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St. Onge Livestock Hosts World Livestock Auctioneer Championship

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ST. ONGE—The eyes of the livestock marketing industry were on western South Dakota June 17-20 as St. Onge and Deadwood hosted the 62nd World Livestock Auctioneer Championship and Livestock Marketing Association Annual Convention. Hundreds of visitors from across the United States traveled to the area for the events, which brought together some of the industry's top auctioneers, livestock market owners, cattle producers and other industry professionals.

Thirty-one of the country's fastest-talking auctioneers came to the Black Hills of South Dakota to compete for a chance to take home not only the title of World Livestock Auctioneer Champion but also an impressive prize package that included \$10,000 cash, one-year use of the World Champion truck, a custom Gist belt buckle, hand-tooled leather briefcase, bronze WLAC sculpture, World Champion ring and much more.

The driving force behind bringing the National Convention and World Championship to the area was Justin Tupper, owner of St. Onge Livestock, Newell Sheep Yards and President of the United States Cattlemen's Association. "For several years we worked to try to get it, and we just kept



The Host Market BBQ at the Spur Creek Saloon & Ranch in Newell. Longbrake photo

putting our names out there, and finally they decided we could have it in Deadwood and St. Onge," he shared.

On Thursday, June 18, the group loaded up on buses and descended upon the small town of Newell for the Host Market BBQ at the Spur Creek Saloon & Ranch. Of course those that

had vehicles were welcome to navigate to the scenic area. Live music, good food and drink kept the anticipation for the contestant introduction and draw manageable. Tupper took to the microphone to welcome everyone to the event. "I just want to say a big welcome to everybody here... We can't

thank you all enough for coming out. A great big welcome from St. Onge Livestock, all our crew—we're glad you're here," he said.

Past World Livestock Auctioneer Champions were on hand to support the current qualifiers. They formed two lines and high-fived and

celebrated each contestant as they were introduced. One by one each competitor drew for position for the interview and another time for their order to take the microphone and showcase their skills. "We're gonna find out a new World Champion on Saturday, so it'll be exciting

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Fourth of July Celebration Packed With Events in Belle Fourche

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BELLE FOURCHE—With just one week away from the Fourth of July celebration, it is time to start making plans! The definite highlight of the week is the 7-time PRCA Medium Outdoor Rodeo of the Year Black Hills Roundup Rodeo taking place July 1-4. Rodeo tickets are expected to sell out, so get tickets soon if you want to attend! There is also a full slate of events planned throughout the week.

Beginning on June 29, the royalty comes to town. Competition for the next Black Hills Royal Court starts on the morning of June 29 and continues all day with horsemanship taking place at the Roundup Arena at 3 p.m. The public is invited to watch.

There will also be visiting royalty in town for the celebration, including Miss Rodeo

South Dakota, Madison Arnold; Teen Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Taryan Thompson; Miss Rodeo Mississippi, Brinkley Boswell; Miss Black Hills Stock Show, Anna Bossman; Jr Miss Rodeo Aberdeen, Kinley Olson; Jr Miss Days of 76, Ella Roberts; Miss Faith Stock Show, Sadie Sonn; Miss Newell Labor Day Rodeo, Rachel Stranberg; and Perkins Co. 4-H Rodeo, Avery Geffre. They will be roaming around Belle Fourche signing autographs, reading to kids at the library and conducting a scavenger hunt in downtown Belle.

June 30 brings the 17th Annual Ranch Rodeo to the Roundup Arena beginning at 7 p.m. Although the activities at the rodeo grounds start much earlier, beginning at 5 p.m. there is a free Ag Committee BBQ. Then the little cowboys and cowgirls take center stage as they ride sheep in the Mutton

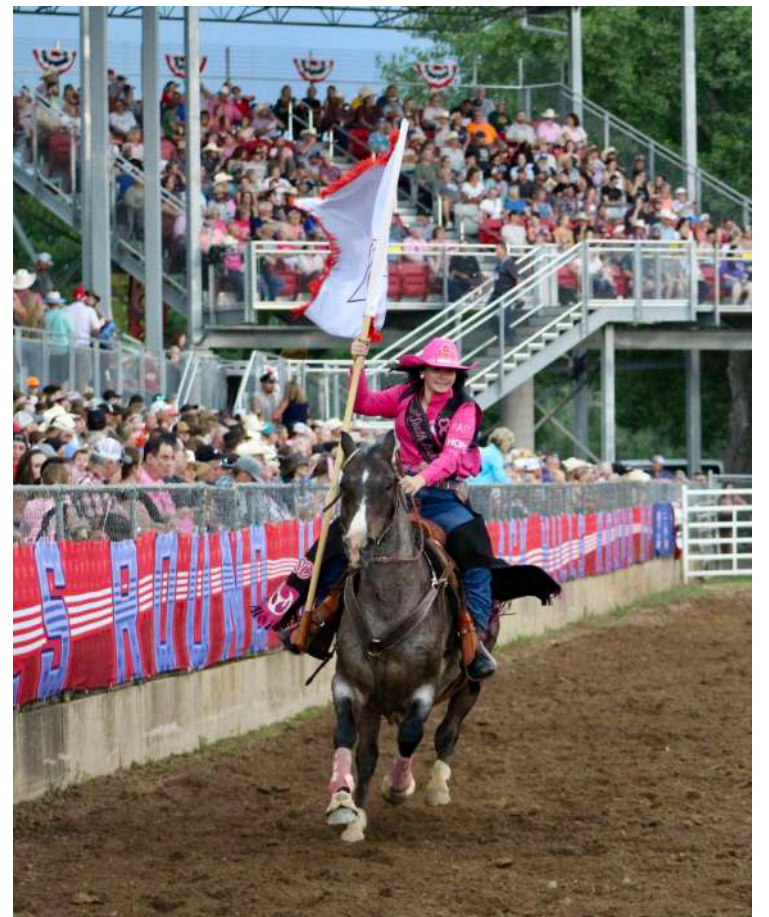
Bustin' beginning at 5:45 p.m. At 6 p.m. is the coronation of the new Miss Black Hills Roundup and at 6:30 p.m. the introduction of Ranch Rodeo Teams and the Cowboy Auction begins. Around 10:30 p.m. the Wilt Brothers will play live music for a dance.

At the Herrmann Park bandshell, the United States Air Force Academy Band will put on a free concert called America the Beautiful. This is their first stop on their national tour, so come and listen to them play at 7 p.m. Bring chairs and blankets to sit on for the evening.

On July 1 the first PRCA event begins at 8 a.m. with slack. Three rounds of steer roping will take place. There is no fee to watch slack.

Opening at 4 p.m. and going until 11 p.m., the Midway by Midway West Amusements carnival comes to town. They will

Roundup Contd. A3



Miss Rodeo South Dakota carries a flag in the arena during the Black Hills Roundup Rodeo on Tough Enough to Wear Pink night. Longbrake photo

VFW Post 3312 to Serve as Parade Marshal in Fourth of July Celebration

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Black Hills Roundup Parade has long been a Fourth of July tradition in Belle Fourche, inviting spectators to line the streets each year to watch the procession make its way through town. From beautifully decorated floats and rodeo royalty to western riders, horses, first responders, classic vehicles and community groups, the 107th Annual Fourth of July Parade promises a colorful celebration of patriotism and western heritage.

The Center of the Nation VFW Post 3312 has been selected as this year's Parade Marshal. The veterans will take the helm and lead the parade through the city beginning at 10:30 a.m. They will start at the corner of 13th Avenue and National Street and will continue on Elkhart Street to 10th Street before making their way to downtown Belle Fourche on

State Street and one final turn onto Eighth Street, finishing near Weyler Park.

This year's Color Guard is the 842nd Engineer Company of the South Dakota Army National Guard.

"Home of the Brave" is this year's theme. Lineup runs from 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on the morning of the Fourth. There are around 130 parade entries this year, making the parade about the same size it has been for the past few years. Stationed along the route will be announcers Curt Westland, Bryton Oedekoven, Jim Kallas and Jack Verry. They will introduce each float and keep spectators informed and entertained.

New this year will be the separation between entries that want to throw water and those that wish to stay dry. "This year, on the entry form we put where you had to mark on there if you were going to have water on your float or not. We're going to try to have all of the non-water



Parade Marshal this year is the Center of the Nation VFW Post 3312. Courtesy photo

floats in the first section of the parade, and then a fire truck is going to have a big sign on it (to signal) where the water section starts—kind of warning people these upcoming floats have water. Those floats will come after that fire truck, and that's at the very end of the parade," explained Tessa Eaton, Parade Chairman.

When you see the fire truck

sporting the notice that water fights may be incoming, you can move you or your family back away from the wet zones.

Parade judges Ashley Pearson and Emily Olson will be along the route judging floats and picking winners for cash awards, including the McClure Ranch Memorial Award of \$100 for the best depiction of this year's parade theme, the

Faye Kennedy Memorial Grand Marshal Award of \$100 for the most patriotic entry and the Eva Hanify Rail Memorial Award of \$100 for the best representation of our western heritage.

The parade is free, so make sure you bring your lawn chairs, family and friends and enjoy this Fourth of July tradition as we celebrate 250 years of America's Independence.

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Esther Arp 98

Esther Arp, age 98 of Spearfish, went home to heaven on Sunday, June 21, 2026 at the Spearfish Canyon Healthcare Center. A graveside service will be held 1pm Friday, June 26, 2026 at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche. Funeral arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online at www.LeveringtonFH.com

Esther Lillian Kessler was born July 18, 1927 on the family ranch near Okaton, South Dakota. She was the daughter of Harvey and Nellie (Cox) Kessler. Esther grew up on the family ranch just north of Okaton SD and she attended the Kessler country school. She graduated from the Okaton High School and attended Black Hills State University for a short time. In her younger years, Esther was a school teacher. One day she met her future husband at a barn dance, and Art Arp married Esther in December of 1945 at Pastor Grave's home in Murdo SD. To this union two sons were born:



Lonnie Ray and Allen Arthur. In 1950, Art and Esther moved to Belle Fourche where both of them worked at American Colloid for several years. For ten years, they volunteered at South Park school in Belle Fourche. Many of the kids called them "Grandpa Art" and "Grandma Esther". Art primarily helped with the 4th grade class, while Esther helped the 3rd grade class. Those years were precious times for Art and Esther, and they loved those kids very much. In 2011, Art and Esther moved to Spearfish. Art died in 2022.

Esther is survived by her two brothers, Loyal (Inge) Kessler of Red Lodge MT, Larry (Wanda) Kessler of Kearney NE; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Lonnie Ray and Allen Arthur; sister, Lorraine Waitman; and three brothers, Lowell, Glen "Tiny", and Harvey "Duke" Kessler.



Helen H. Riley 94

Helen H. Riley, age 94 of Belle Fourche, died Saturday, June 20, 2026 at the Monument Health Sturgis Care Center in Sturgis SD.

Services will be held 10am Monday, June 29, 2026 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment will take place at Pine Slope Cemetery. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Helen H Riley was born August 26, 1931 near Vale, South Dakota. She was the daughter of Earl and Mary (Lancaster) Holtrey. Helen attended Vale School and graduated from high school on May 13, 1949. In January of 1952 she began working for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in Belle Fourche. After the telephone company closed in 1974, she commuted to Deadwood until she retired in 1978.



