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BELLE FOURCHE—Once a year the agricultural community gathers together to celebrate each other and all that they do for the Belle Fourche area at the Annual Agri-Business Appreciation Banquet put on by the Black Hills Roundup Ag Committee.

This year marked the 40th iteration of the awards and was held on the evening of September 25 at the Belle Fourche Community Hall.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was a new comer to the area, Ken Ripley. He kept the evening moving along and the crowd entertained with jokes, stories and a costume change.

Mayor Randy Schmidt welcomed everyone to the Banquet.

The new Black Hills Roundup Chairman, Bill Eastman, was also on hand and thanked the Roundup Ag Committee for putting on the event to recognize their own industries. He made sure to highlight the importance of sponsors. "I want to thank all the sponsors throughout the area, whether you sponsor the Black Hills Roundup Ag Committee Banquet, or sponsor Black Hills Roundup Chutes for Charity or you sponsor the Black Hills Roundup Fourth of July

## 40th Annual Agri-Business Appreciation Banquet



The BF Community Hall was filled with Ag producers, Agri-business and Ag supporters for the 40 *Hunter Anderson Photo*

week—we appreciate that great things cost money—there's nothing free in this world! Your sponsorship is what makes great things happen. Thank you very much!"

Dane Kissack gave a thoughtful invocation prior to the serving of the meal. Branding Iron Steakhouse served tossed salad table side and then

buffet lines were formed for the main dish. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans and a dinner roll were all on the menu. Cupcakes, provided by Lynn's Dakotamart, were on the table for dessert.

Musical entertainment was provided throughout the night by Shawn "Bronc" Hight, sponsored by CATL Resources, Tim

and Dr. Chandy Olson.

Following the meal, the keynote speaker was Clay Birkenland, Pioneer Bank and Trust and also Ranch Rodeo Chairman. He discussed the revolution of the dollar and the local economy. "Ag in South Dakota is corn and wheat and beans and honey and you name everything else, but in

our area, it comes down to beef cattle. This is cow country," he explained. He went on to share the estimated number of cows in this area, and the amount of revenue they pump into the local economy. He explained, "If they weigh 500 pounds, which they will, and if they get \$3.75 a pound, which they will, that's

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## Lynn's Dakotamart Hosts Tailgate Event

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BELLE FOURCHE—A pop up tailgate party to launch a new product combined with good food, good friends and a good cause made for a great day on the afternoon of September 26 in the Lynn's Dakotamart parking lot.

Cutting Edge Meat Market was on hand to offer a variety of grilled brat samples for everyone to try. "We are introducing a new product in our store, and it's the Cutting Edge Meat Market out of Piedmont.

They have made bratwurst for 25 years but now they're really starting to expand out into restaurants, grocery stores, things like that. We were fortunate enough to have a tasting a couple weeks ago with them at one of our locations, and as a company, we decided to bring them on," explained Jim Grapentine, Manager. "We look at people—even like Piedmont, South Dakota—as local, that's important to us."

Employees from the store handed out different samples of products that you can buy locally in store. Onion hot dog buns, baked beans, coleslaw

and potato salad were among some of the foods one could taste. "Then it rolled into, let's have a few other things set up! Let's grill some brats and hand them out for goodwill donations with all proceeds going to Belle Silver Lining," said Grapentine.

Free will donation buckets were set up to allow for tailgaters to give what they could for the fun event and food. Belle Silver Lining was the recipient of all proceeds.

Lynn's Dakotamart and Grapentine thought the community event would be a good opportunity to raise some money and help a local organization that may be in need of a little help. "Well, I see so much of it on social media or I hear people in the grocery store, that we have several organizations in our town that really need our support," explained Grapentine. "Belle Silver Lining really stuck out in my mind, because I have a few friends that are on the board there and are talking about the need—the food pantry is in need—there are just so many different organizations that are in need of our help—this time we chose Belle Silver Lining."



The public came to **Lynn's Dakotamart** tailgate event and indulged in **Cutting Edge Meat Market** brats. Free will donations benefited **Belle Silver Lining Center**. *Longbrake photo*

## Beacon Update: Publisher Enjoys Knee replacement

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Beacon Readers:

We are still working out details on a collaboration effort for long term continuation of the paper.

All is still going in a positive direction, but like when the Beacon started, it takes more time than you anticipate.

We have been able to continue with an online edition the past two months and will continue to do so as we are able. The Beacon online publication can be viewed at www.bellefourchebeacon.com.

The next two weeks may be a "short vacation" from weekly editions.

The owner and publisher, was scheduled this week for a knee replacement surgery.

My old friend, the late George Mortimer who was the inspi-

ration for my first ever visit to Belle Fourche stopped at my house on morning for a cup of coffee. I said, "George, how you doing?" His reply was, "Not worth a d\*\*\*, getting old ain't for sissys."

My knee has instructed me on the meaning of that comment.

We will be restricted for travel and running around for some time, and at this point uncertain if will be able to perform our duties at the Beacon.

We will certainly try to keep everything going, but may need a couple weeks to get everything rolling

Thank you again for your encouragement to keep the Beacon going!

Kindest Regards,  
Doug Cole  
Owner & Publisher, Belle Fourche Beacon  
Homebound and down, but not out!

## Chamber Mixer & Ribbon Cutting at BH Title

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Chamber of Commerce teamed up with Black Hills Title Company to not only host the monthly Chamber Mixer, but also to take the opportunity to christen their new space with a Ribbon Cutting at their new home located at 1903 5th Avenue.

The business community and the public turned out to celebrate the event on September 23 and check out the new building and office space. Everyone gathered outside in front of the building to hear Travis Martin, Title Operations Manager say a few words before cutting the ribbon.

Martin thanked everyone for coming out and said, "It was a long process to get it done and we're just happy that building was vacant and that we were

able to move in here and it's not red anymore! It looks way different inside! We're happy we got parking, we got places for everybody.

Thanks for the community support, and we're happy to be a member of the Chamber. They do a great job! So we appreciate it!" Michaela Horn, Chamber Director commented, "The building looks amazing. Thank you for coming out to celebrate the new building and the move for Black Hills Title."

After the ribbon cutting the crowd went back inside the building to tour the new space and visit with fellow business associates.

High Plains Restaurant created an amazing charcuterie layout that included of a variety of meats, cheeses, fruits, vegetables, crackers,

bread, dips and bacon wrapped shrimp along with many other delicious treats.

A selection of refreshments was served as well.

Every month during the Chamber Mixer the Connect and Collect drawing is held. This month the pot was at \$325. A name is picked from a bucket containing all the names of the Chamber members. This month Joe Dirt won. Unfortunately there was no one from that business on hand to collect the cash. You must be present to win. Now the pot increases and rolls over to next month!

The next Chamber Mixer is scheduled for October 16 and will be hosted by 605 Media and Entertainment and held at the Belle Fourche Country Club from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend this Mixer. Come and meet the business community!



Travis Martin cuts the ribbon for **Black Hills Title Company**. *Longbrake photo*

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## Robert Rhenhold Ruff 92

Robert (Bob) Rhenhold Ruff of Sturgis, SD passed away at the age of 92 on September 24, 2025. Bob was born July 8, 1933 at home near Nisland, SD to Dave and Lillie (Meyer) Ruff. He attended grade school in Nisland, graduated from Vale High School in 1951 and then spent time attending Black Hills Teachers College.



On March 14, 1958, Bob married Carolyn Faye Edwards, where they began a very successful farming operation in Butte County raising sugar beets. On September 27, 1962 the couple was blessed with the birth of their son, Robert Joel Ruff.

Upon the 1965 closure of the U & I Sugar Beet factory in Belle Fourche, Bob quickly shifted gears and became a livestock and farming manager. He again found success in the feeding of sheep and cattle while continuing to raise crops until his retirement in 1994.

After retirement, he and Carolyn moved to Meade County where they built a new home and workshop. Here Bob kept busy with numerous interests. Although farming was Bob's occupation, he had several hobbies and passions. One such passion was watching all kinds of sports, whether at home, on TV or in person, Bob enjoyed watching his son and nephews compete. Rob competed in high school sports in Newell, SD as well as ran track and hurdles in college at the School of Mines, Rapid City, SD. Bob was always Rob's #1 fan. It was with great sadness when they lost their son, Rob at the age of 39 of Multiple Myeloma, but their faith, family and friends were a source of comfort.

Bob was known for his meticulous care of this workshop, tractors and machinery. He loved attending local auctions and finding all kinds of treasures. He especially enjoyed working on Carolyn's suggestion for finding useful tools to make life easier for her. Bob and Carolyn were a great husband and wife farming team. Over the years, they enjoyed many hours work-

ing together on farm projects. Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing cards with his friends. He also like to work in his shop welding and repairing things for others. He especially enjoyed casting a line with his brother, David. Bob loved all kinds of card games, but a game of cribbage with Carolyn was always a favorite. Interestingly enough, Bob never received a 29, but Carolyn was in receipt of two!

