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Riverfest Delivers a Day of Family Fun



A view of the Riverfest Kid Zone through the flags. Longbrake photo

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BELLE FOURCHE—A warm, sunny day set the stage for this year's Riverfest on Saturday, June 6, drawing crowds to the park area behind the Tri-State Museum and Center of the Nation Visitors Center along the banks of the Belle Fourche

River. The event was hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Riverfest is a family-friendly celebration and the beginning to an exciting summer full of events in Belle Fourche. The gathering was free to attend and offered something for everyone. There was a variety of shopping from area vendors,

educational booths and food trucks offering a range of food choices for the afternoon.

The Belle Fourche High School cheerleaders performed a dance routine and showcased a few cheers for the crowd.

For the kids, there was an entire area created just for them: the Kid Zone, with a

bounce house, crafts, activities, games and a train ride. There were also balloon animals, and the cheerleaders raising money for the Macy's Day Parade trip hosted a face painting booth.

For the third year in a row, the Hitching Post Tap House hosted the beer tent for adults.

The Naja Shriners held duck

rices. Ducks were on sale for \$5 each or five for \$20. At 1 p.m., the ducks were released. There were two heats on a makeshift pond using river water. The top three ducks from each heat advanced to a final heat of six to determine the fastest duck of the day.

Riverfest Photos Contd. A8

Actor Reflects on Unexpected Connection to Belle Fourche

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BELLE FOURCHE—At just 14 years old, Al Barker learned about a town called Belle Fourche, but it would not be until he turned 51 that he would get to experience all that the town has to offer. "I just love it back here. So I just come back here and hang out with these guys, and there's a lot of good people here. I've made a lot of good friends here," he said.

You see, as a young kid, Al got the role of a lifetime when he was cast in the John Wayne Western *The Cowboys*. As a claim to fame for the town, Belle Fourche appears in the movie as the final destination of a 400-mile cattle drive—something residents still talk about today.

However, to Al, it was just a town in a movie. The movie was filmed far away from Belle. "We didn't (come to

Belle Fourche). We were at the Double-O Ranch, which was allegedly in Montana. And we were on a cattle drive, and our destination for our cattle drive was Belle Fourche, to ship the cattle, and so actually, we never came to Belle Fourche," explained Al. "Actually, that was all done between New Mexico, Colorado, and the set where it appears we arrive in Belle Fourche—where we meet the guy that makes the headstone, and all that... it was a makeshift set. It was out in the middle of nowhere, and we really drove cattle, we really rode horses and we really did the cowboy work, but it wasn't here."

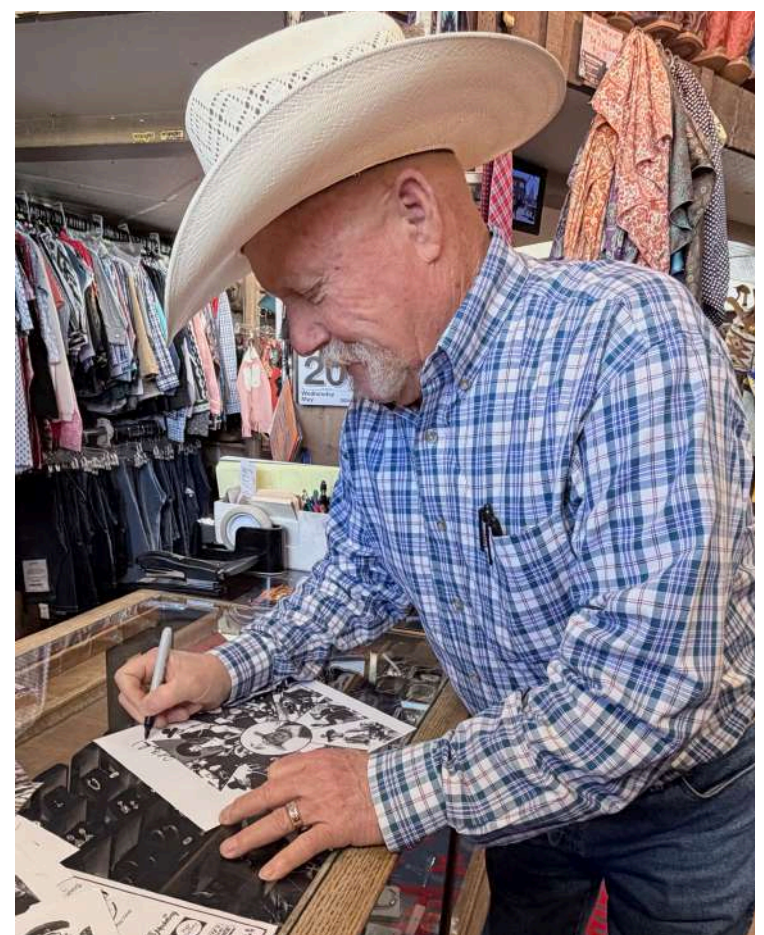
Barker has had a lot of life between the 14-year-old boy who heard about Belle Fourche and when he finally came to the actual town. "I've had a great couple of careers since then, doing other stuff, and I've also worked in like three movies, the *Bonanza* series and my wife and

I did a music video with Toby Keith—I Love This Bar video," he shared. "I worked a little bit of everything leading up to my law enforcement career, which was 35 years. I retired and then I went back and worked the court for another few years."

Barker has had an enjoyable work life. "Well, I loved the movie thing, and I loved doing that, and the opportunities I had to go work in other productions in between was always awesome. I always enjoyed that, but I mean, my law enforcement career was the longest and the most dear to me, I would say," he shared.

Although the actor had been to South Dakota a few times, he never made it to Belle Fourche until 2008 when Stacey Raisanen reached out to him via email to invite him to Belle Fourche. "It was kind of one of those things—okay, is this BS or what? And so I responded

The Cowboys Contd. A3



Al Barker starred in the John Wayne western *The Cowboys*. He played Clyde "Fats" Potter. He was in Belle Fourche and signed autographs. Longbrake photo

First Responders Host Community Open House

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BELLE FOURCHE—Sirens and flashing lights may be what most people associate with emergency response, but there is much more that goes into serving a community. The Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department showcased that work during its annual open house on June 6.

The Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department invited the public to experience what goes on behind the scenes of the department during its annual open house. Assistant Chief Ted Jeitz explained, "It is for the public to see what we actually do on a daily basis. I just kind of open it up so the kids can see the trucks and stuff."

There was a whole host of activities planned. It was a day for the public to meet all of the different first responders involved in the area and the different roles they have in various rescues.

From a lunch for a free-will donation to fire truck rides, the day was packed full of fun and educational experiences. "We

cut a car apart, had Life Flight show up, and then we had the ambulance to tour, and then we did the truck rides through town," shared Jeitz. "Life Flight showed up with their chopper and they let everyone look through it."

There were plans for the Butte County Sheriff's Office, the Belle Fourche Police, Dakota Highway Patrol to make appearances throughout the day.

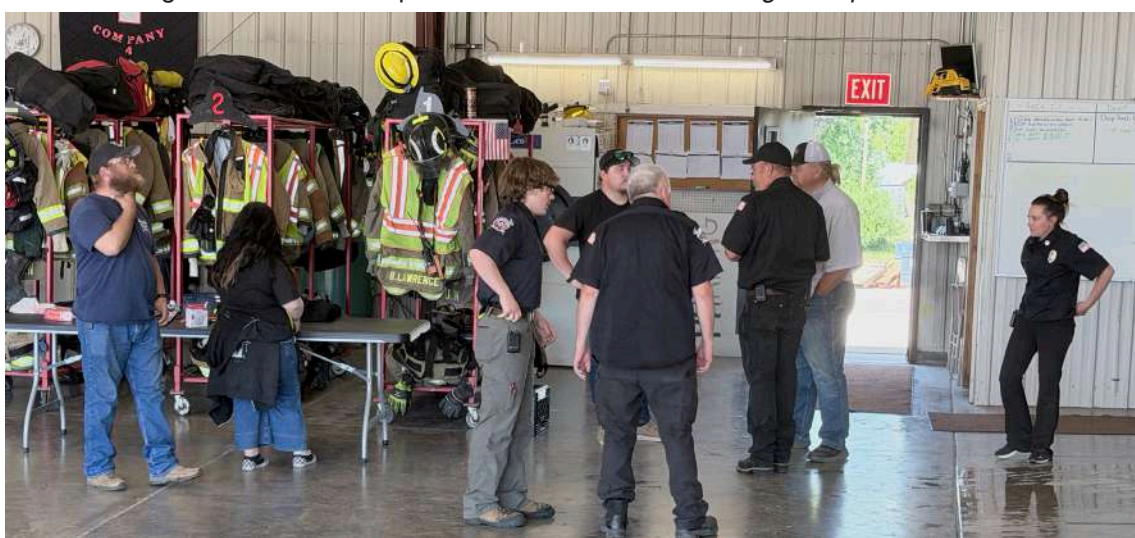
The open house is held every summer, for as long as Jeitz can remember. "As long as I've been on, we've had an open house—and that's been 20 years!"

The fire department was happy with the turnout and how the day went. "It went really well, we had quite a few people show up, it was a good crowd," said Jeitz.

The Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department has been here since 1903. Part of its mission is to advance public safety by means of its fire prevention and education programs. It is always looking for firefighters. Anyone interested should reach out to the department.



Above: Attendees enjoyed rides around town on the big purple fire truck. Below: Firefighters discuss the open house with attendees. Longbrake photos



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Paula Roberts, 63

Paula was born on February 12, 1963, in Cherokee, IA. She was the beloved daughter of Bonnie Sohm and the late Richard Sohm. She passed away on June 2, 2026, at her home from COPD.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Dale Roberts; her father, Richard Sohm; a precious angel baby, born asleep; and her nephew, Jordan Sohm.

Paula is lovingly remembered by her mother, Bonnie Sohm; her son, Mark Roberts; her daughter, Amanda (Jason) Foytik, her granddaughters, Tabby (Jamal Evans) Roberts and Arabella Roberts; and her great-grandchildren, Samara Jade Evans and Orion Dale Evans. She is also survived by her siblings: Dawn (Terry) Newton, Karla Sohm, Kimberly (Wayne) Michaels, Mike (Mel) Sohm, Charlie Sohm, and Jody (Donny) Weiland; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family who meant so much to her.

Paula loved her family deeply and found joy in life's simple, meaningful moments—hosting Easter egg hunts at her home, gathering loved ones for painting parties, and filling every get-together with laughter. She especially enjoyed playing cards, including favorites like manuever, cribbage, and canasta.



She enjoyed the outdoors including fishing, even running a bait shop for a period of time, and took pride in tending her garden. Creative at heart, Paula expressed herself through embroidery and painting porcelain dolls.

Paula concluded her career with Butte County, where she was dedicated and proud of her work. In her free time, she enjoyed arts and crafts and treasured the time spent with her mother and sisters. Paula will be remembered for her love, her strength, and her unwavering devotion to the people she held close.

A celebration of Paula's life will be held at 6:00pm, Monday, June 8, 2026 at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel in Spearfish.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. A rosary will be held prior to the service. She will be laid to rest next to her husband, Bobby, after the service.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established.

Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com

Roy Thomas Shaw, 76

Roy T Shaw of Sturgis, South Dakota, passed away peacefully in his sleep on June 3, 2026 at his home. He was born on June 12, 1949 in Sturgis, SD to David J and Zola M Shaw. Growing up in the small town of Red Owl, SD, he was known as Roy Thomas to all.

Roy Thomas started his education in a one room school house in Red Owl. When it was time to attend high school, he had room and board in Sturgis during the week and home to Red Owl on the weekends, where he learned about mechanics from his dad by taking "gines" apart and putting them back together! His Dad, David said he was a genius! His pet raccoon, Molly, was a helper by stealing nuts and bolts and hiding them. His pal, Old Pup, was always by his side or riding his Vespa with him. He might have been out after dark hunting rabbits too! RT graduated from Sturgis High School in 1967. He attended Black Hills State University in Spearfish.

Immediately after high school graduation, RT married Sheila McVay and they ventured to Covina, California where RT worked at Datex/Conrac Corp for 3 years. South Dakota was calling them home so they came back to Red Owl/Sturgis.

RT and Sheila recently celebrated 59 years of marriage. Together they raised two daughters, Michelle Tech and Stephanie Musilek. Three grandsons were added to the family, Davd Musilek, Grayson Tech and Jonah Musilek. RT loved his grandsons more than anything! He taught a strong work ethic, sense of humor, compassion, and many other life lessons.

The best way to describe RT's work life was entrepreneur. He was self-employed much of his career and was a risk taker who found success in nearly every endeavor. His occupations included owning a TV & Appliance store, selling insurance and real estate, teaching at Vo-Tech, managing and owning campgrounds.

RT played an important role in the growth and development of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally over several decades. Alongside Gary Lippold, he designed, built and operated the Sturgis Dragway. He ran the All Harley Drags for several years,



attracting some of the fastest, biggest names in the motorcycle race world. He managed Glencoe Camp Resort and owned and operated Hog Heaven Campground. He was involved in short track and half mile races with the Jackpine Gypsies Motorcycle Club, helped establish the National Motorcycle Museum and served in numerous volunteer and leadership roles that supported both the rally and the Sturgis Community.

RT was a Past Master of the Olive Branch Masonic Lodge in Sturgis, Naja Shriner and a member of the Scottish rite. He loved to hunt, fish and camp with family and friends, including fishing trips with buddies to Canada, pheasant hunting, and catching fish on the Missouri River from his boat.

He loved cars, motorcycles- basically anything that had an engine. His prize possessions over the years were a '55 Chevy, '64 Chevy Malibu, 442 Olds, '46 Plymouth street rod that he rescued from a hay field and Single Jim's Harley.

RT was a "people person" who loved to laugh, tease and work hard. He was also very active in the community, serving on several boards and mentoring young people, in which he found much satisfaction.

Survivors include his wife, Sheila (McVay) Shaw, daughters, Michelle Tech and Stephanie Musilek, son-in-law Tony Musilek, grandsons David Musilek, Grayson Tech and Jonah Musilek, sister Connie (Chuck) Braden, sister-in-law Janet Mattern, brother-in-law Don (Rita) McVay, several nieces and nephews and many treasured friends.

RT was preceded in death by his parents, David and Zola Shaw, his in-laws, Leonard and Alta McVay, and maternal and paternal grandparents.

Visitation will be from 5:00 until 7:00pm Wednesday June 10 at Kinkade Funeral Chapel in Sturgis. Funeral Services will be 1:00 pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Sturgis, Burial will follow at the Piedmont Cemetery.

Please join the family for a celebration of RT's life at the Sturgis Brewing Company immediately following the committal service.

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Most of us intend on "getting around to it someday," but that someday never comes and we leave our family wondering whether or not they did the right thing. It doesn't have to be like that. It's not pleasant to be reminded of our own mortality; we can laugh, cry, or do a little of both. Regardless of how we prefer to deal with the big questions of life, it always works out for the best when we face things head on, especially in regard to such a sensitive issue.

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Pastor's Perspective

This Perspective is from Pastor Jack Hayford.

"Do All Things Really Work For Good?"