Helen was united in marriage to Garret W. Riley on April 5, 1953, in Belle Fourche. In 1981, Garret and Helen moved to Las Vegas NV and for 21 years they were "snowbirds", returning to Belle Fourche each summer. In 2002 they moved back to Belle Fourche and once again became permanent residents of South Dakota. Garret and Helen enjoyed fishing and made a couple of trips to Alaska and Saskatchewan, Canada.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband in 2006; her parents; three brothers, William, Robert and Edward; sister, Ena; and an infant sister. She is survived by her stepson, Milton Riley Sr. of Ogden UT; stepdaughter, Muriel Buxton of Bountiful UT; 4 step grandchildren; 10 step great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Melody Lynn Shoop Paklin 67

Melody Lynn Shoop Paklin, 67, passed away June 9, 2026, in Sturgis, South Dakota at home due to an accident.

Melody was born November 6, 1958 to Phillip Edward and Sylvia Joan (Kinney) Shoop in Deadwood, SD.

She lived in Terraville, SD while growing up and she graduated from Lead High School and went on to attend cosmetology school. Melody worked many jobs, mainly ones caring for people, Golden Ridge Assisted Living in Lead, Deadwood Medical Center, Dakota Arms, Lawrence County Jail and Walmart.

Melody enjoyed singing karaoke with her friends, hunting, fishing, baking, cooking and spending time with family and friends. Mel enjoyed baking the best pies for her friends. Even though she did not care for pies herself.

She enjoyed putting reunions together like the Shoop



reunion and the Terraville reunions.

Melody married Harley J. Helsing on September 29, 1990 in Lead, SD. After Harley's passing she married Douglas F. Paklin on July 18, 2015 in Whitewood, SD. At the time of her passing Melody was living with her special friend, Hime Bourk.

She is survived by her special friend, Hime Bourk; her special cats, Boomer and Peta; siblings, Emily Kroska, John Shoop and Scott Shoop; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

Melody was preceded in death by her parents and her two husbands.

You may sign her online guestbook at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



Virgil VanDeventer 95

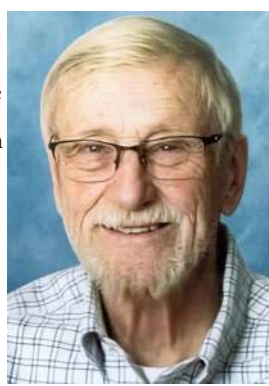
Virgil VanDeventer, a devoted husband, loving father, and cherished grandfather, passed away peacefully at his home in Parker, Colorado, on May 24, 2026. Born on June 8, 1931, in Big Lake, Minnesota, Virgil lived a life rich with purpose, love, and dedication to both family and faith.

Virgil's journey began in the Midwest, where he graduated from Rapid City High School in South Dakota in 1949. Answering the call of service, he proudly served as a Petty Officer Second Class in the United States Navy from 1951 to 1954. Upon completing his military service, Virgil pursued his passion for engineering by earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines in 1959.

His professional life was marked by innovation and entrepreneurship. In 1975, Virgil founded Technology Marketing Associates, a business specializing in electronic components. His company successfully collaborated with notable companies such as Martin Marietta, Hewlett Packard, and Sperry, reflecting his expertise and dedication to the field of electrical engineering.

Those who knew Virgil will remember not only his career achievements but also his nurtured spirit of generosity and honor. He was deeply rooted in his faith as a member of The Church of God in Aurora, Colorado—a community he served faithfully as a Deacon for many years. Church was a cornerstone of his life, a place where he met his beloved wife, Mary, with whom he shared 67 years of marriage.

Family was the heart of Virgil's world. Together, they adopted two daughters: Julie Ann in 1959 and JoLyn in 1969. Their family expanded over the years to include grandchildren Rebecca Garcia (John), Christine Smith, Brian Olson, Julie Marie Wade, Anthony Epping (Ashley), and Neena Elgin (Hayden), along with 20 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren, who all held a special place in his heart. Virgil is also survived by his brother, Vernon VanDeventer (Jane),



sister-in-law, Lorraine VanDeventer and a brother-in-law, Don Bowen.

Virgil's family fondly recalls holidays filled with joyous laughter and storytelling, a testament to his warm and captivating nature. His daughters remember treasured trips spanning much of the United States, Great Britain, France, The Bahamas, Canada, the Hawaiian Islands, and Mexico, journeys that broadened horizons and created lasting memories.

Beyond his professional and family life, Virgil found joy in the simple pleasures of gardening, where he lovingly cultivated corn, green beans, pumpkins, and raspberries. His loyal dog, Ammo, was a constant companion, providing comfort and companionship throughout the years.

Virgil's faith was the foundation of his life. Serving the Lord was always his highest priority, and he truly gave everything he had—his heart, his time, his talents, and his trust—to God and to his family. He lived out his faith every day through his kindness, humility, steadfast love, and unwavering commitment to Christ. Guided by Proverbs 3:5-6, he trusted in the Lord with all his heart, refused to lean on his own understanding, and sought God's direction in every area of his life. More than anything, he wanted to be remembered as a godly man who faithfully gave his all to God and to those he loved, and that is exactly the legacy he leaves behind.

Virgil was preceded in death by his wife Mary Alta VanDeventer; his parents, Fred and Roszella VanDeventer; his brothers, Ellsworth and Eugene VanDeventer; and his sisters, Estelle Wessell and Yvonne Bowen.

His legacy is one of unwavering devotion—to his family, his faith, his work, and the community he loved. Virgil VanDeventer's life stands as a beautiful testament to the power of kindness, honor, and the enduring bonds of love. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered by all who knew and loved him.

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From A1 Roundup

be roaming around Belle Fourche signing autographs, reading to kids at the library and conducting a scavenger hunt in downtown Belle.

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Opening at 4 p.m. and going until 11 p.m., the Midway by Midway West Amusements carnival comes to town. They will bring rides, food and games to downtown Belle Fourche on Railroad Street. You have until June 30 to get early bird carnival passes for \$30 available to purchase at Pioneer Bank, First Interstate Bank, Tri-State Museum, Northern Hills FCU or Highmark FCU.

Belle Fourche Cowboy Band will be playing at Herrmann Park at 5 p.m. Hosted by the Belle Fourche Arts Council, the event is free.

The first full performance of the Black Hills Roundup Rodeo is Family Night and it begins at 7 p.m. However, get there a little early if you want to watch Mutton Bustin', which begins at 6:45 p.m. Special grand entries and entertainment are being planned. Rodeo announcers are Steve Goedert and Andy Seiler. At 10 p.m. Dakota Country

will play live music at the rodeo dance.

July 2 starts bright and early with 8 a.m. slack. The women will dominate this performance with breakaway and barrel racing events being held. Slack is free to watch.

At 2 p.m. the Dinosaurs of Hell Creek Museum will host an educational seminar about Thomas Jefferson, the first American paleontologist.

The Midway carnival opens at 4 p.m. and runs to 11 p.m. in downtown Belle.

Starting at 6 p.m., the Hometown Thursdays concert series will feature Williams & Wright. There will be vendors and food trucks. Located behind the Tri-State Museum.

Put on your pink shirts for the second PRCA Rodeo Performance at 7 p.m. for Tough Enough To Wear Pink night. Matt Merritt is bringing his humor and skills to the Roundup arena as the rodeo clown and barrelman.

Following the rodeo, fireworks will light up the night. Expect an extra special show in celebration of America's 250th birthday.

Dakota Country will play the rodeo dance following fireworks.

July 3 brings the last slack performance starting at 8 a.m. This round focuses on steer wrestling, tie-down roping and team roping.

The Midway Carnival starts a little earlier today, opening at 1 p.m. and running through 11 p.m. The third round of Black Hills Roundup PRCA Rodeo brings Chutes for Charity Night beginning at 7 p.m. This performance will feature the high school bronc challenge. After the rodeo ends, another night of fireworks begins. Live music dance begins following the fireworks display.

The Fourth of July, happy 250th America! The day starts with the Belle Fourche Rodeo Run beginning at 7 a.m. in Herrmann Park. The run has both 5K and 10K distances. To bring attention to first responders, local law enforcement officers will be running in this race, some will be dressed in full duty kit. Proceeds will go to youth sports and activities in the Belle

Fourche area.

The Fourth of July parade will begin moving along the designated parade route at 10:30 a.m. This year's theme is Home of the Brave. Expect colorful floats, horses, music, marching bands and queens along with many more exciting participants! Grab lawn chairs and prepare to enjoy the sights as they pass in front of you!

The Midway Carnival opens at 1 p.m. through 11 p.m.

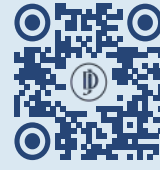
The fourth and final performance of the 107th Black Hills Roundup Rodeo begins at 3 p.m. Military and first responders will be honored. Expect a fun celebration of the nation's 250th birthday. There will be patriotism, pageantry and of course world-class rodeo action!

July 5—If your family is looking for one last fun event to end the holiday, then look no further than the Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum. On July 5 they are having their second annual Raptor Roundup beginning at 10 a.m. The events are aimed at kids aged 5 to 12. There will be Dino races, comet dodgeball, Stegosaurus archery and other fun events. Dressing in a dinosaur costume will get kids in free.

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Rodeo queens signing autographs in downtown Belle Fourche during the 2025 Black Hills Roundup Rodeo. Longbrake photo

Belle Fourche Rodeo Athletes Headed to Nationals



Belle Fourche High School Rodeo team members who made it to the short go at the South Dakota High School Rodeo State Finals. Courtesy photo



The Belle Fourche High School Rodeo team. Courtesy photo

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PIERRE—This past week Belle Fourche High School Rodeo Team traveled to Pierre to compete in the 77th State High School Finals Rodeo held June 16-20. The state competition brought an end to the state-level high school rodeo for the year, now moving on to the national level competition. The National High School Rodeo Finals will be held in Lincoln, NE at the Sandhills Global Event Center from July 19-25.

The area rodeo athletes put on a tough showing at state, taking eleven competitors to the short go competing in 13 events. They were Syd Pelster in goat tying and breakaway roping; Raina Reder in goat tying; Lukayzee Brink in goat tying; JP Jensen in team roping; Koby Bowden in tie down roping and team roping; Jory Olson in steer wrestling and team roping; Casen Schmidt in bareback riding; and Conner Crowser, Kolby Tibbs, Trigg Olson and Cooper Conry all in saddle bronc riding.

This formidable group of rodeo competitors defended their State Champion Team Title by winning it for the fourth year in a row. They also brought home the Buster Berry Award for earning the most points in traditional rodeo events for the third year in a row.

The top four places in each event move on to nationals. Five Belle Fourche High School rodeo athletes emerged victorious and are headed to Lincoln.

Making the South Dakota National Team: Casen Schmidt grabbed third place, winning first place with a 78 in round one, fifth place in round two with a 64, in the short go, he tied for fourth with a 70; Koby Bowden and Jory Olson finished fourth in the team roping, round one they finished sixth with an 11.92, round two they finished first with an 8.24 and in the short go they finished eighth with a 21.64; Remi Crago won State Champion in Smallbore Rifle; and Tacen Carr finished third in the state in Trap Shooting.



Accepting the Team Trophy and the Buster Berry Award on behalf of the BFHS Rodeo Team are the National High School Rodeo Finals qualifiers, Remi Crago, Koby Bowden, Jory Olson, Casen Schmidt, and Tacen Carr. Courtesy photo

107TH BLACK HILLS ROUNDUP



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CELEBRATING 107 YEARS

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.

