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Hometown Thursdays Brings Music & Fun in Second Week of Summer Series

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BELLE FOURCHE—During the summer, Thursdays are reserved for gathering with friends, family and neighbors in the park behind the Tri-State Museum and Visitors Center for an evening of live music and community fellowship.

The second Hometown Thursday of the summer, on June 11, was met with a bit of windy weather, but the sun came out and made for a nice evening for everyone who turned out to enjoy the event.

Hometown Thursdays has been a summertime gathering place since 2013, bringing people together to enjoy an evening of visiting, live music and delicious food. The event also features a variety of vendors and a beer garden for adults.

With the event beginning at 6 p.m., food trucks are essential to feeding those who haven't had a chance to grab supper before stopping by the event. Rollin in the Hills, Mama O's, Brain Freeze, Mangled Foods and Craze Cow Ice Cream were all on site to feed the masses.

Musical entertainment for the night was Tyler Bills Trio. They are out of the Rapid City area and play indie rock. Band members are Tyler Bills, Devin Bills and Mike Grosek. The Bills brothers were both



It was a nice turnout for the second Hometown Thursday. Longbrake photo

formerly in the popular Black Hills area band Judd Hoos. The Trio performed a mix of their own music and covers of popular songs to entertain the crowd. This week the band was sponsored by Nehl Dental, Car-

michael Construction, Splash & Dash Carwash and Subway. The Tri-State Museum offers a variety of activities to keep the younger crowd entertained. There is usually a craft activity offered. This week the youth

made and decorated paper bag kites. Because of the possibility of strong wind, the bouncy house was put up inside the Museum in the Events Center. This provided the perfect place for kids to expend energy

while being safely inside out of the wind. Additionally, Roger brought his mini train for the kids to ride on around the Museum grounds.

The weekly Hometown

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Black Hills Roundup Draws Top Rodeo Competitors

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BELLE FOURCHE—With the 107th Black Hills Roundup less than two weeks away, plans are coming together for the biggest celebration yet, marking the 250th anniversary of American independence.

The entries to the four PRCA rodeos closed June 9, and top professional rodeo athletes are preparing to compete in the Black Hills Roundup extravaganza. This year in Team Roping and Calf Roping, each contestant will be up two times in four days. "PRCA told us we had to have a two-header this year, so we're gonna have a two-header—these cowboys are going to have to rope twice," explained Bill Eastman, Roundup chairman.

The Breakaway roping has around 125 ladies signed up to compete at the Roundup Rodeo. To keep the performances

moving along, there will be ten breakaway ropers in each rodeo with 80 of them roping in slack. "We love our breakaway ropers. We have a lot of successful breakaway ropers right here in our local tri-state area, so we want to make sure that we have breakaway roping for sure," said Eastman.

There will be a lot of barrel racers running through the Roundup Arena. Over 100 can-chasers signed up to compete in the rodeos held over the Fourth of July.

For the rough stock, the rodeo will be full of top riders, but the draw is still underway. However Championship Pro Rodeo will be bringing in their top horses and bulls in the next week or so.

"We really encourage people to come out and enjoy the Fourth of July with us, whether they can come to a rodeo performance—three evening performances with fireworks on the second and third—and the

Fourth of July is an afternoon matinee at 3 p.m.," Eastman said. "Come and hang out with us! On Ranch Rodeo night, the Black Hills Roundup Ag Committee is putting on a free barbecue."

If you enjoy watching professional cowboys and cowgirls compete, the slack may be where you want to go! "Our slack starts at 8 a.m. every morning, there'll be slack on the first, second, and third—they're free! That would be a good time to come check out the Mercantile," said Eastman.

The events that run in slack are: Wednesday is Steer Tripping, Thursday is women's slack with barrel racing and breakaway roping, and Friday is men's slack day.

This year in the Mercantile they will have a special Black Hills Roundup poster featuring PRCA Barrel Racer Lisa Lockhart for sale.

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Roundup Secretary Brenda Whetham and Chairman Bill Eastman discuss the upcoming Black Hills Roundup Rodeo. Longbrake photo



Delivering food donations to the Compassion Cupboard. Longbrake photo

Community Food Drive Gets Boost From Matching Donation

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BELLE FOURCHE—A community food drive and a matching donation from Allied Construction combined to provide about \$3,000 worth of food to the Compassion Cupboard during Perk Up the Pantry on May 14.

Watson Hennessey Group-Keller Williams takes one day a year when they close up shop and dedicate their day to giving back to the community.

Every year that day is the second Thursday in May. "We've done different things in the past, but this year we thought, let's do something for the food pantry, and so we created an event," explained Michelle Watson, Watson Hennessey Group-Keller Williams.

The group enlisted the help of two other businesses in town and came up with an innovative way to collect food for the Compassion Cupboard. "We set up two locations—Wild

Magnolia and the Pony Express—O—and we advertised for a period of time before that, so that people who stop at those businesses knew that we were holding a food drive, and we gave them a \$5 coupon to use for their beverages or food that day if they donated at least three items to the food pantry," said Watson.

Allied Construction Roofing, Siding & Gutters saw the advertising for the event and wanted to get involved. "The day before I found it on Facebook, and I reached out, and we set it up the day later to get everything," shared Brett Ross, Allied employee.

Being in construction, Allied does work with realtors all around the Black Hills. Over the years they have developed close relationships with Alan Kindsfater and Michelle Watson. "Brett was the one who saw on Facebook that they were doing their Red Day—it's a thing that

Food Pantry Contd. A3

Pastor's Perspective

This Perspective is from Pastor Jack Hayford.

"Why Should We Study the Ten Commandments?"

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." – Matthew 5:17-19



no relationship to our life. Jesus does make it unnecessary for me to earn my salvation by fulfilling the Law, but He hasn't exempted me from knowing the Law and learning to live it.

Living Life to Its Limits
In Exodus 20:2 God identifies the context of His giving of the Law:

- His authority (I am the Lord)
- His liberty (who brought you out of the house of bondage)

He wouldn't have given us the Law if we didn't need it. Coming out of a culture of oppression and slavery, the people needed to know how to live in liberty and with worth reinstated to their life.

The same that was true of Egypt is true of our culture; only the idols have changed. No longer the sun god, Ra, now the idol is sex or the great god of science. It's amazing how people who worship the living God will be labeled as superstitious by the culture, while man surrenders to the superstition of empirical science which supposes that the only things that may be known with certainty are those things that we can quantify, dissect in the laboratory, or analyze according to their chemical components. That's as superstitious as anything that went on in Egypt; its only advanced in its scientific insight. It still bows before another god, a god called reason that disallows the larger manifestation of God who is not only reasonable, but is the God of revelation beyond reason.

We need to study the Ten Commandments so that being emancipated from that kind of bondage to live free and in life. In our daily life, laws help us to navigate places of great risk. So too in our spiritual life. Laws restrict but they also protect, as does a seat belt in your car. The Law of God is intended for release:

- To recover our identity — When you've been enslaved long enough, you lose your sense of worth and judgment, your perspective. You are mine, the Lord says.
- To discover our destiny — Because we are His, and He is the Creator, we are destined to be incredibly creative.
- To remember our humanity — Because we're human and not infinite, we have limits. The laws are given so you know where the limits are and won't go beyond them, ruining the possibility of your fulfillment.

The giving of the Ten Commandments is the only occasion in human history when, at the same time, hundreds of thousands of people heard God speak from heaven. Throughout Scripture, the Lord says, If you will heed the words of My voice... Every one of the ten directives God spoke are for our blessing, not to show His muscle, intimidate people, or badger them with His greatness. They represent God's heart toward man's deliverance and destiny, and are given to make possible the prospering of our lives. The heart of the Law-Giver is a heart that calls us a treasure to Himself. God wants us to reach our destiny; and to realize His purpose in our life. That's why we should study His Ten Commandments.

Jesus said that a person who teaches the commandments of God to people shall be called "great" in the kingdom of heaven. That's a good reason for any pastor to do it!

The Ten Commandments are as misunderstood and misapplied as any portion of the Bible. They are not a set of "no-no's" given to make life as uncomfortable as possible. They were given by God as guidance to rescue our life, to make us fruitful, and to make our lives more fulfilling. He has not given them to reduce us to something less than we might be if we served life on our own terms rather than His.

None of us are saved on the basis of our accomplishing the Ten Commandments or any other set of encoded laws. We're saved through the grace of God in Jesus Christ, not by our works of righteousness. But the Ten Commandments are not optional for believers in Jesus Christ, nor do they become become irrelevant when we get saved. They are the pathway of knowing life to its fullest and living life to its limits.

"De-cobwebbing" the Decalogue
My father was a Navy veteran, and for him, the definition of "clean" was white glove inspection-prepared. He was a stickler for order and neatness. One of the things that was part of the "ship-shape" at our house was under the house where the spider webs collect. We had to go into the crawl space under the house and clean out all the spider webs. It wasn't pleasant; as a boy, those spiders looked like they were going to eat you up.

But two good things resulted from doing that: my Dad always created a really nice storage area there under the house, and also a little play and hiding area for the kids. The "de-cobwebbing" process was part of being able to gain possession of the full dimensions of our property.

It's easy to make the application of the analogy. For many people, the Ten Commandments are covered with "cobwebs" in the minds of people who see them as legalism likely to eat you up. I've seen children who grew up in households where, in the name of God, there came an oppressive kind of religiousness. When they find life in Jesus Christ and the liberty of forgiveness of sin, there comes the notion that the Ten Commandments have nothing to do with Christian life because—and then they've got text to quote—"we're not under Law but under grace; Christ has redeemed us from the Law." And a point of confusion exists that therefore the Law has

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

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Heavenly Father, Thank You for the gift of this new week.
As I step into the days ahead, I ask for Your divine guidance and un-failing protection to rest upon me.
When the schedule feels overwhelming, grant me Your peace that surpasses all understanding, and steady my heart.
Help me to navigate challenges with grace, to notice the good in the ordinary, and to be a light to those I encounter.
I surrender my worries into Your hands, trusting that You will walk beside me every step of the way. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

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Black Hills TEAM

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From A1 Food Pantry

they do once a year, where they shut down their offices and they go out in the community and do some good. This year they decided to partner with Compassion Cupboard and go out and do a food drive," explained Jon Schaefer, owner. "We saw the night before, honestly, that they were gonna go do their Red Day, and we called them and said, 'Hey, can we join you?' and they said, 'Yeah, that would be great!'"

Allied Construction decided that they would match the donations of everything Keller Williams raised. At the end of the food drive all of the food and the monetary donations were added up and Allied matched the amount raised. The food drive ended up bringing in about \$3,000 worth of food to the Compassion Cupboard.

The willingness for the businesses to reach out and help in such a big way was exciting for the Keller Williams group. "I got goosebumps, just like

the willingness to donate from our community, not just from them, but also from the people that came to the event," shared McKenzie Hennessey, Watson Hennessey Group. "I mean, it was a minimum of three items, but many people brought bag after bag, or full boxes of stuff to donate. The contributions from both the community and the match of what Allied had done was incredible!"

Allied Construction is proud to be from this area and gives back to it when they can. "We donate to all the youth sports. We sponsor teams here, Spearfish, Rapid City and whenever we see things, we like to jump on them and get involved in them," said Schaefer.

