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Belle Fourche Becomes Part of a Peace Journey Across America

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BELLE FOURCHE—A group of runners carrying a message of peace and goodwill made a stop in Belle Fourche on the morning of July 10. Participants in the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run were welcomed by community members during their visit.

The group stopped at the Belle Fourche City Hall and were greeted by Mayor Randy Schmidt, his wife Rhonda, police officers, city council members and others representing the community. “It’s so beautiful here and we’ve had such a warm welcome—which has been so nice. We just had a big meeting with the mayor and some of the community members at the City Hall,” shared Harita Davies, co-director of the American Peace Run.

Following the City Hall stop, Mayor Schmidt and Rhonda Schmidt joined the Peace Run and escorted the runners through town to the Roundup Rodeo Arena where the 60th Annual Butte County 4-H Rodeo was taking place. The group was greeted on the way into the rodeo grounds by Butte/Lawrence County 4-H Educator Audrey Pruitt. Mayor Schmidt carried the Peace Torch into the rodeo grounds and handed it off to a few of the rodeo kids who were competing that day.

Coming to a rodeo was a first for many on the Peace Run.



Mayor Randy Schmidt carrying the Peace Torch with the Peace Runners through Belle Fourche to the Roundup Rodeo Grounds. Longbrake photo

“Most of us have never been to a rodeo before and the kids on the horses are so cute,” said Davies.

The Peace Run aims to promote goodwill among the people they meet along their journey. The team running through Belle Fourche was made up of 11 people. “The team changes all the time, and so over the course of the four months that the run will be happening, there’ll be about 60

people from around 30 different countries,” explained Davies. “Everybody volunteers and people just come for however long they can.”

They run relay style, handing off the torch every few miles. “We all take turns at running, each person runs around two miles—three or four times. So each person runs like six to 10 miles a day. The whole team covers about 60 to 80 miles a day,” shared Davies.

The 250th anniversary of America’s independence makes this run extra special. “This year we’re going to all 50 states for the 250th anniversary of the founding of this country, and so I really wanted to be a part of that,” shared Davies. “I felt like that’s something so important right now in the world, and right now in America—just to do something that’s unifying and sharing—bringing forward that spirit of the founding prin-

ciples and the things that make us Americans.”

The cross-country journey began in New York, NY, in April. They have already made it across the southern part of the United States, all the way to California, and are now making their way back to New York City through the northern states. They will finish the run in August.

For the Peace Run, the Peace

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Volunteers Turn Community Pride Into Action

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BELLE FOURCHE—Community pride was on full display Saturday morning, July 11, as a group of volunteers joined together for a litter walk focusing on the trash left behind along the Black Hills Roundup Parade route.

Belle Fourche Global Methodist Church Pastor Sheri Fadley came up with the idea for the litter walk and reached out to Nikki Hoyme and Clint Haffner. Together, they partnered with Monument Health United Way group to invite the public to join in the collaborative effort to beautify the community.

“Pastor Fadley is an avid walker and she likes to go on walks, and she sees a lot of garbage and oftentimes takes her own bag with her and picks up stuff as she goes on these walks, and then

she thought we should do a litter walk, and then started talking with Nikki. They thought that after the Fourth (of July) would be good—and it worked out so well,” shared Cassandra Freed, volunteer.

Hot weather and a heat advisory created challenging conditions for the volunteers. It may have slowed them down a bit, but it didn’t stop their efforts. “So we started at 8 a.m. and I called it around 9:15 a.m. because of the heat—but we had a good turnout of people, so we were able to cover a big area too,” explained Clint Haffner, volunteer.

The group took some precautions and had a car available in case someone got overheated and needed a break. “We hit the parade route, we have tons and tons of garbage that gets thrown off the parade and gets stuck in the gutter

and there’s still a lot of remaining garbage even after the residents pick up and the city street sweeper goes through,” said Haffner. “We filled a 300-gallon dumpster.”

The church provided all of the gloves, garbage bags and water for the trip out to collect litter and the volunteer turnout was good. “We had probably 15 to 20 people show up, so a greater turnout than we expected with the heat and this being the first time,” said Nikki Hoyme, volunteer.

What began as a volunteer group of just Nikki and Clint has grown over time as others in the community saw the work being done and joined the effort. Encouraging more people to care about the community and get involved is really the goal. “We always have fun—we have a

Litter Walk Contd. A6



All ages showed up for the litter walk. Courtsey photo

Jessica Loobey Brings Country Sounds to Hometown Thursday

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BELLE FOURCHE—On a warm summer evening, the sounds of country music filled the park as community members gathered for the latest Hometown Thursdays featuring Jessica Loobey. Held Thursday, July 9, the concert was the sixth event in the popular Thursday night live music series.

Jessica Loobey is an independent Nashville recording artist who plays a variety of her own country songs and a mix of country favorites. Her music got locals up out of their chairs and dancing all evening. This week’s program was sponsored by Spirit of Cheer & Dance, Inc., CBH COOP, Belle Fourche Livestock Market, LLC and Prairie Hills Pharmacy.

There was plenty to keep everyone entertained during this week’s Hometown Thursdays.

Inside the Tri-State Museum, the bouncy house was set up for the kids to enjoy along with a

craft corner offering additional activities. Outside, the tiny train escorted kids around the park.

Belle Fourche Area Community Theater was responsible for the 50/50 ticket sales and raised \$730. Half of the money was given to one lucky person. The other half went to support BFACT. The theater group was also there to bring attention to their upcoming production. Michael Meemken and Geno Pesicka addressed the crowd.

“Good evening ladies and gentlemen... The Belle Fourche Community Theater will be putting on Minnesela, which is a true story about our sister city—but it’s not all true,” said Pesicka. “I am Sheriff Dave—come join us with Tom Bragg, Emma Williams and the rest of the crew on July 23rd through the 26th at the Belle Fourche Community Theater.”

Meemken added, “Located at the Belle Fourche Rec Center right here in town! Tickets are available on our website at BelleFourcheAct.com.”

The Center of the Nation Cheerleaders hosted a Pie in the Face fundraiser for their continued money-raising effort to perform in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

At one point during her show, Jessica Loobey thanked those in attendance for being a community that supports programs like BFACT with the 50/50 drawing and the Cheerleaders’ Pie in the Face fundraiser.

Food trucks lined the park, offering a variety of options for anyone wanting supper during the evening gathering. Rollin in the Hills, Asian Eatstreet, PooterQ, Pearson Block Candy Shop, Brain Freeze, Mangled Foods, Crazee Cow Ice Cream and Kernals & Candies were all on-site offering tasty treats.

Hometown Thursdays President Chip Conner took the stage to discuss the upcoming show. “Thanks again, everybody, for showing up. Next week we got Brandon Jones, so make sure to show up here on the river



Hometown Thursday crowd sitting on the Center of the Nation Monument. Longbrake photo

for this—we’ll check it out and see what he’s got up his sleeve! So thank you guys, and thanks to our sponsors, thanks to the vendors and of course thanks to everybody here,” he said.

The weekly Hometown Thursdays concert series is held every Thursday through the first week in August. The summer series only has four bands left

to play! Next week, Brandon Jones 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 July 16, Brandon Jones; July 23, Wilt Brothers; July 30, Tim Zach Band and August 6, JJ Kent with Aces and 8s.

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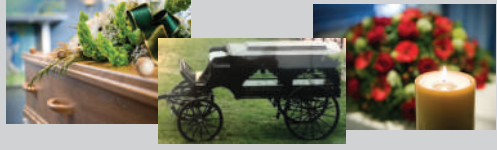
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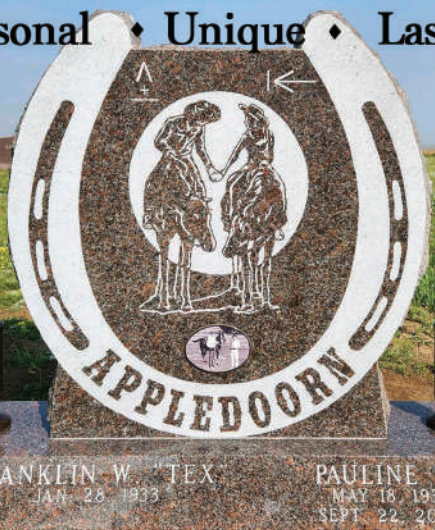
Most of us intend on "getting around to it someday," but that someday never comes and we leave our family wondering whether or not they did the right thing. **It doesn't have to be like that.** It's not pleasant to be reminded of our own mortality; we can laugh, cry, or do a little of both. Regardless 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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Richard Roy Hermann



by all on the Rodeo circuit. He made friends and companions wherever he traveled. He was a pick-up man at rodeos for many years. After retiring from being a pick-up man Dick did many things, he was a pilot and flew cargo for various businesses including the State of South Dakota. He owned his own truck hauling livestock.

Dick retired to his St. Onge ranch which he loved dearly. Dick enjoyed the country life, flying his plane and participating in many Parades with his horse teams. In later years he wintered at Cave Creek, Arizona where he again gathered a host of friends.

We could not end this tribute to this great man without recognizing all his aliases. Everyone knew who we were talking about. AKA "Dicky", "Bullwinkle", "Freddy Fudd Pucker from Ft Pierre" (his business card), "Buckaroo Dick", "Hollywood Hermann" (from his Dances with Wolves connections), and "Deadwood Dick" and others for sure.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Alta and Roy, sister Pearl Gorvin-Hanson. Brothers in law, Bernie Gorvin, Denny Hanson and Wayne Myers.

He is survived by: Brother Howard (Judy) Hermann, Claremore, OK; Sisters: Helen Myers, Scotland, SD; Glenda "Bubbles" (Dave) Mensch, Freeman, SD; Barbara (Curt) Ulmer, Menno, SD; DenAlta (Willie) Patocka, Scotland, SD. 19 nieces and nephews and all their families; and a whole host of extended family and friends.

A Visitation will be held Sunday, July 19th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche.

A Tribute to Dick's rodeo years will be held on Monday, July 20th at 9:00 am at the Belle Fourche Roundup Grounds followed by a funeral at the Belle Fourche REC Center at 10:30 am. Interment will follow at 12:30 pm at the Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis with the United States Navy Honor Guard presenting military honors.

In Lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations in Dicks name to the Shriners.

Dick (Richard) Roy Hermann of St. Onge, South Dakota entered his eternal rest on July 9th, 2026 among friends and Dog in Cave Creek, Arizona.

Richard Roy Hermann was the fourth child born on the family farm to Alta H. (Sayler) and Roy R. Hermann near Lester-ville, South Dakota.

Dick was Baptized and Confirmed in the Lutheran Faith at Our Saviors Lutheran Church of rural Menno, South Dakota. He attended grade school at the rural Odessa #41 and then Scotland High School.

Dick spent his youth on the family farm helping his dad with chores which always included milking cows, breaking horses and tending to Princess and Corky, the family horses.

Dick enlisted in the United States Navy in 1966 at the age of 18. He was given an assignment as a gunner's mate. His duties ordered him to a river boat patrol boat in the Vietnam Mekong Delta. During his tour of duty Richard was constantly subjected to incredibly dangerous conditions. He received a Purple Heart for a shrap-nel wound and also a heavy combat fire that cost Dick the loss of all his fellow crewman. The traumatic trauma seemed to haunt Dick his entire life. Richard received the Bronze Star which is the 4th ranking award for meritor-ious valor in the line of combat. Subsequently, Richard was assigned to the munitions crew aboard the USS Enterprise. There again he endured tragedy when 1/3 of the ship was engulfed in flame. In 1988 Dick reenlisted in the Navy National Guard. While in the guard, Dick finally received his long-awaited Purple Heart from his Vietnam wounds. Dick retired from the Navy National Guard with the rank of E-6 Gunners Mate 1st Class. In all, Dick had 24 years of service to the United States Navy.

Richard's first Job after leaving the USN in 1970 was a truck driver for Korkow Ranch near Pierre. This winter job turned into a 34-year relationship with the Korkow ranch and rodeo company. Richard was a Saddle Bronc rider. It is very rare to find a family photo that does not sport Dick in some sort of plaster cast. Dick was loved

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"The Power of Song"

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– Psalm 96:1

Few believers understand the power of song. Worship is not just a "warm-up" to the sermon. Sing-ing opens the way for an increase of the Holy Spirit's overflow in us, as well as an unfolding of discern-ment regarding His will in our lives. It is by the creative capacity of speech and song given to us by God that man has, among other ways, been glorified above other creatures. The mime of birds is not self-initiated speech. We speak of birds singing but what we call singing, as lovely as it may be, is not song.

