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## Ranch Rodeo Opens 107th Black Hills Roundup

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BELLE FOURCHE—Excitement filled the air at the Roundup Arena as the Ranch Rodeo kicked off the opening festivities of the 107th Black Hills Roundup on the evening of June 30.

The 17th Annual Ranch Rodeo offered more than just rodeo action—it offered a full slate of events for those who came out to take in all the activities.

Beginning at 5 p.m., the Ag Committee hosted a free community barbecue for those who purchased a Ranch Rodeo ticket. Roast beef, potato chips, a pickle and a cookie, along with bottled water, were served. The line moved fast as volunteers kept the food flowing.

The vendor booths inside the Roundup Grounds were open, inviting visitors to shop while they were there.

Starting right at 5:45 p.m., the littlest cowboys and cowgirls took the spotlight to ride mutton. The tiny contestants crawled on the backs of big woolly sheep, grasped onto the wool and held tight when the chute door opened and let the fluffy beast out into the big arena. Some riders lasted a jump or two out of the gate, while others stayed on the sheep's back all the way across the arena. Every rider received a



The introduction of the teams competing in the 17th Annual Ranch Rodeo. Longbrake photo

score. The rider with the highest score of the night received a belt buckle for first place.

When the last sheep bucked, the focus shifted to the royalty contestants as they took center stage for the crowning of the winners in the Miss Black Hills Roundup Queen, Jr. Miss and Princess contest.

All of the contestants spent the day before coronation participating in personal interviews, speeches, horsemanship and modeling, all vying for the opportunity to be the face of the 7-time PRCA Medium Rodeo of the Year and represent the Black Hills Roundup over the next year.

The Ranch Rodeo got underway with all of the teams entering the arena for the introduction and the Cowboy Auction. One by one each team was auctioned off. The highest-selling team at the auction was a tie between Crago Land & Livestock Team, bid on by St. Onge Livestock, and Pioneer

Bank & Trust Team, bid on by Short Grass Co. Both teams brought a bid of \$3,500.

On each team, one person was the designated bronc rider. The bronc riders were auctioned off separately. Tait Eaton from the Pioneer Bank & Trust Team received the highest bid of the

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## Contestants Vie for Rodeo Royalty Ahead of the Black Hills Roundup

Sonn crowned 2026 Black Hills Roundup Queen; Brownell and Dell earn royalty titles

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BELLE FOURCHE—A day before kickoff festivities began for the Fourth of July celebration, some of the hardest working gals gathered to compete for the chance to represent the 7-time PRCA Medium Rodeo of the Year, the Black Hills Roundup. The 9th Annual Miss Black Hills Roundup Queen Contest was held June 29.

Beginning at 8 a.m., six contestants, three current royalty and eleven visiting queens, along with three judges, the queen coordinator, and many parents and volunteers, arrived a day before everyone else to participate in the day-long competition.

Judges for the competition were Brianne Bonnett, Larry Larson and Brittany Lambert.

The six contestants—Sadie Sonn, running for 2026 Black Hills Roundup Queen; Addison

Brownell, Keaton Keil and Remi Crago, running for 2026 Black Hills Roundup Jr. Miss; and Quinn Gillen and Mesa Dell, running for 2026 Black Hills Roundup Princess—began the marathon of events hoping to win a title.

The morning started with a photogenic shoot, breakfast, welcome, orientation, introductions, Fashion Forward Style Show, modeling, impromptu speaking, speeches and media interviews, followed by lunch with the judges and finishing with personal interviews.

The next stop for the royals was changing into horse riding outfits and preparing horses for horsemanship competition at the Roundup Arena, leaving just enough time to clean up and get ready for the Black Hills Roundup sponsor kick-off party beginning at 6 p.m.

The next morning, the queen, Jr. Miss and princess contestants went to the library to read to kids, sign autographs and meet the public while promoting the Roundup Rodeo.

At the end of the competition, winners were announced just prior to the start of the Ranch Rodeo on June 30. Representing the Black Hills Roundup for the next year are 2026 Black Hills Roundup Queen Sadie Sonn, 2026 Black Hills Roundup Jr. Miss Addison Brownell, first runner-up Remi Crago, 2026 Black Hills Roundup Princess Mesa Dell and first runner-up Quinn Gillen.

Look for the royalty out and about at various events throughout the Fourth of July celebration. They will be all around the area answering questions and meeting the public. They

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Title winners: 2026 Black Hills Roundup Jr. Miss Addison Brownell, 2026 Black Hills Roundup Queen Sadie Sonn and 2026 Black Hills Roundup Princess Mesa Dell. Longbrake photo

## Riders Assemble in Belle Fourche Before Journey to the Little Bighorn

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BELLE FOURCHE—Motorcycle clubs, representing different tribes from all around the state, descended on Belle Fourche to use it as a staging location to prepare for the final leg of the journey to the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Little Bighorn.

Riders came from several reservations and communities, joining together along the route as they made their way to the Center of the Nation. "Well, it's something we've been planning for a while. We all planned it—me, Whitney (Jones), George MacConnell is part of the Sioux Warriors—he's from Sisseton area, and then Don Dolezal, he's from Crow Creek Reservation—Great Sioux nations coming together to put this ride together," explained Doug Johnson, president of Oglala Drifters.

Many riders arrived in Belle Fourche on the evening of June

24 for an overnight stop. "We get into Belle Fourche today and we're going to have a meet and greet down at the Mexican restaurant in Belle. Just a bunch of riders going to get together and have a dinner and meet people from all over," shared Whitney Jones, president of Sicangu Drifters.

The next morning, June 25, all riders met at the Center of the Nation Monument. The roar of iron horses, the modern-day warriors, made their way to Belle Fourche for a gathering of Sioux Nation to join forces for the final ride into Montana. "We want to leave by 10 a.m. because they're expecting us at the battle site at 2 p.m.," said Jones. "We are going over to the Battle of Little Bighorn—we're gonna ride in there. There's camping and they're expecting about 100,000 people there."

Making the trip across South Dakota all the way to Crow Agency, Montana, is a



Riders receive last-minute instructions and plan the rest of the ride. Courtesy photo

meaningful journey. "I'm from Rosebud, South Dakota. We're Rosebud Sioux. We started celebrating 150 years ago because they stopped Custer. They stopped Custer on this day 150 years ago. He was one of the most notorious Indian killers, so to stop him from killing women and children is worth celebrating," explained Jones.

While at the staging area in Belle, they had final plans. "That's where we're going to put our tribal flags on so we can go across the state to the battlefield—and we're gonna do a little prayer and a little bike smudging there," shared Jones.

With help from the Belle Fourche Police Department, officers stopped traffic, and

Police Chief Ryan Cherveney led the group out of town as they began their ride. As the riders pulled out of Belle Fourche, the departure marked the beginning of the final leg of their journey to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Little Bighorn.

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**Shirley Roe, 90**

Shirley Roe, age 90 of Spearfish, died Thursday, June 25, 2026 at the Edgewood Healthcare Center in Spearfish.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held 10:30 A.M. Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Belle Fourche. Inurnment will take place at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Watertown, SD.

Memorials are preferred to the Stillwater Hospice.

Funeral arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Shirley June Heiser was born in Tolstoy, SD on June 1, 1936. She was the daughter of John and Anna (Lipfert) Heiser. Shirley was the 5th child born to a family with 9 children. She grew up in Watertown, SD where she attended school. Shirley was united in marriage to



Millard "Hosea" Roe in Strandburg, SD on May 12, 1953. To this union 2 children were born. Wayne and Marcey. Following their marriage, Shirley and Hosea lived in many places, with Watertown always being home to them. In 1998 they retired to the Black Hills, but in 2003 they returned to Watertown. In 2024 they moved to Sturgis, and for the past year, Shirley has resided at the Edgewood Healthcare Center in Spearfish.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and 7 of her siblings and her son-in-law Gary Vetter.

She is survived by her husband, Millard "Hosea" of Sturgis, her son Wayne and his wife Pat of Sturgis; her daughter Marcey Vetter of Bismarck ND. Four grandchildren, five great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren; and brother, Jerome (Pat) Heiser of Watertown.

**Kathleen Selma Peters, 72**

Kathleen Selma Peters, born April 17, 1954, in Delmont, S.D., joined our heavenly Father on June 26, 2026.

Kathleen was the daughter of Elmer Peters and Velda (Permann) Peters. Kathleen grew up in the Delmont Wagner area with brothers Tyrone and Stanley and sister Vicki. She graduated from Wagner High School in 1972. During her life Kathleen has lived in and added to communities in Wagner, Yankton, Dante, Belle Fourche, Whitewood, Rapid City, and Box Elder South Dakota and Gillette and Moorcroft Wyoming.

During her life, Kathleen held many different jobs and wherever she was at she took full ownership and gave her all. She was known as "Chatty Kathy" and to know her was to love her. She was blessed with four sons, Zachary, Joshua, Mark and Christopher. Kathy loved arts, crafts, interior design and gardening. She enjoyed creating, cooking and baking in the kitchen but only knew how to make for an army. When called out on this she would just smile and say, "It will freeze."