Ross added, "Well, the other thing is you've (Schaefer) lived here for 15 years. I was born here. Another guy that works with us, Sean Cole, he lives here. A lot of us live in Belle Fourche. This is our community. We've all got kids that go to school here."

The successful food drive couldn't have been accomplished without the help of Pony Express-O and Wild Magnolia Coffee Bar. "The coffee shops, I will say, were fantastic to work with—because here we are, showing up, invading their space, you know... interrupting their flow basically, but they were awesome! So it was great," said Watson.

Tim Smith with the Compassion Cupboard said they serve 130 families a month and so the food is needed. "Well, it's awesome to get donations at any time, and we appreciate groups that come alongside one another. Matching is awesome too, because that's twice as much that would have been collected to start with. So, we really appreciate it," he said.

It took a lot of coordination to pull off such a successful food drive. "Keller Williams people are awesome, and we're really happy to be a part of what they're doing," said Schaefer.

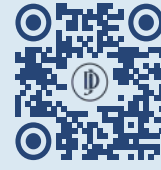


Watson Hennessey Group-Keller Williams Realty Black Hills and Allied Construction Roofing, Siding & Gutters met at the Compassion Cupboard to deliver their matched food donation. From left: Michelle Watson, Wesley Allen, McKenzie Hennessey, Brett Ross, Jon Schaefer, Alan Kindsfater, Todd Watson and Tim Smith. Longbrake photo

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June 15 City Council Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche City Council held its second meeting of the month on Monday evening, June 15. During the Mayor's Report, Police Chief Ryan Cherveney presented Lifesaving Awards to Corporal Stephen Schmeltzer and Officer Dusty Merchen for their efforts on May 22, 2026.

"On May 22, 2026, our officers responded to a report of an unresponsive individual in need of some medical aid. Upon arrival, Corporal Stephen Schmeltzer and Officer Dusty Merchen took immediate and decisive action as they began CPR and quickly deployed the AED," said Cherveney. "The patient was rapidly transported to the Spearfish Emergency Department. The attending physician confirmed that the patient only survived this life-threatening emergency was because of the officers' quick thinking and life-saving actions."

Casey Peterson, LTD – Devin Pfaff then presented the 2025 Audit to the Council. There was no community input at this meeting.

Library Director Josh Abraham reported that the Summer Reading Program is underway with 257 participants, primarily ages

0–12 and 19+, and encouraged more teen participation. He noted strong attendance at story time programs, Story Time Yoga, and a magician program that attracted 156 attendees. The library also plans to purchase additional children's bookshelves and has added an online feature that allows patrons to suggest titles for purchase.

Marilyn Huston-Engle reported that the Senior Center has had several successful fundraisers, including Riverfest hot dog sales, a tip night at the Moose Lodge, and a private donation that funded new kitchen equipment. She highlighted upcoming events, including a gun raffle, spaghetti feed, cornhole tournament, and portrait sessions. She emphasized that all Senior Center events are open to the public, not just members.

In the Regular Agenda, Rec Center Director Jody Westberg's recommendation to move to seasonal summer operating hours at the Belle Fourche Rec Center was approved. Seasonal hours are as follows: Monday through Friday 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Westberg reported that patron usage during the 8–9 p.m. hour Monday through Thursday aver-

ages only 0–4 people, while the 7–8 p.m. hour regularly serves more than 20 patrons. To reduce staffing costs, she proposed temporarily closing at 8 p.m. on weekdays and opening Sundays at noon instead of 1 p.m. from June 21 through Labor Day. The seasonal schedule change is expected to save more than \$4,000 and reduce staffing by approximately 24 hours per week, with regular hours resuming after Labor Day.

City Administrator LaFayette reported that project delays were primarily due to work required by MDU, whose schedule impacted progress on utility installations. Crews were able to complete much of the surrounding work while waiting, and MDU completed its portion of the project on Friday. Concrete work has resumed, and asphalt paving is anticipated to begin in approximately three weeks. LaFayette noted that staff will review the project schedule and determine whether any liquidated damages are warranted, considering documented delays caused by factors such as weather and utility-related hold-ups, as any assessment must be supported by the contract and project records.

Councilperson Sowers stated he had his first meeting with

Prairie Hills Transit Board and hopes to work out a new location for the bus barn. Councilperson Brunner informed Council he will be absent from Monday's committee meetings.

City Attorney Kellen Wilfert reported that he and City Engineer Hardy attended the Spearfish City Council meeting to begin discussions on protecting Belle Fourche's water gallery from potential impacts of future development and septic systems in the area. He noted that Spearfish is also addressing concerns related to the increasing use of e-bikes and similar electric devices, an issue that may become relevant locally.

Police Chief Cherveney reported that the Police Department recently conducted an educational class on e-bike regulations and safety. He encouraged greater community participation in future sessions so residents can become more familiar with the applicable rules and requirements.

City Engineer Hardy reported that airport taxiway paving work is expected to begin as the contractor mobilizes on site. He also noted that the airport terminal project has held its first construction meeting following the project award. Information regarding

airport closures and construction sequencing will be posted on the City website to keep users informed of any access restrictions during construction.

Public Works Director Stedillie reported that Well No. 3 is now operational and was producing approximately 200,000 gallons per day, helping reduce demand on the spring lines and eliminating the need to run booster pumps.

Mayor Schmidt expressed his appreciation to City employees and staff for their hard work and dedication, thanking them for their efforts and the quality of work being performed throughout the City.

The Council then went into a short Executive Session at 6:53 p.m., returning at 6:59 p.m. Upon returning to Regular Session, the Council approved the termination of a Solid Waste Collector for the City Of Belle Fourche effective immediately. A second Executive Session regarding Legal Counsel was then entered at 7:00 p.m. with the Council returning to Regular Session at 7:23 p.m. with no action taken.

The next City Council meeting will be held on July 6 at 6 p.m.



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.

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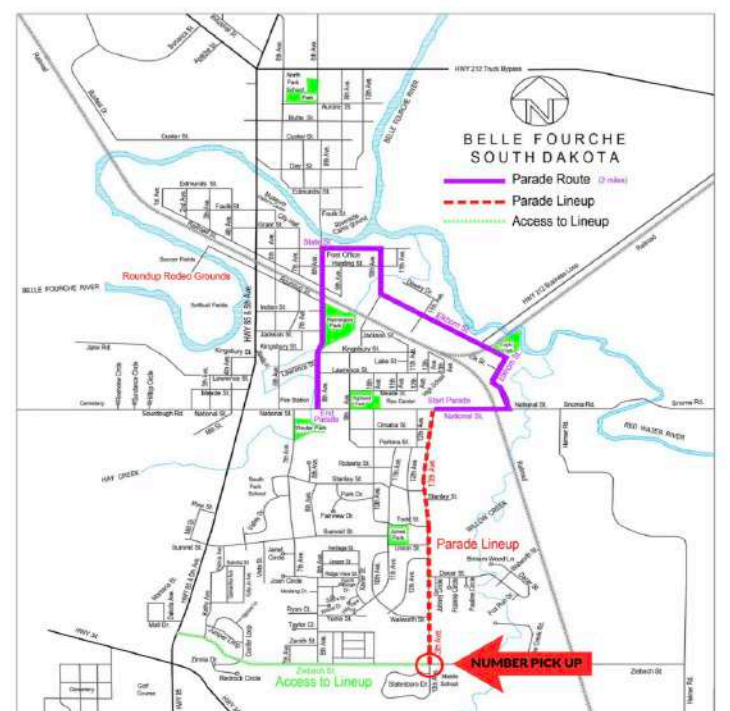
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Rain Dampens, but Doesn't Stop Citywide Yard Sale



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BELLE FOURCHE—There is nothing that says summer quite like going garage sale shopping on the weekends. The ideal yard sale weekend includes traveling around town in nice sunny weather, looking for secondhand treasures while hopping from neighborhood to neighborhood. Sounds like a good day, unless cold wind and rain decide to come through and mess up all the plans! That is what happened at the

Belle Fourche Citywide Yard Sale, held all around town on Saturday, June 13.

Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, organizers were in charge of creating the list of all the households participating in the event. There were no rules; participants could pick their own hours and location for their sale. A total of 43 houses, businesses or a combination of both signed up with the Chamber to have their sales advertised. Some started as early as 6 a.m., others around 10 a.m., with

others ending at that 10 a.m. start time and some going all the way until 5 p.m., with a variety of hours in between. Well, that was how the day was supposed to go anyway; Mother Nature had other ideas. Saturday was chilly and overcast with rain. One by one, people posted online that because of the rain, their garage sale would be canceled or postponed a day. Although quite a few continued up on rain or shine, and one person even used the weather as a selling point, saying they were ready to make “rainy day deals.”

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

From A1 Roundup

The Black Hills Roundup Royalty competition is set for June 29, with coronation before the Ranch Rodeo on June 30. It is not too late to sign up for competition with a late fee. There are great prizes and the opportunity to represent the award-winning Black Hills Roundup.

The Black Hills Roundup committee is made up of seven board members. It takes an army of volunteers to put on the multiday event. "It's huge! It's history! It's something that we're all ultimately proud of being involved in, because it's part of history. We don't want the wheels to fall off on our time. We all have tremendous investment in this," said Eastman.



Roundup volunteers and committee members spend time making plans following the scheduled meeting. Longbrake photo

From A1 Hometown Thurs

Thursdays concert series is held every Thursday through the first week in August. Next week, Camp Comfort will be the musical guest. The event begins at 6 p.m. and runs through 9 p.m.

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



A tiny tot enjoying her evening playing on the Center of the Nation Monument. Longbrake photo(s)



Due to high winds in the forecast, the Tri-State Museum decided to move the bouncy house inside to the Events Center. It was the perfect setup to allow kids to play.



During Hometown Thursdays there are always fun activities for kids to do. This week the youth made kites.



The food truck area is a popular place for the crowd. Several food trucks provided dinnertime favorites for the evening.



The Tyler Bills Trio entertained the crowd with good music. The band played a few covers as well as some original songs.



Another popular kid activity is the mini train. Kids are loading into the train cars for their chance to ride around the area.

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

BFACT Youth Theater Camp - "Center Stage" has been filling the BF Rec Center Theater (thank you BF Rec Center staff!) with all things theater - Acting & Improvisation, Voice & Character Work, Movement & Stage Presence, Set, Props & Costume Design, Lights & Sound, Auditions & Performance Skills. This is a FREE program from BFACT and part of the MS JAM program. See the pictures to feel the enthusiasm of these 30+ young people! Also, the program will have a SHOWCASE of all the students have created and learned these two weeks: **CENTER STAGE SHOWCASE, Friday, 6:30 PM** in the BF Rec Center Theater - All are welcome!

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 19, 6:30 - Showcase for CENTER STAGE BFACT Youth Theater Camp
- June 11, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Tyler Bills
- June 18, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Camp Comfort
- June 25, Hometown Thursdays, 6-9 PM: Dakota Country
- 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

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

Check out these photos from CENTER STAGE - the BFACT THEATER CAMP sponsored by the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater & the BF School District Summer JAM program.



