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BELLE FOURCHE—Belle Fourche Post 32 baseball team captured the 2026 South Dakota Class B Senior American Legion Region Championship on July 23 at the Legion region tournament in Chamberlain. The region title sends Belle Fourche to the state tournament for the first time since 2010.

They did it in a clean sweep, beating Martin 14-4 in round one, steamrolling Chamberlain 14-3 in the semifinals and besting Martin 6-3 in the championship game.

The team is coached by Randy Doran, and the assistant coach is Dominic Santiago. Doran has been with the team for the past six years. “I took over in the winter of 2020. You know, COVID kind of interrupted some things—kind of delayed some stuff, but I’ve been coaching the top level here since then,” he explained.

The baseball team came off hosting the VFW Varsity State Tournament July 17-19, and just a few days later traveled to Chamberlain for the Class B Senior American Legion Region Tournament. The team stays busy by design. “My model has always been—I want to have these guys play as much baseball as we think that we can be competitive with and having the opportunity to do a couple different postseasons just kind of gives them those different tournament feels and

Post 32 Punches Ticket to State



Belle Fourche Post 32 baseball team is the 2026 **South Dakota Class B Senior American Legion Region Champion.**
Courtesy photo

just chances to win,” shared Doran. “But it makes for a busy summer—but I think the guys enjoy the summer. They’re here with their buddies playing baseball five days a week, doing something whether it’s practice or games.”

Coach Doran moved to the Black Hills area in 2015. He coaches the BHSU Women’s

Golf team during the school year, which leaves his summers open for baseball. “It works really well for me, because I coach the Women’s Golf team at Black Hills, so during the summer I’m not allowed to have contact with them under NCAA rules—so it makes it easy to spend all my time down here and work with these guys,”

said Doran.

Doran and his team head to the 2026 South Dakota Class B Senior American Legion State Baseball Tournament, scheduled for July 31 through August 4 in Madison.

Belle Fourche Post 32 takes on the Region 4B champions, Parkston Post 194, in the first-round game set for Friday,

July 31, 2026, at 1 p.m. The tournament follows a double-elimination format. Belle Fourche’s round two game time on Saturday, August 1, will not be determined until after they win or lose against Parkston on Friday. Other teams competing at state include Volga, Dell Rapids, Groton, Garretson, Dakota Valley and Madison.

Rain Doesn’t Dampen Hometown Thursdays



Young fans enjoy the **Wilt Brothers Band** during the weekly **Hometown Thursdays** event *Longbrake photo*

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BELLE FOURCHE—It seems like Hometown Thursdays can’t happen this year without some kind of weather event inviting itself to the festivities.

This week, July 23, was no different as rain decided to join in on the fun evening after it was underway. The raindrops didn’t stop the community from enjoying the music, shopping, food or camaraderie of others. Folks found shelter or donned raincoats to stay dry. This was not the first time this summer that weather interrupted the outdoor event, with two previous rainstorms forcing the gathering to move indoors.

The rain didn’t deter the musical guests either. The Wilt Brothers Band—an area favorite—brought classic country music mixed with some early rock and roll.

The band’s musical talents go beyond traditional instruments, incorporating a fiddle, harmonica, banjo and even a saxophone on occasion, along with a few other instruments in

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Gov. Larry Rhoden wins GOP nod in South Dakota governor’s race

Joe Sneve & Jonathan Ellis
TheDakotaScout.com

Gov. Larry Rhoden emerged as the Republican nominee for governor Tuesday following a first-in-state history runoff election.

Rhoden will face former Democratic lawmaker Dan Ahlers of Dell Rapids in the November election after toppling the Aberdeen businessman Toby Doeden by what’s expected to be a two-digit margin.

Minutes after the final polls in western South Dakota closed Tuesday evening after the state’s first-ever runoff election in a statewide primary, the Union Center rancher had more than 71 percent of the ballots counted, while his opponent, Aberdeen businessman Toby Doeden, had received 29 percent.

Although those results come with a majority of voting precincts left to be counted across South Dakota, the early margin was wide enough for national news networks and the campaigns themselves to call the race.

Rhoden is expected to address supporters at his election night watch party in downtown Sioux Falls at 9:15 p.m. while Doeden’s campaign alerted The Dakota Scout that the first place finisher in the June 2 primary election will give a concession speech at 9 o’clock.