Song is a powerful instrument because it is so basic to worship. When it is worked out in the experience of our daily life, it becomes a manifestly powerful means of sustenance, triumph, creativity, deliverance and ongoing growth and development in the way of the Lord.

Exercise the gift of song, no matter the qual-ity of your voice

A sense of inadequacy about the quality of



one's voice can cripple a believer into fear of singing or entering boldly into worship. The world causes us to draw comparisons, but to the Lord, there is a distinct beauty to everything He's created. When it comes to the matter of our singing voice, if we will exercise and be faithful in the few things God has given us, He says He will make us rulers over many. People who sing praise and don't worry about it sounds see the glory of the Lord begin to break forth in their voice. Don't allow the spirit of this world to stifle the song God wants to bring from your lips. His Word says there is no sound that is without significance (1 Corin-thians 14:10). Ask the Lord to make you an anointed singer of praise and quit laboring with the matter of how you think it sounds.

Loved on, song is life-begetting. It is a natural means of uniting together, a beautiful means of praise and worship, and a powerful means of challenging darkness and declaring the truth. This isn't simply poetry; it's God's Word for you.

This Perspective is from Pastor Jack Hayford.

Prayer for the Week

Lord, when I face challenges or feel weary, please grant me the strength to maintain a positive outlook.

Help me to release my worries, fears, and any lingering resentments, so that my heart may be a place of perfect peace.

James 1:12

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Butte County 4-H Rodeo Brings Young Competitors to Roundup Arena



Zane Baker, Belle Fourche, comes out of the chute in the Senior Boy Saddle Bronc. Longbrake photo(s)

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BELLE FOURCHE—Under a blazing summer sun and temperatures in the upper 90s, 4-H Rodeo contestants ages eight to 18 traveled to the Roundup Arena to compete for a chance to win prizes and qualify for the SD 4-H Finals Rodeo on Friday, July 10.

The Butte County 4-H Rodeo has been a summer destination for young rodeo competitors since 1966, marking the 60th year of the event. What started as a small gathering for the members of two local 4-H clubs has grown into a day-long event drawing over 250 competitors this year.

The Butte County 4-H Rodeo offered three divisions for kids to compete in: Jr. Jr. for boys and girls ages 8-10; Jr. Boys and Jr. Girls, ages 8-13; and Sr. Boys and Sr. Girls, ages 14-18.

Contestants get to the SD 4-H

Finals by finishing in the top four in each event for the junior and senior divisions at any qualifying 4-H rodeo. The 55th Annual SD 4-H Finals Rodeo will be held in Fort Pierre on August 14-16.

Youth who win each event receive a beautiful belt buckle. Shortly after each event is over, winning contestants can make their way to the Rodeo Office to pick up their prizes. Unique to this rodeo, the contestant that scores the most points overall wins a saddle. The winner is selected from the Jr. and Sr. divisions and can be either a boy or girl who earns the most points on the day. Crowser Gravel Pit, LLC sponsored the Hi-Point Saddle. The winner was from the Jr. Boys division, Corbyn Floyd.

All-Around winners were Shaylee Porch in Sr. Girls, Corbyn Floyd in Jr. Boys, Kenzlee Bail in Jr. Girls and Treyden Hale in Jr. Jr. The Sr. Boys division ended in a three-way tie between Cooper Conry, Revyn

Floyd and Hadley Matt.

In its second year, the Hot Shot Award was given in memory of John L. Skogberg. The award was presented to a rodeo contestant who excels in the arena but also in life. The person chosen for this award must demonstrate good character, sportsmanship, faithfulness and kindness. Genevieve Skogberg, Cody Skogberg and LaVonna Skogberg were all on hand to present a custom wood frame made by Jan Persche. This year's honoree was Clancy Goebel, a Sr. Boy from Belle Fourche.

Abby Olsen, along with her husband Jay, takes the lead in organizing the rodeo. They work with a rodeo committee of around ten volunteers. Together, they plan all aspects of the event and recruit additional volunteers to help ensure it runs smoothly. The youth rodeo also relies on a great group of sponsors to support the event.



Clancy Goebel receives the John L. Skogberg Hot Shot Award presented by Genevieve Skogberg, Cody Skogberg and LaVonna Skogberg.

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Top: Hayzen Arneson, Enning, takes her horse around the barrel pattern in the Jr. Jr. Division. Bottom: In the Jr. Bare-back Steer Riding, Kade Brown, Buffalo, makes a ride.

From A1 Peace Run

Torch is an important part of the experience. The torch is passed from hand to hand, from person to person as they travel the world. "It was founded by Sri Chinmoy in 1987. Really with the vision of sharing the message that world peace starts with each one of us and that we all really play a significant role," explained Davies. "And for me, it's a blessing and a privilege to share that message because it's so important to remind people that everybody really does count!"



Clockwise from Top Left: Passing the Peace Torch to a Butte County 4-H Rodeo contestant; The Peace Run team with Butte/Lawrence County 4-H Educator Audrey Pruitt; Peace Run team at Belle Fourche City Hall with members of the community; Butte County 4-H Rodeo contestant holding the Peace Torch. Longbrake photos

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JULY 15, 2026 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Green Dolphin Jazz Herrmann Park, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, USA	JULY 18, 2026 6:00 AM - 4:00 PM Bake Sale & Vendor Market Belle Silver Lining Senior Center, 828 Kingsbury St, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, USA	JULY 20, 2026 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Trap Night Center of the Nation Sportsmans Club, 10606 3v Road, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, USA
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Photos from the Roundup Celebration

More photos from the 2026 Roundup Fourth of July celebration. Photo credits: Hunter Anderson



Photos from Hometown Thursday

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Good community turnout for Hometown Thursday.



Kids enjoying the train ride around the park.



Jessica Loobey on stage.



Geno Pesicka, dressed as his character Sheriff Dave from the upcoming production of Minnesela, sells 50/50 tickets.

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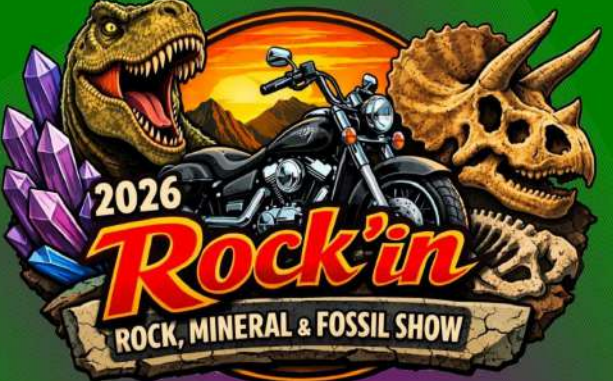


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From A1 **Litter Walk**

wonderful group and I don't think the people that are in our group realize how wonderful our group is. Everybody gets along, the cohesion and the teasing and the joking, and the camaraderie, and it's the gratitude that you get from helping, you know," shared Haffner. "It is about encouraging others to join."

Hoyme added, "Individually you can't make a huge difference, but together you can make a massive difference! And if you can inspire somebody else to get out and do something, that's really what matters."

When all of the walkers returned to the church following the trash pickup, the ladies of the church had cold lemonade and snacks waiting for the hard-working volunteers.

If anyone is interested in hanging out with good people while helping make a difference in the community, then you are invited to come to their next event. "For people that want to get involved in the community, but they don't know how or they can't necessarily do a lot, but they can do a little, so they join in and help out—it's fun," shared Hoyme.

On July 18, beginning at 8 a.m., the group of volunteers will be going over to Nisland to help the 4-H clubs prepare the fairgrounds for the Butte Lawrence County Fair. There is always garbage to pick up and work to be done, so if you want to help out, feel free to join.



Some of the volunteers who came out to help pick up trash during the Litter Walk. Longbrake photo(s)



A 300-gallon dumpster filled up by the group.



Volunteers from the church provided refreshments after the walk.



Folks out on the litter walk, armed with plenty of trash bags.



Picking up trash along the parade route.

Pie in the Face Helps Cheerleaders Raise Funds for New York Trip

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BELLE FOURCHE—Center of the Nation Cheerleaders have been selected to travel to New York City in November to represent Belle Fourche in the 100th Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The iconic parade is an annual tradition that began in 1924. It always takes place on Thanksgiving morning. This year, it will be held on November 26 and signals the beginning of the holiday season for many across the country.

In order to participate in the event, the cheerleaders have to raise funds to pay for their way. All of the cheerleaders and their chaperones must raise around \$4,000 per person to pay for the six-night, seven-day experience, plus airfare.

They have been working hard to raise the funds since the day they found out they were going.

The cheerleaders are some of the hardest workers around. While they are accepting sponsorships and donations, they are also constantly active in the community, showing up and volunteering to work for donations and/or tips. They have until September 1 to turn in their money and pay for their trip.

Most recently, the New York-bound girls held a Pie in the Face fundraiser at Hometown Thursdays on July 9. They offered people the chance to smash a whipped cream pie in a cheerleader's face. "Tonight we are doing a fundraiser for the girls going to Macy's Day Parade in New York and we're doing it where they can pie the cheerleader in the face," said Mae Zinke, Advisor. "\$5 to choose your cheerleader, or \$20 to do all five!" There was a line of people waiting for their chance to pie one of the girls.

The cheerleaders sold Butter Braids, held bake sales, waited tables for tips at the Breakfast

Club and the Moose, on both Beef Tip Night and Burger Night. You can find them at most community events painting faces for a free will donation and much more.

According to Zinke, the group is making some headway on the amount they are trying to raise. "I think we're maybe at the halfway mark," she shared.

As hard as they have been working, they will continue that pace for the rest of the summer and beyond. If you haven't gotten a chance to support them at one of the events they have hosted, make sure you come out to one soon. "Our next big event will be July 22nd—a Bingo Night again at the Moose Lodge," shared Zinke. "And then we have a Dart Tournament at the Cowboy."

At the Moose Lodge on July 22, supper of sloppy joes, salad, chips and dessert will be served starting at 6 p.m. for \$10 per plate. Then, beginning at 7 p.m., bingo will feature \$1 cards.

Next, on July 25, the cheerleaders will be hosting a Dart Tournament at the Cowboy Back Bar with registration starting at 1 p.m. There will be a whole host of activities including raffle baskets, 50/50 drawing and a dessert auction following the tournament. A dinner of tacos or tamales with rice and beans will be served for \$10 a plate.



After paying to pie a cheerleader, one gets to place whipped cream in the face of a willing participant. Longbrake photo(s)



Bracing for another pie! (BL) The cheerleader holds her breath while waiting for the cold pie to be delivered to her face. (BR) A Center of the Nation Cheerleader after getting a pie in the face.



Show Up!

by Belle LaVenue



Summer means outside music & indoor theater fun! Every Thursday is Hometown Thursday concerts at the CON Visitors Center welcomes all for danceable bands & food. The Arts Council music in Herrmann Park means beautiful evenings through this month, and late July will bring Minnesela to the stage.

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!

- 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

Green Dolphin Jazz Quartet to play



Wednesday, July 15—The Green Dolphin Jazz Quartet will perform in Hermann Park, 7:00-8:00 pm. Rain location is St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. The program will include jazz standards and swing tunes. Members include Christopher Hahn, trumpet; Janeen Larsen, keyboard; Terry Rathbun, drums; and Gary Renner, bass guitar. Courtesy photo

2026 Concerts In The Park

 JUN 30	USAF ACADEMY BAND 7 PM
BELLE FOURCHE COWBOY BAND 5 PM	JUL 1 
 JUL 8	DOUGLAS PHILLIPS 7 PM
GREEN DOLPHIN JAZZ 7 PM	JUL 15 
 JUL 22	NORTHERN HILLS COMMUNITY BAND 7 PM
BELLE FOURCHE HIGH DRUMLINE 7 PM	JUL 29 

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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, July 10, 2026

Smaller Sale For This Hot Day!
Weigh Up Cows Sold \$1 To \$3 Lower
Weigh Up Bulls Sold Steady

NEXT SALE - JULY 17th -YRLG & WEIGH UP COW & BULL SPECIAL - 9 AM

Thank you for Marketing with St Onge Livestock!

