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Reflections on a life: Harlene Hill

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Recently, I visited with Harlene Hill. I knew we would have a lot to talk about.

We first met at the Belle Fourche Rec Center pool a few years ago. Harlene loves to frequent the pool. "It's one of the reasons I live here." She told me.

Harlene grew up on a ranch. Her uncle M.C. Sharpe was the governor of South Dakota. She has travelled extensively in Europe. She has walked on The Great Wall of China. And in her 50s she followed through on an interest in skydiving.

Harlene also plays the piano, but not so much now with the arthritis that has crept into her fingers.

She described her exhilarating skydiving experience. "The big jolt is when the chute opens. That was harder than the landing." She explained, "There was someone who stays with you during the jump and tells you when to pull the cord."

Harlene has not been skydiving since, nor does she want to remarry. "I've been a widow for ten years. Every silly decision is yours. Should I drive today or not? It's OK

to be in charge." She said with composure.

For most of her adult life, Harlene has resided in Belle Fourche. She and her husband, Leroy Hill raised their four children here. After 28 years of teaching elementary school children, Harlene retired in 2022. She continues to serve as a dedicated volunteer at South Park Elementary School.

Last spring The Belle Fourche Education Association presented Harlene with the honorary annual accolade, Friends of Education Award. The award is presented to an outstanding supporter of education in Belle Fourche.

Harlene has witnessed some profound changes in Education. One memory is especially memorable as it illustrates how quickly technology has integrated schools.

As a teacher Harlene recalled having to remove the piano in her kindergarten classroom to make room for an Apple IIe computer bank. The Apple IIe is an early personal computer made by Apple, released in January, 1983. The 'e' in the name stands for 'enhanced'. In with the new, out with the old and in this case the piano. Harlene adapted to the changes, but not

September 20 Out of the Darkness Walk



The large number of participants in Saturday's **Out of the Darkness** walk (on bike path adjacent Roundup grounds baseball fields) was a testimony to our community's spirit, with many exceptional volunteers and incredible sponsors participating. The shout outs could go on and on! Now, it's time to get to work.

Let's prioritize those meaningful conversations, both uplifting and tough. By supporting one another, we can foster hope daily. To those who are struggling, know that your community genuinely cares, and you are not alone. by **Sonia Ribordy**

without some sense of loss.

Harlene's home is spacious, but modest and uncluttered. "Everything I have here means something." She commented. And indeed, everything in Harlene's home is symbolic of what is meaningful to her. Each item, and every furnishing represents respect for friendships, family, community, changing times, and public service. These were among the recurring themes in our conversation.

Respectability leads to

stability. Harlene has some ideas about how respectability and stability are necessary components in education. She offered an analogy to the three-legged stool as a traditional symbol to explain what makes education as an institution thrive.

One leg of the stool represents the church, another home, and the third is a community's school. The larger institution of education must rely on all three legs to be

fully functional.

As a teacher, Harlene has respect for the teaching profession as well as the three "legs" that come together to make effective schooling possible. Harlene was a member and president of the local BF Education Association. She continues to be an advocate for the teaching profession, but doesn't always agree with the present national organization.

"This is not the best of times."

Harlene Contd. A3



Harlene Hill at her home in Belle Fourche. *Courtesy Photo*

Pioneer Bank & Trust Donates \$50,000 to BHSU

SPEARFISH, S.D. - Pioneer Bank & Trust and Jeb H. and Maureen Clarkson have donated \$50,000 to Black Hills State University to support student scholarships.

A check presentation was held on the morning of September 17th in the Pioneer Bank & Trust Spearfish branch. The donation is a significant investment in the future of students in the Black Hills and aims to reduce the financial burden of pursuing higher education. Pioneer Bank & Trust has a long-standing history of serving Western South Dakota, with its roots tracing back to 1913. The bank, which operates branches in several communities including Rapid City, Spearfish, Belle Fourche, Buffalo, and Sturgis, has consistently shown a commitment

to local initiatives.

Attendees at the presentation included Jeb H. Clarkson, Steve Meeker, VP/University Advancement at BHSU, and Alex Gustafson, SVP/Retail Banking Manager at Pioneer Bank & Trust. The bank leadership, which has branches in Rapid City, Spearfish, Belle Fourche, Buffalo, and Sturgis, expressed its commitment to supporting local education.

"We're happy to invest in the future of local students and help more Yellow Jackets achieve their dreams," said alumni Alex Gustafson.

Pioneer Bank & Trust and the Clarkson family have been serving the financial needs of Western South Dakota since 1913. This donation aims to assist local students pursuing higher education at the university.



Pictured at the check presentation: **Jeb H. Clarkson, Steve Meeker**, VP/University Advancement at BHSU, and **Alex Gustafson**, SVP/Retail Banking Manager at Pioneer Bank & Trust. *Courtesy Photo*

A New Commercial Business Complex Is Going Up on Highway 85

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BELLE FOURCHE—If you are traveling in to Belle Fourche from the South on Highway 85, it is hard to miss the new building that is going up.

It is a large project being built by SL Builders, the husband and wife team of Scott and Leslie Creed.

Work on the project began in early August and is moving right along. Scott said he expects to have the project finished by January 1, 2026 and hopes the new build will bring more businesses to Belle Fourche.

The building is being constructed to house a variety of different businesses. "It's got six spaces, and then one of the spaces is already going to be three different businesses," explained Scott. "They are

basically 1,600-square-foot bays—some are breaking up—and some are just staying 1,600 square feet." Each unit also has a bathroom.

A few of the sections have been claimed with tentative plans to house a new hair salon, a new meat store, and a new real estate agency.

According to Scott there are four units still available and they are actively looking for businesses who are looking to move locations or start up a new company.

There are different options available on the units including one with an overhead door. "There is one with a back door, so it could be a business for somebody that needs a warehouse with shipping and receiving or something like that, or maybe a small construction company

could use that and park a truck inside or something," explained Scott.

The Creed family moved from San Diego, CA to the Belle Fourche area in 2016. Scott brings with him extensive experience. "I've been in underground pipeline for 35 years, and we do pretty much anything as far as utilities go.

I am also a builder and I was a developer at Hat Ranch," shared Scott. "My other company is called Creed Properties and we built and put in all the new roads and everything at Hat Ranch."

If you are looking for a new home for your business, now is a great time to get in on this new space.

SL Builders are able to make changes and finish your complete build out while construction is ongoing.



The new building going up along Highway 85 the project is being constructed by **SL Builders**. Longbrake photo

Butte Co. Commissioner Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Butte County Commission held a Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, September 2. Chairman Ager thanked Commissioner Erk for running

the last meeting, mentioned the upcoming meeting with Ainsworth Benning on September 3 at 4 p.m., and asked that attendees keep sidebar conversations and small talk to a minimum. Pastor Sheri Fadley led in a moment of

prayer. The floor was then opened for public comments with Sue Broadhurst, Dale Simanton, and Jerry Constant speaking on error in August 19 meeting minutes, invoices, spending, productivity of Highway employees, and Stranger One Road traffic and the need

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Joan Lucile Pelle 95

Joan Lucile Pelle, 95, of Belle Fourche died September 13, 2025 at the Rolling Hills Health-care in Belle Fourche.

Joan was born October 21, 1929 in Kinsley, Kansas to John and Mary (Gerstberger) Lobmeyer. She lived on a farm in Kinsley, KS. The family moved to Colorado in the 30's and she helped on the family dairy. Joan met Donald Pelle and they married January 6, 1949. They relocated to Vale, SD in 1956 and continued dairy farming and expanded the operation while raising a family of six children. They sold the farm in the early 70's and Joan began her alteration business working for department stores and personal clients. Joan donated countless hours to the Catholic Church in Rapid City and Belle Fourche.

She enjoyed making quilts and loved crocheting. She enjoyed serving breakfast at the Catholic Church to the bikers during the rally. She was a prayer warrior and made prayer afghan blankets. She was an excellent quilter and sought after seamstress. She enjoyed gardening and canning and was a proficient candy maker.

Joan is survived by a sister Gladys Chase; a brother, Larry (Diane) Lobmeyer; her children and their families, Marjorie (Charlie) Card and daughter Tammi, James Pelle (Pam Hanson) and children Stacey,



Stephanie, Dusty and 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren, Mary (Jim) Kraus and children Rodney and Renee, Bill Pelle (Monica Slocum) and children Chasity and Brock and 6 grandchildren and Ed (Becky) Pelle and children Christopher and Travis; daughter-in-law, Becky Pelle and children Charity Pelle (Robert Newlander) and their children Benjamin, Nathan and

Landon and Terance Pelle (Shaunte Pierce) and stepchildren Kaydence, Nova and Peyton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary, her husband, Donald Pelle, brothers, Robert and Kenneth Lobmeyer, a sister, Rosemary Justice, grandson Bryan Card and a son, Daniel Pelle.