Kathy loved connecting and catching up with old classmates and coworkers via Facebook. She was always eager to share all sorts of news, advice, silly videos, or jokes with anyone who walked through the door.

Kathy loved spending time with her family, friends, and of course, her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Surviving family include her sister Vicki (Dennis) Kuhlman of Wagner, S.D., sister-in-law Rosie Peters of Wagner, S.D., sons, Zachary (Monica) Diede of Gillette, WY, Joshua (Toni) Diede of Moorcroft, WY, Mark Diede of Springfield, S.D. and Christopher Diede of Rapid City, S.D., fourteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Preceded in death were her parents, Elmer and Velda Peters, brother Tyrone and sister-in-law Mary Ann Peters and brother Stanley Peters.

A Celebration of Life will be at a later date.

Online condolences may be made to www.sheridanfuneral.com. Arrangements are under the care of Sheridan Funeral Home.

**Pastor's Perspective**

"Finding God When You've Failed"

Honesty is indeed a prerequisite to effective prayer. But, it can also be cleverly guided weapon of the enemy.

"How can I pray when I know I've failed God?" I may ask myself. The awareness of recent sin or even a remote memory can haunt the mind and cripple all confidence in prayer. Further, the Adversary will hound my mind with added evidence of my unworthiness and my hopelessness if I do pray. "You've botched it up so badly, how can you seriously expect a hearing from God? You don't deserve anything. You know, and He knows it! Forget it!"



Some of us will even press beyond that lying attack to the point of praying something, somehow, but the words – when our mind is bombarded by guilt and condemnation – have a way of falling to the floor. Absent is the sense of creative power when we speak boldly in simple trust to the God of all the heavens. We feel instead like someone who seeks an audience with the head of state of a nation whose flag we have just trampled.

Fat chance of a favor! Thin hope of a hearing! The devil's right. Forget it.

But wait a mnutte.

Think clearly for a moment. What suddenly changed Satan's nature that he would defend God and tell you to keep your dirty distance? Nothing.

He's consistently opposed to my union and yours with the Father.

When the devil contests a believer on seemingly righteous grounds, you can count on there being a trap in the system somewhere. Truth starts to surface. The God of all glo-

This Perspective is from Pastor Jack Hayford.

ry is also the God of all grace. We need to learn how to handle our biggest obstacle to effective prayer: guilt, the sense of having been disqualified for bold approach.

So, how do I handle my dirty linen when I want to come to the

Almighty?

Any correct teaching of God's infinite mercy has a way of sounding to the presumptuous like a license for sin. However, we don't enter God's presence by presenting an admission card certifying our sinlessness. Nor does one stamp into the throne room with muddy feet and flippantly say, "Sorry about that."

A proper balance of humility and boldness is needed. Sin, by whatever description, cannot be skirted. Neither should sin be honored by allowing it to inhibit our praying.

Here's how to handle the problem:

First, understand God's posture. He's on the side of sinners. Jesus' critics were puzzled that He was so frequently in the company of people who lacked religious pedigree and moral status: "This man companies with publicans and sinners!" The amazing thing was not only that He was willing to move among the sinful, but that He affected them and not the other way around.

God never condemns sinners, and He never condones sin. "My little children," John begins, "I am writing these things to you that you sin not." (1 John 2:1). The message registers and could produce a guilty feeling just by casual reading...except for the next sentence: "But if any man sin, we have one pleading our case before the Father – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is our sin-covering." (vs. 1-2).

**Prayer for the Week**

Heavenly Father, as I step into this new week, may Your wisdom guide my choices. When I have decisions to make, big or small, lead me along the best path. Please give me discernment to know what is right. In Jesus' name, amen.

**Colossians 3:12**

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

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# Rain Sends Hometown Thursdays Indoors Again

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BELLE FOURCHE—Summer evenings and live music have become a familiar combination at Hometown Thursdays, which are traditionally held on the grounds of the Tri-State Museum. Area folks gather outdoors each week to enjoy music in the fresh air while visiting with friends and neighbors. However, for the second time in the past four weeks, the event was moved indoors because of weather.

The area needs rain, so no one seemed to mind moving inside, and the community showed up to hear the music. This week, Dakota Country performed to a full house at the Community Hall on June 25. The band is from the Black Hills area and plays an upbeat mix of traditional honky-tonk, modern country, and classic country covers. They like to keep the crowd on the dance floor, and they did just that! The dance

floor was often full of people out having a good time. The band was sponsored by Outlaw Bar, Upper Level Fitness and F.L. Clarkson Family Foundation.

The Fire and Iron Motorcycle Club was on hand selling 50/50 tickets for a fundraiser to help Darryl Raber in his fight against bladder cancer. Selling the tickets went on most of the night with the live drawing starting at 8 p.m. The event raised \$720 total, meaning \$360 was raised for the fundraiser. The winner came forward and donated \$270 of her \$360 winnings back to the fundraiser, bringing the total raised for Raber to \$630.

Sixth Avenue between Community Hall and City Hall was blocked off to traffic, and food trucks lined the block. PooterQ BBQ, Mangled Foods and Brain Freeze brought good food choices for an evening meal or a good snack.

Inside the hall, table vendors lined the outside of the room.

Tables and chairs were set up, and an area was blocked off to allow those who wanted to dance to do so. The dance floor was a popular place.

Hometown Thursdays have been bringing a series of musicians to the public since 2013. The event brings friends, neighbors and families together to enjoy an evening of visiting, live music and delicious food. There is also a variety of vendors and a beer garden for adults.

The event runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Thursday through the first week in August. Next week, Williams and Wright will be the musical guest.

There are six weeks left in the special summer musical series. The rest of the summer schedule includes July 2, Williams and Wright; July 9, Jessica Loobey; July 16, Brandon Jones; July 23, Wilt Brothers; July 30, Tim Zach Band; and August 6, JJ Kent with Aces and 8s.



Dakota Country performs during Hometown Thursdays. Longbrake photo(s)



Community members enjoy the music and company at the indoor Hometown Thursdays event.

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Dancers enjoy the music of Dakota Country.

From A1 **Roundup**

will also be carrying flags in the grand entry and are often the first to arrive and the last to leave a rodeo, making sure everything is ready and also that everything is put away.

“Look for the queens around town. We’re having a rodeo queen scavenger hunt, and the public can get involved if they take a picture with the Rodeo Queen and post it on their Facebook page, tag Black Hills Roundup and Miss Black Hills Roundup, and you’ll be eligible to win a prize,” explained Raye Brown, queen coordinator. “They’ll be doing sponsor visits in the mornings and some in the afternoons, but they’re going to be all around town!”

It is a lot of work to be the face of the Black Hills Roundup Rodeo, but the amazing prize package helps. Each winner receives a saddle, buckle, traveling chaps, traveling vests, traveling chap bags, flag boots, contestant mugs, gift certificates, Montana Silver necklace sets, autograph sheets, photo frames and much more.



Contestants competing to represent the 2026 Black Hills Roundup Rodeo from left: Mesa Dell, Remi Crago, Addison Brownell, Keaton Keil, Sadie Sonn and Quinn Gillen. Longbrake photo

# 107TH BLACK HILLS ROUNDUP



Cody Craso Photo

## CELEBRATING 107 YEARS

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

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

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



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

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

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



Red Cross Auction

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

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

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

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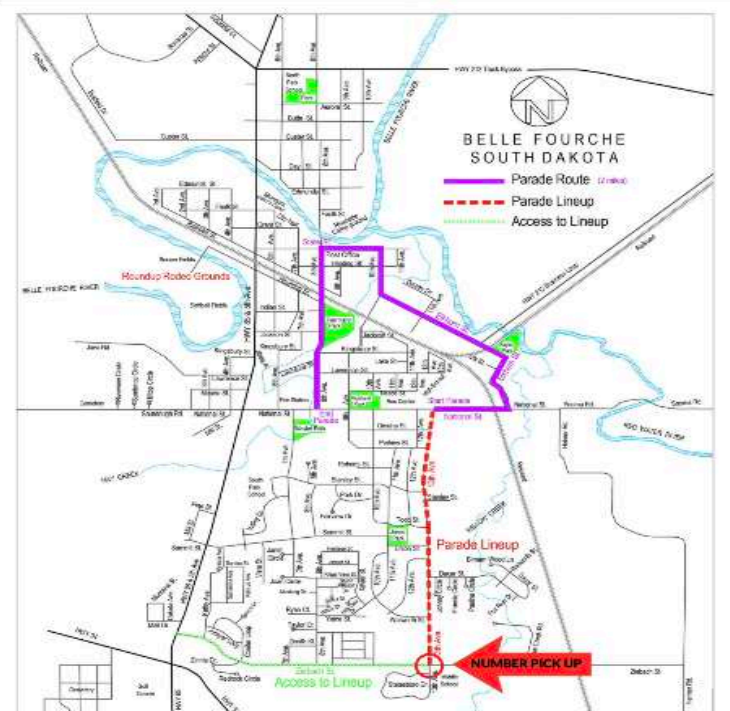
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From A1 Ranch Rodeo

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Ranch rodeo is a bit different from a traditional rodeo because the events are based on skills used on a cattle ranch. Rather than bull riding and barrel racing, events included sorting, branding, stray gathering, wild cow milking and bronc riding. Twelve teams of four cowboys and cowgirls competed in the five different events, with the fastest times winning. At the end of the night, all the points from each event were tallied to name the winners.