BFACT Youth Theater Camp - "Center Stage" : Stage Combat



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BFACT Youth Theater Camp - "Center Stage" :

2026 HOMETOWN THURSDAYS 2026

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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

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Cattle Report - Friday, June 12, 2026

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Next Sale - June 20th - 2026 World Livestock Auctioneer Contest - 8:00 AM

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WEIGH UP BULLS

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Sheep Report - Thursday, June 11, 2026

Lamb Market Sold Higher Today
Slaughter Ewes Sold \$20 Lower

Next Sale - June 18, 2026 - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats - Start Time 1:00 PM

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

Feeder Lambs

Table with 4 columns: Name, Sex/Age, Price, Weight. Includes Baak LLC, Beulah WY; Cantu, Melissa, Moorcroft WY; Considine, Terry or Sherry, Broadus MT; etc.

Slaughter Ewes

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NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

June 19, 2026
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1:00 PM

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2026 SHEEP SALES

- June 18th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
June 25th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
July 2nd - No Sale - Celebrate Our Country's 250th Birthday!
July 9th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
July 16th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
July 23rd - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
July 30th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 6th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 13th - No Sale Due To The Sturgis Bike Rally
August 20th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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
September 17th - Annual Replacement Ewe, Ewe Lamb & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats - 10 AM Start
September 24th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 1st - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 8th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 15th - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 22nd - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 29th - Replacement Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 5th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 12th - Yearling Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 19th - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 26th - No Sale - Happy Thanksgiving!

2026 CATTLE SALES

- Saturday, June 20th - World Livestock Auctioneer Contest - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
June 26th - Pair & Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
July 3rd - No Sale - Celebrate Our Country's 250th Birthday!
July 10th - Weigh Up Cow & Bull Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
July 17th - Yrlg & Weigh Up Bull Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
July 24th - Weigh Up Cow & Bull Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
July 31st - Yrlg & Fall Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
August 7th - Yrlg & 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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St Onge Livestock is excited to Welcome the World Livestock Auctioneer Contest & Livestock Marketing Association National Convention To St Onge Livestock & Deadwood!

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We hope everyone has a great time the 17th thru 20th of June in our part of the World!

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Looking Back in Belle

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by Mary Buchholz

100 years ago Northwest Bee June 17, 1926
DINNER FOR DIRECTOR MEAD Dr Elwood Mead, director of Reclamation, with headquarters at Washington, D.C., will be the guest of the Commercial Club of Belle Fourche at a diner on the evening of July 15. A letter has been received by the Commercial Club from Project Manager Youngblutt of the Belle Fourche project. Dr. Mead will arrive at Deadwood over the Burlington on the afternoon of July 15, and will be met there by Mr. Youngblutt. The people of this part of the country are much interested in the coming visit of the director of reclamation, as they feel assured that a personal inspection of the project by the director will give him a much better understanding of the condition, and will work to the advantage of the project as a whole. Dr. Mead will be accompanied by Maurice G. Ricker, photographer, equipped with motion and still cameras, who will make a thorough photographic survey of the projects visited, paying especial attention to obtaining pictures showing what has been accomplished by the water users in community development. A special writer of the Hearst newspapers, connected with the Los Angeles Examiner, will join Doctor Mead in California and accompany him on the remainder of his trip. He will be with Doctor Mead in the Belle Fourche project if his present plans are carried out.

MARRIED AT RAPID CITY
At Rapid City on Sunday evening Rev. McLeary of the Congregational church united in marriage Randolph Sly of Belle Fourche and Miss Dora Olson of Pierre, the ceremony being performed at the parsonage. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. El M. Sly of Belle Fourche and is secretary of the firm of Slys Grocery. He is an energetic and ambitious young man who has devoted himself to business since coming to Belle Fourche a few years ago, and has contributed his share of energy and ingenuity to the upbuilding of the business. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Osten Olsen of Roubaix. She graduated from the Belle Fourche high school and for several years was employed as assistant in Dr. C. A. Cook's office. Last spring she moved to Pierre and has been employed in the state banking department. Mr. Sly came home Monday evening. Mrs. Sly returning to Pierre to remain until she is relieved from duty in the banking department. They will make their home in Belle Fourche.

RAILROAD PATRONS PROTEST Residents of Cof the Wyo. & Mo. Riv. Railroad Cauty Object to Proposed Abandonment of Wyo. & Mo.

Riv. Railway People of eastern Crook county Wyoming, are opposed to the proposed abandonment of the Wyo. & Mo. Riv. Railroad, running from Belle Fourche to Aladdin, Wyo., a distance of eighteen miles. A joint hearing before the South Dakota Board of Railroad Commissioners and the Public Service Commission of Wyoming was opened at Belle Fourche Monday of this week, continuing until Wednesday afternoon when adjournment was take to July 20 to give the patrons of the road an opportunity to present evidence of those who were prevented from coming to this hearing on account of the impassable condition of the roads. The owners of the railroad, the estate of M. S. Kemmerer, had make application to the allowed to abandon the railroad, as they claimed it was not a paying proposition. At the hearing their manager, F. H. Mann of Aladdin, produced figures to show that the railroad had loswt several thousand dollars in the past few years, these figures being supported by reports to the railroad and interstate commerce commissions, and annual statements of the company. A large number of residents of Sundance, Hulett, Aladdin and other parts of central and eastern Crook county were present to protest, as that railroad is the only one in the eastern part of their county, and the only economical and convenient method they have of shipping their live stock and grain out, and shipping provisions and supplies into that section of the county. A proposal was made by those served by the railroad that they would favor an increased freight rate for the railroad to enable it to have a greater earning capacity, and the Northwestern will also be asked to allow a larger division of the freight charges on joint hauls.

75 years ago The Belle Fourche Bee June 21, 1951
Week's Rains Bring 2 Inches Moisture, Run Water in Orman
Up to two and a half inches of rain fell over most of the Tri-State area during the past week, bringing needed moisture to crops and range grass and, in some cases, running water into stock dams that were at dangerously low level. The rain danged sheep shearing temporarily and there were scattered report of light hail at some but no heavy damage was reported. Burdette Barnard, weather bureau observer at the Orman diversion dam, said the rainfall since last Wednesday measured 2.03 inches. The two heaviest rains were on Sunday with an even inches and Tuesday with .72 inches. Barnard said that water has been diverted from the Belle Fourche river into Orman lake since Sunday, beginning at a rate of 400 second feet of water and dropping to 300 second feet by yesterday

afternoon Coupled with the late rains, the diversion water has raised the level of the lake sufficient to be noticeable, although it is still storing only slightly over half its capacity.

Estimated 150-200 Cattle Die from Oak Poisoning
An estimated 150 to 200 head of livestock, chiefly in the White-wood- St Onge vicinity, in the Fruitdale area and along the South Dakota border in Wyoming between Colony and Aladdin, have died from oak poisoning during the past 10 days. Dr. R. M. Buck, Belle Fourche veterinarian, said the poisonings were the result of snow on June 1 and 2 which covered the green grass and put cattle in pastures with scrub oak trees on an exclusive oak leaf diet. Called from Pierre, Dr. Davis federal inspector in charge of the bureau of animal industry office there, confirmed the diagnosis upon examination of some of the dead cattle Tuesday. Dr. Buck reported that the slow-acting poison was not brought to his attention until June 12. By then many cattle already were dead and others very sick. There is no known remedy for oak poisoning. Among the farmers and ranchers suffering heavy losses were Tommy Broadhurst, who lost at least 20 head on his ranch west of Belle Fourche; Ralph Badwin at St. Onge, who counted at least 25 dead and more that were sick; Albert Lakson of Fruitdale, 13; Fogelson, five; Leo Quillian of St. Ong, four; Jordan Brothers of Sturgis, eight; and George Helmer of Aladdin, five. Dr. Buck said he had received at least 25 calls from stockmen with stricken livestock and estimated the losses at from 150 to 200 head in the area.

50 years ago, Belle Fourche Bee June 2, 1976
AND THEN IT RAINED
Orman Storage Level Rising One of the plus factors about this week's heavy rains is that Orman reservoir is going to be filled as far as irrigation district officials plan to fill it this year. Before this week's rains, the water level behind the dam stood at 124,980 acre fee. By Thursday morning, the level had climbed to 137,760 acre feet and water was pouring into the dam thru the inlet canal at the rate of 800 cubic feet per second. Harold Skjodal, district superintendent said Thursday afternoon that plans are to fill the dam to about 152,000 acre feet, which now appears assured in view of the amount of water pouring down the Belle Fourche river. Present capacity of the dame is 164,000 acre feet, but it will not be filled to that level because the water will have to be removed this fall for construction work on the dam. Water is to be removed by *Sept. 1.*



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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
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	6	Black-Pair	1624	4650.00	\$ 4,650.00
Tom Sparks, Plevna MT	10	Herf-Pair	1259	4525.00	\$ 4,525.00
Consignment From WY	17	Black-Pair	1549	4310.00	\$ 4,310.00
Kurt Ketelsen, Box Elder SD	24	Black-Pair	1453	4225.00	\$ 4,225.00
Hay Creek Surface Llc, Gillette WY	8	Red-Pair	1378	4250.00	\$ 4,250.00

WEIGH UPS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Kady Creek Cattle, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1195	255.00	\$ 3,047.25
	1	Black-Cow	1595	192.00	\$ 3,062.40
Dennis Denson, Ashland MT	1	Black-Cow	1430	191.50	\$ 2,738.45
Wayne Or Luke Mopherson, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Hfrt	920	327.50	\$ 3,013.00
	10	Black-Cow	1475	191.50	\$ 2,823.66
Jon Carr, Newcastle WY	1	BwF-Hfrt	1125	270.00	\$ 3,037.50
	1	Black-Cow	1400	185.00	\$ 2,590.00

Peter Charles Romanick, Prairie City SD	1	Black-Cow	1080	252.50	\$ 2,727.00
Consignment From WY	1	Black-Hfrt	1030	295.00	\$ 3,038.50
	1	Black-Hfrt	935	320.00	\$ 2,992.00
Lazy Y Quarter Circle Llc, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1400	186.00	\$ 2,604.00
Merle J Clark, Hulett WY	2	Black-Cow	1505	188.50	\$ 2,836.92
	2	Black-Cow	1508	186.00	\$ 2,803.95

Padden Land & Cattle, Camp Crook SD	11	Black-Cow	1484	189.50	\$ 2,811.49
	1	Black-Cow	1230	232.50	\$ 2,859.75
	12	Black-Cow	1069	257.50	\$ 2,752.03
Lacy Williams, Broadus MT	8	Black-Cow	1191	253.00	\$ 3,013.86
	17	Black-Cow	1495	187.50	\$ 2,802.57
Betz Cattle Company, Clearmont	26	Black-Cow	1369	201.50	\$ 2,757.83
	4	Black-Cow	1135	269.00	\$ 3,053.15
	1	Black-Cow	1590	191.00	\$ 3,036.90