A Rosary was held Saturday, September 20th at St. Paul Catholic Church in Belle Fourche with Mass of Christian Burial at the church followed by a luncheon. Interment followed at Pine Lawn Memorial Park in Rapid City.

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

An online guestbook is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Wade William Ross 62

Wade William Ross, age 62, passed away of natural causes on August 17, 2025 in Yankton, SD. Wade and twin brother Dana were born November 5, 1962 to James B. and Dorothy (Yaeger) Ross in Belle Fourche, SD. Wade and Dana joined big brothers Alan and Barry and sister Paula.

While growing up, Wade attended St. James Lutheran Church, where he was baptized and confirmed.

While in high school, Wade worked at Nash Finch. After graduating from BFHS in 1981, he continued with Nash Finch, where he moved up through the ranks at their Belle Fourche, Custer, and Rapid City locations, spending over 25 years with the company.

Seeking a change, Wade enrolled in Western Dakota Tech, where he graduated in May of 2003 at the top of his class. He then moved to Yankton to begin a career as a computer-aided draftsman/designer.

An avid biker, Wade spent many happy hours riding his Harley Davidson with Dana and his biker friends. He rode thousands of miles in the Black Hills and around the country. Wade made friends everywhere he went. Gatherings at the Ross home always included many laughs, as the four brothers loved to see which one could get the most laughs with their stories and jokes.

Wade was preceded in death by his father, Jim Ross, and grandparents, George and Katie Ross and Bill and Pauline Yaeger.



Wade is survived by mother, Dorothy Ross of Belle Fourche, and siblings Alan (Mary) Ross of Sioux Falls, Barry (Sapna) Ross of Goleta, CA, Paula (John) Alden of Tucson, AZ, and Dana (Bonnie) Ross of Spearfish. He is also survived by nieces Nicole Alden and Stephanie (Darin) Friese and nephews Brian Alden, David (Sarah) Ross, Jeff Ross, Ryan Ross, Baden Ross, Matt (Chris) Weigelt, Mike (Kris) Weigelt, Joshua Ruffner, Wayne Ruffner, and Andy Patterson, as well as many great nieces and nephews. Also grateful for sharing his life are his beloved Rebecca Esquiro and family.

Wade is loved and cherished by his family and will be greatly missed.

Services will be held at St. James Lutheran Church on October 2, 2025 at 11:00 AM. To honor Wade's love of biking, the family welcomes denim, leather, and Harley attire.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to the Ebel Recovery Center, c/o GERALYN OTTERMAN, 3111 Shirley Bridge Ave, Yankton, SD 57078 and St. James Lutheran Church, 1100 Stanley St., Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

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



Russell Fox 66

Russell Fox, age 66 of Buffalo SD, died Monday, September 15, 2025 at his home following a long illness.

Graveside services will be held at the Buffalo Cemetery on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 1:30pm. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Russell Donn Fox was born February 5, 1959 in Belle Fourche. He was the son of Lloyd and Eunice (Dake) Fox. Russ grew up on the family ranch in Harding County and graduated from the Harding County High School in 1977. Russ drove semi-truck for Gunderson Trucking for a short time, and he loved living on the family ranch. He was united in marriage to Kathy Zeller in 1990. To this union one daughter, Falon, was born. Russ and Kathy eventually divorced, but they continued to care for each other. Russ loved music and he played several different



instruments. Many people never knew how talented a drummer he was and that he played with several bands as well as some celebrities. He had a great sense of humor, loved driving his Ford pickup truck and later his Harley Davidson motorcycle. Hosting the annual "Rendezvous in the Short Pines", located near the Fox family ranch was always great fun for him.

During the last several years of his life, Russ's faith in the Lord grew and much peace was found in his salvation.

Russell is survived by his daughter, Falon (Casey) Fox of Colorado; sister, Sherry Fox of Pine Haven WY; brother-in-law, Mark Heairet of Belle Fourche; and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Vicki Fox-Heairet and Deby Fox-Bail.



Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".

The verse's meaning is not that a person can do anything they want, but rather that they can face any circumstance or task that God calls them to do, by relying on the strength and empowerment that comes from Christ. It speaks to finding contentment and strength to endure, not to achieving personal goals or desires.

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Sept 30 - Range Work @ Range Club

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County from A1 for additional signs. There was a public hearing for the adoption of the 2026 Provisional Budget for Butte County. Commissioners discussed the main considerations of the budget such as custodial, IT, building, highway employees, tools for building maintenance, Gaver bridge, Sheriff vehicle (lease), gravel, payoff, and warranty of highway equipment, ambulance, and fire department allocation. No members of the public were present to speak for or against the adoption of the 2026 Provisional Budget for Butte County. Dispatch Supervisor Katy Thompson provided an activity report including number of calls and current and future staffing. Jasen Saivong provided an activity report including number of new calls in August, contacts, death benefits, and

DAV transports. Saivong also spoke on promotion and will be serving three more years in the National Guard. Highway Administrator Lori Johnston provided an activity report, including hauling gravel for magging, mowing, and hauling gravel done by new hires. Commissioner Erk mentioned calls received about Gruel Road; the first mile needs work due to cattle and rain. Sheriff Lamphere shared that Reserve Deputy Fowler is interested in attending the Academy in order to receive certification. Discussion was held regarding wages and reimbursement for wages during the academy. Auditor Capp provided an activity report, including building activities and the new Deputy Auditor, Corey Somervold. Discussion was held regarding the Building Maintenance position. States

Attorney Barnaud gave an activity report, noting that August was a busy month, and discussed 60 new cases, types of cases, the number of residents in jail (11), and some staffing changes. Committee reports were given, with the Ambulance committee requesting board members stay the same for consistency. Butte County Community Safety Day, hosted by LEPC, was successful and plans to improve are in the works. The Highway Committee was held to go over the Road and Bridge plan. Commissioner Ager shared information on bridges completed in the last 9 years, the benefits of the wheel tax, and future plans. The 2026-2030 Five-Year Plan will be discussed at the October 7 meeting. The Butte County Board of Commissioners will meet on September 16 at 6 p.m.

Sept. 15 City Council Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche City Council held its second meeting of the month on Monday, September 15. During the Mayor's Report, Dispatch Supervisor Julia Day gave a Butte County Dispatch Report. Day discussed call numbers for the City of Belle Fourche and Butte County. She also addressed questions regarding non-functioning sirens in town. Day explained that tests are conducted on Wednesdays at noon to identify issues, and during one such test a Public Works employee reported that the siren located at the water tanks on Summit Street was not working. She noted that the siren is still under warranty and will be repaired at no cost to the City.

state officials reviewed the proposed route and approved moving forward with the application. On September 10, 2025, Weiss Associates presented the draft application and supporting documents, along with requests for community letters of support. Numerous letters in favor have been received, with few in opposition. It was emphasized that this is only an application stage and not a final commitment to construction. The project will move forward only if sufficient grant funding is awarded, with the intent of minimizing or eliminating direct costs to the City. Potential benefits include improved safety for student athletes, expanded recreation, and increased tourism and tax revenue. During community input, several members of the public spoke. Shawnee Mackaben addressed the Council in opposition to the Belle Fourche Rocky Point Trail project. Michael Bice informed the Council that September is Suicide Prevention Month and September 22, 2025 is National Military and Veterans Suicide Awareness Day. Bice requested that the Council acknowledge the day. Michelle Evans read a response provided by Larry Schmaltz and voiced her opposition to the Rocky Point Trail project. Additional community members Bill Norwood, Wendy Carr, Syreeta Main, Mike Woelber, Lois Steiner, Gary Bowers, Dennis Wattier, Lacy Peterson, Kari Stumpf, Nancy Turbiville, Brandon Nikodyme, and Cody Stumpf

all spoke in opposition to the proposed trail project. Concerns voiced included dogs on the trail, restroom access, littering, trespassing, and overall impacts to adjacent property owners. Several individuals suggested alternative trail options closer to city limits. Mayor Schmidt expressed appreciation to residents for their attendance at the meeting. Councilperson Capp thanked Mr. Bice for his remarks on suicide prevention and noted that the AFSP Out of the Darkness Walk will be held Saturday, September 20, 2025, at Herrmann Park. Councilperson Elliott informed the Council that he will be out of town for the Public Works meeting and requested to attend the meeting via teleconference. Michael Bice requested a moment of silence for Charlie Kirk. Mayor Schmidt then requested a moment of silence for Charlie Kirk and for all community members who have passed away. Councilperson Pam Somervold stated this was her last full Council meeting, as her resignation will be effective Friday, September 26. She expressed appreciation for community members attending meetings, encouraged continued public engagement, and thanked fellow Council members, City staff, and Mayor Schmidt for the opportunity to serve. Mayor Schmidt reminded voters of the upcoming Ward 2 election.

