track Ranch Llc, Gillette WY	1	Black-Cow	1625	168.00	\$2,730.00
	1	Black-Cow	1380	167.50	\$2,311.50

Justin & Heather Edwards, Wright WY	1	Black-Cow	1510	167.50	\$2,529.25
	1	Black-Cow	1420	170.00	\$2,414.00

Guy Casteel Livestock Llc, Newell SD	8	Rd/Blk-Hfr	1137	224.50	\$2,552.28
Bill Roadfifer, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Cow	1505	168.50	\$2,535.92
	1	Black-Hfr	1110	215.00	\$2,386.50

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Glenn L Clabaugh Rev Trust, Gillette WY	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	2270	220.00	\$4,994.00
	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	2325	205.00	\$4,766.25
	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	2210	195.00	\$4,309.50

Dan Or Mary J Zimmerschied, Carille WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1680	212.50	\$3,570.00
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1840	227.50	\$4,186.00
Dan Patton, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1945	207.50	\$4,035.87

Josh Nixon, Alzada MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1785	220.00	\$3,927.00
4 Lazy 3 Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1940	215.00	\$4,171.00
Mike E Malenovsky, Ekalaka MT	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	1885	212.50	\$4,005.62

Moncur Family Partnership, Belle Fourche S	1	Hfr-Bull Drug Free	1840	217.50	\$4,002.00
Dale Moncur, Belle Fourche SD	1	Hfr-Bull Drug Free	2135	205.00	\$4,376.75
Lester Aye, Broadus MT	1	Hfr-Bull Drug Free	2280	195.50	\$4,457.40

	1	Hfr-Bull Drug Free	2135	207.50	\$4,430.12
Justin & Heather Edwards, Wright WY	1	Hfr-Bull Drug Free	2210	207.50	\$4,585.75
Otto Schlosser, Hulett WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1790	207.50	\$3,714.25

	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2010	210.00	\$4,221.00
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September 25, 2025	YEARLING & SPRING CALF SPECIAL - SELLING ALL CLASSES
October 2, 2025	YEARLING & SPRING CALF SPECIAL - WEIGH-UPS @ 10 AM MT, FEEDER CATTLE @ 12 PM MT
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1903 Reader's Theatre Presents Your Friend, Ida

Robbi Longbrake

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BELLE FOURCHE—A full house gathered at the Tri-State Museum to watch a local cast of seven perform an original play, Your Friend, Ida for the 1903 Reader's Theatre on August 22 and 23.

Once again, Kristi Thielen, Museum Director and Playwright, delivered a witty, entertaining, original play set in the Belle Fourche area in the year 1958. It centered around a radio show host, Ida, and the day-to-day events of two groups

of female friends and the impact the radio show had on their daily lives.

The play is based on the original radio show called My Neighbor Lady which featured Wynn Speece as the host. The show ran for over 60 years and it was based out of Yankton.

To write the play Thielen had to spend time researching and understanding the impact of Speece's show. "I read all of her books. The recipes and the household tips that you hear in the script come from her books—so those are actual

recipes and tips," she explained.

Even though she has written many plays, Thielen still finds joy in watching her plays performed. She said, "I've been writing for a long time and it never stops being fun to see what people respond to."

Having written the play just a month ago, Thielen had it ready in plenty of time for the cast to be selected and spend five days getting together and rehearsing it for the two-day performance. The cast is Bobby Ward as Dorothy Jorgenson, Joan Gerkin as Helen

Wurtz, Lynnea Luebben as Betty Fisher, Angela Hastings as Ida De Malignon, Patrick Luebben as Nick Abernathy, Colleen Anderson as Pearl Schumacher, and Sheila West as Maxine Zimmerman.

The play featured a vintage console radio that stood prominently in the center of the set. It was loaned to the museum for the play by Deb and Donald Elliott.

A nominal fee of \$2.00 was charged to those without a museum membership and refreshments were served.