I've met many people over my years of ministry who were embittered because they ground their teeth and tried to force themselves to swallow that pill of Romans 8:28 when they couldn't see anything good coming out of it. They were told by people that if you really believed, then you have to see the death of your daughter, the accident that killed your husband, the cancer that took your loved one as God's ordained purposes, and they were good for you. If you'll just humble yourself, you'll see the good in them.

The Bible doesn't say that at all. The Bible does not say that all things work together in and of themselves. The Bible says all things work together for good in a context where people who see the invisible recognize there is a warfare and a struggle going on that is much larger than this present era. It is a cosmic struggle in which our experience is only a microcosm, a pivotal part in the larger panorama.



We must see the invisible here. We need to allow the Holy Spirit to help us move in the energizing resources He gives for prayer, so that we can confront the things that happen at their source level. That level is the evil source of those things coming to steal, to kill and to destroy. Until we move with the Holy Spirit's enablement, until we draw on the invisible

resources we have to minister to those situations broken and damaged by the adversary, things will not work together for good.

The Lord has given the power of the Holy Spirit and the power of intercessory prayer to become the means by which things may be changed in a broken, beat-up and battered world. That's why in the present hour, the Holy Spirit helps us. In the larger arena of things, beyond our lifetime, verse 18 says: I consider the sufferings (or the evil things, the tough things, the unexplainable things) of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us.

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father, I ask for the grace to remain calm and gentle, even when I feel overwhelmed or frustrated in my daily life. Help me to slow down, listen to others, and choose peace over conflict. May I reflect Your love through kindness, wisdom, and patience in all my actions, Amen.

Colossians 3:13

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From A1 **The Cowboys**

back, yeah, I'd be interested if you're serious, if this is a serious deal," explained Barker. "Long story short, I mean we came back for that, and then we just continued to come back and build relationships and friendships and whatnot, and a million stories to tell about Belle Fourche and being here and things we've done and the adventures we've been on!"

Now he comes to visit Belle Fourche as often as he can. In fact, Barker made a visit to Belle Fourche on May 20. He spent the day at Pete's Clothing and Hodge Bootery, answering questions, signing autographs and hanging around his friends. The character he played at age 14 in The Cowboys, Clyde "Fats" Potter, remains a recognizable part of his connection to the story that first introduced him to Belle Fourche.

When reflecting on life,



Al Barker spent the day at Pete's Clothing and Hodge Bootery with Lee Hodge, Sheila Hodge and Erica Hodge. Longbrake photo

Barker has a lot to be grateful for, including the little town of Belle Fourche. "Well, I thank God for being here... and what He's given me and the wife He's blessed me with. I think I'm pretty blessed to have had the experience that I've had and the opportunities that I've had,

and that blessing of that has led me to meet a lot of great people," shared Al. "I love it back here—I love Belle Fourche. It is an amazing place to be and amazing people and probably the only thing I don't love is thinking about some of the lengthy winters!"

USDA Expands Payment Limitation and Payment Eligibility Provisions for Farmers

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is expanding payment limitation and payment eligibility provisions that affect program payments including allowing for the equitable treatment of business entities. Additionally, producers will benefit from an increased payment limitation for certain programs, and a broader definition of farming income that will result in more exceptions to income limitations.

"The 2026 program year will be a monumental change for farmers and ranchers who can now structure their farm entities to benefit from the legal protections of certain business structures without limiting their access to the farm safety net," said Bill Beam, FSA Administrator. "Producers have had to make difficult decisions for far too long when it comes to structuring their operations. The administration is proud to give farmers and ranchers more options to build and protect their legacy for generations to come while receiving full support from USDA."

These changes were outlined in the Working Families Tax Cuts Act which provides a large investment in American agriculture by improving eligibility provisions, the farm safety

net, disaster assistance, and price support programs. USDA previously announced that this fall, producers will benefit from increased reference prices for major commodities. Today's announcement gives producers more flexibility in structuring their operations and provides a stronger safety net.



Payment Eligibility

Starting with the 2026 crop year, for payment eligibility purposes, FSA will treat applicable limited liability companies (LLCs) and S-Corporations (S-Corps), and other similar entities, as "pass through entities." Each member of the qualified pass-through entity who meets actively engaged in farming criteria will help qualify the entity for expanded payments.

Previously, farm operations that were structured as an LLC

or an S-Corp were limited to a single payment limitation, which varies by program. Now, partnerships, S-Corps, qualifying LLCs, and joint ventures or general partnerships will be treated the same.

For program year 2026 only, farm operations that are structured as LLCs or S-Corps or one of the new qualified pass-through entities must file updated farm operating plans with FSA for program year 2026 by Sept. 15, 2026. After program year 2026, FSA will continue to use June 1 as the date for determining ownership interest in an entity. Producers who have crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program coverage should contact their crop insurance agent or local FSA office before restructuring their farm operation to ensure appropriate timing for restructuring without impacting current insurance coverage.

Members of qualified pass-through entities must provide contributions and be engaged in farming for the entity to be considered actively engaged in farming.

An additional change allows members of all entity types to receive compensation for labor and management contributions and use the same contribution to

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qualify as "actively engaged in farming." This update provides consistent treatment of member contributions across all entity types.

Payment Limitation and Attribution

Payment limitation changes include an increased payment limit for the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program. Starting with crop year 2025, the ARC and PLC payment limit will increase from \$125,000 to \$155,000. This payment limit will be adjusted going forward annually based on inflation.

Payment limitations are the maximum amount that a person or legal entity can receive for any crop year, directly or indirectly, through certain USDA programs. The same maximum payment limitation that applied to joint ventures and general partnerships will apply to qualified pass-through entities.

The policy change to payment limitation calculations takes effect beginning with program year 2026 for all qualified pass-through entities.

Average Adjusted Gross Income

The Working Families Tax Cuts Act broadened the definition of farming income to be more reflective of modern agricultural business practices. As a result, diversified producers will not be penalized under USDA's requirements for average adjusted gross income (AGI).

Producers are exempt from the \$900,000 AGI cap for conservation and disaster programs if at least 75% of their average gross income is from farming, ranching, or silviculture, which now includes agri-tourism, direct-to-consumer sales, and certain equipment sales.

Additionally, qualified pass-through entities are not required to certify compliance with the average AGI limitation at the entity level. However, members individually must meet average AGI requirements, which is the same requirement for joint operations.

More Information

Producers should contact their local FSA county office for more information or to update their farm operating plan by the Sept. 15, 2026, deadline for the 2026 program year.



Hometown Thursdays food trucks were lined up on Sixth Avenue because of the weather. Longbrake photo



Above: The first Hometown Thursday of the year was moved to the Community Hall. Vendors had tables along the outside of the room. Below: Cheerleaders had a face painting booth to raise money for the trip to the Macy's Day Parade. Longbrake photos



Hometown Thursdays Brings Music Indoors for Opening Night



The musical performance was provided by Stereo Trip. Longbrake photo

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BELLE FOURCHE—The summer kick-off event for Hometown Thursdays got off to a stormy start. As thunderstorm warnings and the possibility of rain entered the day, the decision was made to move the traditional outdoor event into an indoor space.

The event is usually held outside in the area right behind the Tri-State Museum and Center of the Nation Visitors Center, where community members come with lawn chairs or blankets to sit on the grass and enjoy the musical performances. The event also features vendors, food trucks, drinks and community activities.

On the evening of June 4, the weekly music concert was moved inside to the Belle Fourche Community Hall. Stereo Trip set up inside on the stage. The band, from the Black Hills area, played

a mix of rock-and-roll favorites.

Sixth Avenue between Community Hall and City Hall was blocked off to traffic, and food trucks lined the block. Rollin in the Hills, PooterQ BBQ, Asian EatStreet, Mangled Foods, Mama O's and Brain Freeze brought a variety of food.

Inside the hall, vendors lined the outside of the room. Tables and chairs were set up, making it easy for eventgoers to grab supper from the food trucks and head inside to enjoy the performance while snacking. A few guests still brought their lawn chairs and set them up inside.

President of Hometown Thursdays Chip Conner took the stage and addressed the crowd. "I know it's kind of a different story tonight, in the inside for our hometown outside event, but I want to thank each and every one of you for coming out. I want to thank Stereo Trip for helping us keep this put together," he

said. "So, thank you to sponsors, thank you to the vendors for making this happen. And we're going to look forward to next week with our next band!"

The weekly Hometown Thursdays concert series is held every Thursday through the end of July. In addition to the bands, there are games, vendors, shopping, treats, food trucks and a beer garden. The event is a nice time to enjoy an evening out with family and friends.

Next week, Tyler Bills will be the musical guest. The event begins at 6 p.m. and runs through 9 p.m.

The rest of the summer schedule includes June 18, Camp Comfort; June 25, Dakota Country; July 2, Williams and Wright; July 9, Jessica Loobey; July 16, Brandon Jones; July 23, Wilt Brothers; July 30, Tim Zach Band and August 6, JJ Kent with Aces and 8s.

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The 107th Annual Black Hills Roundup in Belle Fourche will take place June 30 - July 4, 2026. Join us for four days of rodeo action, concerts, food and more. We'll celebrate 107 years with 4 nights of PRCA rodeo, a Ranch Rodeo, two nights of fireworks and a parade.

The Black Hills Roundup started when 15,000 people gathered in a field in Belle Fourche, S.D., to raise money for World War I in 1918. At the time, the population of Belle Fourche was 1,410. The next year marked the first time the rodeo took place.

Belle Fourche is a little town just north of the Black Hills of South Dakota, founded in 1892. Celebrated cowboy and Sheriff Seth Bullock let with his elbows to get the railroad to come to Belle Fourche; it soon exploded with activity into the national hub for the shipping of cattle and sheep.



The Black Hills Roundup is one of the oldest continuously held outdoor rodeos in the country. The rodeo has come a long way since its beginning as a ranch-style rodeo to the four-performance PRCA event with top ranked cowboys and cowgirls.

The historic rodeo which is 100 percent volunteer-run, also boasts that President Calvin Coolidge attended in 1927. The Black Hills Roundup is still one place where rodeo fans are treated to a live cowboy band. Large crowds continue to support the rodeo at the time of its induction, with an estimated 10,000-15,000 attending a parade during rodeo week in the town of about 6,000.

Strong roots in the western tradition - and a powerful patriotism - spurred the community to hold the first Black Hills Roundup in 1918, as a fundraiser for the Red Cross and the American boys fighting the great War. Enthusiastic ranchers, locals and cowboys from throughout the west gathered for the event, which raised \$20,000 and included auction items ranging from a pet antelope to fresh donuts.



Red Cross Auction

In 2026, the Black Hills Roundup will celebrate its 107th year. Doing the math? It seems 2026 should be the 108th year, but the event took a year off during World War II.

Plan to join us, June 30 - July 4 to see how an authentic western town does rodeo with all the patriotic, Independence Day trimmings.

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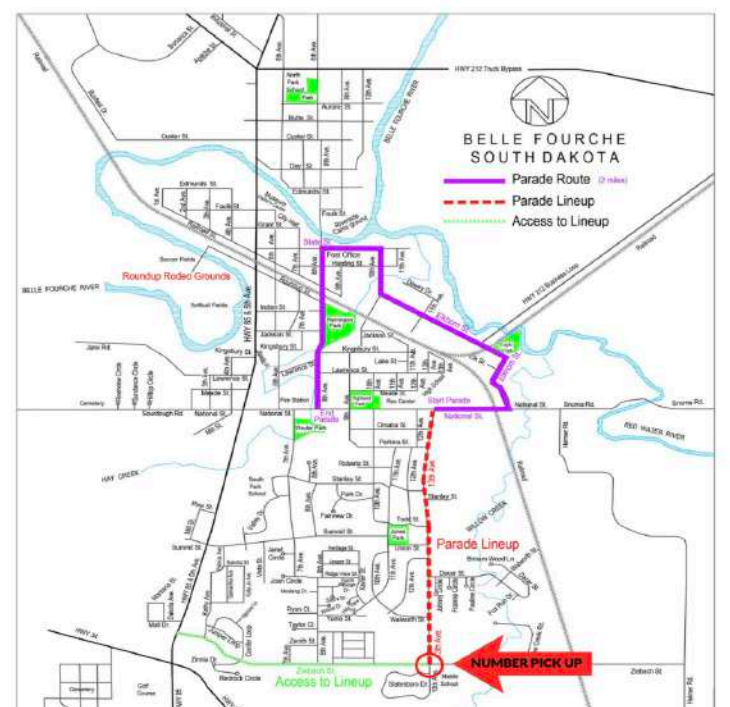
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520 4th Ave.	7-10
508 3rd Ave.	7am-2pm
518 Grant St.	8-2
506 Rail Park St. (Behind Cowboys Too!)	7:30am-2pm
516 State Street (Dakota Pedals)	8am-?
602 Kingsbury St. (construction detour-turn by fire dept.)	7am-4pm
828 Kingsbury (Belle Silver Lining Thrift Store)	10am-4pm
1017 Kingsburg st.	6am-3pm
620 Lawrence	8am-5pm
619 Lawrence St.	8am-2pm
39 N. 8th Ave. (In the Alley)	8am-12pm
1102 6th Ave.	8am-3pm
713 6th Ave.	8-12
1124 National St.	7am-12pm
1119 Omaha St.	7am-?
1845 Valley Drive (around the corner of South Park School)	7am-3pm
800 Summit St.	7am-5pm
1833 7th Ave.	7am-1pm
221 7th Ave.	7am-1pm
1931 Xavier St.	8am-2pm
2031 10th Ave.	8am-2pm
1727 11th Ave.	7am-2pm
1716 11th Ave.	8am-4pm
1416 13th Ave	7am-1pm
2121 Hillsvie Dr. (Corner of Hillsvie/ Xavier)	8am-2pm
700 Stanley St. (will be out in any weather)	7am-4pm
1119 Elkhorn st.	8am-2pm
1116 Elkhorn	8am-2pm
907 Ziebach St. Lot 500 <small>Untitled design (3)</small>	8am-3pm
21 Statesboro Dr.	8am-3pm
2126 Frannie Cir.	8am-?
1401 Dacar St.	8am-12pm
1342 Dacar St.	8am-2pm
376 Red Rock Circle (Several sales)	8am-?
18835 Kinsfater Lane	7am-12pm
19036 Helmer Rd #10 (Rivercourt look for balloons)	7am-2pm
11087 RW Ranch RD (2 miles E. of Runnings off 34 & Ridge rd. Take immediate right at the mailboxes onto RW Ranch rd)	7am-5pm
19134 Mockingbird Lane (2 miles E. on HWY 34 towards St. Onge on left side)	8am-2pm
10919 Country Club Road	7am-2pm
18905 Selah Lane	8-12

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JUNE 9, 2026 - JUNE 12, 2026 Middle School Theater Camp	Tri-State Museum, 415 5th Ave, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, USA	57760, USA
JUNE 9, 2026 - JUNE 10, 2026 Rangeland and Soil Days	JUNE 9, 2026 - JUNE 12, 2026 Middle School Theater Camp	JUNE 15, 2026 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM City Council Meeting Belle Fourche City Hall, 6th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD, United States
JUNE 10, 2026 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Social Media Class	JUNE 12, 2026 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Board of Directors Meeting Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce, 509 Grant St, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, USA	JUNE 15, 2026 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Trap Night Center of the Nation Sportsmans Club, 10606 3v Road, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, USA
JUNE 10, 2026 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Pigs and Pedals Bike Club Belle Fourche Rec Center, 1111 National St, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, USA	JUNE 12, 2026 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM Caramel Rolls & Coffee Belle Silver Lining Senior Center, 828 Kingsbury St, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, USA	JUNE 15, 2026 - JUNE 19, 2026 Delta Dental
JUNE 10, 2026 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Cribbage or 10 Point Pitch Belle Silver Lining Senior Center, 828 Kingsbury St, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, USA	JUNE 13, 2026 12:30-1:30 Bridging Ceremony	JUNE 16, 2026 - JUNE 19, 2026 Middle School Theater Camp
JUNE 9, 2026 - JUNE 12, 2026 Middle School Theater Camp	JUNE 13, 2026 Belle Fourche City Wide Yard Sale	JUNE 16, 2026 Music trivia at the outlaw
JUNE 11, 2026 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Black Hills Pioneer OPEN HOUSE!	JUNE 13, 2026 Women's Open Belle Fourche Country Club, 10941 SD-34, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, USA	JUNE 16, 2026 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Pinochle Belle Silver Lining Senior Center, 828 Kingsbury St, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, USA
JUNE 11, 2026 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM OPEN HOUSE Grossenburg Implement, Inc., 10882 US-212, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, USA	JUNE 15, 2026 - JUNE 19, 2026 Delta Dental	JUNE 16, 2026 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM CoNBA meeting at AmericInn
JUNE 11, 2026 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Moose Lodge Burger Night	JUNE 15, 2026 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM WIT Meeting Newell Christian Fellowship, 308 4th St, Newell, SD	JUNE 16, 2026 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Range Work Nights Center of the Nation Sportsmans Club, 10606 3v Road, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, USA
JUNE 11, 2026 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hometown Thursdays		

Belle Fourche Rec Center Hosts Annual River Run

Robbi Longbrake

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BELLE FOURCHE—Runners and walkers, including kids and dogs, began arriving at Rail Park for the annual Belle Fourche Rec Center River Run on the evening of June 5, bringing a lively, family-friendly energy to the event.