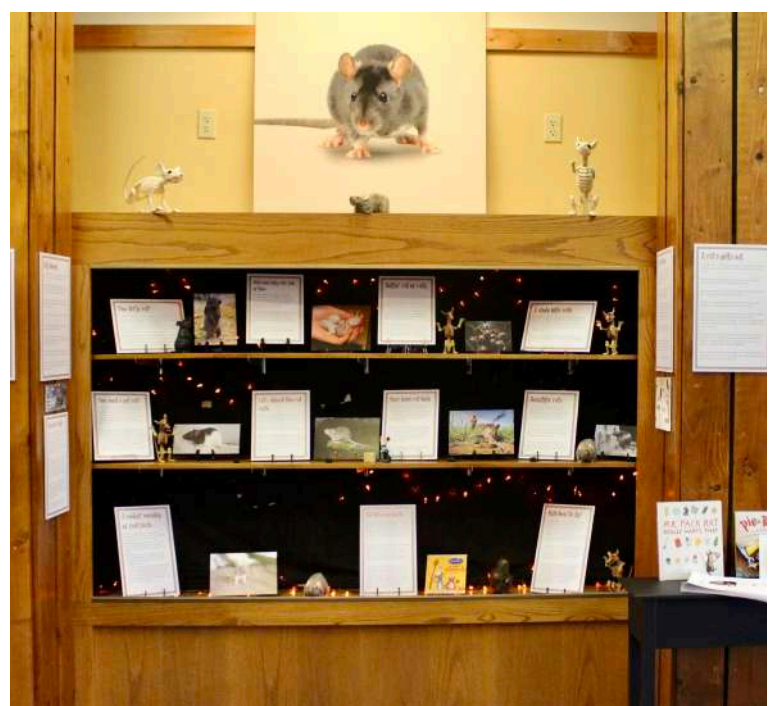
City Administrator LaFayette gave background on the Belle Fourche to Rocky Point Trail Project. The project was first proposed in December 2023 and initially included a route along the river and canal to Rocky Point. After concerns from property owners, the plan was revised to follow existing rights-of-way along Highway 212, avoiding private land impacts and simplifying the design. Since then, multiple agencies have been engaged, including Butte County, SDDOT, BLM, GF&P, and the City. The project is being pursued through the Transportation Alternatives Program—specifically the Safe Routes to School grant—which requires an 18.05% local match and favors school and park connectivity. On July 29, 2025,

mini Goat Gram. We come for 15 minutes. We can bring a Valentine's Day gift—usually balloons or chocolates and a card—and you get to hang out with goats," explained Witherspoon. If you are interested in learning more about these adorable little creatures, reach out to the Wandering Wolf Ranch through their Facebook page.

The goat enthusiasts really enjoy spreading the joy tiny goats bring to others. "We want to give people a chance to do something they don't really get to do most of the time—hang out with some goats," said Witherspoon. "They're soft, they're cute, and we socialize them a lot! We do also sell them as pets at the end of their time with us."

Goats from. A3 different experience with the goats," said Witherspoon. Another option to consider is sharing the cute and cuddly kid with others via a Goat Gram. "What we do is we'll bring our goats to pretty much anywhere—birthday parties, corporate events, family reunions, Valentine's Day—we do a

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(Below) A cute rat? Yes, in the form of a salt and pepper shaker—part of the mini exhibit. (Above) The new mini exhibit called *Oh Rats!* Longbrake photos

Oh Rats! Mini Exhibit Opens At The Tri-State Museum

BELLE FOURCHE—The time has come for a new mini exhibit at the Tri-State Museum. The latest mini exhibit is entitled *Oh Rats!* and it made its debut on Saturday, September 20. The Museum held a reception on opening day to welcome the eerie display to its temporary home. Refreshments were provided and Red Onion Marketplace made treats. Just in time for the spooky season, the creepy crawly rodents came to educate kids and adults alike on their history. "We needed a fall Halloween kind of themed mini exhibit for this season and we've done spiders and we've done bats—so let's see what else—how about rats," explained Jean Maher, Assistant Director.

And she would know, she is the one who hatched idea for the rats exhibit. Of course everyone at the museum helped in pulling it all together. Maher explained, "I mounted all the boards and found all the pictures and mounted them, then came up with a design, the backdrop and the lights and now I'm in the process of making the title board." Jada Udager gathered the artifacts used in the display, while Kristi Thielen spent her time researching and writing the storyboards and the touchscreen quiz and Kim Reusaw developed the touchscreen quiz. The Museum team spends a lot of hours putting the displays together. "I'd say a couple of eight hour days scattered here and there and

Kristi does a lot of research to make the boards, it is a long process." As soon as they finish one display, they begin to work on the next. Maher said there is a lot to learn about rats and she got to learn so much while putting the display together. She is excited for others to learn about the tiny creatures. "There's a lot to learn about rats," she explained. "One thing, how prolific they are—very prolific. I think on one of the boards out there, it says one rat, over the course of the year, can have 15,000 babies and each one of those has babies!" Some other things you can learn at the museum about rats include rat ancestry and travel, their body shape and abilities, rat myths, lab rats and rat nests among many more



topics. There are books for kids to read, Mr. Pick Rat Really Wants That, Pie Rats and Don't Judge a Rat by Its Friends. A take home workbook full of coloring pages, word searches, quizzes and writing pages is available to kids. If you get a chance, stop by and see the latest mini exhibit at the Tri-State Museum before it leaves. It runs through December 12. The next mini exhibit on the schedule is about Greeting Cards.

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Owen, Jack, Alzada MT	10	Red	Hfr	683	\$391.00
Spellman, Bobby/Rebecca Jo, Buffalo WY	1	Bk	Bull	935	\$300.00
Spellman, Bobby/Rebecca Jo, Buffalo WY	57	Bk	Str	813	\$380.00
Sprague, Roger, Forsyth MT	15	B/R	Str	775	\$374.00
Sprague, Roger, Forsyth MT	44	B/R	Hfr	733	\$372.50

Weigh Up Cows

Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD	1	Bk	Cow	1645	\$177.50
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD	1	Herf	Cow	1400	\$145.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD	1	Bk	Cow	1225	\$140.00
Brence, Charles, Elkataka MT	4	Bk	Hfr	960	\$292.50
Brence, Charles, Elkataka MT	10	Bk	Hfr	1032	\$241.00
Brence, Charles, Elkataka MT	13	Bk	Cow	1310	\$171.00
Brence, Charles, Elkataka MT	3	Bk	Cow	1215	\$166.50
Brence, Charles, Elkataka MT	2	Bk	Cow	1480	\$164.00
Brence, Charles, Elkataka MT	1	Xbrd	Cow	1185	\$140.00
Crowser/Tupper, St Onge SD	1	Bk	Hfr	960	\$280.00
Crowser/Tupper, St Onge SD	3	Bbld	Hfr	1095	\$230.50
Crowser/Tupper, St Onge SD	1	Red	Hfr	1250	\$227.50
Crowser/Tupper, St Onge SD	19	Bbld	Hfr	1202	\$220.00
Crowser/Tupper, St Onge SD	8	B/R	Cwett	1251	\$215.00
Crowser/Tupper, St Onge SD	9	Bbld	Cwett	1332	\$195.50
Crowser/Tupper, St Onge SD	1	Herf	Cwett	1180	\$190.00
Crowser/Tupper, St Onge SD	12	B/R	Cow	1412	\$178.00
Crowser/Tupper, St Onge SD	1	Bld	Cow	1345	\$151.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Bbld	Cow	815	\$140.00
Hamilton Inc, Osage WY	1	Bk	Cow	1040	\$147.50
Jewett, Tyler Or Sally, Belle Fourche SD	5	Herf	Cow	1522	\$170.00
Jewett, Tyler Or Sally, Belle Fourche SD	1	Herf	Cow	1435	\$141.00
Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City SD	1	Bbld	Cow	1625	\$178.00
Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City SD	1	Bld	Cow	1230	\$171.00
Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City SD	1	Bld	Cow	1330	\$159.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol MT	2	Bk	Cwett	1580	\$180.50
Schuldes, Gerald, Spearfish SD	2	Bbld	Cow	1672	\$171.50
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	1	Bld	Cwett	1505	\$181.50
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	2	Bk	Cow	1732	\$177.50
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	1	Bk	Cow	1385	\$170.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	1	Bk	Cow	1500	\$154.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	1	Bk	Cow	1670	\$141.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	2	Bk	Cow	1300	\$140.00
Williams, Brady, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Cow	1055	\$20.00

