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Sept. 2 City Council Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche City Council held its first meeting of the month on Tuesday, September 2.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Randy Schmidt acknowledged the resignation of Ward 2 Councilperson Pam Somervold. There was no community input at this meeting.

The Library Board reported that library circulation for the month of August was 4,353 items, reflecting strong summer usage.

Upcoming events include Story Time scheduled for Tuesday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m., and the Wild Rose Traveling Art Shop on Saturday, September 27 at 10 a.m., where participants will create wooden bookmarks.

Bronc Bingo is currently in progress and will continue through December. The memorial plaque for library donations has reached capacity, and a new plaque will be ordered. September is recognized as Library Card Sign-Up Month.

The Museum & Visitor Center reported that in August, the facility welcomed 3,533 visitors—an increase of 1,330 from August 2024—with guests from 49 states and Washington, D.C., and international visitors from 12 countries.

Programs included the First Saturday Brunch with 47 attendees, Family Fun Day on goats with 21 attendees, the 1903 Reader's Theatre with 141 attendees, five bus tours, the Heroes Ride, the Deaf Riders Group, Hometown Thursdays, and a Disc Golf Tournament with 43 attendees. Upcoming

Joyful Blooms Flower Farm has first ever Sunflower Festival



Everyone enjoying the perfect weather day at the **Sunflower Festival**. Blooms were plentiful! Longbrake Photos

events are the September 6 First Saturday Brunch with Katie Anderson, the "Oh, Rats" mini exhibit opening September 20, and the "Cookie Jar Tea" on September 27, with 12 table hostesses and tickets available for \$20.

Parks & Recreation reported that the Rec Center introduced Joshua Abraham as the new Operations Manager and Colin Kramer as the new Aquatics Manager. Summer activities concluded with the sand volleyball tournament, the Sunrise on State Run with 54 participants, a Cirque performance with 70

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Sunflower Festival Draws Big Crowd

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BELLE FOURCHE—Rows and rows of bright yellow sunflowers greeted all of the visitors to the Joyful Blooms Flower Farm for their first ever Sunflower Festival on Saturday, September 6.

Walking into the back yard area, the flower farm had lush green tree covered pathway that was lined with vendors on each side for adults to meander through and shop, eat and visit with friends and family after they

were finished creating their sunflower bouquets.

The size of the bouquet the flower pickers were able to take home was determined by the vessel purchased to hold the fresh cuttings. For \$20.00 one could purchase and fill a pint jar, for \$30.00 one could purchase and fill a quart jar and for \$50.00 one could purchase and fill a bucket full of flowers to take with them. The farm provided snips to cut the stems and water to keep the flowers fresh. Those who just wanted to enjoy the

beautiful space and vendors paid \$5.00 for entry with kids getting in for free.

The festival drew a large crowd and by early afternoon, all of the flowers were picked and headed to new homes. "Everything's been completely picked," said Sarah Schwede, owner. "But there's still a ton of awesome vendors and free kid activities and pretty photo spots, so I know it's still worth it to come out!"

Even without flowers to pick, the festival had so many fun ac-

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Teddy Roosevelt Show at Belle Fourche Rec Center on Monday, Sept. 22 is a Freewill Donation Fundraiser for Belle Fourche Silver Lining Senior Center

On Monday, September 22, at 7:00PM, Joe Wiegand, the nation's leading Theodore Roosevelt repressor, will perform his Teddy Roosevelt Show at the Belle Fourche Recreation Center at 1111 National Street in Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

All proceeds from the free-will donation event will benefit the Belle Fourche Silver Lining Senior Center in Belle Fourche. Checks payable to Silver Lining will be accepted. Earlier in the day, from noon to 1:30PM, Wiegand will join the blood drive being held at the Silver Lining Center.

The blood drive is accepting donors from 9:30AM until 1:30PM.

On Tuesday, September 23, Wiegand will appear as Theodore Roosevelt at Belle Fourche Middle School. Wiegand's appearances are a gift to

the community of Belle Fourche by the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation of Medora, North Dakota, for whom Wiegand has been performing since 2012.

"I'm thrilled to bring TR to life in Belle Fourche, home of Seth Bullock, one of Roosevelt's dearest friends," said Wiegand. "Seth Bullock helped build Friendship Tower, dedicated to Theodore Roosevelt in 1919.

This is, in part, my way to say thank you to Seth Bullock and to the generations of South Dakotans who have come to Medora to enjoy the Medora Musical and Theodore Roosevelt National Park," continued Wiegand.

Wiegand will also update the audience on the progress of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, scheduled to open on July 4, 2026 in Medora, North Dakota.



Joe Wiegand, who will perform in Belle Fourche, is shown in **Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum in Medora**. Photo Courtesy joe@teddyrooseveltshow.com



Adults and kids enjoyed makings huge bubbles at the **Sunflower Festival!** Longbrake Photo

Rolling Hills Healthcare Throws a BBQ and Yard Party

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BELLE FOURCHE—The end of the summer is here, so what better time to have a party to celebrate that? At least that was Rolling Hills Healthcare decided to do on Saturday, September 6.

Inviting the public to the facility to celebrate the season and hosting a BBQ with yard games was the plan. This is a new event for the center and a way to open the doors to the community. "Most of the administration here is really new, fresh. We've had a lot of change in the last year or so and we wanted to give the community an opportunity to kind of just come meet some of us and see what we've got going on and have conversations, if they want," explained Alissa Kuka, Director of Nursing. For lunch there was a variety of salads to choose from, along with a shredded pork, sloppy joe or hot dog sandwiches and drinks. A cotton candy machine

for fresh cotton candy was available.

For the kids there was a huge assortment of games and activities for them to explore. "We wanted to make it where parents could come up and visit—a lot of our family members, for our residents, are in that in between where

they've still got younger kids and they're also helping with their folks—so we wanted them to have an opportunity where they could come and enjoy and have some free food and let their kids kind of burn some energy," said Kuka.

To get the bouncy houses and

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Two kids at **Rolling Hills Yard Party** carefully picking out their favorite flavor of candy! Longbrake photo

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Daniel James Pelle 76

Daniel James Pelle, 76, of Belle Fourche, South Dakota, passed away on September 4, 2025, at Spearfish Regional Hospital.

Daniel was born on May 19, 1949, in Kit Carson, Colorado, to Donald and Joan Pelle. He grew up with strong family values and a determined spirit, graduating from Newell High School before beginning his lifelong journey of service, family, and community.

With a deep sense of duty, Daniel enlisted in the United States Army and honorably served his country in Vietnam. Following his military service, he built a respected career as a realtor and auctioneer, admired for his integrity, professionalism, and welcoming presence.

On August 4, 1988, Daniel married the love of his life, Becky Lynn Hutton, in front of Judge Diamond. Together they built a life full of love, countless stories and cherished memories.

Daniel believed in giving back to his community in every way he could. He served as a Little League baseball coach, was an active member of the Shriners, and participated in countless charitable efforts including Toys for Tots. His generosity and commitment to helping others touched countless lives.

Those who knew Daniel will remember him for his boundless passion for life, his unwavering dedication to family and friends, and his selfless heart. His passion for life was as fierce as his love for his family and friends.



Daniel is survived by his mother, Joan Pelle; his beloved wife, Becky Lynn Pelle; his daughter, Charity Pelle (Robert Newlander); his son, Terance Pelle (Shaunte Pierce); grandsons Landon Pelle (Kat), Benjamin Newlander, and Nathan Newlander; granddaughters Kaydence Pierce, Nova Pierce, and Peyton Newman; brothers Jim Pelle (Pam), Bill Pelle, and Ed Pelle (Becky); sisters Marge Card (Charlie) and Mary Kraus (Jim); along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Special mentions go to Gwen Fritz, Frances Cleveland, and the entire Jack & Betty Smeenck family, whose friendship and support meant so much throughout Daniel's life.

He will be deeply missed, yet his spirit will live on in the lives of those he loved and served.

An Open House Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, September 11th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at the Branding Iron Steakhouse and Social Club in Belle Fourche. Interment will follow at 3:00 pm at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis with Military Honors by the Army Honor Guard.

Arrangements are under the care of Kline Funeral Chapel. An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Jeanette Joyce (On The Tree) Ahrens 68

Jeanette Joyce (On The Tree) Ahrens, 68, of Belle Fourche passed away at Spearfish Hospital on September 3, 2025.

Jeanette was born December 31, 1956 in Eagle Butte, SD to Elmer and Dorothy On The Tree. She met the love of her life Robert "Bob" Ahrens in 1988 and they later married. Bob was a welder by trade and it gave them the opportunity to travel to Washington State and Alaska to work in the oil refinery. Jeanette worked with Bob as fire watch at the refineries. After Bob retired from the refineries they started the Bob Ahrens Tree Farm on their place in Belle Fourche until his death.

Jeanette loved spending time with her family and friends. She was a special person and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her 3 sisters, Mary Edlin of Belle



Fourche, Wanda Haring of Belle Fourche and Sharon Ozuna of Spearfish; her brother, Jack On The Tree of Gillette, WY and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband Robert "Bob" Ahrens; 2 brothers Bruce and Rocky (On The Tree) Otte and a special nephew Troy Edlin.

