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BELLE FOURCHE—A day full of activities and events all centered around educating, enjoying and celebrating the Ag Industry, was held on Saturday, September 27 at the Roundup Rodeo Arena.

The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce planned and carried out the first ever Ag Day event sponsored by Wolff's Plumbing and Heating.

Packed with activities for children including an entire Kid Zone set up in the main arena of the Roundup Grounds, that had a variety of different games including stick horse races. Sand was hauled in to create a very popular sand mound for the kids to play on and Wandering Wolf Ranch brought tiny goats for cuddling. "The kids zone has been very busy. That's been our busiest section all day," explained Michaela Horn, Chamber Director.

Another popular attraction for the kids and adults alike was the display of large trucks and tractors provided by the following vendors: Grossenburg Implement brought a mini excavator for a tire moving activity, a small tractor with a backhoe for kids to move dirt and tractors for kids to climb on and get their pictures taken; SC Underground brought in

Ag Industry Honored During Ag Day



Ag Day brought out lots of big ag equipment. Participants were allowed to get in the equipment and try to maneuver the machinery. *Longbrake photo*

equipment; 3J Towing brought a tow truck; Belle Fourche Fire Department and Ambulance Services were on hand to answer questions and show off their big rigs and Belle Fourche Livestock brought a cattle pot and truck.

Wolff's Plumbing & Heating had a Plumber's Plinko game and provided prizes to the win-

ners and Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum had displays and activities for the kids as well.

Horn was pleased with the turnout for the first ever Ag Day and explained it was competing with many different events in the area. But the offerings were plentiful by the vendors that were present. "We have a lot of

vendors—we have educational vendors for anyone who works in the Ag industry or anyone that is in education for the Ag industry. And then we have shopping vendors, and we had some guest speakers earlier this morning, and food trucks!"

One of the fun competitions held during the day was the

Mullet Contest in the main arena. Three amazing mullets were entered and the crowd picked their favorite by a round of applause. In the end, Charles Turner had the best mullet of the day and won a basket full of prizes from Mikayla Boswell of Beards and Shears.

An array of speakers kept the

Ag Banquet Contd. A3

BHSU Honors Alumni

SPEARFISH, S.D. – Black Hills State University honored several alumni during the Alumni Awards Luncheon and the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet held during Swarm Days on Sept. 26.

The honors began with the Alumni Awards Luncheon. The Distinguished Alumnus Award was presented to Clair Donovan, the Excellence in Education Award to Dr. Julie (Owen) Hatling, the Special Achievement Award to Sean Sherman, the Special Service Award to Calvin Crooks, and the Young

Alumni Achievement Award to Cassidy (Kotelman) Peterson.

"The BHSU Alumni Association honored five individuals who, over the years, have gone above and beyond in their areas of expertise," said Tom Wheaton, director of Alumni Affairs. "The success they have achieved and the commitment they have shown to their respective fields is truly inspiring. Well-deserved honors for each one of them."

The Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet was held later that same day. The ceremony inducted five indi-

viduals and one team. Inducted individuals include Blakelee (Binning) Hoffman (Volleyball, Women's Track and Field), Will John Johnson (Men's Basketball), Kristal Keffeler (Women's Track and Field), Kirk McLaughlin (Coach), and Brittney (Klipfel) Phillips (Women's Basketball). The 1999 Women's Cross Country Team was also inducted at the ceremony.

For more information about the recipients of this year's Alumni Awards and the Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees, please view the Fall 2025 issue of the BHSU Alumni Magazine at BHSU.edu/AlumniMagazine.

Belle Hosts Volleyball Tourney

Belle Fourche High School hosted a volleyball tournament Sept 27, 2025 with 12 teams competing. Although the Lady Broncs did not fare as well as they wanted in the highly competitive tournament, the most exciting set of the day was, by far, a set which ended at 31-29 in favor of the Lady Broncs vs the Wall Eagles. The tournament was proof there certainly is a lot of volleyball talent in the WY, MT, ND & SD area.

- (#1) Emma Nehl (Soph outside hitter)
- (#2) Syd Pelster (Sr setter)
- (#3) Syd Pelster (Sr setter)
- (#4) Londyn Hermann (Soph libero)
- (#5) Aurora Voyles (Jr outside hitter)
- (#6) Aurora Voyles (Jr outside hitter)
- (#7) Londyn Hermann (Soph libero)
- (#8) Mya Nowowiejski (Soph outside hitter)



Five BHSU alumni were honored during the **Swarm Days Alumni Awards Luncheon**. Pictured from left: **Sean Sherman, Cassidy (Kotelman) Peterson, Clair Donovan, Dr. Julie (Owen) Hatling, and Calvin Crooks.** (BHSU Photo by Rylan Bruns)



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Robert Carl Parsons (Rob) 72

Robert Carl Parsons (Rob), 72, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, September 27, 2025 in Casper, WY. Rob was born in Belle Fourche, SD to Verne and Betty (Klein) Parsons on August 2, 1953.

Rob grew up in St Onge, SD where he developed a strong work ethic and a deep love for life. Rob's life growing up had many adventures. He didn't do well in hunting. In his late teens Rob and a friend bumped into a buck with a car. Fearing it was dead and with no license they put the deer in the back seat. The deer was only knocked out. When it came to, it must have been quite a sight! They hurried to find a place to stop and let the buck out!

After graduating from Spearfish High School in 1972, Rob started a career at Federal Bentonite Co in Colony, WY as a lab technician. He later moved the family to Casper, WY in 1984 where he continued his career with Black Hills Bentonite. His career allowed him to travel to many states and including Japan while working on many projects. He retired after 38 years of dedicated service.

Rob married his high school sweetheart, Judy (Grohmann) Parsons on August 18, 1972. They met in a parking lot in Spearfish, SD. Judy was running around Spearfish with her friends. One of her friends knew Mike who was driving the car with Rob in the passenger seat. Her friend wanted to chat with Mike, so they waved them to pull over. Judy was in the front seat and decided to go over to talk to Rob. They ended up going to Spearfish Park. The next week the girls went back to Spearfish to look for Rob. Rob and his friends went to Belle Fourche to look for Judy. They ended up finding each other again at a little restaurant outside of Belle and started dating. Together Rob and Judy raised two daughters, Michele Parsons and Heather Parsons. Rob was a devoted loving father and enjoyed every aspect of being a dad, grandfather and great grandfather.

Rob spent his retirement with a camera in his hand. He loved taking pictures which ranged from birds to landscapes. A robin's nest outside of the front door provided photos of stages of life from the eggs hatch-



ing to the flying off of the young robins. He enjoyed exploring new places especially on his ATV. He recently became interested in genealogy and loved discovering information on extended family branches. He enjoyed being with family and friends and was willing to travel to visit even if it was just for a cup of coffee and a donut. His laughter would light up any room.

He adored animals and all types would flock to him no matter where he went. As I am typing this I see one of the rabbits that would greet him in the back yard every morning.