Mutton busting contestant at the Ranch Rodeo. Longbrake photo(s)



K Bar J Leather Team takes their turn in the sorting event.



The Cowboy Auction took place for each of the bronc riders. There was one on each team. They were asked to ride forward when being bid on—Kaktis Carlson was the bronc rider for Carlson/Romero Quarter Horses and 6T9 Horse Company Team. The final bid was \$700.



The Rockin C Services Team works together in the stray gathering contest.



2025 Miss Black Hills Roundup, Bethany Behrendt, carries the American flag during the national anthem before the Ranch Rodeo.



Volunteers working behind the scenes to prepare the food for the free community barbecue at the Ranch Rodeo.

Photos from Little Bighorn Ride



All the bikers head out of Belle Fourche on their way to the Battle of Little Bighorn. Longbrake photo(s)



Belle Fourche Mayor Randy Schmidt addresses the bikers.



Riders receive last-minute instructions and plan the rest of the ride.

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MINNESELA UPDATE: THERE WILL BE 4 PERFORMANCES! JULY 23-26.

MINNESELA FUN FACT: The main character is named Emma & the actor portraying her is also an Emma - Emma Tinsley!

Getting to know the show that was born right here in this area, I checked out the BFACT summary of this western comedy at their website: "Originally produced by the Belle Fourche High School in 2010, this beloved show about the ghost town sister town of Belle Fourche tells the story of Emma as she travels from the big city to track down her hero and star of his own book, Tom Bragg, deputy of Minnesela. Tom has his own worries from a woman who wants to be his betrothed and the brother of a man he killed who wants him dead, and the truth of his own story catching up with him. These two collide, as well as many hilarious characters in the once thriving town of... Minnesela!"

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

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

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Table listing sheep prices and categories, including Beckman, Braun, Fickbohm, and others.

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Cattle Report - Friday, June 26, 2026

Just Over 1000 Hd Today
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Light Test On The Yrig & Pair Markets

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by Mary Buchholz

**100 years ago Northwest Bee July 8, 1926**

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

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

round-up bed in the sage brush was their "room with bath?" Years have served to tame some of their characteristics, but the members of the Bullock-Roosevelt cowboys who were in Belle Fourche last week acted as though they had not a care in the world, and were enjoying life to the fullest extent.

Wednesday afternoon they were individually introduced to the crowd in the grand stand, each member arising as his name was called. After the introduction, Clyde Johnson of Sharidan, the official orator of the group, made a short talk, expressing the appreciation of the member for the treatment and courtesies they had received in Belle Fourche. Wednesday morning automobiles came from Deadwood to take them to Roosevelt monument where Photographer Trabold took a moving picture of the group with the monument as a background.

**75 years ago Belle Fourche Bee July 5, 1951**

**\$5,425 for Lamb Was Highest in History**

Even in this day of outrageous high prices, \$5,425 for one lamb seems incredible, but during World War I, that is what one small, unassuming, prospective mutton chop sold for. Impossible? Not at all. When Belle Fourche's Community Club of 1918 took on the project of raising the county's quota of the Third War Loan Drive and the United War Service Organizations budget, they planned a rodeo to raise funds. One of the features of the two-day celebration was a Red Cross benefit street auction of donated articles of all kinds brought in by townspeople and country folks. It was at this auction that a lamb donated by Oliver Rose, Sr., ad held in the arms of Alcester Rose, sold and re-sold until \$5,415 had been taken in. In addition, picture of the attractive girl with the lamb sold for \$5 each, bringing the receipts from that one animal up to \$6000. Finale to the story came some days later, after Kirk Baxter, chairman of the Red Cross in Butte county, sent a telegram to President Wilson. He stated that he believed that \$5,425 was the highest price ever paid for a lamb and that since the animal was so exclusive he wondered if perhaps it could not be allowed to partake of one plentiful meal from the delicious blue grass of the White House lawn. Wilson politely declined the offer, but thanked the community warmly for the generous Red Cross contribution.



Above: 1918 Red Cross Auction held during the first Round-Up on State Street, raised over \$20,000. Below: The highest priced lamb in 1918 Red Cross Auction raised \$5,425. Additional money was raised by selling the photo of Alcester Rose and her pet lamb for \$5.



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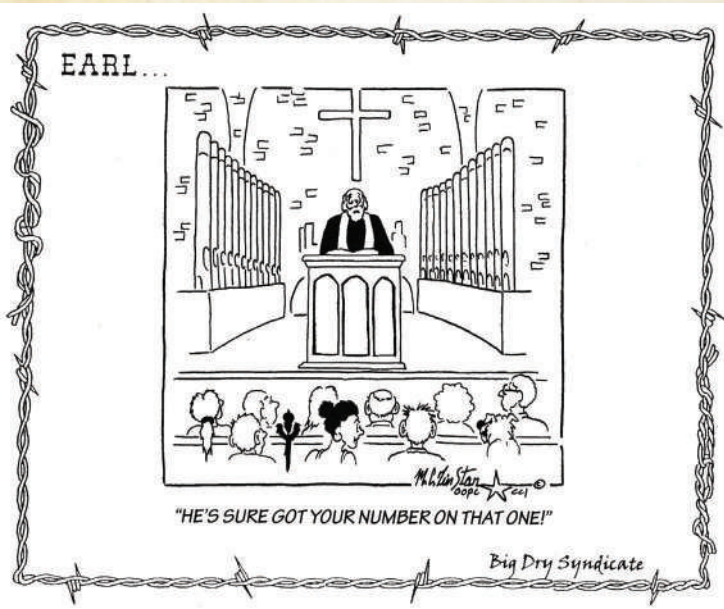
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6 Sausage Peppers & Rice Dinner Salad & Roll	7 Chicken Cordon Bleu with Broccoli & Rice Carrots, Roll, Salad	8 Swiss Steak Roasted Potato & Carrots, Salad, Roll	9 Meatloaf with Mashed Potato, Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Salad	10 Sloppy Joes Baked Beans, Coleslaw, chips
13 Beef Roast with Roasted Potatoes & Carrots Salad, Roll Milk & Fruit	14 Chicken Taco With Black Beans & Corn Spanish Rice	15 Turkey ala king over noodles Mixed Veggies, Biscuits	16 Beefy Mac & Cheese Corn, Salad, Roll	17 Indian Tacos Southwest Salad
20 BBQ Chicken Mac & Cheese Spinach Salad, Roll	21 Chicken Fry Steak Mashed Potato / Gravy Corn, Roll	22 Hawaiian Pork Brown Sugar Yams Brussel sprouts, Roll	23 Meatloaf with Mashed Potato/Gravy, Corn, Salad, Roll	24 Ham or Turkey Sandwich on a Croissant Pasta Salad, Chips
27 Chili Cheese Dog Fries & Pea Salad	28 Chicken Fry Steak Mashed Potato / Gravy Green Beans, Salad, Roll	29 Honey Chicken over Rice Creamed Spinach Dinner Salad, Roll	30 Beef Spaghetti Corn and Salad Garlic Toast	31 Cheese Burger Deluxe Fries, Dinner Salad Chips

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Robert Budmayr, Belle Fourche SD	13	Black-Yrlyg Str	913	342.00	\$3,124.03
	15	Black-Yrlyg Str	734	404.50	\$2,967.68
	25	Blk/Bwf-Yrlyg Hfr	655	414.00	\$2,711.70
Doyle Or Lorie Dejong, Box Elder SD	11	Blk/Bwf-Str	851	345.00	\$2,937.20
	11	Black-Str	717	381.50	\$2,736.39

PAIRS

Jeff Morgan, Gillette WY	28	Black-Pair 3/4	1342	5600.00	\$5,600.00
	15	Black-Pair 3/4	1213	5150.00	\$5,150.00
	14	Black-Pair 5/6	1164	5100.00	\$5,100.00
	8	Blk/Bwf-Pair 5/6	1498	5200.00	\$5,200.00
	14	Blk/Bwf-Pair Hfr	1498	5200.00	\$5,200.00
	12	Blk/Bwf-Pair Sm	1548	4800.00	\$4,800.00
	18	Red/Rwf-Pair 3/Sm	1459	4700.00	\$4,700.00

Darrell Or Jeanne Ennen, Rapid City SD	12	Black-Pair Bm	1618	5050.00	\$5,050.00
B & L Betz Cattle Compan, Clearmont	12	Black-Pair Bm	1696	4600.00	\$4,600.00
Greg Williams Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT	11	Black-Pair Bm	1629	4575.00	\$4,575.00
Hanson Livestock Co, Lusk WY	24	Black-Pair Bm	1438	4150.00	\$4,150.00