Weigh Up Bulls

Barbour, Tom, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1405	\$216.00
Batteate, Nicholas J & Carolyn, Moorcroft WY	1	Xbrd	Bull	1380	\$176.50
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD	1	Herf	Bull	1885	\$182.50
Brence, Charles, Elkataka MT	1	Bk	Bull	1985	\$210.00
Brence, Charles, Elkataka MT	1	Bk	Bull	1835	\$190.00
Brence, Charles, Elkataka MT	1	Bk	Bull	1720	\$209.00
Brence, Charles, Elkataka MT	1	Bk	Bull	1580	\$210.00
Clark, Merle J, Hulett WY	1	Bk	Bull	1565	\$190.00
Crago Land & Livestock, Belle Fourche SD	2	Bk	Bull	1655	\$193.00
Dirks, Michael T & Karen E, Hulett WY	1	Bk	Bull	2065	\$203.00
Gantz, Jodi, Soenic SD	1	Bk	Bull	1630	\$189.00
Grub, Christopher, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Bull	1805	\$195.00
Hoffman, Matt Or Jana, St Onge SD	1	Bk	Bull	2205	\$185.00
Hoffman, Matt Or Jana, St Onge SD	1	Bk	Bull	1760	\$193.50
Holstein Hollow Lp, Crazy Horse SD	1	Red	Bull	1755	\$209.00
Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Bull	1775	\$167.50
Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Bull	1635	\$170.00
Kubacher, Jason & Bonnie, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Bull	1705	\$201.00
Kubacher, Jason & Bonnie, Broadus MT	1	Herf	Bull	1955	\$174.00
Kubacher, Jason & Bonnie, Broadus MT	1	Herf	Bull	1405	\$213.00
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Bull	1640	\$172.00
Lorenz, Tammy, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Bull	1825	\$185.00
Materi Land & Livestock, Upton WY	1	Bk	Bull	2080	\$162.50
Materi Land & Livestock, Upton WY	1	Bk	Bull	1730	\$171.00
Materi Land & Livestock, Upton WY	1	Bk	Bull	1705	\$164.00
Moore, Dalene E, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1430	\$193.00
Open 8 Ranch, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Bull	1960	\$201.00
Reeder Cattle Co Llc, Fruitdale SD	1	Bk	Bull	1565	\$210.00
Rumph, Richard, Biddle MT	1	Bk	Bull	1195	\$225.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol MT	1	Bk	Bull	1910	\$197.50
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol MT	1	Bk	Bull	1615	\$185.00
Sielor, Scott, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Bull	1955	\$170.00
Stevens, Jan, Ashland MT	1	Bk	Bull	2015	\$177.00
Stevens, Jan, Ashland MT	1	Bk	Bull	1715	\$182.50
Stevens, Jan, Ashland MT	1	Bk	Bull	1305	\$180.00
Tipton Ranch, Box Elder SD	1	Bk	Bull	1815	\$168.00
Tipton Ranch, Box Elder SD	1	Bk	Bull	975	\$187.50
Weyrich, Keith, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Bull	1860	\$207.50
Whitney, Jason, Newcastle WY	1	Red	Bull	1495	\$209.00

Friday, September 26, 2025

Yearling & Spring Calf Special

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

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Bill Kinghorn - 185 Red, Blk & Char Hfrs - 925# - Spayed
Lindsey Ranch - 160 Blk Hfrs - 850-950# - Open Or Spayed
Daly Livestock - 65 Red & Bldy Hfrs - 800-900# - Open
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2025 CATTLE SALES

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
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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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Sheep Report - Thursday, September 18, 2025

The rain cut our numbers down, but we still ended up right at 7000 hd
Feeder lambs sold steady on all weights
Not much premium on the ewe lambs, replacement ewes sold higher with good demand

Pooled ewes

220 fleshy ewes	\$90-91
410 medium ewes	\$83-84
351 thin ewes	\$72

Next Sale - September 25 - Feeder Lamb Special 1 PM start time
Thank you for your business!

Replacement Ewes - sold by the head

Bar 69 Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	200	Ewe Lamb	94	\$223.00
Bar 69 Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	66	Ewe Lamb	94	\$220.50
Bailou Angus, Hulett WY	84	Ewe Lamb	68	\$248.00
Davis, Marlene M, Belle Fourche SD	221	Ewe Lamb	96	\$221.00
Davis Dan, Buffalo SD	164	Ewe Lamb	98	\$208.50
Davis Dan, Buffalo SD	17	Ewe Lamb	82	\$227.00
Lakeview Ranch, Newell SD	164	Ewe Lamb	98	\$208.50
Bowers, Tom & Carla, Broadus MT	82	Yrig	144	\$375.00
Henry, Gale, Harrison NE	45	Yrig	176	\$410.00
Henry, Gale, Harrison NE	35	Yrig	174	\$395.00
Henry, Gale, Harrison NE	28	Yrig	174	\$360.00
Black Hills Highlands, Spearfish SD	25	Yrig	150	\$375.00
Davis, Dan, Buffalo SD	44	Yrig	144	\$350.00
Edwards, Dennis, Sundance WY	20	Yrig	139	\$350.00
Bohlender Ranch Co, Douglas WY	98	S-St	162	\$185.00
Bridle Bit Ranch, Gillette WY	91	S-Brk	166	\$180.00
Burke, Joe Or Jane, Newell SD	100	6yr	172	\$210.00
Burke, Joe Or Jane, Newell SD	39	6yr	172	\$200.00
Hettinger Research, Hettinger ND	137	Yrig	118	\$350.00
Hettinger Research, Hettinger ND	62	Yrig	106	\$305.00
Mack, Dirk, Scranion ND	91	S-4yr	146	\$346.00
Mack, Dirk, Scranion ND	32	5yr	150	\$180.00
Miller, Jenne, Douglas WY	75	S-St	162	\$150.00
Secrest, Shannon Or Ashley, Buffalo SD	16	2-3yr	164	\$245.00
Secrest, Shannon Or Ashley, Buffalo SD	50	4-6yr	169	\$175.00
Tie Ranch, Gillette WY	82	S-Brk	151	\$165.00
West, Scott & Christine, Oshoto WY	35	6yr	157	\$160.00

New Crop Lambs

Bailou Angus, Hulett WY	71	Lamb	69	\$234.00
Bailou Angus, Hulett WY	243	Lamb	87	\$221.00
Bar 69 Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	46	Lamb	71	\$231.00
Bar 69 Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	91	Lamb	89	\$214.00
Bar 69 Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	362	Lamb	106	\$195.00
Burke, Joe Or Jane, Newell SD	163	Lamb	101	\$209.00
Davis, Marlene M, Belle Fourche SD	74	Lamb	73	\$226.00
Davis, Marlene M, Belle Fourche SD	264	Lamb	99	\$205.00
Davis, Dan, Buffalo SD	31	Lamb	54	\$258.00
Deyoe, Tracey, Newell SD	43	Lamb	92	\$212.00
Falzerano, Warren, Belle Fourche SD	53	Lamb	64	\$243.00
Fritz, Kayla, Belle Fourche SD	82	Lamb	111	\$203.00
Goldade, Diane, Timber Lake SD	28	Lamb	70	\$233.00
Lakeview Ranch, Newell SD	43	Lamb	73	\$231.00
Lakeview Ranch, Newell SD	187	Lamb	99	\$207.00
Minler, Vicki, Crawford NE	46	Lamb	57	\$270.00
Niemi, David & Roxi, Buffalo SD	41	Lamb	85	\$228.50
Niemi, David & Roxi, Buffalo SD	54	Lamb	69	\$227.00
Rans, Courtney, Nisland SD	34	Lamb	81	\$228.50
Ridinger, Johnnie Or Julie, Alzada MT	52	Lamb	64	\$240.00
Ridinger, Johnnie Or Julie, Alzada MT	270	Lamb	82	\$235.00
Ridinger, Johnnie Or Julie, Alzada MT	83	Lamb	101	\$208.00
Rogers, Braden, Newell SD	76	Lamb	74	\$230.00
Sandoz, Samuel, Newell SD	78	Lamb	117	\$195.00
Sparks, Jeanne, Broadus MT	32	Lamb	100	\$209.00
Whiteside Livestock, Angela MT	47	Lamb	76	\$220.00

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131 YEARS LATER The Northwest Post July 10, 1894

A Promising Point

Belle Fourche is one of the liveiest of new towns in the Black Hills, all lines of business being well represented by enerizetic and enterprising merchants who carry large and varied stocks of merchandise. It is the present terminous of the F. E. & M.V.R.R. and the ourfitting point for the numerous live stock companies whose ranges occupy the greater part of the surrounding country for hundreds of miles.