Rob's legacy will forever be etched in the hearts of his family and those who had the privilege of knowing him. He is survived by his wife, Judy Parsons, Casper, his daughter, Heather Parsons (Charlie Poole), grandchildren Trevor (Cheyanne) Trujillo and Abigail Poole, great grandchildren, Adalynne and Madilyn Trujillo. Also surviving Rob are his siblings, Joyce (Doug) Schumacher, Rapid City, SD, Harley (Winifred) Parsons, Newcastle, WY, Jan (Brad) Bachman, Rapid City, SD and Larry (Laura) Parsons, Whitewood, SD and numerous nephews and nieces.

Rob was preceded in death by his parents, Verne and Betty Parsons and his daughter, Michele Parsons.

Family was Rob's world. He was always taking care of everyone and will be deeply missed.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday Oct 11, 2:00-6:00 pm at Three Crowns Golf Club, 1601 King Boulevard, Casper, Wyoming

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to Wyoming Dachshund and Corgi Rescue or Casper Humane Society or to any Non-Kill Animal rescue in Rob's memory.

To share a memory of Robert or leave a special message for the family, please visit the guest book below.

Newcomer Funerals of Casper is in charge of arrangements.



Ben Koens 76

Ben Koens, age 76 of Belle Fourche, died Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Center in Belle Fourche.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held 1pm Saturday, October 18, 2025 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online, and view a video tribute at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Ben William Koens Jr. was born August 28, 1949 in Garretson, South Dakota. He was the son of Ben and Helen (Elston) Koens. In 1969, Ben graduated from the Washington High School in Sioux Falls. Afterwards, he attended the Police Academy, and that propelled him into a 38 year career in Law Enforcement. His career began in 1974 and he served in many capacities with Law Enforcement Centers throughout South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa. In 1970, he was united in marriage to Mary Hendren. In 2006 they moved to Western South Dakota. Ben loved his job, mostly because he loved helping people. For many



years he worked with the DARE program, and received many awards. Ben retired in 2012 from Law Enforcement.

Ben enjoyed fishing, bowling, golfing, and his time with family. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He will be greatly missed.

Ben is survived by his wife Mary of Belle Fourche; children, Jennifer (Doug) Parrow of Newell, Brian (Kristal) Koens of Groton SD, Julie (Cody) Swanson of Sioux Falls; Brent (Liz) Koens of Faulkton SD; 15 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; sister, Sara Koens-Olson of Beresford SD; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Evelyn Emmert-Koens; sister, Sena McKenzie; brother, Edgar Koens; and 3 grandchildren.



David Allen 79

David Allen, age 79 of Belle Fourche, died May 29, 2025 at the Monument Health Rapid City Hospital following a short battle with cancer.

Services will be held 9am Friday, October 17, 2025 at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, with full military honors. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

David John Allen was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on September 18, 1945. David was the son of Henry and Daisy (Buckley) Allen. He spent his formative years in Lead, SD where he worked in his father's gas station on Main Street. He graduated from Lead High School in 1963 and served his country in the Air Force from 1964 to 1968 during the Vietnam War, before beginning a career as an electrician.

Sadly, not much is known about David's life, but he did provide a synopsis of his activities in conjunction with the 40th reunion of his high school class in 2003: "Single, short, bald, old, and having the time of My Life. I have met a wonderful lady who doesn't mind that I own firearms and love to hunt. I fish, shoot, play darts, play bridge, camp, hike, read, ride motorcycles, ATV's, and canoe."

I have worked for the same company for 29 years and have seen it grow from an \$85,000 a year operation to a \$150,000 a week; from 2100 square feet to 25,000 square feet. We service restaurant equipment, sell

parts, and equipment.

I joined the Aurora Gun Club in 1975 and have been shooting ever since. It is the most relaxing sport I have ever found. I was the Club 2nd VP from '81 to '90, and the President from '92 to '99. I currently run the Muzzle loader shoots at the club and am the Colorado State Champ flintlock shooter and the State Champ pistol shooter.

I have made a few trips to Africa to hunt. I belong to the Safari club, and every time I raise the money to hunt Alaska, which I really want to do, a deal to hunt Africa is cheaper and better. I have done Alaska twice, but under special circumstances. You probably realize that hunting is My passion by now. It is easier if you are single.

My Dad, Henry, died in 1981 of lung cancer after two heart attacks. Mom, Daisy died in 1995 of old age, and my brother Dick died in 2001 of lung cancer at the age of 56. Hopefully I will last to 84 like Mom. I hope so."

David returned to the Black Hills and became an active member of the Center of the Nation gun club. He also worked with the Butte County 4H providing guidance on black powder shooting.



Richard W. Chord

Richard was born on December 11, 1931, near White Owl, South Dakota. He was the ninth of twelve children born to Roy Ellsworth Chord and Edith Esther Clayton. On September 24, 1949, he married Joan Marie Landphere in Rapid City, SD. They were blessed with seventy-three and a half years of marriage. Together they raised four children: Warren LeRoy Chord of Gillette, WY, Daniel Howard (Patty) Chord of Riceville, TN, Edith Esther (Dan) Black of Calhoun, TN, and Robert Wayne Chord. He loved and prayed for his twenty grandchildren, forty-five great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Richard was called into the ministry at a young age and served as a pastor in North Dakota, Minnesota, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Arizona, Wyoming, and South Dakota. He also served as a missionary in Jamaica for over twenty years. He had a heart for Christian Education and helped start schools in South Dakota, Wyoming, and Jamaica.

He was an avid reader, especially of the Bible. His favorite verse was Matthew 11:28-30 which says, "Come



unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Richard had a strong work ethic and was proficient in many trades but would always take the time to play a game of chess.

Richard is survived by his children: Warren, Dan, and Edie and one sister: Ilowee Owens of Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his wife: Joan, his son: Bob Chord, and siblings: Donald Chord, Zoe Grotzke, Doris Mickelson, Wayne Chord, Vernon Chord, Everett Chord, Iris Dau, Ruth Mayer, and Paolo Chord.

Visitation will be held at Kinkade Funeral Chapel in Sturgis, South Dakota on Monday, October 13, at 10:00 am with the service at 11:00 am. Burial will follow immediately at the Bear Butte Cemetery in Sturgis.



This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Rev. Sheri Fadley, BF Global Methodist Church

Pastor's Perspective

"Building a Life upon the Rock"

"...everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." Matthew 7:24-25

When Jesus spoke these words, he was preaching to a crowd on the side of a mountain, and he was wrapping up his "Sermon on the Mount." He was talking about all the lessons embedded in that sermon as being the rock for his disciples' lives with him. It's amazing to consider the depth and breadth of the lessons that Jesus taught in that sermon. How would our culture change if we truly lived into them, today?

When God created men and women, he created them with the capacity to do great things. Some have been given great intellectual abilities, others great physical abilities, others great skills in caring for or managing people, others in building relationships, or building structures; others in solving problems and the list goes on. Yet when our abilities are not tied into the Lord's purposes, using our gifts, talents, abilities to build his kingdom upon the earth, we are building our lives on sinking sand. (Matthew 7:26-27)

Cultures or nations who try to build something great outside of God's plan risk repeating the lesson from the Tower of Babel story (Genesis 11). All that human effort fell apart because the motivation wasn't about serving God. The Tower of Babel folks were building something THEY thought

God wanted, but this wasn't the case. If our lives are not surrendered over to Jesus, then anything we build from our own imaginations, abilities and strength is destined to fall apart.