Bob was a well-respected man of the Vale community. He proudly served on numerous local boards and held many leadership positions throughout Vale and the surrounding area. He was very proud to claim that his father, Dave Ruff and father-in-law to be, Vernon Edwards were two of the founders of the Vale Lutheran Church where he and his family were confirmed. Upon his death, Bob had recently become a member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Sturgis, SD.

Bob is survived by his wife of 67 years, Carolyn (Edwards) Ruff; brothers, David (Marian) Ruff and John (Pat) Ruff; sister, Dolores Moore; and sister-in-law, Charlotte Pauley.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Dave and Lillie Ruff; son, Rob Ruff; sister, Helen Erk; and brothers-in-law, Don Moore, George Erk, Orville Edwards and Dale E. Pauley.

The family would like to extend a special thank-you to the Spearfish Canyon Healthcare and Stillwater Hospice for their kind and generous care.

A memorial has been established to Grace Lutheran Church and the Vale Cemetery.

Please join the family for a luncheon at the Vale Community Hall following the burial.

"Thank-you God, for a lifetime with a wonderful family and so many good friends."

- Robert Ruff



### Jeremiah 15:16-18

"Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words were to me a joy and the rejoicing of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts".

### Hebrews 10:35-39

"So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. For you have need of endurance, so that, after you have done the will of God, you may receive what he has promised."

### Psalms 139:1-18:

"You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand— when I awake, I am still with you."

### Upcoming events, for more information call: 605-892-2676



**Events throughout the month at the Dinosaur Museum**

- Oct 3 - 7:30AM Caramel & Coffee @ Belle Silver Lining**
- Oct 4 - 10:30AM First Saturday Brunch @ Tri State Museum**
- Oct 5 - 1PM Kids & Cops Bike Hermann Park**
- Oct 6 - 6PM City Council**
- Oct 7 - 6PM Belle Silver Lining BINGO @ Branding Iron**

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\$126 million of steer calves that we can sell out of this four county trade area.” Basically, if you spend local and keep that money local, then the Belle Fourche area will thrive. “Every dollar spent in a small town like ours turns over seven times,” he said.

The highlight of the night are the awards, the award presenter was Harlan Stephens. The awards given out are for Ag Leadership Award, Ag Person Award, Ag Business Award and Young Rancher Award.

The first award of the night was the Ag Leadership Award. This is only the sixth year of handing out this award. “The Ag Leadership Award is our way to recognize those people in the community who are supporting youth in agriculture and keeping that pipeline of future ag producers and ag business people full,” said Stephens.

This year’s recipient is Austin Bishop. In only his eighth year as Belle Fourche Ag Educator and FFA Advisor, his students have amassed a large collection of awards. He jumps in wherever needed. He was named the 2025 Distinguished

Teacher for Belle Fourche High School. He is found volunteering wherever he is needed, from Belle Jackpot Association to basketball and soccer coaching, he helps when he can. Austin was unable to attend the event, so two of his FFA students accepted the award on his behalf.

The next award of the evening was the Dick Reder Memorial Award established in 1998. “Dick Reder was a great supporter of Ag and Ag business in Belle Fourche, and the family decided that they would like to honor his memory by starting this award, so we thank him,” said Stephens. This year’s Young Rancher Award winners are Brandon and Vanessa Kudlock. They both graduated from Belle Fourche High School and were married in 2009. They have three daughters. He is a fifth generation rancher and she is Nurse Practitioner who owns and operates Tri-State Medical Clinic. He has a pilot’s license and flies airplanes.

The Ag Business Award was the next one to be given out. Stephens explained, “This is

an award that recognizes a local business that serves the ag community and helps keep ag folks coming back and spending their dollars here in Belle Fourche.”

This year, New Generation Supplements was honored with the Ag Business of the Year Award. The business has strong roots in the area. Back in 1926 it was a sugar beet factory on land that Seth Bullock owned. The plant closed and was torn down but the foundation remained. In 1997 a plan to create a smarter way to supplement livestock was hatched. By March of 1998 supplements were being produced on that same land. Today over 5 million head of livestock are fed worldwide every single year through their smart lick and horse lick brands.

“The Ag Person Award is what started this whole banquet,” said Stephens. “Years ago, the Ag Committee decided that it would be appropriate for us as a committee to honor pillars of ag communities—people that have gone above and beyond for agriculture—this is our opportunity as the business community to recognize that and to shed light and shine a light on the good things that they do for our ag community and our business community.”

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This year, Craig and Deb Kukuchka are honored with the Ag Persons Award. Both are fifth generation cattle producers. Both have been in agriculture their entire lives. After college, Deb became one of the first female Ag teachers in Montana. In 1988 they moved to a ranch north of Belle Fourche. This year will mark their 37th Bull Sale. They like to educate others and give back, one of the ways they have done this

by hosting 40 foreign exchange students from all over the world since 1981.

Each table at the award banquet has a special centerpiece created for the event. Every year the best one is honored. This year, CBH COOP won that honor. Michaela Horn from the Chamber of Commerce was honored with a flower bouquet for all of the help she provides, as was Sue Hight, for the support she provides.



(Clockwise from L) Craig and Deb Kukuchka were honored with the **Ag Persons Award**; **New Generation Supplements** received the Ag Business of the Year Award; MC Ken Ripley comes out on stage in an interesting outfit, while **Clay Birkeland** tries to begin his speech; and Young Rancher Award winners were **Brandon and Vanessa Kudlock**; Longbrake photos



(L) Honored for her help to the Ag Committee, **Sue Hight**, received a flower bouquet; **Shawn “Bronc” Hight** entertained the crowd throughout the evening; FFA members **Kate Williamson** and **Jazlyn Olson** accept the **Ag Leadership Award** on behalf of this year’s winner, **Austin Bishop**, who was unable to attend; Chamber Director, **Michaela Horn**, was honored for all of her help with the evening. She was given a bouquet of flowers. Longbrake photos



## October 5th Concert



The Trio Camerata will perform a concert of flute music at the **United Church of Christ** in Spearfish October 5th.. The performers are **Katrina Garnett** and **Rodney Garnett**, flutes and **Janeen Larsen**, piano. Donations will go to the **Red Ribbon Skirt Society**. *Courtesy Photo*

## Show Up

**Belle Fourche High School's Fall Production is Sense and Sensibility!** Directors Nathan Schreier and Allie Juso-Verry have just announced their cast & crew: Sense and Sensibility Cast List: Tiril Brattas, Fanny Dashwood; Madisyn Carson, Mrs. Ferrars/Servant; Sonja Cropper, Mrs. Jennings; Nathan Erhart, Thomas/Doctor; Iva Hale, Anne Steele/Servant; Tace Hartman, Lady Middleton/Servant; Trinity Hostetter, Elinor Dashwood; Ainsley Jewett, Margaret Dashwood; Ellie Kukuchka, Gossip 5; Avery Mastin, Robert Ferrars/Servant; Kalani Meyers, Gossip 4; Neeko Piekkola, Gossip 3; Abigail Schmidt, Mrs. Dashwood; Derek Scott, Edward Ferrars; Ember Shannon, Lucy Steele; Trey Shannon, John Dashwood; Dillon Street-er, Gossip 2; Kaeli Thompson, Marianne Dashwood; Timothy Thompson, John Willoughby; Bella Welles, Gossip 1; Trevor Welles, Colonel Brandon; Logan Willert, Sir John. Tech Crew: Hunter Brown; Madison Dalton; Riley Okeson. This timeless Jane Austen story's stage script is heartwarming and humorous and sure to be an audience favorite.



**Belle Fourche Area Community Theater is hosting a PLAYWRITING FESTIVAL!** This festival features local playwrights who will start writing their plays two weeks before the festival, beginning on October 6. Through workshoping, late nights, and hair pulling, their short plays will be finished just in time! The pressure will be on, as each show will be handed over to a director, cast, and rehearsed within one week of curtain! A hectic creative expo, this showcase is a labor of love for all involved. We're spotlighting playwrights from the Center of the Nation, and the talent and dedication of our amazing volunteers! Best of all, it is all free! SHOW UP for the Festival Performances on October 17 & 18 at 7pm at the Belle Fourche Rec Center Theater.

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!  
October 17 & 18, 7 PM: Center of the Nation Playwriting Festival performances

October 20, 7 PM: BFHS Band & Chorus Concert  
November 11, 2 PM: BFMS Veterans Day Program, BFMS Gym  
November 11, 9 AM: BFHS Veterans Day Program, BF Rec Center Theater  
November 20-22, Thurs.-Sat., 7 PM: BFHS Production of Sense & Sensibility, BF Rec Center Theater.

Maybe YOU know what SHOW is UP next? Share your fine arts tidbits and upcoming events at bellelav-  
ene@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!

## Quality Quick Print Joins the Belle Fourche Business Community

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce helped welcome new owners of an established business to the Belle community at the ribbon cutting for Quality Quick Print, formerly Print Mark-et, on September 10.

This new purchase brings back a long-time Belle resident to the area. Trevor Madsen is the new Director of Sales and Marketing and will be going back and forth between the Belle Fourche office and the Rapid City location. "I went to school in Spearfish and then I worked in Belle Fourche for about 10 years.