The walk/run took place in the picturesque setting along the Belle Fourche River, utilizing the River Walk.

The journey started and ended in downtown Belle Fourche on State Street at Rail Park.

The gathering for the River Run is the official kickoff to the Riverfest. “That was our intention, kind of a kickoff to the weekend, and each year we’re trying to just add a little bit more to it. It’s an up-and-back route, so really people can go as far as they want to and turn around and come back, and that’s what makes it nice for kids,” explained Tessa Anderson-Voyles, program coordinator.

There was no set length to achieve. Each participant was able to determine the amount of time and distance they would dedicate to the walk/run. That is one of the nice parts of the River Run: participants can choose to walk or run and can pick the distance they want to complete.

“We have a few people out on the route just to kind of help guide them if they want to turn around or they need water or whatever—but just people to check on them,” said Anderson-Voyles.

The route goes from State Street to the 8th Avenue River Walk path. Walkers could choose to turn around and return to Rail Park at any spot along the path. If the route was followed around to the end of the paved path back on State Street and then turned around and walked the same route back, the distance would be 1.9 miles.

When participants got to State Street and continued on until they reached the stop light and then turned around and retraced the path, it would be 2.6 miles. Those wanting a little more mileage could add the route that went down through the flags at the Tri-State Museum for a total of 2.75 miles.

The Rec Center staff kept track of everyone’s time so each participant would know how long the race took them to complete. Race numbers were assigned to each participant. “We usually do, in part so we can keep track of them, because we don’t know everybody’s name, so then when they come back, we can check off—oh, number 68 came back through, and



And they are off! Runners started the race in front, with walkers beginning shortly after. Longbrake photo

make sure we have everybody,” shared Anderson-Voyles. “And some people like them and think they’re kind of fun, and other people think they’re kind of cumbersome. Some people make sure they write their time down on them when they’re done and put them in their memory book.”

To enter the race, it was a modest fee of \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Special River

Run T-shirts for the race were \$10. Snacks, water, and door prizes were provided.

The River Run is just one of the run/walks that the Belle Fourche Rec Center puts on throughout the year. Each year they work on making the run bigger and better. Anderson-Voyles said, “we just keep building on it every year. So next year we have some ideas

in place. We’d actually like to get a few musicians out on the route—some music along the route. So that’s our big goal for next year!” next year we have some ideas in place. We’d actually like to get a few musicians out on the route—some music along the route. So that’s our big goal for next year!”



The registration table was a busy place before the race. Longbrake photos



All dressed up and ready to participate in the River Run.



Tessa Anderson-Voyles, program coordinator, welcomes everyone to the River Run and gives last-minute instructions.



River Run participants getting ready to run.

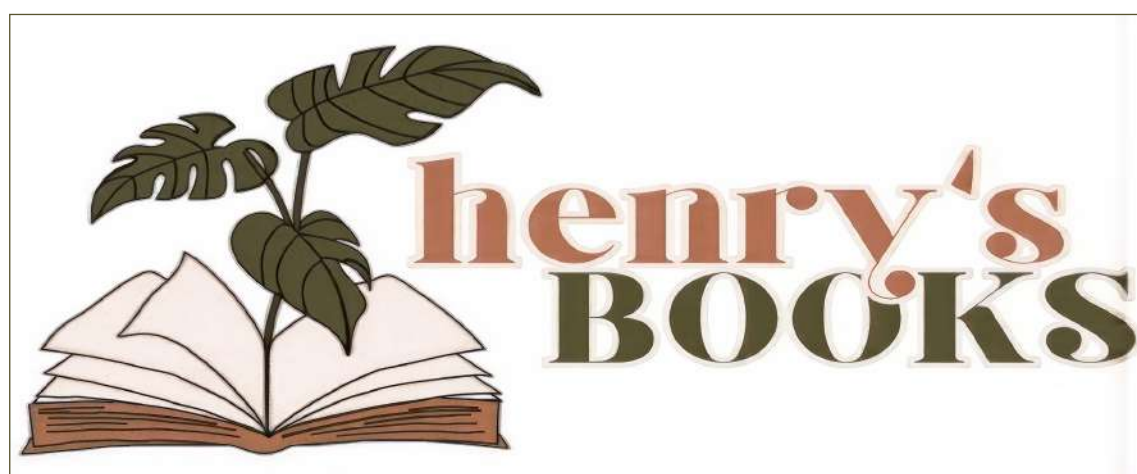
Henry’s Books Ready to Enter Its “Terrific Twos”

SPEARFISH—Henry’s Books is turning two and they want to celebrate with the whole community!

The Spearfish bookstore opened its huge wooden doors for the first time on Tuesday, June 4, 2024. “I will never forget the excitement on people’s faces,” said Elizabeth Mattson, who owns the store with her husband Dylan. Opening-day crowds thronged the shop, a line stretching to the road outside. Although the store closes at five, she and Dylan had to start turning people away at six.

Since then, they’ve hosted book clubs, craft nights and game nights, and expanded their operations to include a non-profit and a used book section. Henry’s Books operates as an ardent champion of authors, both locally and nationally recognized, amateur as well as professional. The store consistently hosts author discussions and book signings and, while most of these events feature local authors, Henry’s is becoming a draw for nationally celebrated authors as well.

The store is “small but magi-



cal,” said Elizabeth. Henry’s is located in a historic downtown building featuring oversized windows and a native sandstone exterior. Inside, creaky wood floors greet guests and tall dark shelves hold a carefully curated, ever-changing selection of titles. “We’re proud to be a comfortable third space in our community,” Elizabeth continued, “A

place you can consistently rely on coming in and being welcome; a place that you actively take part in. A place of belonging.”

The public is invited to Henry’s Books on Saturday, June 20 from 9 am until 5 pm for a birthday celebration that will include giveaways, buy one get one free used books, the Henry’s Books

merchandise launch, and a few surprises. For more information about their services or events, or to wish them a hearty “happy birthday,” stop by the bookstore at 111 E. Hudson Street, Spearfish, call (605) 569-0991 or email hellohenrysbooks@gmail.com.

Show Up

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Summer is here & all the FINE ARTS SUMMER FUN! Music every Thursday - a big summer theater production in July - and students doing theater summer camp.

BFACT has cast their Summer Production: *Minnesela, a Comedy of Western Proportions*. Do you have a friend or family member in the cast? Check out this talented group: Emma Williams: **Emma Tinsley**; Tom Bragg: **Tyler Schone**; Sheriff Dave Hoffman: **Chris Lenning**; Miss Tilly: **Kelsey Gronlund**; Livvy Miller: **Nyomi Woltkamp**; Sister Beatrice: **Kelly Woltkamp**; Dickerson: **Carston Sechser**; Curly Bill Tate: **Geno Pesicka**; Potato Creek Pete: **Jonathan Tinsley**; Mayor Randolph Borgstrom: **Colin Hanzlik**; Bertha Borgstrom: **Sheila West**; Lena Hollander: **Bella Welles**; Hilda Klugenberg: **Crystal Woods**; Gabby: **Don Przybylsk**; Martha Mae/Ma Miller: **Ember Olson**; Sally/Calamity Alice: **Kaya Pesicka**; Lucy: **Lilith Fay**; Lacy: **Madison Dalton**; Crooked Nose Jack: **Hunter Cazar**; Jake the Bartender/Little Stewie Brown: **Daniel Eddy**; Pa Miller/The Outlaw Goldy Burke: **Cade Pearson**; Poker Jake/Driftwood Bodine: **Easton Soriano**.

Hometown Thursdays has started! All summer long - every Thursday evening from 6-9 PM at the Tri-State Museum & Visitors Center. See the fine arts schedule below for the 10 dates & bands.

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

- June 9-16; 20-23, BFACT Youth Theater Camp
- June 11, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Tyler Bills
- June 18, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Camp Comfort
- June 25, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Dakota Country
- July 2, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Williams and Wright
- July 9, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Jessica Loobey
- July 16, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Brandon Jones
- July 23, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Wilt Brothers
- July 24-26, 7 PM: BFACT Production: MINNESELA
- July 30, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Tim Zach Band
- August 6, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: JJ Kent w Aces and 8s

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

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June 4	Stereo Trip
June 11	Tyler Bills
June 18	Camp Comfort
June 25	Dakota Country
July 2	Williams & Wright
July 9	Jessica Loobey
July 16	Brandon Jones
July 23	Wilt Brothers
July 30	Tim Zach Band
August 6	JJ Kent w/ Aces & 8's

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RIVERFEST 2026



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The Naja Shriners hosted duck races during Riverfest.



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The Kids Zone provided a place for children to run and play during Riverfest.



Food trucks were a popular draw at Riverfest.



The Daughters of the American Revolution hosted a booth.



A Naja Shiner checks out Riverfest. Below: Eventgoers shop at vendor booths. Long-brake photos



Children look at exhibits at the Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum booth.



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Draine, Larry, Boyes, MT 4...Blk...Bull 822...\$355.00

Paids
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Hamm, Don Robert, Rozet, WY 10...Blk...Mixed Age 1692...\$4,650.00

Weigh Up Cows
21 Ranch Inc, Sundance, WY 1...Red...Cow 1055 \$200.00
21 Ranch Inc, Sundance, WY 1...Red...Cow 1325 \$190.00
21 Ranch Inc, Sundance, WY 1...Rbld...Cow 1480 \$184.00

Phillips, Scott, New Underwood, SD 1...Blk...Cow 1225 \$197.50
Phillips, Scott, New Underwood, SD 1...Blk...Cow 1635 \$187.00
Phillips, Scott, New Underwood, SD 1...Blk...Cow 1285 \$179.00

Stevens, Jan, Ashland, MT 28...Blk...Cow 1340 \$194.50
Stevens, Jan, Ashland, MT 4...Blk...Cow 1153 \$191.00
Stinson Livestock, Moorcroft, WY 1...Blk...Cow 1370 \$191.00

Stoddard, Steve, Broadus, MT 2...Bld...Cow 1232 \$199.00
Stoddard, Steve, Broadus, MT 1...Blk...Cow 1335 \$193.00
Stoddard, Steve, Broadus, MT 8...Bld...Cow 1437 \$191.50

Woodward, Connie, Custer, SD 1...Blk...Cow 1275 \$188.00
Woodward, Connie, Custer, SD 1...Bld...Cow 1060 \$167.00

Weight Up Bulls
Blue Gate Solutions Llc, Gillette, WY 1...Red...Bull 2160 \$235.50
Brian Creek Cattle Co, Ashland, MT 1...Blk...Bull 2070 \$239.50
Cahoon, Jeanette, Or Dan, Sonnette, MT 1...Blk...Bull 1985 \$200.00

Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn, Osage, WY 1...Blk...Bull 1770 \$222.00
Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn, Osage, WY 1...Blk...Bull 1445 \$219.00
Draine, Larry, Boyes, MT 1...Blk...Bull 1690 \$220.50

Frost, James Grover & Lynette, Gillette, WY 1...Blk...Bull 1355 \$232.50
Giacometto, Tom, Broadus, MT 2...Char...Bull 1757 \$237.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis, SD 1...Blk...Bull 1905 \$221.00

Hamm, Don Robert, Rozet, WY 1...Blk...Bull 2375 \$229.00
Hamm, Don Robert, Rozet, WY 1...Blk...Bull 2225 \$224.00
Lamont, Ryan, Union Center, SD 1...Red...Bull 2120 \$225.00

Lamont, Ryan, Union Center, SD 1...Red...Bull 1920 \$229.00
Lamphere, Lane, Sturgis, SD 1...Char...Bull 1845 \$232.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City, SD 1...Blk...Bull 1380 \$222.50

Mallett Cattle Co, Powderville, MT 1...Blk...Bull 2350 \$231.00
Maycock Trust William P, Gillette, WY 1...Herf...Bull 2070 \$200.00
Maycock Trust William P, Gillette, WY 3...Herf...Bull 1953 \$200.00

Meiners, Charles, Hermosa, SD 1...Red...Bull 1960 \$218.00
Nyquist, Wilson, Edgemont, SD 1...Blk...Bull 1575 \$220.00
Oshoto Flying M Operations Llc, Gillette, WY 1...Blk...Bull 2360 \$224.00

Ostendorf, Tom, Powderville, MT 1...Red...Bull 1655 \$208.00
Ostendorf, Tom, Powderville, MT 1...Red...Bull 1615 \$216.00
Ostendorf, Tom, Powderville, MT 1...Red...Bull 1450 \$219.00

Ostendorf, Tom, Powderville, MT 5...Red...Bull 1276 \$250.00
Pecha, Mike, Powderville, MT 1...Blk...Bull 2270 \$231.00
Peril, Richard Or Sharon, Rapid City, SD 1...Blk...Bull 1765 \$223.00

Schuldies, Gerald, Spearfish, SD 1...Blk...Bull 1860 \$229.00
Ganz, Joe, Alva, WY 2...Blk...Bull 2177 \$219.00
Stoddard, Steve, Broadus, MT 1...Blk...Bull 1785 \$209.00

The 1200 Ranch, Ashland, MT 1...Blk...Bull 1810 \$201.00
Turbillville, Dewey Or Heath, Sundance, WY 1...Xbrd...Bull 655 \$295.00
Walden, Jackie, Ashland, MT 1...Blk...Bull 1540 \$218.00