LaZY Y Quarter Circle Llc, Aladdin WY	10	Black-Cow	1319	196.50	\$2,590.85
	1	Black-Cow	1120	227.50	\$2,548.00
Thomas Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	2	Black-Cow	1218	200.00	\$2,436.00
	4	Black-Hfrt	985	322.50	\$3,176.62
	25	Black-Cow	1273	194.00	\$2,469.62

Jarred Or Anne Amdahl, Piedmont SD	1	Black-Cow	1545	184.00	\$2,842.80
Dan Patton, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Cow	1330	193.50	\$2,573.55
	1	Black-Cow	1425	187.00	\$2,664.75
Elisbury Ranch Llc, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1570	187.50	\$2,943.75
Alan Lloyd, Otter MT	5	Black-Cow	1268	198.00	\$2,510.64
	5	Black-Cow	1597	188.00	\$3,002.36

Consignment From MT, Daniel Davis, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1588	187.00	\$2,968.62
Darrell Or Jeanne Ennen, Rapid City SD	1	Black-Cow	1420	192.00	\$2,726.40
Janet K Evans, Weston WY	7	Black-Hfrt	1002	324.00	\$3,246.94
	2	Black-Cow	1428	190.00	\$2,712.25
Ryan Or Kelcee Vroman, Buffalo SD	6	Black-Hfrt	1083	302.50	\$3,277.08
	6	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1478	187.00	\$2,764.48

Travis Loehding, Ekalaka MT	7	Black-Cow	1187	205.00	\$2,433.64
	5	Black-Cow	1374	192.50	\$2,644.95
Doyle Or Lorie Dejong, Box Elder SD	1	Black-Cow	1415	190.00	\$2,688.50
Claudia Vroman, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1445	190.00	\$2,745.50
Taylor Vroman, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1340	193.00	\$2,586.20
Travis Or Julie Hurst, Buffalo SD	4	Black-Cow	1194	195.00	\$2,327.81
	5	Black-Cow	1530	189.00	\$2,891.70

Kolby Or Karla Wickwire, Aladdin WY	1	Red-Cow	1280	189.00	\$2,419.20
Busenitz Ranch Inc, Hulet WY	1	Black-Cow	1390	195.00	\$2,710.50
	1	Black-Cow	1315	210.00	\$2,761.50
	1	Black-Cow	1460	189.00	\$2,759.40
	1	Black-Cow	1475	189.00	\$2,787.75

Deering W Lazy F Ranch Ll, Hereford SD	1	Black-Cow	1380	193.00	\$2,663.40
	3	Black-Cow	1378	196.00	\$2,701.53
	1	Black-Cow	1365	192.50	\$2,627.62
Levi & Lindsay Conny, St Onge SD	1	Black-Cow	1480	192.00	\$2,841.60
	1	Black-Hfrt	1060	311.00	\$3,296.60

David A Or Denise K Wagner, Hulet WY	1	Bk/Rd/Ch-Bf	1050	150.00	\$1,575.00
B & L Betz Cattle Company, Clearmont	6	Black-Cow	1515	187.50	\$2,840.62
Scott Kittelmann, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1385	191.00	\$2,645.35
Clint Stinson, Miles City MT	9	Black-Cow	1544	189.00	\$2,917.95
	9	Black-Cow	1278	206.00	\$2,632.22

BULLS

Padden Land & Cattle, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Bull Df	2220	229.00	\$5,083.80
	1	Black-Bull Df	2090	235.00	\$4,911.50
	1	Black-Bull Df	2060	229.00	\$4,717.40
	1	Black-Bull Df	2085	225.00	\$4,691.25

Consignment From MT, Shane Finn, Nisland SD	1	Red-Bull	2345	215.00	\$5,041.75
Flying Diamond Ranch, Volborg MT	1	Bwf-Bull Df	2095	235.00	\$4,923.25
T C Outfit Lp, Vale SD	6	Black-Bull	2108	229.50	\$4,836.71
Burdick Ranch, Baker MT	1	Black-Bull Df	1995	240.00	\$4,788.00
	1	Black-Bull Df	2140	221.00	\$4,729.40

Lynn Weishaar Revoca, Reva SD	1	Black-Bull Df	1985	235.00	\$4,617.75
Tom Figgs, Broadus MT	1	Black-Bull Df	1995	229.50	\$4,578.52
Bruce Blair, Piedmont SD	1	Black-Bull Df	2075	216.00	\$4,482.00
Producers Livestock, Sundance WY	1	Black-Bull Df	1905	234.00	\$4,457.70
Consignment From WY, Matt Or Donna Perino, Newcastle WY	1	Bwf-Bull Df	1810	233.00	\$4,217.30
	6	Char/Blk-Bull Df	1813	227.50	\$4,123.43

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JULY 2, 2026

**WEIGH-UP SPECIAL - SELLING ALL CLASSES**  
JULY 9, 2026

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July 16, 2026 ..... YEARLING & WEIGH-UP SPECIAL & HORSE SALE - SELLING ALL CLASSES  
July 23, 2026 ..... WEIGH-UP SPECIAL - SELLING ALL CLASSES  
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August 6, 2026 ..... NO SALE - HAPPY RALLY WEEK!  
August 13, 2026 ..... YEARLING & WEIGH-UP SPECIAL - SELLING ALL CLASSES  
August 20, 2026 ..... YEARLING & WEIGH-UP SPECIAL - SELLING ALL CLASSES  
August 27, 2026 ..... YEARLING & WEIGH-UP SPECIAL - SELLING ALL CLASSES  
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**Belle Resident Places First at Black Hills 100 Race**

BELLE FOURCHE—Belle Fourche resident, Michelle Schmidt, recently took part in the Black Hills 100 ultra trail running event in Sturgis, South Dakota, completing the 50k race (32 miles). The event features 4 distances including a 100 mile, 50 mile, 50k (32 mile), and 30k (18 mile) distance. The race draws participants from all across the United States and other countries. Michelle was the first place finisher in the Women's Grand Masters age category (50 - 59) and for her efforts she was awarded an amazing buffalo statue. First place finishers in the 100 mile race and runners that complete all 4 distances over a period of years receive specialized, decorated buffalo skulls. The 50k participants started their journey at Dalton Lake in Vanocker Canyon between Sturgis and Nemo, South Da-

kota and the race concludes for all distances at the Sturgis City Park near the high school football field in Sturgis, SD. The runs take place exclusively on the Centennial Trail (Trail 89) with the last mile being on the City of Sturgis's bike path from the end of the trail to the finish line at the park. Belle Fourche residents Chris & Shannon Stores are in their 16th year of putting on the races and are pros at organizing, arranging, and keeping track of the hundreds of runners that compete every year. The event is also assisted by numerous amazing volunteers who man the aid stations for the runners day and night and make sure everyone stays safe and healthy throughout the multiple hours out on the trails. For more information check out the race's website at: <https://www.blackhills100.com/>



Belle Fourche resident, Michelle Schmidt, recently took part in the Black Hills 100 ultra trail running event in Sturgis, South Dakota. Courtesy photo

**"Man Up" Crusade Night Upcoming**

Sheriff Fred Lamphere  
Special to the Beacon

The Black Hills Roundup will have a Man Up Crusade night again during the Black Hills Roundup. July 1st will be date of the Man Up event. Man Up is a program bringing awareness to domestic violence. This will be the third year of partnership with the BHR and we have been gaining momentum. 100 percent of all the funds raised will be redistributed to the Artemis House Domestic shelter. It is the shelter that is used in Northwest South Dakota.

There will be a booth with staff from the Artemis House and the Butte County Sheriffs Office.

They will have handouts and literature about Domestic Violence and resources for families in need of assistance.

The Butte County Sheriffs Office is doing a mailing campaign as a fundraiser and there will raffle tickets being sold on July 1st at the booth before and during the rodeo.

There will be another Gist custom Belt Buckle and a Bull-fighter jersey.

Please help support the Man Up Crusade against Domestic Violence.



"Man Up" Crusade at Las Vegas Elks Helldorado Days. Courtesy photo

Upcoming events,  
for more information call:  
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**Happy 250 America!**

June 29<sup>th</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup> Black Hills Roundup takes over Belle Fourche!

July 2 - Dinosaurs of Hell Creek Museum Activities 2PM, Hometown Thursday 6PM  
July 4 - Parade 10:30AM

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# Area Church Schedules

## BLACK HILLS GOSPEL ASSEMBLY

1/2 Mile east on Hwy 34  
210-1374  
Kenny Riley, pastor  
Sunday: 1 p.m.  
Friday: 7:30 p.m.

## CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

2020 Vista St  
892-4767  
Dan Carlson, Pastor  
Paul Howard, Pastor  
Sunday Schedule:  
Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

## CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

1105 Todd St.  
Rick McCartney, Bishop  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting  
Sunday School:  
1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.  
Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society,  
Young Men and Young Women:  
11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

## CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC)

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Pastor Stephen Carson  
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Sunday Worship: 8:30 or 10:15 am

## EMMANUEL BAPTIST

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Andy Anderson, Pastor  
9am Sunday School 10am church  
Men's Bible Study 10am at  
the Senior Center  
Women's Bible Study Tuesday 9am.  
10913 Sourdough Road, Belle Fourche  
website: ebcfbf.org

## FIRST BAPTIST

807 8th Ave. 892-4178  
Pastor Tim Smith  
Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am  
Morning Worship - 10:30am  
Wednesday: Salt and Light Youth -  
Kindergarten - 12th grade  
5:00pm Soup & Sandwich  
5:30pm - Salt and Light

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC

892-3402  
www.bfsoucc.org  
717 Jackson St. Sunday:  
9:35 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Worship

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

901 Laurel St. Whitewood  
(605)-920-1959  
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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00am

## NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:45 a.m.

## NORTHERN HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST

5 miles South of Belle Fourche  
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Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Class  
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

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Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM

## PRAIRIE HOME CHURCH

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Worship: 11 a.m.

## RANGELAND MINISTRIES CHURCH

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Mark Leverington, Lay Pastor

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Sun: 9:30-12:30.  
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Club Championship	August 23th	Individual \$ 60 PER PERSON SKINS & DUCES INCLUDED
Couples Tournament	September 6th	2 Person Campman \$ 150 PER COUPLE → MEMBER \$180 PER COUPLE → NON MEMBER
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Come informed. Ask about power sourcing, grid investment commitments, water recycling plans, permanent employment numbers, and tax agreements. Insist on binding language, not press release promises. Before your community's next data center vote, visit your state's economic development office to review published frameworks for negotiating large industrial agreements. The facts are on your side when you know them.

By John Newby

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

## Data Centers Deserve Facts, Not Fear

Most conversations I have had about data centers follows the same script. Someone comments on social media or raises a hand at a planning meeting warning about water being stolen, power grids collapsing, and companies strip-mining rural land. People nod, fear spreads and ignorance grow. A facility that can bring economic benefit to a struggling town gets voted down on the back of misinformation disguised as civic concern.



billion campus is projected to generate roughly 1,000 construction jobs and tens of millions in annual local tax revenue. Beyond the dollars, data centers usually arrive with fiber infrastructure that benefits every resident and business nearby. For communities still fighting for reliable internet, that alone can be transformational.

Before the fear takes hold, let me ask you something. Did you check your bank balance this morning? Stream a show last night? Back up your phone photos? Pay a bill online? All those actions ran through a data center. This is not some strange new technology being dropped on rural America from above. It is the same infrastructure you have depended on for decades, simply growing to keep pace with the world we already live in.

Here is what critics rarely mention: a growing number of data centers generate their own power rather than drawing entirely from the public grid. About 30 percent of planned U.S. data center capacity is already shifting toward what the industry calls "bring your own power" strategies, with facilities building on-site solar, wind, battery storage, and natural gas generation. In Virginia, Vantage Data Centers has operated its own on-site power plant since September 2025 after being told the local utility could not connect them for years. Rather than burden the grid or wait out a bureaucratic backlog, they built their own solution.

So let's take an honest look at data centers: the good, the bad, and the genuinely complicated.

And when data centers do connect to the grid, many are funding the upgrades themselves rather than passing costs to ratepayers. In Minnesota, Google signed a deal with Xcel Energy to fully fund 1,900 megawatts of new wind, solar, and battery storage, covering grid infrastructure costs as well. In Louisiana, Meta funded seven natural gas plants, more than 200 miles of transmission lines, and battery systems for regional infrastructure. In March 2026, seven major technology

First, the good. Data centers represent multi-billion-dollar investments that bring jobs, tax revenue, and infrastructure upgrades to communities that have been waiting decades for that kind of attention. In Loudoun County, Virginia, property tax revenues from local data centers are expected to approach \$900 million in fiscal year 2025, nearly matching the county's entire operating budget. In rural southwestern Minnesota, one proposed \$4

companies including Amazon, Google, Meta, and Microsoft signed a White House agreement committing to fund all necessary grid infrastructure improvements tied to their data centers.

Now, let's be fair and discuss legitimate concerns. Grid stress is real where oversight is weak. In PJM, the grid operator covering 13 northeastern states, data center demand contributed to a capacity price increase of 833 percent between the 2024 and 2025 delivery years. Communities that fail to negotiate proper infrastructure agreements before a facility opens may find themselves absorbing costs they never agreed to carry. That is preventable. More than 30 states have now enacted or proposed large-load tariffs requiring data centers to pay for the grid infrastructure their demand creates, rather than spreading those costs to residential customers. Permanent staffing at large facilities can also be modest once construction crews leave, sometimes only several dozen full-time workers, and that should factor into any economic development agreement.

On water, critics are working from outdated information. Modern data centers increasingly use recycled and reclaimed water rather than potable freshwater. Microsoft built a system in Quincy, Washington that cuts potable water use by 97 percent and returns 1.5 million cubic meters annually for community drinking needs. Closed-loop cooling systems can reduce freshwater use by up to 70 percent compared to older evaporative methods. Communities should still ask exactly which source a facility plans to use and what recycling commitments will be binding. That is responsible engagement, not opposition.

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden



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

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

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

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

There was a pot luck dinner after church in Union Cener this past Sunday. A birthday cake was served as church family celebrated with Jack Seller as he is

turning 90 years old.

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

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

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

Capitol News

June 28, 2026  
by Karen Odell

The rain came to Capitol and to Tie Creek this week. It was selective and poured in some places. An inch and a half was measured at Odell's on Monday morning. Then it rained again on Thursday and Friday and Saturday, too.

Camp Crook has gotten even bigger rains. The hay fields are becoming thicker and may still produce a crop.

Alvin Cordell gauged about two inches of rain for the week. The mosquitoes are coming out, now, especially in the wet places. Alvin has been spraying weeds at the Yates place, and has noticed the hay fields are growing, and may produce, yet this year. He has seen gatherings of little grasshoppers at the Yates place, too, so we will hope they don't get any worse. There is lots of clover, and it would be a good year for bees. On Wednesday, Alvin and Marlee went to Belle Fourche to watch grandson, Gavin, play baseball with Sturgis. It was a good game. Cade had been staying out at the ranch, so they took him back home, that day. Then the next day Cade came back to the ranch with his dad. On Sunday, Alvin and Marlee went in to Belle Fourche for another of Gavin's baseball games. This time the game was against Martin, and it was a great day for

baseball.

This week, Lynn Gustafson helped with the Little Missouri Church Bible School each day, by bringing snacks. She stayed to help out. Pastor Mike was one of the teachers, and he is really great with the kids. There were between twenty-five to thirty-two kids that attended each day, and they provided a program on Thursday evening for parents and friends. On Friday evening, Bruce and Lynn were invited over to the McGinnis house for supper, and enjoying the evening. Bruce and Lynn are again beginning a construction project on their house, for a few weeks, and Lynn has begun some gardening. They both attended church at Little Missouri, on Sunday.

Doug and Julia Davis have been enjoying the rains, this month. The mosquitoes have come out near the river. Amanda Davis and their four grandsons have been visiting at the ranch, this week. Each day, the four boys attended Bible School at the Little Missouri church. Amanda helped with the teaching. Julia worked in Buffalo on a few days. Keaton and Kellan also helped their Grandpa build fence, in their free time. On Thursday evening, they all went to the church for the Bible School Program. It was great fun, and Pastor Mike helped show all that they had learned. They presented songs and display-

ed their crafts. On Saturday, Julia went to the church to help clean up after the week of Bible School. On Sunday, they went to Buffalo for a memorial luncheon in memory of Erma Albert, who passed away this week.

Dawn and Dorothy Padden made a trip to Buffalo, on Tuesday. They had 'brunch' at Blossoms N Brew, before coming home. Kelly Padden stopped by at Dorothy's for a visit on Thursday. On Saturday, Bryce Padden went to Buffalo to attend the Clarks' fiftieth anniversary party. Bryce and Dawn went in to Camp Crook on Sunday for the Slope Circuit Rodeo. Dawn took lots of action pictures. In the past thirty days, Bryce and Dawn have had five and a half inches of rain. That is good for this part of the country.

Karen Odell got some mowing done between rains, this week. Her grandchildren are busy with baseball, Swiss wrestling, volleyball, voice lessons, football and wrestling clinics. Two have summer jobs at the Corn Palace. One works at Cromer's Plumbing, and another is working in Tacoma. It is a busy world.

Please keep Erma Albert's family in your prayers, this week. We will miss her so much.

It's true that a bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.



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PRESSED BETWEEN THE PAGES #40

by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel

"The Best Birthday Celebrations"

"Knee-high by the Fourth of July." It was the time-tested gauge used by Midwest farmers to determine if a corn crop was on track for a successful harvest. If our mother could manage to get fresh peas and new potatoes from the garden to the table by The Fourth the whole family was thrilled. Important events revolved around the day. Our parents took the time to make America's birthday special; I believe they wanted their children to experience things they never did, growing up in hard times. What better way to celebrate than by making memories and

establishing family traditions? No matter what day of the week, the folks planned something fun for all of us. Some years, Mom packed a cooler full of fried chicken, potato salad and apple pie and we headed to the lake for fishing and swimming. Delmer recalls spending the day at Lake Norden. One year Dad waded into the lake in his new Red Wings, certain that he had hooked a whopper. Well, that's another story!