Love and Miss You Sister!
A Visitation/Open House will be held Friday, September 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. Everyone is welcome during these hours. Interment will follow at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Romans 15:13 (NIV)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

2 Chronicles 7:14

"If my people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Isaiah 41:13

"For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I am the one who helps you.'"

1 Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.

Psalms 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.

Upcoming events,
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Sept 10 - 12PM Lunch and Learn @ Branding Iron, 4PM Ribbon Cutting @ Print Mark-et

Sept 11 - 7AM Board Meeting @ Chamber office, Antique Tractors through town

Sept 12-14 Is He Dead? Tickets @ BelleFourcheACT.com

Sept 12 - 4PM Pearson Candy Shop Ribbon Cutting

Sept 13 - Pearson Candy Shop Open House

Sept 15-19 Broncs Homecoming Week

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From A1 City

attendees, and a youth event with Connections Church. Upcoming events include hosting a Rapid City school and the National Guard on September 12, along with the start of fall programming featuring women's volleyball, girls' basketball, and the annual Spooktacular event. A budget meeting will be held on September 11 at 5 p.m. City Administrator LaFayette reported that Butte County will use the council chamber

for court proceedings on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays beginning October 1, 2025, for approximately eight weeks due to courthouse remodeling. City project updates include installation of the Pitless Unit, approval of the well house design with bidding expected later this month, the skate park remaining on schedule with concrete work underway, completion of underground utilities on 12th Avenue with asphalt placement in progress,

11th Avenue water scheduled for completion this fall and sewer scheduled for completion in the spring, landfill scale construction continuing for a second exit, and the Xavier Street Sewer Replacement Project, currently advertised for bid. Fall improvements include new merry-go-rounds at Herman and Jones Parks, a gaga ball pit at Eagle Park, river walk panel replacements, and installation of new solar lighting. The next Council meeting will be held on Sept. 15 at 6 p.m.

Rolling Hills from A1

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Good Luck To The Lady Broncs Volleyball Team

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Rolling Hills Healthcare staff serving lunch. Longbrake photos



Kids enjoying a boxing yard game.

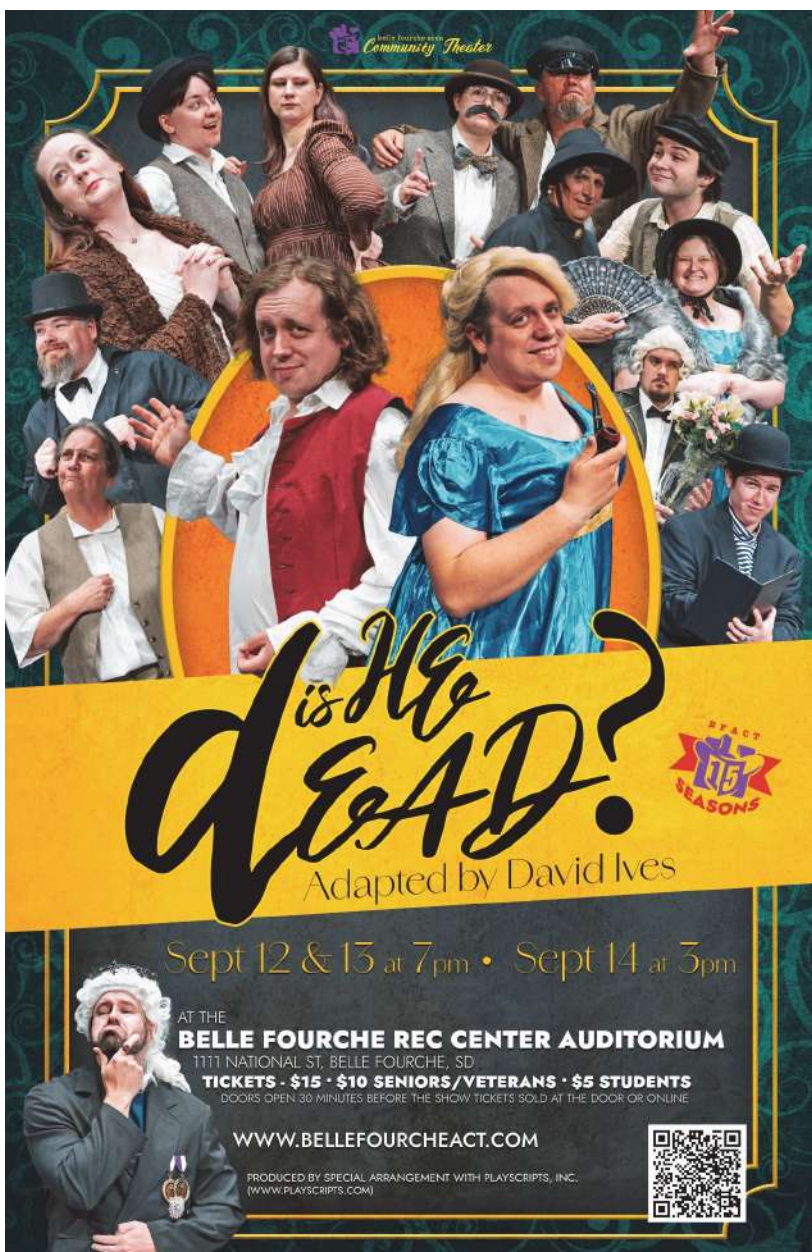


(L) Rolling Hills Healthcare transformed their parking lot and yard into an end of the summer BBQ and Yard Party. (R) Kids playing in the Bouncy House.



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Is He Dead? by Mark Twain will be on the stage in less than two weeks. The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater directors shared this synopsis of the show: Jean-Francois Millet, a young painter of genius, is in love with Marie Leroux but in debt to a villainous picture-dealer, Bastien Andre. Andre forecloses on Millet, threatening debtor's prison unless Marie marries him. Millet realizes that the only way he can pay his debts and keep Marie from marrying Andre is to die, as it is only dead painters who achieve fame and fortune. Millet fakes his death and prospers, all while passing himself off as his own sister, the Widow Tillou. Now a rich "widow," he must find a way to get out of a dress, return to life, and marry Marie. Is He Dead? was the first production BFACT ever performed back in 2010 and will be on the stage September 12 & 13 at 7pm and September 14 at 3pm.



Your presence at all the upcoming events is much appreciated, so don't forget to add these upcoming fine arts experiences to your calendars & be ready to SHOW UP!

- September 12 & 13 at 7pm & September 14 at 3pm: The BFACT Theater production of Is He Dead? by Mark Twain. (see bellefourcheact.org for ticket information)
- September 29: Writer applications/submissions for the BFACT Center of the Nation Playwriting Festival (see bellefourcheact.org for more information)
- October 17 & 18, 7 PM: Center of the Nation Playwriting Festival performances

BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOL DISTRICT upcoming fine arts events:
September 15 - 19: Homecoming week featuring the BFHS & BFMS Marching Bands! Coronation Monday, 9/15 at 7:30 PM & Parade on Friday, 9/19 at 2:30 PM & Football game 6:00 PM.

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



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(Top Down) Shoppers enjoy the Sunflower Place Co. (2nd L) Joyful Bloom Flower Farm invites the community to pick the flowers they want to take home with them. These two ladies found sunflowers they wanted to pick. (2nd R) Snuggling with baby goats was a fun activity for everyone! Goats were provided by Wandering Wolf Ranch. (Third) Kids played in the corn filled box while their parents shopped. (bottom) The Soda Bar and You'Nique Brew provided food and drink options for the day. Longbrake Photos

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T Qtr Circle Ranch, St Onge SD	60	Rtbl	Str	986	\$339.50
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969 Ranch, Broadus MT	12	Bk	Hir	930	\$336.00
Bruch Ranch LLC, Sturgis SD	19	Bk	Hir	1062	\$316.50
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Edwards, Marty, Gillette WY	18	Bk	Hir	931	\$336.00
Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY	28	Bk	Hir	930	\$338.00
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY	13	Bk	Hir	844	\$346.00
K & D Livestock, Volborg MT	26	Bk	Hir	736	\$368.00
Peterson, Jon, Belle Fourche SD	13	Bbld	Hir	570	\$402.50
Peterson, Jon, Belle Fourche SD	10	Mix	Hir	570	\$382.50
Crago, Bruce, Belle Fourche SD	39	Bbld	Hir	1008	\$323.50
Reder Cattle Co LLC, Fruitdale SD	34	Bbld	Hir	968	\$333.00
Roiph, Murray, Ekialaka MT	11	Hir		885	\$338.00
Ryan Xz Ranch LLC, Aladdin WY	15	Bbld	Hir	1036	\$321.50
Wagner, David, Hulett WY	18	Mix	Str	911	\$361.00