Let's reconsider that original premise, "When God created men and women, he created them with the capacity to do great things." If we haven't surrendered our lives to Jesus, then there is a greater likelihood that whatever is motivating us to do the great thing is coming from something self-serving or pernicious. What's the motivation behind the great thing you want to do with your life? If you haven't surrendered your life to Jesus, then your motivation could be pride, hidden in seeking fame or popularity. It could be greed accompanied by envy or jealousy that is motivating your great thing. It could be self-serving, seeking the idols of comfort and security.

When God created men and women, he created them with the capacity to do great things. It's extremely important to remember that Jesus taught his disciples that the Greatest Commandment is to love God with all we are, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. In order to do anything great that is meant to honor God, and build a life on the rock, Jesus Christ, it's always about love, God's holy love.

If you are wanting to build your life on Jesus Christ and his teachings, you are welcome to join the Belle Fourche Global Methodist Church and journey with us with this purpose in mind.

From A1 **Ag Day**

rowd informed about many different topics. The list of speakers included: Larry Schmaltz, Ports to Plains; Justin Tupper, 2026 Auctioneer Competition; Grossenburg, Lynn Jackson Attorneys and SD Specialty Producers.

For anyone that was hungry during the Ag Day event, there were lots of food trucks on hand, You'unique Brew, Rollin in the Hills, Snodak Shaved Ice and Happy Camper provided choices for food. Outlaw Bar hosted a beer garden.

An assortment of vendors provided shopping and educational information to those who

stopped by. A local resident, Bill Hennessey was so excited with his find of Fire-Roasted Habanero Hot Sauce at the Tastefully Simple display that after he paid for it, he twisted off the lid and took a big swig of the heated sauce and said, "I like that hot sauce! You always buy it and then you wonder what it tastes like—this is good!"

As for if this event, Ag Day, will become an annual event, that has yet to be decided. "We will decide early in October if we're a go to do this next year, and then, as soon as we know, we'll start planning," said

Horn. "Keep us in mind for next year—as soon as we have a date, we will post it early so everyone can get it on their calendar!"

The Ag Day event wouldn't be possible without sponsors who helped create a fantastic event and Horn wants to make sure they are acknowledged and thanked. This year's sponsors are Wolff's Plumbing and Heating, Dakota Mill and Grain, Steffes Auctioneers, New Generation Supplements, 605 Media and Entertainment, Highmark Credit Union, Grossenburg Implement, Monument Health and Falina Selchert Real Estate Advisor. Horn added, "We can just hopefully get bigger and better!"

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(Clockwise from L) The big sand mound was built for kids to play in, they seemed to enjoy it!; **Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum** had an activity that kids enjoyed; **Plumber's Plinko** was a game offered by **Wolff's Plumbing and Heating**. They gave prizes to kids; People out enjoying the weather and vendors at the first ever **Ag Day**. Longbrake Photos



(Clockwise below) Enjoying one of the many vendors during Ag Day; Kids feeding and petting mini goats provided by **Wandering Wolf Ranch**; Winner for the best Mullet was **Charlie Turner**, with **Mikayla Boswell**, **Beards and Shears**; **Happy Camper** was a popular vendor that provided fresh baked cookies, cheese cake and charcuterie boxes among other food items to purchase. Longbrake photos



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Sundance State Bank Holds Ribbon Cutting and Open House

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SPEARFISH—A Ribbon Cutting ceremony and Open House kicked off the official grand opening and celebration of the Sundance State Bank on Wednesday, October 1, which included a performance by the Black Hills State University Drumline.

The opening of full-service branch, Sundance State Bank, September 17, 2025 was a long work in progress. Beginning approximately three years prior, the planning and process to start the new location began. "It takes a long time to just

come with the drawings and then the vetting, the bidding process and then the build—it's been a big process," shared Melissa Barth, marketing and HR officer. "The initial groundbreaking for this build was October 11, 2024."

The bank's roots run deep in the area, dating back to when they first opened their doors in Spearfish as a Loan Production Office. "This is our second branch, the main branch is in Sundance Wyoming, we initially opened a Loan Production Office in Spearfish in 2014 so we've had a presence

in the community for 11 years and we have a very strong customer base already," explained Barth.

"Over the years, we have had many customers driving to Sundance to work with us, which led us to open a Loan Production Office in Spearfish in 2014," said Andy Miller, president of Sundance State Bank. "We are excited to be expanding our Spearfish location into a full-service branch. Spearfish has been a great fit for our style of banking, and we look forward to building even more relationships here."

Expanding from an LPO to a full-service bank allows the new location to offer more services to the community. Everything from checking and savings accounts, home and agricultural loans, safe deposit boxes and ATMs to online banking. "With the new branch, we can better serve our current customers while also welcoming new ones into the Sundance State Bank family. We welcome you to come and check out our new branch and open an account today," said Jerome Greger, vice president. The Spearfish location has

ten employees, with over half of them being graduates of Black Hills State University further strengthening the deep roots the bank has to the area.

The history of Sundance State Bank dates back to 1895, when it first opened its doors in downtown Sundance, Wyoming. 130 years later and the bank remains locally owned, financially strong, and committed to meeting the financial needs of its customers with a community-focused approach.

You can find the newest location of the Sundance State Bank, Spearfish Branch at 2530 Yukon Place in The Village at Creekside.



Sundance State Bank Ribbon Cutting. Courtesy photo

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Clark, Merle J, Hulet WY	15	Bk	Str	434	\$580.00
Hanson, Chris Or Kellie, Piedmont SD	15	Bld	Str	651	\$381.00
Jandreau, Jim, Sturges SD	23	Bk	Str	551	\$402.50
Jandreau, Jim, Sturges SD	17	Bk	Hfr	526	\$415.00
Lintz, Jim & Brenda, Hermosa SD	32	Bld	Str	639	\$390.00
Moore & Styvar, Gillette WY	36	Bk	Str	511	\$487.50
Moore & Styvar, Gillette WY	19	Bk	Str	442	\$522.50
Moore & Styvar, Gillette WY	35	Bk	Hfr	486	\$460.00
Nicholas, William & Bryan J, Spearfish SD	26	B/R	Str	539	\$480.00
Richardler, Bret & Darlene, Moorcroft WY	14	Bld	Str	479	\$535.00
Richardler, Bret & Darlene, Moorcroft WY	10	B/R	Hfr	377	\$470.00
Rookpole Ridge Cattle, Whitehead SD	60	Red	Str	610	\$387.00
Rookpole Ridge Cattle, Whitehead SD	18	Red	Str	490	\$452.50
Saunders Enterprises, Gillette WY	12	Bk	Str	482	\$530.00
Saunders Enterprises, Gillette WY	29	Bk	Hfr	563	\$417.50
Schmidt, Rocky, Buffalo SD	13	Red	Str	663	\$375.00
Schuricht & Kinstetter, Moorcroft WY	15	Bk	Str	529	\$432.50
Schuricht & Kinstetter, Moorcroft WY	61	Bk	Str	456	\$540.00
Telsrow, Richard Or Charlotte, Aladdin WY	11	Bld	Str	561	\$425.00