WEIGH UP COWS

Anderson, Jd, New Underwood, SD.....	1	Blk	Cow	1370	\$182.00
Antlers Angus Ranch Llc, Moorcroft, WY.....	2	Blk	Cow	1505	\$179.50
Boardman, Christopher & Amber, Moorcroft, WY.....	1	Red	Cow	1085	\$175.00
Bruch, John H, Sturgis, SD.....	4	B/R	Owette	1233	\$220.00
Bruch, John H, Sturgis, SD.....	4	B/R	Cow	1647	\$177.00
Burghdoff, Lex, Ludlow, SD.....	1	Blk	Hft	850	\$307.50
Burghdoff, Lex, Ludlow, SD.....	8	Bld	Hft	944	\$288.00
Burghdoff, Lex, Ludlow, SD.....	1	Blk	Owette	1075	\$252.50
Burghdoff, Lex, Ludlow, SD.....	1	Blk	Cow	865	\$200.00
Burghdoff, Lex, Ludlow, SD.....	5	Bld	Cow	1379	\$185.00
Burghdoff, Lex, Ludlow, SD.....	7	Bld	Cow	1424	\$177.50
Cjr Ranch Llc, Gillette, WY.....	4	B/R	Owette	1258	\$218.00
Cjr Ranch Llc, Gillette, WY.....	5	B/R	Cow	1389	\$186.00
Cjr Ranch Llc, Gillette, WY.....	1	Red	Cow	1235	\$181.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	1	Red	Hft	885	\$290.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	1	Bld	Owette	1015	\$270.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	1	Red	Cow	1305	\$197.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	4	B/R	Cow	1412	\$186.00
Dinstel, Bruce & Lori, Alzada, MT.....	4	Blk	Cow	1355	\$183.50
Groves Ranch Llc, Gillette, WY.....	2	Blk	Hft	992	\$285.00
Groves Ranch Llc, Gillette, WY.....	1	Blk	Owette	1255	\$236.00
Groves Ranch Llc, Gillette, WY.....	3	Blk	Cow	1473	\$177.00
Kc Ranch Llc, Rozet, WY.....	1	Red	Cow	1470	\$181.00
Kling Ranch, Chris, Belle Fourche, SD.....	7	Bld	Cow	1342	\$200.00
Kreitschman, Galen, Gillette, WY.....	1	Blk	Cow	1535	\$182.00
Labree, Lee, Ekalaka, MT.....	4	B/R	Owette	1237	\$232.00
Labree, Lee, Ekalaka, MT.....	4	Blk	Cow	1402	\$192.50
Labree, Lee, Ekalaka, MT.....	2	Blk	Cow	1502	\$182.00
Lindsey, William, Newell, SD.....	1	Blk	Cow	1605	\$184.00
Lindsey, William, Newell, SD.....	5	Blk	Cow	1469	\$184.00
Lindsey, William, Newell, SD.....	29	Blk	Cow	1665	\$179.00
Mackaben, Chad, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	Blk	Cow	1265	\$178.00
Materi Land & Livestock, Upton, WY.....	1	Blk	Cow	1660	\$173.00
Patten Ranch Co, Broadus, MT.....	4	Blk	Hft	851	\$302.00
Patten Ranch Co, Broadus, MT.....	1	Blk	Cow	1280	\$185.00
Moore, Eric, Miles City, MT.....	16	B/R	Owette	1265	\$226.00
Moore, Eric, Miles City, MT.....	1	Blk	Owette	1175	\$217.50
Moore, Eric, Miles City, MT.....	3	B/R	Cow	1425	\$192.50
Moore, Eric, Miles City, MT.....	41	B/R	Cow	1452	\$184.50
Reno & Sons, Floyd, Gillette, WY.....	1	Blk	Owette	1140	\$255.00
Reno & Sons, Floyd, Gillette, WY.....	2	Herf	Owette	1227	\$205.00
Reno & Sons, Floyd, Gillette, WY.....	4	Bld	Cow	1377	\$184.00
Reno & Sons, Floyd, Gillette, WY.....	2	Bld	Cow	1137	\$182.00
Reno & Sons, Floyd, Gillette, WY.....	2	Bld	Cow	1190	\$181.00
Reno & Sons, Floyd, Gillette, WY.....	1	Bld	Cow	1355	\$177.00
Roush, Dustin J Or Stelson J, Gillette, WY.....	1	Red	Cow	1280	\$184.50
Roush, Dustin J Or Stelson J, Gillette, WY.....	9	Blk	Cow	1321	\$182.50
Shepperson, Bob J & Julie G, Upton, WY.....	1	Blk	Owette	960	\$222.50
Shepperson, Bob J & Julie G, Upton, WY.....	7	Blk	Cow	1310	\$194.00
Shepperson, Bob J & Julie G, Upton, WY.....	1	Blk	Cow	1370	\$177.00
Shipwheel Livestock, Moorcroft, WY.....	2	Blk	Cow	1270	\$184.50
Shipwheel Livestock, Moorcroft, WY.....	8	Bld	Cow	1478	\$183.50
Stephens, Mike & Megan, Alzada, MT.....	1	Red	Cow	1355	\$187.00
Stephens, Mike & Megan, Alzada, MT.....	1	Blk	Cow	1595	\$175.00
Tarver Heart X Ranch, Gillette, WY.....	2	Blk	Owette	1267	\$220.00
Tarver Heart X Ranch, Gillette, WY.....	32	Blk	Cow	1437	\$182.00
Tarver Heart X Ranch, Gillette, WY.....	6	B/R	Cow	1342	\$179.00
Vavra, Linda, Nisland, SD.....	2	B/R	Cow	1352	\$179.00
Wahle, Tim Or Jacki, Custer, SD.....	1	Blk	Cow	1240	\$178.00
Williams, Justin Or Heidi, St Onge, SD.....	5	B/R	Cow	1283	\$182.50
Williams, Justin Or Heidi, St Onge, SD.....	2	Bld	Cow	1240	\$178.00
Arledge Ranch, Ekalaka, MT.....	4	Blk	Bull	1762	\$207.00
Arledge Ranch, Ekalaka, MT.....	3	Blk	Bull	1085	\$305.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	2045	\$219.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center, SD.....	1	Herf	Bull	2305	\$195.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center, SD.....	1	Herf	Bull	1935	\$197.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center, SD.....	1	Herf	Bull	1455	\$190.00
Boardman, Christopher & Amber, Moorcroft, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1925	\$204.00
Bruch, John H, Sturgis, SD.....	1	Othe	Bull	2310	\$216.00
Bruch, John H, Sturgis, SD.....	1	Red	Bull	2120	\$225.00
Cammack, Randy Or Mary Ellen, Sturgis, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	985	\$297.50
Cammack, Randy Or Mary Ellen, Sturgis, SD.....	1	Red	Bull	2110	\$201.00
Cjr Ranch Llc, Gillette, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1420	\$204.00
Cjr Ranch Llc, Gillette, WY.....	10	B/R	Bull	2100	\$221.50
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitewood, SD.....	3	Char	Bull	2031	\$230.00
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitewood, SD.....	1	Char	Bull	1965	\$225.00
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitewood, SD.....	2	Char	Bull	1685	\$205.00
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitewood, SD.....	1	Char	Bull	1355	\$247.50
D Amico, Frank Or Joelle, Sonnette, MT.....	1	Bld	Bull	1760	\$217.50
Davis, Douglas Or Julia, Belle Fourche, SD.....	2	Blk	Bull	2162	\$225.00
Davis, Douglas Or Julia, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1550	\$210.00
Empire Ranch, Moorcroft, WY.....	1	Herf	Bull	2060	\$198.00
Empire Ranch, Moorcroft, WY.....	1	Herf	Bull	1860	\$185.00
Graham Mt Ranch Inc, Broadus, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	1995	\$196.00
Hackmore Ranch, Prairie City, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	2010	\$189.00
Hat Llc, Miles City, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	1955	\$218.00
Heart H Partnership, Llc, Camp Crook, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	960	\$280.00
Higgins, Courtney, Hammond, MT.....	2	Bull		1100	\$185.00
Holsa Ranch Llc, Deadwood, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1930	\$215.00
Jordan, Austin, Rapid City, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1880	\$190.00
Karrels, Adam, Sturgis, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1970	\$214.00
Karrels, Adam, Sturgis, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1275	\$232.50

Krebs Ranch, Gordon, NE.....	1	Blk	Bull	1250	\$213.00
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1885	\$215.00
Labree, Lee, Ekalaka, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	1860	\$218.00
Lensegr, Kim, Kyle, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	2130	\$195.00
Lensegr, Kim, Kyle, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1690	\$190.00
Lensegr, Kim, Kyle, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1370	\$190.00
Mackey, Dudley & Marilyn, Gillette, WY.....	1	Red	Bull	975	\$295.00
Mcfarland, Chris, Rapid City, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1855	\$195.00
Mclaughlin, Billy Jack, Buffalo Gap, SD.....	1	Herf	Bull	1870	\$190.00
Mclaughlin, Billy Jack, Buffalo Gap, SD.....	1	Herf	Bull	1575	\$210.50
Momahon, Ed, Hermosa, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1570	\$205.00
Momahon, Ed, Hermosa, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1560	\$206.00
Oedekoven, Darrel, Vale, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1970	\$218.00
Op Bar Ranch Llc, St Onge, SD.....	1	Herf	Bull	2240	\$209.50
Op Bar Ranch Llc, St Onge, SD.....	1	Herf	Bull	2075	\$212.00
Palo, Jim, Newell, SD.....	1	Char	Bull	1780	\$185.00
Reynolds, John Or Sally, Rozet, WY.....	2	Herf	Bull	2192	\$207.00
Rockpile Ridge Cattle, Whitewood, SD.....	1	Red	Bull	1815	\$181.00
Rourke, Michael Or Lynn, Gillette, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1965	\$191.00
Roush, Rusty A, Gillette, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1920	\$195.00
Severson, Brad, Vale, SD.....	1	Red	Bull	1800	\$207.50
Smith Cattle Co, Olive, MT.....	3	Blk	Bull	2221	\$228.00
Smith Cattle Co, Olive, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	1900	\$202.50
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	2260	\$195.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	2180	\$209.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1745	\$193.50
Tavege& Michael Troy & Kelli Tavege, Todd, Newcastle, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	2050	\$217.50
Tope Livestock Llc, Hulett, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	2470	\$204.00
Williams Ranch Co Llc, Moorcroft, WY.....	3	Bull		1741	\$210.00
Williams Ranch Co Llc, Moorcroft, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	2235	\$220.00
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Sheep Report - Thursday, July 9, 2026

Good Run Of Sheep Today's Sale
Lamb Market Sold Steady To \$3 Lower
Slaughter Ewes Sold Steady To \$3 Higher
Thank You To Our Crew For Working In Such Hot Conditions!

NEXT SALE - JULY 16, 2026 - REGULAR 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

Garman, Trevor, Belle Fourche, SD.....	300	Lamb	63	\$377.00
Garman, Trevor, Belle Fourche, SD.....	163	Lamb	83	\$355.00
Storm, Scott, Meadow, SD.....	37	Lamb	66	\$367.50
Storm, Scott, Meadow, SD.....	172	Lamb	90	\$341.00
Storm, Scott, Meadow, SD.....	83	Lamb	110	\$323.00
Bar 69 Ranch, Belle Fourche, SD.....	129	Lamb	105	\$322.00
Bar 69 Ranch, Belle Fourche, SD.....	41	Lamb	127	\$297.00
Couch, Jim, Belle Fourche, SD.....	21	Lamb	67	\$367.50
Kaufman, Lenny, Regent, ND.....	51	Lamb	97	\$314.00
Kitzan, Josh & Heather, Nisland, SD.....	42	Lamb	73	\$360.00
Mansfield, Kathy, Norris, SD.....	58	Lamb	96	\$315.00
Martin, Robert, Isabel, SD.....	110	Lamb	90	\$345.00
Morella, Linda, Broadus, MT.....	171	Lamb	97	\$318.00
Riesland Ranch, Broadus, MT.....	189	Lamb	86	\$355.00
Rogers, Braden, Newell, SD.....	67	Lamb	55	\$360.00
Rogers, Braden, Newell, SD.....	173	Lamb	72	\$359.00
Schalesky, Tw Or Faye, Faith, SD.....	24	Lamb	62	\$367.50
Schalesky, Tw Or Faye, Faith, SD.....	98	Lamb	81	\$352.00
Sonsalla, Crystal, Marmarth, ND.....	255	Lamb	83	\$349.00
Sonsalla, Crystal, Marmarth, ND.....	60	Lamb	100	\$325.00
Strohschein, Mick Or Anita, Newell, SD.....	33	Lamb	83	\$364.00
West, Scott & Christine, Oshoto, WY.....	86	Lamb	89	\$343.00
Whitney, Jason, Newcastle, WY.....	39	Lamb	75	\$360.00
Whitney, Jason, Newcastle, WY.....	75	Lamb	101	\$310.00

Slaughter Ewes

Borntrager, David, Forsyth, MT.....	10	K Ewe	155	\$136.00
Borntrager, David, Forsyth, MT.....	13	K Ewe	166	\$135.00
Farnsworth Livestock, Rigby, ID.....	61	K Ewe	177	\$131.00
Farnsworth Livestock, Rigby, ID.....	172	K Ewe	142	\$125.00
Harlan Livestock, Kaycee, WY.....	20	K Ewe	179	\$135.00
Harlan, Bob Or Kate, Kaycee, WY.....	6	K Ewe	167	\$136.00
Phillippi, Renetta, Hammond, MT.....	40	K Ewe	227	\$123.00
Pittman, Marissa, Belle Fourche, SD.....	7	K Ewe	129	\$136.00
Schalesky, Tw Or Faye, Faith, SD.....	9	K Ewe	153	\$136.00
West, Scott & Christine, Oshoto, WY.....	16	K Ewe	140	\$136.00
West, Scott & Christine, Oshoto, WY.....	11	K Ewe	182	\$135.00
Williamson, Levi, Moorcroft, WY.....	13	K Ewe	121	\$142.50

Slaughter Bucks

Farnsworth Livestock, Rigby, ID.....	32	Kbuck	217	\$120.00
West, Scott & Christine, Oshoto, WY.....	14	Kbuck	208	\$136.00

2026 CATTLE SALES

July 17th - Yrlg & Weigh Up 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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THE BROADUS RECEIVING STATION IS TAKING CATTLE EVERY THURSDAY FOR OUR SALES ON FRIDAY. You can drop your cattle off every Thursday by 3pm. You pay receiving station fee of \$3 per head & \$2.50/cwt for trucking. For more information, call Tyler or Brandy Escott at 406-421-5579 or 406-951-1666 or Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259.