Weigh Up Cows

Arthur, Scott, Gillette WY	1	Red	Cow	1545	\$177.00
Barlow Livestock Inc, Gillette WY	1	Red	Hfr	1040	\$220.00
Barlow Livestock Inc, Gillette WY	19	Red	Cow	1141	\$178.00
Barlow Livestock Inc, Gillette WY	1	Red	Cow	840	\$160.00
Bogner, Ray, Boyes MT	1	Bk	Hir	825	\$215.00
Bogner, Ray, Boyes MT	1	Bld	Cow	1405	\$168.00
Bogner, Ray, Boyes MT	1	Bld	Cow	1250	\$140.00
Cow Creek Ranch LLC, Gillette WY	1	Char	Owette	1500	\$180.00
Dealon, Jeremiah, Vale SD	1	Char	Hfr	1265	\$212.50
Debonis, Dan & Cathy, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Cow	690	\$160.00
Friedrickson, Nathan & Jayna, Spearfish SD	1	Herf	Cow	1770	\$153.00
Komes, Brandon, Sturgis SD	1	Bbld	Cow	1565	\$174.00
Komes, Brandon, Sturgis SD	1	Rbld	Cow	1500	\$162.00
Komes, Joshua, Vale SD	1	Rbld	Cow	1540	\$151.00
Liggett, Keith, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Cow	1370	\$161.00
Lipp, J (Phil), Newcastle WY	1	Bk	Owette	1310	\$185.00
Marrs, Dan, Whitewood SD	5	Bk	Cow	1396	\$179.50
Marrs, Dan, Whitewood SD	2	Bk	Cow	1435	\$177.00
Plucker, Jeff, Aladdin WY	1	Bk	Cow	1660	\$175.00
Red Water Ranch LLC, Sundance WY	1	Red	Hfr	1190	\$212.00
Swan, Tom Or Karen, Newell SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1185	\$195.00
Vanden Bos, Jerry Or Nora, Rapid City SD	2	Cow		1265	\$174.00
Woods, Tyler, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Cow	1640	\$154.00

Weigh Up Bulls

Burley, Quinn, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Bull	1780	\$206.00
Dirks, William Jr & Or Julia, Hulett WY	1	Bk	Bull	2350	\$190.00
Flying J Ranch, Upton WY	1	Bk	Bull	2070	\$202.00
Ford, John W Alexander, Gillette WY	2	Red	Bull	1852	\$201.50
Fruit, Dauson, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Bull	1465	\$184.00
Fruit, Tracy, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Bull	1200	\$215.00
Gaskill, Kenneth, Volborg MT	1	Bk	Bull	2040	\$190.00
Gaskill, Kenneth, Volborg MT	1	Bk	Bull	1090	\$274.00
Gaskill, Kenneth, Volborg MT	1	Bk	Bull	850	\$324.00
Grant, Michael R, Whitewood SD	1	Bk	Bull	1705	\$202.00
Holo Ranch LLC, Deadwood SD	1	Bk	Bull	1995	\$205.00
Iron Mountain Cattle Co, Waynesboro Pa	1	Bk	Bull	1820	\$187.00
Iron Mountain Cattle Co, Waynesboro Pa	1	Bk	Bull	1170	\$256.00
Iron Mountain Cattle Co, Waynesboro Pa	1	Bk	Bull	1130	\$249.00
Knulson, Karl, Vale SD	2	Bk	Bull	1585	\$203.50
Koch, Cameron, Owanka SD	2	Bk	Bull	1665	\$205.50
Koch, Kevin, Owanka SD	1	Bld	Bull	1770	\$203.50
Komes, Joshua, Vale SD	1	Hfr	Bull	1895	\$187.00
Larson, Quinn Or Jennifer, Gillette WY	1	Herf	Bull	1630	\$198.50
Limbreg Ranch LLC, Newell SD	1	Bk	Bull	2070	\$188.00
Modonald, James O & Rhoda M, Hulett WY	1	Bk	Bull	1555	\$205.50
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Metz, Dixie, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Bull	2545	\$180.00
Millers Crow Creek Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD	1	Bk	Bull	1885	\$177.00

Millers Crow Creek Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD	1	Bk	Bull	1635	\$165.00
Open Box Cattle Co LLC, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1930	\$203.00
Perit, Keith, Piedmont SD	3	Bk	Bull	1115	\$260.00
Reynolds, Frank, Rozet WY	1	Bk	Bull	2280	\$197.00
Reynolds, Frank, Rozet WY	1	Bk	Bull	1895	\$202.50
Reynolds, Frank, Rozet WY	1	Bk	Bull	1570	\$170.00
Reynolds, Frank, Rozet WY	1	Bk	Bull	1360	\$203.00
Reynolds, Rod, Hot Springs SD	1	Bull		1595	\$176.00
Rourke, Beau Or Megan, Gillette WY	2	Bk	Bull	2037	\$191.00
Ryan Xz Ranch LLC, Aladdin WY	1	Bbld	Bull	1810	\$191.00
Ryan Xz Ranch LLC, Aladdin WY	1	Bk	Bull	1570	\$203.50
Shorb, Lamy, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Bull	1940	\$186.00
Stigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Bull	1510	\$171.00
Steen, Dallas, Scenic SD	1	Bk	Bull	1540	\$200.00
Thompson, Trampus, Whitewood SD	1	Red	Bull	1655	\$184.00
Todd, Tim Or Kris, Sturgis SD	2	Bull		1727	\$202.50
Todd, Tim Or Kris, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Bull	1895	\$203.50
Top Livestock LLC, Hulett WY	1	Bk	Bull	2060	\$186.00
Top Livestock LLC, Hulett WY	1	Bk	Bull	1725	\$205.00
Top Livestock LLC, Hulett WY	1	Herf	Bull	1615	\$185.00
Uhr, Jordan, Hermosa SD	1	Red	Bull	1620	\$202.50
Vore, Tom & Susan, Newcastle WY	2	Bk	Bull	2085	\$197.50

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Sheep Report - Thursday, September 4, 2025

Good run of sheep today selling 3800 hd
Light lambs sold steady, 70-80# lambs sold \$5 to \$10 higher
90-110# lambs sold \$5 higher
Fleshy slaughter ewes sold \$10 higher, medium & thin ewes sold steady

Next Sale - September 11 - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling all classes of sheep and goats
Thank you for your business!

New Crop Lambs

Harrington, Chad & Sonja, Hammond MT	60	Lamb	59	\$246.00
Harrington, Chad & Sonja, Hammond MT	338	Lamb	79	\$235.00
Harrington, Chad & Sonja, Hammond MT	61	Lamb	95	\$212.00
Harrington, Troy & Debbie, Hammond MT	65	Lamb	58	\$246.00
Harrington, Troy & Debbie, Hammond MT	280	Lamb	77	\$235.00
Harrington, Troy & Debbie, Hammond MT	74	Lamb	94	\$212.00
Basel, Tammy, Union Center SD	162	Lamb	94	\$211.00
Beckman, Dan, Prairie City SD	48	Lamb	73	\$242.00
Beckman, Dan, Prairie City SD	266	Lamb	95	\$212.00
Binger, Brant, Hay Springs NE	121	Lamb	97	\$202.00
Binger, Brant, Hay Springs NE	68	Lamb	114	\$190.00
Feldman, Chad Or Rebecca, Oral SD	11	Lamb	50	\$252.00
Hollenbeck, Mark, Edgemont SD	55	Lamb	75	\$227.00
Hurley, Colton, Rozet WY	17	Lamb	47	\$252.00
Hurley, Colton, Rozet WY	81	Lamb	62	\$245.00
J Lazy P Ranch Llc, Lance Creek WY	40	Lamb	70	\$230.00
Mills, Amanda, Boyes MT	219	Lamb	92	\$207.00
Mills, Amanda, Boyes MT	29	Lamb	111	\$197.00
Pittman, Marissa, Belle Fourche SD	22	Lamb	56	\$259.00
Secrest, Shannon Or Ashley, Buffalo SD	77	Lamb	77	\$228.00
Secrest, Shannon Or Ashley, Buffalo SD	507	Lamb	97	\$202.00
Stiegelmeier, Matthew, Otter MT	106	Lamb	74	\$224.00
Talcott, Duane, Hammond MT	145	Lamb	89	\$219.00
Talcott, Duane, Hammond MT	52	Lamb	111	\$195.00
Thybo, Ashley, Belle Fourche SD	19	Lamb	84	\$212.00
Whiteside Livestock, Angela MT	71	Lamb	76	\$225.00

Slaughter Ewes

Harrington, Chad & Sonja, Hammond MT	9	K Ewe	142	\$97.50
Harrington, Chad & Sonja, Hammond MT	14	K Ewe	133	\$97.00
J Lazy P Ranch Llc, Lance Creek WY	5	K Ewe	175	\$119.00
J Lazy P Ranch Llc, Lance Creek WY	11	K Ewe	165	\$97.50
J Lazy P Ranch Llc, Lance Creek WY	17	K Ewe	151	\$97.00
Johnson, Duane, Newell SD	8	K Ewe	129	\$97.00
Mills, Amanda, Boyes MT	9	K Ewe	168	\$119.00
Mills, Amanda, Boyes MT	19	K Ewe	166	\$97.50
Mills, Amanda, Boyes MT	10	K Ewe	156	\$97.50
Richards, Kristy, Newell SD	7	K Ewe	182	\$119.00
Richards, Kristy, Newell SD	11	K Ewe	156	\$97.50
Riesland Ranch, Broadus MT	5	K Ewe	161	\$119.00
Vrana, Beverly, Upton WY	6	K Ewe	202	\$119.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, September 11, 2025

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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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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

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by Mary Buchholz

From Pioneer Footprints BUILDING OF ORAMN DAM by Ralph Shaykett
The survey for Orman Dam of the Belle Fourche Irrigation Project was made in 1905. Dimensions of the dam, the largest earthen dam in the world at that time, were one and one quarter miles in length, one hundred and ten feet above the creek bed, and containing one and one-half million yards of earth.