In the immediate vicinity are numerous well cultivated ranches or farms with good soil and ample water for irrigation when required. During the cattle shipping season eighteen to twenty heavily loaded trains are sent east every day which

requires the services of hundreds of experienced men from the ranges north and west all of whom make Belle Fourche headquarters.

The hotel Belle Fourche and hotel Brandt, both large and roomy buildis, are taxed to their utmost capacity at such a time. The genial proprietors, however, make it so pleasant for the guests that all go away fully satisfied. W. H. Stewart, proprietor of hotel Belle Fourche is a madel landlord and keeps his table well supplied with everything in the market; the sleeping rooms well furnished and pleasant parors at the disposal of the quests.

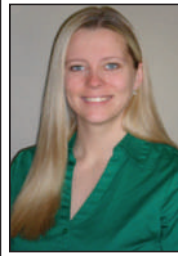
During the past month an ariesian well has been sunk on the townsite to the depth of over 500 feet, at which points an ample supply of water was obtained. The boring was fin-

ished but a short time ago and up to the pres-time water

permitted to flow into the Belle Fourche river, a few hundred feet distant. This stream, together with the Redwater river, will sometime in the near future be lined with factories, which will utilize the immense water power now going to waste. Saturday morning work on the new railroad to the Hay creek coal fields was commensed, the contractor being under bond to complete the grading in ninety days.

This new enterprise is in the innediate vicinity of Belle Fourche and will be of immediate benefit to the town and much greater when completed.

by Mary ent
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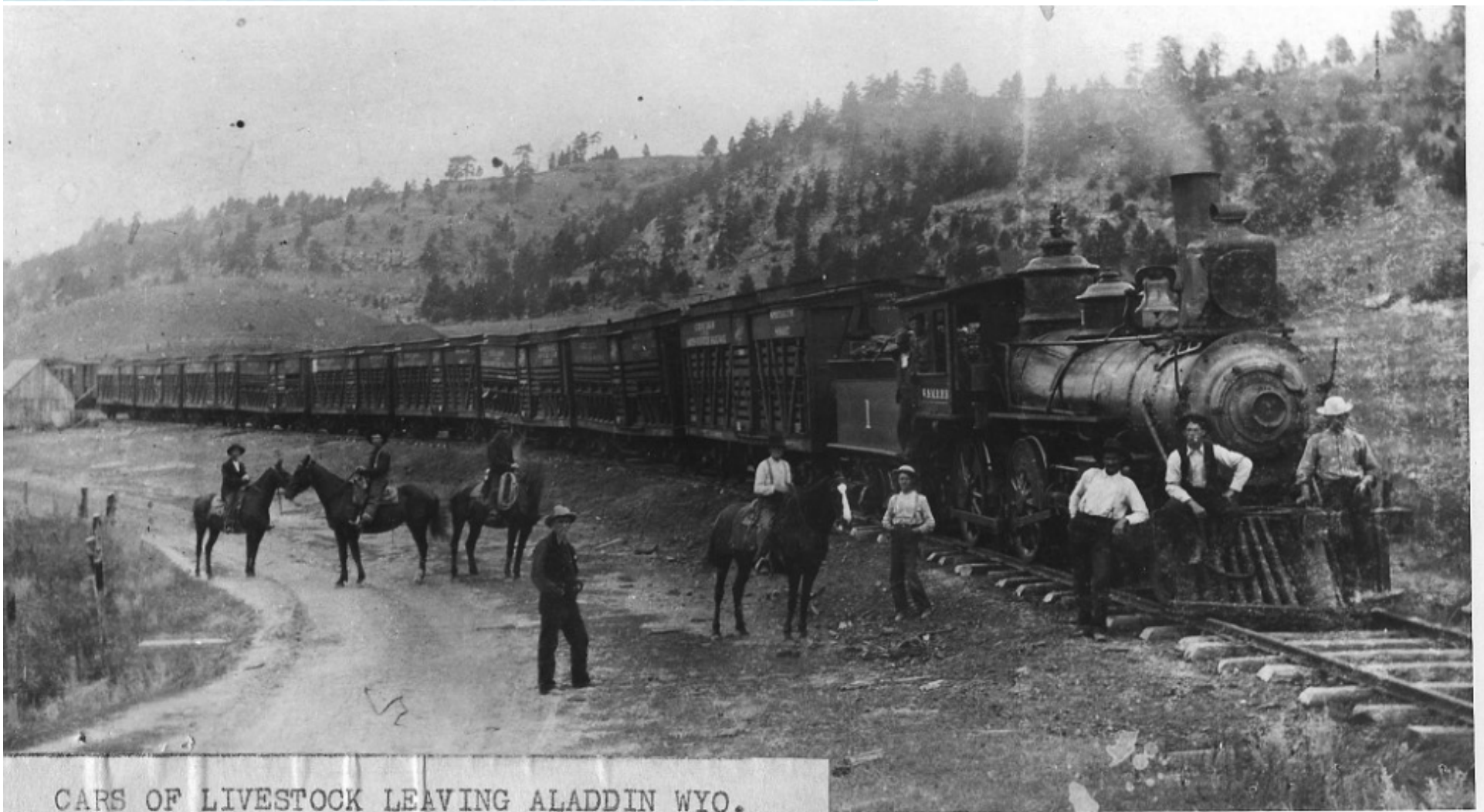
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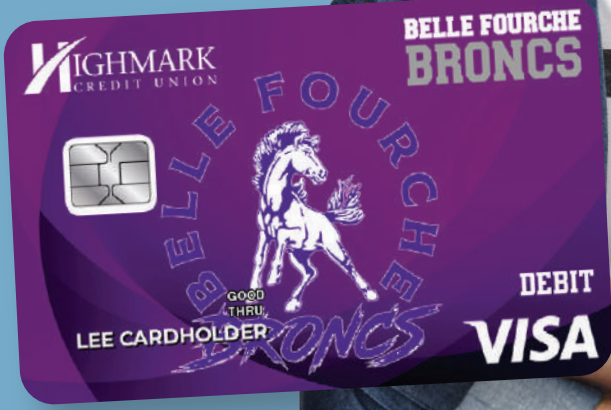
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Capitol News Sept. 21, 2025 by Karen Odell

It has been a rainy week at Capitol and on Tie Creek. Early each day we had showers or dense fog. It is keeping the countryside beautiful. The week was cooler, and nice to be outside between rains.

Ronda Cordell was busy with vaccinating and pre-conditioning cows, this week. On Monday, the group vaccinated at the Buck place. Clint Zolnoski had some helpers, and they were Diane Wear, Dave Adams, Jake Reynolds, and Jerry Britt. On Tuesday, Jake and Ronda made a trip to Spearfish to shop for groceries. Ronda had a doctor's appointment in Ekalaka, on Thursday. Ronda's garden has produced wonderful amounts of produce, this year, even after such a late start. The two inches of rain that Ronda got, about three weeks ago, made the garden look great again. Ronda is busy freezing and saving things for winter. There was a slight frost last week, but none this week, at Ronda's. On Sunday evening, Jake invited Ronda down for supper.

Lynn Gustafson went to Spearfish with Yvonne Yoder, on Tuesday. Then, on Wednesday, she went to Bible study at the city hall in Camp Crook. The north end of the Little Missouri Road is still pretty rough for those going to work out that way, and for those going to church.