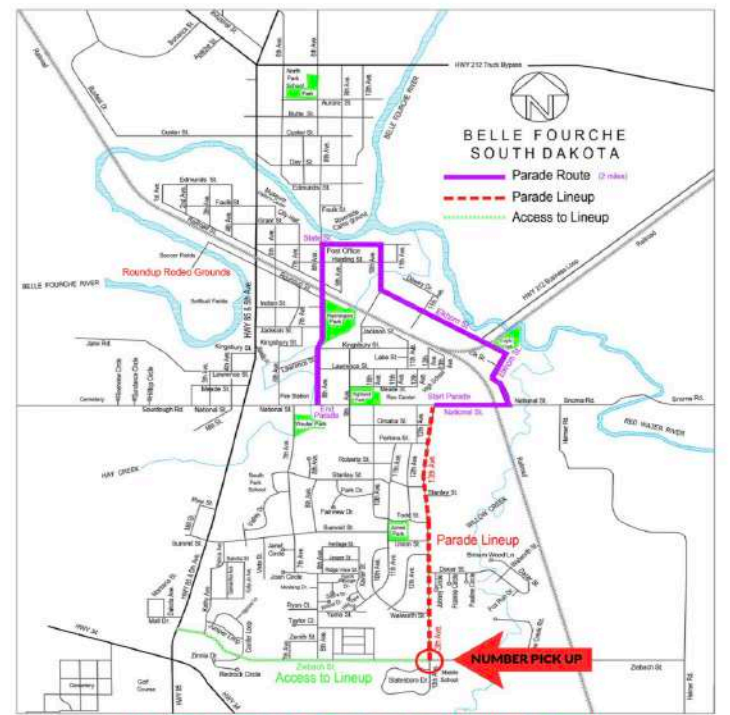
Plan to join us, June 30 - July 4 to see how an authentic western town does rodeo with all the patriotic, Independence Day trimmings.

It begins June 30 with the wild & wooly fun of the Ranch Rodeo, which includes a delicious barbecue to satisfy the cowboy hunger in everyone.

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Americas 250th Birthday Schedule of Events

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- July 3rd and 4th**
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- July 4th**
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Belle Fourche Chamber

Upcoming Events

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		

From A1 Auctioneering

to have them all here. And we got a big run of cattle," said Tupper.

Putting together all of the different parts of the competition was a lot of work. "A lot of coordination—the LMA does a lot of coordinating, and we coordinated the event for the (Newell) barbecue and then all the things that go on at the sale barn are on us," shared Tupper.

Beginning bright and early on Saturday, June 20, the auctioneering portion of the World Championship contest took place. The contest was two-part; the first, held the day before, consisted of an interview in front of an audience about industry issues before a panel of Livestock Marketing Association members.

The second consisted of each competitor taking control of

the sale ring and auctioning off cattle in a real sale. According to Tupper, the cattle featured in the live auction were some of the finest cattle around and came from Western South Dakota, Eastern Montana, Eastern Wyoming and Southern North Dakota.

The auctioneer plays one of the most important roles in bringing in high dollars while moving cattle through the ring quickly. They were judged on their presentation, chant and execution of the sale.

The top ten auctioneers who received the highest scores in the semi-finals came back to perform the auctioneering duties Saturday afternoon.

Seating inside the St. Onge Livestock Barn was limited, but there was a large tent set up beside the Sale Barn with tables, chairs and big-screen TVs so

everyone in attendance could watch both the auctioneers and the cattle perform. The sale saw record-breaking cattle prices.

After all was said and done, Jace Thompson of Billings, MT was crowned the 2026 World Livestock Auctioneer Champion. Troy Robinett of Decatur, TX was named Reserve Champion. Barrett Simon of Rosalia, KS was Runner-Up and earned high-score interview honors, and Austin Schaben of Dunlap, IA was named Audrey K. Banks Rookie of the Year.

Next year the Livestock Marketing Association National Convention will be held in South Lake Tahoe, NV and the World Livestock Auctioneer Championship is set for the Cattlemen's Livestock Market in Galt, CA.



Participants enjoying food and camaraderie. Longbrake photo(s)



Inside St. Onge Livestock, one of the World Livestock Auctioneer Championship contestants showcases his skills.



Free BBQ for those in attendance. It was served at the Spur Creek Saloon & Ranch in Newell.



Justin Tupper, owner of St. Onge Livestock & Newell Sheep Yards and President of the United States Cattlemen's Association, addresses the crowd at the Host Market BBQ.



One of the World Livestock Auctioneer Championship contestants, Zach Ballard from Kennebec, SD, greets past champions as he is introduced.

Chamber Members Enjoy An Evening with the Sasquatch



Chamber Members in attendance, with the team mascot Samson the Sasquatch. Longbrake photo



Chamber volunteer Mike Reade dances a little jig with Samson. Below: Chamber members enjoying the evening and the company. Longbrake photos

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SPEARFISH—An evening at the ballpark was the setting for the June Chamber Mixer, hosted by long-time chamber members the Spearfish Sasquatch along with the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce.

The evening featured a game between the 2025 iLB Champion Sasquatch and the Oahe Zap from Pierre. Zap led 5-4 at the top of the seventh inning. That would be the last time the Zap led as the Sasquatch went on to score five runs to move ahead 9-5. Sasquatch won the game with a final score of 12 runs to 5.

The team began playing in Spearfish in 2018 and are in their eighth season. They play throughout the summer with tick-

ets starting at \$7.

For the Chamber Mixer, members met on the Party Deck. For a ticket price of \$28, members had a private area with tables and chairs with umbrellas and dedicated servers. The menu for the evening included all-you-can-eat brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers and a variety of pizzas by the slice. Drinks included water and lemonade. There was also a bar on site for those that wanted additional beverages.

The team mascot Samson the Sasquatch came over and interacted with Chamber members on occasion. The kids were welcome to participate in any of the youth activities.

Around 7 p.m., Michaela Horn, director, and Brianne Bon-

net, assistant director, addressed the group and thanked everyone for coming out to the game for the night. They held a special drawing for two of the Belle Fourche stickers specifically for those that were in attendance.

The Connect and Collect drawing for \$400 was held. All Chamber Members were entered into that drawing. The member drawn must be at the Mixer to claim the winnings. This month Leavitt Group was the lucky winner; however, there was no one from their business in attendance so the \$400 will roll over to next month's drawing.

The July Chamber Mixer will be at E & M Steel Products on Monday, July 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



Summer means outside music & indoor theater fun! Every Thursday the CON Visitors Center welcomes all for danceable bands & food. The Arts Council music in Herrmann Park starts June 30th, and late July will bring Minnesela to the stage.

BFACT Youth Theater Camp - "Center Stage" completed their two week camp with the CENTER STAGE SHOWCASE on June 19th. Under the leadership of BFACT member Sharon Thompson and many adult volunteers, the free program brought young actors onto the stage to experience all aspects of theater, including stage basics, improvisation, playwriting, musical theater, stage combat, auditions, choreography, character development, makeup, stage tech, and costuming. This program, the first of its kind in Belle Fourche, will likely continue for years to come!

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 25, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Dakota Country
- June 30, Concerts in Herrmann Park, 7 PM: USAF Academy Band
- July 1, Concerts in Herrmann Park, 7 PM: Belle Fourche Cowboy Band
- July 2, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Williams and Wright
- July 8, Concerts in Herrmann Park, 7 PM: Douglas Phillips
- July 9, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Jessica Loobey
- July 15, Concerts in Herrmann Park, 7 PM: Green Dolphin Jazz
- July 16, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Brandon Jones
- July 22, Concerts in Herrmann Park, 7 PM: Northern Hills Community Band
- July 23, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Wilt Brothers
- July 24-26, 7 PM: BFACT Production: MINNESELA
- July 29, Concerts in Herrmann Park, 7 PM: BFHS Drumline
- July 30, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Tim Zach Band
- August 6, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: JJ Kent w Aces and 8s

Center Stage Camp



From June 9th-21st the BFACT Youth Theater Camp & the BF JAM Program under the direction of Sharon Thompson brought young actors onto the stage to experience all aspects of theater, including stage basics, improvisation, playwriting, musical theater, stage combat, makeup, stage tech, and costuming. This program, the first of its kind in Belle Fourche, will likely continue for years to come!



Young writers and actors prepare to make the stage their own during the BFACT Youth Theater Camp SHOWCASE.



Young actors became very familiar with the backstage during the BFACT Youth Theater Camp.



Check out all the crazy characters getting ready for their scenes at the BFACT Youth Theater Camp SHOWCASE which was held on Friday evening, June 19th.

... Open House! ... June 28 ... 811 Yuma ...



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	JUL 1	BELLE FOURCHE COWBOY BAND 5 PM
	JUL 8	DOUGLAS PHILLIPS 7 PM
	JUL 15	GREEN DOLPHIN JAZZ 7 PM
	JUL 22	NORTHERN HILLS COMMUNITY BAND 7 PM
	JUL 29	BELLE FOURCHE HIGH DRUMLINE 7 PM

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Center of the Nation Show and Shine Draws Car Enthusiasts

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BELLE FOURCHE—Rows of cars, from classic cars to newer vehicles and everything in between, were on display at Napa for the annual Center of the Nation Show and Shine on June 20, giving car enthusiasts plenty to admire. “It is a fantastic turnout! There is a little combination of every kind of car here you can think of—cars and pickups, and we have fun doing it! That’s why we do it,” said Mike Jongeling, vice president of the Center of the Nation Car Club.

The event first started in the early 1990s at Herrmann Park, but then took a break and came back last year bigger and better than ever! “We’ve got the Center of the Nation Car Show, Show and Shine today and we’ve got a great turnout! We’ve got a ton of cars here,” explained Jongeling. “We started last year again—it stopped years previous, the car show here in Belle Fourche... We’ve got over 100 cars here today!”

Signing up for the event was free. All participants had to do was register to participate. “No registration fee, everything was through sponsorship, as far as setting up and putting everything together, it’s all done by volun-

teers. Napa gave us a place here to be, and we just come down and have a good time,” said Jongeling. “The Belle Fourche Fire Department came out and wet the lot down for us. We appreciate all our sponsors!”

Loud music greeted visitors to the car show, making the whole atmosphere festive. There was a bouncy house for kids to enjoy and Mama O’s food truck was onsite for lunch. Crazee Cow was on hand offering ice cream.

Around 1 p.m. the sky started to turn grey and some of the fancy show cars headed out early to avoid any kind of bad weather. “It looks like everyone is pulling out, because it looks like we might get some weather, but we had a great showing,” said Jongeling.

Everyone seemed to have a good time, and the Center of the Nation Show and Shine is planning for another car gathering next year. “Absolutely yes! We are set to do it again next year,” shared Jongeling. “So, we’d love to see everybody come down again next year!”

The Center of the Nation Show and Shine group said an event like this isn’t possible without the support of many people. “We thank all our sponsors, and we really appreciate people coming out,” said Jongeling.



Car lovers came in droves to the Center of the Nation Show and Shine held at Napa. Longbrake photo(s)



The food trucks were a popular stop at the car show.



Classic Chevy Camaro Z28 on display at the car show.



This car is the winner of the People’s Choice Award. All of the spectators that gathered for the car show got to vote for their favorite car of the day.

Tri-State Museum’s Legal Exhibit Expands to Include Noted Judge’s Desk

BELLE FOURCHE—The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center has long had a legal exhibit, with interesting artifacts from area judges and lawyers. It is now expanded with a significant addition: the desk of Judge Robert Tschetter.

Tschetter practiced law in Belle Fourche from 1974 to 1981 when he was appointed to the bench. He served as 8th circuit court judge until his retirement in 1993.

The desk was moved from the Butte County Courthouse in 1995 to a storage facility when the courthouse began renovations. Clerk of Courts Alana

Jensen offered it to the museum and Collections Archivist Jada Udager took possession for the Tri-State’s collections.