In 1906 Orman and Crook shipped in two trainloads of horses, mules, and machinery to Belle Fourche. They had plows, fresnoes, wheel scrapers, and dump wagon elevation grades which they started moving toward the dam site on Owl Creek.

There was no railroad nearer than Belle Fourche at that time so all machinery and other material had to be moved with horses and wagons. Nor were there any bridges across the Belle Fourche River between Belle Fourche and Vale, so the stream had to be forded at what was known as the Giles Crossing, now the Olson place.

The elevating graders were pulled by twenty-four horses, sixteen in front and eight on a push cart behind the grader.

In work on the dam the dirt was leevated in dump wagons. Most of the fresnoes used four horses.

I have seen as many as four circles of fresnoes and wheel scrapers with two hundred or two hundred and fifty teams in a circle all going at once. At the same time other men were hauling sand and gravel from a pit on the Belle Fourche River five miles south with teams and wagons, and were digging ditches and canals with horse power. There were probably 10,000 horses and mules on the job. Some were in the camp for replacements all the time.

About two or three years later Orman and Crook were bankrupt, and Widdell, Flinley and Company took over the job. They brought in two steam shovels using stand width track. These were brought down the north the north side of the river from Middle Creek stockpens on short section of the track. They would run the length of one section, then pull another section up with horses and move onto it.

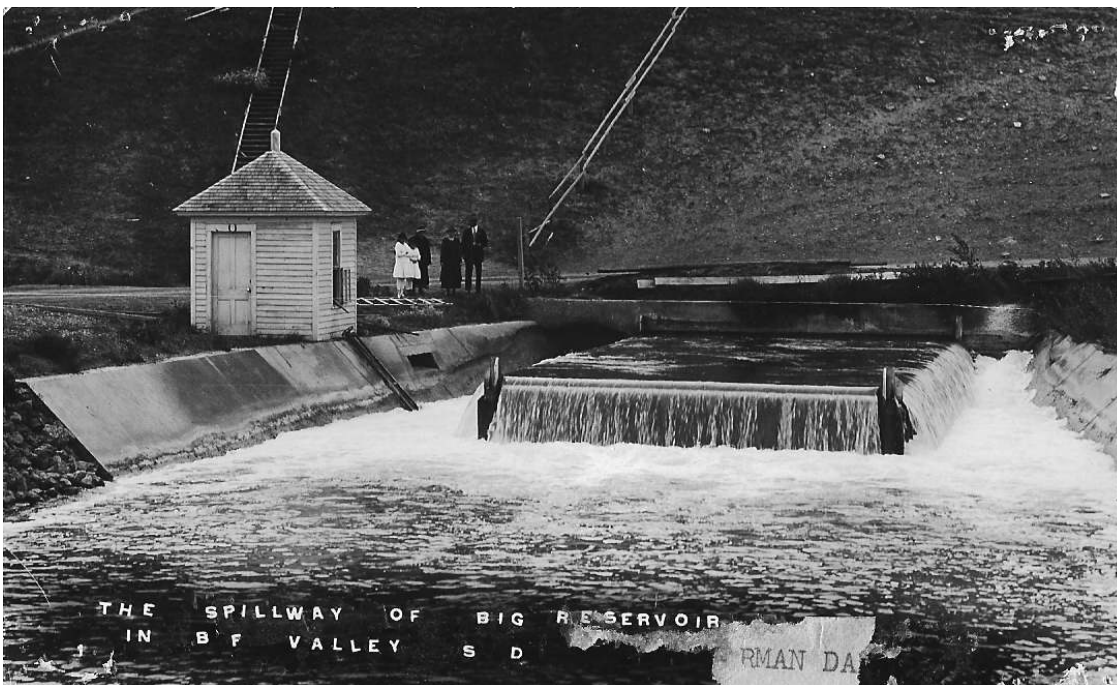
When they got these machines to the dam they brought in narrow gauge engines and cars and laid a narrow gauge to the gravel pit on the river

and used the dump cars to haul sand and gravel. These cars held about three yards each of sand and gravel. One engine could pull six cars.

The cement blocks for the face of the dam were also hauled from the river where they were made by hand. All the cement was mixed with shovels and hauled to the forms with wheel barrows. The blocks on the face of the dam were placed with donkey engines and gin poles, one on top of the dam and one at the bottom.

After a few years' work on the projects, Widdle and Finley Company went broke. Bulter and Hayes took over and finished the dam in 1912. The diversion dam on the river, the inlet canal, and Johnson lateral were finished and had water in them in 1911.

Editor's Note- Both the library and museum have several Butte County history books which are available to use - the advantage of these older books are the people who contributed to them were the citizens who knew the older people who helped settle this area.



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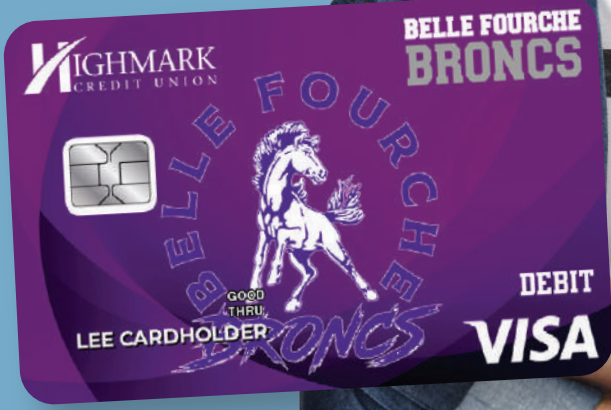
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Capitol News
Sept. 7, 2025
by Karen Odell
Capitol and Tie Creek country

is still green. It came close to freezing on Friday night, and people were wearing jackets, but then it began warming up again, and by Sunday, it was again eighty degrees.

Dick and Erma Albert invited Jack and Kay Ovitz to their front yard in Buffalo, on Monday, where they enjoyed relaxing in their own chairs to watch the Labor Day parade as it passed by. It was a nice day for the parade. Later, Erma went over to the community center to the barbecue, and brought back a sandwich for Dick, too. The rodeo grounds was packed with people, vehicles and horse trailers, with a big crowd in attendance. Erma went to her chiropractor appointment in Buffalo, on Wednesday. On Friday, they both went to the Senior Center for the Senior Citizen Dinner. Erma stayed to play two games of cards, and won one of the games. On Sunday, they attended church at the Catholic church, and then went to Saloon Number Three for lunch.

Gordon 'Pete' Anderson keeps busy living in the big city of Camp Crook. He joined those attending church at the Methodist Church on Sunday.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson decided not to labor on Labor Day. Bruce is still spending days at the ranch. Lynn had a doctor's appointment in Rapid City on Tuesday, and did a little shopping in the Hills. On Friday, Lynn went to Buffalo for the Grandparents day visit, and served as a grandmother for Havelyn Elmore. Bruce and Lynn went to church at Little Missouri Church, on Sunday morning.

Doug and Julia Davis actually stayed home to labor, on Labor Day. They got a lot done. On Saturday, Travis, Amanda, Rory and Oliver Davis came out to spend the day. Grandpa had a lot for the big and little boys to do. Julia and Amanda just stayed inside and had a great visit.

Junior and Shirley Melum rested up on Labor Day. Then, there was a Vaughn reunion in Spearfish on Saturday, and Ernie, Rachel and Tommy took them to the Spearfish park for the day. Diana Nicodym and Dede Custer organized the reunion. Junior and Shirley's daughter, Andrea, came for the reunion, too.

Andrea came out to the ranch to visit afterward, and on

Sunday, she cooked a wonderful supper for her parents and brother, Ernie's family.

Dorothy Padden relaxed at home on Labor Day. The sports activities are going strong again, and Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy went to Buffalo on Tuesday, and again on Thursday, for volleyball games. On Sunday, Spring, Kalyn and Kady Padden came to visit with Dorothy. Dawn and Bryce went to B J's to get some more work done on his new house, there. Last week, Dawn and her sister Michelle Tooke, had made a trip to visit relatives in Montana.

Karen Odell got more of her weeds trimmed this week. The tall green weeds are hearty. Last week, when Cody and Carson Odell were visiting, Cody shot a rattlesnake southwest of the house. On Sunday, this week, Karen saw one on the road near Camp Crook, so we will have to watch out for them. The fishing-line weed trimmer was having a hard time with the thickest weeds, so Karen tried the plastic blade attachments, but those don't last long until they are broken.