Rhoden, who inherited the governor’s mansion after former Gov. Kristi Noem signed on to be secretary of Homeland Security in 2025, is now positioned to break a streak. The previous two governors who inherited the office as lieutenant governor failed to win the office. In 1978, Democratic Gov. Harvey Wollman didn’t make it out of the primary, and in 1994 Republican Gov. Walter Dale Miller lost to Bill Janklow.

Rhoden, 67, entered the race for governor late, in the fall of 2026. By then Doeden, Speaker of the House Jon Hansen and Congressman Dusty Johnson had already declared. With Johnson in particular, Rhoden faced a tough challenge after the congressman had been able to bank millions of dollars in campaign contributions that could be transferred to a state

campaign for governor.

Rhoden entered the race following success at jumpstarting plans for a new men’s prison. Following the 2025 legislative session, the plan to replace the territorial-era men’s prison in Sioux Falls appeared dead. Rhoden put together a task force to re-evaluate the plan.

The task force evaluated possible locations, designs and funding. The group discarded an unpopular rural Lincoln County location and settled on a site in northeast Sioux Falls. The task force also cut the budget of the prison from \$825 million to \$650 million.

Ultimately, the plan won approval from the Legislature in a special session – opening the door for Rhoden to declare his candidacy.

Tuesday’s election marks the end of an historic campaign for Doeden, who launched his gubernatorial candidacy in spring 2025. The 51-year-old Groton native billed himself as an anti-establishment outsider throughout his campaign, which he largely self-financed.

The general election is Nov. 3.



Gov. Larry Rhoden speaks with a supporter at his election night gathering in downtown Sioux Falls. (*Jonathan Ellis / The Dakota Scout*)



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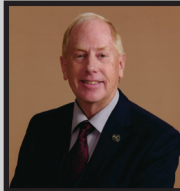




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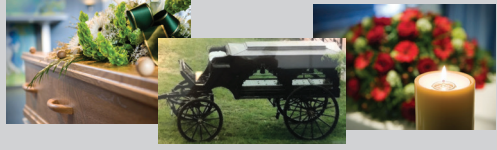
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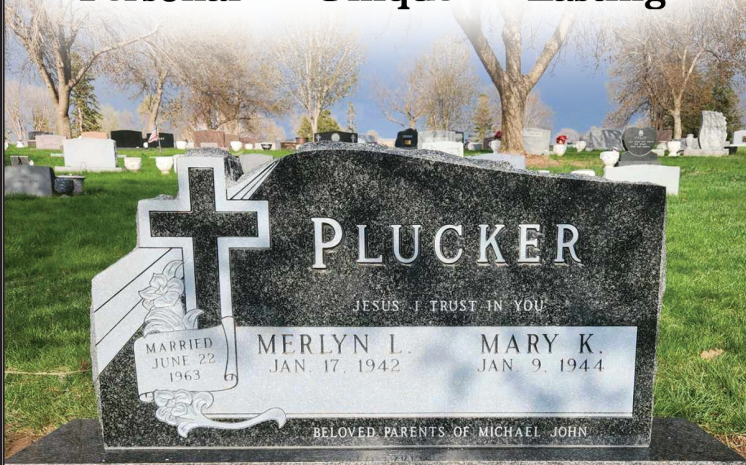
Most of us intend on "getting around to it someday," but that someday never comes and we leave our family wondering whether or not they did the right thing. **It doesn't have to be like that.** It's not pleasant to be reminded of our own mortality; we can laugh, cry, or do a little of both. Regardless 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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Phillis Thorson 96



Phillis Thorson of Philip, South Dakota, died on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at Heartland Senior Living in Spearfish at the age of 96.

"Our family is a circle of strength and love, with every birth and every union, the circle will grow, every joy shared adds more love, every crisis faced together, makes the circle stronger."

Phillis Ilene Pierce was born November 24, 1929 in New Underwood, SD the only child to Ernest Pierce and Mildred (Welsh) Pierce. Because of her dad's job they moved often living in Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Wisconsin, Washington and California, finally moving to a small farm north of Philip when she was 16.