Judge Tschetter was noted for his wood-working skills and the fact that a canoe he had made was suspended from the ceiling of his chambers. He did not, however, make this unique “partner’s desk” which has a deep top and two sets of drawers, one at each end of the pedestal.

The solid oak desk was in good shape but needed to have the laminate top taken off to really set off its attractiveness. Udager used a heat gun provided by Lee Capp to remove the

laminate and adhesive below it. The desk was then sanded with a sealer on top and finished with a coat of urethane.

The desk now holds a variety of legal artifacts, including a gavel that belonged to Judge Tschetter. His robe hangs on the wall behind the desk, and the desk now holds a variety of legal artifacts. A photo of Judge Tschetter, smiling as if enjoying a good joke, sits on a back counter.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. Its summer hours are Monday-Saturday 9 to 5 and Sunday 1-4. Call 605-723-1200.



Mrs. Dee Tschetter and daughter, Mary Beth Lavern. Courtesy photo



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- July 24th – Weigh Up Cow & Bull Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- July 31st – Yrfg & Fall Calf Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- August 7th – Yrfg & Fall Calf Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- August 14th – No Sale Due To The Sturgis Bike Rally
- August 21st – Yearling Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- August 28th – Yearling Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- September 4th – Yearling Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle

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- 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
- August 27th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- September 3rd - Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- September 10th - Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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by **Mary Buchholz**

100 years ago Northwest Bee July 8, 1926
ALL FORMER RECORDS SHATTERED Largest Crowd in History of Show Attended 9th Annual Round-Up Earl Thode, of Belvidere, S. D., SD Champion Bronc Rider – Jay Snively, of Oklahoma, Champion Bulldozer – Lenard Stroud, of Rock Ford, Colo, Won Steer Roping, Contest – Dick Raburn, of Presho, S. D. Best All-Round Cowboy For the ninth consecutive year the management of the Tri-State Round-Up has proven that it is possible to make the show bigger and better every year. The weather man was kind, the enormous crowds were good natured, and the events at the ground each afternoon were fast and furious, and plenty wild enough to suit the most blood-thirsty patron. The crowd on Monday was estimated at 13,400 the second day 10,000, and the third day 7,000, making a total of 30,400 for the three days. Monday was the big day, and in spite of the fact that it was the first day, when as a usual thing the organization is not working as smoothly as in the days that follow, it was one of the best in many years. The contestants were rarin' to go and the horses and cattle seemed equally as willing to give the audience a big run for their money. The events ran rapid, so fast that it was impossible for one person to keep track of all that was going on at one time. A saddle buckler or a bare back horse out of chutes 1 and 5, a bareback steer out of chute 3, etc., trick riders and trick ropers on the track, two troops of cavalry from Ft. Meade, showing how saber charges, pistol charges and rifle volleys are fired by Uncle Sam's fighting men. Chief Crazy Horse and his Indians in their picturesque costumes, and last but by a long shot the wildest of the wild events, the wild horse race, kept the spectators busy popping their eyes this way and that way, while over it all Clyde Ice dropped arial bombs to tell this part of the universe that the greatest rodeo in the whole world was a popping, and the wildest experience. Not only was it a success from the standpoint of those who came hundreds of miles to see it, cars from forty-two states being checked on the grounds, but it was a success in a financial way, and that means that next year still more improvements will be made and a better show will be put on. The program opened Monday afternoon with a short observance of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. There was a

silent tribute to the heroes of the World War. "American" by the entire assembly, accompanied by the band, and then a short talk by Governor Gunderson of South Dakota. **BULLOCK'S COWBOYS ORGANIZE Old-Time Range Riders Had Enjoyable Time at First Reunion and Will Meet Annually in Future.** Twenty-three of the cowboys who participated in the parade at the inauguration of President Theodore Roosevelt on March 4, 1905, were in Belle Fourche this week to attend the first reunion of Bullock-Roosevelt Cowboys. Tom Mix had promised to be present, but at the last minute advised that he could not come; the same was true of the Roosevelt boys. This was a disappointment to those who did come to the reunion, but they did not let that absence of these men dampen their ardor or curtail their "hashing over" of events of by-gone days. Arrangements for entertaining the boys were in the hands of Jess Driskill of Spearfish, Joe Dulling of Sheridan, Wyo., and Ed Cessna of Belle Fourche. Joe Dulling came from Sheridan the first of last week and devoted his entire time to seeing that the "boys" were properly cared for and entertained. Headquarters were established at the K. P. hall, where plenty of easy chairs and other comforts and conveniences had been arranged. A special section of the grand stand at the Round-Up grounds had been set aside for the use of these old-timers and their families. Those present were: Joe Duling, Conton, Pringle, S.D.; Theo. Shoemaker, Custer, S. D.; Ed Cessna, Belle Fourche; Shock Hall, Bison, S. D.; James Halley, Keystone, S. D.; Dave Thompson, Spearfish, S.D.; J. Ren Gardner, Beulah, Wyo.; W. F. Matthews, Beulah, Wyo.; J. L. Bentley, Deadwood, S. D.; Jack Hale, Sturgis, S. D.; Frank Smith, Sturgis, S.D.; G. H. Waite, Sioux City, Ia.; D. P. Roberts, Belle Fourche; Robert Holcaamb, Rapid City, S. D.; C. H. Wilson, Buffalo, S. D.; Henry Roberts, Belle Fourche; Fred W. Wilson, Buffalo, S. D. There have been many other reunions of old-timers in various parts of the country, but for straight-from-the-shoulder uninterrupted visiting from early morning until late at night, the Bullock-Roosevelt cowboys will get all the metals. They had several million things to talk about – things that happened on the ranges of the Northwest in the early days, inquiring as where is this fellow, where is that fellow; is Old Hank dead? Well, that's too bad; and so on with an almost endless number of questions to their companions of the days when the chuck wagon was their café and the

round-up bed in the sage brush was their "room with bath?" Years have served to tame some of their characteristics, but the members of the Bullock-Roosevelt cowboys who were in Belle Fourche last week acted as though they had not a care in the world, and were enjoying life to the fullest extent. Wednesday afternoon they were individually introduced to the crowd in the grand stand, each member arising as his name was called. After the introduction, Clyde Johnson of Sharidan, the official orator of the group, made a short talk, expressing the appreciation of the member for the treatment and courtesies they had received in Belle Fourche. Wednesday morning automobiles came from Deadwood to take them to Roosevelt monument where Photographer Trabold took a moving picture of the group with the monument as a background. **75 years ago Belle Fourche Bee July 5, 1951**
\$5,425 for Lamb Was Highest in History Even in this day of outrageous high prices, \$5,425 for one lamb seems incredible, but during World War I, that is what one small, unassuming, prospective mutton chop sold for. Impossible? Not at all. When Belle Fourche's Community Club of 1918 took on the project of raising the county's quota of the Third War Loan Drive and the United War Service Organizations budget, they planned a rodeo to raise funds. One of the features of the two-day celebration was a Red Cross benefit street auction of donated articles of all kinds brought in by townspeople and country folks. It was at this auction that a lamb donated by Oliver Rose, Sr., ad held in the arms of Alcester Rose, sold and re-sold until \$5,415 had been taken in. In addition, picture of the attractive girl with the lamb sold for \$5 each, bringing the receipts from that one animal up to \$6000. Finale to the story came some days later, after Kirk Baxter, chairman of the Red Cross in Butte county, sent a telegram to President Wilson. He stated that he believed that \$5,425 was the highest price ever paid for a lamb and that since the animal was so exclusive he wondered if perhaps it could not be allowed to partake of one plentiful meal from the delicious blue grass of the White House lawn. Wilson politely declined the offer, but thanked the community warmly for the generous Red Cross contribution.

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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
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	1	Black-Hfrt	855	345.00	\$2,949.75
	1	Bwf-Cow	1270	215.00	\$2,730.50
	3	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1338	189.00	\$2,529.45
	1	Black-Cow	1305	185.00	\$2,414.25
Paul Winkler, Newell SD	15	Black-Cow	1622	189.50	\$3,073.69
	5	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1396	193.50	\$2,701.26
	4	Black-Cow	1126	282.50	\$3,181.65
Consignment From MT	7	Black-Hfrt	1097	318.00	\$3,488.91
Paul Palczewski, Ludlow SD	1	Black-Cow	1375	192.00	\$2,640.00
Rauth Ranch Inc, Alva WY	1	Black-Cow	1470	190.00	\$2,793.00
Jumpoff Ranch Llc, Camp Crook SD	4	Black-Hfrt	965	340.00	\$3,281.00
	1	Black-Hfrt	1060	337.50	\$3,577.50
	1	Bwf-Hfrt	1030	335.00	\$3,450.50
Consignment From MT	7	Black-Cow	1406	191.00	\$2,686.27
Lonesome Pine Ranch Llc, Aladdin WY	1	Bwf-Cow	1470	195.00	\$2,866.50
Matt Or Donna Perino, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Hfrt	1050	330.00	\$3,465.00
	1	Bwf-Cow	1520	191.00	\$2,903.20
B & L Betz Cattle, Clearmont	10	Black-Cow	1513	185.50	\$2,805.68
Quinn Burley, Broadus MT	2	Black-Cow	1588	187.00	\$2,968.62
Snook Land & Lvstk. Llc., Sundance WY	8	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1562	187.50	\$2,928.51
	1	Black-Cow	1525	176.00	\$2,684.00
Lucas Stolhammer, Newcastle WY	1	Bwf-Cow	1670	189.00	\$3,156.30
	1	Bwf-Cow	1500	187.00	\$2,805.00
	1	Black-Cow	1360	193.00	\$2,624.80
Muleshoe Ranch Inc, Belle Fourche SD	20	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1509	189.50	\$2,858.60
	4	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1194	275.00	\$3,282.81
	6	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1268	195.00	\$2,473.25
Duane Odegard, Anvada WY	24	Rd/Blk-Cow	1449	190.50	\$2,761.05
	1	Black-Cow	1215	190.00	\$2,308.50
Gail Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	5	Black-Cow	1321	191.00	\$2,523.11
	1	Black-Cow	1235	257.50	\$3,180.12
Kling Ranch Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1435	192.00	\$2,755.20
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	3	Black-Cow	1247	202.50	\$2,524.50
	1	Bwf-Cow	1315	199.00	\$2,616.85
Tom Coolahan, Hermosa SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1325	193.00	\$2,557.25
	1	Black-Cow	1225	235.00	\$2,878.75
Jacoi Lee Tracy, Newcastle WY	21	Black-Cow	1500	191.00	\$2,865.45
	9	Black-Hfrt	1113	310.00	\$3,451.33
	10	Black-Cow	1316	192.00	\$2,526.72
Burdick Ranch, Baker MT	24	Black-Cow	1596	188.00	\$3,000.95
	7	Black-Cow	1334	195.00	\$2,601.85
	8	Black-Cow	1371	197.50	\$2,708.21
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	1	Black-Cow	1500	184.00	\$2,760.00
Jason Duprel, Newell SD	6	Rd/Blk-Cow	1608	182.00	\$2,925.65
B & L Betz Cattle, Clearmont	11	Black-Cow	1539	190.50	\$2,931.10
Jerry Stearns, Edgemont SD	4	Black-Cow	1385	189.00	\$2,617.65
	5	Black-Cow	1374	189.00	\$2,596.86
	1	Black-Cow	1270	192.00	\$2,438.40
	1	Black-Cow	1260	201.00	\$2,532.60
M W Cattle Co Llc, Newcastle WY	10	Blk-Cow	1377	192.50	\$2,650.72
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Cheryl Burghdoff, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Bull Df	2325	230.00	\$5,347.50
Dobrenz Family Trust, Rancheater WY	1	Black-Bull Df	2285	225.00	\$5,141.25
Jack Owen, Alzada MT	1	Red-Bull	2105	221.00	\$4,652.05
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Friends & Family of Lenee, Colt, & Rowdy Special to the Beacon

On the morning of Sunday, June 21, 2026, tragedy struck for the second time in less than a year.