I moved back to Rapid City in 2018 so I've kind of been all around the Hills," he explained. When he was in Belle he worked for Tri-State

Livestock and he looks forward to rekindling all of those old business relationships.

Quality Quick Print is headquartered in Aberdeen and was actively looking to expand to this area when Print Mark-et came up for sale. "The opportunity came up where Mark Schreiner, who was the previous owner, had kind of got to the end and said, 'hey, I'm ready to retire,' and his kids weren't real interested in taking over the business and we were looking to buy. So it was just a perfect union, I guess, to bring us all together," explained Steve Lewno, QQP President. "So what Mark had built over the years with the acquisition of Sand Creek and Unique Signs—it complemented the business that we were already doing in Aberdeen, extremely well—it

just gave us the opportunity to really solidify the community support that we could offer out here and a better service offering."

Quality Quick Print brings years of experience and history to the new Belle Fourche store. "Our tagline is "Your Brand. On Anything. Anywhere." We started off as a print company back in 1979 and from the success of that print company, we've continued to grow from a quick print shop to a commercial sheet fed shop to a web printing shop," said Lewno. "And then from that continued success, we added signage—we do exterior and interior signage—and from there, we added apparel, which is embroidery, screen print, direct to garment, direct to film printing. We also do promotional items, so golf balls and mugs and

things that you might want to hand out in a parade or things like that."

The new ownership has no plans to implement any changes to the current employees that were previously with Print Mark-et. "There's no change over in the staff. So all the staff that was previously with Mark, is gonna stay on board with us.

Mona, who runs the Belle location is going to continue, as long as she wants to be here—she's going to be here running the show," said Lewno.

The old Print Mark-et joins a growing company. "We've got two locations in Aberdeen and then we've got a sales office in Pierre and then this

recent acquisition brought us Rapid City and Belle Fourche, plus we've got a sister company in Sioux Falls named Panther Graphics," explained Lewno.

In total the company has about 225 employees and does business in 49 out of 50 states. "I'm still looking for a customer in Hawaii so that I have an excuse to go to Hawaii on a sales trip," Lewno joked.

QQP is proud of their strong South Dakota roots! "We're a South Dakota ownership group, second generation owners from Leola, South Dakota," said Lewno. "Once the dad was ready to retire, the two sons took over about five years ago, and everything's kind of just been moving right along. We're South Dakota all the way."



The **Chamber of Commerce** hosted a ribbon cutting welcoming **Quality Quick Print** to the Belle Fourche community.

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## Cattle Report - Friday, September 26, 2025

1500 Hd today  
Lots of tested open hfrs - yrkg market was strong!

Next Sale - Oct. 3rd - Yearling & Spring Calf Special - Selling all classes of cattle - 10:30 AM  
Thank you for marketing with St Onge Livestock!

<b>Yearlings</b>				
Arlidge Ranch, Ekalaka MT	59	Bk	Hfr	851 336.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	55	Rdbl	Hfr	746 360.00
Elsbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY	55	Bk	Str	1014 338.00
Elsbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY	25	Bk	Str	981 335.50
Gay Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	11	Bk	Str	764 362.00
Janvin Jr, Clair C, Ludlow SD	16	Bk	Hfr	1003 314.00
Johnson, Troy, St Onge SD	47	Bk	Hfr	853 335.00
Lepisto Land & Cattle, Miles City MT	58	Rdbl	Hfr	752 368.00
Lepisto Land & Cattle, Miles City MT	12	Red	Hfr	845 336.00
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	126	Bk	Hfr	957 325.50
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	15	Bk	Hfr	778 352.00
Owens, Tom, Baker MT	28	Bk	Hfr	884 334.00
Robinson, Cole, Moorcroft WY	14	Bk	Hfr	898 332.00
Schuricht, Ken, Moorcroft WY	19	Bk	Hfr	824 341.50
Smith, Marvin, Sturgis SD	18	Bk	Hfr	1009 319.00

<b>Weigh Up Cows</b>				
5 Bar 8 Ranch Inc, Belle Fourche SD	1	Xbrd	Cow	1655 171.00
Aman, Barbara, Nemo SD	2	Rdbl	Cow	1655 178.00
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT	1	Cow		1570 180.00
Draine, Tim Or Joni, Biddle MT	2	Bk	Hfr	967 227.50
Draine, Tim Or Joni, Biddle MT	2	Bk	Cow	1320 178.00
Edwards, Teddy J Or Sheryl, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Hfr	965 252.00
Edwards, Teddy J Or Sheryl, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Hfr	1160 239.00
Edwards, Teddy J Or Sheryl, Gillette WY	2	Bk	Owette	1282 214.00
Edwards, Teddy J Or Sheryl, Gillette WY	3	Bk	Cow	1616 173.00
Edwards, Teddy J Or Sheryl, Gillette WY	2	Bk	Cow	1417 152.00
Edwards, Teddy J Or Sheryl, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1250 151.00
Felizardo, Laurent, Custer SD	1	Bk	Cow	1535 150.00
Knutson, Kenny, Avada WY	1	Xbrd	Cow	480 175.00
Krantz, Keith, Powderville MT	1	Rdbl	Cow	1480 178.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Owette	1565 184.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD	3	Bk	Cow	1678 177.50
Mt Rushmore Angus, Hermosa SD	10	Bk	Hfr	1072 256.00
Mt Rushmore Angus, Hermosa SD	17	Bk	Cow	1393 178.00
Mt Rushmore Angus, Hermosa SD	14	Bk	Cow	1353 173.50
Mt Rushmore Angus, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Cow	1910 164.00
Mt Rushmore Angus, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Cow	1560 151.00
Ridley, Tee, Whitehead SD	1	Bk	Cow	1480 178.00
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	6	Rdbl	Hfr	1134 268.00
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	3	Bk	Cow	1680 176.00
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	1	Bk	Cow	1590 158.00
Uhrig, David, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Hfr	920 264.00
Uhrig, David, Hermosa SD	3	Bk	Hfr	1083 253.00
Uhrig, David, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Hfr	950 245.00
Uhrig, David, Hermosa SD	2	Bk	Hfr	1202 240.00
Uhrig, David, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Cow	1410 179.50
Uhrig, David, Hermosa SD	2	Bk	Cow	1310 172.00
Walking H Ranch, Sundance WY	2	Othe	Cow	1252 160.00

<b>Weigh Up Bulls</b>				
Boylan, Robert, Newell SD	1	Bk	Bull	1680 190.00
Boylan, Robert, Newell SD	2	Bk	Bull	1587 204.00
Boylan, Robert, Newell SD	1	Bk	Bull	1555 165.00
Boylan, Robert, Newell SD	1	Bk	Bull	1535 164.00
Collins, Kelly Or Melissa, Newell SD	1	Bld	Bull	1640 200.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	1	Bk	Bull	1830 185.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	2	Bk	Bull	1777 199.50
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	1	Bk	Bull	1610 206.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	1	Bk	Bull	1585 206.00
Crago, Chuck Or Mary, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Bull	1875 191.00
Crago, Ralph, St Onge SD	1	Bk	Bull	2070 177.50
Crago, Ralph, St Onge SD	1	Bk	Bull	1520 205.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	2	Hfr	Bull	1700 195.00
Edwards, Teddy J Or Sheryl, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	2020 187.50
Edwards, Teddy J Or Sheryl, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	2005 177.00
Edwards, Teddy J Or Sheryl, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1975 194.00
Edwards, Dave E, Gillette WY	2	Bk	Bull	1850 168.50
Edwards, Dave E, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1800 186.00
Fenner, Clancy, Moorcroft WY	1	Bk	Bull	1790 194.00
Gravitt, Chase, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Bull	2140 184.00
H Crown Ranch LLC, Hulet WY	1	Hfr	Bull	2000 191.00
Halverson, James, Sundance WY	3	Red	Bull	1091 285.00
Kuhbacher, Jason, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Bull	2145 206.00
Kuhbacher, Jason, Broadus MT	2	Bk	Bull	1800 200.00
Kuhbacher, Jason, Broadus MT	1	Hfr	Bull	2100 184.00
Lewis, Phil, Gillette WY	1	Bull		1660 188.00
Lindblom, Brad, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Bull	2060 202.00
Lindblom, Brad, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Bull	1950 200.00
Lindblom, Dan, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Bull	1865 175.00
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	1	Bk	Bull	2385 185.00
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	2	Bk	Bull	2085 194.00
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	1	Bk	Bull	1930 215.00
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	1	Bk	Bull	1850 207.00
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	1	Bk	Bull	1760 194.50
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	1	Bk	Bull	1740 184.00
Miller, Doug Or Mary, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1105 267.50
Mt Rushmore Angus, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Bull	2155 167.00
Mt Rushmore Angus, Hermosa SD	2	Bk	Bull	1952 207.00
Mt Rushmore Angus, Hermosa SD	2	Bk	Bull	1260 235.00
Neiman Cattle Company LLC, Alva WY	1	Bk	Bull	2025 181.00
Neiman Cattle Company LLC, Alva WY	1	Bk	Bull	1850 192.00
Oedekoven, Darrel, Vale SD	1	Bk	Bull	2110 200.00
Oshoto Flying M Operations LLC, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1995 187.00
Oshoto Flying M Operations LLC, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1685 194.50
Oshoto Flying M Operations LLC, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1685 192.00
Oshoto Flying M Operations LLC, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1285 250.00
Owens, Tom, Baker MT	5	Bk	Bull	1933 205.00
Owens, Tom, Baker MT	1	Bk	Bull	1845 184.00
Owens, Tom, Baker MT	1	Bk	Bull	1580 177.00
Owens, Tom, Baker MT	1	Bk	Bull	1205 275.00
Persson, Drew, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1790 190.00
Persson, Drew, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1630 184.00
Persson, Drew, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Bull	1090 305.00
Pikster Ranch, Alzada MT	1	Bk	Bull	2270 192.50
Robinson, Cole, Moorcroft WY	1	Bk	Bull	1535 207.00