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July 16th, 2026
REGULAR SALE
1:00 PM

Please Have Animals In By 10:00 AM
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2026 SHEEP SALES

July 16th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
July 23rd - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
July 30th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 6th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 13th - No Sale Due To The Sturgis Bike Rally
August 20th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 27th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 3rd - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
September 10th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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The Girl I Left Behind by John T. and Nettie Dobbs Spaulding

Because there was so much variation in the stories that were being printed about us in newspapers and our being united and married after an unfortunate separation of 54 years – we decided to write the facts and submit it to the newspapers. Certainly one of us is as blameless as the other for the separation. J.T.S. and N.D.S.

We were schoolmates together in Minnesota during our growing up times; I was 22 and Nettie was 16. We had decided to pledge ourselves to one another with our parents' blessing. To succeed in life we decided we needed to move west where there were more opportunities. In the cold winter of 1873, we planned to move to a milder climate. By then I had a team of oxen, a cw, a wagon, a sod plow, a muzzle-loading target rifle that would drive tacks or fill flies, and other tools as I needed to open a claim. However, we decided I would migrate alone on horseback and find our location. I visited my sister Lucinda Davis and her family in Mondamin, Iowa and then crossed the Missouri River on the ice and rode west to the Platte. I continued up the Platte on the north side of the settlement of North Platte. I then crossed the south divide to the Republican River, and up the valley to Culbertson the last settlement to the West. I found my claim, planted a crop. And hewed logs for a cabin. I and a neighbor also did some buffalo hunting, selling the hides along the Kansas-Pacific Railroad.

Imagine my feelings on reaching home to Culbertson to have no word from Nettie. I wrote to her Aunt and received her reply in a couple of months. "I am sorry to tell you that Nettie has proven herself unworthy of your love by marrying another. My sister (nettie's aunt) died and Nettie went by train two hundred miles or more miles to care for the four little ones, from age 10 down to the Mother's breast, until he could get a housekeeper, and she finally married this Mr. Giles." The aunt knew nothing of the circumstances that led up to the marriage. In answering her letter I told her that I would take to the range and that she would never hear from me again. This proved too true as she passed away before we were to learn the truth. I immediately wrote my brother, Jabez to go over to Minnesota to see Nettie's father and to decide what I had left there between them for I would never return.

I went out on the buffalo range with Texas Jck Sacket and his brother-in-law Silas Bird. Silas later came to the Black Hills and located on Willow Creek on what became the Case Ranch. I became a hunter, guide, and scout and followed this calling as long as there was a frontier and Indian troubles. On the discovery of gold in the Black Hills I went there and located a claim on the lower Redwater. At the onset of the war with Spain in 1898, I answered the call. Although at that time I owned a ranch of 2,300 acres in California including a thousand surface acres of impounded reservoirs. My land was fenced and stocked with Percherons horses.

Now comes the miracle.

Almost 40 years after Nettie's marriage Brother Jabez with his daughter Anna attended an Old Soldiers' reunion in St Paul. As they were on the way to the depot to take the train home to South Dakota, they passed a man on the sidewalk who looked intently at his name badge and read aloud, "J. Y. Spaulding! Say, are you John Spaulding?" Jabez replied, "No, but I have a brother John."

The inquiry came from Neal C. Gonser, who was Nettie's brother-in-law. He made a note of my address and wrote to me when he had returned home. He related that they knew nothing of Nettie after her marriage to her aunt's widower, Mr. Giles. Mr. Giles had sold his fine farm in Minnesota and moved the family to Texas where he would be better able to watch the mail to see that Nettie never received a letter from home. They were in Texas for eight years and during that time tow of his children died, leaving only Celia and George. At this time, he moved the family to northern Montana (in the Great Falls area) and they there almost destitute.

As the result of our correspondence, I arranged to meet the Gonsers who lived at Sandstone, Minnesota. An Aunt who had lived in Seattle for several years and was now 83, got on the train and came ll the way to Minnesota to meet me at Gonsers. She said that she didn't want me to pass on to the next world without knowing the circumstances that led to Nettie's marriage, and that I should know that Nettie was completely blameless for the tragedy that had transpired. All the letters which I had written to Nettie and which had gone unanswered, had been sent to her home address in Minnesota where I had last seen her at the home of her parents. Her family had forwarded them all to her at the Giles farm and they were now certain that she never received any of them as she ministered to the motherless Giles children in her bitterly rewarded labor of love.

Not only did Giles destroy all my letters but she also failed to receive a single of the many cards and letters that her family sent to her. Nor did they receive any of the many she had sent to them. She finally got a letter signed by her step-mother's name which stated that her Johnny had married another and this proved that he cared no more for her than a dog. When she read the letter, she demanded that she be taken to the railway station to return to father's home. Again Mr. Giles did everything he could to dissuade her. He convinced her that people would talk as she had been living in his house with only the children and himself. He took out a marriage license and convinced her to marry him. Had she been older or had she been in a state of mind to reason within herself, his pleas would have have aroused mothing but indignation and disgust.

However, it was a case of an older man taking advantage of a younger girl in distress, and she finally consented. Through the years, one or more of his family was well trained (well up to the fourth generation) to watch the amils and intercept any letters that she might get from me or her parents that she had been the victim of the cruellest hoax. Mr. Giles



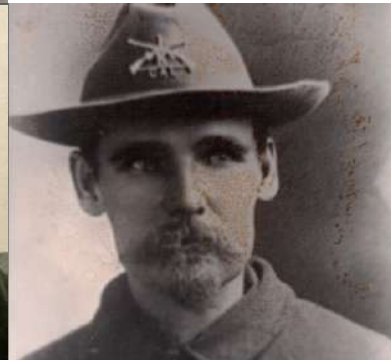
by Mary Buchholz

probably painted me as a blood-thirsty villain who would exact a horrible vengeance upon the entire family if I ever had a chance to charge him with his (just) deserts for his compatible scheme which had worked so successfully.

The Gonsers and I learned of her Great Falls address from the Aunt, but we all agreed to keep the facts from Nettie as long as both Mr. Giles and I should live. On learning of her address, her youngest sister Ida wrote to her and by chance this letter was delivered to Nettie. In reply Nettie wrote, "We were greatly surprised to hear from you after so many years. We had given up long ago. Mr. Giles is confined to his bed with a painful and incurable stomach cancer. Please write at once and tell us of the rest of the family. Yours with love, Nettie." Ida answered immediately and hoped that a regular correspondence would be maintained.

However she did not know of the agreement not to mention my name. In one of her letters, her letters were written in a different hand and became impersonal. When I heard from the aunt that Nettie was a widow, I wrote to her as an old school mate and a friend of the family, but I received no reply. In 1927 while in Belle Fourche visiting my sister Lucinda Davis, and other relatives, I wrote to Nettie again telling her of my visit and that if she cared to see me again, or her sister Ida that I would come through Great Falls, Montana, on the train returning West, and that she could go through with me on the train and I would guarantee a safe journey to see Ida in Yakima, Washington. I added that she had often ridden with me behind a yoke of oxen and that she should have no fear of riding with me on the same train. The following response came all too promptly, "I received your letter and others and this answers all – I am leaving this morning and do not know when I will be back." I read this letter to Lucinda and with a women's keen intuition, she said proptly, "Nettie never wrote that letter, and I certainly doubt if she has ever seen yours."

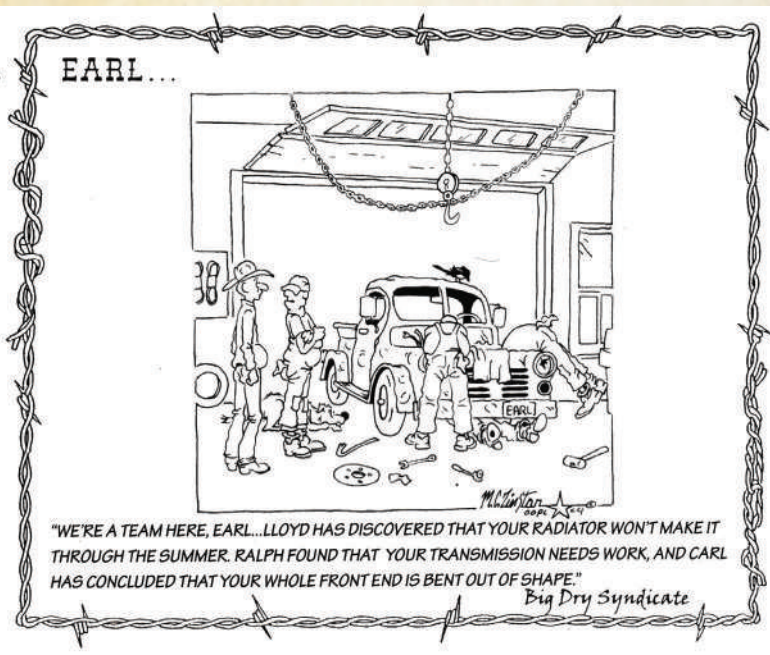
I stopped in Yakima on my return trip and showed the letter to Ida and she promptly agreed with my sister Lucinda, "Nettie didn't write that letter! It is written in the same hand that has answered all the letters that I have received since I mentioned your name." I wrote Nettie again when I returned to California trying to convince that her little sister Ida needed to hear from her and reunite with her. This time I address the letter that is should only go to Nettie and no one else. In due time, Nettie chanced to enter the library just as Mr. Giles' great-granddaughter was leaving it, carrying a book. A letter dropped from the book to the floor, so Nettie picked it up and was amazed to see that it was addressed to her. She read the letter and responded that she would love to see me before her time came to leave this world. A few days later, I received a telegram stating that she had arrived at Ida's home in Yakima. I did not need Nettie's urging to hurry to Yakima from my California home, and we were reunited after 54 years of desolate separation. A week later the knot was tied and the holy bonds forged in the presence of her elated sister Ida and her good husband J. C. Haney. Our wedding occurred on October 24, 1927, and since that time we have lived in our comfortable six-room cottage home here at the outskirts of Yountville, California. Here the flowers bloom the year around and our life is a continuous honeymoon.



Top Left: Johnny and Nettie Spaulding visiting his sister Lucinda Davis in Belle Fourche, 1927. Bottom Left: Buckskin Johnny Spaulding raised Percheron horses in California ca. 1900 after he served during the American-Spanish War. Right: Johnny Spaulding, scout, hunter and pioneer in the Redwater Valley, built the Spaulding Cabin in 1876.