Lenee Richardson and her two sons, Colt (12) and Rowdy (11), were living in Alzada, Montana, when an apparent propane leak caused a catastrophic explosion in the early morning hours when one of the boys went to cook a frozen pizza.

In an instant, their home was completely destroyed.

The force of the explosion leveled the house, making it nothing short of a miracle that Lenee, Colt, and Rowdy escaped with their lives.

Lenee suffered a concussion, head injuries requiring staples, and other injuries from the blast. Although she has been released from the hospital, she continues to recover from her physical injuries and the emotional trauma of this devastating event while she advocates for her boys in the hospital.

Rowdy sustained burns, lacerations and a broke wrist. He is going to be okay but has a lot of recovery ahead.

Colt suffered severe burns and was flown to the burn unit in Denver. He faces a long and difficult recovery with 40% of his body covered in 2nd & 3rd degree burns.

The family is currently in Denver while Colt and Rowdy receive specialized treatment. At this time, they have no home, no vehicle, and no timeline for when they will be able to return to daily life.

This tragedy comes after a prior devastating loss. In July 2025, the family lost their trailer home in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, to a fire. Thankfully no one was injured, but the family was still working to recover from that loss when this second tragedy occurred.

Now, less than a year later, they have lost everything once again.

The home destroyed in the explosion was a rental and was not covered by renters insurance. Their vehicle and RV were also destroyed. Several of the family's dogs were injured in the explosion and require care as well.

Lenee is unable to work due to her injuries, the emotional trauma she has endured, and the need to remain by her sons' side throughout their recovery. Right

now, she should be focused on caring for Colt and Rowdy—not worrying about how to replace every basic necessity her family has lost.

The family now faces the overwhelming task of starting over from nothing while navigating a medical crisis.

Funds raised will help provide:

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- Assistance rebuilding their lives after losing everything

Anyone who knows Lenee knows the tremendous love she has for her boys. She is a devoted mother who has endured more heartbreak and loss than most people experience in a lifetime. After surviving

one devastating fire and now a near-fatal explosion, she is once again faced with rebuilding her family's life from the ground up.

Ways You Can Help

Pray—Please keep Lenee, Colt, and Rowdy in your prayers. Pray for healing, comfort, strength, successful surgeries, and complete recovery. Pray that God surrounds them with support, peace, and hope during the difficult months ahead.

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Thank you for helping carry this family through one of the

darkest times of their lives.

“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” — Galatians 6:2

Special thanks to neighbors who saved the family and first responders.

With heartfelt gratitude, Friends and Family of Lenee, Colt, and Rowdy

Current Updates

1. Lenee is with the boys advocating for their care.
2. Rowdy is receiving treatment and surgeries for burns and lacerations. The Carbon Monoxide affected his lungs so he's receiving care for that, and expected to make a full recovery.
3. Colt made it out of the ICU! He will be receiving specialized burn care and is expected to require surgeries, possibly skin grafts, and a prolonged hospital stay.
4. The boys are on the same floor and able to hang out together.
5. The family remains in Denver while Colt and Rowdy receive medical treatment and has no home to return to when they are discharged.



After the explosion. Courtesy photo

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By John Newby "Building Main Street, not Wall Street"
Small Communities Die Holding Onto Yesteryear!

A good friend called me not long ago, frustrated. His town had a real shot at something big, a project that could have changed the trajectory of his downtown for a generation. Instead, it got picked apart in a back room and committee accepting the lowest bar possible until there was nothing left worth doing. I have heard versions of that same phone call more times than I can count, from more towns than I can name. The details change. The ending rarely does.

There is an old parable about a fisherman with a bucket of crabs and no lid. He does not need one. Every time a crab starts to climb out, the others reach up and pull it back down. I used to think that story was about jealousy. I have come to believe it is about something more specific. It is about people who once had the energy to climb, who got tired of trying, and who now find it easier to keep everyone else at the bottom with them.

That is the poverty mindset, and it has nothing to do with how much money is in the bank. It is a habit of thought that treats every bold idea as a risk to be managed down to nothing rather than an investment to be grown. It shows up in government, chambers, and Main Street meetings where a new idea gets nodded at politely and quietly buried. It shows up in city councils that table the proposal for further study, again, for the third year running. It is the enemy of vision, and without vision and a willingness to



change, a community has no defense against decline. Of course, it is all masked in the robes of tradition, the way it was years ago, and a lack of willingness to grow with the times.

We can all fall into this insidious trap.

The research backs up what those of us in this work have felt for years. Communities that pursue strategic revitalization through coordinated programming have generated more than eighteen dollars in new private and public investment for every dollar spent operating the program itself. Rawlins, Wyoming, took its downtown vacancy rate from 45 percent down to 10 percent after committing to that kind of sustained, strategic investment. None of that happened by accident, and none of it happened because someone decided the safest path was also the smartest one. The safest path is rarely the best one.

Here is the harder truth I want to share, and I want to share it with respect, because I mean it that way. The biggest obstacle most small communities face right now is not a lack of money, talent, or opportunity. It is a leadership bench that is aging out and has not prepared anyone to take its place. Nearly half of small business owners in this country are 55 or older, and barely half of them have any kind of formal succession plan in place. That is not a criticism of the men and women who built these businesses and these towns with their own two hands. They earned every bit of credit they have.

But the towns that survive the next decade will be the ones that turn that hard won wisdom into mentorship rather than gate-keeping, and the ones that fade will be the ones where every new idea must clear the approval of someone who has already decided the answer is no.

I think most of the resistance is not stubbornness so much as exhaustion. Leaders who have watched grant applications get rejected and projects fall apart for years develop a perfectly understandable defense mechanism. They stop expecting things to work. The trouble is that low expectation becomes a forecast that fulfills itself, and a town cannot out organize a leadership culture that has quietly decided nothing here ever changes.

Look at your own downtown with honest eyes. Is the holdup really a lack of resources, or is it that the people steering the conversation have been steering it the same way for thirty years and have never been asked to pass the wheel to someone with new eyes? The towns thriving right now are not the lucky ones. They are the ones where longtime leaders made room at the table on purpose, brought newcomers and younger voices into real decision-making roles, and let big ideas survive contact with daylight instead of dying in committee.

Here is what you can do this week. Go to your next chamber, council, or Main Street board meeting and ask one direct question out loud: who is being groomed to lead this effort five years from now? If the honest answer is nobody, say so, kindly but clearly, and volunteer to help build that bridge yourself. Every reader in every community can do that within the next seven days, and it costs nothing but the willingness to speak up.

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden



The week was a cooler spring time weather pattern with Sunday being almost perfect in the low to mid 70s. While it's still a beautiful green in Central Meade County, we are due for some moisture. Cedar Canyon Bible Camp started out this year with Yesterday's Kids Camp on Monday, July 13. It went from 9:30 - 4:00 pm. Edna Smith played favorite requests while Becky Paul and her crew prepared a meal and other refreshments. Pastor Jake Julson provided the message. There was an emphasis on our country's 250th birthday and guests shared stories of

what America has meant to them. The camp is located at 16299 Stomprud Road, Faith SD. Cedar Canyon Camp for kids of all ages takes place in July so one will want to contact the camp in order to register soon. As a reminder the Union Center Centennial celebration is happening on June 22. It will begin with a parade at 2:00 pm that day on Ballfield Road. More details to follow. As another reminder, there is a special 'run-off' election for Governor at this time. One may go in to your county courthouse and vote now on any business day up until the actual election day which is July

28. Voter turnout can be very low for these special elections so it's important for folks to know this now. Larry and Sandy Rhoden spent a couple of days in Nashville, Tennessee for meetings. They were able to visit with and get to know better some Governors and First Spouses of those from other states. Sandy enjoys time with Kjerstin Armstrong of North Dakota and got to know Sarah Sander's husband and other First Ladies from Tennessee, Indiana and more.

Capitol News June 22, 2026 by Karen Odell

Capitol and Tie Creek got a good rain, this week. Things cooled down, and work outside was pleasant.



Erma Albert is at the Heartland Home Health Center in Spearfish, and Dick has spent much time with her. Their daughter, Heather, has come to spend time with them both, too. Last Sunday, Alvin and Marlee Cordell went in to the Camp Crook Community Center for a special birthday party for Donna Pope. It was Donna's eightieth birthday, and the Cordell family and friends had a special party for her. Some people stayed afterward to play cards, in the afternoon. Alvin Cordell went to Belle Fourche, on Monday, to do some shopping. On Thursday, Marlee went into Belle Fourche to watch grandson, Gavin's, baseball game. Gavin will be going to Dickinson State University in the fall. Marlee's grandson, Cade, came back to the ranch with her, and stayed to help out for a few days. Alvin, Marlee and Cade had supper at the Corner Bar on Saturday night. They all went to church at the Methodist Church on Sunday morning. This week, Alvin has been spraying weeds

at the Horton place, and the Yates place. Alvin's bulls have been turned out, so summer is on the way. Ryan and Tawni Cordell went to Camp Crook for the anniversary party for Chris and Colleen Long. When Ryan talked to Kent Williams, he learned that there had been an inch of rain up in the Sheep Mountains. There had been two inches of rain north of Camp Crook, too. Daughter, Ashley Pearson, called Alvin, on Sunday, for a Father's Day visit. When Ronda Cordell had visited the T-Bar in Ekalaka, it was actually to visit with Oren Basler and his cousins as they celebrated Oren's sixteenth birthday. He and some cousins were playing games. Last week, Ronda was busy in her yard pulling weeds, watering, and planting a few flowers. She was also busy with branding and running to events. Between Oren Basler and Curt Zolnoski, her yard got mowed again. The rains had brought on some sudden growth, and the green is a welcome sight. Chad and Curt Zolnoski brought their boys out, last Thursday, to spend some time with Oren before he had to leave on Saturday. Oren had been chosen to go on a trip to five European countries, where an assembly

of 270 band students from throughout the United States will play music in five different cities. When the rain shower quit, on Thursday, Chad and the boys headed out to shoot the infestation of prairie dogs that have moved into Ronda's west pasture. They took advantage of the extra manpower, and branded the last fifty calves, on Friday. After lunch, the hunters headed south to the big prairie dog town. The prairie dogs must've had some large litters. It was reported by the hunters that there were four or five dogs on nearly every dog mound. Ronda has been seeing prairie dogs crossing the roads in many areas. One day as she went to the Buck Ranch, she saw individual prairie dogs as she turned onto Padden Road from Tie Creek Road. Another was crossing the road near Cridland's. Another near the old Eilert house, and another near the first dam as you enter Buck's. She saw the prairie dogs on two other places on Buck's. The last one she saw that day, was near Buck's School Section, trying to run from the Can-Am in the thick grass. It looks like they're going to take the whole country over if a plague doesn't set in. Last Friday evening, Ronda drove to Ekalaka for