Rocky Top Ranch, Rapid City SD	1	Char	Bull	2110 181.00
Russiff Ranch Co, Olive MT	1	Bk	Bull	815 310.00
Schmidt, Cele Or Kristy, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Bull	1570 198.00
Smith, Marvin, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Bull	1640 206.00
Smith, Marvin, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Bull	1630 194.00
Smith, Marvin, Sturgis SD	1	Bk	Bull	1550 184.00
Steffes, Darrel, Vale SD	1	Bk	Bull	2095 212.50
Steffes, Kristi, Vale SD	1	Bk	Bull	1285 242.50
Van Damme, Dale & Sheela, Gillette WY	1	Hfr	Bull	1800 180.00
Wagner Trust, Moorcroft WY	1	Bk	Bull	1985 174.00
Whitney, Jason, Newcastle WY	1	Bk	Bull	1855 210.00

## Friday, October 3, 2025 Spring Calf Special

10:30 AM - Weigh Up Cows, 12 Noon - Bred Cows

followed by Feeder Cattle

BT-Branding Time Shots PC - PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free

BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI- No Implants

### Yrlds

Double H Ranch - 52 Herf & Red Bldy Strs & Hfrs - 850-950#

Greg Davis - 2 Bk Strs - 800-850#

### Spring Calves

Drew Persson - 200 Bk Mostly Strs - 465-500# - BT, PC, NI, All Nat

Moore Ranch/Styvar Lvst - 105 Bk Strs & Hfrs - 450-550# - BT, NI, DF

Boller Mills - 105 F-1 & Bk Strs & Hfrs - 540-600# - BT, PC, NI, No Hfrs Kept

Rock Pile Ridge Ranch - 100 Red Strs & Hfrs - 550-600# - BT, PC

Schuricht & Kinstetter - 90 Bk Strs - 400-500# - BT

Jim Jandreau - 50 Bk Strs & Hfrs - 450-500# - BT

Wilbur & Darlene Troyer - 50 Strs & Hfrs - BT, PC

Wende Gianino - 25 Red & Bk Strs & Hfrs - 400-600# - BT, PC, NI, DF, Angus

Corey Alan - 20 Bk Strs - 550-600# - BT, PC, NI

Wy Consignment - 15 Bk Strs & Hfrs - 450# - BT

Dan Edwards - 6 Bk Strs - 550-600# - BT, PC

Plus more by sale time!

## 2025 CATTLE SALES

October 10th - Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

Friday, October 17th - Spring Calf Special

Saturday, October 18th - 1st Saturday Early Bred Cow Special & Weigh Up Sale

Wednesday, October 22nd - Spring Calf Special

Friday, October 24th - Spring Calf Special

Saturday, October 25th - Weigh Up Sale

Wednesday, October 29th - Spring Calf Special

Friday, October 31st - Spring Calf Special

Saturday, November 1st - Bred Hfr & Cow Special & Weigh Up Sale

Wednesday, November 5th - Final Wednesday Spring Calf Special

Friday, November 7th - Spring Calf Special

Saturday, November 8th - Weigh Up Sale

Friday, November 14th - Spring Calf Special

Saturday, November 15th - Bred Hfr & Cow Special & Weigh Up Sale

Friday, November 21st - Spring Calf Special

Saturday, November 22nd - Bred Hfr & Cow Special & Weigh Up Sale

Saturday, November 29th - Annual Thanksgiving Bred Hfr & Stock Cow Special

Friday, December 5th - Spring Calf Special

Saturday, December 6th - Weigh Up Sale

December 12th - Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

December 19th - Bred Hfr & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

Final Sale Of 2025 - Thank You To All Our Consignors & Buyers For A Record Year!

## 2026 CATTLE SALES

January 9th - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

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

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

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Attention to all sheep & goat producers: It is required that every male & female animal over the age of 12 months have a scrapies tag in place to sell. These tags can be obtained by the producer for FREE by calling 1-866-873-2824. If they come to the sale barn without being tagged, you will be charged \$4/hd for our vet to do them. Please call us if you have any questions.

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## Sheep Report - Thursday, September 25, 2025

Feeder lambs sold \$5 to \$7 higher, slaughter ewes sold steady

Pooled ewes

270 fleshy ewes.....\$91-93

193 medium ewes.....\$82

210 thin ewes.....\$80-81

Next Sale - October 2nd - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - 1 PM start time

Thank you for your business!

Replacement Ewes - sold by the head

Talcoff, Duane, Hammond MT.....53....5yr.....192....\$180.00

Geis Brothers LLC, Gillette WY.....143...S-St.....158....\$135.00

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## Looking Back in Belle

These articles come from newspaper microfilm from the Belle Fourche Public library, using a new microfilm reader and printer. The photographs are from the Tri-State Museum.

Joe Wiegand, the nation's leading Theodore Roosevelt reenactor, performed his Teddy Roosevelt Show at the Belle Fourche Rec Center to a full-house audience on September 22. This presentation was a fund-raiser for the Silver Lining Senior Center sponsored by Pioneer Bank and Chairman Jeb Clarkson. Funds are still being raised and will be matched by the F. L. Clarkson Foundation. Donations will be accepted at Center or dropped at Pioneer Bank.

From Back Trailing in the Heart of the Short Grass Country by John O. Bye published 1956 THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S MALTESE CROSS AND ELKHORN RANCHES In the early 1880's a young tenderfoot seeking health, happiness and sport dropped off a Northern Pacific train at the little cowtown of Little Missouri on the west bank of the river by the same name. His health was poor, he had just lost his wife and he wanted to get away from politics for a while and forget his troubles. He soon became enamoured with this badlands country, the plentiful game and the free, if rough and tumble, life. He decided to join up with two experienced pioneer ranchers who provided the "know how" while "Teddy" furnished most of the money, and went into the cattle business. One ranch was established about ten miles south of Little Missouri. (About this Medora was established by the Marquis deMores on the east bank of the river and the old pioneer town of "Little Missouri" faded out of the picture.) A little later the Elkhorn ranch with two other partners was set up about 35 miles down the river from Medora. But neither the know how of his partners nor his own cash could prevail against the "hard winter" (1886-1887) and Roosevelt, along with the Marquis deMores and others, went out of business. Roosevelt's books showed a net loss of \$20,292.63 (about \$699,409.04 today) at the close of his operations. This did not include interest on the investment but includes operation of the Matese Cross (Chimney Butte ranch) to December, 1891 and of the Elkhorn ranch until February, 1899.

191 years ago  
TIMES  
March 8, 1934

### MEMORIAL FOR TEDDY ROOSEVELT PLANNED IN N.D.

Announcement that a national shrine in honor of Theodore Roosevelt is to be erected in the bad lands of western North Dakota by an association that will purchase the old Maltese Cross ranch, owned and operated for several years by Theodore Roosevelt, recalls to pioneers of North and South Dakota the stirring days which covered the period of "Teddy's" residence in what is now North Dakota. At that time North and South Dakota were embraced in the old Dakota territory. The association plans to replace the cabin and cow-camp buildings on the old ranch of the famous "rough-riders," and thus create a shrine which is expected to be visited by tourists from all parts of the country and the world.

Marquis Also Had Ranch Theodore Roosevelt and the famous Marquis DeMores, son of a prominent French family of nobles, owned rancher in the same district of western North Dakota, not far from the eastern boundary of Montana. Stories have been told of a duel which is said to have taken place between Marquis DeMores and Theodore Roosevelt, and it also was related by those who love the sensational that on one occasion Roosevelt slapped the face of the Frenchman. Both these stories are denied by Capt. A. M. Willard, who was one of the last of the famous frontiersmen of Dakota and for many years a resident of western South Dakota.

He was intimately acquainted with every phase of the relations between Theodore Roosevelt and Marquis DeMores and with the activities of the Marquis during the period he resided on a ranch west of Medora, a famous old cattle town of western North Dakota. Medora was built by the Marquis at the point where the Northern Pacific crosses the Little Missouri river and was named Medora after his wife. Captain Willard, referring to the alleged slapping episode, said: "This statement is absolutely false. No man could slap DeMores and get away with it, and to my knowledge Theodore Roosevelt and the Marquis DeMores were the best of friends and neighbors. It is too bad to spoil such a fine dime novel story, but in justice to the memory of the Marquis DeMores and Theodore Roosevelt I make this correction, knowing that I am making a plain statement of facts."