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	31	Black-Cow	1690	179.00	\$3,024.23
	20	Black-Cow	1539	182.50	\$2,809.13
Keyhole Ranch Inc, Moorcroft WY	27	Herf-Hfr	1038	312.50	\$3,242.47
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Osage WY	1	Black-Cow	1340	181.00	\$2,425.40
Cody & Donna Stewart,					
Newcastle WY	1	Black-Cow	1580	181.50	\$2,867.70
Glen Johnson, Fairburn SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1335	176.00	\$2,349.60
	1	Black-Cow	1395	178.00	\$2,483.10
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	4	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1653	176.50	\$2,916.66
Mary Or Carolyn Harris Gibers,					
Riverton W	1	Bwf-Cow	1325	183.00	\$2,424.75
	1	Black-Cow	1175	189.00	\$2,220.75
Jason Duprel, Newell SD	1	Black-Cow	1445	182.00	\$2,629.90
	1	Black-Cow	1500	182.00	\$2,730.00
Jason Kuhnbacher, Broadus MT	3	Black-Cow	1445	183.00	\$2,644.35
Justin Or Brandi Pihl, Buffalo SD	3	Black-Cow	1605	180.50	\$2,897.02
	4	Black-Cow	1563	182.00	\$2,843.75
Darin Klapperich, Rapid City SD	2	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1593	176.50	\$2,810.76
Cory R Peterson, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	1210	190.00	\$2,299.00
Tom Hayes, Alzada MT	1	Black-Cow	1530	179.50	\$2,746.35
	1	Black-Cow	1515	180.00	\$2,727.00
	1	Black-Cow	1620	175.00	\$2,835.00
Lawrence Ranch, Buffalo WY	1	Rwf-Cow	1380	177.50	\$2,449.50
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	5	Black-Cow	1150	225.00	\$2,932.50
Zane Verhulst, Reva SD	2	Red-Cow	1638	175.00	\$2,865.62
Dave & Chase Hayden, Baker MT	4	Black-Cow	1256	186.00	\$2,336.62
	8	Black-Cow	1378	182.50	\$2,513.93
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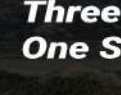


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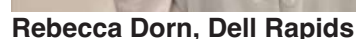
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By John Newby

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

Potential Tourism's Headaches Are Worth the Money!

On any given summer weekend, one can stand on the banks of their local stretch of river or lakes and watch a line of coolers, canoes and lawn chairs stretch further downstream than one can see. While most are well-behaved, somewhere in that crowd a deputy was breaking up an argument, a mother was hunting for a missing child, and a business owner was smiling all the way to the bank. That is tourism in a nutshell. It can be loud, it can be messy, and it is one of the best things that can happen to a small community or county.

To be Fair, tourism can have drawbacks. Water sports bring real safety concerns; alcohol is involved in up to seventy percent of deaths tied to water recreation. Missouri recorded fourteen deaths and seventy-two injuries in recreational water sports alone in 2024 alone. Cycling events/rides like one's tourism partners across the state promote can have safety concerns, slow down farm trucks, create bottlenecks along routes, and cause complaints from neighbors who just wanted to get to church on time. Add to those, exploring caves, hiking, fishing, hunting, and a host of other tourism attractions are cumbersome on local towns and infrastructure.

Traffic is the third headache, and it is the one most visible to residents who never set foot in a canoe. More cars on two lane roads means more near misses, more wear on pavement our county did not budget for, and more frustration for people



whose daily errands now compete with out of state license plates or cyclists. We can learn from some larger cities that have learned this lesson the hard way.

Barcelona drew nearly eleven million visitors in August of 2024 alone, and the strain on housing and neighborhoods sparked street protests under the banner "tourists go home." Amsterdam went so far as to launch a marketing campaign asking travelers to simply stay away. Those are large market cases, but they are a great example that show growth without planning creates resentment, not prosperity.

Here is where the math changes the conversation. In my home state of Missouri, outdoor tourism generated 1.7 billion dollars and supports more than 95,000 jobs each year. The Missouri park system ran on a budget of \$68 million dollars; however, it returns as much as 18-24 dollars in economic activity for every dollar spent and drives roughly 1.5 billion dollars in total sales for Missouri businesses.

The Katy Trail alone generated 24.6 million dollars in direct visitor spending and supported 260 jobs, with day trippers spending about \$45 daily, mostly at local restaurants, and overnight guests spending closer to one \$148 a day on lodging, food and gas. Academic researchers studying rural counties have found the same pattern repeats itself. Tourism policy reliably boosts per capita income, new business registra-

tion and land investment, and the environmental costs, while real, run far below the economic gains.

Yes, rural communities ask their law enforcement to work overtime. Yes, we ask farmers to be patient with slow moving traffic. Yes, we ask our road crews to repaint faded shoulder lines more often than we would like. In exchange, our cafes fill up on a Tuesday, our gas stations sell out of ice, our campgrounds book solid, and dollars that would never have found your community land in local cash registers of businesses that call this place home. River floating for a few months out of the year or a cycling event that is inconvenient for a few hours a couple times a year does not just move people through our towns, it moves their money into them.

The lesson for any rural community is not to avoid tourism because it is inconvenient. It is to manage it honestly, funding the safety patrols, the signage and the road maintenance that growth demands, while keeping our eyes on the far larger return that growth delivers.

Communities that plan for the mess tend to keep the money. Communities that pretend the mess does not exist or fight the trends tend to lose both the visitors and the goodwill of their own residents.

If you live in a community that welcomes visitors, take 24 hours to do one simple thing. Call your local leaders and ask how visitor spending is being reinvested in the roads, safety services and small businesses that carry the load. Then thank a local business owner for putting up with the crowded parking lot. Rural communities growing pains are worth it, but only if we keep asking the hard questions that make sure they spend it.

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden



Well, need- less to say the ‘dog days of summer’ are here for a while. Over the weekend temperatures topped 100 degrees and the breeze was quick to begin the drying out process of what moisture we did have. As of Sunday, fields were still showing green but not the lovely colors we were seeing a couple of weeks ago or less. It is defi- nitely time to pray for rain as we continue getting to the hay and some nice stands of crops are still green.

Hopefully, animals have ac- cess to shade and water to get through this hot spell.

After church services, some

of the Union Center church regulars had lunch at Nellie’s of Enning on Sunday. Har- old Delbridge and his wife along with their Stoneville church crew had lunch there as well. Janice Arends and Neoma Richter, Darrell Wil- cox and Jack Seller, Jim and JoDee Shaw and sons and daughter in law, all decided to grab lunch at Nellie’s as well. The air conditioning started struggling to keep up with the extreme heat, but it was still comfortable.

Yesterday’s Kids took place at Cedar Canyon Bible Camp on Monday. The kids camps are starting up as well so please pray for safety from the heat and other weather related events that may crop up. Thank you to all who

help cook, counsel and help during those days of camp- ing in tents and working with the many activities throughout the week. The camp is in the Maurine area north of Hwy. 212.

There will be a Lady’s Prayer breakfast this com- ing Saturday at the church in Union Center at 8:30 am. All ladies are welcome. This would be a great time for young dads to spend some quality time with their children to free up moms in the area.

We were saddened to hear about the passing of David Baranco of Sioux Falls who was a candidate for State Auditor. That position is being held by Rich Sattgast currently. He leaves behind his wife, Catherine, and two young sons. Sandy Rhoden

is a friend of Catherine’s and was able to pay her a visit the evening of his passing. They will do a private family funeral and a Celebration of Life for the public on or around July 29 in Sioux Falls.

As an important remind- er, the run-off election for Governor is Tuesday, July 28 at your regular polling places unless notified of change. But, you may go into your county courthouse ‘any business day’ and VOTE before that date. It takes about 30 seconds or less as there are only 2 names on the ballot. It is interesting that the last names are so similar as they rhymn... Rhoden & Doden. Tuesday, July 28 will be the day to end the run-off election.

Stay safe, keep cool.

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Capitol News July 5, 2026 by Karen Odell



Capitol and Tie Creek had a little more rain, this week. On most days, the temperature was pleasant, but Sa- turday warmed up for the 250th anniversary of

our country. Sunday was extremely hot at around one-hun- dred degrees. Still the countrysi- de is green, but mosquitoes have finally moved in at most places.

Alvin Cordell had planted a hay field at the Buck place, and Ryan went up to cut it. They got it baled. Then Ryan moved to the Yates place, and they just finished that on Sunday, and brought the tractors home. There will be a little hay at the home place, but the hot weat- her will soon slow the haying. Maree went to Belle Fourche, on Friday, to join the family, and watch the fireworks. Alvin went down on Saturday, and joined them to watch the parade. There was a little rain on Saturday, but Alvin read 103 degrees on his thermometer, on Sunday. Marlee went to church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook, on Sunday, and helped serve cookies, cake and coffee to the congregation afterward.

Doug and Julia Davis went to the Winfred Straub funeral in Deadwood, on Tuesday. Then,

on Wednesday, they went to Belle Fourche for the Erma Albert funeral. Kay Latham rode with them down to the funeral. Kay also got to visit at Travis and Amanda Davis’s house. Darwin and John Latham and the kids came down later. They picked Kay up on their way to the carnival, where the kids had a great time. On Thursday, Julia Davis worked at the courthouse in Buffalo. Doug and Julia got four-tenths of an inch of rain on Thursday. The rest of the week was mostly working cattle. They sorted and moved cows, and put out bulls. Saturday and Sunday got so hot that they worked early and late, but not in the heat of the day.

Last week, Ronda Cordell went to the Little Missouri Bible School program. When she left for home from the program, water was running everywhere. There had been a pouring down rain during the program. She had had several showers in the past two weeks that have totaled almost three inches. It has surely helped to keep some green color in the area, but still, sub-soil mois- ture is nearly non-existent. The continual wind can take some of the blame for that. The little showers have helped bring Ronda’s garden up, and she can actually see her rows, but the weeds are coming, too. Only the squash and cucum-

bers were planted in hills.

Ronda spoke with son, Luke Basler, last weekend. Oren Basler, and the music group he is traveling with, arrived in London, England on June 25th. Luke sent Ronda a link so that she can see some of the pictures of the trip on Facebook. The group went from London to Paris, France; then to Crans-Montana, Swit- zerland, and were in Germany on Saturday. The buildings are designed with much intri- cate work. Many streets and court yards are covered with cobblestone or bricks. The music and singing, that the group is doing, is wonderful. Each performance has been videoed. Oren told Luke that there’s no air conditioning there, so the heat has been a little miserable.

Carl Knapp came to Ronda’s last week, to blade and put a crown on her driveway. This week, Tod Dague started hauling gravel on it. Carl came on the Fourth of July to spread the gravel row, so that it would be easier for Tod to finish hauling the last part.

On Friday, Ronda’s lunch guests were Jay and Debra Swedberg, thier daughter, Ann, son-in-law Reggie, two- grandchildren and Debra’s mother Marilyn, from Wyo- ming. They have spent several days at the Buck Ranch.

On Sunday, Ronda drove to Belle Fourche and on into

Wyoming a few miles to attend a 70’s Class reunion at the home of Jack Kindsfater. There was about a dozen classmates in attendance. The thermometer on Ronda’s car read 102, as she headed home, but the breeze and shade had made it a nice afternoon of visiting.

Karen Odell enjoyed a week of beautiful weather. On Thursday, she made a trip to Buffalo, for business, shopping and lunch at Blossoms ‘n Brew. The Fourth of July was filled with the 250th celebration, and Karen watched on TV and computer, at vari- ous places all over the country. She could see celebrations at Medora, ND, Mount Rushmore, SD, Nashville, TN, Washington, DC and more. In the evening, she got to watch her own fire- works display that the Padden family produced to the north of Karen’s house. It was like having her own celebration, and she enjoyed it better without the big crowds, and smoke, and loud

noise. It warmed up that day, and by Sunday it was very hot. Karen went to church at the Me- thodist Church in Camp Crook, and enjoyed playing piano, this week, for some great patriotic songs. Alan Loken gave the sermon, and a friend had come from the Hills on his motor- cycle, and also gave an extra, very interesting speech, before going on north to visit Medora, ND. After the service, everyone enjoyed coffee, cake, and cookies that Mary and Marlee served. In the afternoon, Karen learned that her niece Keely, has a brand new little baby boy, that was born just a day after the big July 4th celebration. His two older sisters will soon be keeping him busy. During the week, Karen vi- sited and texted with her family and friends.

Please keep the Moncur fami- ly in your prayers.

It’s true that silence is someti- mes the best answer.



PRESSED BETWEEN THE PAGES #42

by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel

Those four words may strike fear in the heart of the teenager who missed curfew or the spouse who overspent on the family budget. But think of the statement as just that, a statement of fact. Consider the positive aspect: as humans we need social, verbal interaction. Since we live in the Communication Age, a time when we can connect to the other side of the globe in seconds, our communication skills should be phenomenal, right? Wrong!