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the Southeast Electric's annual meeting and supper. The event was well attended. Chad and Roudy had headed home by the time she got back, because Roudy had an archery meet to attend on Saturday. Curt, Caden and Carsen stayed over at Clint and Denise Zolnoski's an extra night. They stopped up at Ronda's on Saturday before heading back. In the afternoon, Ronda drove to Camp Needmore to attend Dave and Diane Adam's reception. She was reacquainted with several people that she hadn't seen in years, and enjoyed a delicious meal. Last Sunday, Ronda attended Donna Skulborstad-Pope's 80th birthday party at the Camp Crook Area Community Center. There was quite a group of cousins from far away, that attended the party, and Ronda had quite a bit of 'catch up' visiting to do. Karen Odell did more mowing this week, and wrote some music. The grass is green and growing at Capitol and on Tie Creek. Last week brought some excitement to Karen's life, when daughter and granddaughter, Mollie and Kyia Smith, came to visit for a week. It seemed they were busy every second of each day, cleaning, sorting, fixing and trimming outside. On Friday, Karen and Mollie took Hywel to the dog groomer in Spearfish. It is a wonderful place, and dogs

soon learn to like it. In Spearfish, they had lunch with Kyia, and Kyia's other grandmother, Charlene Rosencranz, and Kyia's cousin, Porter Smith. Kyia had spent a couple of days out at the Rosencranz place, and she rode back home with Mollie and Karen. They stopped in Alzada on the way home. When Mollie and Kyia left to go back to Minnesota, on Sunday, they took a cute little tiny kitten with them. Karen visited with her cousin, Ralph Anderson in Indiana, on Wednesday. This Sunday there was a good, half-inch rain. Karen went to the Methodist Church in Camp Crook, where Alan Loken conducted the services. Karen played piano for the hymns. The congregation enjoyed two special songs by Alan's granddaughter, Oreyna Mae Loken, who performed the sign language for each song. Oreyna has been learning American Sign Language for a few years, and does a wonderful job of performing it to the music. Her sign language even interprets the instrumental parts of the music. In the afternoon, Karen visited with her brother, Jim Evans, in Bluffton, Ohio. Please include Erma Albert, and her family, in your prayers, this week. Quote for the week, "Your critic is not only afraid of you, but also hates himself."

PRESSED BETWEEN THE PAGES #38

by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel



The old butcher knife settled into the bottom of the pail as Mom carried it out the gate. A wide-brimmed straw hat and a long-sleeved pink shirt, our mother's typical outdoor spring attire, protected her fair skin from the sun. An everyday apron covered the front of her homemade cotton wash dress. I skipped beside her, presenting her with dandelions that grew along the dirt road that ran next to the shelter belt. Leaves of tall and short trees whispered in the South Dakota breezes. A row of wild plums shimmered next to us in the dappled light. "Looks like we

"Treasures in the Woods"

will have plums for jam this year." Mom pointed to the small light-green ovals that would mature into purple fruit. A yellow-breasted bird trilled from the fencepost ahead. "That's a meadowlark." Mom added that the bird probably has a nest on the ground close by. A bend in the road allowed access to the pasture gate on the left or the dirt road that continued on between the trees and a field. Tender new blades of corn fluttered in the wind. Mom scanned the groundcover below the trees as we walked. Suddenly, she smiled and I knew she had found the hidden treasure. A patch of green sprouts protruded from the earth under a giant cottonwood. She set down the

pail, reached for the butcher knife and sliced off seven leafless, pointy shoots at the ground. She said new shoots would come up in a few days. Soon we were off to find more. Mom knew the places where the asparagus plants had grown for a lot of years and the stash grew. "Did you plant it here?" I wondered. "No, the birds did. When we stop picking the asparagus, it will grow tall and make seed pods on top. The birds eat the seeds, then poop them out when they sit in a tree or on a fencepost." Suddenly, the grass moved ahead of us, a single wave. Something was running silently. "A hen pheasant." Mom explained that her plain feathers are

a camouflage. Just then, I noticed a nest tucked under a fallen branch. Soft dry grass surrounded a clutch of twelve olive-colored eggs. Mom said the hen pheasant had been sitting on them. "She'll be back." We moved on. When we headed home, Mother's hands were full. The bucket of asparagus swung from her right. My small hand happily nestled in her left. Asparagus has a delicious history, having been raised for food for more than 2,000 years. The Greeks and Romans prized the plant's medicinal properties. Later, European royalty considered it a delicacy. Colonists brought asparagus roots to America in the 1650s. The vegetable is a powerhouse of nutrition, providing folate, vitamins K, A and C and fiber. It also contains glutathione, an antioxidant and

cancer-fighter. That night Mom cooked a kettle of asparagus, which she and Dad loved. With wrinkled nose, I forced down the required one bite. Our mother considered those green stalks growing from the earth year after year as gifts, treasures to feed her family. Looking back, I realize the real treasure was not the asparagus, but the time shared with our mother, hand-in-hand with nature. And now, strangely enough, I love asparagus! The author's column appears in a growing number of Midwest newspapers. Kruempel compiles and publishes the column stories every year. She has also published a historical fiction series, "Promises to Keep." Her ten books are available on Amazon. Contact Kruempel at deannkruempelauthor@gmail.com.

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Roots #67

“Trouble with Turkeys”

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Last week, I wrote about Luna, a well-behaved, loyal Pyrenean Mountain dog who easily wins the hearts of humans, even those who are not enamored with pretty pets of any kind.

In reflection, I have been ruminating about pets. Of course, it is normal to fall in love with a pretty, playful kitten, a tail wagging canine, a chattering parakeet, but why do some humans favor more atypical pets?

What qualities do animals such as skunks, weasels, racoons or other wild animals possess to make these creatures appealing pets?

Or, why, for example are some humans comfortable living together with a giant boa constrictor, tarantula or any number of other exotic dangerous species?

Or for that matter, do turkeys make good pets?

So of course, this is a true story about a pet tom turkey.

Some time ago we lived on a small farm in Wisconsin. Our two sons were in elementary school. We had a horse, two friendly dogs and a couple of brown and white bunnies on our little farm. We had many neighbors most of whom lived on small parcels of land along the pristine St. Croix River valley among pastoral rolling hills and large stands of oak and pine trees.

Our nearest neighbors often went on horse trekking adventures, and it was not unusual to be asked to perform some farm chores for them during their absences.

My youngest son, Shay was ten, a perfect age to help mom haul water to two old horses, a goat, feed and water some chickens, and barn cats, weed the garden, and mow the grass around the apple orchard, Neighbors helping neighbors. Not a problem. Happy to oblige.

No one said anything about a prized family pet, a big bronze tom turkey

Supposedly according to one turkey expert, “They

(turkeys) are friendly and can be good pets as they may follow their people around like a dog.” The same expert reassuringly suggested, “Bronze turkeys do not make good guard dogs or primary livestock protectors as they lack the physical capability, aggression, and stamina needed to fight off determined predators.” I beg to differ.

Further along on the website I read, “A large Tom (male) turkey can be surprisingly aggressive toward humans or small pests.” No doubt whatsoever.

As I recall, Shay and I were in the garden weeding and collecting produce when he first spotted the big bronze heading towards us with determined speed.

“What is that thing?” Shay asked.

When I looked up the beast was nearly upon us. There was fire in his eyes and before we could react the bird flew up in front of us with sharp talons poised in the air, at eye level.

“Run!!!” I shouted.

Shay dropped the hoe and a container of fresh strawberries. Together we ran past the orchard and toward the house the big bronze turkey close on our heels. We reached the screen door of the farmhouse porch just in time.

I don’t remember how long we stayed inside the screened-in porch, but I do remember feeling terrorized as the big turkey that had chased us all the way up the hill to the house strutted outside pecking at the ground.

Shay and I were clearly prisoners of this aggressive big bird. It wouldn’t leave and appeared to be perpetually watching us. We searched the porch for something we could use as a weapon. There was a lone garden claw, but that didn’t seem like effective defense against those ferocious talons and sharp beak.

Finally, it seemed the turkey seemed to be calmer. It was occupied searching for food in the grass and on the gravel driveway that separated the lawn from the porch. It appeared to have lost interest in us, its prey.

We decided to make a run for the car, parked about three hundred yards along

the circular driveway and near the front of the big brick farmhouse. Carefully, we eased out quietly, so as not to let the screen door slam to attract attention. We paused for a moment and waited apprehensively until we were sure that the bird’s back was turned.

Unfortunately for us, turkeys are quite hyper-vigilant. They have eyes on the sides of their heads and with their long, flexible necks, they are extremely good at spotting moving predators even when their backs are turned.

No sooner had we leaped off the stoop when the bird catapulted after us again.

We made it past the thick lilac bushes, then the catalpa tree, past the gazebo, the turkey still hot on our heels. Shay spotted a hose still running into a water tank for the horses and turned it on the bird. The jets of water were a formidable deterrent.

By this time, I reached the car, pulled the trunk open and was able to extract a golf

club, a nine-iron, to fend the bird back further. The hosing had only made the creature more determined to stalk and destroy us.

A couple of thwacks with the golf club stunned the big bird long enough for us to climb into the car and escape.

We continued to do the farm chores for our neighbors for another week or so until their return. We always kept our eyes open for the turkey and carried my nine-iron with us, just in case, but the bird kept its distance from us.

About a month or so later, our neighbor mentioned that his prize tom turkey and dear pet, Aristotle had lost a lot of feathers recently.

We never told them about beating the aggressive bird back with water and a golf club. Instead, I reminded him that turkeys like many other species are inclined to molting once a year or so.

I felt a bit guilty. Enough to consult the Audubon Society website for advice.

https://www.audubon.org/magazine/when-wild-turkeys-attack-how-survive-and-thrive-great-gobbler-world

It seems that turkeys do molt from time to time, sometimes stress related, but molting is mostly normal. On the Audubon website there were suggestions for encounters with aggressive poultry. For example, a folded-up garbage bag in your pocket can be used to frighten an aggressive turkey. Opening a folded umbrella works too. Wish I’d known that.

Also, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife suggests making yourself bigger by raising your arms and making loud noises. I’m afraid we weren’t prepared for a turkey attack as we should have been. Fortunately Aristotle the tom turkey survived and lived out his life on his humans’ farm. As far as I know, he never attacked a human again.



A turkey.



Belle Fourche Beacon ‘Happenings’ and News Bytes Calendar

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

Belle Fourche Writers

Belle Fourche Writers July meeting schedule: The editing meeting is Monday, July 6 from 2-4 PM. The regular July meeting is Saturday, July 18 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 if 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!

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

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Jonathan Ellis & Joe Sneve



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.

WHERE ARE THE PARKS?

PARK	STREET	LANDMARKS
Highland Park	National St.	Next to the Rec Center
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
Robb Park	State St.	Main Street/Next to Upper Level Fitness
River Walk/Disc Golf Course	State St. & More!	Tri State Museum/Center of the Nation Monument



GIVEAWAYS: Must be present to win!

Disc Golf Frisbees, Kickball, Pickleball Paddle & Ball Set, Wiffleball Set, Water Balloons, Basketball, Sidewalk Chalk, Art Supplies and more!

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Taught by new instructor Michele Lane!

Contact Tessa for more info at 605-892-2467

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Summer Parks & Rec Activities June 2026

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Parks Activities are FREE!
Rec Center Activities are FREE for Members and require a Day Pass for Nonmembers.
(Students \$4 ~ Seniors \$5 ~ Adults \$6 ~ Group of 2 \$10 ~ Family \$20)
Sign your Summer Activities Waiver and then attend any activities on the calendar-No Preregistration Required.
Watch Facebook and our website for any weather related changes/cancellations.