Woods, Tyler, Sturgis, SD 1...Herf...Bull 1360 \$242.50
Woodward, Connie, Custer, SD 1...Blk...Bull 2025 \$230.00
Woodward, Connie, Custer, SD 1...Blk...Bull 1585 \$216.00

Kolka Livestock, Olive, MT 5...Red...Cow 1362 \$192.00
Kolka Livestock, Olive, MT 1...Red...Cow 1395 \$189.00
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche, SD 1...Blk...Hfr 780 \$325.00

Lamphere, Lane, Sturgis, SD 1...Blk...Cow 1485 \$187.00
Larson, Quinn Or Jennifer, Gillette, WY 1...Bld...Hfr 1125 \$285.00
Larson, Quinn Or Jennifer, Gillette, WY 1...Rbld...Cowette 995 \$260.00

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Lewis, Dan, Rapid City, SD 1...Blk...Cow 1535 \$191.00
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McFarland, Chris, Rapid City, SD 1...Bld...Cowette 1250 \$211.00

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Mills, Trent & Kahla, Gillette, WY 3...Bld...Cow 1436 \$191.00

Nuckolls Ranch, Hulett, WY 3...Blk...Hfr 845 \$342.50
Nuckolls Ranch, Hulett, WY 4...Blk...Cowette 1043 \$245.00
Nuckolls Ranch, Hulett, WY 1...Blk...Cow 1090 \$200.00

Nyquist, Wilson, Edgemont, SD 1...Blk...Cow 1505 \$189.50
Nyquist, Wilson, Edgemont, SD 2...Blk...Cow 1422 \$186.00
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Oshoto Flying M Operations Llc, Gillette, WY 2...Blk...Hfr 1077 \$300.00
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Oshoto Flying M Operations Llc, Gillette, WY 1...Blk...Cow 1230 \$188.00
Peril, Richard Or Sharon, Rapid City, SD 1...Blk...Cow 1260 \$198.00
Phillips, Scott, New Underwood, SD 1...Blk...Cow 1225 \$197.50

Phillips, Scott, New Underwood, SD 1...Blk...Cow 1635 \$187.00
Phillips, Scott, New Underwood, SD 1...Blk...Cow 1285 \$179.00
Price, Tyra, Mud Butte, SD 3...Blk...Hfr 998 \$327.50

Price, Tyra, Mud Butte, SD 2...Blk...Cow 1367 \$191.50
Price, Tyra, Mud Butte, SD 1...Blk...Cow 1530 \$189.50
Randall, Craig, Broadus, MT 1...Blk...Cowette 1230 \$270.00

Ranschau, Roger, Spearfish, SD 1...Blk...Cow 1260 \$191.00
Rauth Ranches Inc, Alva, WY 7...Bld...Cowette 990 \$275.00
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Rauth Ranches Inc, Alva, WY 13...Bld...Cow 1132 \$195.00
Rauth Ranches Inc, Alva, WY 4...Blk...Cow 1282 \$193.00
Rauth Ranches Inc, Alva, WY 1...Blk...Cow 1080 \$190.00

Rumph, Owen, Biddle, MT 1...Blk...Cow 1300 \$191.00
Rumph, Owen, Biddle, MT 2...Blk...Cow 1700 \$186.50
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Russiff Ranch Co, Olive, MT 2...Blk...Cow 1780 \$182.00
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Shepperson, Bob J & Julie G, Upton, WY 1...Blk...Hfr 860 \$325.00

Shepperson, Bob J & Julie G, Upton, WY 1...Blk...Hfr 1115 \$300.00
Shepperson, Bob J & Julie G, Upton, WY 1...Blk...Cowette 1045 \$260.00
Sinner, Jake Or Angie, Gillette, WY 1...Blk...Cow 1505 \$184.00

Smith Ranch Inc, Broadus, MT 1...Blk...Cow 1535 \$190.00
Steinbrecher, Kody, Nisland, SD 1...Bld...Cow 1265 \$191.00
Steinbrecher, Kody, Nisland, SD 1...Blk...Cow 1230 \$187.00

Stevens, Jan, Ashland, MT 2...Cowette 1000 \$220.00
Stevens, Jan, Ashland, MT 28...Blk...Cow 1340 \$194.50
Stevens, Jan, Ashland, MT 4...Blk...Cow 1153 \$191.00

Stinson Livestock, Moorcroft, WY 1...Blk...Cow 1370 \$191.00
Stoddard, Steve, Broadus, MT 2...Bld...Cow 1232 \$199.00
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Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette, WY 4...Blk...Hfr 1023 \$317.50
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Twedt, Tom, Ashland, MT 5...Red...Cowette 1292 \$257.50
Tysdal, Lauris, Newcastle, WY 2...Blk...Cow 1590 \$231.00
Tysdal, Lauris, Newcastle, WY 2...Blk...Cow 1267 \$191.00

Tysdal, Lauris, Newcastle, WY 3...Blk...Cow 1333 \$189.50
Tysdal, Lauris, Newcastle, WY 1...Blk...Cow 1165 \$187.00
Tysdal, Lauris, Newcastle, WY 1...Blk...Cow 1505 \$185.00

Uhlig, John, Newell, SD 1...Red...Cow 1125 \$185.00
Urbanik, Joseph C, Union Center, SD 1...Blk...Cowette 1180 \$270.00
Urbanik, Joseph C, Union Center, SD 1...Blk...Cow 1725 \$179.00

Wagonhammer Ranch Ltd, Rozet, WY 2...Blk...Hfr 1212 \$286.00
Wagonhammer Ranch Ltd, Rozet, WY 2...Blk...Cow 1617 \$188.00
White, Daniel H, Devils Tower, WY 1...Bld...Hfr 1095 \$307.50

White, Daniel H, Devils Tower, WY 1...Blk...Cow 1620 \$189.00
Williams, Ray, Broadus, MT 1...Blk...Cow 1445 \$189.00
Williams, Ray, Broadus, MT 1...Blk...Cow 1465 \$185.00

Woodward, Connie, Custer, SD 1...Blk...Cow 1275 \$188.00
Woodward, Connie, Custer, SD 1...Bld...Cow 1060 \$167.00

Friday, June 12, 2026
Regular Sale
12:00 Noon - Feeder Cattle Followed By Bred Cows

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Sheep Report - Thursday, June 4, 2026

Mostly Small Packages Of Lambs Today & They Sold Steady
Fat & Medium Ewes Sold Steady, Thin Ewes Sold \$10 Higher
Next Sale - June 11, 2026 - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats - Start Time 1:00 PM

Animals should be here by 10:00 am so they can be weighed before the sale
Thank you for your business!

Slaughter Ewes

Table with columns: Name, Sex, Weight, Price. Includes Boylan, Robert, Newell, SD 8...K Ewe...206...\$128.00, King, Justin, Hammond, MT 2...K Ewe...160...\$141.00, King, Justin, Hammond, MT 12...K Ewe...185...\$135.00, Kronberg Land & Livestock, Bison, SD 16...K Ewe...158...\$141.00, Kronberg Land & Livestock, Bison, SD 10...K Ewe...132...\$138.00, Kronberg Land & Livestock, Bison, SD 8...K Ewe...181...\$135.00, Opstedahl, Kayleigh, Broadus, MT 17...K Ewe...234...\$128.00, Piekola, Robert, Newell, SD 26...K Ewe...140...\$150.00, Piekola, Robert, Newell, SD 18...K Ewe...126...\$138.00, Piekola, Robert, Newell, SD 49...K Ewe...166...\$136.00, Schultz, Keith, Whitewood, SD 10...K Ewe...150...\$141.00, Schultz, Keith, Whitewood, SD 36...K Ewe...134...\$138.00

Slaughter Bucks

Table with columns: Name, Sex, Weight, Price. Includes Fuller, Brandi, Wright, WY 1...Kbuck...155...\$156.00, Fuller, Brandi, Wright, WY 5...Kbuck...273...\$129.00, Hausman, Brittany, Buffalo, SD 5...Kbuck...233...\$127.00, Williams, Dennis & Grace, Moorcroft, WY 7...Kbuck...213...\$127.00, Williams, Dennis & Grace, Moorcroft, WY 8...Kbuck...204...\$123.00

Feeder Lambs

Table with columns: Name, Sex, Weight, Price. Includes Olson, John Or Jennie, Broadus, MT 45...Lamb...75...\$345.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS
June 11, 2026
Feeder Lamb Special
1:00 PM
FEEDER LAMBS
SD - 130 LAMBS - 85#
MT - 70 LAMBS - 75#
SD - 110 LAMBS - 90#
SD - 70 LAMBS - 70#
PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!
Please Have Animals In By 10:00 AM
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2026 SHEEP SALES
June 18th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
June 25th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
July 2nd - No Sale - Celebrate Our Country's 250th Birthday!
July 9th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
July 16th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
July 23rd - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
July 30th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 6th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 13th - No Sale Due To The Sturgis Bike Rally
August 20th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

Saturday June 20, 2026
2026 WLAC Auctioneer Contest Special
8:00 AM Start Time
BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI-No Implants

FEEDER CATTLE
SD - 180 BLK STRS - 850-925#
SD - LOAD BLK STRS - 925-975# - HOME RAISED
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SD - LOAD BLK STRS - 900-950# - HOME RAISED
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MT - 200 HERFORD STRS - 700-800#
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SD - 75 BLK HFRS - 700-750#
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SD - 140 BLK & RED HFRS & HFRS - 700-800#
ND - 140 BLK & RED STRS - 700-800#
MT - 170 BLK HFRS - 800-900#
MT - 150 BLK HFRS - 700-800#
WY - 335 BLK STRS - 750-850# - HOME RAISED
WY - 100 BLK STRS - 750-800#
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MT - 250 VERMILLION BREEDING HFRS - 850-900# - EXPOSED
SD - 150 BLK HFRS - EXPOSED 800-900#
SD - 45 BLK HFR PAIRS
PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

2026 CATTLE SALES
June 12th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Saturday, June 20th - World Livestock Auctioneer Contest - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

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by Mary Buchholz

136 years ago
Queen City Mail
August 3, 1891
THE WEEK'S PERSONALS
G. C. Favorite and A. W. Avery went down to the stock pens at Belle Fourche this afternoon to attend to shipping cattle for H. G. Weave. They expect to send out the first train load of cattle tonight. Mr. Avery will go with the train. Belle Fourche Bee Notes F. J. Van Horn has been engaged the coming year to run the big flour-mill in this city. Mr. Van Horn is a first-class miller and will place our mill in the front rank from the commencement. He has purchased a lot and will build a residence immediately, intending to take up his permanent residence in this city. He will build adjoining the property of D. L. Hawkins. The Spearfish Lumber company has been putting some lumber in this town for several parties, and will hereafter make a specialty of Belle Fourche business.

ited This Area Occasionally Before 1876 by D. R. Evans
Up to 1883 what is now Butte county was under the jurisdiction of Lawrence county, although there was little law or organization north of the Belle Fourche river. Prior to 1876 there were no settlers in any of this territory although it was visited occasionally by trappers working for the American Fur Company of St. Louise, Mo., and the Hudson Bay Company. There is an authentic account of James Beckman, alias "Ducks", having camped at the site of the present town of Belle Fourche in the years 1954 and 1956. The earnest settlers were on Redwater. William Harris squatted on the present Evans ranch. William Twornbley, also called "Buffalo Bill," and John Spaulding, "Buckskin Johnnie," on the Jones ranch and later John McClure and Conrad Berg located lower down the river. Practically all of locer Redwater was settled by the year 1880. William Grimmett and Joseph Wickert were the first settlers on the Belle Fourche river west of the present town. North of the river there were several ranches located, and during the first half of the '80's many thousands of cattle had been turned loose on the range, and the whole territory north to the Northern Pacific and west to Powder river was organized into round-up districts and was worked thoroughly. Up to the year 1881 there was no town located in what is now Butte county. During that year A. A. Chauteau and D. T. Harrison located town of Minnesela. C. Cardinal, of St. Onge, and Harry Leonard hauled the first loads of lumber from the Hills. In the election of 1882, A. A. Chauteau, a democrat, and E. M. Bowman, a republican, both lawyers and having offices in Deadwood, were among those elected from Lawrence county to the territorial council which was to meet at Yankton the capital of Dakota Territory, in January 1883. In the meantime, Bowman had become interested in Minnesela and there gentlemen were instrumental in having Butte county organized during the session. It was named from the numerous buttes which appear in the county mainly those around Nisland and south of the river Owl Butte, Castle Rock, Two Top and various others. There

was an election of population held in July, 1883, there being 150 votes cast, nearly all of them in favor of creating the new county. Minnesela was named county seat; there was only one other contender for the honor, Prairie City, located about one mile from the present site of Nisland, on the south side of the river.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
May 28, 1976

Avenue of Flags New Memorial Day Feature
The setting for Memorial Day services sponsored by local veterans' organizations was the new Avenue of Flags. This is the series of smaller flags on either side of the permanent flag pole on Memorial Hill in Pine slope cemetery. Flags for the "Avenue of Flags" are donated by relatives of deceased veterans. There are 10 such flags Monday. Flags have been donated in honor of Everett Shevling, Robert S. Baird, Ted Tesseness, Kenneth Bervans, John Siefert, Julius Gaver, Rawl Robinson, John Scholl, Lyle Miller and Hallis Hegge. This is a continuing program and as more flags are donated, they will be added to the "Avenue" to extend the line flags down the hill. About 200 people were on hand for Monday morning's services. Alvin Parks, past commander of district 12 of the American Legion extended the welcome and served as master of ceremonies. Diane Leger sang the national anthem and Rev. Kenneth Dunn gave the invocation. Wreaths presentation were made by Lucille Kaiser for the American Legion Auxiliary, Barbara Bentz for the AMVETS Auxiliary, Bob Helmer for the American Legion, Alfred Barbour for the AMVETS, Jim Anderson, Sturgis, for the Disabled American Veterans; Dave Heinbaugh for the local Masonic Lodge and Leo Niemann for the 100F lodge. Rev. Sam Cusing delivered the Memorial Day address. The National Guard firing squad made the traditional statue and Taps was played by Michael Calfich and Alan Kindsfater.

100 years ago
Northwest Bee
June 3, 1926
1926 CLASS LARGEST IN HISTORY
Twenty-Six Graduates From Belle Fourche High School This Year The annual high school commencement exercises of the Belle Fourche high school will be held tonight Thursday at the Legion hall. The graduating class this year will be the largest which has ever gone forth from the Belle Fourche high school, there being twenty-eight members of the class of 1926; the largest class heretofore graduated has been twenty-two. The address will be delivered by the Hon. Alvin Waggoner of Philip, S. D., vice president of the state regents of education. Music for the exercise will be furnished by the High School Girls glee club, the Boys' Trio, and a piano number by Wilhelmina Penfold. There will be six scholarships and prizes awarded this year, four of these being scholarships give by the State Colleges, and the other two being prizes give by local parties or organizations for individual student merit.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
May 21, 1951
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BELLE FOURCHE, S. D. TIMES VOL. 77 BEE VOL. 85 NUMBER 22 FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1976

Senior Volunteers are Honored Here




SEVENTY persons were on hand Tuesday evening when members of the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteers Program) were honored for their activities in Belle Fourche. There are 32 persons in the volunteer program, which is a part of the Spearfish RSVP station. Among their activities are the "Meals on Wheels" program which delivers hot meals to senior citizens in their homes. The RSVP group will also be in charge of the Johnny Spaulding cabin this summer. A.H. Mortenson is director of the local program and J.B. Smith is director of the Spearfish station. Guest speakers included Myrl Hanson, state director of the National Association of Retired Persons, Spearfish, and Supt. Joe Keegan of Belle Fourche, who pointed out that the seniors are a "great untapped resource." Top: A few of the crowd gathered at the Lutheran Church for Tuesday's event. Below left: J.B. Smith, Spearfish, master of ceremonies. Below right: A.H. Mortenson, who directs the local RSVP program and was in charge of arrangements for Tuesday's event.