A recent essay in TIME magazine cited a study from the University of Arizona on spoken communication. The study revealed that from 2005 to 2019 the average person

spoke about 330 fewer words per day for each year during that time frame. That’s 120,000 less words said over the course of a year. Psychologists agree that the trend and what it may mean for the future is not a good thing. Chatting with other people gives us a sense of belonging. We need to talk.

The essay did not delve into possible causes for the growing silence, but we can speculate. Texting, emailing, contactless transactions and time spent on social media likely contribute. But as a person who encourages others to remember your growing-up years and tell what is pressed between the pages, I can’t help but think of things we did then that contributed to great verbal communication.

“We Need To Talk!”

Meals, particularly supper, were spent sitting around the kitchen table. No radio or TV in the background. No heads bent over screens. We ate. We talked. We listened. Everything from what field to cultivate and the ripening sweet corn to the kid who bullied me on the bus could enter the conversation. Everyone in the family knew what was happening as well as the plan for the future.

Mom or one of the girls took “lunch” to the guys working out in the field. Every summer afternoon we would pack a sandwich, cookies and something to drink, and walk or drive out to the fields where Dad and the boys were working. They would stop whatever they were doing, sit in a

shady spot and enjoy the lunch. And talk.

Sunday drives meant a verbal evaluation of each field and herd. Depending on where we wandered, there was always a chance we would drop in at a relative’s house. “Let’s see if Oscar and Ida are home.”

A quick trip to town, to the grocery store or the bank, meant banter with acquaintances and always a friendly hello to everyone we met, even strangers.

Some of my most memorable visits with my mother took place after supper next to the kitchen sink, dish towel in hand. There were advantages to not having a dishwasher!

The folks subscribed to a daily newspaper and the local paper. Blondie and Dagwood and Dennis the Menace were often chuckle-fodder at the noon “dinner” table. Not wanting to miss out,

the youngsters soon perused the paper. Everyone paged through The De Smet News for pictures of people we knew. Clippings and a report were later given to the feature of fame.

All that face-to-face communication, whether courtesy chitchat or deep discourse added up to giving us a secure place in the world. That sense of belonging does not have to end if we don’t let it. We can still converse at mealtimes. We can take Sunday drives. We can greet strangers with a smile. The rewards are beyond words. After all, we need to talk!

The author’s column appears in a growing number of Midwest newspapers. Kruempel has compiled and published her column stories every year for the last five years. She has also published a historical fiction series, “Promises to Keep.” Her ten books are available on Amazon. Contact Kruempel at deannkruempelaauthor@gmail.com.

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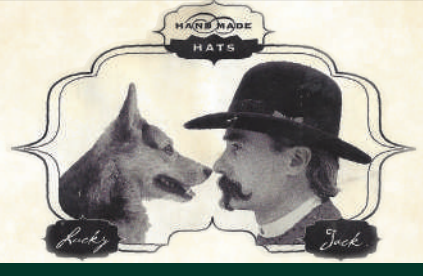
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Good Shepherd Free Clinic provides quality medical and emergency dental care to financially eligible northern Black Hills residents, ages 19-64. Medical services will be available at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lead. Enter the church through the Julius Street parking lot (below 825 W. Main Street).

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Roots #35 (From Archives)

“Good Fences, Stone Walls, and Boundaries”

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I love to visit historic sites. In southern France you can’t travel more than a few miles in any direction without coming across the remains of a medieval castle, military fortification, or battleground. Some of the structures are modest in comparison to others, some have been carefully restored and are open to the public, some have fallen to ruins. However, all were built with the same purpose, to keep enemies out and to secure personal safe boundaries for those within.

The presence of these ubiquitous medieval fortifications here in the south of Franch remind me of the time-honored adage, “Good fences make good neighbors.” The words come from a poem by Robert Frost called Mending Wall.

Frost’s poem, Mending Wall is all about boundaries. The proclamation “Good fences make good neighbors.” suggests how fences create necessary boundaries that help people get along better. That’s why we need to keep building and maintaining walls.

“Good Fences make good neighbors.” is something that Frost’s neighbor says. So, it’s the neighbor’s point of view that fences are necessary for maintaining good relationships between people. The phrase is repeated more than once.

To get along with his neighbor, the poet agrees to help mend the stone wall that separates his property from his neighbor’s even though the fence seems pointless to him.

Frost, who was also a farmer, argues, “My apple trees will never get across And eat the cones under his pines.”

Maintaining a stone wall is tricky, and hard work too. Stones are not content to stay

where you place them. They tend to topple and leave big open spaces in the fence and are perpetually in need of maintenance.

“To each the boulders that have fallen to each.

And some are loaves and some so nearly balls

We have to use a spell to make them balance:

‘Stay where you are until our backs are turned!’

We wear our fingers rough with handling them.”

The poet continues to help his neighbor rebuilt the wall year after year even though he becomes annoyed by his neighbor’s inability to explain why the wall is so important.

“I see him there Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top

In each hand, like an old-stone savage armed.”

“He will not go behind his father’s saying,

And he likes having thought of it so well

He says again, ‘Good fences make good neighbors.’”

Robert Frost was a quintessential American poet. He won the Pulitzer Prize four times. He is much admired for depictions of the rural life in New England, his use of everyday American speech, and his realistic portrayal of ordinary people. Several of his phrases such as “Good fences make good neighbors” have become ingrained in the American mindset.

Frost died at the age of 88 in 1963, shortly following his reading of an original poem at the John F. Kennedy’s presidential inauguration.

There was a lot of fence building going on during Robert Frost’s lifetime. Frost would have been in his late 60s when the Atlanticwall came into existence.

The Atlantic Wall refers to a vast collection of concrete fortifications built by the Germans between 1942 and 1944 along the Atlantic Ocean coast in Europe and Scandinavia. The purpose of the project was

to defend German occupied regions from Allied attacks during WWII. The wall of fortifications did its job well for a while. There were an estimated 25,000 bunkers built in the Atlanticwall most of them in France.

Over 17 million cubic meters of concrete and 1.2 million tons of steel were used to construct the wall. Over the years some of the structures have tumbled into the sea or have been demolished

However, many of them remain intact. The guns are mostly gone, long ago removed and repurposed. The fortifications no longer serve as barrier borders, but as museums, and repositories of artifacts. Visitors are allowed to stroll among the ruins. With a little imagination one can imagine the formidable coastline environment from 1942-1944. The German bunkers left me with a chill when I first toured them. Deep holes in the ground near the towns remain in those areas too

remnants of war. My granddaughter, Teaunah, likes to talk about history. She’s 13.

The bunkers are ginormous, she commented when she saw a photograph of a soldier posing beside a concrete bunker in Normandy. “Ginormous” is of course a composite word blend of giant, gargantuan, and enormous.

I explain that the fortifications contained artillery, guns, soldiers’ quarters. That it was ‘nice’ of the French workers to help them build the concrete bunkers in Normandy for free or in some cases nominal wages and “nice” of the French contractors who provided materials and likely profited from the exchange. I told her.

Teaunah was hooked. “Papa and I have been there.”. “We have visited the coast of northern France near where the D-Day invasion took place in 1944. We’ll take you there sometime.” She nods and I can see that

she is interested in hearing more. I take advantage of the opportunity.

Mending Wall is a relevant poem. There is certainly no shortage of barriers and efforts to build fences in the world today. I’m thinking that when Rober Frost witnessed the Atlanticwall project he would have understood that it is human nature to build fortifications.

He would have asked what the barriers were for? Who or what were they intended to keep in our out? He would have understood that the phrase “Good fences make good neighbors” would be the response always. He would also have understood that boundaries are subject to movement and are not essentially permanent where they are originally placed, but that the idea of is everlasting. Somehow, it’s helpful to understand how human nature works from the perspective of poetry and personal observation.



Some existing Bunkers on the Normandy coast of France as they appear today. Wikipedia Commons photo



Belle Fourche Beacon
‘Happenings’ and News
Bytes Calendar

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



Above: Monestary buildings at Fort de Belgarde, Perthus, Spain.
Below: Château de Requesens, La Jonquera, Spain.



Belle Fourche Writers

Belle Fourche Writers July meeting schedule: The regular July meeting is **Saturday, July 18** from 10 AM to Noon. All writers are invited to attend! Meetings are held at the Belle Fourche Public Library.

Belle Fourche Recreation Center

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

Classes

Summer Recreation Activities Schedule Calendar - See adjacent posters details!

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

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

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

Tri-State Museum - Upcoming Family Fun Day Schedule

July 19 – Bzzzz: Bees. Meet a beekeeper and learn about the bee’s remarkable life.

August 16– Creamy, Delicious Ice Cream. Hear from someone who makes and sells ice cream – and sample some, too.

October 18 – Monster Movies. The old Universal Pictures monsters are now classic Halloween figures. How did it come to be? Find out and make cool monster masks!

November 15 – The History of Birthstones. Twelve stones that mark twelve months. Which is associated with your birth month?

December 20 – A Nutcracker Christmas. How were they invented and how has a holiday ballet made them famous!

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



BF Rec Center Summer Parks & Rec Activities 2026

GOALS:

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



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

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

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

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

Questions? Contact us @ 605-892-2467.

WHERE ARE THE PARKS?

PARK	STREET	LANDMARKS
Highland Park	National St.	Next to the Rec Center
Jones Park	11 th Ave.	Splash Pad
Herrmann Park	8 th Ave.	Circular Walking Path/Bowman Hall/Police Dept.
Weyler Park	7 th Ave.	Dog Park/Near Lynn's Dakotamart
Eagle Park	Elkhorn St.	Along Belle Fourche River
Thomas C. Gay	N. 8 th Ave.	North Park School/Kindergarten
Rail Park	State St.	Main Street/By Belle Flowers & Gifts
Robb Park	State St.	Main Street/Next to Upper Level Fitness
River Walk/Disc Golf Course	State St. & More!	Tri State Museum/Center of the Nation Monument



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July

22nd - 1PM Ground Breaking at Pioneer Bank, 7PM
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23rd - 26th BFACT Minnesela Performances @ Rec
Center Auditorium

23rd - 6PM Hometown Thursdays (FREE)

24th- Crazy Days - State Street

25th - Dart Tournament 1PM @ Cowboy Bar -
benefits Spirit of Cheer & Dance

26th - 11AM Butterfly Wishes - Herrmann Park

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Notice of Testing Automatic Tabulating Equipment

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment will be tested to ascertain that it will correctly count the votes for all offices and measures that are to be cast at the Runoff Election held on the 28th day of July 2026.

The test will be conducted on the 23rd day of July 2026 at 10 o'clock a.m. at the Butte County Auditor's Office which is in the Butte County Administrative Building, at 117 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2026.

Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

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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:

Belle Fourche Precincts #21, #22, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, # 28 Belle Fourche Community Hall Belle Fourche, SD	Nisland, SD Castle Rock Precinct #06 Newell Community Hall Newell, SD
Fruitdale Precinct # 17 Belle Fourche Community Hall Belle Fourche, SD	Union Precinct # 8 Newell Community Hall Newell, SD
Minnesela Precinct #16 Belle Fourche Community Hall Belle Fourche, SD	Horsecreek Precinct # 13 Newell Community Hall Newell, SD
Romans Precinct #11 Belle Fourche Community Hall Belle Fourche, SD	Newell Independent Precinct # 14 Newell Community Hall Newell, SD
Orman Precinct #12 American Legion Hall Nisland, SD	Newell Precinct #20 Newell Community Hall Newell, SD
Nisland Precinct #18 American Legion Hall	

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Annie Capp County Auditor
Butte County

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What you need to know to help protect yourself!