After the show—a special treat for those that enjoyed the program and wanted to learn more about Speece—the audience was encouraged to browse through a collection of books published by Speece and My Neighbor Lady that were filled with recipes and letters sent in from listeners. Angela Hastings gathered and shared the booklets.

The next theater production at the Tri-State Museum will be performed by the Tri-State Performers during Pumpkin fest in October.



(clockwise from above): Joan Gerkin as Helen Wurtz consoles Lynnea Luebbens as Betty Fisher; At the end of the show, the actors took turns taking a bow. From left: Joan Gerkin, Bobbe Ward, Lynne Luebben, Patrick Luebben and Angela Hastings; After coming off a successful stage performance, Bobbe Ward gets congratulations and hugs; Colleen Anderson as Pearl Schumacher and Sheila West as Maxine Zimmerman; Angela Hastings as Ida De Malignon and Patrick Luebben as Nick Abernathy have a discussion by the big beautiful radio. Longbrake Photos

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Ag Day Celebrates Western South Dakota's Agricultural Roots

Community gathers Sept. 27 to honor the heart of local heritage

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Taking place Saturday, September 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Belle Fourche Roundup Grounds, this free community event is hosted by the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce and proudly sponsored by Wolff's Plumbing and Heating.

Ag Day is more than just a showcase—it's a celebration of the men and women who work the land, raise livestock, and contribute to the deeply rooted ag traditions that shape life in Butte County and beyond. From rugged ranchers to flower farmers, the event brings together a diverse mix of agricultural producers who embody the spirit and innovation of the region.

"Ag Day is about connection," said a spokesperson from the Chamber. "It's a way for the

public to see firsthand the dedication behind our food, our landscapes, and our economy. It's part educational, part celebration—and a whole lot of fun."

Visitors can expect everything from modern farming equipment displays to local artisan goods, educational speakers, and booths highlighting unique farm operations across the region. Whether you're curious about cattle or captivated by sunflowers, there's something for all ages to enjoy.

The event is open to everyone, and families are especially encouraged to attend. Ag Day offers a rare opportunity to talk directly with local producers, learn about the challenges and triumphs of agricultural life, and celebrate a culture that has defined the area for generations.

For more information, visit the Ag Day event page on Facebook or call the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce at 605-892-2676.

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NEWELL—The Newell Board of Commissioners held its monthly meeting on August 11 at 5 p.m. The Economic Development Committee reported that there is a meeting scheduled for August 20 at 6 p.m. to be held at City Hall. Commissioner Clausen made a motion to waive the rental fee for this meeting; the motion carried.

Sabrina Harmon gave an update as well as information on moving the WIT office from the school to Newell Christian Fellowship.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Tara Tennis gave an update regarding the road grader—more repairs are needed.

Several nuisance violations were discussed. Motions were

made to approve taking legal action on 313 3rd Street and Amherst Avenue (lots 3, 4, 5, 6, addition 1601); issuing fines on pet violations at 114 S. Fisk Avenue; sending a nuisance letter regarding licensing camper; and moving forward with action on 203 Ash Street. All motions carried.

Building permits were approved for 120 Harvard and 218 Dartmouth Avenue.

Mayor Tennis, Finance Officer Larson and Commissioner Mackaben will attend the SDML Annual Conference in Pierre.

Commissioner Mackaben made a motion to donate \$500 to the Newell Fire Department for operating the beer tent at the Rodeo Grounds for Labor Day. The motion carried.

There was brief discussion on the possibility of a holding

facility for animals, as well as attendance to the LEPC Safety Day in Belle Fourche on August 23.

Citizens expressed concern about a metal plate protruding along the sidewalk. There was also a complaint about one of the properties on 3rd Street, and a suggestion and discussion about branch pickup.

The Board went into executive session to discuss personnel 1-25-2(1) at 6:18 p.m. Mayor Tennis declared to return to regular session at 6:32 p.m. with no action taken.

Commissioners discussed a public disturbance issue, as well as the next branch pickup.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. The next regular Commissioner meeting will be September 8 at 5 p.m.