Zane Williams, Hammond MT	1	Black-Cow	1015	232.50	\$ 2,359.87
Tony Penner, Newell SD	1	Black-Hfrt	1235	250.00	\$ 3,087.50
	1	Black-Cow	1555	184.00	\$ 2,861.20
Ty Moncur, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Cow	1380	190.00	\$ 2,622.00
TI Burch Ranch Llc, Colony WY	1	Black-Hfrt	1040	290.00	\$ 3,016.00
	1	Black-Cow	1050	257.50	\$ 2,703.75
	1	Black-Cow	1205	241.00	\$ 2,904.05

Iron Mountain Cattle, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1390	197.00	\$ 2,738.30
	1	Black-Cow	1115	242.50	\$ 2,703.87
J D Grieves, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	1625	184.00	\$ 2,990.00
	1	Black-Cow	1480	184.00	\$ 2,723.20
Hamilton Inc, Osage WY	1	Black-Cow	1290	192.00	\$ 2,476.80
	1	Black-Cow	1295	185.00	\$ 2,395.75
	1	Black-Cow	1320	183.00	\$ 2,415.60
	1	Black-Cow	1110	231.00	\$ 2,564.10

Dee Or Robin Wilcox, Mud Butte SD	1	Black-Cow	1550	185.50	\$ 2,875.25
	1	Black-Cow	1600	181.50	\$ 2,904.00
	1	Black-Cow	1370	183.00	\$ 2,507.10
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Monenny Ranch Inc, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1600	182.00	\$ 2,912.00
Consignment From MT	1	Black-Cow	1480	187.00	\$ 2,767.60
	1	Black-Cow	1620	184.00	\$ 2,980.80
Neal Mccoy, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1420	187.00	\$ 2,655.40

Bruce Crago, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1605	187.00	\$ 3,001.35
	1	BwF-Cow	1315	187.00	\$ 2,459.05
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Chad Mackaben, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1575	188.50	\$ 2,968.87
Brad Mackaben, Camp Crook SD	1	BwF-Cow	1455	190.50	\$ 2,771.77
Ashley Pearson, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1410	191.50	\$ 2,700.15
Kurt Ketelsen, Box Elder SD	6	Blk/BwF-Cow	1531	188.50	\$ 2,885.62
	5	Black-Cow	1301	190.00	\$ 2,471.90

BULLS

Tyler Gaer, Mud Butte SD	1	Black-Bull Df	2115	225.00	\$ 4,758.75
	1	Black-Bull Df	1780	220.00	\$ 3,916.00
J D Grieves, Upton WY	1	Black-Bull Df	2495	221.00	\$ 5,513.95
Thomas Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	1	Black-Bull Df	1830	224.00	\$ 4,099.20
	1	Black-Bull Df	1870	221.00	\$ 4,132.70
John Mannerter, Sundance WY	1	Black-Bull Df	2145	235.00	\$ 5,040.75
Janet K Evans, Weston WY	1	Black-Bull Df	1980	216.00	\$ 4,276.80
	1	Black-Bull Df	1845	220.00	\$ 4,059.00
	1	Black-Bull Df	1985	211.00	\$ 4,188.35
Sam Mickelson, Faith SD	1	Black-Bull	1900	221.00	\$ 4,199.00
Peter Sobotka, Whitehead SD	1	Black-Bull Df	2245	213.00	\$ 4,781.85
James McDonald, Hulett WY	1	Black-Bull Df	2040	227.00	\$ 4,630.80
Curtis Cathey, Hammond MT	1	Black-Bull Df	2025	228.00	\$ 4,617.00
Russell C Guyer, Ekalaka MT	3	Black-Bull Df	1977	241.00	\$ 4,763.76
Quentin Rumph, Biddle MT	1	Black-Bull Df	1940	219.00	\$ 4,248.60

HORSES

	HD	DESC	\$/HEAD
Lauren Nicoll, Sundance WY	1	Palo-Lhrse Geld	\$ 4,400.00
Rolling T Livestock, Nisland Sd	1	Bay-Lhrse Geld	\$ 3,750.00
Cody Hinkhouse, Moorcroft WY	1	Black-Lhrse Geld	\$ 3,500.00
Katelyn Bischoff, Moorcroft WY	1	Roan-Lhrse Geld	\$ 3,100.00
Casey Kissack, Belle Fourche Sd	1	Bkskn-Lhrse Geld	\$ 2,700.00
Rolling T Livestock, Nisland Sd	1	Sor-Lhrse Mare	\$ 2,100.00
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Brad Andrews, Red Owl Sd	1	Grey-Lhrse Geld	\$ 2,300.00
Whyley Ruhnke, Sundance WY	1	Bkskn-Lhrse Geld	\$ 1,900.00
Moodi Ranch, Buffalo Sd	1	App-Lhrse Geld	\$ 2,700.00
Rhiara Evans, Newell Sd	1	Roan-Lhrse Geld C	\$ 1,600.00
Rolling T Livestock, Nisland Sd	1	Paint-Lhrse Geld	\$ 1,150.00
Whyley Ruhnke, Sundance WY	1	Roan-Lhrse Geld	\$ 1,200.00
Tj Livestock, Weston WY	1	Grey-Lhrse Geld	\$ 1,500.00
Stanley Powell, Biddle Mt	1	Bay-Lhrse Geld	\$ 1,500.00
Zach Hague, Rapid City Sd	1	Grey-Lhrse Mare	\$ 1,550.00
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Black Hills to host LMA National Convention and Auctioneering Championship

Roni Mack
Tri-State Livestock News

BLACK HILLS—Summer in the Black Hills of South Dakota is always chock-full of activities, and this June, the Livestock Marketing Association (LMA) National Convention and World Livestock Auctioneering Championship (WLAC) are among them. From June 17-20, market owners, auctioneers, and their families will flock to Deadwood and St. Onge to enjoy a weekend of camaraderie and competition.

Since 1963, the LMA has been showcasing the talents of elite auctioneers from the United States, Mexico, and Canada through their qualifier events and the WLAC. Throughout the year, three qualifiers are held throughout the country where the top 10 from each punch their ticket to the WLAC. The champion for the annual event in Calgary rounds out the qualifiers at 31.

These 31 contestants will vie for the coveted title of World Champion after a rigorous competition consisting of open interviews and a live auction. A panel of five judges, mostly market owners or dealers that are members of the LMA, is carefully chosen for each portion after nominations are made by Region Executives. Each contestant will complete the open interview and sell eight drafts of cattle during the live auction. From there, the Top 10 finalists will sell another

ten drafts before a World Champion is crowned.

The LMA represents over 80% of all viable, regular selling livestock markets across the United States. Bryce Dibbern, a Region Executive for the LMA, believes the National Convention and WLAC play an important role in bringing market owners together to exchange ideas and showcasing the talents of auctioneers. To Dibbern, the Convention is not only an opportunity for market owners to learn new ideas to take to their home markets but is also a “refresher” for market owners as they connect with others in the same unique line of business.

Dibbern said, “It’s important for market owners to come to one central location to meet with others that do the same thing they do, day in and day out, and that’s representing their local producers and the cattle that they raise. It just kind of brings some new life into them when they go home.”

Each year, the Convention brings market owners together from Florida to California, Texas to North Dakota, and everywhere in between. Dibbern believes the camaraderie is second to none, saying those in attendance are “truly some of the best people you can interact with.” He said, “I always tell people if I can get a market owner to come to their very first WLAC and National Convention, most often, they typically do not miss one after that. It turns into

a family vacation for many of [these market owners and their families.]”

The WLAC, too, plays an important role in promoting local markets and upholding the live auction tradition. Dibbern said these auctioneers “are representing these producers’ livelihoods. In a lot of cases, these producers get one or two checks a year, and that’s what keeps them going, so it’s important that you have a good quality, competent auctioneer, and this contest is just to showcase that talent and the importance of the auction method of selling livestock.”

As a Region Executive for the LMA, Dibbern sees firsthand the importance of ensuring that local markets stay relevant and viable, as their importance stretches far beyond just selling cattle for producers.

“These local markets are the lifeblood of the communities that they’re in. If you go to any given town, big or small, some of their best days for business in the community are sale days,” Dibbern said. Aside from stimulating the local economy, local markets also play an important role in supporting their communities.

“It doesn’t matter what town you go to that has a livestock market; they are always one of the first to support our youth—whether that be FFA, 4-H, rodeo. They’re always there to support the community and the youth.”

With so many successful markets across the United States, selecting a host market

for the WLAC requires careful consideration. As markets that are members of the LMA inquire about hosting, they are put on a waiting list. From that list, the WLAC Committee, put together by market owners from across the country, determines which market would be the best fit for that year.

Dibbern believes that the Black Hills will be a great location for the WLAC and National Convention because it’s family-oriented, has great history and intrigue, and boasts countless activities for families, including a bus tour to Mount Rushmore and a tour of historic Deadwood, both hosted by the LMA. He also expects St. Onge Livestock to be a great host market for the WLAC. Dibbern said, “Justin and Brooke Tupper are going to do a fantastic job. They represent a lot of great producers who really care about this industry and produce some of the best cattle in the country.”

Justin and Brooke Tupper have owned St. Onge Livestock for 20 years. In that time, they have hosted a WLAC Qualifier and a Greater Midwest Auctioneering Championship, and now, they get to host the pinnacle of them all—the WLAC. Tupper said this opportunity has been in the works for the past several years and is thrilled that they were chosen as the host market for 2026.

He said, “[We] sure do think it’s an honor to be able to host the world auctioneer contest, and it should be a great event.

It’s really exciting to be able to showcase it here in the Black Hills.”

Tupper, who has been a judge at two other auctioneering contests and is very familiar with the WLAC, is confident that St. Onge will be a great fit for the event. He said, “We just have really exceptional cattle, and we work for some of the most exceptional people. It’s going to be fun to showcase the cattle, our consignors, and of course, the 31 best auctioneers in the world.” Tupper believes the WLAC and National Convention always bring opportunities for new friendships to be forged and new knowledge to be gained.

The LMA National Convention kicks off at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, at The Lodge in Deadwood, South Dakota, followed by full days of panels, meetings, and meals on Thursday and Friday. There will be a barbecue hosted by St. Onge Livestock on Thursday, June 18, at Spur Creek Saloon & Ranch in Newell, South Dakota, for consignors, buyers, contestants, and families.

On Saturday, June 20, the WLAC will take place at St. Onge Livestock, beginning at 8 a.m. Seating will be limited, but the event will be live streamed on the Livestock Marketing Association’s YouTube channel.

Dibbern said this year’s WLAC and National Convention is projected to be one of the largest to date. For a more complete schedule and lodging information and registration, visit lmaweb.com.



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the question together: what is the one experience our town offers that cannot be found anywhere else? The answer is already there. The only question is whether you are willing to tell it boldly enough for the world to hear.

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By John Newby "Building Main Street, not Wall Street"
Sell the Experience, Not Just the Address

I remember driving through Lanesboro years ago, it is a small town of 724 people tucked into the limestone bluffs of southeastern Minnesota. No interstate runs through it. No big-box stores anchor its corners. By most conventional measures of economic success, Lanesboro, Minnesota should have faded quietly into the prairie decades ago. Instead, it became the Bed and Breakfast Capital of Minnesota, a designation earned not by accident but by decision. Lanesboro decided to be something specific, something experiential, something imaginable. That decision changed everything.