Presented by:
Jody Gillaspie, Director
Division of Consumer Protection
SD Office of the Attorney General

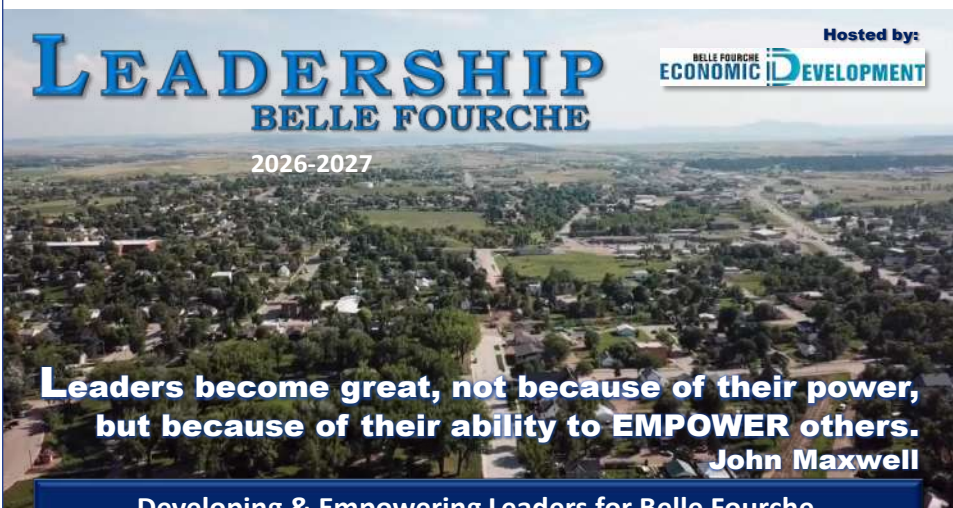
WHEN:
July 17th, 9:00 - 10:00 am

WHERE:
Belle Silver Lining Senior Center
828 Kingsbury St
Belle Fourche

Have you ever received a phone call saying you've won millions, or you've received a call saying your computer has been infected, or a call from the IRS saying they are coming to arrest you?

These are all scams designed to prey on consumers with the urgency of the call, and the ultimate goal is to obtain your hard-earned funds. Do not fall victim to these scams, come and learn more about these and others scams your fellow South Dakotans are encountering and how to better protect yourself.

You are invited to attend this free event sponsored by Belle Silver Lining Senior Center. This event will be held in conjunction with our serving of Caramel Rolls, So please attend and enjoy a roll and coffee.



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PROGRAM DATES:	COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:	
September 16, 2026	8:30 am-4:30 pm	Personality Profiles; State Street Business & History; BF School & CTE Tour
October 21, 2026	8:30 am-4:30 pm	Belle Fourche Regional Industry – Yesterday and Today; Land & Ag Management; AG Business Tours
November 18, 2026	8:30 am-4:30 pm	City Operations & Tours
December 16, 2026	8:30 am-4:30 pm	County Operations & Tours
January 20, 2027	8:30 am-4:30 pm	Economic & Community Development - Local, State & Federal Level; Entrepreneurship - What it Takes; Transportation
February 17, 2027	8:30 am-4:30 pm	Bring Your "A" Game; Industry Tour; Workforce Development
March 17, 2027	8:30 am-4:30 pm	NeighborWorks Dakota Homes Resources & Community Housing in Belle Fourche, Healthcare; Schools; Community Industry Tours
April 21, 2027	7:00 am-5:00 pm	Day of Excellence (Live in Rapid City – National Speakers)
April 28, 2027	5:30 p.m.	Graduation – Location TBA - Social 5:30; Dinner & Graduation at 6:00 - Concludes by 7:00

Thank you! We appreciate the employer and community support.

Big Summer Blowout Brings Summer Fun to Newell



Two kids enjoying the slip 'n slide in the City Park. Longbrake photo

Robbi Longbrake
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NEWELL—As temperatures climbed to over 100 degrees, South Park offered a welcome escape from the heat with a variety of water activities and summer fun. On Saturday, July 11, the community was invited to participate in the Big Summer Blowout celebration at Newell City Park. The park was filled with water

activities that kept kids cooled off and entertained throughout the day. Two large tanks of water gave kids a place to fill water guns and have water fights, while sprinklers, water pads, deluxe slip 'n slides, mini pools and an 18-foot Hurricane Waterslide provided even more ways to have fun. The waterslide was so popular that the steps to get to the top were backed up with kids all the

way to the bottom, patiently waiting for their turn. Adults were not forgotten! There were activities for them as well. One highlight was a car show with classic cars lined up along the south end of the park. The area had just enough trees that the owners of the cars could sit in the shade and visit with onlookers about their show vehicles.

Music filled the air and the day was a festive gathering. Laughter and giggles came from the kids splashing in the water while parents sat in the shade and visited with friends, family and neighbors. The church ladies from Newell Christian Fellowship held a bake sale and Rollin in the Hills food truck was on-site serving up lunch.

Beginning at 1:30 p.m., the Newell Community Club hosted a Cornhole Tournament. Even in the heat, Cornhole players showed up to try to win the competition and some cash. In the end, Orlando Urioste and Jen Carda came out in first place with John Nelson and Dillon Nelson ending up second.

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Playing in the water is fun for all ages. Longbrake photo



Newell Christian Fellowship held a bake sale. Longbrake photo

NHS Class of '86 gathers after 40 years

Tim Velder
Sundance, WY

NEWELL—Eleven friends from the Newell High School Class of 1986 gathered for a 40-year reunion recently to share time together after four decades of post-graduation adventures. Pictured are Kim (McCarthy) Wince, Jean (Keil) Schuelke, Tim Velder, Brian Mettler, Nadene (Page) Harr, Brent Soderlin, Ron Stone, Lee Walters, Nathan Loup, Peggy (Goeringer) Colfelt, and Scott Hardesty. Absent classmates include: Sandra Tarrant, Linda (Lange) Kaiser, Jeff Jensen, Susan (Alexander) Zaugg, Todd Middleton, Lurlene (Heitz) Klein, DeLayne Chowen, Bart Sinner, Fonda Lewis, Deneice (Crawford) McMillan, Ray Baker and Robert Childers. Attendees also remembered deceased classmates Gail Gabriel, Luke Anderson, Matt Orwick, Perry Martin, and Tracy Goeringer. Thank you to Brian Mettler, Spearfish, for hosting the group.



Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson
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Vacation Bible School started on Monday with Grandma Missy taking all of Lanie and Mattis kids and Taz and Amanda three oldest kids to VBS where she is teaching. The twins are still too young to start VBS so they stayed home. We got just over a tenth of an inch of rain Sunday night but that didn't stop Reub from going up to spray weeds at our Horse Creek pasture that day.

Missy took all the kids except the twins to VBS on Tuesday while Reub went up to spray weeds at the Horse Creek pasture again. Unfortunately, his sprayer got a busted switch so he had to haul it home and call John Brown in Reeder to see if he had time to fix it.

Reub hauled his sprayer behind his red pickup up to John Brown in Reeder Wednesday morning to leave it with John so he could fix it after he ordered all the parts it needed. I came up later on

that morning to pick Reub up with my black pickup so we could take it to Laufer Vermeer so Nate Weidinger could finish fixing it after the other parts got there. We ate at the Legion, got stuff from Runnings and White Drug before taking the pickup to Laufer Vermeer to finish getting it fixed. The pickup was done in time for us to go to Reeder that afternoon to have coffee and visit with the Prairie Pioneers. When we got home Reub cut up the watermelon and fed it to all the kids that had gotten home from VBS. The kids just loved feeding the watermelon rinds to the chickens and the chickens just love eating them.

Sadly, there are more deaths to report: Carl Schauer, 94, of Mitchell, passed away at his residence on Saturday, July 4. Service of Remembrance was on Saturday, July 11, at the Ulmer-Zich American Legion Post in Regent, ND, with burial at the Regent Cemetery.†

Alex Moncur, 35, of Camp Crook, passed away on July 1 at the Monument Health in Rapid City. Funeral services for Alex†were held on Tuesday, July 14, at the Camp Crook Community Center with Pastor Mike Smith officiating with burial at the Capital Cemetery.

We went over to Buffalo Thursday afternoon to pick up Joe and Karen Wilkinson to take them with us to the E6 bridge where Claudia Vroman was going to release her brother Sandy Bill Matson's ashes into the South Grand River so they would flow past their Grandfather Claude Olson's ranch where Sandy Bill spent a lot of time growing up and that was because that was what Sandy Bill wanted done with his ashes. His funeral started with the Honor Guard paying him honor for the time he spent in the Airborne in Vietnam. A large crowd of Sandy Bill's friends and relatives came to bid him goodbye as Claudia and their brother Terry Matson put his ashes in the river. Sandy Bill was a really good friend and bidding goodbye to him brought tears to my eyes.

The Vacation Bible School program was Friday afternoon so Reub and I went down to watch the program with a whole lot of kids doing really well in the program with the help of the Fortress VBS team from the Bible School in Minneapolis, MN. I think there were about

60 kids at VBS this week but several of them were sick and stayed at home that day.

It was 103 degrees when Reub and I went down to Bison Saturday for the funeral of our dear friend David Gano. I had called Dave's wife Judy Gano at the Hettinger hospital Friday night to see how she was doing with her bad case of pneumonia to see if she would be able to be dismissed from the hospital early Saturday so she could come to Dave's funeral. She told me that she wouldn't be dismissed from the hospital, but she would be let out for four hours to come to Dave's funeral before she would be readmitted to the hospital. There was sure a huge crowd at Dave's funeral and we were able to see where she was sitting with her family, but we couldn't get close enough to even say anything to her. We pray that she heals up fast, but we were so glad that she could be there for Dave's funeral!

Sadly, when we turned the TV on early Sunday morning, we saw that Sen. Linsey Graham had passed away at only 71 years old. He will be greatly missed as a legislator that always said and did exactly what he believed. Sen. Mitch McConnell has been in the hospital for weeks, but we don't hear anything about how he is doing. The Kentucky senator has faced a number of health setbacks†in recent years.

McConnell was hospitalized after a fall that resulted in a concussion and fractured rib in 2023, twice appeared to freeze while speaking to reporters later that year, and has experienced additional falls and hospitalizations since then. I sure wish that our country should be allowed to know what is happening to the legislators who were voted into office by the American people.

When we got to church, we heard that Bob Tenold has a new great grandson, born to his granddaughter Shelby Tescher on July 9. Little Top Tescher weighed in at 5lbs. and is 19 inches long. He joins an older sibling. Congratulations to Bob and his great grandson Top's family. I hope I have all this spelled right! After church that morning the temperature reached 107 degrees and that was really hot.



Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

July 6, 1916

G. R. Malone, past master of the Grange, spoke at the M. E. Church Sunday evening in the interest of the anti-saloon league to an appreciative audience. Mr. Malone is making quite an extensive trip through this section. He spoke at Redig on the 4th and expects to deliver another address here at some date in the near future. He no longer speaks on Grange issues.

Anton Halls of Hills, Minnesota, was an arrival here last Thursday. Mr. Hills proved up claim in Section 9-8 about 3 years ago and since that time has been studying law at the University of Washington. He visited friends here until Sunday.

Art Dickey, who lives on the Greenly Ranch near Vale got mixed up in a runaway accident Saturday and was thrown from the rig in such a manner as to nearly tore his right ear off. He received medical attention here and was able to join in the celebration on the 4th.

Before you buy a car get prices on factory rebuilt automobiles and trucks. Guaranteed trucks and cars and automobile trucks are easy payments and at less than half cost new. Inquire about W. B and M. Case, Chalk Butte, South Dakota.

July 8, 1926

Thomas K. Brown, one of the oldest old-timers of Butte County passed away June 17 in the Hospital at Yankton. He came to the Black Hills in 1875 and was among the crowd in the Deadwood Saloon at the time Wild Bill was shot to death. Mr. Brown settled upon the land 1879, near what is now known as Tommy Brown Bridge. He transported trappers, pioneers and soldiers across the Belle Fourche River. He farmed there for a number of years until his health began to fail. His legacy lives on.

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The Newell Community did not plan a celebration of its own for the 4th. Our people found the various attractions in the neighboring towns for several days sufficient. Some folks went to Castle Rock, others to Belle Fourche or to both and yet others just took in the nice, neighborly little picnic at down to Vale.

July 9, 1936

Supt Beyer Aune reports that Monday's high temperature mark of 110 broke the all-time record at US Experiment Farm Weather Station made in 1910. But the Monday's high of 110, it just "burned up" all high records kept at the farm for the past 38 years!

President Franklin Roosevelt disclosed plans today for a trip into the Dakota's in late August to survey first hand the effects of the drought. He described the trip as non-political with no campaign speeches. President Roosevelt today set in motion a drought relief program designed to provide income for 170,000 distressed farms, feed, livestock and to change the economy of the dust bowl. The trip is to permit the programs to get underway.

Mrs. Kenneth Merrell met instant death Saturday, when the car she was a passenger collided with a beet truck hauling water to the Anderson Sheep Camp. The incident occurred on the Mud Elm Bridge on Highway 212, 14 miles east of Newell. The bridge only 16" wide and when driver, Riley, attempted to enter on the bridge before the truck had entirely cleared, the car struck the corner of the beet box body. The impact caused the heavy side gate to drop down and decapitating Mrs. Merrell, a rear passenger. Her

by Linda Velder

remains were brought to the Christian Undertaker.