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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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We got a little sprinkle of rain here last Monday morning when Reub was headed out to spray weeds at the Horse Creek pasture, but he ran into a lot more rain with muddy roads as he drove north so he turned around and came home before taking a chance of getting stuck.

There are more deaths to report: Alvin Heggen, 69, formerly from Camp Crook, passed away at home in Huber Heights, Ohio, on August 5. His funeral service was at the Way of the Cross Church in Huber Heights on August 20. He was laid to rest in the Dayton National Cemetery with military honors.

Loren Weishaar, age 63 of Belle Fourche and formerly from Sorum, died Saturday, August 16, at the Monument Health Rapid City Hospital. No services will be held. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

Philip Resner, age 86, of Hettinger, passed away on Tuesday, August 19 at the West

River Regional Medical Center in Hettinger. Per his wishes, no formal services will be held at this time.

These families have our sympathy.

It was pretty hot on Tuesday when Reub went up to spray weeds at the Horse Creek pasture and these guys took Copper and Knox with them to work cows up there with a bunch of neighbors that came to help. In this ranch community, we can always count on neighbors helping neighbors. The guys came home before Reub, who didn't get home until 3:00 for lunch.

It was 100 degrees on Wednesday, which was the first day of school in Buffalo. Amanda took Copper, Knox and River Lu to school that morning and it was River's first day of kindergarten. After they got home that afternoon, River told me that school was really fun and she wants to go again! Reub and I took his side-by-side up to John Brown in Reeder to get it fixed that morning and then went over to Hettinger to have lunch at the American Legion. Randy Holden

was eating there and we had a good visit about things south of Prairie City a long time ago. After eating lunch we drove out to Missy's Aunt Sylvia Engle's house south of town to get a bunch of really nice sheets that she was donating to the quilters at Slim Buttes Lutheran Church to use on the back of the quilts they make.

We had to get a bunch of stuff from White Drug and Reub was able to get his squeeze from his cousin Roxie Finck before we left the store. We had a good visit with Bill and Colleen Galbreth at Cenex when we stopped to gas up on the way home. Colleen has a video of one of the Harding County History tours they went on with us and she is going to make a copy of it for me. I can't wait to get that!

We stopped in Reeder on the way home to get some weed spray from Southwest Grain and have coffee and a good visit with the Prairie Pioneers. Diane Sanford gave me a good recipe to get rid of flies while we were at coffee and it really works so I'll share it with you. Mix 2 cups of

sugar, 2 cups of water, 1 cup of apple cider vinegar and 10 drops of Dawn dish soap together and pour into an old 8x10 inch cake pan and set it outside. I made it, set it out on our deck and I've never seen so many dead flies! Wednesday was a fun day for us old folks.

I dumped a quarter inch of rain out of the rain gauge Thursday morning. Copper and Knox went back to school on Thursday but River stayed home because the other half of the kindergartners went to school that day but she was able to go back on Friday. Reub went back up to spray weeds at the Horse Creek pasture that morning and made it home for lunch by 2:30. The guys spent the afternoon getting the two semis and flatbeds fixed up and ready to haul in all the bales into the hay corrals.

Reub was back up spraying weeds again on Friday and got home for lunch about a quarter to 3:00. All three of the kids went to school that day and they stayed in town that evening for the football game against Gettysburg. Everybody on the ranch went to Buffalo for the football game that evening except us old folks and Buffalo won the football game.

Reub was back spraying weeds again on Saturday both here and at the Horse Creek pasture but he doesn't think he'll get all the weeds killed before it freezes. Our home phone quit and I had Taz come up to see what was wrong with it. He found the problem so I have to call Consolidated to come down and fix it for us, so if you've tried to call us and we didn't answer that is the reason.

Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen were gone on Sunday so Casey led the service and Bill Holt gave a wonderful sermon and then Bev Heier and Amanda Schuchard fed us a delicious lunch with coffee and fellowship after church.