Yrlgs

Bush Ranch Inc, Fa, Hulet WY	17	Bk	Hfr	717	\$369.00
Bush Ranch Inc, Fa, Hulet WY	26	Bk	Str	794	\$376.50
Davis Ranches, Belle Fourche SD	9	Hfr	Hfr	998	\$315.00
Double H Ranch, Ashland MT	33	Hfr	Str	848	\$356.00
Double H Ranch, Ashland MT	13	Hfr	Str	753	\$325.00
Fritz, Tyler, Belle Fourche SD	18	B/R	Hfr	1020	\$319.50
Mueller Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	26	Bk	Hfr	767	\$356.00
Mueller Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	15	Bk	Str	798	\$386.00
Y Cross Ranch, Ludlow SD	14	Bk	Str	793	\$370.00

Weigh Up Cows

62 Timber & Livestock, Sundance WY	1	Hfr	Cow	1035	\$181.00
Baker, Rocky, Buffalo Gap SD	1	Bk	Cow	1370	\$176.50
Biers, Jerry D, Sturges SD	1	Bk	Cow	1825	\$176.00
Bowe, Dain, Upton WY	3	Bld	Cow	1465	\$172.00
Bowe, Dain, Upton WY	1	Bld	Cow	1175	\$158.00
Bush Ranch Inc, Fa, Hulet WY	2	Bk	Hfr	1102	\$268.00
Bush Ranch Inc, Fa, Hulet WY	1	Bk	Hfr	915	\$241.00
C & T Ranches, St Onge SD	3	B/R	Hfr	976	\$248.00
C & T Ranches, St Onge SD	2	B/R	Hfr	1132	\$227.50
C & T Ranches, St Onge SD	1	Bk	Owette	1165	\$199.00
C & T Ranches, St Onge SD	13	Bk	Owette	1348	\$187.00
C & T Ranches, St Onge SD	1	Bk	Cow	1340	\$178.00
C & T Ranches, St Onge SD	1	Bld	Cow	1430	\$169.00
C & T Ranches, St Onge SD	5	Bld	Cow	1250	\$161.00
C & T Ranches, St Onge SD	1	Red	Cow	1150	\$161.00
Carlson, Jim, Box Elder SD	1	Bk	Hfr	970	\$290.00
Carlson, Jim, Box Elder SD	2	Red	Cow	1545	\$179.00
Carlson, Jim, Box Elder SD	1	Red	Cow	1145	\$155.00
Clark, Merle J, Hulet WY	1	Bk	Owette	1150	\$195.00
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance WY	1	Red	Cow	1190	\$191.00
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance WY	1	Red	Cow	1505	\$164.00
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitehead SD	1	Bk	Hfr	1110	\$299.00
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitehead SD	1	Red	Cow	1035	\$154.00
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitehead SD	1	Bld	Cow	1175	\$151.00
Hauber, Arthur L, Hulet WY	1	Bk	Cow	1570	\$171.50
Iby Ranch Ltd, Devils Tower WY	1	Owette	Cow	1350	\$184.00
Iby Ranch Ltd, Devils Tower WY	2	Bld	Cow	1267	\$178.00
Iby Ranch Ltd, Devils Tower WY	5	Bld	Cow	1380	\$176.00
Iby Ranch Ltd, Devils Tower WY	1	Bk	Cow	1535	\$140.00
Jones, Howard H & Kristin D, Rozet WY	2	Bk	Cow	1372	\$165.00
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City SD	1	Cow	Cow	1520	\$120.00
Koika Livestock, Olive MT	2	Red	Cow	1080	\$204.00
Lehrkamp, Michael C Or Joleen M, Caputa SD 2	2	Bk	Cow	1362	\$178.50
Mans Ranch, Whitehead SD	4	Bk	Owette	1196	\$210.00
Mans Ranch, Whitehead SD	4	Bk	Cow	1495	\$180.00
Moore, Dalene E, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Owette	1010	\$202.50
Nixon, Reni, Alzada MT	1	Bk	Owette	1215	\$217.50
Pratt, Ken, Forsyth MT	2	Char	Cow	1285	\$160.00
Rittberger & Sons, Fred, Hermosa SD	8	Bk	Owette	1188	\$212.50
Rittberger & Sons, Fred, Hermosa SD	5	Bk	Cow	1499	\$179.00
Rittberger & Sons, Fred, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Cow	1285	\$178.00
Rittberger & Sons, Fred, Hermosa SD	1	Bk	Cow	1080	\$170.00
Rourke, Beau Or Megan, Gillette WY	5	Bk	Owette	1036	\$200.00
Rourke, Beau Or Megan, Gillette WY	2	Bk	Cow	1157	\$180.00
Rourke, Beau Or Megan, Gillette WY	7	Bk	Cow	1375	\$178.50
Rourke, Beau Or Megan, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1640	\$177.50
Rourke, Beau Or Megan, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1070	\$162.00
Rourke, Beau Or Megan, Gillette WY	10	Bk	Cow	1218	\$159.00
Rourke, Beau Or Megan, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1140	\$155.00
Saunders Enterprises, Gillette WY	9	Bk	Cow	1755	\$179.00
Saunders Enterprises, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	1295	\$176.00
Saunders Enterprises, Gillette WY	1	Bk	Cow	2115	\$164.00
Styvar, Stephanie & Casey, Gillette WY	3	Bk	Cow	1223	\$141.00
Tibbets, Shannon Or Patii, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Cow	1450	\$178.50

Weigh Up Bulls

Amdahl, Eric, Moorcroft WY	1	Bk	Bull	1995	\$210.00
Birkley, Brian, Osage WY	1	Bk	Bull	1825	\$181.00
Brimmer, George, Moorcroft WY	1	Bk	Bull	1300	\$194.00
Carlson, Jim, Box Elder SD	1	Hfr	Bull	1495	\$191.50
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance WY	1	Bk	Bull	1500	\$189.00
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance WY	1	Bk	Bull	905	\$292.50
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	7	Bk	Bull	1347	\$201.00
Dinstel, Bruce & Lori, Alzada MT	1	Bk	Bull	1610	\$190.00
Dinstel, Bruce & Lori, Alzada MT	1	Bk	Bull	1445	\$195.00
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Bull	1585	\$189.00
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Bull	1555	\$192.50
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Bull	1230	\$202.50
Kokesh, Rich Or Sherry, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Bull	1755	\$193.00
Kokesh, Rich Or Sherry, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Bull	1720	\$188.00