The hard winter of 1886-87 was a severe blow to all the cattlemen on the Little Missouri and in the bad lands of North Dakota, and heavy losses resulted, which drove most of the cattlemen out of business. Marquis DeMores later returned to France and some years afterward organized an expedition for the purpose of exploring some of the Franch possessions in Africa, where he was ambused and murdered by a band of Arabs.

Filled With Memories The region where the shrine to Theodore Roosevelt is to be created is filled with memories of the famous rough rider. The district is one of the most weird on the American continent, and after creation of the shrine is expected to become the mecca of thousands of tourists each summer, who will wish to look over the old Roosevelt ranch and its surroundings and view the natural objects which daily met the eyes of Roosevelt during his ranching days.

### Lasting Friendship Between Roosevelt and Bullock

In 1892 U.S. Civil Service Commissioner Theodore Ro-

sevelt came to western South Dakota to observe conditions on Indian Reservations. Somewhere along the Belle Fourche River Valley, near today's Belle Fourche, South Dakota, Roosevelt crossed paths with Seth Bullock before heading to Deadwood, South Dakota and the reservations. Roosevelt's recollections of this meeting appear in his 1910 autobiography. "We had a rather rough trip, ... Seth [Bullock] received us with rather distant courtesy at first, but unbent when he found out who we were, remarking, 'You see by your looks, I thought you were some kind of a tin-horn gambling outfit, and that I might have to keep an eye on you!'" While Roosevelt ranched in North Dakota, the two men remained close friends. In 1898, both men enlisted to fight during the Spanish-American War. Roosevelt was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the First Volunteer Cavalry and gained national notoriety for the assault on and capture of San Juan Hill, Cuba. Bullock served as Captain of Troop A of the Third Volunteer Cavalry. He oversaw the training and care of soldiers at Fort Thomas in Chickamauga, Georgia. Following the war, Roosevelt was elected Governor of New York in 1898 and Republican Vice-President two years later in 1900. Bullock returned to Deadwood as a noted military veteran with a new found respect amongst his fellow citizens. In July of 1900, Roosevelt accepted the vice-presidential nomination during the Republican National Convention in Pennsylvania. As part of the Republican ticket, Roosevelt campaigned in twenty-four states including North and South Dakota and Montana. Bullock, a prominent Republican, Spanish-American War veteran, and former lawman was invited to accompany Roosevelt. In 1901, Theodore Roosevelt became the 26th President of the United States following the assassination of William McKinley. In a congratulatory letter dated September 24, 1901, Bullock was appointed forest supervisor for the Black Hills Forest Reserve. Bullock held this federal appointment for four and half years.

Bullock became a close friend of Theodore Roosevelt. Roosevelt's children visited Bullock in South Dakota several times between 1903 and 1909. In 1905, Bullock organized a group of local cowboys to ride in Roosevelt's Inaugural parade; their trip and meeting with the president were reported nationwide.



by Mary Buchholz



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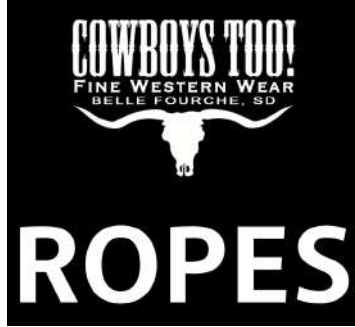
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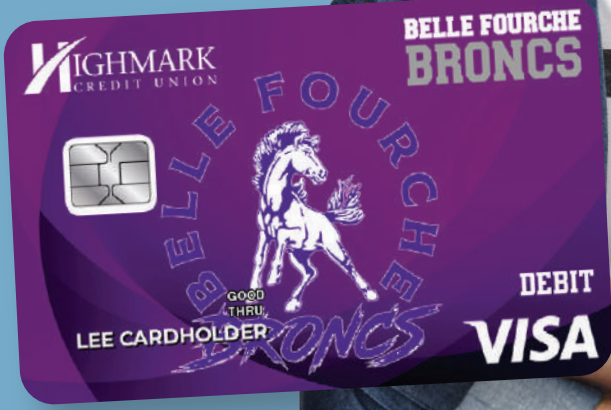
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## Capitol News

Sept. 28, 2025

by Sandy Rhoden

There seems to be some sort of confusion between fall and summer right now with high temperatures this time of year. Looking at temperatures in the 80s with October upon us is very unusual. The moisture has seemed to have ended so we will see what the end of the week brings for our lovely green grass and trees.

There was a time of fellowship for the Men's Coffee and Donuts last Saturday at the fellowship room in Union Center church.

The CMC parents club will be hosting their fall festival for their 3rd annual fundraiser on Thursday, October 9 at the Central Meade County Community Center in Union center. It will begin at 3:30 - 6:00 pm. There will be a dunk tank, games for the whole family, Mimi's Food Truck, cake walk and more.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden had a busy weekend attending the 60th Annual Buffalo Round Up in Custer, South Dakota. Larry, Cody, and Liz Rhoden Rhoden rode horse back for the round up. They, Tristen and Kalen Rhoden then headed to Sioux Falls for the 3rd Annual Governors Cup Rodeo that took place on Friday, Saturday And Sunday. On Saturday Larry and

Sandy Rhoden were parade Marshalls for Dakota State university's homecoming parade in Madison. DSU is Sandy's alma mater. DSU did win the game over Southern Oregon with a score of 11 to 10.

Larry was able to flip the coin for the football game at 2 o'clock. Returned for the Saturday night and Sunday afternoon that were the last chance qualifiers for those working to qualify for the NFR in Las Vegas. The Governor as well as Miss Rodeo South Dakota and Miss Rodeo America presented the final awards. This was the last chance for hopefuls to qualify for the big rodeo in Las Vegas. The Governors Cup Rodeo was a Rorey Lemmel Bucker rodeo and what a class act it was! Rorey Lemmel is a local who grew up north of Stoneville and is now producing world class rodeo events. Rorey and his wife, Krista, work hard to promote rodeo and put on the best possible rodeo events there are, and we enjoy seeing someone from Meade County succeed as they have as a team as well as a family. All family members are all hands on deck. Congratulations on closing out this special event without a hitch and a lot of excitement and talent. Rorey and Krista make their home outside of Whitewood, South Dakota.

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SPRING CALVES	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
B&L Betz Cattle Company I, Clearmont WY	100	Blk/Bwf-Str	514	500.50	\$2,570.06
Brian & Anita Tope, Rozet WY	13	Blk/Bwf-Str	550	435.00	\$2,394.17
Kenneth Or Len Smith, Buffalo SD	31	Black-Str	598	418.00	\$2,499.90
	7	Black-Str	504	470.00	\$2,370.14
	34	Blk-Hfr	544	403.00	\$2,191.01
	8	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	476	425.00	\$2,024.06
Lia Or Wes Butts, Sundance WY	16	Black-Str	457	480.00	\$2,194.50
Duane Talcott, Hammond MT	16	Black-Str	455	500.00	\$2,273.43
	20	Black-Hfr	416	442.50	\$1,839.69
<b>YEARLINGS</b>					
Jason King, Hammond MT	52	Black-Yrimg Str	959	357.75	\$3,430.61
	53	Black-Yrimg Str	950	357.75	\$3,397.27
	52	Black-Yrimg Str	965	357.75	\$3,451.25
	53	Black-Yrimg Str	960	357.75	\$3,435.41
	58	Black-Yrimg Str	853	372.50	\$3,179.09
	64	Black-Yrimg Hfr	839	349.00	\$2,926.41
	50	Black-Yrimg Hfr	761	366.25	\$2,788.62
Consignment From MT	70	Black-Yrimg Hfr Spayed	780	348.00	\$2,713.15
	70	Black-Yrimg Hfr Spayed	775	348.00	\$2,698.49
Ted Kautzman, Capitol MT	29	Black-Yrimg Hfr	932	335.00	\$3,121.85
Bar H Ranch, Reva SD	18	Black-Yrimg Hfr	888	334.00	\$2,967.03
Thomas Ranch Inc, Belle Fourche SD	29	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Hfr	813	335.00	\$2,722.16
Consignment From WY	5	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Hfr	920	335.00	\$3,082.00
Daniel Bird, Olive MT	12	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Str	813	378.00	\$3,074.40
	23	Black-Yrimg Hfr	817	337.50	\$2,755.76
Ondriezek & Fligge, Upton WY	15	Black-Yrimg Hfr	923	336.50	\$3,104.77
Phalen Ranch, Ismay MT	13	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Hfr	896	336.00	\$3,009.78
Patrick M King, Aladdin WY	5	Black-Yrimg Hfr	1032	309.50	\$3,194.04
Tim Mcinerney, Alzada MT	9	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Hfr	1004	311.00	\$3,122.09
Bart Burdick, Baker MT	17	Black-Yrimg Hfr	1012	320.00	\$3,237.64
Danny Lanning, Alzada MT	5	Red-Yrimg Hfr	1056	307.00	\$3,241.92
Swenson Operating Llc, Sundance WY	9	Red-Yrimg Hfr	933	335.50	\$3,129.46
Brownfield Ranch Inc, Hammond MT	10	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Hfr	894	337.50	\$3,015.56
Leffingwell Cattle Compan, roadus MT	7	Black-Yrimg Hfr	970	334.00	\$3,239.80
Otto Schlosser, Hulett WY	13	Black-Yrimg Hfr	943	324.00	\$3,056.81
<b>WEIGH-UPS</b>					
Consignment From WY	29	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1327	171.50	\$2,275.03
Brian & Anita Tope, Rozet WY	1	Rwf-Cow	1375	175.00	\$2,406.25
	5	Rwf/Bwf-Cow	1528	170.50	\$2,605.24
	1	Herf-Hfr	1085	220.00	\$2,387.00
Dwayne Anderson Revoc Trust, Gillette WY	6	Red-Cow	1493	177.50	\$2,650.66
Odis Or Edith Hewson, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1325	178.00	\$2,358.50
	4	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1264	215.00	\$2,717.06
J-Six Enterprises, Vale SD	1	Black-Cow	1340	170.00	\$2,278.00
	1	Black-Cow	1465	179.00	\$2,622.35
	1	Red-Cowette	1375	198.00	\$2,722.50
	1	Black-Cow	1565	173.50	\$2,715.27
	21	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1103	264.00	\$2,911.54
	4	Red-Cow	1078	270.00	\$2,909.25