With school and sports starting, I'll leave you with this: Junior high sports test

A junior high boy was taking a physical before playing sports at his school. He was given an eye exam like you get from the eye doctor and they put the same sign up on the wall that the eye doctor has you read. They asked the boy to read to them the lowest line he could see. Silence. They asked him again to read the lowest line to them and he said he couldn't because he'd never seen that word before!

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Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

August 26, 1915

Tuesday's passenger was delay A scheme to employ women who have received scientific education for shell making is now forming in the munitions division. The making of munitions is highly technical, and training chemists is badly needed. Many women have studied chemistry for no other reason than school teaching. Their names appear in the Register of Women for War Work. Special departments for women chemists will be created in the factories.

Land Office Registrar J. A. Ross informs us that during the past few weeks there have been more inquiries received at the land office for information regarding Homesteads than for some time previously. These requests are for the rules and regulations regarding homesteads and also land for sale in this locality. Mr. Ross's opinion is that there will be an unprecedented influx of people to either take up land or purchase it.

The latest Ford story is to the effect that a man driving a Ford car lost control of the machine and the blamed thing ran over a man who was crossing the street. The man shook the dust from his clothing and grabbed a boy who was pulling a little red wagon nearby, spanked the little urchin and told him that if he ever ran over him again, he would have him sent to the Reform School.

August 20, 1925

Charles Yoder was on the streets today with Queenie the Beyer Aune prize mare. That's notice enough that the Butte County Fair and the track events are near at hand.

Quite an excitement was occasioned Tuesday evening when a number of automobiles were seen on the bridge near the Riverside School along Horse Creek and parties fearing another automobile accident had occurred went to investigate and found the occasion to be a meeting of the Klan.

Now they are making tractors with big searchlights so that the farmer can plow better at night than by day. The farmer is surprised to be putting in only about 16 hours a day now. By making it possible for him to work all night he may be able to get into the perpetual motion class.

August 22, 1935

A picnic sponsored by the Newell Congregational Church will be held this

coming Sunday at the US Experiment Farm. Sunday School and church members are invited to attend. Plans are to meet at the church at 10:00 AM and in caravan to the site.

Mrs. Albin Anderson and Mrs. Carl A. Anderson were hostesses to about 37 friends and relatives who gathered at the Albin Anderson home to honor 3 service men on furlough. They were Harold Peterson, Valdemar Dahlquist and Henry Noziska. Delicious refreshments were served after a pleasant afternoon of visiting and storytelling.

August 23, 1945

Maj. John M. Flatten, until Fourth Street has become a popular residential area, Frank Hintze is getting material on the ground for pouring the concrete in the foundation for his new home; in the next block west, Fred Boettger has the foundation ready for his new residence and the super structure soon will be moving up, a substantial garage building is completed on the lot; the George Longpre residence has already assumed its proportions and is being hurried along to completion and William Stolnack has plans for moving a building in from the country and fitting it up for a family home on the lot adjoining the Boettger place on the west.

Our local washerwoman is annoyed by the fast cars on our dusty streets, soiling her clean clothes. She has posted this sign on each side of her wash lines, "Drive slow, big washout ahead."

The OPA announces plans to lower the number of points for many cuts of meat. This action probably will be taken next month. An end to all meat rationing, it is hoped and expected, may take place later this fall.

August 25, 1955

Findlay Construction Co., Sturgis, which built the Butte Electric headquarters in Newell recently, was awarded the contract here for construction of a new office building for the Belle Fourche Irrigation District. The building, which will be of cement block and also include a basement, at a cost of \$15,634, will replace the one destroyed by fire earlier this year.

Kenneth Hale, Black Hills Power & Light, engineer from Rapid City, spent Monday in Newell surveying the company's lines here with local manager Russell Wilson in view of making improve-

ments in same.