After graduating from Rapid City high school in 1947, there was a shortage of teachers for rural schools. By going to summer school for 6 weeks, you could get a certificate to teach and that is what Phillis did. She taught the Jones School for five years. It was a small rural school with four pupils. It was during this time that Leonard Thorson, the hired man for Bob Jones, would come to the schoolhouse early and build a fire in the wood stove so it would be warm when she got there. In doing so, he also lit a fire in her heart and one day he asked her if she would like to go to a basketball tournament with him and the rest is history. They were married at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD on October 16, 1948 and shared 61 years together until Leonard passed away on April 26, 2010. All because two people fell in love, they were blessed with four children, twelve grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. A legacy of love will live on through each and every one of them.

Over the years, Phillis and Leonard traveled to many places. One of the highlights was wintering in Port Aransas, TX for 20 years. Their favorite things to do were playing cards, square dancing and picking up seashells as they walked along the beach. On October 3, 2013, Phillis moved into the Hickory House in Spearfish, SD. This was one day before Storm Atlas so she spent the first four days in Belle Fouche with her son, Bill. On October 4, 2023, Phillis moved in with her daughter, Coral in Spearfish. For almost two years, they had a sweet season living together. She spent much of her time reading, playing Words with Friends, Facebook and she was always up for a game of cribbage. On August 10, 2025, Phillis moved into Heartland Assisted Living in Spearfish.

When asked what the church means to me, Phillis responded this: "The church is God's representative here on earth. It is a body of believers. It is the building in which we worship. I believe it is important to attend the church of your choice. The fellowship of Christian love and the time of worship will enhance your life."

Phillis was blessed with an abundant life and was truly thankful and grateful for all the people who have been a part of completing this circle of life. She leaves this world with no regrets because she had everything she needed – the love of family and friends. We thank God that He gave us as many years as He did with our Mom, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, and friend. This is not goodbye but see you later.

Survivors include her children, Bill Thorson (Annette) from Belle Fourche, SD, Coral Sand from Spearfish, SD, Bob Thorson (Jodi) from Philip, SD and Crystal Thorson (Jeff) from Philip, SD. Her twelve grandchildren: Troy Thorson (Kathy), Carrie Nygard (Jonathon), Jenny Greslin (Michael), Kirby Sand (Megan), Jennie Frost, Nick Frost, Scott Jones (Abby), Jessica Flesner, Melissa Holland (Eric), David Burnett (Cori), Marcus Martinez and Blake Martinez. Her nineteen great-grandchildren: Jaxon Zeller Thorson, Carson Nygard, Chase Carey, Jefferson, Cora & Lowell Sand, Levi, Jace, Seth & Tate Greslin, Amayzie Thorson, Olivia & Owen Jones, Brexton & Cayson Flesner, Savannah & Tessa Holland and Arney & Flynn Burnett. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Janice Parsons, along with many individual family members linked together by a golden chain of love.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernie and Mildred Pierce, her husband Leonard Thorson, a son-in-law Josh Sand, Angel Baby Jude Burnett, brothers-in-law Lauren Thorson and Corky Thorson, and sisters-in-law Mildred Radway and Maxine O'Riley.

A memorial service will be held 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, at Hickory House Chapel 430 Oriole Drive Spearfish, SD 57783

Visitation will be held 5-7 p.m. Sunday, August 2, 2026 at First Lutheran Church in Philip.

Funeral Services will be held 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 3, 2026 at First Lutheran Church.

Interment will follow at the Masonic Cemetery in Philip.

Cards and memorials may be sent to P.O. Box 744 Philip, SD 57567.



Delana Kay Moser 49



Delana Kay Moser, 49, of Belle Fourche passed away at her home on July 19, 2026.

Delana was born October 8, 1976 in Deadwood, South Dakota to David and Connie Irwin. She graduated from Spearfish High School and continued her education at the University of South Dakota earning her Nursing Degree and graduating with Honors. She has been active in Nursing for 20 plus years working most of the time for Monument Health in Spearfish.

She married David Moser on June 6, 2006. She enjoyed walking around Orman Dam with her feet in the water looking for Shark teeth. She loved taking care of her plants.

She is survived by her mother Denise Irwin; her husband, Dave Moser; children Taylor Pierce, Spencer Moser and Gunnar Moser; her brother Nathan Irwin

and stepbrother Daniel Carl and sisters Deana Marconie and Jamie Marconie; grandchildren Trevin Moser and Rya Moser and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father David Irwin and her mother Connie Olson Irwin.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, July 31st at 11:00 am at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche.