Julia Davis drove to Spearfish for her doctor's appointment on Thursday. On Friday, Doug and Julia went to Belle Fourche for the homecoming parade. Family members parked at Alfreda's, and could walk from there down the parade route. Keaton Davis is in the marching band, and plays his dad's alto saxophone, so it was lots of fun seeing him in the parade. After the parade the younger cousins, and their parents, gathered again at Alfreda's where the little ones learned to push the valves on Keaton's horn. Then Keaton played the school song for the littler kids, and Rory, who is in kindergarten, even knew the words to the song and sang along. The cousins, moms and grandmas had a great time. On Sunday, Julia drove to Ekalaka to get her hair done, and Doug went over to help Dan Davis and Barb do some trenching work.

On Monday, Kelly Padden stopped by at Dorothy Padden's for a visit. Tuesday, was volleyball day, and Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy went to Buffalo for the

games. There was rain nearly every morning and some evenings, too. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings began with fog, so Dorothy marked them on her calendar, so she could remember to expect moisture in 90 days. It could be snow. Next week will be homecoming week at Buffalo, so every day will have some special event.

Karen Odell was glad to talk to many people this week. She got news from her cousin Ralph Anderson, and brothers Jim and Ron Evans in Ohio, and each of her four children. Kellan had come home from college on his birthday. Micki's family had watched whales from their front porch. A strange thing occurred after dark when an extremely loud screaming sound of cattle bawling, traveled quickly toward Karen's house, getting louder and louder. Karen's dog warned of the strange occurrence, and Karen went outside to hear the approaching loud bawling and screeching, that brought to mind that the cattle could have been attacked by a mountain lion, so Karen finally warned neighbors. Later she remembered that the sound seemed to travel faster than cows could probably run, and that brought up the idea that a drone with a speaker could have invaded her air space, making the sound. In daylight, Karen later checked pastures, but found no tracks of a herd of cattle. Cody Odell came to visit at Karen's on Friday, for a few days. Cody felt that a speaker would be too heavy for a small drone to lift. Then Karen decided the sound of an airplane motor could have been covered up by broadcasting that loud screaming and bawling. They considered air currents and storm currents, too. Cody had remembered another time that cattle sounds had traveled a great distance, and seemed to be just on the other side of the house fence, when really the cows could be seen a miles away.

Karen remembered a true story of a conversation that had traveled one-hundred miles on air currents, because some local steeple or tower had carried the sound into the air, and that it was received at a cabin far away in the mountains. Once, they actually caught thieves, because their planning conversation had broadcast on the air waves from a pipe or rod, and was received over a hundred miles away. Interesting.

On Sunday, the Camp Crook Methodist Church had a service, and Karen went in to play the piano.

A penny saved can now be considered negative income.

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Clearmont WY	95	Blk/Bwf-Str	415	590.00	\$2,451.29
	94	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	390	575.00	\$2,239.74
Rod Coulter, Brusett MT	10	Black-Hfr	445	501.00	\$2,229.45
YEARLINGS					
6 Creek Farms, Ekalaka MT	55	Black-Yrfg Hfr	908	334.50	\$3,036.04
	55	Black-Yrfg Hfr	914	333.50	\$3,049.40
	10	Black-Yrfg Hfr	736	368.00	\$2,708.48
Jardee Ranch, Ekalaka MT	33	Black-Yrfg Str	964	345.00	\$3,325.59
	6	Black-Yrfg Str	828	353.00	\$2,924.01
	13	Black-Yrfg Hfr	825	334.00	\$2,755.50
Howard & Diana White, Upton WY	32	Blk/Bwf-Yrfg Hfr	797	346.00	\$2,757.72
Jordan & Ashley Odonnell, Ismay MT	22	Black-Yrfg Hfr	825	340.00	\$2,805.77
Raydelle Or Meria Sperle, Newell SD	14	Black-Yrfg Hfr	967	329.75	\$3,187.97
Travis Loehding, Ekalaka MT	24	Black-Yrfg Hfr	839	339.50	\$2,847.55
George Sparks, Ekalaka MT	11	Blk/Bwf-Yrfg Hfr	872	334.50	\$2,916.23
Twenty One Ranch Inc,					
Sundance WY	6	Red/Rwf-Yrfg Str	794	345.00	\$2,739.87
Consignment From MT	9	Red-Yrfg Hfr	860	328.00	\$2,820.80
Amie Mader, Biddle MT	4	Rd/Blk-Yrfg Str	1010	334.50	\$3,378.45
	8	Rd/Blk-Yrfg Str	921	346.00	\$3,169.10
Laughery Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT	30	Black-Yrfg Str	886	344.25	\$3,048.33
	10	Black-Yrfg Hfr	737	364.00	\$2,682.68
Mecaha Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD	8	Black-Yrfg Hfr	1001	322.00	\$3,224.02
Harris Mv Cattle Llc, Reulose WY	16	Black-Yrfg Hfr	966	330.00	\$3,187.59
Adam Warner, Rozet WY	21	Blk/Bwf-Yrfg Hfr	914	326.00	\$2,979.01
Michael & Deanna Gauthier,					
Rozet WY	11	Black-Yrfg Hfr	900	334.25	\$3,008.25
Notti & Delaney, Otter MT	13	Black-Yrfg Hfr	839	342.00	\$2,868.85
John Dunbar, Aladdin WY	6	Black-Yrfg Hfr	967	325.50	\$3,146.50
Seldo Inc, Boyes MT	10	Black-Yrfg Hfr	1047	319.00	\$3,339.93
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka MT	6	Black-Yrfg Hfr	1021	315.00	\$3,215.62
Bill Lambert, Hammond MT	4	Black-Yrfg Hfr	993	324.00	\$3,215.70
	3	Black-Yrfg Hfr	927	329.00	\$3,048.73
James A Mcooy, Belle Fourche SD	2	Bwf-Yrfg Hfr	1125	288.00	\$3,240.00
Shane Finn, Nisland SD	2	Red-Yrfg Hfr	978	310.00	\$3,030.25
Doolittle Wagner Ranch,					
Belle Fourche S	3	Black-Yrfg Hfr	952	324.00	\$3,083.40
WEIGH-UPS					
J-Six Enterprises, Vale SD	43	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1460	177.50	\$2,592.32
	45	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1301	174.50	\$2,270.63
	11	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1322	168.50	\$2,228.02
	1	Red-Cow	1565	168.00	\$2,629.20
Brenden Casteel, Vale SD	1	Black-Cow	1500	171.00	\$2,565.00
Ivn Cattle Co Llc, Newcastle WY	2	Black-Cow	1513	176.50	\$2,669.56
	4	Black-Cow	1754	173.00	\$3,033.98
Jerry Vossler, Rozet WY	5	Black-Cow	1402	170.50	\$2,390.41
Amie Mader, Biddle MT	1	Black-Cow	1610	168.00	\$2,704.80
BULLS					
Jordan & Ashley Odonnell, Ismay MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2010	210.00	\$4,221.00

Mike Or Derrick Richter, Whitehood SD	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	1915	205.00	\$3,925.75
Cathleen Or Wesley Wood, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2175	195.00	\$4,241.25
Michael & Deanna Gauthier, Rozet WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2120	202.00	\$4,282.40
Padden Land & Cattle, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1860	205.00	\$3,813.00
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Bill Lambert, Hammond MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1875	201.00	\$3,768.75
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR FIVE-YEAR COUNTY HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR BUTTE COUNTY

Public Notice is hereby given for the Five-Year County Highway And Bridge Improvement Plan For Butte County. The Board of Butte County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on October 07, 2025, at 10:00 AM in the Commission Room at the Butte County Courthouse located at 839 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

Public Comments will be taken at this time to discuss the 2026-2030 The Five-Year County Highway And Bridge Improvement Plan For Butte County.

Notice is hereby given that any person, persons, or their attorney may appear at the said scheduled public hearing and present comments regarding the Five-Year County Highway And Bridge Improvement Plan For Butte County. Those interested persons not able to attend are invited and encouraged to send written comments, prior to the hearing, to the Butte County Auditor, at 117 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

As directed by the Butte County Board of Commissioners

Dated this 29th Day of August 2025

Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

Published: September 24th, 2025, and October 1st, 2025

Special Meeting Minutes
Butte County Courthouse
Commission Meeting Room
839 5th Avenue
Belle Fourche, SD 57717
Phone: 605-892-4485

Tuesday, September 11, 2025

THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 5:30 P.M. on September 11, 2025. Commissioners present were Ager, Erk, Walton, Batterman, and Brunner.

Chairman Ager called the meeting to order.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Erk to approve the meeting agenda with no changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried

Motion by Erk, Second by Brunner to enter into Executive Session: Personnel 1-25-2(1) at 5:31 PM, Exited Executive Session at 6:20 PM. There was no action as a result of Executive Session.