Kokesh, Rich Or Sherry, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bk	Bull	1680	\$191.50
Lamb, Reese Or Wendy, Sundance WY	1	Bk	Bull	1450	\$175.00
Mahaffy, Ronnie, Newell SD	1	Bk	Bull	1080	\$167.50
Minow, Tom, Olive MT	1	Bk	Bull	1820	\$190.00
Ogaard, Jeff Or Barbara, Rapid City SD	1	Bk	Bull	1875	\$205.00
Patten, Clayton, Broadus MT	1	Bk	Bull	1790	\$187.00
Pratt, Clint, Forsyth MT	1	Bk	Bull	1835	\$194.00
Pratt, Ken, Forsyth MT	1	Bk	Bull	1610	\$190.00
Pratt, Ken, Forsyth MT	1	Bk	Bull	1125	\$230.00
Rasmussen, Maxine, Camp Crook SD	1	Bk	Bull	1600	\$195.50
Schultz Ranch, Newell SD	1	Hfr	Bull	1990	\$174.00
Sisson, Dwayne, Rozet WY	1	Hfr	Bull	2175	\$190.00
Spear E Ranch, Olive MT	2	Bk	Bull	1915	\$192.50
Stephens, Mike & Megan, Alzada MT	1	Bk	Bull	1470	\$194.00
Tx Ranch Llc, Newell SD	1	Bk	Bull	1295	\$200.00

Friday, October 10, 2025

Spring Calf Special

8 AM - Weigh Up Cows, 10 AM- Yrlgs followed by Calves

BT-Branding Time Shots PC - PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs
Vaccinated NI- No Implants

Yrlgs
MT Consignment - 140 Bk & Red Strs - 775-875#

Calves
Duprel Livestock - 290 Bk Strs - 700-725# - BT, PC
- 165 Bk Hfrs - 650-700# - BT, PC
Bauer Ranch - 380 Bk Strs - 600-700# - BT, PC
Moe Farm - 230 Bk Strs & Hfrs - 500-600# - BT, PC, NI, No Hfrs Kept
Keffeler & Lorenz - 220 Bk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs - 525-600# - BT, PC
Schuricht & Kinstetter - 155 Bk Strs - 500-550# - BT
Black Ranch - 150 Bk & Few Red Strs & Hfrs - 550-575# - BT, PC
Mike Richter - 150 Bk & Red Strs & Hfrs - 475-500# - BT, PC, DF, NI
Ryan XZ Ranch - 125 Bk Strs - 500-550# - BT, PC, NI
Scott Packard - 90 Mostly Bk Strs - 400-550# - BT
- 30 Bk Hfrs - 400-500# - BT
Craig & Orin Edwards - 80 Mostly Bk Strs - 500-600# - BT, DF
- 30 Mostly Bk Hfrs - 425-525# - BT, DF
C & T Ranch - 110 Bk & Red Strs & Hfrs - 350-550# - BT, PC
Mark Jochim - 100 Bk Strs & Hfrs - 525-600# - BT, PC, NI
Troy & Vicki Tope - 30 Bk & Bldy Strs - 500-550# - BT, PC, NI
- 70 Bk & Bldy Hfrs - 500-550# - BT, PC, NI
April Lane - 100 Bk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs - 475-550# - BT, PC
Darrell Oedeoven - 80 Red & Bk Strs - 550-650# - BT, PC, Poured
Terry Ellerton - 65 Bk Strs & Hfrs - 600-650# - BT, PC
Hillsview Ranch - 65 Bk & Few Hfr Strs - 600-650# - BT, PC
Travis & Jeri Pierson - 60 Bk Mostly Hfrs - 525-600# - BT, PC
Tom Twedt - 60 Bk Strs & Hfrs - 450-500# - BT, PC
Pownall Brothers - 60 Bk Strs & Hfrs - 500-600# - BT, PC
Chuck Baker - 56 Bk Strs & Hfrs - 400-525# - BT, PC
Danny White - 56 Bk & Bldy Strs - 525-575# - BT, NI
Curt & Jana Leinger - 50 Red & Bk Strs - 450-550# - BT, PC
Brad Severson - 50 Red Strs - 550-600# - BT, PC, NI
Lazy HD Ranch - 35 Bk Strs - 600-650# - BT, PC, NI
Myles Kirk - 35 Bk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs - 525-575# - BT, PC
Holland & Statham - 35 Red & Bldy Strs - 550-600# - BT, PC, NI
French Creek Cattle Co - 22 Bk Strs & Hfrs - 450-550# - BT, PC
Rex & Morgan Wulf - 14 Red Strs - 600-650# - BT, PC
Jess Haberstroh - 13 Bk & Red Strs & Hfrs - 500-600# - BT
Bob Wicka - 12 Bk Strs & Hfrs - 600-700# - BT, PC, NI
Dan Debuhr - 12 Bk Strs & Hfrs - 500-600# - BT, PC, NI

Plus more by sale time!

2025 CATTLE SALES

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

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Sheep Report - Thursday, October 2, 2025

Lambs sold \$10 higher today
Replacement ewes sold lower
Fat slaughter ewes sold \$4 higher, medium & thin ewes sold \$10 lower
Pooled ewes
400 fleshy ewes.....\$95
591 medium ewes.....\$76-81
316 thin ewes.....\$70-76
Next Sale - October 9th - Feeder Lamb Special- 1 PM start time

Thank you for your business!
Replacement Ewes - sold by the head

Reed Land & Livestock, Douglas WY	55	Yrlg	148	\$280.00
Reed Land & Livestock, Douglas WY	25	Yrlg	148	\$270.00
Dixon, Kaitlin, Mandan ND	20	Yrlg	174	\$265.00
Dixon, Kaitlin, Mandan ND	25	Yrlg	172	\$260.00
Dixon, Kaitlin, Mandan ND	10	Ss-St	193	\$185.00
Borchgrevink Livestock, Belle Fourche SD	60	5-7yr	165	\$190.00
Borchgrevink Livestock, Belle Fourche SD	72	5-7yr	165	\$175.00
Brownfield, Jay, Hammond MT	7	Yrlg	175	\$320.00
Burke, Pat, Newell SD	84	6yr	166	\$165.00
Folot, Grady, Lyman Ne J	95	3-Sld	170	\$220.00
Jensen, Andrew, Newell SD	32	7yr	137	\$135.00
New Crop Lambs				
Wilbur, Dylan, Nisland SD	71	Lamb	42	\$308.00
Wilbur, Dylan, Nisland SD	135	Lamb	56	\$284.00
Jacobsen, Mary, Newell SD	61	Lamb	65	\$246.00
Jacobsen, Mary, Newell SD	318	Lamb	83	\$232.00
Gottfredson Elm Creek Ranch, Newell SD	204	Lamb	94	\$215.00
Arledge Livestock Co Llc, Robert Lee TX	20	Lamb	79	\$241.00
Arledge Livestock Co Llc, Robert Lee TX	461	Lamb	101	\$211.00
Acosta & Buckmeier, Prairie City SD	90	Lamb	83	\$238.00
Basel, Tammy, Union Center SD	78	Lamb	87	\$231.00
Bollinger, Tim, Timber Lake SD	88	Lamb	86	\$230.00
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by Mary Buchholz