That is what imagination marketing does. It does not simply wave at passersby. It pulls them in. It makes people see themselves standing in your town square, tasting your food, breathing your air, and building memories they will carry home and talk about for years. Most small communities understand that they need to market themselves, but they stop at the surface. They post a flyer, run a small ad, update their website, and call it done. That is telling people you exist. Imagination marketing is entirely different. It is convincing people they belong there.

While we don't all have a Cooperstown, consider what Cooperstown, New York accomplished with just 2,300 residents. The community could have simply announced the presence of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and waited. Instead, Cooperstown leaned



into a full sensory identity. Every shop window, every restaurant menu, every street banner reinforced a single story. The result is nearly 300,000 visitors annually, tens of millions of dollars flowing through a village that would otherwise be too small to notice. The lesson is not about baseball. It is about the power of committing to one compelling story and making every corner of your community tell it.

Rural communities hold something that urban centers are desperately selling tickets to find, that is authenticity. A 2025 survey of rural challenges found that natural beauty and a genuine sense of place remain the assets rural people most consistently name when asked what makes their community worth protecting. Those are not weaknesses dressed up as strengths. They are competitive advantages waiting to be unleashed on those willing to pay a premium for genuine.

The problem is that most small communities market features when they should be marketing feelings. A features-based approach says: we have a river, a historic courthouse, and a fall festival. An imagination-based approach says: imagine kayaking at sunrise before a farm-to-table breakfast, then catching live music under the stars on a Friday night. One lists. The other transports. The difference is not budget. The difference is intention.

Think about the smells and sounds your community owns. Is there a bakery that perfumes

the whole downtown block on Saturday mornings? Does your county fair still carry the squeal of a 4-H auction and the smell of kettle corn drifting across the midway? These are not quaint footnotes. They are irreplaceable assets in a world that has largely traded them for convenience. Rural tourism has been growing at a compounding rate in recent years precisely because people are hungry for exactly this.

Berea, Kentucky understood this truth. Rather than lamenting what it lacked, Berea leaned fully into its artisan heritage and became known as the Folk Arts and Crafts Capital of Kentucky, drawing visitors who come not just to buy handmade goods but to watch them being crafted, to sit with the artisan, and to carry home something human. The visitor does not simply purchase a bowl. They purchase the story of the hands that shaped it and the hills it came from.

Your community has a version of this waiting to be activated. The key is picking the authentic thread and pulling it consistently across every touchpoint. Social media posts should place people inside the experience. Business windows should reinforce the theme. Events should deepen the story. Your chamber of commerce, Main Street organization, or tourism council should be the keeper of that narrative, ensuring every piece of your outreach points in the same direction.

Do not wait for an outside agency to tell you what you are. The people who grew up there already know. Sit down together and name the one thing your community does better than anywhere else. Then build everything around that truth.

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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 7, 2026

by Karen Odell

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, Jason and Jake

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel

"Treasures in the Woods"



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 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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“A Very Special Pet”

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In France, as in many places today, pets of all sizes and varieties are highly revered.

I love animals too and have enjoyed becoming acquainted with a very special pet. Her name is Luna. She belongs to friends of ours, or they belong to her. In French, Luna is their ‘animaux compaigne’ or they are her ‘humane compaigne’. It’s a moot point.

Luna is a very special canine animal compaigne. As a loyal guardian she is steadfast and gentle all at the same time. Predominately white, with a few dark markings, Luna is strikingly attractive. She has all the classic characteristics of a Pyrenean Mountain dog.

Unfortunately, as a malnourished, spindly puppy rescued from a shelter at six months, Luna does not have papers to prove the authenticity of her lineage.

Fortunately, a proven pedigree doesn’t matter. Not at all. Luna is a natural aristocrat.

At 18 months Luna is big even for her age, although not yet fully grown. Pyrenean Mountain dogs or Patou, as they are known in their mountain homeland, do not reach mental or physical maturity until they are two to three years old.

Patou are big dogs. Full grown Patou reach a height of approximately 28-31 inches with females being slightly smaller. An adult Patou will typically weigh between 120 to 150 pounds.

The Patou are well suited to a mountain climate. Their white fur, with or without patches of wolf-grey or reddish tan on the head is perfect winter camouflage.

Pronounced dew claws on the back legs assist these strong dogs in climbing steep mountain sides. A double coat of thick fur offers insulation and protection in harsh mountain weather. The outer coat is long and course around the neck, tail, and backs of the legs, while the undercoat is much finer and remarkable dense.

Luna has a distinct guarding style. Indoors, she places herself near windows to survey the outdoors. Outdoors, she patrols the garden front and back. A definitive fenceline represents the boundary she is bound to protect.

Luna can seem ferocious as she is very large and her deep bark may sound menacing, but her natural first line of defense is to discourage confrontation. Generally speaking this tactic works rather well. However, a neighborhood German Shepard continually intimidates Luna on his daily walks past Luna’s (and her humans’) property.

With this animal, Luna turns her aggression up a notch. There is some ferocious barking between the two as they face off on separate sides of the dependable fenceline. In the canine world, Luna is not a bully, but she demonstrates the ability to stand up to one.

As is true of all nobility, Luna’s Patou heritage has a celebrated history.

For a thousand years and maybe longer, in the Pyrenean region between Spain and France, Patou,

protected flocks of sheep from predators. While wolves were a persistent threat, shepherders used studded ‘wolf collars’ with long jagged spikes to fight off these predators.

By the 1880s in France, the wolf population declined as did a practical purpose for the magnificent Patou. The dogs became scarce and perhaps nearly died out according to some sources.

In the early 1990s wolves began to reappear as Italian wolves began to cross from Italy to France.

The reappearance of wolves, by now a protected species, was a problem for farmers.

To protect the livelihoods of farmers from wolf predators and a growing problem with stray dogs attacking sheep, the French government began an experimental project. They gave Patou dogs to farmers. As a result, and with the help of government funding, the Patou have experienced a comeback in popularity and

purpose.

The Patou breed has cousins in North America, In the late 1930s, the breed was exported to Canada and the United States. In these regions the Patou have proven effective guardians against a host of predators, particularly coyotes and black bears, but also cougars and grizzly bears.

Meanwhile, Luna maintains her role as a working dog. The job description has changed some. The work is less demanding. She has good life. The best life possible.

She enjoys a daily early morning walk with her humans. She does not pull on her leash. She seems to understand instinctively how to behave on a walk. She greets other small pets on leashes with courtesy and with friendly interest. Fortunately, not as lunch, although some of the tender small dogs might fit easily between her jaws. If they are the barking types, she disregards them, but with

aristocratic courtesy.

Luna is a gentle companion who keeps watch over her humans and the property they inhabit together. She eagerly lopes across the property to greet visitors. When we arrive to visit Luna’s humans, she is always eager to see us. She waves her giant plume tail and greets us with enthusiasm and often a play toy. At one time she was inclined to show off her height by putting her paws on our shoulders, but now she has learned to apply paw pressure more courteously and with intent to communicate.

Perhaps what is most interesting aspect of spending time with Luna is the profound influence she has on the humans in her circle. It seems that she regards her own humans and those who are regular visitors as members of a flock to be protected and nurtured. It’s lovely to know her. She is indeed a very special pet.



Full-size Patou. Courtesy photo



Luna and Me.



Luna Portrait, author’s rendering.

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- 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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Summer Parks & Rec Activities June 2026

1111 National St ~ Belle Fourche ~ www.bellefourcherec.com ~ tessa@bellefourche.org ~ 605-892-2467

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: Belle Fourche Precincts #21, #22, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28; Belle Fourche Community Hall; Fruitdale Precinct #17; Minnesela Precinct #16; Romans Precinct #11; Orman Precinct #12; Nisland Precinct #18.

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BF Rec Group Fitness June 2026. 1111 National St. ~ Belle Fourche ~ 605-892-2467 ~ tessa@bellefourche.org ~ www.bellefourcherec.com. Calendar showing fitness classes from Mon to Fri with details on activities like SilverSneakers, Yoga, and Line Dancing.

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Vale Gathering Keeps Town's History Alive

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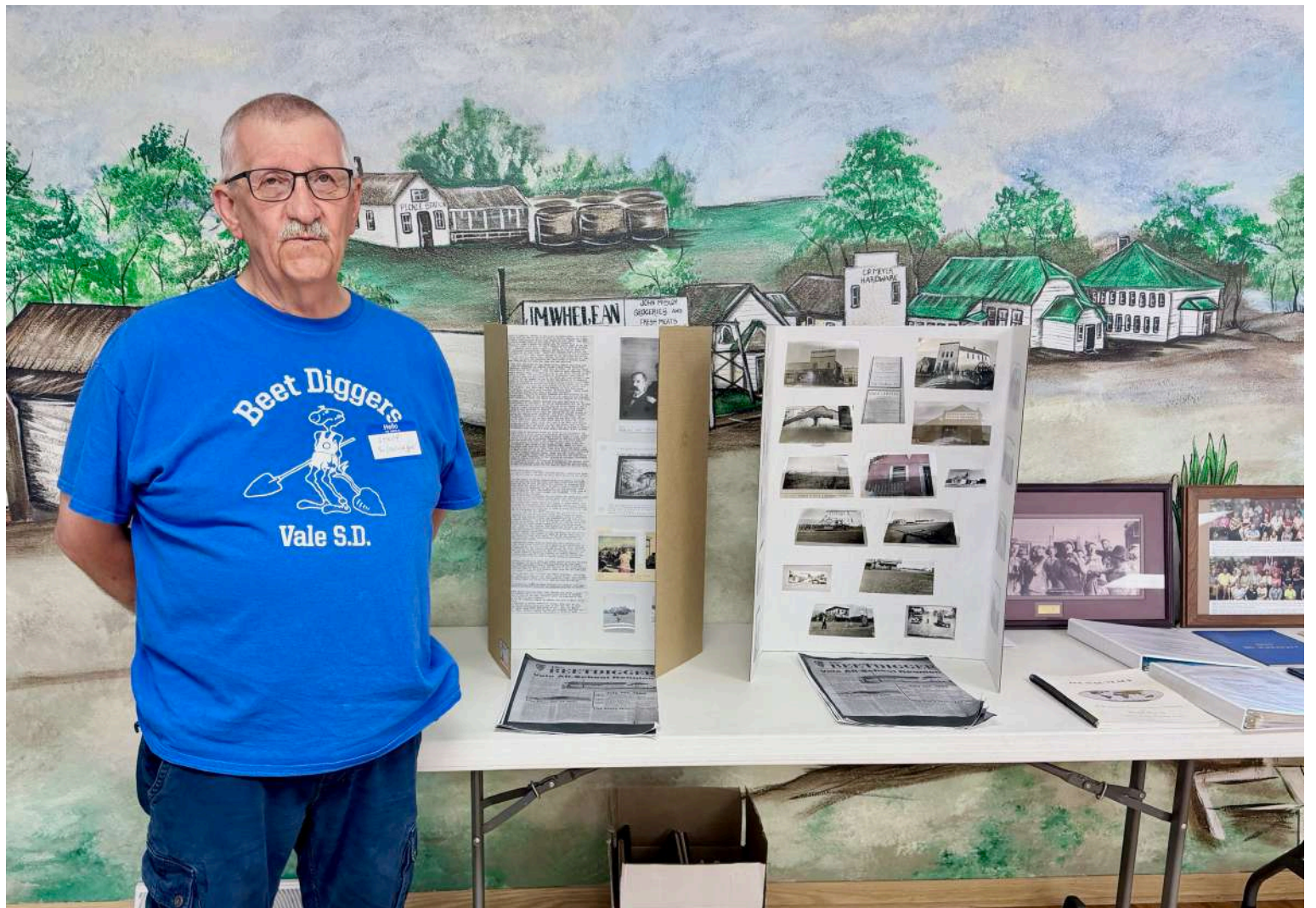
VALE—Learning the history of those who came before you is important in understanding the rich background of any town. One such case is the little town of Vale. This year is the 147th anniversary of its founding, and it was celebrated on June 13 at the Vale Community Hall.