Often Mom and the aunts cooked up a plan for a picnic in the park. At that time, it was necessary to "reserve" a park shelter. Someone in the family would drive to the De Smet park, cover a few tables with table cloths and sit and wait until

the rest of the family and the cousins showed up. If you didn't "reserve" your place, there may not have been any spaces available. In those days people did picnics.

As soon as his children were old enough to enjoy them, Dad bought fireworks. When he placed my very first sparkler in my hands, I stood mesmerized as the glittering star fountain flashed in my face. "Run! Swirl it around!" My brothers and sisters got me moving. As we grew older, our father added new experiences. Firecrackers came with a lecture on safety so we didn't blow our fingers off and a story of someone who did. It was the time of year to stock up on rolls of caps. Delmer had a cap pistol, but

I thought it great fun to pound on the cap dots on the sidewalk to make them explode. A rock worked ok, but using Dad's hammer was an enormous privilege!

Fourth of July evenings were often spent at the De Smet baseball field. In case the mosquitoes were bad, it was good to arrive early for a prime parking spot. Often Dad and the siblings sat on the bleachers or leaned on the hood, visiting with friends. Mom let me sit in the driver's seat, though she thought I got a bit carried away with the honking. Donald played on the Erwin Teener team, as did Delmer a few years later. The Erwin American Legion sponsored them. Several times Erwin played De Smet. Erwin town and school were considerably smaller than De Smet, so when Erwin won and our brothers played well, there was extra cause for celebration

(and honking!) After the game the crowd was rewarded with De Smet's fireworks display. Pop! Thwump! Weeeee! Each flash was rewarded with spectator applause, ooohs and aahhs. Curled up in the back seat on the seven-mile drive home, I didn't think about the Declaration of Independence and life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. But I was happy to have had the best Fourth of July ever! Today, more than 60 years later, farmers expect their corn to be shoulder high or more by the Fourth of July. Gardeners still relish fresh peas and new potatoes, no matter when they get to eat them. Families still make memories and establish traditions. Happy 250th Birthday, America!

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Roots #68

“A Trip to the DMV”

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Dear South Dakota Department of Motor Vehicles, Thank you for the opportunity

was open and more people were sitting or standing inside. Here there were not enough seats for everyone, and several people were seated on the floor. I spent 30 minutes or so trying to follow the sign in directions to discover that my wait time would be over 3 hours.

As I had other appointments the same morning, I ended up having to cancel by place in line (another 15 minutes).

Fortunately, the Spearfish office is open on both Wednesday and Thursdays. So, the next morning, I arrived before the crowd, followed the sign-in directions provided, and only waited for 90 minutes. There was plenty of time to visit with others who were also frustrated with the wait. Most of the people around me were facing waiting periods of three hours or more. I am curious to know what the average wait time is.

People with appointments are served first, however, when I attempted to schedule an

appointment, there were none available within the next 30 days, and I needed to renew my license sooner.

The lack of available appointments and the excessive wait times is a great inconvenience to anyone who needs proper identification, licensure for work, or simply licensure to conduct daily life. Reliable, efficient, affordable public transportation does not exist in our state. In western South Dakota, and in South Dakota at large, driving is a necessity.

To some extent, I can accept the inconvenience of long wait times if there is a good reason. However, I would really like to know why these wait times have occurred and to what extent they are necessary? Seriously, I would like to know.

Expecting people to wait for more than an hour is inconsiderate. However, more injurious is the process of signing in. Gone are the days when one might take

a number and wait until he or she is called. The number system was fair, simple and made it easy for one to keep track of one's place in line.

To assist patrons who will be needing to visit a South Dakota DMV location in the future, and in the absence of sensible simplicity. I have prepared some suggestions as follows:

“First and foremost, one must have a smart phone, fully charged and functional. Also, one must be familiar with cell phone technology. Very familiar. The more proficient the better. A masters' degree level of proficiency is recommended.

Additionally, one must not have large fingers. One must be able to adjust one's bifocal or trifocal corrections to clearly regard the tiny words, so that one's nimble fingers can respond correctly on ones' rather small cell phone keyboard without error.

One must also

understand that the website with which one is expected to manipulate to sign-in to obtain one's placement in the queue may be exceptionally touchy. One must be prepared to arrive at the DMV with great patience and to be prepared to repeat the sign-in process two to three times as and needed.

If one is an individual with a disability, for example one who has no cell phone, one that is unreliable, or one who lacks the master's degree level of expertise you should move to another state immediately.”

I hope this information is helpful. It is based on my recent two-day experience at the South Dakota DMV office in Spearfish. I should add that the two human staff individuals were helpful and considerate when I was finally able to meet them face to face. Thank you ladies! It can't be an easy job!



The Spearfish DMV. Courtesy photo

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Butte County Historical Society. The Butte County Historical Society is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization established in 1956 dedicated to preserving the history of Butte County. They are headquartered in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, and manage historical archives, a museum, and several preservation sites.

Belle Fourche Writers. Belle Fourche Writers July meeting schedule: The editing meeting is Monday, July 6 from 2-4 PM. The regular July meeting is Saturday, July 18 from 10 AM to Noon. Belle Fourche Recreation Center. Notes from Belle Fourche Rec Center Aquatics Manager: As always, please reach out of you have any questions, comments, or concerns! Museum opens mini exhibit on postage stamps. Tri-State Museum holds Family Fun Day on June 21.



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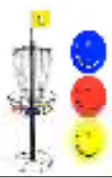
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- 3-Park Activities are FREE. Rec Center activities require a membership or day pass. (Youth \$4 - Senior \$5 - Adult \$6 - Group of 2 \$10 - Family \$20)
- 4-Tell your friends and have fun!

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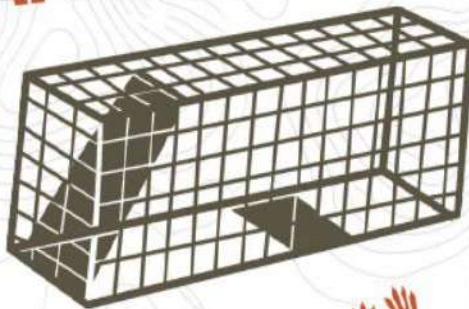


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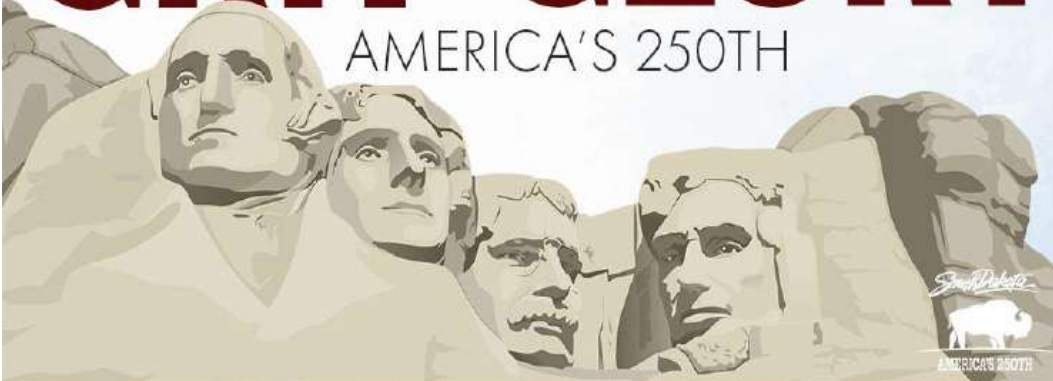


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Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

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## Rain or Shine, Newell Playdays Roll On

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NEWELL—If you enjoy watching young competitors work hard while improving their skills, then Monday nights at the 2026 Newell Family Summer Playday Series are worth checking out. Contestants of all ages take part in a variety of events where they gain experience and confidence along the way.

The second and third Newell Playdays had two different types of weather, but both went on as planned.

The second one was met with some rain, but it went on as scheduled—no fair-weather cowboys and cowgirls in this bunch! Contestants ages 0 to 19 came out to participate in the playday on June 22.

The third weekly event, June 29, was a beautiful, warm, sunny evening and made for a little more pleasant playday competition.

Events inside and outside the arena continued both nights without a hitch. Barrels, poles, flag race, goat tying and goat tail untying, dummy roping, breakaway roping, dummy team roping and steer daubing saw good turnout as members must show up to compete in at least five (last week three was reported) of the six playday events to be eligible for year-end awards. However, anyone under age 19 can sign up and compete without being a member.

In most events boys and girls



Competing in the 7-10 age division flag race, a young rider grabs the flag from the bucket and speeds home. Longbrake photo

compete against each other. The age divisions are 0-3, 4-6, 7-10, 11-14 and 15-19.