126 years ago Northwest Times October 5, 1899
It Was Expected Geo. Evans broke jail Tuesday evening. Sheriff Sweaney took him to the jail after supper, and while absent a short time, Evans broke out. The instruments found near him plainly showed that he had assistance in getting out. Evans took a pony from Lou Knights' stable and there is no doubt but that he has made good his escape. Evans should not have been sent back to Butte Co. jail, as everyone knows it is insecure. No one seems to blame the Sheriff particularly, but many remarks have been heard to the effect that provision for the safe keeping of prisoners has not been made in the part. Several parties predicted when Evans was returned here that he would escape and so it is. The record of Butte County in dealing with prisoners and criminals in the last few years is not one calculated to create much pride in the average citizen, and as long as the law is played with and as long as we have a playhouse for a jail, it will be difficult to bring guilty parties to justice. There is not a fair-minded citizen in Butte County of whatever creed, but must recognize that law and order has been as nearly a farce in this vicinity as is possible to bring it. The record of the last few years proves it conclusively. When proper attention is given toward bringing criminals and law-breakers to certain justice, then and not until then will life and property be safe in Butte County. Fer what is law? It is made to be obeyed in order that life and property may be safe.

million-dollar plant in Scotts-bluff county, Nebraska. Due to a combination of circumstances, this year's beet crop is smaller than usual. The company knows that the condition can't last, and it encourages larger production by providing factories to handle additional beets. And elsewhere in this same issue of the Denver paper appears the announcement that the Holly Sugar corporation is planning the construction of another factory in northern Colorado in time to handle the 1926 crop. By the way, the editor of this paper, while in Minnesota last week, learned that the sugar refinery at Shakopee, near St. Paul, had been closed down on account of insufficient beet acreage to operate the plant at a profit. Maybe we can induce the owners of that refinery to move its equipment to the Belle Fourche district. We just can't get over the idea that SOME sugar company is overlooking a good bet right here.

75 years ago The Belle Fourche Post October 5, 1950
SOCIETY Mrs. J. H. Davis Heads Library Board New Officers of the Belle Fourche Library Board were elected Wednesday night at the board's October meeting. Elected to head the board was Mrs. J. H. Davis, She succeeds Mrs. W. P. Friggens. Mrs. Frank Evans was reelected secretary of the board. Appointments made by the new president included Mrs. Max Vigoren as treasurer, in the absence of Mrs. David Evans, librarian who is on leave of absence, and Mrs. Howard Wilson, reappointed in charge of the calendar.

MRS. TRAVIS STEEN HEADS LOCAL JAYCETTES Mrs. Travis Steen is the new president of the Belle Fourche Jaycettes. She was elected

this week at a meeting of the organization in the home of Mrs. Dalton McMahon. Other new Jaycette officers, to serve the ensuing club year, are Mrs. R. E. Brandenburg, vice president; Mrs. Clifford Pluimer, secretary; and Mrs. Louis Steen, treasurer. Mrs. Louis Steen was president of the organization the past year. Only other business at the executive board meeting was a discussion of ticket sales to the community concert series, being sponsored in Belle Fourche by the Jaycettes.

Armies Wait While Diplomats Wrangle. The pen is mightier than the sword. Apparently, that old adage holds true in the case of General MacArthur. It's a flood of oratory that has stopped him for the time being. The oratory took place Friday far from the battlefield - in New York, at the general assembly meeting of the United Nations. The meeting started Friday morning and ended at dinnertime. For most of those eight hours the topic of discussion was Korea - specifically, the peace plan advocated by Great Britain and seven other western nations. The western plan, opposed by the Russians, authorizes MacArthur's troops to sweep across the 38th parallel. He has about 150,000 of them on the line, waiting to cross with the knockout punch of the war, but diplomatic quarters believe he's waiting for the UN to give him the go-ahead. As things are now, the vote probably will be taken Saturday.

49 years ago - Belle Fourche Post October 6, 1976
City Council Approves Appropriations for '77. Final approval of the 1977 appropriations ordinance was given by the Belle Fourche city council Monday night at their regular October meeting. The board also approved a \$24,600 supplemental budget for this year, and approved a planning commission recommendation which makes minor changes in the building permit ordinance, but does not affect the fee or exemption schedule. The new budget general fund figure was reduced slightly so that the general fund levy will drop to 14.53 mills from the 15 mills levied for 1976. The 1977 appropriation totals \$1,133,586. This is about \$139,248 more than the amount appropriated for the 1976 budget.

100 years ago Northwest Post October 8, 1925
SUGAR FACTORIES ALL AROUND US When we think of the better-than-20-tons-per-acre crop of sugar beets now being harvested in the Belle Fourche valley - and then think of the efforts made in the past six or seven years to induce some sugar company to locate a factory in this promising territory - it makes us a trifle "warm under the collar" to read the following item just printed in the Denver Post: "No question about the Great Western Sugar company's faith in the future of sugar beet business. With two new factories in course of construction in Colorado, it is arranging to put up another

Vore Buffalo Jump Foundation Opens New Exhibit of Bison Skulls

Sundance, WY: The Vore Buffalo Jump Archaeological Site will be open on October 26, 2025 from 10 am to 3 pm to allow the public to view a new exhibit of bison skulls

that were excavated from the sinkhole in the early 1970s. The Vore Buffalo Jump Foundation will hold its annual meeting on that day at 1 pm. The Vore Site is located on Old Hwy 14 just west of Beulah, Wyoming.

This meeting will be the official opening of a new exhibit that was funded through a grant from the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund, donations to the VBJF, and in-kind contributions from VBJF board members and staff at the University of Wyoming Archaeological Repository. The new exhibit is a display of bison skulls that were excavated from the sinkhole in the early 1970s. Two panels of text and photos are associated with the exhibit. One honors the Vore family and the other describes what can be learned from scientific analysis of the skulls.

At the annual meeting, VBJF board president Jacqueline Wyatt will provide an update on the state of the non-profit Foundation including the summer season, the finances of the VBJF, and our outreach efforts. All members of the non-profit foundation are welcome to attend and may vote at this meeting. At the annual meeting this

year, we will recognize the Vore family for their contributions to development of the Site.

The skulls that are part of the new exhibit are those of bison killed in the sinkhole during the jumps at the Site by Native American hunters between about 1550 and the late 1700s. Most of the thousands of bones excavated from the Vore Site were precisely mapped and cataloged by the archaeologists and are in the repository at the University of Wyoming. A number of bones, including the skulls that are part of this exhibit, were unearthed during exploratory excavations and were left in a shed on the Vore ranch as University of Wyoming archaeologists felt that they had no scientific value. They were rescued by Jan (Vore) Lund and her husband Jim.

As part of the Foundation's educational mission, the Vore Site hosted about 650 students from the region in spring and fall for field trip programs. This fall 4th graders have come from Moorcroft, Hulett, Sheridan, Upton, Newcastle, Rozet, and Sheridan. The volunteers who make this program possible will be acknowledged at the annual meeting.