On Thursday, Karen and Hywel made a trip to Belle Fourche. Karen had to wait for Hywel to be checked out at the vet, but the wait was ok, because it became so windy in the afternoon that it would have been difficult to drive in the direction of home. By the time they came home, things had calmed quite a bit. Her Ohio Northern University college friend, Jeanne Dineen, sent Karen a big letter with lots of happenings in Ohio. It is wonderful to keep up with old friends.

Karen spent the rainy and windy days working on music, and getting the church music folders in order. She had worked on them last week, but finally decided to bring them home to get them repaired and organized. Karen played piano for the Methodist service in Camp Crook, on Sunday. Alan Loken led the service, and Marlee Cordell brought roles to enjoy while people visited after church. Tyler and Tate Wolfe stopped by Karen's on their way to visit his parents, on Sunday afternoon.

Martin Luther wrote that music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. He was persuaded that after theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of heart. He believed the devil flees before the sound of wonderful music almost as much as before the Word of God.

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Central Meade County News



By Sandy Rhoden
September 8, 2025

We had a nice cool down this past weekend. It was reported that some frost was covering the ground in the Sturgis area by Sunday morning. But in Central Meade County temperatures were up to 78 degrees on Sunday afternoon. We have gone without additional rain this past week but things are still a lovely green as of Sunday. Stacking bales is the trend these days in the country.

Our condolences go out to Cindy Long and family at the passing of her mother, M. Anne Heaton Fillmore of Whitewood. She passed away Tuesday, September 2nd at Rapid City Monument Hospital, after a brief battle with cancer. There was a visitation at Kinkade Funeral Home on Monday, September 8, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, September 9, at 11 a.m. at Whitewood Presbyterian Church, 901 Laurel Street, Whitewood, SD. There will be a luncheon following the funeral at the Whitewood (Hale) Hall. Inurnment will be held on

Wednesday, Sept 10, at 11:00 a.m. at the Black Hills National Cemetery.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Sharon Herron on Saturday. A car accident took her life and she had been a long time resident of Central Meade County. Our condolences go out to her son, Heath, and daughter, Jamie and family. Details of services are not available at this time.

The Meade County Republicans held their annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Saturday evening at the Sturgis armory. They invited Governor Larry Rhoden to be the keynote speaker. Also giving remarks were Congressman Dusty Johnson and SD Attorney General, Marty Jackley who grew up in Meade County and attended Sturgis high school. It was an interesting crowd with folks attending from all parts of the state.

Next Saturday, September 13 at 1:30 there will be a baby shower for Tallina (Spring) Sandine. It will take place at the Coffee Shop in Union Center. They are having a baby girl.

On Sunday, September 21 there will be no church services at the Baptist Church of Union Center. They will be participating in the Sunday School Convention which will be held at the Prairie Home Church north on Hy. 212. The guest speaker is John Kaiser. Registration goes from 9:00 - 10:45 am. Sunday School begins at 9:30 with the service and specials starting at 10:45 am. There will be a potluck dinner and afternoon fellowship at 12:00.

This next Saturday there will be Men's Coffee and Rolls at the Community Baptist Church fellowship room in Union Center starting at 7:30 am. This is a good time of fellowship for men in our community.

For those who may come in contact with a sale barn or know of a new pony arriving somewhere, our granddaughter's pony has disappeared and she's heartbroken. They are in the Whitewood area and live on the northeast countryside of Whitewood. She is a sandy grey color with a white or blond main and tail. (chocolate palomino) She is friendly and her name is Barbie. We would so very much appreciate knowing if anyone has any information.



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District 1 Fall Meeting
September 14, 2025

In the Deadwood VFW building,
10 Pine Street, Deadwood, SD

Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 am

Registration and Social 10:00am-10:30 am

Joint Meeting 10:30-11:30 am

- Welcome and Introductions
- VA Update, Meade County VSO, Sean Henderson

Lunch 11:30 am-12:30 pm

District 1 Fall Meeting (12:30 PM to 2:30 PM)



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T C Outfit Lp, Vale SD	60	Black-Yrimg Str	924	379.50	\$3,508.16
	60	Black-Yrimg Str	920	379.50	\$3,489.50
	60	Black-Yrimg Str	927	379.50	\$3,518.28
	60	Black-Yrimg Str	925	379.50	\$3,508.47
	60	Black-Yrimg Str	929	379.50	\$3,524.60
	67	Black-Yrimg Str	791	393.00	\$3,109.97
Graham Livestock Inc, Moorcroft WY	62	Black-Yrimg Str	916	370.00	\$3,390.87
	62	Black-Yrimg Str	927	370.00	\$3,430.25
	44	Black-Yrimg Str	833	378.00	\$3,148.13
	64	Black-Yrimg Hfr	827	358.00	\$2,961.05
	30	Black-Yrimg Hfr	819	358.00	\$2,933.21
George & Jean Etchemendy, Douglas WY	58	Black-Yrimg Str	1011	349.00	\$3,529.11
	58	Black-Yrimg Str	996	349.00	\$3,474.95
	58	Black-Yrimg Str	998	349.00	\$3,484.58
Mcdonald Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	63	Black-Yrimg Str	1043	338.00	\$3,524.05
Tom Sparks, Plevna MT	30	Bk/BwF-Yrimg Str	978	350.00	\$3,424.16
	31	Hfr-Yrimg Str	897	350.00	\$3,138.70
Tlt Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD	63	Black-Yrimg Hfr Spayed	840	352.50	\$2,961.83
	63	Black-Yrimg Hfr Spayed	839	352.50	\$2,958.76
	63	Black-Yrimg Hfr Spayed	842	352.50	\$2,969.67
	63	Black-Yrimg Hfr Spayed	850	352.50	\$2,997.08
	61	Black-Yrimg Hfr Spayed	866	349.75	\$3,028.20
	62	Black-Yrimg Hfr Spayed	857	349.75	\$2,998.82
6 Creek Farms, Ekalaka MT	46	Black-Yrimg Str	896	364.00	\$3,260.17
Landers Lvst Co Inc, Hot Springs SD	26	Black-Yrimg Str	1001	338.00	\$3,381.95
	49	Rd/Bk-Yrimg Hfr Spayed	945	325.00	\$3,071.58
Tarver Heart X Rch, Gillette WY	54	Rd/Bk-Yrimg Str	898	362.00	\$3,249.62
	10	Bk/BwF-Yrimg Str	722	407.00	\$2,938.54
Stearns Ranch, Edgemont SD	13	Black-Yrimg Str	986	344.00	\$3,391.04
	20	Black-Yrimg Str	877	374.00	\$3,279.98
	29	Black-Yrimg Hfr	791	357.00	\$2,822.76
Roger Or Penny Gunderson, Buffalo SD	30	Black-Yrimg Hfr	918	344.50	\$3,161.36
Eugene A Or Linda Roberts, Carlie WY	16	Hfr-Yrimg Hfr Spayed	851	324.00	\$2,756.02
	11	Rd/Bk-Yrimg Hfr Spayed	733	370.00	\$2,711.09
Harmon Creek Cattle Co, Ekalaka MT	49	Black-Yrimg Hfr	820	358.00	\$2,937.06
Ls Livestock Llc, Buffalo WY	32	Black-Yrimg Str	774	380.00	\$2,940.84
	16	Rd/Bk-Yrimg Str	898	346.00	\$3,105.35
	12	Red/RwF-Yrimg Str	806	366.00	\$2,949.35
Joe Or Jane Burke, Newell SD	8	Black-Yrimg Hfr	958	333.00	\$3,188.47
Al Garr, Belle Fourche SD	8	Bk/BwF-Yrimg Str	1013	339.00	\$3,432.37
Mark Thompson, Sundance WY	15	Bk/BwF-Yrimg Str	980	343.50	\$3,365.15
Peter Sobotka, Whitewood SD	7	Bk/BwF-Yrimg Hfr	791	352.00	\$2,785.82
Sterling & Victoria Holland, Alzada MT	7	Rd/Bk-Yrimg Hfr	1011	316.00	\$3,196.11
Chad Mackaben, Belle Fourche SD	14	Rd/Bk-Yrimg Hfr	865	348.00	\$3,010.20
Guy Casteel Livestock Llc, Newell SD	11	Black-Yrimg Str	831	349.00	\$2,899.87
	44	Rd/Bk-Hfr	479	440.00	\$2,106.50
	13	Xbrd-Yrimg Str	618	357.50	\$2,208.25
	13	Xbrd-Yrimg Hfr Spayed	622	340.00	\$2,114.53
Jake Reynolds, Camp Crook SD	10	Black-Yrimg Hfr	854	349.50	\$2,984.73
Ashley Cordell, Aladdin WY	19	Black-Yrimg Hfr	891	343.00	\$3,056.31
Six Mile Cattle Co, Dayton WY	12	Black-Yrimg Str	732	396.00	\$2,899.05
Bb & H Ranch, Miles City MT	16	Bk/BwF-Yrimg Hfr	860	346.50	\$2,979.90
B&L Betz Cattle Company I, Clearmont WY	17	Black-Yrimg Hfr	940	345.50	\$3,247.70
Tennant Ranch Inc, Camp Crook SD	10	Black-Yrimg Hfr	963	342.00	\$3,291.75
Jim Bird, Volborg MT	11	Black-Yrimg Hfr	964	333.00	\$3,210.42
Clark Blake, Belle Fourche SD	8	Bk/BwF-Yrimg Hfr	909	344.50	\$3,130.64