Don West, Newell, who has been employed for the past several years as mechanic and attendant at the S&L Service, this week leased and took over management of the Sinclair Service Station along Main Street formally operated by Louis Bosworth as the "Sinco Service" changed name to "Don's Service". West will continue to specialize in Sinclair gasoline, oils and lubricants but would also feature Firestone tires and batteries.

August 19, 1965

A warning to residents of the community to be wary of rattlesnakes was sounded this week by City Police Chief Edward Yoder, after he had been called to the BEC building to kill one such poisonous reptile inside the garage. The rattler killed was 3 feet long and had 6 rattles and a button. Harry Cunningham reported sighting one Tuesday afternoon along the Townsite Lateral in southwest part of town. However, by the time Cunningham was able to secure a weapon, the snake had disappeared. A wider warning was issued to all people when it became apparent, when Harold Sulzbach nearly stepped on a rattler as he was jumping off the combine at the Lee Dutton farm near Vale. To save himself, Harold jumped back on the machine, reassessed the situation and eventually then killed the reptile. It had 7 rattles and 1 button.

A bicycle parking rack has been erected in the Newell Business District, located on the vacant lot just south of the local office of the First National Bank and City Police Edward Yoder urges all people to use same and thus keep bikes off the middle of the sidewalks. Material for the rack was donated by the Newell Lions Club and city employees have built the new facility.

Steven Donnelly, 16-year-old son of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Donnelly, of Newell, had the misfortune to fall into a power saw near New Castle, Wyo, last week where he had been working in the timber. He suffered a cut above the knee which required 22 stitches. He is staying with his sister, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Grenstiner at New Castle.

Mrs. Dave Keil was elected chairman of the Pollyanna Extension Club at a meeting held last Thursday at the home of Mrs. William Smeenk. Thirteen members and 1 guest, Miss Lila Erland

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answered Roll Call. Other officers named to serve with Mrs. Keil were for Vice Chairman Mrs. Robert Miles and Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Rudy Jaskela. It was reported

that the Pollyanna members and Northern Star Clubs will be hostesses for the Annual Council Meeting held in the Fellowship Room of the Congregational Church in Newell.



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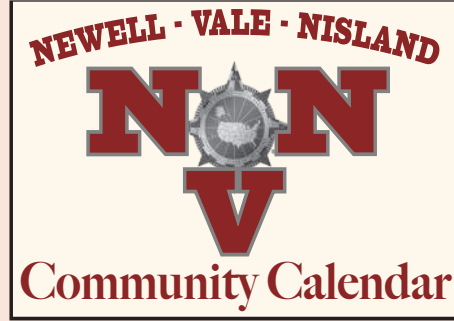
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8) Biscuits & Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Alfredo, Brussel Sprouts, Fruit, Milk	9) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Taco Salad, Peas, Fruit, Milk	10) Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Sloppy Joes, Sweet Potato Fries, Fruit, Milk	11) Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	12) NO SCHOOL
15) Breakfast Egg Rolls, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Patty, Gravy, French Potatoes, Fruit, Milk	16) Bagels, Omelets. Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Salisbury Steaks, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Buns, Mac & Cheese Soup, Fruit, Milk	17) Pancakes, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Nachos, Corn, Fruit, Milk	18) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Flat Bread Wraps with Fresh Veggies, Broccoli Salad, Fruit, Milk	19) 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



BADLANDS CIRCUIT FINALS RODEO RETURNS

Tickets on sale for regional championship for PRCA rodeo

Minot, N.D. (August 25, 2025) – Tickets are on sale for the Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo, to be held October 10-12 in Minot, N.D. at the North Dakota State Fair Center.

The circuit finals rodeo is the culmination of the rodeos in North Dakota and South Dakota and features the top twelve cowboys or cowgirls in each of eight events, who have won the most money over the season.

The Circuit Finals is the best of the best, said Max Wepler, chairman of the Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo. “They’re the best cowboys and cowgirls in North Dakota and South Dakota, plus surrounding states,” he said. “Fans will see top-notch rodeo competition.”

The rodeo will also include high-level entertainment, including rodeo clown Dennis Halstead and announcers Bob Tallman and Garrison Allen.

Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo champions go on to qualify for the NFR Open, held in Colorado Springs in July. Monies earned at circuit finals count towards the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, the PRCA’s world championship event. Last year, the Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo paid out nearly \$250,000 to the winners.

Performances start at 7 pm on Oct. 10-11 and at 1 pm on Oct. 12.

Tickets are \$35 for reserved seating (the five rows closest to the arena floor). General admission tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children ages 2-12.

Tickets can be purchased online at BadlandsCircuitFinalsRodeo.com and at the gate.

For more information, visit the website.



Jason Reiss reaches for a steer at the 2020 *Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo*. Tickets for this year’s circuit finals rodeo are on sale now. Photo by Peggy Gander.

Fact brief: Are SD public schools among the lowest-funded in the nation?

South Dakota spends the seventh-lowest amount per student nationally in the public school system as of 2023.

The state spends \$12,005 per student, about \$2,000 more than the lowest state on the list: Idaho (\$10,247), which is followed by Utah (\$10,333) and Oklahoma (\$11,155).

The data is collected by the U.S. Census Bureau and includes a per-student breakdown of salaries and wages, employee benefits, student support, instructional staff support, general administration and school administration.

The top states for per-student funding are New York (\$30,012) and Vermont (\$26,345).

Regionally, Minnesota spends \$16,117 per student, Iowa, \$13,792 and Nebraska, \$15,200.

In early 2025, the South Dakota Legislature approved an increase of education funding of 1.25%, much lower than average.

Budgets were strained even further when the federal government cut \$25.8 million from the state’s education funding this summer.

This fact brief responds to

conversations such as this one.

Sources

U.S. Census Data Bureau, 2023 per-student funding (Tab 8)

KELO-TV, S.D. educators react to 1.25% education funding increase

South Dakota Searchlight, Schools left ‘scrambling’ after feds withhold \$25.8 million in funding

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High Plains Processing plant nears opening after 24 months of construction

MITCHELL — “Standing there that day on a bare site, there was some dirt work done. I said there’s no way in 24 months they can build a \$500 million processing plant. But I was wrong. They proved me wrong.”

That was the reflection shared by Bruce Haines of the South Dakota Soybean Checkoff at Dakotafest on Wednesday afternoon — just two months before the High Plains Processing plant south of Mitchell is scheduled to begin operations. Haines was the moderator during a presentation on an overview of the Mitchell Soybean Processing Facility.

The \$500 million soybean processing facility, located two miles south of Mitchell along State Highway 37, is on track to begin crushing soybeans in mid-October. It occupies a 296-acre site and is expected to process up to 35 million bushels annually, accounting for roughly 18% of the state’s total annual soybean output.

The facility is a subsidiary of South Dakota Soybean Processors (SDSP), which began planning the project more than two years before the groundbreaking in September 2023. The first steel was set in April 2024, and the plant’s structure and core systems were largely completed in about 16-17 months.

“It takes a lot of coordination, a lot of smart people to put this together,” said High Plains Processing CEO Tom Kersting.

Mitchell Plant Manager Pat Gathman oversees operations and said the plant plans to employ about 75 people across operations, maintenance, quality control and logistics.

While soybeans will be the primary commodity processed in

the plant’s first year, the processing site was built to handle other oilseed crops, including canola, sunflower, and camelina — crops with higher oil content than soybeans. Kersting noted that this is the first multi-seed processing plant in South Dakota, a feature that, while common in other parts of the country, is unique within the state.

According to Kersting, this flexibility was a strategic choice from the outset.

“If this expansion, this demand, is all about oil, let’s do something that’s all about oil. Let’s get that capability to do other higher oil content seeds that have the potential to produce, to generate more income per acre as oil demand goes up. So, we’re positioning for the future.”

Once operational, the plant will convert soybeans into several value-added products. Each 60-pound soybean bushel is expected to yield approximately 44 pounds of meal, 11 pounds of oil, and 4 pounds of hulls. In addition to those primary outputs, the plant will produce lecithin, soap stock, and distillate vitamin E — used in various food, feed, and industrial applications.