Arrangements are under the care of Kline Funeral Chapel of Belle Fourche.

An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Michael Leveque 67



Michael (Mike) 'Babe' Paul Leveque, 67, passed away July 23, 2026.

Mike was born on March 25, 1959 in Deadwood, SD to Nicholas and Wynona (Faye) Leveque and was the youngest of three children. Mike lived in several places growing up including St. Onge, Lead-Deadwood, and parts of Wyoming.

Mike spent several years operating heavy equipment and owned a HVAC business in Gillette, WY. He met Diana Leveque (Gerlich) in 1982 and they married on June 24, 1985. They moved to Pennsylvania where they had their one and only daughter, Brittany before moving back to South Dakota and making Sturgis their home and helping to take over the family business when his father fell ill. Mike spent the next years of his life operating a successful gravel business, maintaining billboards, managing rentals and trailer courts. They raised their daughter and made many life-long friends. Mike was active in the Hell Fighters ministry in Sturgis and had a very strong faith in the Lord. He was able to help care for both his grandchildren so they did not have to attend daycare until they both started preschool and especially enjoyed taking Seth along to load and haul gravel. He worked very hard every day of his life and took pride in providing for those he loved. He never hesitated to help someone in need. A strong cup of black coffee, good company, and conversation were among life's simple pleasures that he cherished the most.

He is preceded in death by his father, Nicholas Leveque, Sr (1992) brother, Nicholas Leveque Jr. (2001), mother, Wynona (Faye) Leveque (2009), and wife, Diana Leveque (2023).

He is survived by his daughter Brittany (Leon) Paugh of Rapid City, SD; grandchildren Seth and Tessa Paugh of Rapid City, SD; brother Victor Leveque; sister-in-law Regina Gerlich of Deadwood, SD; and nephew Travis Gerlich of Sturgis, SD.



Charles Henry Aurand, III 64



Charles Henry Aurand, III, was born October 18, 1961, to Charles Aurand, Jr. and Donna (Erb) Aurand, minutes before his identical twin, William Robert Aurand. The surprise delighted their three sisters.

After moving from Ohio to Arizona, Chuck considered Flagstaff home. Despite his lifelong deficiency in orienteering, he earned the Eagle Scout Bronze Palm while in high school. Chuck earned a BA in religious and Judaic studies from the University of Arizona in 1984 and a MDiv from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1988. Efficient as ever, Chuck combined his Seminary graduation date with that of his first marriage—no need for a second trip. From that union came Chuck's beloved children Dorothy Elisabeth and Charles Henry.

After that marriage ended, Chuck focused on parish ministry. He was ordained in 1995 and recently celebrated 30 years of ordination.

Chuck served Presbyterian (PCUSA) congregations in Kansas and Wyoming before being called in 2001 to Olive Presbyterian Church in Platte, SD, and nearby Academy UCC. At a required meeting for clergy serving combined denominations, he met the Rev. Patricia Helmer. After the meeting Chuck invited Patti to lunch to "continue their conversation," and they never stopped talking.

That Christmas, Chuck introduced Patti to Dory and Charlie--instant kid love-- and proposed on Ephy any. Recognizing his difficulty remembering dates, he suggested their wedding be on the anniversary of the lunar landing. They married July 20, 2002, at Placerville Church Camp.

Together and apart, Chuck and Patti served churches in South Dakota, Iowa, Arizona, and Montana. In 2018, they returned to Belle Fourche, SD, where Chuck served the First Congregational UCC and St. Onge UCC. He also served as PRN chaplain (Patti had "volunteered" him) with Stillwater Hospice. He found joy in reminding others of God's unconditional love and excelled in teaching that love.

Outside ministry, Chuck cheering for the Detroit Tigers, read voraciously, gazed at the stars, and treasured family time.

After a brief, but fierce, bout of depression, Chuck ended his life July 21, 2026. Chuck believed, despite Patti's objections, that he was fulfilling his vow "to seek the other's good."