	6	Rd/Blk-Cow	1305	171.00	\$2,231.55
	22	Red-Cow	1388	177.50	\$2,464.42
Paul Bruch, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1305	169.50	\$2,211.97
Shirley Bruch, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1345	170.00	\$2,286.50
Consignment From SD	9	Black-Cow	1617	179.00	\$2,894.82
	5	Black-Hfr	1171	221.00	\$2,587.91
	1	Black-Cow	1490	175.50	\$2,614.95
Mike E Malenovsky, Ekalaka MT	1	Red-Cow	1525	173.00	\$2,638.25
Everett Heinert, Hulett WY	1	Black-Cow	1535	163.00	\$2,502.05
	1	Black-Cow	1360	169.00	\$2,298.40
	1	Black-Cow	1825	166.00	\$3,029.50
Kermit Rumph, Biddle MT	1	Black-Cow	1615	176.00	\$2,842.40
Thomas Or Marie Barrett, Caputa SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1540	172.00	\$2,648.80
<b>BULLS</b>					
Rittberger Beef Inc, Fairburn SD	1	Black-Bull	2050	192.00	\$3,936.00
Dave Gaer, Newell SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1945	225.00	\$4,376.25
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2050	186.00	\$3,813.00
Spur Land & Livestock Llc, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2015	195.00	\$3,929.25
Chris Gnerer, Volborg MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1840	191.00	\$3,514.40
Tim Mcinerney, Alzada MT	2	Black-Bull Drug Free	1865	201.00	\$3,748.65
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1630	215.00	\$3,504.50
Neiman Cattle Co Llc, Alva WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2010	195.00	\$3,919.50
C&N Livestock Llc, Alva WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1970	212.50	\$4,186.25
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1830	205.00	\$3,751.50

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**OCTOBER 9, 2025**

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**St. James Lutheran Food Drive Fills Shelves at Compassion Cupboard**

As you enter St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche, you will find a shopping cart with a sign reading, "Compassion Cupboard Donations," in the hallway. For six weeks, food items were donated from church members and church attendees, filling this shopping cart week after week. The church also received a Thrivent Grant to purchase \$250.00 worth of groceries, which were delivered to the Compassion Cupboard.

With recent federal aid cuts, the Compassion Cupboard, a food pantry in Belle Fourche, was in dire need of food staples, including cereal, flour, sugar, and canned goods. Over 200 families in this local community utilize the food pantry every month. St. James Lutheran saw a need and took action by collecting and delivering over ten full shopping carts. The shelves at the local pantry are now full. "Seeing the fam-

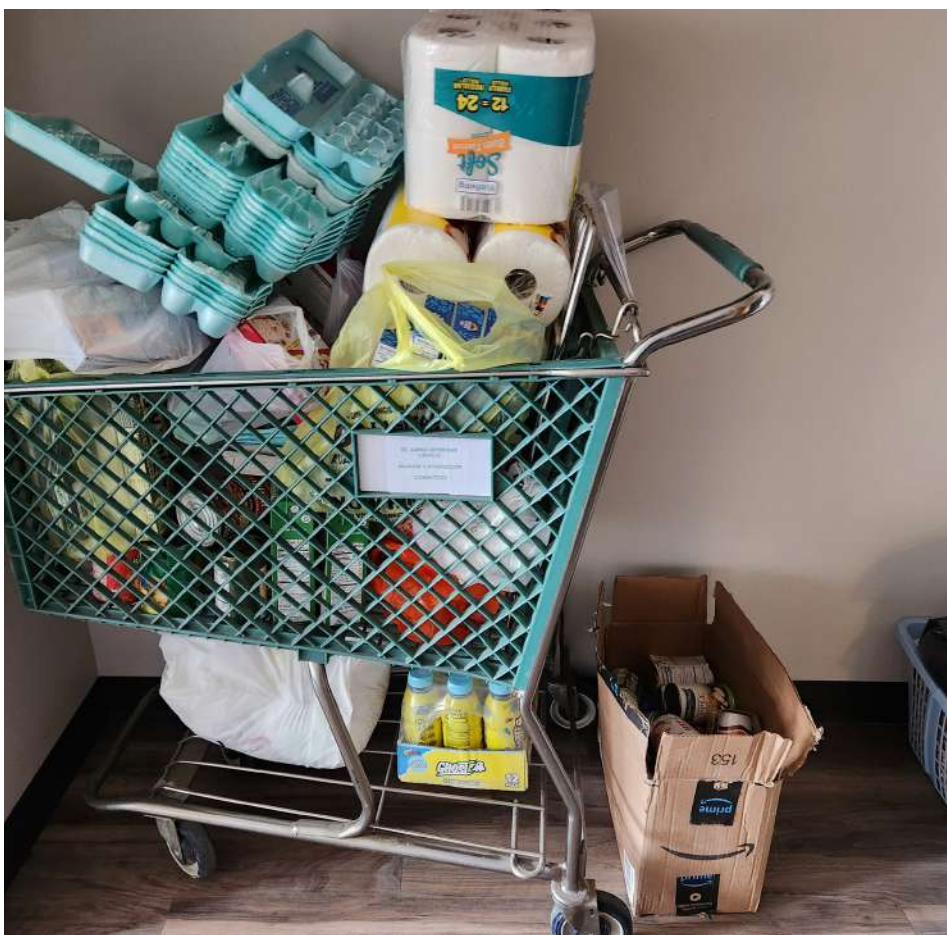
ilies and residents come to get essential food items (at no cost to them) gives us a smile and is so heartwarming," commented one volunteer.

"Our church is so generous. The food drive exceeded our expectations," according to church member Linda Stambaugh, who chairs the Mission & Evangelism Committee. She shared that, in addition to the cart donations, the church congregation made a monetary

donation of \$1,200.00, which was directly given to the Compassion Cupboard to fill the empty shelves.

The Ministerial Board operates the Compassion Cupboard, and volunteers from local churches work weekly to keep the food pantry open and assist people who visit. The food pantry is open to everyone, and families can receive food given by the community. In Luke 3:10, John the

Baptist tells the crowd, "If you have food, share it with those who are hungry." If you would like to donate to the Compassion Cupboard and help those in need, please contact your local church leader or visit the Compassion Cupboard, located at 522 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, South Dakota 57717, to drop off your donations. The Compassion Cupboard is open Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. to noon, and Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.



Cart full of donations at St. James Lutheran; St. James members Rhonda and Steve restocking shelves. Courtesy Photos



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In the Matter of the Estate of )  
 ) )  
ALAN J. BENNETT, )  
 ) )  
 ) Deceased. )

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Notice is given that on the 24th day of September, 2024, Cheryl A. Bennett was appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Alan J. Bennett.

Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four 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, and a copy of the claim mailed to the Personal Representative.

Dated this 19th day of September, 2025.

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## The Roadmap Every Community Already Owns

I can't count the number of times I've sat across from a group of community leaders in yet another small town that feels forgotten by time. The worn conference table bears coffee rings from countless meetings, and the faces around it carries that familiar weight of frustration. "You don't understand," one council member insists, leaning forward with conviction. "Our community is different. What works everywhere else just won't work here."

I've heard these exact words in dozens of towns across America. From rust belt cities to agricultural heartlands, from mountain communities to coastal villages – the refrain is always the same. "We're unique. We're different. Our problems are special." But here's what I've discovered after years of working with communities, chambers of commerce, Main Street organizations, and media companies: this belief in uniqueness isn't a badge of honor – it's a prison cell with the door wide open.