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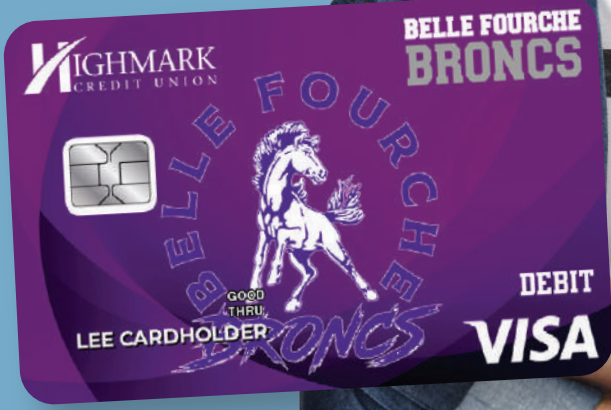
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Capitol News

October 6, 2025

by Sandy Rhoden

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

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

Larry and Sandy Rhoden spent last week in London, England and then Dublin, Ireland on a South Dakota Trade Mission. While the Governor took the lead at each of the many meetings, Les Shaw had a part in this mission. Les and Ann Shaw were there representing cattle producers from South Dakota to encourage trade and promoting our excellent South Dakota beef.

Our secretary of Ag & Natural Resources, Hunter Roberts, along with our Commissioner of Economic Development, Bill Even, were also spokesmen for South Dakota Trade. Jesse Fonkert is the CEO and Exec. Director of South Dakota Trade and all did an exceptional job of representing us over seas. It was quite unique to be in Ireland where most of us had some strong Irish heritage. The Shaws

and the Rhodens (Murphy & Murphey) had especially strong ties. Meetings were many and breaks were few, but it was a very educational trip taken with a wonderful group of people. One may refer to FB pages SD Trade and Governor Larry Rhoden.

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

Another friend and fellow teacher who passed was Norma (Johnston) Pellegrin of New Underwood. Norma is remembered as someone who absolutely loved and cherished her family and grandchildren. She has a great sense of humor and a distinct laugh that I will always remember. She could have a great time just doing the simple things in life. Norma will be missed by all who knew her.



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8 Sausage and Rice Mixed Veggies Dinner Roll	9 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Country Gravy Salad Dinner Roll	10 Beef Roast Zucchini Fries Roasted Potatoes	11 BBQ Chicken Rice Pilaf Roasted Carrots Dinner Roll	12 Sautéed Sausage, Peppers and Onions Potato Salad Dinner Roll
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
29 Spaghetti & Meatballs Breadstick Garden Salad	30 Liver & Onions OR Deluxe Cheese Burger Steak Fries Mixed Veggies	<p>Look What's Cooking at Belle Silver Lining Come Join us M-F 11 am-1 pm 828 Kingsbury St. Belle Fourche, SD Menu subject to change or modification.</p>		

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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	59	Blk/BwF-Yrimg Str	976	340.00	\$3,317.01
	33	Rd/Blk-Yrimg Str	969	340.00	\$3,295.42
	63	Blk/BwF-Yrimg Str	853	376.50	\$3,211.00
Greg Williams Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT	51	Blk/BwF-Yrimg Str	847	365.50	\$3,094.56
	13	Blk/BwF-Yrimg Str	708	379.50	\$2,688.61
	14	Blk/BwF-Yrimg Hfr	670	385.00	\$2,580.87
Riley Williams, Ekalaka MT	14	Blk/BwF-Yrimg Hfr	838	340.00	\$2,849.92
Modonald Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	10	Blk/BwF-Yrimg Hfr	978	324.00	\$3,168.72
Consignment From MT	31	Rd/Blk-Yrimg Hfr	950	323.50	\$3,073.25
Jerry Gollner, Belle Fourche SD	32	Blk/BwF-Yrimg Hfr	785	347.50	\$2,726.78
Jason King, Hammond MT	16	Black-Yrimg Hfr	869	336.50	\$2,923.34
Travis Or Julie Hurst, Buffalo SD	8	Blk/BwF-Yrimg Hfr	833	340.50	\$2,834.66
Triple S Land & Cattle, Union Center SD	12	Blk/BwF-Yrimg Hfr	937	328.00	\$3,072.26
Tit Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD	9	Black-Yrimg Hfr	987	323.50	\$3,191.86
Bryan Tarter, Ashland MT	6	Black-Yrimg Hfr	878	335.50	\$2,946.80
Lazy Y Quarter Circle Lic, Aladdin WY	5	Black-Yrimg Str	1029	318.00	\$3,272.22
	5	Black-Yrimg Str	717	384.50	\$2,756.86
Wes Reinford, Belle Fourche SD	10	Black-Yrimg Hfr	829	324.50	\$2,688.48
Johnson Sheep & Cattle LI, Belle Fourche S	9	Black-Yrimg Hfr	884	336.00	\$2,971.73
CALVES					
Dave Nisley, Broadus MT	29	Black-Str	506	477.50	\$2,416.31
	13	Black-Str	399	535.00	\$2,133.82
	31	Black-Hfr	454	495.00	\$2,245.86
Ls Livestock Llc, Buffalo WY	27	Black-Str	475	478.00	\$2,269.61
	8	Black-Str	304	642.50	\$1,955.60
	21	Black-Hfr	460	470.00	\$2,162.00
	9	Black-Hfr	325	575.00	\$1,868.75
Cold Creek Ranch Inc, Hulett WY	47	Blk/BwF-Str	559	442.00	\$2,468.61
	8	Blk/BwF-Str	445	490.00	\$2,180.50
	34	Blk/BwF-Hfr	512	455.00	\$2,328.52
Clayton Patten, Broadus MT	67	Black-Str	536	449.00	\$2,408.51
	60	Black-Hfr	510	460.00	\$2,346.76
	10	Black-Hfr	399	512.00	\$2,040.32
Curt Randall, Broadus MT	12	Black-Str	532	445.00	\$2,365.91
	9	Black-Hfr	487	460.00	\$2,238.66
Eugene A Or Linda Roberts, Carlisle WY	18	Blk/BwF-Str	649	424.00	\$2,753.64
Thomas E Or Frances A Fabris, Sundance WY	5	Black-Str	589	416.00	\$2,450.24
	5	Black-Str	459	492.50	\$2,280.57
	5	Black-Hfr	432	470.00	\$2,030.40
Downey Ranch Llc, Moorcroft WY	10	Blk/BwF-Str	523	427.50	\$2,233.68
	8	Blk/BwF-Hfr	508	410.00	\$2,083.31
Henry Pagel, Holton Ks	8	Black-Str	472	472.50	\$2,229.60
	12	Black-Hfr	458	470.00	\$2,150.25
Jason & Yvonne Wock, Mud Butte SD	6	Black-Str	443	495.00	\$2,190.37
John Olson, Broadus MT	15	Black-Str	491	437.50	\$2,148.12
	11	Rd/Blk-Str	390	550.00	\$2,147.50
Cody Young, Kadoka SD	12	Black-Str	430	510.00	\$2,193.00
	9	Rd/Blk-Str	310	620.00	\$1,922.00
	16	Blk/BwF-Hfr	435	460.00	\$1,999.56
	6	Black-Hfr	314	580.00	\$1,822.16
Cody Acosta, Bison SD	7	Rd/Blk-Str	542	427.50	\$2,317.66
COWS					
Downey Ranch Llc, Moorcroft WY	1	Black-Cow	1595	173.50	\$2,767.32
Everett Heintz, Hulett WY	1	Black-Cow	1575	173.50	\$2,732.62
Emmons Cattle, Olive MT	1	BwF-Cow	1450	175.00	\$2,537.50
	1	Black-Cow	1300	170.00	\$2,210.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle LI, Belle Fourche S	1	Black-Cow	1445	173.50	\$2,507.07
Charles & Rosalie Tennis, Vale SD	1	Black-Cow	1475	182.00	\$2,684.50
	2	Blk/BwF-Cow	1538	169.50	\$2,606.06
Jeff Morgan, Gillette WY	1	Black-Cow	1360	170.00	\$2,312.00