The facility includes a full oil refining line, allowing it to produce refined, bleached, and deodorized oil for both food and renewable fuel markets.

The site features two full-length truck receiving pits with a combined capacity of 25,000 bushels per hour, and an on-site staging area that can accommodate up to 60 double-trailer trucks to reduce traffic impact on Highway 37.

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Women’s Ag Network Opens Proposals for Hub Manager and Communications Technician Contracts

The Women’s Ag Network (WAN) today launched two Request for Proposals (RFPs) to engage independent contractors as Hub Managers and a Social Media & Communications Technician across its new statewide Hub network. These one-year contracts invite passionate individuals to design and lead local programming and digital outreach that amplifies WAN’s mission across South Dakota.

“This announcement marks an important step in bringing our vision to life—empowering community champions to foster meaningful engagement and nurture leadership development on the farm, ranch, and beyond. Through these Hub Manager and Communications Technician contracts, we’re uniting regional passion with a cohesive statewide strategy to elevate women’s leadership and strengthen a connected network of women in agriculture, conservation, and related fields,” said Rebecca Blue, Founder and Project Coordinator of the Women’s Ag Network.

WAN is seeking six Hub Manager contractors—locations include: Sioux Falls, Brookings, Huron, Eagle Butte, White River, and Spearfish—to plan and execute local events, cultivate relationships, and align regional initiatives with WAN’s broader goals. In addition, WAN invites proposals for a Social Media & Communications Technician to craft compelling digital narratives, coordinate online engagement campaigns, and support communications efforts that highlight Hub successes statewide.

Prospective contractors should submit their proposals by September 21, 2025. Full RFP documents and submission instructions are available on the WAN website. Award notifications will be announced in late September, and the anticipated contract start date is October 1, 2025.

About the Women’s Ag Network
The Women’s Ag Network is a program aimed at connecting, engaging, and educating women in agriculture, conservation, and related fields. It supports women involved in all aspects of agriculture by helping them build their networks, fostering collaboration, and growing leadership capacity across South Dakota. In its foundational phase, WAN is focused on building relationships, recruiting regional leaders, and shaping programming that reflects the needs and strengths of local communities.

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and get transition — next truck will pull up. Should be ready to rock and roll from there,” said Gathman.

For outbound shipments, a 7-mile rail loop is being finalized. It connects the plant to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe mainline and includes 33,000 feet of track and 24 turnouts. The loop is designed to handle 115-car unit trains, with expectations of two full train shipments per month.

Oversight of the project has been handled by South Dakota Soybean Processors, the majority shareholder in High Plains Processing. Though legally a separate entity, High Plains Processing is managed entirely by SDSP, which oversees operations, staffing, marketing, and procurement out of its Volga office.

SDSP Procurement Manager Kari Vander Wal noted that

SDSP offers flexible contracting options, including cash, hedge-to-arrive, and deferred payment. Spot contracts may not be available during early harvest as the plant ramps up.

The operation will use a card-based truck check-in system. Cards will be tied to truck owners, and the customer or grain owner must be specified at delivery.

“If you’re hoping to haul there during harvest, you probably need to call us sooner than later,” Vander Wal added.

With equipment testing underway, the plant’s leadership is preparing for a careful operational ramp-up.

“This thing is a big complicated machine,” said Kersting. “It’s a continuous process. One barrier out of thousands can shut us down. So, startups are rocky — we appreciate your patience ahead of time trying to get ahead of the problems, because they don’t

always start and run just right.”

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At left, Kari Vander Wal, procurement manager; Tom Kersting, CEO of *South Dakota Soybean Processors*; and, at right, Pat Gathman, Mitchell plant manager, speak during a presentation on an overview of the *Mitchell Soybean Processing Facility* on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2025, at Dakotafest in Mitchell. Photo Luke Hagen / Mitchell Republic