A unique addition to the playday series is an event called Wildcard. If you enter this event, it changes each week. One week, it was Crepe Paper Races, and the next was

Straight Line Flag Race with a Barrel turn added into the pattern. It is exciting to see what random event they will come up with next and how the youth handle the new event. All kids aged 7 to 19 compete together.

Sign up for each weekly contest is online and can be found

at newellcommunityclub.com. Registration closes at 1 p.m. on the day of the event.

Newell Girls Basketball players served food during the evenings as a fundraiser for them.

With the series already hitting the halfway mark, there

are only three scheduled playdays left. The next fun day is scheduled for July 6 beginning at 5 p.m. If you want to check it out, the dates left are July 6, July 13 and July 20, with the year-end potluck on July 27.

**Results D4**



The Newell High School girls basketball team ran the concession stand as a fundraiser for the program. Longbrake photo(s)



The 7-10 age division competes in goat tail untying. Riders must ride to the goat, dismount and run to remove the ribbon from the goat's tail.



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**Betty Olson**

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I had to call our bank on Monday morning to tell them about the scammers from Schenectady, New York, telling me that they were going to give me 5 and a half million dollars, a new Mercedes Benz car and \$5,000 dollars a week for 5 years! If you get a call from 518-723-4490 saying they are representing Publishers Clearing House hang up on them because they are trying to scam you. There are two deaths to report: Lois Schwartz, 89, of Reeder, passed away on June 18 at the Western Horizons Care Center in Hettinger. Funeral Services for Lois were on Friday, June 26, at the Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Reeder with burial to follow in the Rosehill Cemetery in Reeder.

After Lois' death, her husband died the next week: Richard Schwartz, 97, of Reeder, passed away on June 24, at the West River Regional Medical Center in Hettinger. Funeral Services for Richard were held on Monday, June 29, at the Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Reeder with burial to follow in the Rosehill Cemetery in Reeder. Missy took me down to the Black Hills Surgical Hospital Tuesday morning so Dr. Troy Gust could do surgery to remove that cyst that was pressing on my sciatic nerve that runs down my right leg that was causing me so much pain. They kept me in the hospital overnight while Missy stayed with her daughter Bryce Hesper and their family. They let me out of the hospital later Wednesday

morning and Missy and I stopped at Walmart to pick up my meds, get some other stuff, and Missy grabbed some stuff for lunch that we took up to Bryce's house to eat with her and her family before we headed home to the ranch. Missy brought me home that afternoon and that's when the new pain started. The pain was really bad on Thursday and Missy came over and helped me while I was dealing with the pain. When Missy wasn't here, Reub helped me get up from my recliner and he was busy taking care of my chickens and getting the eggs. Three days after my surgery the pain was just terrible, way worse than it was before the surgery! Missy came over again to help me out on Friday while Reub was also helping me out and I even tried to write a little bit of my Grand River Roundup, but it's going to be a lot shorter this week. Our granddaughter Bryce and Braxton Hesper and their two little boys came up to the ranch on Saturday so Bryce could go to the baby shower for Molly and Matt Kerner's twins down

at the church and Amanda and her kids also went to the shower while Braxton stayed here with their little boys. Casey and Missy went up to Sam Adam's wedding in Dickinson, North Dakota. I was feeling quite a bit better by that afternoon and some of that terrible pain was gone, thank God! Bryce and Braxton and their boys went up to Molly and Matt Kerner's for a barbeque that evening. I was really dizzy Sunday morning so I didn't go to church but Reub did. Bryce and Braxton and their boys went to church too, and they all stayed to have coffee and the delicious lunch that Amanda Schuchrad and Bev Heier made for them. I wish I could have been there to help them eat all that good stuff. Bryce and Braxton and the boys came over to visit us after church and I had Bryce put another patch over the incision on my back and that took her about two seconds! Casey and Missy got home from North Dakota around noon so they didn't get to eat any of the good stuff either. Reub brought a church bulletin home for me and

this is what Pastor Henry Mohagen put in the bulletin: Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



**Then and Now in Newell**

**"Looking Forward to our Past"**

**June 23, 1916**  
On Sunday evening, Miss Marian Woodberry gave an address on her work at Ellis Island among the immigrants to a large appreciative audience. Miss Woodberry is Secretary of the Women's Missionary Work and has been speaking all over South Dakota during the month of June. The Newell Town Board of Trustees reminds citizens, in the past different parties have been violating the Town Ordinance, by riding on the sidewalks with bicycles and the town board wishes to advise anyone so violating the town Ordinance in the future, will be fined. Last week we learned that Wm McCracken, fugitive from justice since 1913, on charges of horse stealing in this area and Montana, has been finally captured and is now behind bars at Miles City. Wanted at once: Ole Boe has 65 acres of alfalfa to put up. He will give half and furnish a stacker and 2 sweeps. Boe is located 8 miles southeast of Newell.

**June 24, 1926**  
A pickle car arrived in Nisland Monday and C. H. Pickarts, field manager for the Squire-Dingee Pickle Company, with a force of men started loading the car with salted pickles from the vats to be shipped to the factory in Chicago. Cars have been slow in coming but from now on they are looked for almost daily, until the 36 vats at that station are emptied. About the time these vats are in place the new crop from the 100 acres of cucumbers planted in this vicinity will begin to come in and the 48 vats now at this station are expected to be filled. Jack Barrett fell over a cow last Sunday out on the Golf Course. Aside from receiving a severe shock, no ill effects were experienced. Jack says the high grass was responsible for the accident. New gas pumps have been put in this week by the Bratton's

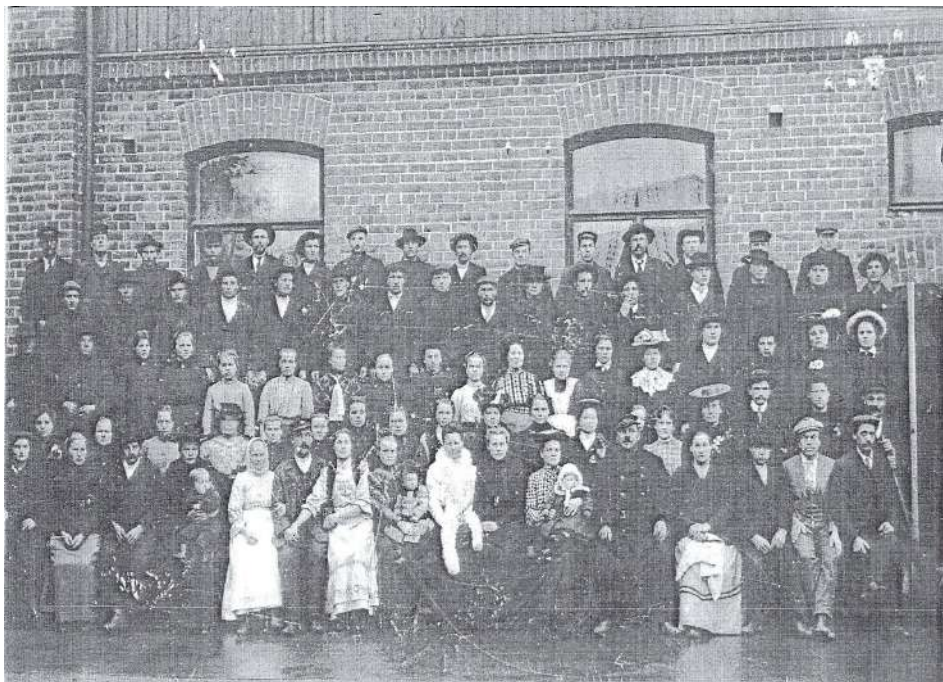
Mercantile Company and at August Schedwin's Station. Both will handle Energy Gas. This makes 11 pumps in town and 3 kinds of gasoline, but the price remains the same. **June 25, 1936**  
The Annual US Experiment Farm Picnic will be held this year on Saturday July 8, according to announcement made this week by Beyer Aune, farm superintendent. Mr. Aune is busy arranging a program of entertainment which will include sports events for the youngsters, several speakers, food and music. Committees will shortly be appointed to assist with the details and as soon as the program is complete due announcement will be made. Some of the summer herds of cattle are being moved from the Owl Butte country on account of a shortage of water. Roy Wilcox and Max Hohenberger of Sulphur left the first of the week for Wood, South Dakota, where they went to locate range for their cattle. Edward O. Lyman, well known resident near Vale for the past 25 years, was found dead last Friday morning near the headgate of an irrigation ditch on his farm. He had gone out early that morning to start irrigating and when he failed to return within a reasonable time, a search was instituted, with the result stated above. Heart failure was the cause of his sudden demise. Funeral services were delayed until Monday, pending arrival of his son, Stanley, from the east. The services were held at the Empire Friends Church. The pastor, Rev Wm Williamson, conducted the religious rite, assisted by Dr. Jamison of Newell. **June 20, 1946**  
Sale of the Fish & Hunter Co, Lumber dealer, to the Lampert Lumber Co of St. Paul was announced this week by Ed Van Orhr. State President of the Minnesota Company and Dr. F. S. Hove, Deadwood, President of Fish & Hunter. The shift in ownership includes the retail end at Deadwood, Lead, Belle Fourche