Tlt Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD	51	Bk/Rd/Ch-Yrimg Str	1033	317.25	\$3,278.25
	23	Bk/Rd/Ch-Yrimg Str	1202	259.00	\$3,113.06
WEIGH-UPS					
Charles & Rosalie Tennis, Vale SD	1	Black-Cow	1480	190.00	\$2,812.00
	1	Black-Cow	1875	180.00	\$3,375.00
	1	Black-Cow	1765	183.00	\$3,229.95
Doug Bonsell, Ekalaka MT	14	Char/Red-Cow	1400	184.00	\$2,575.34
	3	Char/Red-Hfr	1102	290.00	\$3,194.83
	1	Red-Hfr	1070	282.50	\$3,022.75
	8	Char/Red-Cow	1234	192.50	\$2,374.96
Tango Papa Ranch Llc, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1625	178.00	\$2,892.50
Kody Steinbrecher, Nisland SD	1	Black-Cow	1440	185.50	\$2,671.20
	1	Black-Cow	1520	181.00	\$2,751.20
Allen L Hodgman, Union Center SD	1	Black-Cow	1485	175.50	\$3,022.75
	1	Black-Cow	1540	165.00	\$2,541.00
Lance & Casedy Marshall, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1415	174.00	\$2,462.10
Andrew Vig, Rapid City SD	1	Black-Hfr	1305	270.00	\$3,523.50
	3	Bk/BwF-Hfr	1235	279.00	\$3,445.65
Schultz Llc, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Hfr	995	300.00	\$2,985.00
	2	Black-Cow	1390	183.50	\$2,550.65
Shane Finn, Nisland SD	1	Red-Cow	1400	180.00	\$2,520.00
Joe Gantz, Alva WY	1	Black-Cow	1790	169.00	\$3,025.10
BULLS					
Charles & Rosalie Tennis, Vale SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2115	227.50	\$4,811.62
Doug Bonsell, Ekalaka MT	1	Char-Bull Drug Free	2055	225.00	\$4,623.75
Mcdonald Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1835	197.50	\$3,624.12
Kolka Livestock, Olive MT	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	2105	205.00	\$4,315.25
	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	1880	202.50	\$3,807.00
	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	1845	230.00	\$4,243.50
	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	1975	220.00	\$4,345.00
Ryan Casteel, Vale SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2170	225.00	\$4,882.50
Ken Rohrer, Volborg MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2255	217.50	\$4,904.62
Zane Verhulst, Reva SD	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	2175	207.50	\$4,513.12
S & L Sheep Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2340	205.00	\$4,797.00
Troy & Debbie Harrington, Hammond MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1990	195.00	\$3,880.50
Emmons Cattle, Olive MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2075	210.00	\$4,357.50

REGULAR SALE-SELLING ALL CLASSES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

WEIGH-UPS @ 10 AM MT

FEEDER CATTLE @ 12 PM MT

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WEIGH-UPS @ 10 AM MT

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UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

September 11, 2025	REGULAR SALE - SELLING ALL CLASSES
September 18, 2025	YEARLING & SPRING CALF SPECIAL - SELLING ALL CLASSES
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
October 9, 2025	SPRING CALF SPECIAL
October 10, 2025	WEIGH-UP SPECIAL
October 16, 2025	SPRING CALF SPECIAL
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November 6, 2025	CALF SPECIAL
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November 21, 2025	WEIGH-UP SPECIAL
November 24, 2025	THANKSGIVING BRED CATTLE SPECIAL

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Sale Barn Holds Anniversary BBQ

Robbi Longbrake

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BELLE FOURCHE—Belle Fourche Livestock Market, LLC held their anniversary BBQ sale on Thursday, September 4. Travis Linch, Owner, invited the public out to celebrate the day and enjoy the new upgrades

to the sale barn's dining area. It was a goal for Linch, early on when taking over ownership of the Livestock Market, to remodel the kitchen. He shared that as a kid he had fond memories of how great the dining area was and that it was always full.

The anniversary BBQ was the perfect opportunity to share all of the recent renovations with the public. There are new counter tops, new flooring, new walls, new tables and chairs and so much more. It is a very clean and inviting area. High Plains Restaurant and

Bar out of Newell, SD catered the event. They brought beef, baked beans, macaroni and cheese and drinks. An added treat was the selection of pies to choose from for dessert. Linch's aunts made the pies for the special day. Shirley Bethancourt explained, "We just do it for Travis, he's our nephew!

We made 24 pies, my sister and I!" They each made 12 pies in just two days! The celebration also brought a variety of vendors out for the customers and public to enjoy. Some of the invited vendors included, Piedmont Cutting Edge Meat Market, Inc., Rodeo Rigs, Logic Ag Marketing, Farm Credit, John Deere and Grossenburg.



(L) Guests to the anniversary BBQ sale at Belle Fourche Livestock Market, LLC got to choose from a variety of homemade pies (R) High Plains Restaurant and Bar catered the event housed in the newly renovated dining area at the sale barn. Robbi Longbrake Photos

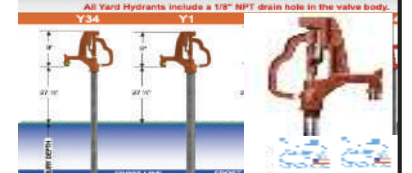
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Notice to Creditors of Informal Probate and Appointment of Personal Representative

Notice is given that on December 14, 2024, Rebecca L. Eichler of Rapid City, South Dakota was appointed as personal representative of the Estate of Loren J. Eichler, Deceased. Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred. Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the clerk of courts, with a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

Dated this 17 day of January, 2025.

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"Building Your Town: Why Half Won't Cut It"

Benjamin Disraeli once declared in the British House of Commons that "half of the cabinet are asses." When called out by the Speaker, he quickly withdrew his statement, saying, "Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my statement. Half the cabinet are not asses." While Disraeli's political backpedaling was legendary, it highlights a crucial truth about community economic development: half-hearted efforts simply won't work.

Sarah Martinez stood at the crossroads every small-town faces. As the newly elected mayor of Millerville, population 8,500, she watched another empty storefront appear on Main Street while residents drove thirty miles to the big box stores. The math was brutal but simple: her community was bleeding money—and jobs—at an alarming rate. What Sarah discovered next changed everything.

When the Anderson family renovated their 1950s diner instead of selling to a chain restaurant, something remarkable happened. According to the American Independent Business Alliance, 48% of each dollar used at locally-owned businesses recirculates locally, compared to 14% of purchases at chain stores. This means every \$100 spent at Anderson's Diner generated \$48 in local economic activity, while the same \$100 at a chain restaurant kept only \$14 in town. The difference wasn't



just academic—it was transformational. Within months, Anderson's Diner was buying produce from local farms, hiring neighborhood teenagers, and sourcing equipment from the town's hardware store. Each dollar didn't just buy a meal; it created a ripple effect that touched multiple local businesses. This phenomenon, known as the local multiplier effect, reveals why community growth truly requires everyone rowing in the same direction. Small businesses employ 45.9% of American workers and are responsible for 43.5% of the country's GDP. When communities rally around these businesses, they're not just supporting friends—they're investing in their own economic future.

Take the Hendersons, who started carpooling to support their neighbor's auto repair shop instead of driving to the chain service center. Or consider Maria, who chose her friend's accounting firm over the national tax prep franchise, even though it cost \$50 more. These weren't acts of charity—they were strategic investments. Studies show that every dollar spent at a local store contributes three times the jobs, income effects, and tax benefits to the local economy.

The numbers tell a powerful story. Currently, 33.3 million small businesses operate across the U.S., employing more than 61.6 million people. Between 2021 and 2024, small busi-

nesses created 52.8% of all new jobs in America. These aren't just statistics—they represent millions of families whose livelihoods depend on communities making conscious choices about where to spend their money. But supporting local business isn't just about opening wallets. It requires businesses to step up their game. Seth Godin captured this perfectly: "The buying race is over. Amazon won. The shopping race though, the struggle to create experiences that are worth paying for, that's just beginning."

Local businesses must excel at customer service and create experiences that justify higher prices. When Tom's Hardware store started offering free tool repair clinics every Saturday, he wasn't just fixing equipment—he was building relationships that big box stores couldn't replicate. When the local bookstore began hosting author readings and book clubs, they transformed from a retail space into a community hub. The formula for community revitalization requires three critical elements working together: an educated public that understands the economic impact of shopping local, businesses committed to great customer experiences, and leadership that creates an environment where both can thrive.