July 4, 1946

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. M. Roe parked their pick up on Main Street last evening and shortly afterward Buck Junod, who was standing nearby, and not been drinking, heard roosters crowing. The Roes protested that they had no roosters in their pick up. Junod made an investigation, however, and found 3 roosters. They were perched on the drive shaft beneath the pick up where they had gone to roost and ridden to town with the Roes.

Aladdin Club met with Mrs. Al Thurlow Friday, with 15 members present. All annual banquet business was finished, after which Mrs. Preston Hill led an interesting game. An auction sale was held, with Mrs. L. C. Williamson as auctioneer. A tasty lunch was served by the hostess.

County Service Officer Syd Catterill announced this week that Mr. McCurdy of the US Employment Service would be at the Newell City Hall, July 19th to handle readjustment allowance claims of men in this territory. All veterans interested in employment and readjustment allowance are especially invited to discuss their problems with Mr. McCurdy at this time.

June 12, 1956

Firearms being used by several Newell juveniles were taken into custody by Deputy Walt Miller this week, when the youth were found using the beet dump south of town for target practice. Miller reminds both parents and children that it is against state law for any person under 16 to either have in his possession or of use any firearm unless accompanied by an adult. The guns of the first offenders are being held temporarily, but future violators may result in confiscation, he points out.

Twenty-two members of the Honyonkers Club of Newell met at the home of Mrs. Oscar Milberg with Mrs. Clara Lloyd



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and Mrs. June Gerlach of Rapid City and Mrs. Flora Buchholz as assisting hostess. The afternoon was spent recalling pioneers and old times, after which a nice lunch was served. Those present, of whom it was noted, 4 were over 80 years of age. Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Viken & family, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Garness & family and Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Schallenberger & sons enjoyed a picnic at Whitewood Park on the 4th of July. Later they gathered at the Viken home where all enjoyed fire works.

At the reorganization meeting of the Vale School Board, elected chairman Donald Scoggins to replace Ralph Tysdal, Vice chairman David Lungren, Treasurer (re elected), Mrs. Hazel Holtry, and re-appointed Clerk Mrs. Alice Hoffmeyer.

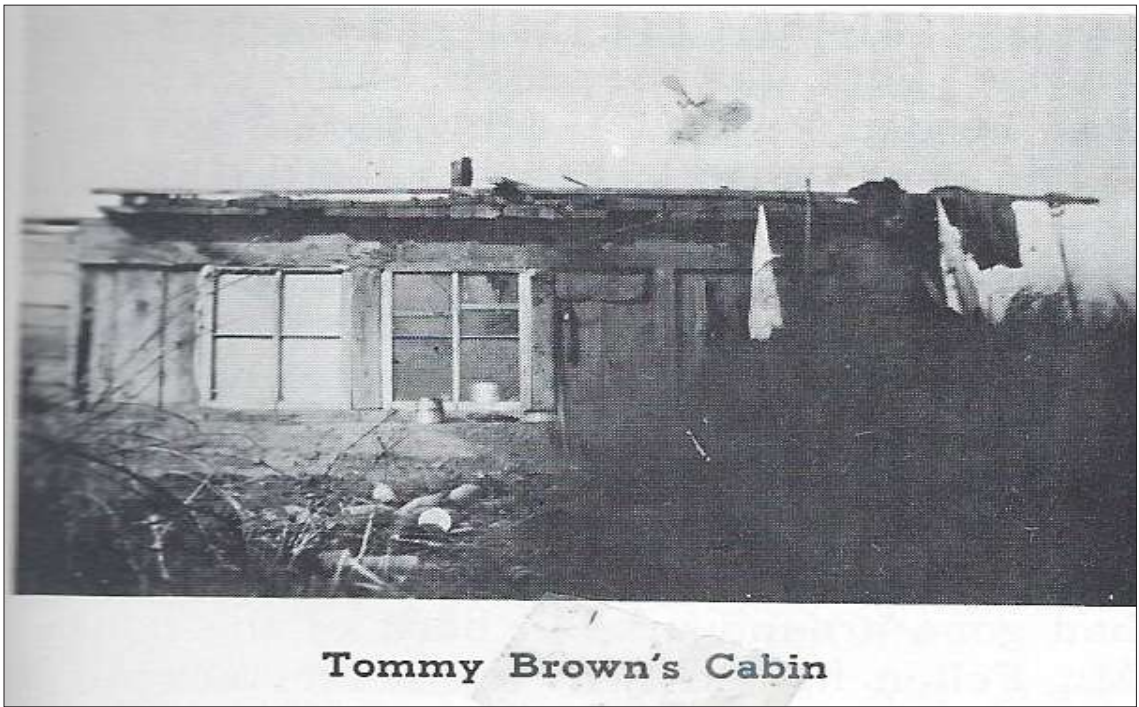
July 21, 1966

Newell High School football coach, Willy Hoff, reminds boys who are planning to go out for football this season who did not get football shoes, to call him by this Friday evening. Hoff's phone number is 456-2525 or call assistant coach Bob Peterson at 456-1555.

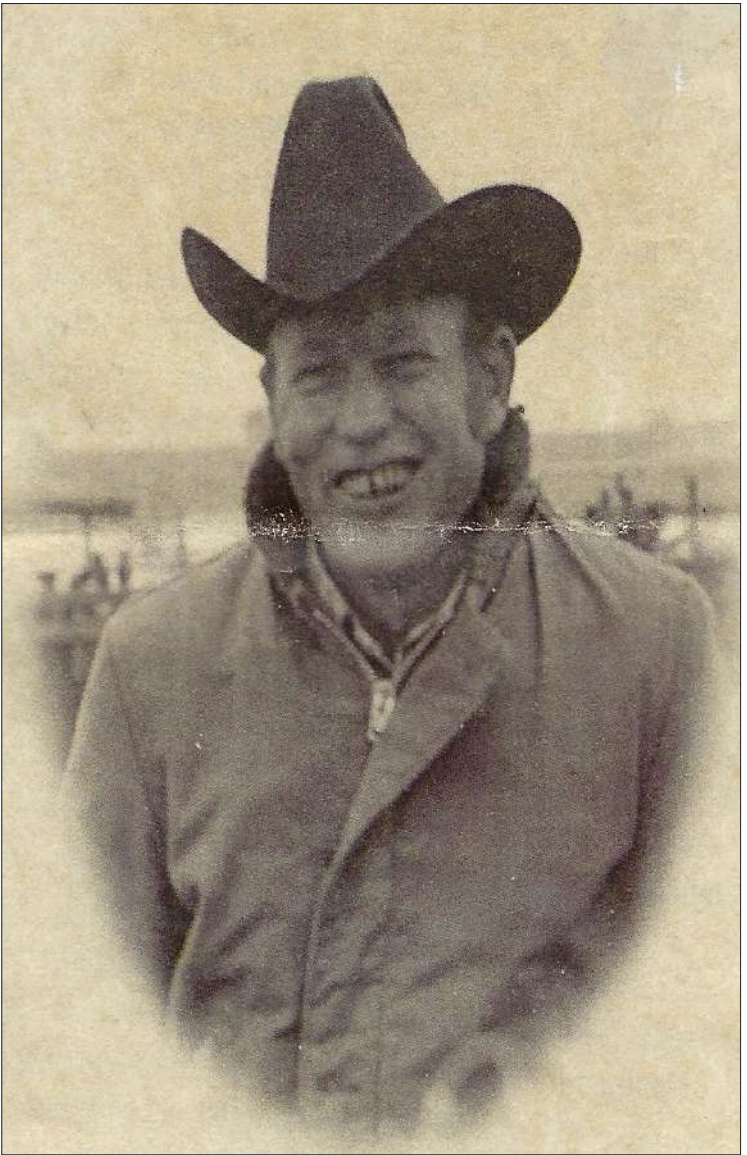
All delinquent taxpayers in Butte County as of July 1, 1966

will either be served with a Distress Warrant to be followed by a personal property listed or by a civil action of County Court and garnishment of wages, it is announced by Pat V. Heinbaugh Deputy County Treasurer. Heavy equipment operators owing delinquent taxes on their equipment will have to clear the taxes on their machinery, seized and unpaid 1966 and prior year trailer taxes are delinquent now and must be paid. A list of delinquent taxes owned by people who have left the County or it will be turned over to private collection agencies for action.

Plans for Newell's Annual Labor Day Celebration and Rodeo, are progressing nicely and everything is pointing up to one of the finest such celebration in years. L. C. Williamson, President of the Community Club, called on committees to report; Rodeo Chairman Bill Lange and General Chairman R. D. Long reported arrangement are being rapidly completed for the full day of parade, street sports, music, rodeo, games, open bar and the big dance which closes the day-long event.



Tommy Brown's Cabin



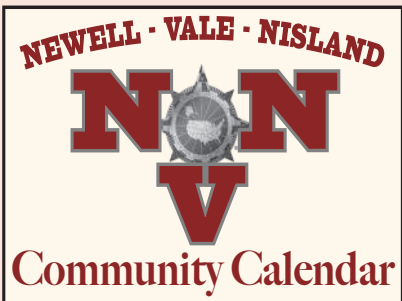
(L) 1926, Tommy Brown's primitive cabin near the Belle Fourche River. (R) 1956, Newell Rodeo Chairman Bill Lange. Museum photos

Here’s What’s Happening in Newell!

Summer Reading Program
July 17 • 10:30 a.m.
Newell Public Library

Newell Playday Series
July 20 • 5 p.m.
Rodeo grounds

Feeding SD at Dakota Life Center
August 13 • 2 p.m.–3 p.m.
Second Thursday every month



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Big Summer Blowout Photos

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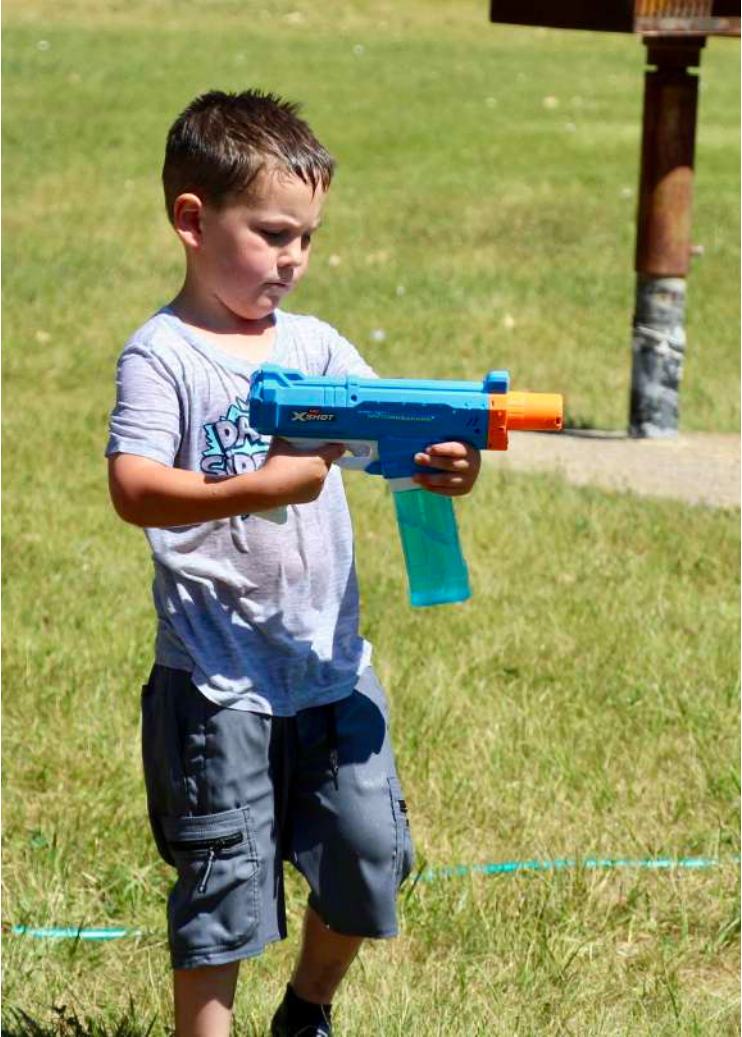
The line of kids waiting to get to the top of the 18-foot Hurricane Waterslide was long.



Even the tiny tots gave the slip 'n slide a try.



A car show was held in the south end of the Newell City Park.



Getting the water gun ready for a good water fight.



The 18-foot Hurricane Waterslide was a popular attraction on the hot day.



The covered picnic shelter in Newell City Park provides some relief from the hot sun.

Vale Community Club's

BINGO!

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\$1 per card

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