	1	Black-Cow	1410	170.50	\$2,404.05
	1	Black-Cow	1315	180.00	\$2,367.00
	2	Red-Hfrt	983	319.00	\$3,134.17
	1	BwF-Cow	1160	212.50	\$2,465.00
	1	Black-Hfrt	910	287.50	\$2,616.25
	1	Black-Cow	1235	185.00	\$2,284.75
Tooke Ranch, Ekalaka MT	12	Blk/BwF-Cow	1471	178.00	\$2,618.08
	6	Black-Cow	1225	171.50	\$2,100.87
	1	Black-Hfrt	975	287.50	\$2,803.12
	1	Black-Cow	1315	171.00	\$2,248.65
Lazy Y Quarter Circle Lic, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1140	204.00	\$2,325.60
Dave Nisley, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1595	174.00	\$2,775.30
Joe Fortner, Biddle MT	8	Black-Hfrt	1000	287.50	\$2,875.00
	9	Black-Cow	1413	171.50	\$2,423.86
	1	Black-Cow	1140	217.50	\$2,479.50
	1	Black-Cow	1260	195.00	\$2,457.00
George Brimmer, Rozet WY	9	Black-Cow	1081	215.00	\$2,323.19
BULLS					
Tom Giacomo, Broadus MT	1	Char-Bull Drug Free	1925	225.00	\$4,331.25
Gm Farms Inc, Ekalaka MT	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	2035	205.00	\$4,171.75
Steven Edoff, New Underwood SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2090	196.00	\$4,096.40
Zane Marty, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2035	195.00	\$3,968.25
Modonald Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1945	205.00	\$3,987.25
Quentin Rumph, Biddle MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1820	192.00	\$3,494.40
Jason King, Hammond MT	1	Black-Bull	1900	190.00	\$3,610.00
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File No. 09PRO24-000019

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Deceased.)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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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SDPB Premieres "Greetings from Newell" Episode

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NEWELL—The Newell community was treated to the premiere of the latest episode of the South Dakota Public Broadcasting series *Dakota Life*, titled "Greetings from Newell." The celebration of the finished project was held at the Newell City Hall on the evening of October 2.

Prior to the beginning of the show, the audience was surprised with another preview of an unaired clip for the show, *South Dakota Focus*. "We're going to actually show a short clip here tonight from our EMS episode which has a little bit about

Newell and its EMS services in it! It's a two part episode, so the first part aired in September and then the second part will air at the end of October," explained Brittany Neiles, Coordinator for West River Community Impact.

And with that, the lights went down and the room went silent as the shows began to play on a large screen in the front of the room. For the next thirty-five minutes the audience got to learn all about their little town! Starting with the clip from *SD Focus* which featured Sherry Hocking, Newell Ambulance Director speaking about the area's Emergency Medical Services.

After that, the premier of the October episode of "Greetings

from Newell" began. It started with different scenes of the area that included drone and video footage. The episode began with the history of the irrigation system, led by the knowledge of historian Ken Wetz, the story of the town beginnings unfolded.

The show went on to highlight the importance of sheep and wool to community and the value of the experimental farm in its history. The artifacts housed at the Newell Museum were discussed as was the hydroponic farm, PrairieLane Farm. Other stories were told, but you will have to tune in to the episode on Thursday, October 9 on SDPB-TV at 7 p.m. to see them all.

Dakota Life airs new episodes

on the second Thursday of each month from September through June. "This is our second show for this season, next month we have Eureka and then we skip December, and then January and February we have Centerville and Edgemont," said Neiles.

South Dakota Focus is also a once a month program and can be found on the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. from September through May.

The SDPB team made a trip to Newell on April 16, 2025 and held a Community Conversation event with the citizens of the town. The intention of the meeting was to glean ideas from the local population as to what is important about Newell. The

team returned again a few months later to film the interviews and footage.

Refreshments and cookies were served and a swag bag full of SDPB merchandise was given away to one lucky attendee. Neiles wrapped up the evening with a plea for their fundraising campaign. "As you are probably aware South Dakota did face \$2.3 million funding loss when Congress cut the Corporation for Public Broadcasting money, and so we're going through a pretty big effort to fill that hole right now. Our goal is \$2 million. We're at about \$1.6 million. It's called our Bison Campaign, because bison—they turn into the storm, and face the storm."



(clockwise from top) **Brittany Neiles**, with **South Dakota Public Broadcasting** welcomes everyone to the first showing of **Dakota Life: Greetings from Newell**; There were many types of stickers and buttons, even one dedicated to Newell; **Kirk Hocking** takes time to sign up for the Swag bag give away; The crowd starts to gather for the first showing of **Dakota Life: Greetings from Newell**. Longbrake photos



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Then and Now in Newell

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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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A section of the interior of the Kenaston Store in early days. Going out-of-business sale 1955.

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

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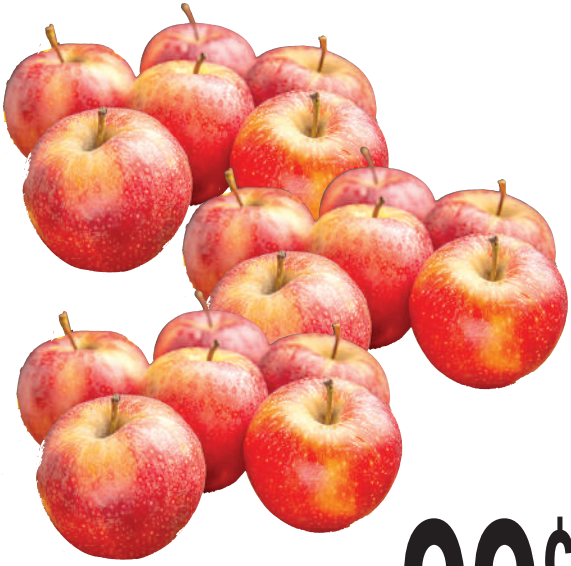
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