Debbie Ford once said, "I think that any time of great pain is a time of transformation, a fertile time to plant new seeds." Her words ring especially true when I think about that conference room and countless others like it. These communities aren't failing because they're unique – they're failing because they've



convinced themselves they are. The truth is far more liberating: successful community transformation isn't rocket science. It's not about finding some mysterious, never-before-tried solution. It's about following a well-worn highway that countless communities have traveled before. The roadmap exists, the signs are clear, and the destination is achievable.

Think of it this way: every successful community transformation is like climbing the same mountain range. Sure, some towns start from base camp while others begin halfway up the slope. Some have better equipment – perhaps a stronger volunteer base or more supportive city leadership. Others might have corporate sponsors filling their backpacks with resources. But regardless of starting point, they all follow the same proven trail markers to reach the summit.

So what are these universal trail markers? After working with communities nationwide, I've identified seven common denominators that appear in every successful transformation story. First, successful communities cast aside old thinking like hikers shedding unnecessary weight. They stop saying "that's how we've always done it" and start asking "what if we tried something different?"

Second, they build a solid,

dependable volunteer core – the steady climbers who keep moving forward when others want to turn back. These aren't fair-weather supporters; they're the persistent souls intent on driving real change.

Third, they foster innovation and entrepreneurship. Instead of mourning the loss of the factory that closed twenty years ago, they create conditions for new businesses to bloom. They become gardeners of possibility rather than grave keepers of the past.

Fourth, city leadership and private groups work together, understanding that transformation requires both public vision and private energy. Like a climbing team, they rope themselves together, knowing that individual success depends on collective progress. Fifth, they establish effective communication networks. Information flows freely, keeping everyone informed about progress, setbacks, and opportunities. No one is left wondering what's happening or how they can help.

Sixth, they champion their locally-owned business base. They understand that every dollar spent at a local business creates a multiplier effect, circulating through the community multiple times before leaving. Finally, they work tirelessly to instill a "truly local" mindset in every resident. They help people understand that their individual choices – where to shop, where to eat, where to bank – collectively determine their community's future. The communities that remain stuck aren't victims of unique circumstances – they're casualties of poor leadership, lack of innovation, and dated thinking.

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They've chosen to dwell on obstacles rather than opportunities, using their perceived differences as excuses rather than examining successful models they could adapt.

Here's the liberating truth: every community possesses the DNA for transformation within its borders right now. While major projects eventually require financial investment, money isn't the starting point – vision is. Resources flow toward communities that demonstrate innovative thinking, persistent leadership, and transformative vision. Norman Vincent Peale captured this perfectly: "Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that." The roadmap to revitalization isn't

hidden in some secret vault. It's spread out clearly before every community willing to stop insisting they're different and start following the proven path that leads from despair to renewal, from stagnation to vibrant growth. The question isn't whether your community can transform. The question is: when will you stop making excuses and start climbing?

*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](mailto:news@bellefourchebeacon.com) Deadline is Friday before 5pm.

**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**

**[courtneyr@sturgisabc.org](mailto:courtneyr@sturgisabc.org) [abc.butteco@gmail.com](mailto:abc.butteco@gmail.com)**

**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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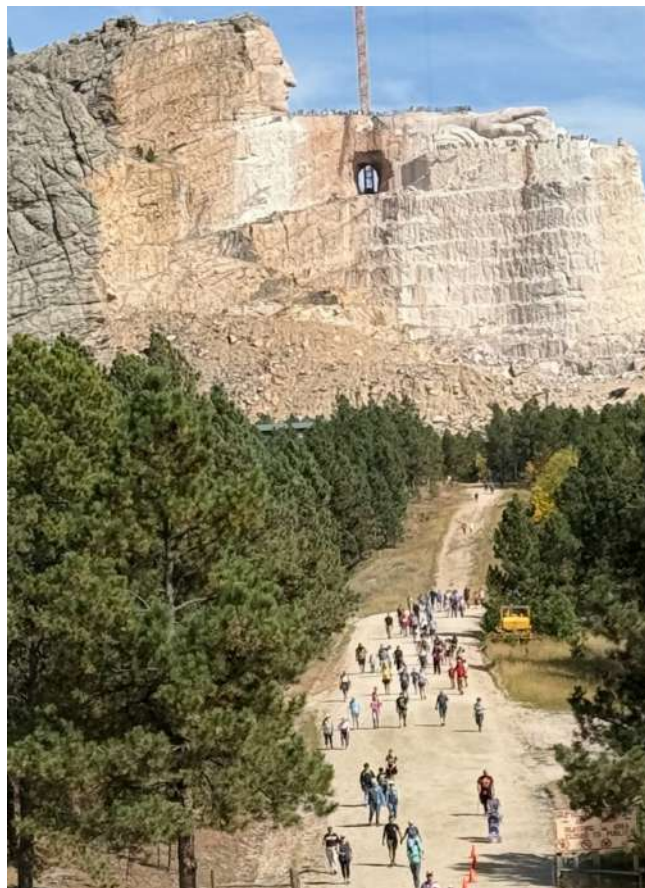
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	<b>8</b> Sausage and Rice Mixed Veggies Dinner Roll	<b>9</b> Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Country Gravy Salad Dinner Roll	<b>10</b> Beef Roast Zucchini Fries Roasted Potatoes	<b>11</b> BBQ Chicken Rice Pilaf Roasted Carrots Dinner Roll	<b>12</b> Sauteed Sausage, Peppers and Onions Potato Salad Dinner Roll
	<b>15</b> Club Sandwich Chips Broccoli Salad	<b>16</b> Smothered Pork Chops Mushroom Gravy Sweet Potatoes Garden Salad	<b>17</b> Tortellini Soup Turkey Wrap Breadstick	<b>18</b> Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll	<b>19</b> Chicken Stir Fry Asian Vegetables Fried Rice Egg Roll
	<b>22</b> Shepperd's Pie Garden Salad Dinner Roll	<b>23</b> Cordon Bleu Roasted Potatoes Sauteed Mushrooms, Onions & Peppers	<b>24</b> Tater tot casserole Spinach salad Dinner Roll	<b>25</b> Indian Tacos with lettuce, tomato, onion, black beans Fry Bread Refried Beans	<b>26</b> Pulled Pork Sandwich Cowboy Beans Garden Salad
	<b>29</b> Spaghetti & Meatballs Breadstick Garden Salad	<b>30</b> Liver & Onions OR Deluxe Cheese Burger Steak Fries Mixed Veggies	<b>Look What's Cooking at Belle Silver Lining</b> Come Join us M-F 11 am-1 pm 828 Kingsbury St.   Belle Fourche, SD Menu subject to change or modification.		

**From Board of Directors: Until we get a kitchen manag/ head cook hired or volunteers willing to help in the kitchen, our menus will modified.**



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## Newell Lion's Club Holds Pancake Supper

**Robbi Longbrake**

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NEWELL—In small communities, when someone is in need, the locals often show up to help each other. This was the case at the Newell Lion's Club Pancake Supper fundraiser to benefit Neil Vollmer on the evening of Friday, September 26. The community packed the NVN Senior Citizen Center to participate in the event.

In addition to pancakes,

sausage and eggs, the Tot 'N Twenty Extension Club had a bake sale and there was a silent auction all to help raise funds. "The Lions Club sponsors this—we buy the food and do the work, put together with their family, the silent auction, and then the Tot 'N Twenty Extension Club is doing the bake sale—so we serve pancakes and sausage and eggs," explained Ken Wetz, Chairman of the Pancake Dinner Committee.

The Lion's Club decides who they will help by having those

in need reach out and request the help according to Wetz. "We don't have another one planned right away, but we do this about once a month or so," he explained.

This fundraiser is for Neil Vollmer who is undergoing kidney dialysis and the medical expenses are mounting. "Neil spent three weeks at the Mayo Clinic, and then he spent time at rehab, and he's been doing kidney dialysis," shared Wetz. "Most of the medical expenses

have been covered, but they don't cover transportation expenses. When he (Vollmer) got sick, he went by ambulance to Sturgis, they took him out to the airport and put him on an air ambulance. The air ambulance is not covered—it went all the way to Mayo Clinic—that is horribly expensive."

Many fellow Lion's Club members from around the area traveled to Newell to support the fundraising effort. "We have a couple here from Rapid City—

Dick is with the Rushmore Lion's Club, and they've donated \$500," said Wetz. In addition, Lion's Club members from Sturgis, Belle Fourche and Nisland showed up for support.

The Lion's Club is an International Organization and is considered the world's largest service club organization. Locally, there are roughly 40 members in the Newell Club. They meet the second Wednesday of the month. There were about 14 members that showed up to make pancakes and serve the meal.



(clockwise from top) The community gathers to support the Lion's Club pancake supper fundraiser; There were a lot of silent auction items that people could bid on at the Lion's Club pancake supper; The bake sale was a popular draw for the community; Lion's Club member makes pancakes fast! He has a good technique. Longbrake photos



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## GREETINGS FROM NEWELL

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## Then and Now in Newell

### “Looking Forward to our Past”

**September 30, 1915**  
 Tomorrow will be “Naturalization Day” in Circuit Court here. W. V. Kasper of St. Paul, representing the Federal Government will question the applicants as to their fitness and eligibility to become citizens of the United States. There are 28 applicants already on file.