Every year a small group of citizens work to keep the memory of the beginnings of Vale alive and well. On the second Saturday of June, a group of six members who make up the Vale Reunion Committee host the Vale Gathering. It is a community get-together with tables full of old high school yearbooks, newspapers and lots of old photos on display.

All of those interested in celebrating another year of life for the small town were invited to Vale Community Hall for a brats and burger potluck lunch with refreshments, followed by an afternoon of BINGO.

Steve Silvernag, one of the driving forces behind the yearly get-together, is full of knowledge about the town. He said, "I always came to this, and it was an older two couples that always put it on. So, about three years ago, they said, 'We're getting too old to do this, would you take it over?' So, myself and a bunch of people living around here, some live in Spearfish, where I live, and we just continued with the history, you know, if you lose it, you never get it back."

Back in its heyday, Vale was a booming town. "They had banks and motels, and I mean,



Steve Silvernag with Vale historical memorabilia. Longbrake photo

they had everything here! There was even a jail," shared Silvernag.

Back when cucumbers and sugar beets were big crops in the area, Silvernag's dad was a farmer. "My dad bought his farm in 1950 and farmed in beets—I remember riding in with my dad in the sugar beet truck. They dump the sugar beets and then auger them up into the train cars, and they go

back to Belle. That's where the sugar beet factory was—and then that shut down a long time ago, and they moved it," he shared.

In hopes of getting more interest in their gathering, the group decided to make the Vale Gathering a fundraiser. They took donations at the door and gave the BINGO proceeds to the Vale Fire Department. "We have way more people than

last year! Right now we're at \$1,183 for the Fire Department. And any of the BINGO proceeds will also go to the fire department," said Silvernag.

The idea to get more interest seemed to have worked. The Fire Department brought a big red fire truck to put on display and the public came out. "It's pretty good today! Last year we only had 32 people and so far we are probably up to 60

now," said Silvernag. "What we did before we were so anxious to get done that we start taking the food away, and one of the other people in town told us this. So we left the food, we played bingo for two hours, you can eat, play bingo, go back and eat a little bit more, and then the food's gone!"

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Quilt Bank Gets New Sign

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NEWELL—Since the early 1900s, the corner of Third Avenue and Girard Street has been home to a beautiful brick building that once housed a bank. Over the years, the former bank has been transformed into several different stores, but for the past three years it has been home to a different kind of bank—one that holds creativity rather than currency: Quilt Bank.

A new sign recently went up on the historic structure, marking its latest chapter for owner Pandi Pittman. She bought the property in June 2023. When you walk into the old bank today, you are greeted by a warm, inviting store filled with bolts of fabric, quilting accessories, notions, sewing machines and workspaces. Pandi's mission of creating a full-service quilt shop has come to fruition.

Originally from Newell, Pandi admired the historic building for a long time. "I would come back—I'm from here, I graduated from here in 1990, and for a couple years I'd come back for Labor Day, and I'd look at this building and say that's a neat old building, it'd be a cool quilt shop, but it'd be a lot of work, and I

was right on both accounts," said Pandi.

Being a lifelong quilter herself, Pandi knows exactly what quilters need in a store, and she has thought of everything. "My first nine years of school administration, I made over 50 quilts. My grandmother was a quilter, my mom's a quilter—just a lot of quilting, and I love quilting! This is where I come to relax," she shared.

She has worked hard to curate specific products for her store. "The collections I work towards finding are ranch, farm, wildlife—I look for natural-looking prints. I don't like cartoon-looking stuff, so you know it depends on what you're looking for in fabric," Pandi explained. "I like sheep prints, cattle prints, those types of things that represent this area—I look for that."

While the fabric choices are important in quilting, this store has so much more to offer. There is a longarm quilting machine to help complete large quilting projects, and Pandi does sewing machine repair and maintenance.

In the back of the store, there is a classroom. Tables are set up with sewing machines and large cutting mats with all of the supplies. "This is the classroom,

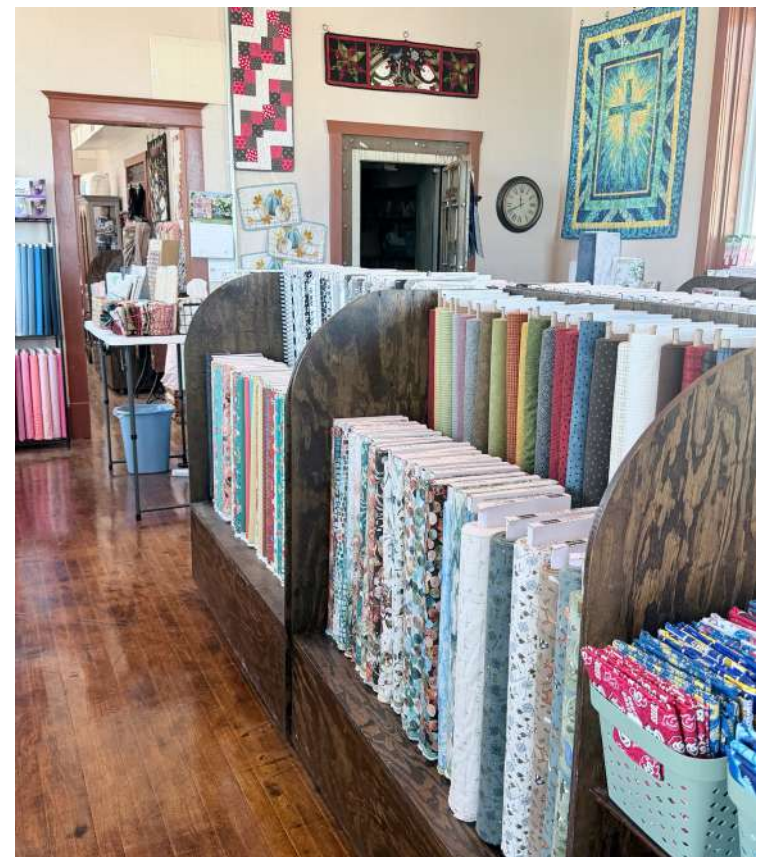
and there'll be small classes here. This will be open whenever we're open," said Pandi. Using the space is free of charge.

Pittman is the President of the newly revamped Newell Area Economic Development Group and believes quilt shops are good for the local economy. "Quilt shops are important, because quilters will travel all over to come to a quilt shop...so people come here, go to the grocery store, go to the meat locker, go to the two restaurants," she explained.

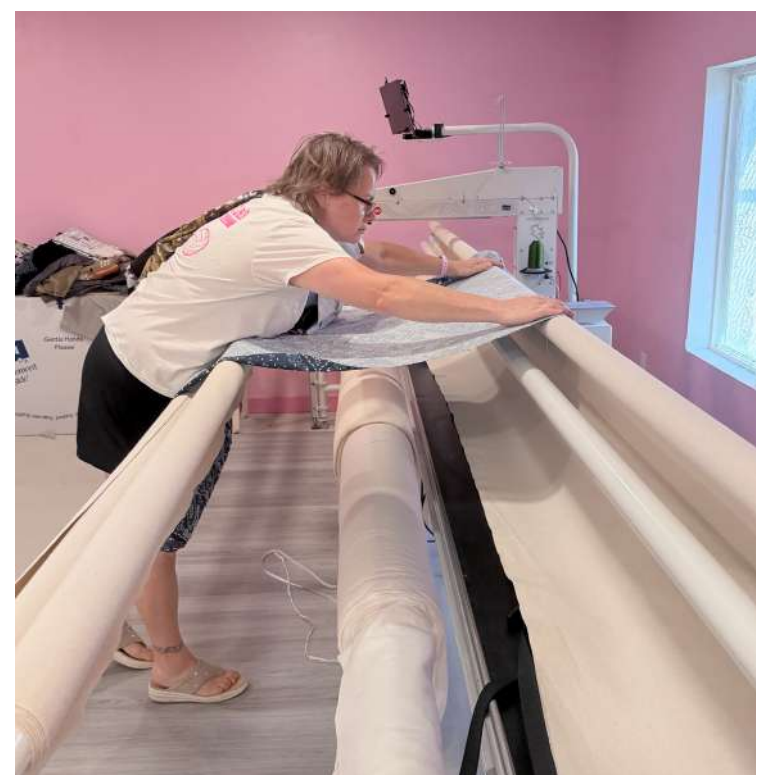
Quilt Bank is participating in the 5th Annual Quilting Across the Dakotas Shop Hop with 40 other shops across North Dakota and South Dakota from July 22 through August 28.

This fall, the Quilt Bank is hosting a Quilt Retreat at the Newell Senior Center from October 9 through 11. Classes on the Star Dancer Quilt will be offered, but attendees are invited to bring their own project to work on while spending time with other quilters.

The Quilt Bank is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The store is also open on Wednesday evenings beginning at 4:30 p.m. Follow Quilt Bank on Facebook for updates.



A variety of quilting fabric is available at Quilt Bank.



Above: Pandi Pittman, owner of Quilt Bank, gets a quilt ready on the longarm machine. Left: Quilt Bank sign went up on the outside of the store June 5. Cody Burke, at the top of the ladder, gets help installing the sign and Wulf's Metal Works created the framework. Longbrake photos



Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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Monday was a beautiful day to wash clothes, so I washed a bunch and hung them out on the clothesline to dry. I got a call from the Hettinger clinic that day that told me I needed to be up to the clinic at 6:45 Wednesday morning to do a stress test and I wasn't able to drink anything with caffeine in it for 24 hours before my stress test. Just going without coffee for 24 hours gives me a lot of stress!

My leg was hurting so bad that I didn't go to Ladies Aid Tuesday afternoon and that was the first time in over 60 years that I didn't go to the Doll's branding at the Hackamore either. Casey had the flu so he didn't make it to the branding, but Taz, Amanda and their kids were all at the branding and so was Missy.

I had to be at the clinic in Hettinger at 6:45 Wednesday morning to take my stress test without drinking

coffee for 24 hours and without eating or drinking anything after midnight the night before. I got through all the tests they gave me and a nurse treated me with a cup of coffee when the tests were done. I didn't get home until after noon so we ate a late lunch. I planted a few more seeds in my raised bed gardens and then watered all four of them that afternoon.