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8 Reuben with Sauerkraut Fries Garden Salad	9 Meatloaf Mashed Potato & Gravy Green Beans Roll Dinner Salad	10 Chicken Fajita Wrap with Peppers & Onion Southwest Salad	11 Liver & Onions or Cheeseburger Cheese Potato Salad Roll	12 Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Coleslaw
15 Chicken Stir Fry with Rice Asian Veggies & Egg Roll	16 Meatloaf / Mashed Potato & Gravy & Corn Dinner Salad & Roll	17 Sausage, Pepper & Onion Buttered Noodles Salad Roll	18 Hot Hamburgers Mashed Potato & Gravy Green Peas Dinner Salad	19 Beef Bratwurst Sauerkraut Baked Beans German Potato Salad
22 Peppered Steak with Onion & Peppers Rice Pilaf Garlic Stick	23 Meatloaf Mashed Potato & Gravy Green Beans Roll Dinner Salad	24 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potato & Gravy Roll Dinner Salad	25 Turkey Pot Pie with a Biscuit Top Glazed Carrots Spinach Salad	26 Taco Salad Black Beans Mexican Rice Chips
29 Smothered Pork Mashed Sweet Potato Roasted Veggies Roll	30 Meatloaf Mashed Potato & Gravy Corn Dinner Salad Roll	14th FATHER'S DAY		

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	11	Black-Pair	1501	4675.00	\$ 4,675.00
	39	Black-Pair	1519	4375.00	\$ 4,375.00
Leroy Curren, Aladdin WY	9	Red-Pair	1280	4300.00	\$ 4,300.00
	3	Red-Pair	1350	4200.00	\$ 4,200.00
Joe Wondercheck, Moorcroft WY	5	Red-Pair	903	4250.00	\$ 4,250.00
	5	Blk/Bwf-Pair	989	4100.00	\$ 4,100.00
Cjr Ranch Llc, Gillette WY	38	Blk/Rd/Ch-Pair	1562	4500.00	\$ 4,500.00
FEEDERS					
Jason King, Hammond MT	73	Blk/Bwf-Yrig Hfr	703	404.75	\$ 2,846.83
	13	Blk/Bwf-Yrig Hfr	629	409.00	\$ 2,573.55
WEIGH UPS					
Dee Or Robin Wilcox, Mud Butte SD	2	Black-Hfrt	1035	310.00	\$ 3,208.50
Scott E Sewell, Newcastle WY	4	Black-Cow	1341	197.50	\$ 2,648.96
Raydelle Or Meria Sperle, Newell SD	16	Black-Hfrt	1053	292.50	\$ 3,078.56
	1	Black-Cow	1055	240.00	\$ 2,532.00
	1	Black-Hfrt	1060	297.50	\$ 3,153.50
	1	Bwf-Cow	1065	237.50	\$ 2,529.37
	1	Black-Cow	1165	230.00	\$ 2,679.50
	18	Black-Cow	1446	190.50	\$ 2,755.37
J & J Smeenk Ranch, Newell SD	5	Black-Cow	1260	203.50	\$ 2,564.10
	2	Black-Cow	1528	191.00	\$ 2,917.52
Clark Blake, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1150	261.00	\$ 3,001.50
Lazy Y Quarter Circle Llc, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1050	260.00	\$ 2,730.00
	1	Black-Cow	1230	198.00	\$ 2,435.40
Justin King, Hammond MT	4	Black-Hfr	1044	287.50	\$ 3,000.78
	3	Black-Cow	1118	204.00	\$ 2,281.40
	4	Black-Cow	1385	190.50	\$ 2,638.42
Ryan Xz Ranch Llc, Aladdin WY	1	Red-Cow	1315	195.00	\$ 2,564.25
Tom Wilson, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1565	191.00	\$ 2,989.15
Smith Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1680	186.00	\$ 3,124.80
	8	Black-Cow	1538	191.50	\$ 2,945.50
	1	Black-Cow	1455	194.00	\$ 2,822.70
Daniel Bird, Olive MT	4	Black-Cow	1136	222.50	\$ 2,528.15
	2	Black-Cow	1168	252.50	\$ 2,947.93
Verona Cattle Co, WYamo WY	3	Rd/Blk-Cow	1105	257.50	\$ 2,845.37
	1	Red-Cow	1195	200.00	\$ 2,390.00
	15	Rd/Blk-Cow	1432	194.00	\$ 2,778.72
Ry O'connor, Plevna MT	6	Black-Cow	1114	265.00	\$ 2,952.54
	6	Black-Cow	1350	192.50	\$ 2,598.75
Trucano Ranch Inc, Boyes MT	1	Black-Cow	1135	285.00	\$ 3,234.75
Thomas W & Liane M Sewell, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	1540	190.50	\$ 2,933.70
	1	Black-Cow	1370	191.00	\$ 2,616.70
Shawn Fligge, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	1335	193.50	\$ 2,583.22
Ryan Cordell, Camp Crook SD	2	Black-Cow	1198	252.50	\$ 3,023.88
	1	Black-Hfr	1180	251.00	\$ 2,961.80
	5	Black-Cow	1436	194.00	\$ 2,785.84
Darrell Or Jeanne Ennen, Rapid City SD	1	Black-Cow	1470	190.00	\$ 2,793.00
Maupin Ranch Llc, Hulett WY	1	Black-Cow	1390	195.50	\$ 2,717.45
	4	Black-Cow	1334	194.50	\$ 2,594.14
	1	Black-Cow	1365	194.50	\$ 2,654.92
	1	Black-Cow	1735	191.00	\$ 3,313.85
Ted Kautzman, Capitol MT	6	Black-Cow	1158	198.00	\$ 2,293.50
	1	Black-Cow	1285	227.50	\$ 2,923.37
Consignment From MT	4	Red-Cow	1258	195.00	\$ 2,452.12
Branscom Ranch Llc, Osage WY	2	Black-Cow	1593	191.50	\$ 3,049.63
	3	Black-Cow	1203	266.00	\$ 3,200.86
Brian Creek Cattle Co Llc, Dayton WY	3	Black-Cow	1152	245.00	\$ 2,821.58
	3	Black-Cow	1387	192.00	\$ 2,662.40

Consignment From WY	8	Black-Cow	1506	190.50	\$ 2,868.21
	5	Black-Cow	1234	195.00	\$ 2,406.30
Jardee Ranch, Ekalaka MT	4	Black-Cow	1230	212.00	\$ 2,607.60
Hank Phillippi, Broadus MT	3	Black-Cow	1238	262.50	\$ 3,250.62
Tim & Gayline Fortner, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1605	190.50	\$ 3,057.52
	1	Black-Cow	1240	199.00	\$ 2,467.60
Kenneth Talcott Inc, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1320	191.50	\$ 2,527.80
Crossed Sabers Partnershi, Hill City SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1475	192.00	\$ 2,832.00
Todd Family Llp, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	1365	193.50	\$ 2,641.27
Bull Ranch Inc, Ashland MT	1	Black-Cow	1210	212.50	\$ 2,571.25
Scott E Sewell, Newcastle WY	4	Black-Cow	1341	197.50	\$ 2,648.96
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Spur Land & Livestock, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Bull	2235	233.00	\$ 5,207.55
Ronnie Or Vonda Mahaffy, Newell SD	1	Black-Bull Df	2460	229.00	\$ 5,633.40
Ronda Cordell, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Bull	2060	240.00	\$ 4,944.00
	1	Black-Bull	1860	237.00	\$ 4,408.20
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Lyle Curt Owen, Miles City MT	1	Red-Bull	2090	228.00	\$ 4,765.20
John Giacometto, Broadus MT	1	Black-Bull Df	2135	237.00	\$ 5,059.95
Trucano Ranch Inc, Boyes MT	2	Black-Bull Df	1998	232.00	\$ 4,634.20
Ben Or Lori Garman, Belle Fourche SD	3	Black-Bull Df	1827	222.00	\$ 4,055.20
	4	Black-Bull Df	2053	226.00	\$ 4,638.65
Doug Bonsell, Ekalaka MT	1	Red-Bull Df	1845	223.00	\$ 4,114.35
Taylor Vroman, Buffalo SD	1	Herf-Bull	2135	230.00	\$ 4,910.50

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JUNE 11, 2026

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June 11, 2026.....PAIR & FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL & HORSE SALE - SELLING ALL CLASSES - WUPS @ 9AM MT & PAIRS/FEEDERS @ 12PM MT & HORSE SALE TO FOLLOW

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Belle Fourche FFA Members Pay Tribute to Advisor

Members receive scholarships for FFA summer leadership retreats

RAPID CITY (June 1, 2026)—Agriculture education teachers/FFA advisors make a world of difference for the students they teach. This spring, students put into words the impact their ag teachers/FFA advisors have had on them as part of an FFA Advisor Tribute Scholarship application. Twenty-five students will receive a scholarship to attend a SD FFA Summer Leadership Retreat based on the powerful stories they shared about the impact of their teachers.

Brahnson Brink, Belle Fourche junior, shares, "Mr. Austin Bishop creates a space where students feel comfortable stepping up and challenging themselves. He respects and supports every student. Through his encouragement, I've become a more confident and capable leader." Sophomore, Aaliyah Lennon adds, "No matter if it is a hard loss or a big win, Mr. Bishop is by my side making each moment teachable. He's taught me to stay humble and that you never lose, you learn." Brook Garman, senior transfer student reflects, "What stands out most about Mr. Bishop is that he builds real relationships with students. He created an environment where I had a family and someone I could trust." McKenzie Rans, sophomore was also a new student in Belle Fourche, "He's made coming to a new school not so scary, helped me find a team I love, and motivated me to try new things and become proficient at things I already do."

Leonard DeBoer Memorial (2) - Katalyn Juhnke, Freeman and Alexa Groenewold, Tri-Valley

West River Electric Association (2) - Auburn Treloar, Sturgis and Taya Uherka, Sturgis

Walt Johnson Memorial (10) - Brahnson Brink, Belle Fourche; Aaliyah Lennon, Belle Fourche; McKenzie Rahms, Belle Fourche; Brooke Garman, Belle Fourche; Kade Nelson, Brookings; Gabriel Ketterling, Leola; Alinea McDonald, Viborg-Hurley; Rebecca Berthelsen, Viborg-Hurley; Brittany Weegar, Viborg-Hurley; Bridget Benest, Viborg-Hurley

Denny Oviatt (5) - Rylin Fods, Tri-Valley; Reagan Challand, Scotland; Madelyn Cundy, Iroquois; Addison Newman, Iroquois, and Kelton King, Buffalo Christian

Jason and Ashley Frerichs (2) - Brooklyn Boersma, Elkton and Brienna Boersma, Elkton

Stella Nagel (2) - Jazmine Oliver, Canton and Charissa Ring, Gregory County

Rhonda Wosje (2) - Aubrey Underwood, Brookings and Karlie Stofferahn, DeSmet

The selected students are not afraid to share the admirable characteristics of their advisors and how they have placed a lasting impact on them and their fellow classmates. The excerpts from the student essays below illustrate their bright future because of their ag teacher/FFA advisors.

Aubrey Underwood, Brookings senior shares "Mr. Joshua Johnson and Mrs. Michelle Dykstra genuinely care about students and inspire us to succeed in everything we do. Through every question, practice, and opportunity, they show me what it means to support students and help them succeed in life." Kade Nelson, senior adds, "Mr. Johnson encouraged me to join Ag Sales, Meats Evaluation, and run for a chapter office. He answered my infinite questions, helped me achieve things and be elected as a chapter officer."

Kelton King, Buffalo Christian junior comments, "Mrs. Sarah Vandervliet encourages members to get involved in activities, contests, and community service while helping them develop confidence and leadership skills for future careers. She leads by example and teaches the importance of responsibility, dedication, and serving others."

Jazmine Oliver, Canton senior is thankful for both her ag-ed teachers, "Mr. Russ Swanson taught me a valuable life lesson: I am more capable than I think, and I can do difficult things if I put in the effort. Ms. Amie Carter's constant encouragement, selflessness, and belief in her students helped me grow into the young woman I am."

Karlie Stofferahn, DeSmet junior says, "Mr. Dave VanderWal didn't let me stay comfortable—he helped me discover what I was capable of. I've never liked speaking in front of people but he made me do creed speaking and convinced me to join CCM and I enjoyed it."

Brooklyn Boersma, Elkton junior, shares, "Mr. Anthony Zubke not only taught me through class content but also real-world experiences.

Through time together traveling and preparing for FFA events and in class, he influenced me to be a better student, leader, and person." Brienna Boersma, junior reflects, "He never fails to believe in and support us even when we doubt ourselves. He is always trying to make me better and step outside of my comfort zone."

Katalyn Juhnke, Freeman junior comments, "Ms. Malynnda Penner makes every student feel seen and valued. She changed our chapter, but more importantly, she changed the lives of our members. Instead of seeing what was missing, she saw what was possible, giving us hope, purpose, and pride."

Charissa Ring, Gregory County junior shares, "Mrs. Mollie Andrews gives people a chance even when other people won't. She is very good at finding people's talents and works hard to increase interest in FFA."

Madelyn Cundy, Iroquois sophomore says, "Mrs. Kaci Stevens makes agriculture class and FFA enjoyable as she cares about what she is teaching and about students succeeding in their events and as a person. Her support, willingness to help, and motivation, inspire me to be more hardworking, confident, and positive." Addison Newman, 8th grader adds, "She pushes us to go outside of our comfort zone and try new things. She taught me life lessons like leadership, responsibility, teamwork, and working my hardest."

Gabriel Ketterling, Leola senior recognizes her advisor's dedication, "Ms. Anne Jo Erdmann gave me the opportunity to learn more about the ag industry and influenced me by providing options and

suggestions on what I am capable of doing."

Reagan Challand, Scotland sophomore praises, "Ms. Emily Namminga demonstrates patience, determination, perseverance, and an eagerness to teach. Every day I learn from her in-depth, hands-on lessons. I am inspired to develop and reflect in my own life the quality skills that she expresses each and every day towards me and my classmates."

Auburn Treloar, Sturgis senior reflects, "Mr. Stran Holben doesn't just teach about agriculture; he equips us with the life skills, work ethic, and integrity we need to succeed. My first competition I was disappointed, mad at myself, and wanted to give up. Mr. Holben encouraged me, changing my mindset and the way I think of myself." Taya Uherka, senior adds, "He strives to help all kids do their best by being an example and providing support. He takes time to get to know each individual student, and help them any way he can."