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 RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION

Because no candidate for Republican Governor received the required thirty-five percent of the vote in the primary election held on June 2, 2026, a runoff election will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, in each county in the state in all the voting precincts in Butte County.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. MST (mountain or central) time on the day of the election.

The polling place in each precinct of this county is as follows:

Table listing polling places for various precincts in Belle Fourche, SD, including Nisland, Castle Rock, Union, Horsecreek, and Newell.

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor at (insert phone number) before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people with disabilities.

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Voter registration for the Butte County Runoff Election to be held on July 28th, 2026, will close on July 13th, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the County Auditor's office, Municipal Finance Office, Secretary of State's office, and those locations that provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services.

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the County Auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration.

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Belle Fourche Community Litter Walk poster. Includes date (Saturday, July 11th, 8:00-10:30 AM), location (1804 7th Ave. Belle Fourche Global Methodist Church), and a call to action to help make a difference in the community.



BF Rec Group Fitness June 2026

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Calendar table showing fitness classes for each day of the month (Mon-Fri) with details on class times and activities like SilverSneakers, Yoga, and Line Dancing.

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.

WIT Meeting Focuses on 211, 988 and 911 Services

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NEWELL—The monthly meeting for the Whatever It Takes Coalition (WIT) got underway on June 15 at Newell Christian Fellowship Community Hall. The coalition is a group of Butte County citizens united to do “whatever it takes” to help form cohesive partnerships within the community.

Meetings are usually held over the lunch hour and provide a free luncheon to those who come to the meetings. This month, a variety of salads, vegetables, fruits, meats, cheeses and crackers were served. Cheesecake bites along with coffee and water were also provided.

As people were finishing up their lunch, Sabrina Harmon, director of WIT, led the Pledge of Allegiance and spent time introducing the meeting topic and speakers.

During the monthly meetings, one area organization spends the lunch hour educating attendees about the services it offers. This month, Brad Keizer and Adelina Trujillo with the Helpline Center shared information about local and national resources available to benefit community members.

Keizer shared information about the 211 system in South Dakota. When you dial 211, you get connected to local resources and referrals to community services, things like food, health care services, shelter, clothing, transportation and government services. It is available through phone



WIT members listen to Adelina Trujillo speak about the Helpline Center. Longbrake photo

call or text. “There’s always somebody willing to help connect you with thousands and thousands ... of resources that we have in our large database,” he said. “In that big building in Sioux Falls, our headquarters, there are people that just update that data all day—that’s their thing, they love to do it, they’re really good at it, and they’re continuously connecting with groups like yours that

say, hey, do you have a leadership change, an address change, a new program and make sure we have that at our fingertips.”

Trujillo is the mental health training coordinator for Helpline Center 988. When you dial 988, you will be connected to the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. The number is available 24/7 and works nationwide. “988 a lot of times people think of this number as

the suicide line—which it started as years ago, but since it has developed and really morphed into fitting the needs of society... yes, that is a suicide line, but we want to really, really, really educate people and really share with folks as much as we possibly can that it’s not just that,” explained Keizer. “If you know someone who’s having a rough day, if you have somebody that has anxiety,

maybe substance abuse issues, depression, and things of that nature—there are certified counselors waiting to help that individual, or help you, or help your friend, help your neighbor, help your loved one, all the time.”

All of the numbers work together, and 211, 988 and 911 are all able to transfer

WIT Meeting Contd. D4

Newell Playday Series Opens Summer Season

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NEWELL—Horses, kids and plenty of energy filled the arena on June 15 as the Newell Family Summer Playday Series got underway. The series is a summer staple in the small community, bringing families from across the area together for a day of fun in the arena.

The Newell Community Club is dedicated to ensuring all kids have the chance to participate in the events if they want. The age divisions start with the youngest among us and include events focused on practicing and participating without horses.

For ages 0-3 there is stick horse barrel racing, stick horse flag race, stick horse pole bending and wildcard. Age division 4-6 also has stick horse barrels, poles, flag race and adds in goat tail untying and dummy roping. These are all events that they will do on horseback when they get a little older.

In the 7 to 10 age division contestants compete in barrels, poles, flag race, goat tail untying on

horse, dummy roping and dummy team roping.

The next division is for ages 11 to 14. The events for them are barrels, poles, flag race, girls goat tying, boys goat tying, breakaway roping and dummy team roping.

The last division is for the older group, ages 15 to 19. They compete in barrels, poles, goat tying, breakaway roping and steer daubing.

All event registration is done online and the deadline is 1 p.m. on the day of each playday. Anyone can compete in the series. You don’t have to be a member. Although being a member has its perks, all members receive a T-shirt and if they compete in at least three of the playdays, they are then eligible for year-end awards.

To accommodate all of the kids, the rodeo committee has created two arenas out of one large main one. There is a larger one set up for barrel racing and flag race for all divisions and a smaller arena for pole bending, goat tying and breakaway roping. All of the stick horse events and

dummy roping competition take place outside of the arena.

The Summer Series is a good place to go for young competitors just starting out. You will find little kids on horseback working in the arena at the pace they choose. Kids on horseback with moms or dads leading them through the pattern. And sometimes a horseback rider will lead the horse and child through the pattern. The whole series is laid back, fun and allows for learning experiences for all levels of ability.

The playdays are held on Mondays and this year they have added two extra playdays to the series. In the past there were only four different dates, this year there are six, so there is more time to be involved, more time to learn, more time to rack up points for year-end prizes and more opportunities to meet the attendance requirements to be eligible for year-end awards.

The remaining dates are: June 29, July 6, July 13 and July 20 with the potluck and awards on July 27.



Competitors watch and wait for their turn. Right: A little cowboy getting ready to throw his rope in dummy roping. Longbrake photos



Kicking up dirt on a fast turn around the barrel.



Stick horse flag race is a fun event for tiny cowboys and cowgirls.



Grand River Roundup



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Missy brought her three youngest grandkids down to the ranch from Lanie and Matt Klug at South Heart, North Dakota to spend Monday and Tuesday and they had a lot of fun playing with Taz and Amanda's kids. Copper and River spent the weekend with their Aunt Josi Jensen and Amanda went to pick them up and brought them home so all the kids could play together.

Reub went spraying weeds up at our Horse Creek pasture Tuesday morning and stopped to visit Kaye Smith on the way home to see how she was doing. Tuesday was seven days before my surgery on June 23rd and that was when I had to quit taking aspirin, multiple vitamins and some other stuff to prepare for the surgery. Casey and Missy took Lanie and Matt's kids back up to South Heart that afternoon to watch Trace at his

baseball game, but after there was a lightning strike the game was called off before someone got hurt! I had a ZOOM call that evening with SDPRLCA to watch the statewide candidate video survey and got to see my old friend Lance Russell who is running for Attorney General in South Dakota. Lance and I served in the legislature together and he would make a great Attorney General. We got a new neighbor that night – Kent and Ashley Wilkinson are the proud parents of a baby girl born in Hettinger at 11:00 that night. Little Ali Maxine weighed in at 8lbs, 2oz and is 20 inches long and she joined an older brother Cap. Congratulations to the family!

Reub and I went to Hettinger early Wednesday morning so I could have an echo cardiogram of my heart to get ready for my surgery. That took almost two hours to get it done and we ate in town before we went to get stuff from

the vet clinic for Taz and stuff from Runnings and White Drug where Reub got his squeeze from his cousin Roxie Finck. We stopped in Reeder on the way home to have coffee and visit with the Prairie Pioneers, which is always fun.

Reub went spraying weeds at our Horse Creek pasture Thursday morning and I watered all four of my raised bed gardens and all of the flowers and flower beds. I called Lane Giannonatti that afternoon to see if I could get four dozen fertilized eggs from him to take up to Philip Anderson to put in the new incubator that he'd just bought and Lane said he had enough for me.

Reub went spraying weeds up at the Horse Creek pasture and he stopped at Lane Giannonatti's house on the way home to pick up the fertilized eggs and Lane wouldn't take any money for all those eggs. Thank you Lane!

Friday was a national holiday so we didn't get any mail on Juneteenth Day. A nice young Mexican man came walking in from the highway that afternoon because his pickup had the transmission go out and this young man, his dad and his friend had been sitting there for a long time along the highway waiting for his uncle to come up

from Rapid City to pick them up but his uncle got lost coming up from the south and everyone in the pickup was getting thirsty and hungry. I filled a gallon of water for them and Reub took it over in the pickup for them and then brought the young man and his Mexican friend home so I could feed them. His dad stayed in the pickup because he wanted to be there when the uncle came so after the two young guys ate some soup and salad, I made a sandwich and sent it over for that guy to eat while he was waiting. After going east to Faith from Newell and then going west to Buffalo from the Highway 20/Highway 79 junction, the uncle finally came back to Reva but Reub took the young Mexican down with him to Reva to show his uncle how get up to where their pickup had quit. Casey came over to help out and after having some good visits with those guys, Reub came home just before 11:00 when Casey brought the uncle in to the ranch to fill his gas tank so they had enough fuel to make it up to New Town, North Dakota where those guys were working.

Reub and I went up to Hettinger Saturday afternoon for Ashley Beld's funeral service at the Senior Citizens Center and got to visit with a lot of good

friends. When we came back to the ranch, Amanda was having a Father's Day party for a lot of fathers around here and we got to visit with a whole lot of fun people that came to the party, including a bunch of really cute little kids.

Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen were in church on Sunday after they got home from the Annual Conference of the AFLC at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota on June 9-13. Linda told us about WMF at the church conference and Pastor Henry told us about the church conference and the visit they had with Linda's relatives on Saturday on the way home. It was Father's Day and most of the hymns we sang mentioned fathers. Linda Mohagen and Lori Besler fed us a delicious lunch with coffee after the church service and we had some delicious ice cream and a movie that evening in honor of all the fathers in our church.

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers who are no longer with us.



Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

June 15, 1916

A \$25 reward is offered for information to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons interfering with or molesting any property here owned by the Belle Fourche & Northern Telephone Company, headquartered in Belle Fourche.

The Federal Trade Commission today continued its inquiry into the high prices of gasoline. They sought to determine where Standard Oil endangered the existence of the western states' independent jobbers.

The discovery of a floating body of a 14-year-boy in the Belle Fourche River near Nisland was supposed to be seen by Brake-man Will Miller. He followed it for a considerable distance without being able to affect a landing. He reported his finding to the freight crew and the Nisland Agent. The authorities were notified and several search parties were organized, but up to date no further trace of the body has been found. It is rumored that a boy of about that age has been missing from his home at Sturgis for about 2 weeks and some are inclined to believe that there may be some connection.

June 17, 1926

M. H. Maxwell and J. L. Kale of Winterset, Iowa, spent the past week in this vicinity, buying wild horses for use as broncs in the wild west show business. They picked up a carload of suitable stock, furnished mostly by Frank Glover, Kenneth Merrell and Frank Mitchell. It is reported the price was around \$20 per head.

Newell High School is one of the few schools in the state to boast of a museum. During the past school year, under supervision of Miss Soelberg of the Science Department, a collection of specimens has been made that compares favorably with museums of the larger High Schools of the country. A splendid collection of Indian artifacts, including arrow heads, clubs and grinding stones are already in the museum and many petrified pieces of wood as well as interesting rocks and

geological objects from the Bad Lands. A collection of coins is now being made which will be added to the museum this fall.

While visiting a certain little Black Hills city, Dr. L. H. Dunn says he met an estimable lady who convinced a lively interest in Newell and the thriving industries of the irrigated district and intends to make a visit here. She states of having the privilege of inspecting Mr. Bober's broad seed raising estate.