It was kind of windy on Thursday, but Reub was able to spray some weeds around the ranch anyway. Reub and I harvested a whole bunch of rhubarb that afternoon, then Reub cut all of it up into pieces and I put all of the bags of cut up rhubarb into the freezer to make into pie or rhubarb sauce that Reub just loves. We still have a pile of rhubarb so I'll probably take a bunch to church to see if anyone else wants some.

Casey went down to Spearfish on Friday to get

together with the other wrestling coaches for a couple days. Our friend Dave Kurth called us that day to say he was going to be at coffee in Reeder with the Prairie Pioneers that afternoon and he would like to see us. Dave came up from his home in Tennessee where he's lived for several years and was here to visit his old friends in Reeder where he grew up. We went to Reeder and met with a whole lot of folks to visit with over coffee with the Prairie Pioneers. We had a fun visit and left for home too late to make it over to Buffalo for the Ginsbach/Slaba wedding reception at the REC Center at 6:00, but everyone else here on the ranch made it over there and they had a fun evening.

It was chilly and windy on Saturday and we were supposed to get some rain that didn't come. The temperature got to 64 degrees and I had to wear a jacket every time I went outside to take care of my chickens. Reub was wearing his jacket when he went out to do chores and burn garbage. Casey was still in Spearfish and Missy went up to South Heart, North Dakota, to visit her daughter Lanie and Matt Klug and their kids. Joy and Holly Worm called me that afternoon with questions about the history of Prairie

City that my father, Bryce White, founded, but since we moved to Bison when I just finishing 1st grade, I couldn't help them very much. I suggested that they talk to Elva Belle Carr because she would know a lot more of the history than I did. It was sure nice visiting with them.

Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen were still gone so Pastor Tom Davis and his wife came down from Hettinger so Tom could give the sermon after Iver Heier led the service on Sunday. Margaretta Hanson and Patsy Wilkinson fed us a delicious lunch with coffee after church and we ate so many treats that I didn't have to cook lunch until quite a while after noon. Reub and I went to the Gideon meeting at the Coal Springs Church south of Meadow Corner that afternoon and there were a lot of nice Christian people there to have fellowship with. We prayed for a lot of people and they even prayed for me and my surgery.

This was in the church bulletin on Sunday: THE FAITH OF WASHINGTON: He led our troops to victory in the Revolutionary War; he was unanimously elected the first President of the United States. But what make him so great? Was he a great general? A great political philosopher? An adminis-

trator? A great tactician or strategist? The truth is he was none of these. What then was his secret? It was said, "The elements of his greatness are chiefly to be discovered in the moral features of his character." Even his enemies said about him that he was, "the purest and noblest character of modern time." Where did that character come from? He was raised in a Godly family and was taught the Bible and to pray. It is without question that as a result of this training George Washington came to a living faith in the Divine Savior. He came to trust in the shed blood of Christ, the perfect life of Jesus Christ. It was 200 years later that the news fabricated something trying to discredit Washington's character.



Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

June 8, 1916

Rev. C. E. Cadle arrived in Newell last week from Maryland to occupy the Methodist Church. Mr. Cadle, both a minister and a vocalist, expresses hopes that he may find Newell a likable place to live in. The service at the Church next Sunday will be conducted by Rev. Cadle, the new pastor. Plan also to see T. Elmore Lacey, poet, actor, vocalist and humorist in his entertainment at the Church.

The Community Club appointed a committee to look into the cases of all petty beggars, solicitors and the like, before these people would be allowed to canvas the town. It is hoped that the club will receive in this matter and rid the town of these undesirables. We have been visited by at least a dozen professional beggars within the past 3 months, and this practice should be stopped immediately.

Wanted a cook and housekeeper to work on a farm, 3 or 4 men to cook for daily and a comfortable place to live. Stat wanted wanted and apply to the Valley Irrigator office or write P. O Box 48, Vale South Dakota.

June 10, 1926

A carload of Sioux Indians arrived on the Northwestern this week to work in the beet fields of the Newell territory. There were men, women and numerous babies, and at first sight of them, our beet growers were over-come with doubts. Latest reports from the fields, however, are to the effect that the Indians are giving satisfactory work so far. "Anyway," Charles Wilson says, "They can talk and comprehend English well, but we won't have to study Spanish or their language like Doc. Dunn."

A healthy young cyclone swooped down over a strip of country between here and Vale

yesterday afternoon at about 3:00 o'clock. It was a straight blow but a powerful one while it lasted. At the John Wilson place the roof was torn from his hog house and at the Livingston place a chicken house was totally demolished.

Sigrid, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Thompson of Lower Horse Creek, has the proud record of perfect attendance at the Plainview School during the past 2 years, neither absent nor tardy in all that time. Sigrid graduated from the 8th grade this spring.

June 11, 1936

John Alexander arrived last week from his home near Yakima, to remain for the shearing season. John is an expert at the shearing business and has contacts in this territory to keep him busy for the rest of this month at least. He says he drove through heavy rainfall all the way from Big Timber, Montana to Spearfish.

All mothers and children interested in the recreational program are requested to meet at the schoolhouse Friday morning, June 12 at 10:00. Mrs. Nellie Payton, County Superintendent and Mrs. R. B. Blythe, will explain the plan at this time.

William Williamson, former Vale High School student, is listed among those winning athletic awards at Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell. Williamson won a letter in track and was also awarded a decathlon medal for taking part in the difficult events.

Numerous reports have reached the South Dakota Motor Patrol, State Department Justice, that unscrupulous truckers are telling farmers that farmers cannot haul their own products without compensation plates. Milo Barber, Department

by Linda Velder

Superintendent in charge of motor patrol, asked farmers to disregard these reports as untrue, as long as farmers haul their own products in their own trucks, they will not need compensation plates, farm trucks are exempt.

June 6, 1946

A new type of combination well drilling rig, which has been constructed by Adolph Amunson. Utilizing parts of 3 motor vehicles and featuring 13 forward speeds will be put to a test next week. Amunson has contracted to drill a numerous water wells in the vicinity, intends to make the first test at his residence property. Although law enforcement and officers have not yet ruled as to whether the "contraption" is a tractor-tool or a motor vehicle requiring a license. It may even be operated as a jelly drill.

Tom Dawkins and Vic Vifquam, Rapid City veterans, who have operated the Phillips 66 Service station in Newell for the past 2 months, moved back to Rapid City, closing the station, stating that their application for a GI Loan to finance the purchase was disapproved. Carl Brunner, Jr., Newell this week announced that he has leased the service station. He completed the deal for leasing same with Charles Bradsky, Rapid City, has added a new pressure lubricating machine and anticipates being ready to open by this Saturday.

June 14, 1956

Plans for appropriate observance of the 50th Anniversary of the US Experiment Farm at Newell next year were launched at a special meeting of the members of the station staff and representatives of the Newell and Belle Fourche Community Clubs and the Belle Fourche



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Irrigation District with Dr. B. L. Kranz of the US Agriculture Research Service here this week. Superintendent Harry Weakly noted that the land had been set aside more than 50 years ago was stated in 1907 with the first usable data from the farm being released in 1908. Named to the Committee to plan the observance are Sam H. Bober, Harry Weakly, County Agent Kenneth Leslie and Charles Edwards of the Belle Fourche Chamber and Lyn Gladstone to head publicity.

Fishing is still good in Saskatchewan, Canada, according to Hugh Caton and L. C. Williamson, who returned with Jack Bachand of Sturgis and Preston Hill, Vale, from a 10-day trip to the area north of Saskatoon. They spent most of their time camping out and fishing at Lac La Plonge, and large lakes and rivers east and north of Lac La Ronge, which recently became accessible via a new road. They also fished at Green Lake, catching a large number of both northern and walleye pikes.

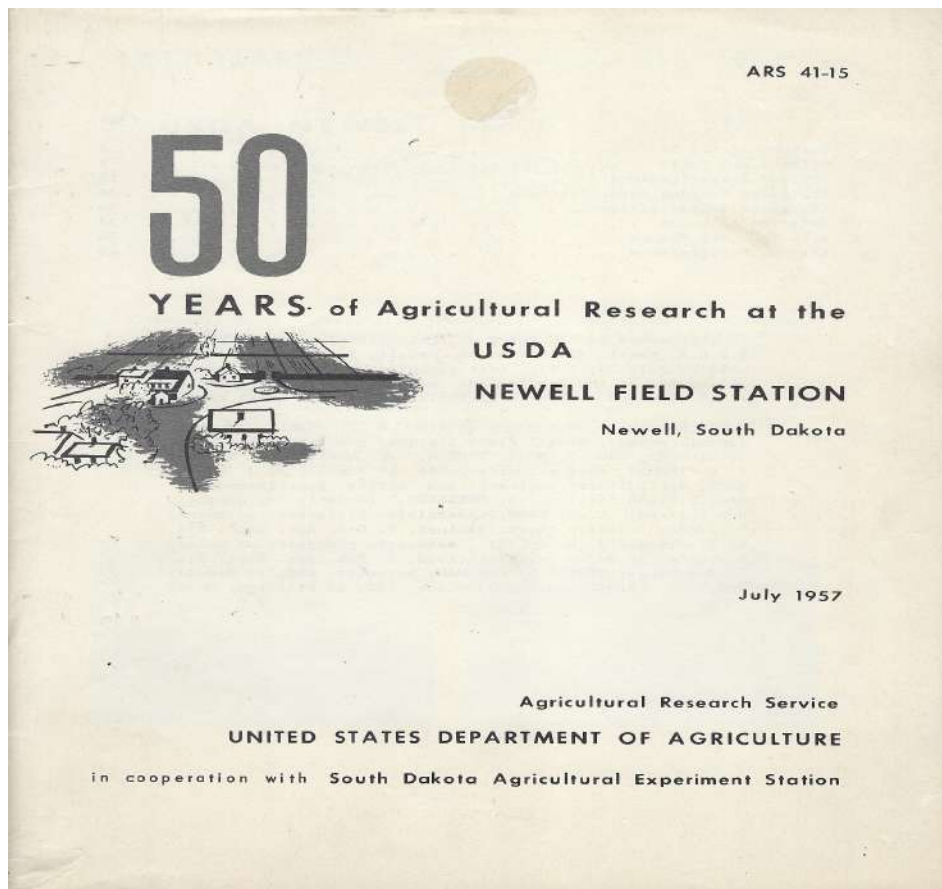
June 23, 1966

More than 210 school lunch cooks attended the second session of South Dakota State University's 11th Annual School Lunch Cook Short Course, June 15 to 17. More than 270 cooks attended the first session. Those attending the second session included head cooks, Betty Varland of Newell School and Mrs. Eugenia Reinhardt the Nisland School cook.

A group of former Vale High School classmates gathered at the home of Mrs. Edward Yoder here Tuesday afternoon for their first get-together since they had graduated there. Others present included Mrs. Minor Shaykett and Mrs. Herman Miller of Belle Fourche, Mrs. William Williamson, Mrs. Viola Mailloux of Vale and Mrs. Glen Walton of Phoenix, Arizona. Another classmate phoned her greetings from Ft. Yates, North Dakota.

Gary Babb has 2 coats which were left at the time of his pickup accident in March. He would like to return these good coats to owners; 1 red hunting coat and 1 brown coat. Contact Gary at R. R. Newell, SD.