Recess meeting at 6:21 PM. Reconvened at 6:30 PM

Motion by Brunner, Second by Batterman to enter into Executive Session: Personnel 1-25-2(1) at 6:31 PM, Exited Executive Session at 7:41 PM. There was no action as a result of Executive Session.

Motion by Erk, Second by Brunner to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: James Ager, Chairperson

ATTEST: Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

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those in positions to enact the greatest change. Converting them to the vision becomes the greatest task, but also the most crucial one.

Communities face a stark choice: transform or become irrelevant. The unwillingness to change doesn't preserve the status quo—it guarantees continued erosion and decay. In a rapidly transforming world, standing still means falling behind.

The good news? Many communities possess far more ability than they realize. Never underestimate the power of residents and business owners to accomplish what was previously thought impossible. While some communities wallow in self-pity, others are busy creating remarkable transformations.

The African proverb reminds

us that going far requires going together. Now is the time for leaders and communities to unite around a shared vision of possibility. The alternative—refusing to change—renders communities inadequate in a world transforming around them. The poverty mindset whispers that transformation is impossible. But across America, communities are proving that with the right attitude, vision, and collective will, the impossible becomes inevitable.

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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"Breaking Free of the Poverty Mindset: A Community's Journey to Transformation"

Picture this: A small business owner sits behind their counter, watching potential customers walk away after discovering they only accept cash. "Credit cards cost too much," they mutter, counting the few bills in their register. Meanwhile, across town, the city council debates whether to invest in a new downtown revitalization project. "We can't afford it," they conclude, as another storefront goes dark. This scenario plays out in hundreds, perhaps thousands, of communities across America. But what if I told you that the biggest barrier to transformation isn't lack of money, resources, or opportunity? What if the real enemy is something far more insidious—a poverty mindset that keeps communities and businesses trapped in cycles of decline?



power to create change but don't, because they've become so accustomed to decay that they can't envision anything different. Consider the business owner I mentioned earlier.

After months of persuasion, they finally agreed to accept credit cards despite the "expensive" processing fees of a few percentage points. The result? Their business increased by nearly 30%. By trying to save pennies, they had been losing hundreds or thousands of dollars in potential revenue. This same penny-wise, pound-foolish thinking infects entire communities. City governments and civic leaders, the very people who control the financial destiny of their towns, often operate with the same self-defeating logic. They're so focused on avoiding small costs that they miss massive opportunities.

Oftentimes decay becomes the new normal. The poverty mindset is seductive because it feels logical. When you're surrounded by empty storefronts, crumbling infrastructure, and dwindling population, accepting decline feels realistic. After all, if it's happening everywhere else, why should your community be different? This thinking creates a dangerous feedback loop. Leaders make decisions based on scarcity rather than opportunity. They cut investments, avoid risks,

and gradually lower their expectations. Each small retreat makes the next one easier to justify, until mediocrity becomes the aspiration and decay feels inevitable. But here's the fascinating part: while some communities spiral downward, others are experiencing incredible, sustainable transformation. The difference isn't resources, or location, the difference is vision.

What do successful communities and businesses share? It's surprisingly simple: they've embraced the opposite of poverty thinking. Instead of focusing on what they can't do, they cultivate a positive, "can-do" attitude. The transformation formula has two essential ingredients: First, a strong vision. Not a vague hope or wishful thinking, but a concrete, achievable picture of what success looks like. This vision must be realistic enough to be credible but inspiring enough to generate excitement. Secondly, a genuine optimism. This isn't naive cheerleading, but a healthy dose of confidence in the community's ability to achieve its vision. When you combine strong vision with authentic optimism, seemingly insurmountable obstacles become manageable challenges.

Here's where the story gets interesting: positive attitude is infectious. Everyone wants to be associated with a winner; few want to claim membership on a losing team. When leaders consistently demonstrate belief in their community's potential, that confidence spreads. The challenge is that the biggest obstacles are often the people closest to home—existing citizens, business owners, and

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Belle Fourche Beacon 'Happenings' and News Bytes Calendar

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ABC Coalition September Meeting

September is Suicide Awareness Month. The ABC Coalition invites community members to learn more about how suicide affects our community. The ABC Coalition stand for Action for the Betterment of Our Community - Butte County is an alcohol or drug dependency prevention or treatment organization in Belle Fourche, SD that was founded in 2023.

When: September 26 at noon. Please RSVP by 9/24

Where: Christian Life Center - 2020 Vista St. Belle Fourche Contact Information: 605-644 65222

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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 editing meeting on Monday October 6, September 20 at the Belle Fourche Public Library. The regular October meeting will be held on Saturday, October 10 from 10 AM to noon. Anyone interested in writing, regardless of background or experience is invited to attend.

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	15 Club Sandwich Chips Broccoli Salad	16 Smothered Pork Chops Mushroom Gravy Sweet Potatoes Garden Salad	17 Tortellini Soup Turkey Wrap Breadstick	18 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll	19 Chicken Stir Fry Asian Vegetables Fried Rice Egg Roll
	22 Shepperd's Pie Garden Salad Dinner Roll	23 Cordon Bleu Roasted Potatoes Sautéed Mushrooms, Onions & Peppers	24 Tater tot casserole Spinach salad Dinner Roll	25 Indian Tacos with lettuce, tomato, onion, black beans Fry Bread Refried Beans	26 Pulled Pork Sandwich Cowboy Beans Garden Salad
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80th Annual Ram Show and Sale

Robbi Longbrake

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NEWELL—The third Thursday and Friday in September for the past 80 years, are reserved for the Annual Newell Ram Show and Sale.

This year was no different, beginning on September 18 was the show at 9 a.m. and September 19 was the sale starting at 11 a.m. The popular event continues to be one of the nation's top purebred ram and ewe show and sales.

Each year the sale and show

is put on by a local effort. All members of the Newell Ram Sale Committee are from the area. They are Cody Burke, Chairman; Paul Erk, Dave Ollila, Lindsey Mangis, Chris Gottfredson, Cody Mills, Dr. Sandra Holcomb, and Levi McTaggart.

Entries for the show come in early in the summer if contestants want to take part in the show and sale. "So we took entries, entries come in about June, and they have to be registered sheep," explained Micole Braun, Secretary.

There are entries from the local area, but the event draws competition from all over. "There are a few local people and then we got people from Minnesota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota and Colorado—they kind of come from everywhere," said Braun. This year there were 245 entries.

The Hewitt Land Company was the auctioneer for the sale and DV Auction handled the online sales. Wade Kopren served as the Ram Show judge.

On Thursday morning there is

a wool competition with all sheep entries being reminded to bring their fleece to the show! Classes are in the following, either Ram or Ewe, 64s and Finer, 60s-62s, 58s-courser and hand spinning. Cash prizes were given to the winners.

A competition held specifically for the youth is the Ray Garness Memorial Youth Purchase Credit Program. "We give a youth credit every year—youth eight to 16 years of age—write an essay about why they want to be in the sheep industrial

and then we pick a winner and they get a \$500 credit towards the purchase of ewe at the sale," explained Braun. This year's winner was Josie Tish from New Underwood.

After the Ram Show on Thursday afternoon the Newell Golf Course invited all attendees to a round of golf. The weather was a little cold and rainy so turnout was lower than usual according to Braun.

A Consignor Appreciation Lamb Supper was held at the Newell City Hall on Thursday evening.



(clockwise from top) In the sale ring, the sheep goes to the highest bidder; First place fleece in the wool competition; Showing off his sheep as the auctioneer takes bids; Delicious pies were one of the items for sale at the concession stand. Longbrake photos



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Betty Olson

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

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

We had an interesting day on Monday. Reub had a flat tire on the side-by-side while he was spraying weeds at the Horse Creek pasture so Casey came up to jack up the side-by-side and take the flat tire off before

he went back home to finish haying. Reub called me to meet him at Bill Holt's turnoff to take him, his pickup and the tire to Bowman to get it fixed at Northwest Tire.

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

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

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

Thursday, August 14th was the last day of WWII when Japan surrendered after President Harry Truman bombed Japan and that's the day my father Bryce White got out of the Army and was able to come

back home. It was still hot here on Thursday so I had to water the gardens and flower beds while Reub was spraying weeds at the Horse Creek pasture and he didn't get home for lunch until 3:00. We got a couple tiny sprinkles on Wednesday and Thursday that didn't even wet the ground.