Alexa Groenewold, Tri-Valley junior comments, "Mr. Tanner Peterson has taught me the importance of hard work, dedication, and representing our chapter with pride. His support, passion, and belief in us create opportunities that leave a lasting impact far beyond class." Rylin Fods, junior adds, "He taught me to work hard and never give up; to persevere in everything I do. I have been able to grow in my leadership skills because of him and all of the opportunities that he has given me."

Rebecca Berthelsen, Viborg-Hurley, 8th grader says, "I used to stay in the shadows, but thanks to Ms. Alison Knutson's constant encouragement, I have become more outgoing and stepped into leadership roles.

Alinea McDonald, Junior, adds, "Her selflessness in dedicating time to practices, showing up when it matters most, and being a support system makes her one in a million." Brittany Weegar, senior says, "Her door is always open and she lends a listening ear. She helps me through conflicts and pushes me to be a better leader, encouraging everyone to try new things, improve, and do our best." Senior Bridget Benest, adds, "Ms. Knutson taught me that showing up and giving my all will bring success. Her classroom is a second home."

Scholarships are made possible through the SD FFA Foundation by Rhonda Wosje, Denny Oviatt, Jason and Ashley Frerichs, Stella Nagel, and the Walt Johnson Memorial Fund; in memory of two past FFA advisors: Leonard DeBoer and Walt Johnson. Both men led by example and their advice was truly ripened with wisdom. Mr. DeBoer spent his life teaching young people about agriculture and the leadership skills that would make them successful in their career choice. He was the FFA advisor in Chamberlain for almost 40 years where he lived FFA's mission by making a difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Mr. Johnson served as the SD FFA Foundation President, as well as on the SD FFA Foundation board, in Newell as an ag teacher, supporter and coach for FFA career development events. He was devoted to agriculture education and earned his Honorary American FFA Degree in 2007.



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By John Newby "Building Main Street, not Wall Street"
Fresh Arrivals Make Communities Stronger

There is an old and antiquated saying in many small communities that goes something like this: "You haven't earned the right to have an opinion yet." It is usually not stated that bluntly, but the message gets delivered just the same, sometimes through a cold shoulder at a chamber meeting, sometimes through an eye roll when a new resident raises a hand at city council. As I have worked with many communities around the Country, I have seen this destructive attitude in community after community, and I will tell you plainly: that attitude is costing your community in a big way.

The truth is that the person who just moved to your town can be a valuable tool. Think about what it takes to deliberately choose a new community. People who relocate, whether across the country or just one county over, did not land there by accident. They evaluated options, weighed quality of life, considered their family's future, and made an intentional decision to locate to your community. That intentionality matters. When someone picks your town on purpose, they arrive with energy the longtime resident can no longer generate, not because they love the place any less, but because familiarity has a way of making the ordinary invisible.

A newcomer sees the broken sidewalk downtown. A newcomer notices that the coffee shop closes at two in the afternoon and wonders why. A newcomer asks why there is no weekend farmers market when the surrounding region has three. Those are not criticisms. Those are gifts. They are the observations that only fresh eyes can produce, and they are the



seeds of every revitalization effort that has ever worked. The question is not whether to value those observations. The question is whether we are willing to put the people making them in a position to act on them.

Many of the most effective communities already understand this. They do not just tolerate newcomers in leadership roles. They recruit them specifically because of their outsider perspective. Consider how Main Street America programs across the country hire their local directors. Communities in Texas, Missouri, North Carolina, and dozens of other states regularly conduct national searches for Main Street directors rather than defaulting to a local hire. They do this because they know that someone who built revitalization results in another town can see possibilities in their community that a lifelong resident may not. I should add, when you get outsiders working with locals, the combined results can be dramatic.

That same logic applies to nonprofit leaders, economic development, chamber of commerce executives, and other organizations. Leadership and organizational development experts have noted that new leadership can bring a fresh perspective and critical missing voices that are imperative for the future success of an organization, and that relying solely on those already embedded in a single environment is often a losing strategy. Communities that act on that wisdom tend to move faster and farther than those that do not.

The same principle holds for everyday newcomers, not just professional hires. The Tulsa Remote

program welcomed thousands of remote workers by pairing relocation grants with direct connections to volunteer opportunities, community organizations, and local businesses. An independent analysis by the Economic Innovation Group found the program generated nearly 600 new jobs in a single year, with projections showing it would add approximately \$500 million in new earnings to the regional economy by 2025. Tulsa did not simply attract new bodies. It activated new citizens.

Dozens of communities across the country are now following the same playbook. States like Indiana, Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma are offering relocation incentive packages that go well beyond a cash payment. The best programs include memberships to coworking spaces, introductions to small business networks, and access to local events, all deliberately designed to plug new arrivals into civic life from the moment they arrive. As one relocation research firm put it, newcomers contribute to civic life by volunteering, buying homes, and enrolling children in local schools. That is not a side effect. That is the strategy.

Here is what I want your community to take from all of this. Newcomers do not need a waiting period. They need an invitation. If your chamber, your Main Street program, your economic development office, or your city council is not actively identifying and placing new residents in leadership roles, you are leaving your best ideas in the parking lot. Set up a formal new resident welcoming process. Create a pathway from newcomer to committee member. Ask the person who just moved here what they see. Then, and this is the hard part, actually listen.

It need not always be a formal program, although that is good. Just ask your local community how you are currently welcoming and activating new residents in your community. The answer to that question may tell you more about your community's future than any strategic plan ever could.

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden



Meade County was thrilled with the moisture we had received last week. But on Saturday, the hot winds picked up enough to make one wonder how quickly things would dry up. Crops seem to be planted and will hopefully flourish with enough moisture here and there.

While elections for the primary are over for most every race, the run off race continues for another 7 weeks. Of the four candidates for Governor, the two with the most votes wound up being in a run off. None of the four candidates achieved 35% of the votes, so the top two vote getters wind up running

again. Larry Rhoden and Toby Doden will go head to head on July 28. The deadline to register to vote is July 13th. One needs to be registered as a Republican to vote in this primary election. Early voting begins June 12, 2026.

Meade County replaced all three legislators for District 29. Gary Deering, Gary Cammack and Bill Meirose will replace John Carley, Terri Jorgenson and Cathy Rice. We thank the former legislators for their service. Glen Haines won a seat on the Meade County Commission.

There was a pot luck dinner after church in Union Center this past Sunday. A birthday cake was served as church family celebrated with

Jack Seller as he is turning 90 years old.

Also on Sunday, a special birthday celebration was held for Darlene Simons at the White Owl Hall.

June Mickelson will celebrate her 99th birthday on Saturday, June 13th from 2-4 pm at the White Owl Hall. We wish all three of these wonderful Meade County Residents a very happy birthday!

VBS in Union Center and Cedar Canyon Bible Camp registrations are something to plan for right now. Cedar Canyon fills up early so you'll want to get registered soon. The last I knew registration for camp was only \$10. It provides memories and good decisions that can last a lifetime.

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Capitol News

June 7, 2026

by Karen Odell

We got a couple of rains at Capitol and on Tie Creek, this week. After the big rain, things are growing and looking nice and green.

Most of the cow/calf pairs are in summer pasture and the seed is in the ground at Ronda Cordell's. She has a few calves to get branded, but with the recent rain, the pasture is good. She had gotten two inches of rain through-out the week. We will continue to pray for rain to build sub-moisture.

Last Sunday, Ronda met Cristen Westling in Alzada. They continued on to Billings for appointments on Monday. By the time Ronda returned home, Monday had been a long day.

On Tuesday, Ronda was up early to get lunch lined out, before testing bulls. Diane and Dave Adams drove out from Ekalaka to help the rest of the crew, which consisted of Jason Berg, Jake Reynolds, Oren and Arlie Basler, and Ronda with Doctor Mindy and her

helper Savannah Hall. It's quite an experience for those that haven't brought thirty bulls to the corrals from the bull pasture. Those nearly 2000-pound bodies are pretty darn agile, when they want to be. Run, fight and beller is the name of their game. Three go one way, six go another way, and so on, for the mile and half run. As soon as they get to the corrals, gates are open and ready for a few in one corral, a few in another, and so on. They cannot all be together in one corral, if they want the corral to stay standing. Her bulls are fairly gentle, really, but 'boys will be boys!' The trip back to the bull pasture is much less dramatic. They basically head back to where they came from without emitting a sound.

Of course, Tuesday was Election Day in Ekalaka. Ronda went over for that, and also kept a doctor appointment. She visited a bit at the Wagon Wheel and ended the afternoon by stopping briefly at the T-Bar where Oren was enjoying a 'friend's 16th birthday 'get-together'.

Wednesday, Jason and Jake

hailed Ronda's old bulls to Ekalaka, along with one of Tom Brewer's red bulls, for a ride to the sale ring in Belle Fourche. Capturing the red bull, on Tuesday, had been quite interesting. Someone driving an ATV had gone from the Tie Creek Road through a neighboring pasture and into the USFS, leaving gates open. Some of Ronda's cow/calf pairs had come out of the USFS through the open gate. A fence between bulls and cows is not good unless it's electric, but there was no need for electric as the pasture adjoining Brewer's didn't have any cattle in it till Ronda's got out. There's a saying, "When the gate's shut, shut it!"

On Thursday, Ronda took Callie Cat to Belle vet. Then, Ronda drove to Spearfish for lunch at the Pizza Ranch, picked up the bull check, went to the bank, and waited at the vet clinic where there's always some good visiting.

Dick Albert went to the memorial service at the Legion Hall in Buffalo. Erma is at a nursing home in Belle Fourche, and Dick spent part of the week with her. On

Friday, Dick went to the Senior Citizen dinner. He went to church on Sunday in Buffalo.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell went to Camp Crook to vote on Tuesday. Marlee is feeling much better after fighting a cold, but it seems she has now shared it with Alvin. Marlee went to Belle Fourche on Friday, and brought grandson, Cade Pearson, back home with her. Cade has been doing some mowing and other things to help Marlee. Alvin went to Ekalaka on Friday, for some weed spray. He went on to Baker to get some iron. Ryan and Alvin have been doing some baling, and have a nice bunch of bales finished already.

Dawn Padden spent most of the week at the state high school track meet in Sioux Falls. She rode with BJ. She got lots of exercise trying to hurry from one event to another, but she got lots of good pictures of the local kids. Then BJ took her to Brookings for the state high school golf tournament. That was even more exercise. Each of the four locals girls started in different groups, so keeping up with all four was quite a chore. BJ has suggested that Dawn join him in Sisse-

ton, Sioux Falls, and Rapid City for girls basketball tournaments, but Dawn had plenty of things to do at home. On Tuesday, Dorothy and Bryce went to Ekalaka to vote. Thursday, Dawn and Dorothy went to the Diligent Doers tea party for little girls in the community. Fifteen little girls attended, and a few mothers came also. They held the tea party at the Camp Crook Hall, and it was a fun time. On Friday, Dawn, Dorothy, Lynn Gustafson, and Laurie Elmore went to Ridgway, where they hosted the spring council meeting for the Fallon/Carter extension clubs. There was a good crowd. Special music was presented by the Hawks Home and Ridgway schools, and great presentations were given throughout the day.

Karen Odell had a quiet week. On Sunday, she enjoyed the visiting speaker at the Methodist church in Camp Crook, who presented the entire book of Philippians by acting it out. It was a very special presentation.

A child who respects his own honesty with the ability to reject hurtfulness is the luckiest of all children.

PRESSED BETWEEN THE PAGES #37

by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel

"Adjusting the Sails"



"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails" -William Arthur Ward

I do not like the wind. It sucks moisture out of my garden. It beats baby pepper plants to shreds. In fall it steals the lovely colors from the trees. In winter it piles three-foot drifts in front of my garage. When the needle on the gas gauge in my car dips like a dolphin, I am certainly bucking the wind. At least five times a year I ask fellow wind-blasters the same question, "Do we have more wind than we used to?" Occasionally, a tempest hits

me and blows me over, and I suddenly realize I have asked that same question for the last 30 years!

Growing up on the farm, I do not remember our parents ever complaining about the wind. Pressed between the pages of my mind is an unusually hot spring day when the wind mercilessly mangled a whole field of tender corn shoots. Dad had reason to complain; the field had to be replanted. But he didn't. Delmer recalls squalls at Big Stone Lake that ruined fishing trips. Only Jesus could be out in a boat amid whitecaps and breakers.

But our folks did not curse the wind.

Most days, the South Dakota breezes were farmers' friends. We counted on the

wind to turn the wheel on the windmill that pumped water for the livestock. Sometimes thirsty cows would drain the old wooden tank down quickly, but the trusty wind kept the wheel turning to replenish the water.

During hay harvest, moving air dried the alfalfa to bale-ability. (Another memory pressed between the pages of my mind just wafted out: one year the wind blew the windrows into wild mazes. Dad simply raked it again.)

"Perfect day for drying clothes!" Mom would announce on blustery Mondays as she clamped a white sheet to the line with a clothespin. Was it the wind that made the clothes smell like heaven?

Our parents saw the good in the wind. Was it because they had grown up during the thirties when wind blew dust into drifts like black snow? Or, in their years of acquired wisdom, did they appreciate Mother Nature's gifts more because of the rough times? Had those hard times taught them to make the best of what they were given and carry on?

As often happens when I recall memories of my parents, I am humbled by their faith, strength, tenacity, and their realistic outlook on life.

Obviously, I have lessons to re-learn. I need to adjust my sails.

Today is warm and humid. But there is a light, gentle breeze—a zephyr. It will feel good as I mow and pull weeds. It will keep away the flies and mosquitoes. Maybe it will bring some rain! Likely, Mr. William Henry Ward knew about wind!

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on a farm near De Smet, SD, the sixth child of Harrison and Mabel Wolkow. She attended school at Erwin and De Smet and has lived in Benedict, ND, Toeterville, Akron, Missouri Valley and Logan, IA. The author worked in school and public libraries for more than 30 years. Her column has run in a growing number of Midwest newspapers for five years. Each year the author has published the stories into a book. She has also written a historical fiction series, "Promises to Keep." Her ten books are available on Amazon.

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Roots #65
'A Commencement Address, Time Honored and Seasoned'

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Good afternoon and welcome. Graduates, parents, relatives, friends, neighbors, staff, school board, it takes a village to raise a child. A community. Thank you for being here to share in this celebration.

Today it is my privilege to deliver this commencement address. I stand here today, proud, sad, and happy all at once to have shared the joys and sorrows of your high school years, the challenges, the achievements. Thank you.

I stand before you as your sophomore class advisor, your high school teacher, a willing and enthusiastic participant in that community that helped you reach this crossroad.

Teachers are actors. They bring themselves and their life experiences to the daily performances that take place in the classroom. Like good actors on the stage, teachers

can't fake who they are.

In the classroom stage, stories are created and experienced to become shared drama that lives on in the saga of collective memory. A collective memoir that is now ours, yours and mine.

Like any actor, a teacher needs to hold the attention of the students, her audience. Believe me, preparation for the classroom includes intensive study of movement, voice, gestures, and delivery. Maybe this realization occurs unconsciously at first, but soon becomes ingrained pedagogy.

Just like any other trained actor, a teacher must know her audience.

A teacher must anticipate what each member of my classroom audience might be thinking at any given time, and what strategies will help each one learn and grow. Each child is different, and yet the same.