June 18, 1936

Masons to formerly open a new lodge edifice with a program open to the public, Grand Master S. G. Mortimer of Belle Fourche is in charge of the program. Members of Masonic Lodges from all the Black Hills territory are expected to be in attendance at the dedication ceremonies of the new \$10,000 Temple. The program will get underway at 4:00 PM, the time set for assembling and inspection of the new temple. Beginning at 5:00 PM, the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star will serve supper in the new dining room to raise funds to purchase additional kitchen equipment. Construction of the temple started last fall, and the work was completed recently. The first lodge meeting in the new building is set for the evening of July 7th.

Kingsbury & Sons store was broken into last Friday and about \$5. in cash was taken from the till by a 17-year-old youth. He was arrested and held in the county jail. Judge C. P. Seward said an effort would be made to place the boy under suitable guardianship. The youth, from the Pactola CCC Camp, confessed to breaking into the store. The boy's home is at Newell.

Notice has been received that men are being accepted at Ft. Meade, for the 4th Cavalry and Medical Corps. Applicants for enlistment must be from 18 to 35 years old, 115 pounds in weight, able to pass a medical test, physical examination and furnish letters from reputable citizens of their own community, testifying to their character. Living quarters at Ft. Meade

by Linda Velder

are as modern and up-to-date as any in the Army.

June 13, 1946

This week a news release of geophysical exploration being completed in this territory by the Wm Seyler Operating Company. Scores of stockholders of the Two-Top Gas & Oil Company of Newell, will be interested to learn that the company is still functioning and actively searching for oil in Butte County. The Two-Top Co will retain a substantial interest in a large, leased acreage in the territory, rewriting of leases and new leasing to cover a larger acreage than ever before. Adolph Amunson, Two-Top President, expressed the appreciation of the officers, directors and stockholders for their cooperation and patience during the 5-years of apparent inactivity. Other officers are Vice President M. J. O'Brien, Treasurer A. C. Erickson, Director A. E. Richards and Secretary Fred. E. Shourds.

Brodsky's Market informs and suggests us about the meat shortage. The more popular meat cuts are not always available; they would like to offer you a good selection of all types available whenever possible. They hope you will try the other meats when shortages upset your meal plans. Many friends of Herb Loewel are glad to see he is back at Brodsky's, after an illness of 10 days. The Brodsky family will leave Monday for Minneapolis where they will attend graduation exercises at the University of Minnesota at which their daughter Ruth will be awarded her degree in nursing.

Miss Sylvia B. Dobyons, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Dobyons of Vale became the bride of Harold J. Wetz, also Vale at the Presbyterian Church, Sturgis performed by the Rev Carroll D. Erskin. Gerald Wetz, Jr. and Miss Helen Wetz., were attending witnesses. The young couple are a very estimable couple and have a large circle of friends who extend congratulations for best wishes and long years of domestic joy, happiness, health and success.

June 21, 1956

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Square Dancers will hold a dance and jamboree at Ft. Meade, June 30 starting at 8:00 PM. It will be held outside, west of the recreation hall. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the Sturgis Auditorium. The caller for the jamboree is well known Virgil Knackstrid of Sidney, Nebraska. An afternoon practice session will be conducted from 2 to 4 at Ft. Meade. The Wagon Wheel Square Dance Club of Sturgis and the Ft. Meade Club are in charge of arrangements. All dancers and their friends are invited to the event.

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Keil are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born last Saturday evening at the Belle Fourche Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and has been named Kathy Lorraine. Two of the Keil boys, Pat and Joe are staying at the Garrett Kimball home while their mother is in the hospital.

Willie Weinheimer, 26-year-old Polish refugee enroute to Newell, was one of 1,232 refugees scheduled to arrive in New York City, June 11 aboard the US Navy Transport, the General Langfitt. Weinheimer was formally engaged as a coal miner, has been endorsed by the Lutheran Refugee Service and his local sponsor Edward Oksol, Newell farmer. Fraternal and Nationality organizations cooperate in helping bring refugees to the country and in the localities where sponsors have provided jobs and housing as required by the Refugee Act.

June 30, 1966

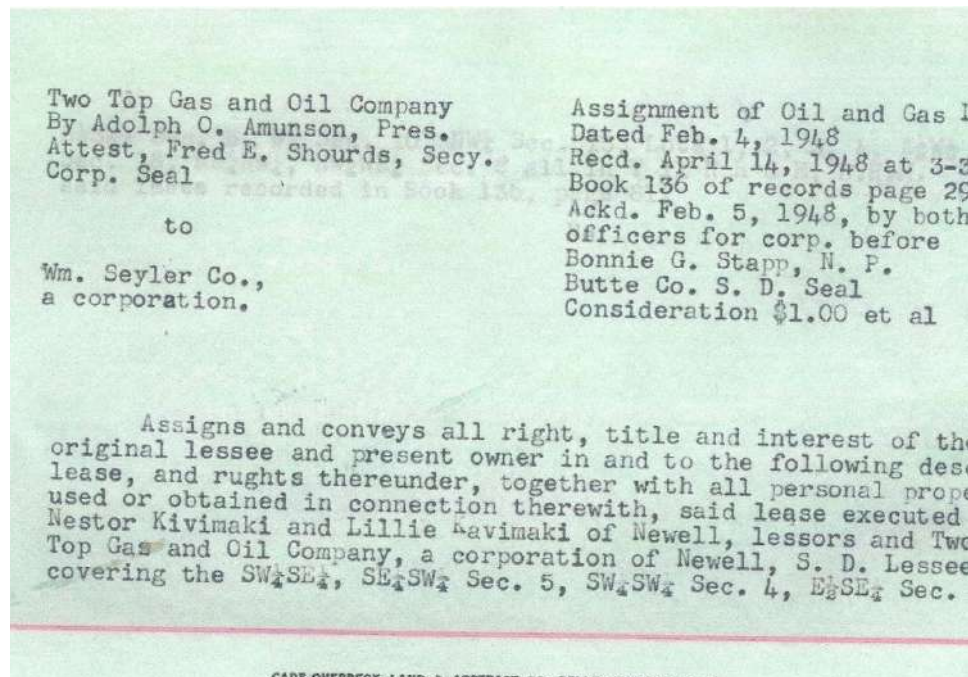
Fireworks regulations by Ordinance have been issued by the City of Newell. Shooting of fireworks in the City Limits of Newell is permitted only on July, 2,3,4, & 5. No fireworks shall be discharged in the Business District, Blocks 40, 41,44 or 45 and

no sale of fireworks is permitted after July 5th within the City. Police Edward Yoder will strictly enforce the Ordinance.

Share The Fun Night will be on July 9 at 7:30 PM at the Austin Auditorium in Newell. Entries will be judged on appearance, appeal and performance. Each 4-H Club is encouraged to participate to make the night a success. The two winning clubs will represent Butte County in the District Share The Fun Contest, July 20, in Rapid City.

The "Get Out The Vote" Campaign conducted by the Newell Jaycees on June 7 was a success and effective, it was reported at a regular meeting of the organization at the BEC Hospitality room last Wednesday night. Club members were at the polls and pinned tags on those voting to remind others to come and vote. In other business, plans were made to have a booth at the Butte County Fair and a float in the Newell Labor Day Parade. All members were present and 1 guest, Mrs. Ed Varty, who joined the organization. The next meeting will be on July 27th.

Mrs. Jack (Betty) Smeenk of Newell was re elected President of the SD Girls Rodeo Association at a meet held June 13 at the St Onge Rodeo. Also reelected for the next year were Vice President Theresa Humphreys, Secretary-Treasurer Jane Geigle, Publicity Committee Sharon Gruewell, Ruth Ann Marty and Wanda Redley and as Director of Grooms Talk Marie Lensen. The next meeting was set for August 5 at Deadwood preceding the rodeo and was announced that girls within 200-mile radius of Belle Fourche would not have to have a GAA permit to compete in barrel racing at the Black Hills Rodeo.



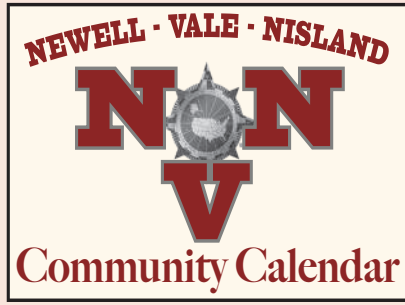
(L) 1936, New Masonic Temple, ready for dedication. (R) 1946, Two-Top Gas & Oil Co, became active again. This certificate is from 1948. Museum Photos

Here's What's Happening in Newell!

Summer Reading Program
June 26 • 10:30 a.m.
Newell Public Library

Newell Playday Series
June 29 • 5 p.m.
Rodeo grounds

Feeding SD at Dakota Life Center
June 11 • 2 p.m.-3 p.m.
Second Thursday every month

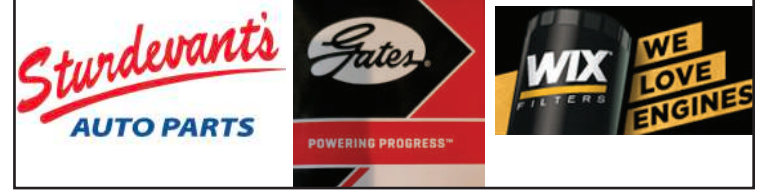


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WIT Meeting From D1

within the system if more or less help is needed. The training duo led an exercise where a short scenario was read and then the group discussed which of the three numbers was appropriate to dial for help. Bottom line is, if you need help, reach out to one of the Helpline Center numbers and they will connect you with the right resources. "Simply put, we have a beautiful gift in that we get to work for an agency that's main mission, main purpose, is just helping people," said Keizer.

There is no charge for calling 988 or 211. "It's all free. We're nonprofit too, so we find our government funding and some fundraising sources and things like that, but that doesn't affect the general public or any of you," explained Keizer. "We do what we do on our end, so it can always be free for you and free to help whoever needs it."

If anyone is interested in learning more about the Whatever It Takes Coalition, reach out to Sabrina Harmon. There is no monthly meeting scheduled in July, as she plans on setting up an educational booth for WIT during the Butte Lawrence County Fair in Nisland.



The WIT meeting luncheon served delicious food. Longbrake photo(s)



Betsy Burtzloff, WIT Coalition member, reads her scenario for discussion.



Adelina Trujillo, mental health training coordinator for Helpline Center 988, shares information about the Helpline Center.



Brad Keizer with the Helpline Center explains their services.

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Event Overview and Location
The "Real America Birthday Bash" will take place the evening of July 2nd through July 4th. The location is Main Street Square and Memorial Park, linked by the closure of 6th Street between Main and Omaha to create a seamless pedestrian experience.

Programming Highlights
The festival features diverse activities designed to appeal to all ages and interests:

- **Two Concert Stages:** Located at Main Street Square and the Memorial Park bandshell, featuring local, regional, and headline acts.
- **Kids' Zone:** Family-friendly activities including bounce houses, face painting, and balloon artists.
- **Memorial Stage:** Dedicated to historical reenactors, spoken word performances, and readings.
- **Interactive Exhibits:** Including a "Touch-a-Truck" area with the National Guard and Air Force, as well as Heritage Exhibits from civic organizations.
- **Artisan Marketplace:** Showcasing curated vendors, crafts, and food/food trucks.

Signature Evening Events
Each night will culminate in major events:

- **July 2:** Patriotic parade, concert and drone show.
- **July 3:** Regional headline band and a Mount Rushmore fireworks watch party.
- **July 4:** Headline performance followed by city fireworks.

To view the public-facing schedule, visit www.therealamerica.com.

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