President Trump met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Alaska on Friday to try to end the Russian war against Ukraine and it sounded like everything went well but they will meet again soon. My Grandmother Lydia Wilkinson was a German from Russia and she told me that one of her grandfathers was born in Alaska back when Alaska belonged to Russia. Russia was broke and sold Alaska to the United States for 2 cents an acre!

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

Reub was back spraying leafy spurge, Canadian thistle, burdock, and cockle burs at the Horse Creek pasture on

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

Margaretta Hanson and Teddi Carlson fed us a delicious lunch with coffee and fellowship after church Sunday morning and then after we ate dinner at home I joined a big crowd of ladies at the Reva Hall that afternoon for the bridal shower for Beth Lien, soon to be the bride of Jace Klempel. Karen and Joe Wilkinson came out from Buffalo so Karen could go to the shower and Sandy Bill Matson and Joe came up to the ranch to visit Reub while Karen and I were at the shower. Lots of other people were here when I came home because Clint and Kelli Doll, Karli and Cody Holmes, Matt and Molly Kerner, Brad and Amy Johnson, Ron and Starla Jenson, and Casey and Missy were visiting at Taz and Amanda's house while Sandy Bill, Joe and Reub were visiting on the patio in front of our basement and all the little kids were having a lot of fun playing in the yard!

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

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

September 23, 1915

The Ladies Social Union. Dr. Charles Mayo and wife of Rochester, Minn, who have been guests of Dr. Jackson for several days were given a reception at the Elk's Club which was attended by prominent businessmen. The Mayo's are touring the Black Hills in company with A. C. Johnson, general Traffic Manager of the Northwestern & Chicago Railroad in the latter's private car.

A force of 50 South Dakota women is busy on the exhibit which is to be taken from South Dakota to the Illinois State Fair next week. Beside the grain exhibits, attractive set places constructed of grain and electric lights are being arranged for the showing.

The Belle Fourche Project notified the users that water service through the canal system will be discontinued on September 30 for the 1915 season. All parties who are dependent on the canals for stock and domestic water it is suggested that you take the precaution to amply supply yourselves with water for the winter by filling your tanks and water holes before October 1st.

Unless it appears to be absolutely necessary no late run of water will be made this fall. The expense of such run incurs considerable expense on all water users while only a very few are benefited.

September 17, 1925 Gan Anderson, who is running one of the big tractors on the new road to Belle Fourche, was here over Sunday. They are now working on this side of the Belle River near Fruitdale where there is some heavy grading. Wm. Quinn with his force of teams, is also engaged there.

The opening of the hunting season yesterday morning brought out a small army of

hunters. At daybreak the booming of shotguns could be heard on all sides of Newell. Most of the chicken hunters brought in the bag limit.

Patrick Trainor of Sulphur was brought to the hospital yesterday to have his scalp sewed together. The injury was sustained in a car accident at the Moreau River crossing, in which Trainor had a narrow escape from more serious injury and also from nearly drowning.

September 19, 1935

The "gold rush of 1935" was on for a little while Tuesday after the old board sidewalk between the Loyal Café and the liquor store had been torn up. About 25 people were on their hands and knees scratching the ground and frequently finding dimes, nickels, and pennies. Henry Severson, who lost a silver dollar there some time ago, was fortunate enough to find it and several others recovered money previously dropped down the cracks.

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September 20, 1945 The government has announced a new draft plan for the nation's teen-age boys. The new Selective Service program will allow the teen-age students to graduate from High School before they are called for induction. There are some qualifications for this deferment. Only High School youth who enrolled before he was 18 years old will be deferred until he reaches the age of 20, whichever comes first. He will be subject to induction if he leaves High School or doesn't keep up his schoolwork. The new draft rules also take in college students, who have enrolled before he was 18 will be able to finish his current quarter or semester, if his studies are



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satisfactory.

A pleasant evening of games and group singing, supplemented by a skit "Why Teachers Go Crazy", which was presented by the Men's Club, followed by the reception Wednesday evening honoring the Newell School teachers. At the close of the evening, coffee and cookies were served to more than 50 people.

The State Banking Department addressed creditors of the defunct Farmers State Bank of Nisland. Over 90 people are listed who have unclaimed amounts due to them, varying from 1 cent to \$20.72. The Nisland Bank closed on April 28, 1924, and liquidation was terminated by the Bank Department March 31, 1933, at which time creditors were notified of the amount due to them. There are still some 25 people who have sums exceeding \$1 due to them that have never been called for.

September 22, 1955

Hugh Kayras of the Bratton's Bowling Team rolled an individual high game of 232 at Northern Hills Classic Bowling League play opened in the Sturgis Lanes last Thursday, however Bratton's was one of the three teams suffering a 1 to 3 losses.

Coach Carl Remmer, Nisland High School, in his first year at Nisland, reported that the Mustangs still looked good, despite the loss of lettermen include Faye Mutchler and Jim Shevling at ends; Albertson at center, Ellenberger and Norlin at half-back and Keil as quarter-back. Three Sophomores, Don Maeder, Fred Homan and Larry Smith and 4 Freshman, Wesley Barker, Dennis Dahlberg, Joe Dell and Jim Matthesen bolster the squad.

The Newell, Nisland and

Vale communities served by the Black Hills Power & Light Company were without electrical power service Tuesday night with the first total outage in the area since October 1953. Cause of the outage, according to local BHP&L Manager Russell Wilson, there was a burning pole on the ridge east of Owl Creek about 6 miles west of Newell. The pole, Wilson noted, had been shattered by lightning, but an insulator also showed lead damage as from a rifle bullet. After the outage was located by Larry Jarnecke who notified Wilson, the service was restored to Nisland by 9:50 PM.

September 16, 1965

A special meeting to re-organize the Newell Rifle Club has been set for Thursday evening, September 30 at the Newell City Hall, with everyone interested in joining such organization being invited to attend, it is announced by club officials. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM and it is hoped that a large attendance will be present.

Color television is here. Stop in and see all the fine new 1966 ZENITH sets with the Sunshine color picture tube. See it here Saturday evening or any other evening by appointment at Milberg Bros Gambles Store, authorized dealers. The friendly store.

The Castle Rock Volunteer Fire Department and many other volunteer fighters from Hoover, Zeona and Mud Butte communities joined in extinguishing an apparently lightning-caused fire in haystacks on the Orwick Bros. Range west of Hoover early Monday morning. The men express their thanks to Mrs. Mickey Fox and Mrs. Tom Burke for the coffee and lunch they brought the volunteers in the wee hours of the morning.



Newell High School Faculty 1945 Back Row: Elizabeth Austin, ?, Myrtle Rogers, Ann West, ? Mary. Walton, Leona Kivimaki; Front Row: Geneva Brennamann, ? G.W. Austin, Burns Taft, Bertha Rittberger. If you can identify those in question, advise the Newell Museum.



Gunther "Gan" and Mrs. Marj Anderson. After retirement from construction career.

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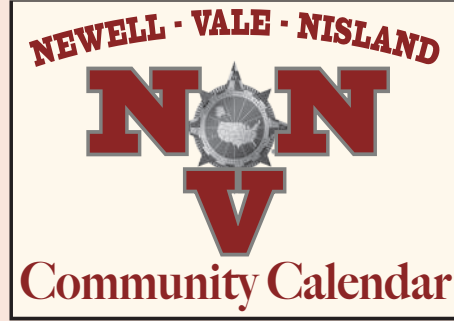
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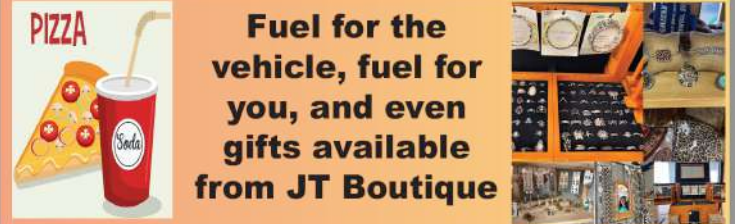
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1) LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	2) Waffles Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	3) Pancakes, Sausage, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Tater Tot Casserole, Coleslaw, Fruit, Milk	4) Long Johns, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Corn Dogs, French Fries, Fruit, Milk	5) NO SCHOOL
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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COALITION MEETING

With September being Suicide Awareness month, we invite you to join us to hear our panel of community members share their perspectives on how suicide affects our community. We are hoping to have open and honest conversations about the impact of suicide and strengthen our efforts to support one another.

When: September 26th @ Noon

Where: Christian Life Center - 2020 Vista St. Belle Fourche

Lunch will be provided.
Please RSVP by 9/24

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