Let me explain to you, my graduating audience, what I know about you.

I know that each one of you is a lifelong learner.

For some of you there will be more graduations, honorary cords, hoods of distinction and somber flowing robes with hoods to remind you of the 'seriousness' of academia. I might add that the 'poofy' hat is much easier to wear than a mortarboard.

However, I must also add that there is a big difference between being a life-long learner and an academic. Learning as a way of life is far more powerful than mere academia.

How do I know that each one of you is going to be a life-long learner?

Well, when I first met you as ninth graders four long years ago, many of you were fond of repeating a profound, albeit common adage. It goes like this: 'Sticks and stones may break your bones, but words will never hurt you.'

How many times did I overhear one of you repeating this wisdom? Often.

If I may take this example one step further, I know this class now regards words as tools rather than weapons.

Words will be your stepping up point. Your willingness to know more words and to use them have given you confidence in yourselves, and improved your competence in everything you do. Each of you is a proven life-long learner.

I imagine you won't forget the sage advice that has enabled you to overcome the use of words as weapons. However, I am so very proud of each of you for letting me give you as many big words as you could carry!

There is another important thing I know about you.

I know that each of you values family, friendships and heritage. One thing I really loved about our school

was the 'hall of ancestors' just outside our classroom where portraits of former graduating classes were professionally matted and displayed in chronological order dating back to the first graduating class in the 1920s.

How often was I brought out to the hallway to be introduced to a grandparent, parent, aunt, cousin, or uncle from a graduating class photograph? Thank you for sharing your heritage and ancestry. So many, many other memories that bind us in memoir!

Emily, I am grateful to you and your grandmother for teaching you essential sewing skills. How many costumes did you make or repair at the last minute before curtain time? Kendra, Hannah, Caleb and Matt you were a dynamic one-act team! Following five years of place last in state one act competition the first-place honor was a career highlight! Although one that I don't really deserve as it was your performances that won the trophy. You did that.

Devan and Desiree you are creative, resourceful and brilliant at building sets on a shoestring budget.

Do you remember the ghost of Anthony Auditorium who raised havoc on windy winter afternoons? Witchy our Halloween creative writing mascot? Performing Macbeth with finger puppets?

Unfortunately, there's no such thing as a comfort zone that can't be shattered.

That's how I know that you are resilient. As elementary school kids you survived COVID.

There has been the normal attrition among our fold, some classmates who appeared and disappeared, some who came for a short time, others who we couldn't keep at all.

This part's tricky. One of our classmates is missing forever.

I never told you how much fun I had cheering for Tater, Tavon, Tony, Trey, and Tyler as a collective unit during sports events. They were a team together and it was such fun to try to say the T names as fast as possible. Also, it was a good lesson in alliteration. It was fun until we lost Tony, the middle T. After that it was not fun to cheer for the Ts.

There's nothing that can be done to prevent a tragedy when it's in the past. It feels like the earth stops or should stop, but it keeps moving with all of us on it still spinning, and there is nothing to do but step forward into tomorrow.

Being your teacher has been a great adventure. The games, the learning, the ups and downs,

Syndee, Devan, Desiree, Evan and LaShawna, You have taught all taught me so much. Thank you for that.

Today, you are a collection of men and women in identical academic regalia. Perhaps you are thinking that this may be the last time you are all together in space and time.

I am confident that you will not shy away from the big words but that you will continue embrace them as tools. More advice? Follow your hearts, appreciate friends and family, and never be ashamed of your roots. Remember that there is always a tomorrow and know how much you are loved.



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The Beacon Happenings Calendar is public service listing of meetings, events, and things to do in and around Belle Fourche. Happenings announcements may be sent to: news@bellefourchebeacon.com Deadline is Friday before 5pm.

Belle Fourche Writers

Belle Fourche Writers June meeting schedule: The editing meeting is Monday, July 6 from 2-4 PM. The regular June meeting is Saturday, June 20 from 10 AM to Noon. All writers are invited to attend! Meetings are held at the Belle Fourche Public Library.

Belle Fourche Recreation Center

Notes from Belle Fourche Rec Center Aquatics Manager: As always, please reach out of you have any questions, comments, or concerns! My email is listed below as well as the Rec Center front desk number collin@bellefourche.org 605-892-2467

Classes

Summer Recreation Activities Schedule Calendar - See adjacent posters details!

Water-walking - This class is held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:30 - 8:15 am. This class involves walking in waist-deep to chest-deep water. Water resistance provides a low-impact, full-body workout that strengthens the core while also improving cardiovascular health.

Silver Splash - This class is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 - 12:15 pm. Silver Splash is part of our Silver Sneakers program. It involves a series of low-impact workouts with specially designed Boogie Boards. This class is great for core strengthening and for cardiovascular health.

Aquafit - We will hold Aquafit every Monday and Wednesday night from 6:30 - 7:15 pm. This class is higher intensity than what we currently offer. The workouts all involve using either dumbbells or foam weights. The class is designed to target multiple different muscle groups while also strengthening your core. 605-892-2467 bellefourcherec.com

Tri-State Museum

Museum opens mini exhibit on postage stamps - The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will open a new mini exhibit on Saturday, June 27 entitled "History of Postage Stamps." The exhibit will include storyboards and photos, a free take-home workbook and a book to read and a touchscreen quiz. A stamp enthusiast's stamp collection will also be on display and a basket of loose stamps will be available for those who might want to pick one out for themselves. Refreshments, including special cupcakes from Red Onion Marketplace, and beverages, will be available throughout the day.

Tri-State Museum holds Family Fun Day on June 21 entitled "Light and Color" - The event will include a fun science video about light and how different wavelengths of light waves appear as different colors. There will be experiments and activities with prisms and crafts involving the color wheel. Take-home workbooks will be available for all and refreshments will be served. There will also be a book-drawing. Admission is \$2 per person or free with museum membership. Reservations are helpful; call 605-723-1200. Since the 21st is Father's Day, all dads get in free!

Tri-State Museum holds "Ocean Day and Water Play" Event - The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold an event for kids entitled "Ocean Day and Water Play," on Tuesday, June 16. A class for kids PreK to 3rd grade will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. The event will be repeated for older students from 2 to 4 pm.

Social Media Class advertisement for BF Chamber Office on 6/10/2026 from 8-9AM. Includes text: 'A relaxed setting to discuss the basics of making and posting content. Open to all.'

June Chamber Mixer advertisement for Friday, June 19th starting at 6 PM. Includes text: 'Fireworks After Game', 'Tickets are \$28 Game, VIP Patio, Unlimited Food on Deck', and 'Spearfish Sasquatch' logo.

The Dakota Scout advertisement. Includes text: 'The Dakota Scout is a South Dakota owned, sourced and printed independent operation co-founded by Ellis and Sneve. Together, they have more than 30 years of combined experience in South Dakota journalism that have earned them reputations as dogged reporters who've not lost touch with their neighbors' sensibilities. Be in the Know!' and website information.



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BF Rec Center Summer Parks & Rec Activities 2026

GOALS:

- To promote our local parks and the outdoors.
- To promote health and wellness in our community.
- To promote socialization with friends, make new friends, and interact with your community.
- To give kids ideas on activities they can continue doing all summer, with fun giveaways to help!



This program will incorporate all of our beautiful parks. Enjoy a park that you haven't been to before, or not in a long time!

We have giveaways and snacks too!

Please Note: This is not a childcare program. Ages 7 and under must be supervised by someone at least 12 years of age. Applicable BFRC rules/policies apply. A summer waiver must be on file in order to participate. All activities are weather permitting.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- 1-Parents: Complete your child's Summer Waiver at the Rec Center or at the park prior to an activity. (Waiver is valid for all of the summer activities.)
- 2-Pick up your monthly calendar. Available at the Rec, on Facebook @BFRecCenter, Instagram or our website www.bellefourcherec.com.
- 3-Park Activities are FREE. Rec Center activities require a membership or day pass. (Youth \$4 ~ Senior \$5 ~ Adult \$6 ~ Group of 2 \$10 ~ Family \$20)
- 4-Tell your friends and have fun!

Questions? Contact us @ 605-892-2467.

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Jones Park	11 th Ave.	Splash Pad
Herrmann Park	8 th Ave.	Circular Walking Path/Bowman Hall/Police Dept.
Weyler Park	7 th Ave.	Dog Park/Near Lynn's Dakotamart
Eagle Park	Elkhorn St.	Along Belle Fourche River
Thomas C. Gay	N. 8 th Ave.	North Park School/Kindergarten
Rail Park	State St.	Main Street/By Belle Flowers & Gifts
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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Giant Kickball 2:00-4:00 pm (Herrmann)	2 Sand Volleyball 10:30 am-12:30 pm (Highland)	3 Pool Fun & Games 2:00-4:00pm (Rec Center)	4 Storytime Yoga 10:30-11:30 am (Library Lawn)	5 Dodgeball 2:00-4:00pm (Rec Center)
8 Wiffleball 2:00-4:00 pm (Jones)	9 Gaga Ball 10:30 am-12:30 pm (Roundup Grounds)	10 Obstacle Course 2:00-4:00pm (Rec Center)	11 Storytime Yoga 10:30-11:30 am (Library Lawn)	12 Pool Patio Games 2:00-4:00pm (Rec Center)
15 Badminton 2:00-4:00 pm (Highland)	16 Bike & Books 10:30 am-12:30 pm (Herrmann)	17 Pickleball 2:00-4:00pm (Rec Center)	18 Storytime Yoga 10:30-11:30 am (Library Lawn)	19 Canvas Painting 2:00-4:00 pm (Rec Center)
22 Read in the Park 2:00-4:00 pm (Herrmann)	23 3v3 Basketball 10:30 am-12:30 pm (Highland)	24 Dance Party 2:00-4:00pm (Rec Center)	25 Storytime Yoga 10:30-11:30 am (Library Lawn)	26 Tie-Dye Shirts* 2:00-4:00 pm (Rec Center)
29 Splash with Us 2:00-4:00 pm (Jones)	30 Sidewalk Chalk 10:30 am-12:30 pm (Weyler)	HOW TO PARTICIPATE/RULES: 1-Complete your child's Summer Waiver at the Rec Center or at the park prior to an activity. 2-All ages are welcome. Ages 7 and under must be supervised by someone age 12 or older. 3-Outdoor activities are weather permitting. 4-We have giveaways and snacks too! Tell your friends and have a fun summer! *Bring a white t-shirt for tie-dye on June 26.		



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENT RETAIL (ON-SALE) LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Butte County Commissioners will meet in the Courtroom at the Butte County Courthouse, which is located at 839 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD, 57717 on Tuesday, June 16th, 2026, at 6:15 PM. to consider a special event retail (on-sale) liquor license.

Said applicant is as follows:

Retail (on-sale) Liquor Special Event License:

Table with 2 columns: APPLICANT (High Plains Restaurant, 105 Dartmouth Ave, Newell, SD 57760) and TYPE OF LICENSE (Retail (on-sale) Liquor, Special Event Retail Liquor, Wedding August 22-23, 2026)

Notice is further given that any person, persons, or their attorney may appear at said scheduled public hearing and present objections to any or all applicants, if any objections there be.

Dated at Belle Fourche, SD, this 27th day of May 2026. /s/ Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

1. Notice is hereby given that the Butte County Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing on June 16, 2026, at 5:35 PM. in the Commission Room at the Butte County Courthouse located at 839 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, South Dakota. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider an application for a variance from Owner: VARIANCE REQUEST; OWNER: OLSON, DUANE & LAURIE; OLSON, WILLIAM AND MICHELA; FREED, SHARONK & DENNIS ; LOTS 1R, 2R, 3R, 4 & 5 OF BELLE RIVER SUBDIVISION FORMERLY LOTS 1, 2, & 3 OF BELLE RIVER ; SUBDIVISION OF TRACT A AND A PORTION OF THE NW4SE4 AND A PORTION OF THE NE4SE4 OF SECTION 32 AND THE W2 OF SECTION 33, T9N, R3E, B.H.M BUTTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

The Board of Adjustments invites all interested people to attend and offer comments. Those interested persons not able to attend are invited and encouraged to send written comments, prior to the hearing, to the Butte County Auditor, at 117 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

As directed by the Butte County Board of Adjustments

Dated this 1st Day of June, 2026

Annie Capp; Butte County Auditor

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This agreement is entered into in consideration of being permitted or permitting:

NAME OF CHILD(REN):

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In my absence, I authorize the employees of the BF Rec Center and the instructor or coach of my (my child's) team/activity to call for emergency rescue services should they be necessary in the case of injury or suspected injury, or during the times that the above named individual is participating in a league, clinic, activity, game, event, or tournament being played in any way sponsored by, or associated with the BF Rec Center.

I further understand the following issues:

- (1) that I am legally responsible for action of the above named individual including and myself, including, but not limited to any damage to private or public property caused by me/him/her.
(2) that I am legally responsible for my own and/or my child's welfare and actions including personal needs and medical expenses; and
(3) that this waiver of liability shall remain effective for any and all activities that I or the above named individual participated in or is a spectator of any event in any way sponsored by or associated with the BF Rec Center.

Finally, I hereby agree to release, waive, indemnify and hold the BF Rec Center, the City of Belle Fourche, its officers, agents, consultants, and representatives, harmless from any loss, damage, or injury which may result from my (my child's) participation or spectatorship in games, events or activities sponsored by or associated with the BF Rec Center. This release and waiver of liability and indemnity applies equally to losses, damages, or injuries caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the BF Rec Center or the City. I further agree to release, waive, and discharge, and covenant not to sue the City of Belle Fourche or the BF Rec Center for any claims, demands or actions whatsoever arising out of any damage, loss or injury incurred by me or the above named individual as a result of or in the course of my or my child's participation in the activities. This release and waiver of liability and indemnity applies to me, the undersigned, as well as any of my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin.

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June

- 10th - 8AM Social Media Class @ Chamber
11th - BH Pioneer Open House 11AM, Advocacy Meeting @ Chamber 3PM, Hometown Thursdays 6PM
12th - Board Meeting @ Chamber 7AM
13th - Belle Fourche City Wide Yard Sale
14th - City Council 6PM

15th - 19th Delta Dental Bus

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Calendar table showing fitness classes for each day of the month (Mon-Fri) with details on time and class names like SilverSneakers, LIIT & Bands, Water Walking, etc.

All the classes on the June calendar are FREE to Members (Ages 14+). Nonmembers join us with a day pass (\$4 Youth ~ \$5 Seniors ~ \$6 Adult).

This pass also gives access to the facility for the day! Please check-in at the front desk prior to class.

No preregistration necessary, but space is limited depending on class/equipment. Please show up 10 minutes early to receive pre-class instructions and equipment.

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Wed. June 10, 2026

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Dinosaurs Help Launch Summer Reading Program in Newell



Paleo-technician Kayla Toohill with Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum answers questions from kids participating in the summer reading program. Longbrake photo

Robbi Longbrake
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NEWELL—Young readers got a prehistoric start to their summer reading adventures June 5 at the Newell Public Library. Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum brought fossils and hands-on dinosaur learning to the summer reading program kickoff.