The local Lodge of Yeoman are hosting a big dance for Saturday evening October 9th at the Newell Theatorium. The last dance given by this organization was a great success and it is expected that this one will surpass the previous one. Music furnished by a 5-piece orchestra. Dance tickets are now selling for \$1. in advance.

A bulletin recently issued by the Department of Agriculture information concerning the cultivation, harvesting and marketing of drug plants, the supply of which has been seriously affecting the war in Europe. The bulletin sensibly advises the public, that growing such plants offers no means for quick and easy making a fortune, although if properly undertaken and wisely managed it may be made to pay.

**September 24, 1925** GVolleyball is being played by the grade children, as well as High School pupils and the game is winning many loyal supporters. This is the first year the game has been played by the Newell children, and the boys and girls have taken great interest in it.

Four truckloads of fine honey went up from Newell and Nisland early this week to Bison and with reasonable prices, found ready buyers among the farmers and townspeople. With about a ton to the load, the aggregate made quite a lot of sweetness to dispose of. The honey is all from sweet clover blossoms which is reported to be the best produced. This rather new industry in the Black

Hills is firmly established and may be expected to be delivered all over the plains of South Dakota each autumn.

It is not unusual to find a tarantula in a bunch of bananas, but to glimpse a real boa constrictor coiled in the fruit is rather startling discovery, so thinks W. C. Whitney of the Peoples Store. Thursday, he hung a bunch of bananas and thought he saw something. Later in the day upon investigation he discovered the reptile. With the help of Wilbur Flathers, they were able to dislodge the 20-inch snake with a pitchfork. However, it was killed before its real identity was established. It was a long way from home and might not have thrived well out of its native torrid zone.

**September 25, 1935** The never-ending quest for gold led 4 men to their deaths and sent 6 others to the hospital in serious condition. Phil “Taft” Pridgeon, and Mason Reed were killed in a premature dynamite blast at the Black Mountain Gold Mine near Searchlight, Nevada. Taft, 27, is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Pridgeon of Vale. The deceased was born and reared at the farm near Vale. Mr. & Mrs. Pridgeon and their other son and a daughter left immediately for Searchlight, to bring the body to Vale to be buried.

Dr. Rev. Pedro Moranti, Spanish Priest located at Newell for the past several years, is planning to leave about November 3rd on a Sabbatical Tour which will take him all over the United States and possibly to some of the foreign countries.

Wm. Greenberg, of Empire, while returning home Friday evening with a load of lumber turned over into a ditch near the Empire School house when the lights went out. He was fortunate that he received no injuries in the accident. Miss Watkins of Sturgis has been

by Linda Velder  
 hired as teacher of the lower grades in the Empire School this year and was of assistance.

**September 27 1945** Newell is in need of a shoemaker. There is no question about ample volume of business. Fact is, the present shoe shop operator gives us one reason for quitting, that there is more business than he can handle. There is also an opening here for a good barber. Wesley Lushbough is closing his shoemaker business this week and will move to Rapid City. So far, he has been unable to find a buyer for his equipment. He says he is physically unable to continue trying to handle the flood of work and is compelled to get out.

Clayton H. Talley of Avance last week purchased the Wm Mohr Ranch of 1,200 acres on Sulphur Creek. The new owner has been associated with his father, Harvey Talley, in the cattle business for several years. Mohr, a WWI Veteran, is in poor health and at present is a patient in Ft. Meade’s hospital.

Thirteen of the new Lindeman Beet Loading machines were lined up at the Newell Implement Co’s premises today for delivery to the several beet growers purchasing them. They are the very latest thing in the way of improving machines for facilitating the work of beet harvesting. Govert L. Van der-Boom, proprietor and manager of the company, is giving a free dinner today at Stockman’s Café for the farmers and others interested in the new machines. About 30 plates were set at last report.

**September 29, 1955**  
 A General Merchandise auction, beginning Saturday, October 1st, will mark the closing of one of Newell’s pioneer business firms. The Guy Kenaston & Co. Literally auctioning of “everything from soup to nuts” will be conducted

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4 days by the firm of Rinehart, Haley & Churchill Auctioneers. The Kenaston family moved to Newell, March 1910. Four members of the family who pioneered the establishment have passed away and Miss Mable sole survivor has since managed it alone. The Kenaston firm was initially located on the Old Townsite at the southwest corner of the present city limits. It was moved to the location in the fall of 1911. The merchandise consists of an up-to-date line of groceries and foodstuffs, many items of clothing, dry goods, hardware and a variety of knick-knacks. Also, fixtures, shelving, office equipment and furniture on the auction block.

Circuit Judge Frank Gladstone, Lemmon, announced his resignation and retirement to Governor Joe Foss as Judge of South Dakota 12th Judicial Circuit, after 21 years in such position. The Gladstone family gathered in Lemmon at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Gladstone. In attendance were Attorney Scotty Gladstone, Sundance, WY; Dale Gladstone of Farmington, NM; Attorney & Mrs. Wayne Gladstone and children of Richland, WA and Mr. & Mrs. F. Lyn Gladstone of Newell, daughters Cherril and Patricia stayed at the home of Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Milberg. Judge was admitted to the Five-Counties Hospital in Hettinger, ND having suffered a moderate heart attack

**September 236, 1965**  
 The US Bureau of Public Roads approved \$55,000 for grading, sub-base, base course

and bituminous surfacing of Highway 79 from Junction of US 212 south of Newell. The construction will correct a hazardous inter-section, which has been variously termed “option junction” or “the wiener” since its construction about 10 years ago. The project is part of an accelerated program of spot improvements adopted by the State Highway Commission in February.

There will be a special meeting for all children of the community who own bicycles this Saturday at the Newell City Hall, it has been announced by Police Chief Edward Yoder. All children are advised to bring their bikes at such time in order that reflector tape may be attached to same at no cost. Yoder will also explain city and state regulations affecting bicycles on streets and sidewalks at such time.

A total of 27 golfers have already signed up for the Men’s Fall Golf Tournament of the Newell Golf Club, it was reported by Jack Dawson, tournament chairman. At a meeting Thursday evening, held at the Club House, names were drawn for Calcutta pairing for Sunday. Play will be in 4 flights and will consist of 18 holes of medal play, with players being urged to play with other guests in their designated flights. The club members voted to amend the organizations by-laws so that college students would be included in family memberships. Tabled to the October meeting was consideration of a proposal to suspend all meetings for the winter months.



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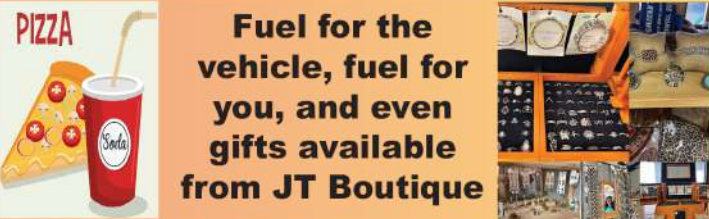
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>September 29)</b> French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Fruit, Milk	<b>30)</b> Long Johns, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk  Chicken Strips, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	<b>October 1)</b> Turkey Wraps, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk  Tangerine Chicken, Rice, Fruit, Milk	<b>2)</b> Egg Tortilla Wraps, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Biscuits, Fruit, Milk	<b>3)</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>6)</b> Cheese Omelet, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  <b>ADAM SANDLER DAY</b>  BLT, Fruit, Milk	<b>7) Potato-Tomato Rhyme</b> Hashbrowns/Eggs, & Tomatoes, Fruit, Milk <b>Peach-Beach Rhyme</b> Pinwheel Sandwiches, Tuna Salad, Peach Crisp, Fruit, Milk	<b>8)</b> Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk <b>DECADE DAY-THE 70S</b> Chicken Pot Pie, Salad w/ Green Goddess Dressing, Carrot Cake, Fruit, Milk	<b>9)</b> Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  <b>BARBIE &amp; KEN DAY</b> Pink Chicken Alfredo, Beets, Fruit, Milk	<b>10)</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>13)</b> Scrambled Eggs & Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  French Dip Sandwich on Flat Bread, Potato Wedges, Fruit, Milk	<b>14)</b> Long Johns. Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Chicken Enchiladas, Corn, Broccoli Salad, Fruit, Milk	<b>15)</b> Dutch Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Chicken Patty Sandwiches, Corn, Potato Salad, Fruit, Milk	<b>16)</b> Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Corn Dogs, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	<b>17)</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>20)</b> French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	<b>21)</b> Breakfast Egg Roll, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Pulled Pork, Pasta Salad, Fruit, Milk	<b>22)</b> Quiche, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Chicken Burrito, Coleslaw, Fruit, Milk	<b>23)</b> Tornadoes, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Chicken Nuggets, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	<b>24)</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>27)</b> French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Chicken Nachos, Black Beans & Rice, Fruit, Milk	<b>28)</b> Long Johns, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Quesadillas, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	<b>29)</b> Turkey Wraps Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Chili, Sweet Rolls, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	<b>30)</b> Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Bat Wings (Chicken Wings), Corn, Fruit, Milk	<b>31)</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>



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