Education is paramount. When residents understand that choosing local businesses over chains can contribute three times the economic benefit to their community, the decision becomes easier. This is where local media plays a crucial role, helping citizens connect their shopping choices to job creation, tax revenue, and community vibrancy. Sarah's Millerville is now

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a different place. Main Street buzzes with activity as residents intentionally support local businesses. The hardware store expanded, the bakery hired two new employees, and three new businesses opened in previously empty storefronts. The town's unemployment rate dropped below the state average, and property values began climbing. The transformation didn't happen because of one person or one business—it happened because an entire community decided to invest. Every dollar spent locally became a building block for a stronger economic foundation.

Communities across America face similar crossroads, the choice is clear: continue hemorrhaging economic vitality to

distant corporations or harness the proven power of the local multiplier effect. The math is simple, but the real magic happens when neighbors help neighbors, creating a cycle of prosperity benefiting all. Community growth isn't just everyone's task—it's everyone's opportunity. Question isn't can we afford to shop local; it's whether you can afford not to. John A. Newby is the author of the "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street" column dedicated to helping local communities, government and business combine synergies allowing them to thrive in a world where truly-local is being lost to Amazon and Wall Street chains. His email is john@truly-local.org

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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.

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. The writers also meet on the first Monday of each month for an editing meeting. During the month of September the writers are participating in a Korean Siho challenge. The sijo (pronounced SHEE-jo) is a traditional three-line Korean poetic form typically exploring a variety of themes.

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Labor Day Parade and Rodeo

Ryder Heitz

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NEWELL—Labor Day was full of fun in Newell, with the Labor Day Parade in the morning and the Labor Day Rodeo in the afternoon.

At 10 a.m., floats made their way down Girard Ave., tossing out candy to the little ones and

sounding their horns or playing music. Float decorations were in line with the theme, "Small Town with a Big Heart." Newell High School alumni came together to celebrate their class reunions. The community band played live music on their float, and some local businesses also had floats to

both advertise and be part of the community fun.

The Labor Day Rodeo started at 1 p.m. Attendees enjoyed covered grandstands with a temporary cover donated by Levi and Cierra McTaggart. The sky was clear and the weather was warm. In between rodeo events, there were some fun activities

such as the Boot Scramble for kids under 10, Mutton Bustin', and Sheep Teepeeing. In the Boot Scramble, the kids had to take their boots off. The boots were then taken to the other end of the arena and separated. The first boy and first girl to run down, find their pair of boots and run back won the event. And all of

the participants got a certificate for a free Sno-Cone! For the third year in a row, Newell's very own High Plains Restaurant donated the prize All Around saddle. High Plains owner Shelby Scheulke has been an avid supporter of the Newell Community Club and her donation of a saddle each year has boosted the Labor Day Rodeo



(Above) **The Boot Scramble!** An event for kids under 10, their boots were brought to one end of the arena, they had to race down, find their boots, put them on and run back. (Clockwise below) The Newell community band played live music on their float in the parade; Homecoming Royalty, Class of 1975 in the parade; Tate Eaton rides saddle bronc in the **Labor Day Rodeo**; Kids search for their boots or shoes. Additional photos D4. Longbrake photos



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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"

September 9, 1915

H. E. Rich and A. T. Moore were down from Belle Fourche for several days this week moving the local telephone exchange into the Christian building. The switchboard was moved on Sunday so that the service was not interrupted to any great extent.

An explosion of a can of cream at his station on Tuesday morning made Ole Soma a little wary when opening the cans now. One of his patrons brought in a can of cream that was in the final stages of ripeness and as Ole cut the last wire on the lid something happened. Outside of a sudden change of the interior decoration of the station and a generous coat of the stuff for himself, Ole is no worse for the experience.

Joshua Guffey, Arthur Guffey, Bryan Guffey, R. C. James and Oscar Rosander, all of Vale, were arraigned in county court Tuesday before Judge Everett and given preliminary hearings on the charges of the larceny of horses. The hearings were completed on Wednesday. The defendants were bound over to the December Term of Circuit Court for trial and bonds were fixed at \$2000 each. The charges of Max Pieffer and Wm Uren were dismissed by the State. Among the witnesses at the hearing on behalf of the state were: Matt Jones Sheriff of Fallon County, Mont; W. E. Richardson, Mont. State Stock Inspector; R. C. Hayward Sheriff of Corson County, Sodak; J. M. Thorne, Sheriff of Crook County, Wyo.; John True Sheriff of Butte County, and N. M. Fitch, Wyo. Stock Inspector.

September 3, 1925

Gutzon Borglum, accompanied by his son Lincoln and Senator Peter Norbeck, is in the Black Hills making

examination of Mount Harney. Sketches of the mountain will be made, measurements taken and it will be definitely decided within the next 10 days whether the carving of the proposed memorial will be attempted. The memorial probably will include statues of Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson and Roosevelt. The statues are approximately 200 feet in height. This is larger than the famous sphinx of Egypt.

Walter Harmon is bringing his summer herd of cattle to the project as the water supply near Castle Rock is practically exhausted out in the north country.

Miss Esther Jacobs, who teaches the Storm School, arrived Saturday and commenced her school term Monday of this week. Miss Kathyrine Sheridan has also taken up her duties, the Horse Creek School will not begin until September 14th, as the rooms are being refinished and the work will not be completed in time for school to begin the 7th, as was intended. Miss Marie Viken was over at Fruitdale Sunday evening, she will begin her duties as principal of the Fruitdale School on September 7th.

September 5, 1935

Carl D. Anderson's Chevrolet sedan, stolen from in front of the M. E. Hafner office on Monday night, was found near Gering, Nebraska, on Tuesday afternoon. According to reports, the car was stripped of all removable parts and had one wheel broken. Officers are of the opinion that the car was stolen by Mexicans enroute to the beet fields of Nebraska.

Dr. O. H. Clark and Henry Roberts left this morning for Spearfish to attend the first reunion of members of the First Regiment of South Dakota US Infantry Span-

ish-American War Veterans.

An elaborate program has been arranged for these war veterans with Governor Tom Berry headlining the festivities on Saturday when the big homecoming jubilee parade will be held. Dr. Clark, who is commander, will be absent from his office for 4 or 5 days.

The Vale Community Club meeting Monday evening plans and estimates were completed and sent to Pierre for application to the WPA for a sum of money to be applied toward the construction of a community hall on the lots in the east part of town already purchased for that purpose.

September 6, 1945

Donald Van Loan wears the belt to date, for bringing in the biggest grasshopper. He captured the beast after a lively tussle over near Chalk Butte, in Meade County. It is nearly 3 inches long and was placed on exhibition at Walt's Pool Hall. At the regular meeting of the Community Club on Tuesday evening the principal subject under consideration was the grasshopper plague and its solution.

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Mrs. Joe Lyons and daughter Verena had visited at the Nick Lale home in Belle Fourche this week. Verena entered school at Belle Fourche Tuesday. Mr. & Mrs. Wm Youngberg took their son Richard to Belle Fourche where he enrolled to attend High School there. He is employed at the Don Pratt Hotel.

September 8, 1955

Larry Piekkola, son of Mr. & Mrs. Helmer Piekkola, rural Newell, was a winner Satur-

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day when his name was drawn from 319 entrants in the local Ben Franklin Store School Supply Big School Sale promotion. He became the lucky owner of a TraVler radio-phonograph combination. M. N. Holmes, store owner, notified Larry that he was the winner. Larry reported he might try to listen to a few night baseball games.

Rommie Van derBoom, LeRoy Fiscus and Raymond Garness left Saturday for Springfield where they will attend a Trade School this year. All 3 boys will take automobile mechanics.

Remodeling of the Congregational Church brought to open view a landmark in the story of this Congregation and church in Newell this past week. Removal of the porch projecting over the front entrance over the doors there is a colored window, with the inscription. "M E Church", referring to the Methodist Episcopal Church that once worshiped in the building. In 1937 this Methodist Episcopal Congregation untied with the people of the Congregational Church. Removal of the porch is one of many changes now underway in the process of remodeling the church.

September 2, 1965
Newell Girl Scouts honored Mrs. David Richards of Newell on 2 counts at a special ice cream social and Brownie Fly-up held at the Newell City Hall Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Richards was presented; one honor from donation of the American flag and the Newell

Girl Scout flag to the Scouts and the other honor from the Daughters of Revolution Colonialist in recognition of her many years of service to the Girl Scouts beginning when she organized the Girls Scouts in Belle Fourche and Newell in 1915.

The Nisland School started on Monday August 30, with 105 pupils registered; First grade Mrs. Ruby Johnson; 2nd & 3rd grades Mrs. Evelyn Spencer; 4th Mrs. Francis Palmer; 5th and 6th grades Mrs. Clara Barry and 7th & 8th grades Mrs. Annie Erickson. Mrs. Mabel Kimball is the all-grade music teacher for the school; their bus driver is Dave Weimer assisted by Johnny Stark and Ed Dick is custodian.

The meeting is set for next Wednesday evening, September 8 at 7:30 PM at the Veteran's Hall and the parents and public are cordially invited to attend. Girls and Boys Staters are to speak at the regular meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary. The Newell girls states are Teresa Minyard and Gail Hafner and the boy delegate is Larry Stomprud. All will speak on their experience at the government training sessions.