To help launch the event, paleo-technician Kayla Toohill with Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum provided an educational presentation and brought plenty of fossils for readers

to touch and hold. Toohill started her presentation by going around the room and asking all of the kids what their favorite dinosaur was. Most kids had an answer, from pterodactyl to Mosasaurus. For those that didn't know, Toohill helped them out. "If you don't have a favorite dinosaur, you're defaulting to Triceratops. That is the state dinosaur, so that's where you're going to default," she said.

Toohill went on to discuss what fossilization is—the re-mineralization of bone—and where in the local area

fossils can be found. "So, over here in Newell, actually, if you go just a couple more miles north of Newell, here you are in dinosaur country," she explained. She showed a variety of slides, including one that laid out where the Hell Creek formations are.

The youth were invited to gently explore the table of fossils that Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum brought along with them. There were real fossils, 3D-printed fossils, rocks and other items for everyone to examine.

The theme for this year's

program is Unearth A Story. Participants are encouraged to read throughout the summer and record their progress in a reading log available at the Public Library.

Every child who showed up for the summer reading program kickoff was eligible to sign up for prizes that will be drawn at the end of the summer.

This summer's reading program will include at-home reading along with in-person events beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Fridays in June on the 12, 19 and 26 and July 10 and 17. "Every Friday, except for the

Friday during the Fourth of July—so next Friday and the rest through June. Mrs. Parker . . . she'll read a story to the kids, and then do an activity starting at 10:30 a.m.," explained Matt Clausen, librarian.

If you haven't had a chance to sign your kids up for the summer reading program at the Newell Public Library, it's not too late to join in on the fun! For more information, stop by the library Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Summer readers had the opportunity to see dinosaur fossils up close.



Everyone who came to the kickoff of the summer reading program got to sign up for a drawing to be held at the end of the summer. Longbrake photos

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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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I got a call last Monday morning letting me know that the surgery will be on June 23 at the Black Hills Surgical Hospital in Rapid City and I have to be down there the night before the surgery. I'll have to have a driver bring me down who can drive me home after the surgery when they let me out of the hospital.

There's another death to report: Hal Jewett, age 76, of Belle Fourche and formerly from Isabel, died Saturday, May 30, at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center in Sturgis. His funeral was Thursday, June 11, at the Connection Church in Belle Fourche.

Tuesday, June 2, was election day and Reub and I went up to Ralph that morning to cast our votes. The rest of the folks on the ranch went up there later in the day to cast their votes. We got a little rain after lunch and I dumped .12" out of the rain gauge.

Reub went up to our Horse Creek pasture to spray weeds Wednesday morning and we got a tiny little shower while he was gone, but he said that they didn't get anything up there. With all this nice rain, our yard is full of my favorite purple wild flowers that are growing all over in the Slim Buttes too. I don't know what their real name is, but my father Bryce White grew up in the Slim Buttes and he called them both mountain rockets and shooting stars, so that's what I call them.

Lesley Kling called me Thursday morning for my wellness check and we had a good visit. We really had a fun afternoon when my cousin Donna and Galen Niederwerder, their son Eric and his daughter Kaylena came to visit us because Kaylena wanted to see where her grandmother Donna's and my grandmother Lydia Wilkinson used to live on her homestead in two separate spots above the Big Nasty Creek.

We called Dennis Nash to ask him if he would take us up to Grandma's homestead sites and he said he'd be glad to do it, so when we stopped at his house he led us up there on his side-by-side to give us a wonderful tour. 14-year-old Kaylena is quite a historian and she was curious about where homesteaders got their food and water, if they had milk cows and chickens, and how did they make enough money to live on? She also knew the name of every bird that flew over us.

I had an appointment with Lesley Kling in Hettinger at the clinic Friday morning so she could give an examination to make sure I was ready for the surgery I'm scheduled for on June 23 in Rapid City to take the cyst off the back of my hip that's pressing on my sciatic nerve that causes all that horrible pain down my right leg and everything checked out okay. Reub and I had lunch at the American Legion, got some stuff from White Drug where Reub got his squeeze from his cousin Roxie Finck and some more stuff from Runnings before we left town. We took all the flowers off our family graves at the cemetery in Hettinger and the cemetery in Reeder before we stopped in Reeder on the way home to have coffee and a good visit with the Prairie Pioneers. Before we left town Cori Perri took me down to her house and

gave me some cucumber plants that I couldn't find in Hettinger.

Dennis Nash had his Fly-In on Saturday and Reub and I went over there early that morning to have coffee and rolls with the Nash family and to watch the planes fly in. It was so windy that only two planes landed for coffee, one from Hettinger and one from Spearfish, but we visited so long that we didn't leave until after 11:00. All the other folks on our ranch went into Buffalo to help at the high school rodeo that day. I got the cucumber plants that Cori gave me planted in my garden that afternoon.

Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen were gone on Sunday. They had been to their grandson's wedding and then they have to be gone to the Annual Conference of the AFLC that will be held at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota on June 9 to June 13th. Iver Heier led the service and Pastor Tom Davis came down from Hettinger to give a wonderful sermon for us. There will be a baby shower at the church for the twin babies of Molly and Matt Kerner on Saturday, June 27th. Linda Hathaway had her hip replaced this week and her surgery went well, but she is home in a lot of pain yet so Dennis came to church while Linda stayed home. Everybody else on our ranch was in Buffalo

again on Sunday helping with the high school rodeo.

The weather channel said we had a chance of a tornado on Sunday so I'll leave you with this:

Around here tornadoes often hit with sudden devastation, and without warning. In one case, a house was completely whisked away, leaving only the foundation and first floor. A silver-haired ranch lady was seen sitting dazed, in a bathtub, the only remaining part of the house left above the floor. The rescue squad rushed to her aid and found her unhurt. She was just sitting there in the tub, talking to herself.

"It was the most amazing thing ... it was the most amazing thing," she kept repeating dazedly.

"What was the most amazing thing, Ma'am?" asked one of the rescuers.

"I was in here, taking a bath, and all I did was pull the plug and doggone it, if the whole house didn't suddenly drain away."



Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

June 1, 1916

A heavy rain flooded the vicinity Monday morning and Tuesday. The roads dried rapidly. Then commencing again Tuesday evening and continuing steadily until Wednesday night. The creeks are all bank full.

We understand that the shearing pens for this locality have been located on 8-Mile Creek about 10 miles east of the Newell Depot on the Bismarck Trail. At present there are about 40,000 head waiting for a haircut and the crew is turning them off at the rate of 1,200 per day. This would make quite an interesting sight to the uninitiated.

Attention is called to the condition of the roadway between the railroad tracks at the local station. The local shippers have a big kick coming we understand. That this matter has been taken up with the officials of the road on a previous occasion and the effect was that there were 2 cars of cinders placed on the roadway which to be about 4 blocks long. It is suggested that the matter be taken to the Community Club with a view to some adequate remedy for conditions.

June 3, 1926

Last night, a man was arrested for driving in town without headlights pleaded guilty with an explanation. He said he was looking for his wife.

The Newell Community Sale attracted an immense crowd of shoppers from all over the country on the first day and has since been keeping the merchants fairly busy. It has well proved that judicious advertising is beneficial to both the sellers and the buyer. Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Mildrew came in from Deep Creek, near Bixby,

to attend the Community Sale. They were guests at the Chas Munroe home. Mrs. Mildrew and Mrs. Munroe are sisters.

Last week, Marius Sorensen, whose farm adjoins the Town of Nisland, experienced a turn-over in his Ford car as he was leaving the Highway turning into his place. A passerby discovered him pinned underneath the machine and gave the alarm. A party of men rushed to the scene and soon had the car lifted from over him. Mr. Sorensen escaped with a few bruises and considers himself a very lucky individual to get off so well.

June 4, 1936

The Newell Liquor Company submitted a statement of its operation of the city liquor store, showing a net profit of over \$8000 for the past year. The store was first opened in May 1935. J. P. Stebeneicher, chief clerk of the Reclamation Office, made the audit, April 1935 to April 1936. An examination of the balance sheet and the profit and loss statement of the company. He found only a few minor errors in posting; most have been now corrected.

Work on the Mount Rushmore National Memorial will be carved on under a \$100,000 item contained in the Interior Department appropriation. The bill now is in conference between the two houses. The bill that provides \$30,000 will be made available immediately for the work at Rushmore with the remaining forthcoming as needed.

About noon Sunday everyone in the Horse Creek neighborhood rushed to the door when an airplane swooped down close to the housetops.

by Linda Velder

It proved to be Wm Machee, of Lead, looking for a landing place. He finally landed in Paul Schmele's field and proceeded to visit his friend Harley Hill.

May 30, 1946

Activities at the Newell Airport are being stepped up, it was revealed this week by Manager E. J. Brodsky. A number of boys are making improvements there and several amateur pilots are adding soloing and practicing flights to their flying time. Among the boys painting, cleaning up, adding new roofing to the hanger and otherwise improving the place are Burton Fogelberg, Wayne Garness, Lee Wolcott and Teddy Owens. Pilots getting in flying time, in addition to Brodsky, have included Wayne Garness, Dr. L. L. Theberge, Ralph Holt, Morris Hafner and Alphonse Johnson of Sulphur.

The pupils of the Horse Creek School, their teacher, Mrs. A. W. Simonds, their parents and neighbors, enjoyed a picnic on Horse Creek Sunday. School closed last Friday after a very successful year, all pupils advanced to the next grade.

Mr. & Mrs. Wm Smeenk and daughters of the Deers Ears community are moving this week onto the Louis Maass farm on Horse Creek, which they are taking over. Mr. & Mrs. Maass have bought a house in town from E. J. Erdman, formerly the Lula Peterson house, and will move as soon as it is vacated.

June 9, 1956

Mr. & Mrs. George Johnson entertained several neighbors at a party Friday evening; later, Mr. & Mrs. Emil Stolnack showed colored pictures to the group of the wedding of Betty Johnson to John Niemi. Betty

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is a daughter of Johnson's; the young couple will make their home on the ranch near Buffalo.

Misses Lorelie Hill, Gwendolyn Edwards and Sharon Marie Williamson, all Vale High School girls, left Thursday for Custer, where they have employment for the summer.

Winners of 4 major prizes worth more than \$1000 were determined by a drawing Saturday evening at the Newell Implement Company, local International Harvester farm equipment dealer, completed its anniversary celebration. Harry Schnell, Vale won the new International upright freezer; Vern Palo, Fruitdale, the Zenith Television set; Dean Oliver, Newell, International refrigerator and Francis Jacobsen, Castle Rock won the International air conditioner. The winners did not have to be present to win.

Plans for spraying mosquitoes in Newell on a block-by-block system were outlined Monday by Leo Walloth. He announced he will begin spraying operations this week and that blocks which had been lined up could order spraying as soon as desired. Block captains have been selected, who will collect \$1.25 per lot, order and pay for same. Captains can contact Walloth or City Foreman Lyman Bruce.

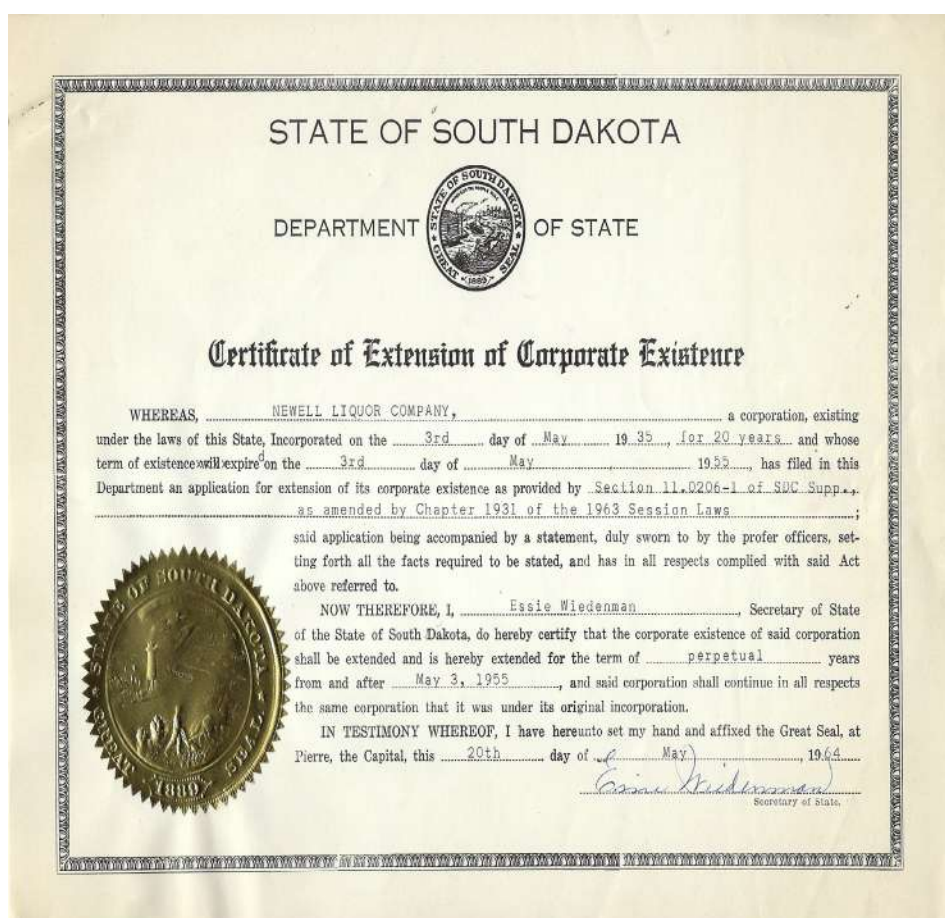
June 16, 1966

Ron Glover has been hired as an assistant fisheries research biologist for the

Game, Fish & Parks Department. Glover will be stationed in Rapid City. He is a native of Newell, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Glover and a graduate of South Dakota State University. Glover has worked for the Department previously on a temporary basis. He is an Army veteran.

Airman Dennis J. Taft, son of Rev. & Mrs. Burns Taft, of Newell has been selected for technical training at Amarillo, Air Force Base, Texas, as a USAF Personnel Specialist. Airman Taft completed basic training at Lackland AFB, TX. His new school is part of the Air Training Command which conducts hundreds of specialized courses to provide technically trained personnel for the nation's aerospace force. Airman Taft is a 1964 graduate of Newell High School and attended South Dakota State University.

May this year was the seventh driest May of record at Newell and the windiest since 1953, according to records at the US Field Station reported by Mrs. Greta Nelson, volunteer weather observer there. Total precipitation during the month was .7 of an inch, compared to 1908-1965 average for May 2.74 inches. 1936 driest, .05 rain, average wind velocity 65 mph and mean temperature was 57 degrees compared to normal 55 degrees, thermometer ranged from 91 degrees to low of 29 degrees.



(L) 1936, Articles of Incorporation for the Newell Liquor Corp. (R) 1916, Shearing sheep on the prairie. Without comforts of electricity or a building. Museum Photos

Here's What's Happening in Newell!

Summer Reading Program
June 12 • 10:30 a.m.
Newell Public Library

Newell Playday Series
June 15 • 5 p.m.
Rodeo grounds

Vale Fire Dept. Fundraiser
June 13 • Potluck 11:30 a.m. •
Bingo 1 p.m.
Vale Community Hall

W.I.T. Coalition Meeting
June 15 • 11:30 a.m.
Newell Christian Fellowship Hall

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June 11 • 2 p.m.–3 p.m.
Second Thursday every month



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