by Linda Velder and Newell companies and the Rapid City branch. Van Orhr said all present employees will be retained under the new management. Fish & Hunter will continue only with its wholesale business at Deadwood. The firm started by John Hunter, who came to the Black Hills with a sawmill from Bismark hauled by oxteam. Robert Kosola took Misses Sally Christopherson, Ardelle Ownes, Lorraine Palo and LaVaughn Rivers to the Lakson cabin near Lead Sunday where the girls are enjoying a week's vacation. They plan to return home on Sunday. A thrift sale, food sale and lunches at Black Hills Power & Light Company, starting at 11:00 AM and throughout the afternoon, Saturday June 22nd. Anyone interested in the welfare of the church may contribute to this sale. Bring old and new articles or food. **June 28, 1956**  
The Newell Community Club urges all to join in the observance on next Wednesday as a holiday commemorating the start of our heritage of freedom; 1776-1956. Newell stores and most other beefiness will be closed all day on July 4th. Slow down and live, save lives - not time, to have a sale and happy 4th. Among the 691 summer school students at Black Hills Teachers College are May Townsend, Esther Anderson, Lois Engle, Margaret Ewalt, James Fredlund, Lynnelle Johnson, Abbie Lund, Judy Ollila, Shirley Smith and Francis Ward all of Newell. The first session opened June 4 and will close on July 6. It included in its program of extracurricular activities, a summer lecture and concert series under the special services of the University of Minnesota. The Castle Rock music delegation of Patty Jacobsen, Marjorie and Shirley Burke played with the Newell High School Band which provided the music at the St. Onge Rodeo this past Saturday.

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Pvt Carl B. Fritz, son of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Fritz, Newell, is a member of the 8th Infantry Division at Ft. Carson, Colorado. Pvt. Fritz is assigned to Medical Company of Division's 28th Regiment. The 8th is preparing for its move to Europe in the fall as part of Operation Gyroscope. Fritz attended Black Hills Teachers College previously. **July 7, 1966**  
In a recent news announcement, a new bookmobile has been secured for the Northwest Regional Library. A portion of the vehicle contains more shelving and desk for the Librarian, which are part of the new unit. The bookmobile provides library service to rural residents and schools of Butte and Harding Counties. The driver is Marvin Christopherson and Librarian is Mrs. Lone Shevling. Members of the Arpan Valley 4-H Club decided to paint the benches in the Orman-Arpan Community Hall on the 14th of July at a meeting of the club on Saturday. Hostesses of the meeting were Rose Anne Friedel and

Debra and Joni Ellenberger. Six members were in attendance. All were asked to bring paint bushes and cans to the painting session in which will be begin at 12:30 PM. Talks were given by Janice Woodworth on slaughter of steers and by Rose Anne Friedel on care of fruits. Refreshments were served. Next meeting's hosts will be Gerkins and King-horns. Demonstrations will be given by Janice Woodworth and Gerald Schuldies. Mrs. Lyn Gladstone and Mickey McDermott took the championship honors of the first Ball & Chain Golf Tournament of the year sponsored by the Newell Golf & Country Club Monday, shooting a 41 to edge Mae Higashi and Bob Peterson by 2 strokes in the nine-hole event. A total of 34 men and women participated in the play. Prizes were awarded at the bi-weekly club dinner last evening. The next 9-hole event will be July 17, for men and women teams to be flighted by ages, older member teamed with a younger inexperienced player.



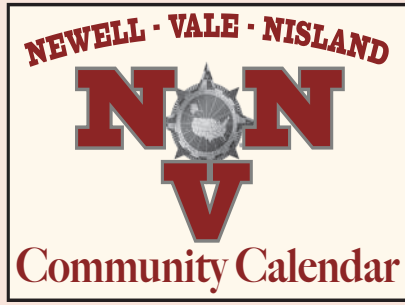
(L) Ellis Island; many of these families came to Newell. (R) "Old Glory" - Happy July 4th! (Above) Betsy Ross's home created our flag. Museum Photos

### Here's What's Happening in Newell!

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

Newell Playday Series  
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Results From D1

June 22 Results

0-3 Division

Stick Horse Barrels

- Ridley Rosencranz, 4.25
- Callen Westland, 10.13
- Brayzen Zimmer, 12.12
- Rance Gaer, 15.59

Stick Horse Poles

- Callen Westland, 12.25
- Ridley Rosencranz, 17.72
- Autumn Bonefield, 18.19
- Brayzen Zimmer, 18.56

Stick Horse Flag Race

- Callen Westland, 5.22
- Autumn Bonefield, 5.25
- Ridley Rosencranz, 5.60
- Townes Gaer, 7.78

Wildcard

- Callen Westland, 5.25
- Autumn Bonefield, 7.40
- Brayzen Zimmer, 11.06
- Ridley Rosencranz, 11.15

4-6 Division

Barrel Racing

- Blue Williams, 19.231
- Latham McTaggart, 27.295
- Quincie Lindskov, 28.555
- Tegan Lei, 40.540

Flag Race

- Blue Williams, 10.643

- Skailyn Bossert, 23.557
- Bryer Thiel, 23.722
- Callen Westland, 26.561

Pole Bending

- Blue Williams, 24.023
- Quincie Lindskov, 37.225
- Latham McTaggart, 48.153
- Tegan Lei, 56.168

Goat Tail Untying (No Horse)

- Blue Williams, 2.69
- Tegan Lei, 2.81
- Latham McTaggart, 3.53
- Brayzen Zimmer, 3.59

Dummy Roping

- Ridley Rosencranz
- Callen Westland
- Tegan Lei
- Blue Williams

7-10 Division

Barrel Racing

- Blair Nordick, 18.417
- Windsor Erickson, 18.960
- Maxon Dell, 19.021
- Prairie Lei, 19.140

Flag Race

- Range Lei, 7.280
- Prairie Lei, 7.326
- Maxon Dell, 7.393
- Rickeigh Lei, 8.095

Pole Bending

- Blaire Nordick, 24.972
- Maxon Dell, 25.567
- Holden Gaer, 27.574
- Rickeigh Lei, 28.710

Goat Tail Untying (On Horse)

- Range Lei, 7.274
- Windsor Erickson, 8.154
- Rylan Jeffries, 8.686
- Mason Wishard, 8.695

Dummy Roping

- Range Lei, 3.06
- Prairie Lei, 3.49
- Rylan Jeffries, 5.31
- Coy Westland, 6.77

Dummy Team Roping Header

- Rylan Jeffries
- Prairie Lei
- Coy Westland
- Ryder Witty

Dummy Team Roping Heeler

- Range Lei
- Prairie Lei
- Treyton Vetter
- Rickeigh Lei

11-14 Division

Barrel Racing

- Kaylee Lambert, 16.755
- Mesa Dell, 17.608
- Natalie Lei, 17.691
- Cooper Cermak, 18.667

Flag Race

- Cooper Cermak, 5.849
- Kaylee Lambert, 6.320
- Jace Hiles, 7.135
- Natalie Lei, 7.207

Pole Bending

- Natalie Lei, 22.577
- Cooper Cermak, 26.639
- Lexy Drewry, 27.421
- Baylee Cammack, 27.985

Girls Goat Tying

- Kaylee Lambert, 11.220
- Natalie Lei, 16.500
- Paisley Braun, 24.440
- Neacy Conry, 33.589

Boys Goat Tying

- Kase Lambert, 12.144
- Jace Hiles, 12.406
- Cooper Cermak, 13.190
- Creece Norman, 17.332

Breakaway Roping

- Kase Lambert, 2.870
- Zane Sacersen, 3.18

Dummy Team Roping, Header

- Jace Hiles
- Clancy Todd
- Cooper Cermak
- Natalie Lei

Dummy Team Roping Heeler

- Cooper Cermak
- Jace Hiles
- Paisley Braun

Division 15-19

Barrel Racing

- Aaliyah Lennon, 17.017
- Alexis Cermak, 17.576
- Hayden Johnston, 17.592
- Kalani Meyers, 19.665

Flag Race

- McKenzie Rans, 6.772
- Kalani Meyers, 7.462
- Emma Leach, 8.585

Pole Bending

- Rachel Stranberg, 22.712
- Kalani Meyers, 23.985
- Hayden Johnston, 26.495
- Emma Leach, 28.695

Goat Tying

- Rachel Stranberg, 11.542
- Kaydenze Lei, 12.003
- Bianca Bierman, 15.147

Breakaway Roping

- Rachel Stranberg, 2.69
- Presley Conry, 4.22

Steer Daubing

- Kaydenze Lei, 2.440
- Alexis Cermak, 22.970



Competing in the Wildcard event, this rider has the pattern figured out. Longbrake photo



Getting ready to compete. Longbrake photo

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

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

**Signature Evening Events**  
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- July 3:** Regional headline band and a Mount Rushmore fireworks watch party.
- July 4:** Headline performance followed by city fireworks.

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