Donna's Beauty Salon is offering School Day Specials for Aug. & Sept.; Permanents for grade school girls \$5.00 and for High School girls \$7.00. She also takes appointments for adult eyebrow maintenance. The salon is located downstairs at 115 7th Street, use rear entrance.

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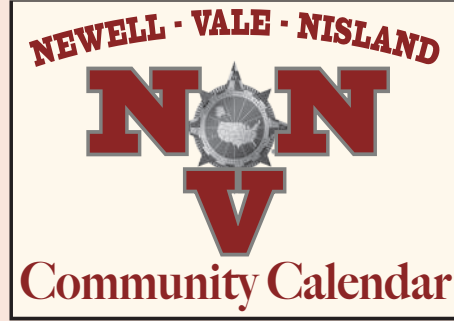
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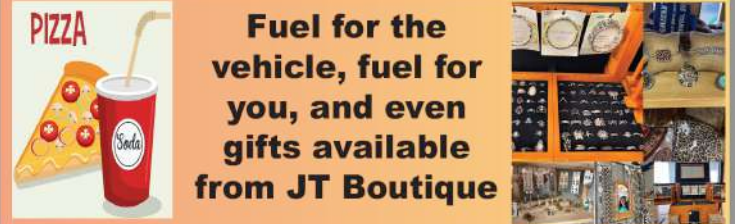
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8) Biscuits & Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Alfredo, Brussel Sprouts, Fruit, Milk	9) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Taco Salad, Peas, Fruit, Milk	10) Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Sloppy Joes, Sweet Potato 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
22) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Tangerine Chicken, Rice, Oriental Veggies, Fruit, Milk	23) Maple Baked French Toast, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Walking Tacos, Fruit, Milk	24) Quiche, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Strips, Corn, Fruit, Milk	25) Croissant Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Gyro, Tzatziki Sauce, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	26) NO SCHOOL
29) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Fruit, Milk	30) Long Johns, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Pizza Wraps, Corn, Fruit, Milk			



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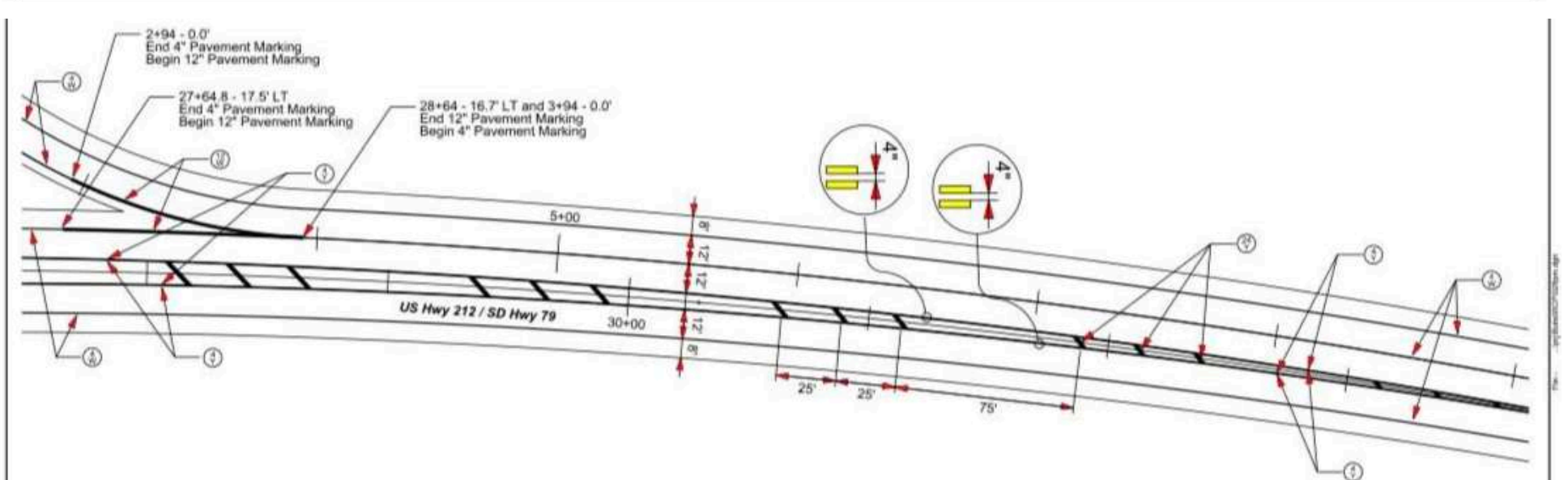
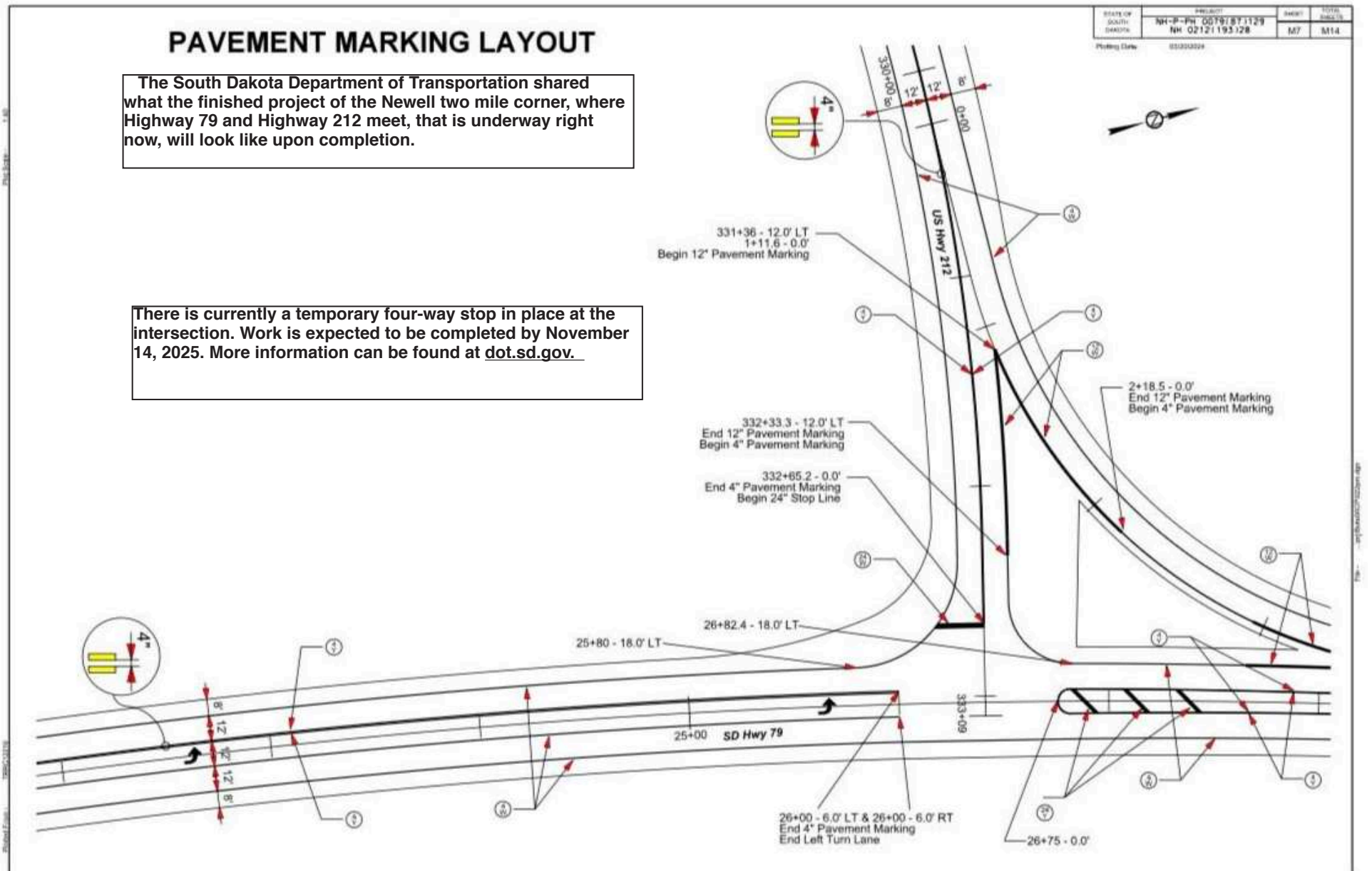
(Clockwise from above) Mutton Bustin; A team tries to get their sheep in the Teepee during the Sheep Teepeeing event; People line each side of the street waiting for the Parade to start; This sheep teepeeing team had a lot of heart Longbrake Photos



PAVEMENT MARKING LAYOUT

The South Dakota Department of Transportation shared what the finished project of the Newell two mile corner, where Highway 79 and Highway 212 meet, that is underway right now, will look like upon completion.

There is currently a temporary four-way stop in place at the intersection. Work is expected to be completed by November 14, 2025. More information can be found at dot.sd.gov.



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