A spark falling to a haystack when a loader touched a power line was believed to be the cause of a fire which destroyed a 25-ton haystack at the Byron Schipke farm northeast of Newell Sunday noon. Mr. Schipke saw the electrical flash as the loader box just touched the power line, the spark almost immediately ignited the stack, and it burst into flames rapidly. Members of Newell Volunteer Fire Department and neighbors joined in extinguishing the blaze and preventing its spread to a new sheep shed close by. The Schipke family is sincerely thankful to members of the NVFD and neighbors who helped extinguish the fire. They are very grateful for all efforts.



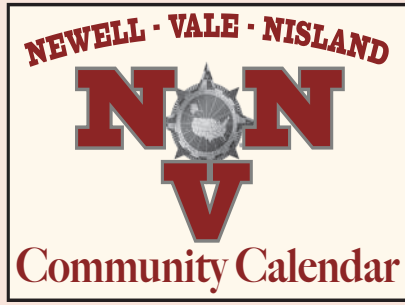
(L) Anniversary Edition of the 50th Anniversary of the US Experiment Farm (RT) 1956. Bust Hill on one of his fishing trips. (RB) 1926, Indians were brought in to work in the sugar beet fields. Museum Photos

Here's What's Happening in Newell!

Summer Reading Program
June 19 • 10:30 a.m.
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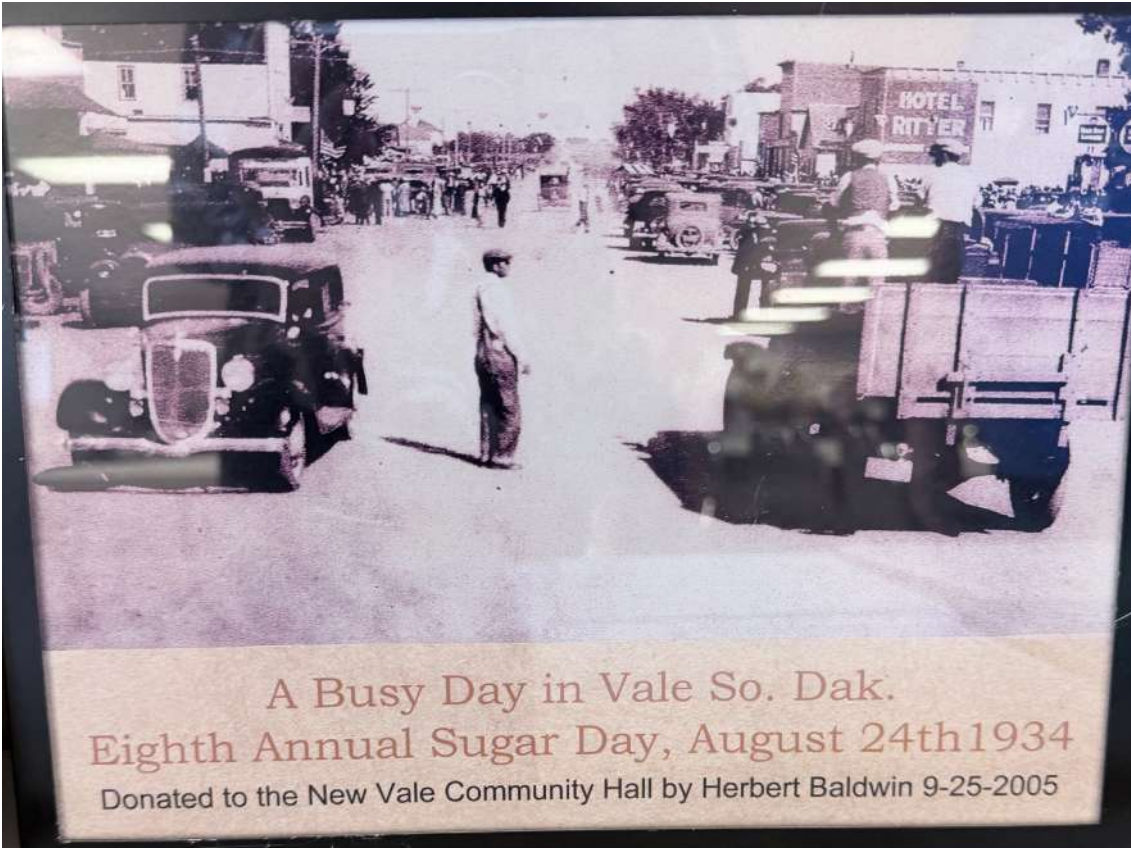
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Vale Celebration Photos



A photo of Vale showing what a busy town it was in 1934.



Helping serve food at the Vale Gathering.

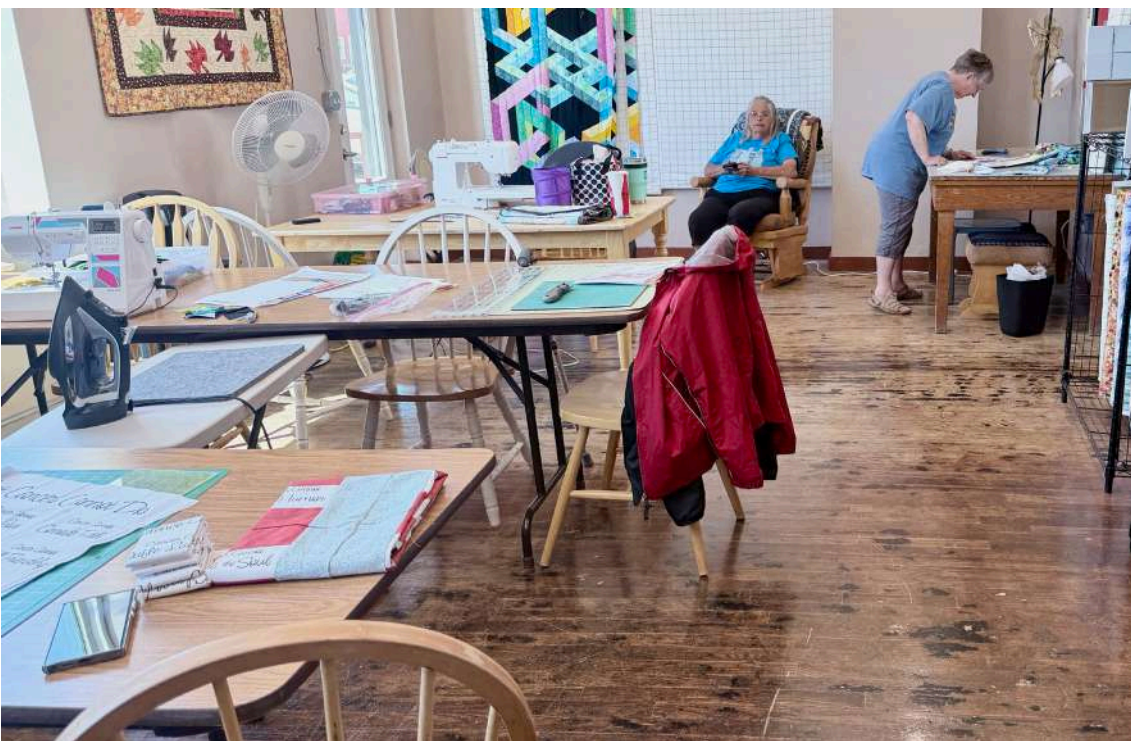


The Vale Fire Department brought a fire truck for the public to inspect.

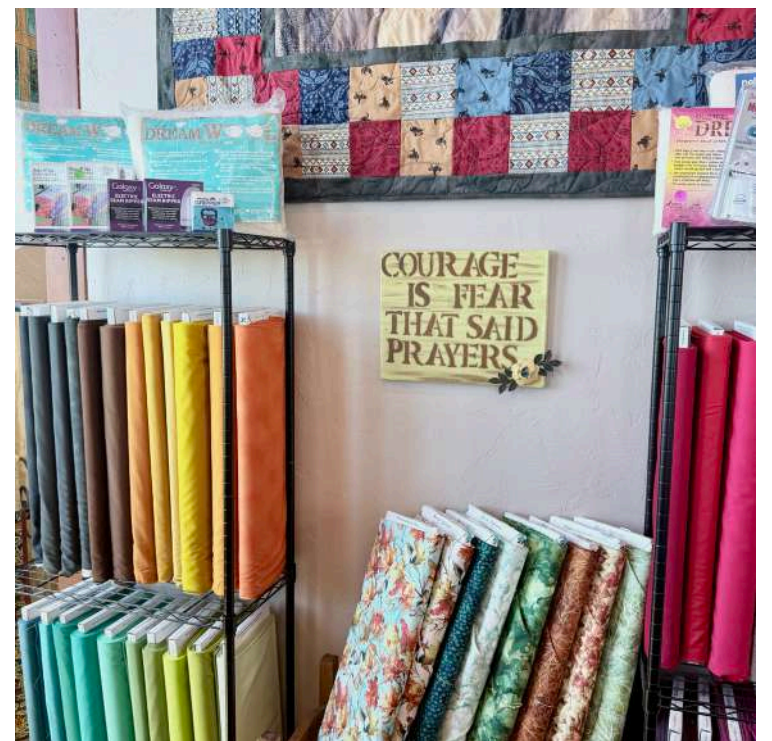


Participants wait for bingo to start. Longbrake photo(s)

Quilt Bank Photos



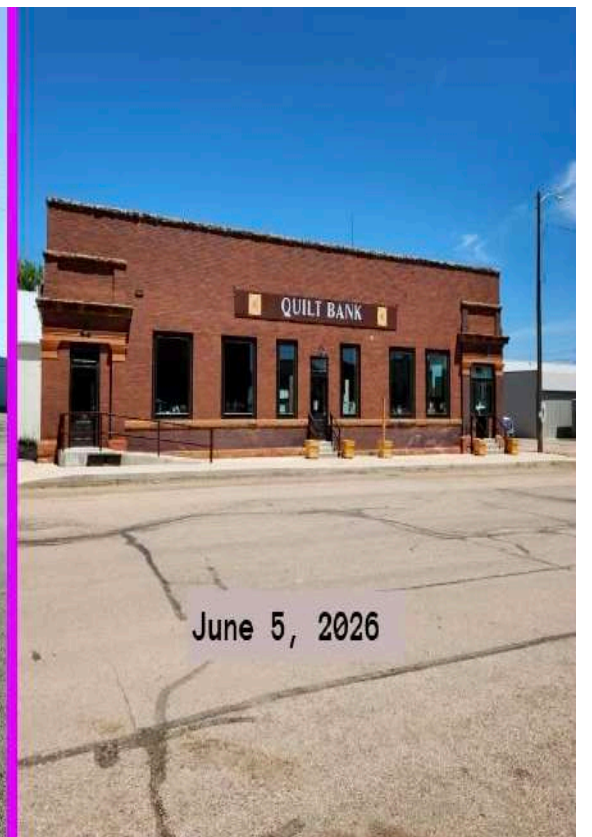
There is an entire room dedicated to individual workspaces for quilters to come and work on projects or take classes.



All kinds of quilting accessories can be found inside Quilt Bank.



A quilt maker works on a project at Quilt Bank.



Quilt Bank transformation from 2023 to 2026. Longbrake photo(s)