Survivors include his wife, Patricia H. Aurand; father, Dr. Charles Aurand, Jr.; children Dory (Tate) Hanson and Charlie (Emily) Aurand, IV; granddaughters Nadia, Hilde, and Addison; siblings Janice (Doug) Hirschi, Cheryl (Kurt) McMillen, Sandra (Bob) Burris, and William (Marcia) Aurand; in-laws Gary and Jean (MIL) Helmer and Bill Helmer; and many extended family members, friends, colleagues, and others whose lives he touched. He was predeceased by his mother, Dr. Donna Aurand.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 am Saturday, August 1, 2026 at the First Congregational UCC in Belle Fourche, SD. In lieu of flowers, memorials made be given to Placerville Camp, the Compassion Cupboard, or to NPR/SDPB.

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New Mini-Exhibit Showcases the History of Postage Stamps

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BELLE FOURCHE—Have you ever thought about being a philatelist? You know, one who has an interest in stamps, postal history, postmarks, stamp designs or anything stamp-related? If so, then the Tri-State Museum's new Mini Exhibit is one you will want to check out! It is "All About Postage Stamps."

The latest exhibit opened to a daylong reception on June 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., featuring creative cupcakes from the Red Onion Marketplace. There were either strawberry lemonade cupcakes topped with edible postage stamps and freeze-dried strawberries or vanilla cupcakes featuring edible postage stamps and garden-fresh mint to choose from throughout the day, along with refreshments to enjoy.

There is so much to learn in the exhibit. All the answers to who invented the stamp, what is a stamp collector called, do other countries use stamps, what are the state stamps and what makes stamps collectible, plus many more answers to many more questions, can be

found in the "All About Postage Stamps" mini-exhibit. After you spend time learning all there is to know in the display, you can test your knowledge on an electronic touchscreen quiz.

There is also an activity packet for kids to take home and work on and books to read about stamps.

A lot of the display comes from the Tri-State Museum's own archives. "We got a donation of that green stamp book and some sheets of stamps, so we thought, hey, we could do stamps," explained Jean Maher, assistant director.

Putting together the museum's mini-exhibits takes a team effort. Jada Udager pulls together all of the artifact collections, Kristi Thielen does all of the research and writing of the storyboards, Jean Maher takes care of the exhibit photo collation mounting and Kim Reausaw puts together the kids' activities.

The mini-exhibit "All About Postage Stamps" runs through September 18, when the "I Spy A Spider" mini-exhibit comes creepy crawling into the museum.

Make sure you check out the new mini-exhibit "All About Postage Stamps" on display at the **Tri-State Museum**.
Longbrake photos



Fun things for kids to check out in the new mini-exhibit "All About Postage Stamps."; Mailbox salt and pepper shakers are part of the "All About Postage Stamps" mini-exhibit; Fancy cupcakes from the **Red Onion Marketplace**, featuring edible postage stamp decorations. *Courtesy photo*

Photos from Hometown Thursday

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Hometown Thursdays guests found shelter from the rain while enjoying the music and the evening.



Bronc Bird Busters sold 50/50 tickets during the Hometown Thursdays event.



The lucky 50/50 winner collects his cash.



Raincoats helped keep **Hometown Thursdays** attendees dry through the rain showers.

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their repertoire. The band played on a covered stage. Sponsors allow the event to remain free for the community. This week, those businesses were EZ Fabrication and Welding, Hunter Terhark Agency LLC, Life Light Creative and Scott Peterson Sales.

The rain passed, the clouds moved out and the park was no worse for wear. The music and most of the activities continued.

After the rain finished, Chip Conner, president of Hometown

Thursdays, addressed the crowd. "Thank you for our sponsors, we couldn't make this whole series happen without them and their sponsorship.

Also, this year we sure got a good line of vendors—they showed up and stuck with us in the rain. We got the beer stand over here," he said. "And next week, we got Tim Zach coming up from Nebraska so we'll give him a shot! I'll see you all next week, thank you!"

Inside the Tri-State Museum, the kids stayed nice and dry playing in the events center in the

bouncy house or putting together the activity of the evening, making sundials. Coloring pages and crayons were aplenty.

The 50/50 fundraiser raised a total of \$626 with \$313 going to the winner and the same amount going to this week's fundraiser, Bronc Bird Busters. "We're a trap shooting team," explained Nathan Erhart, member. "(Money raised) goes to help fund our clay pigeons and our ammo."

Vendors and food trucks lined the park to offer a large variety of food options. Mangled Foods, Asian Eatstreet, Rollin in the

Hills, PooterQ, Craze Cow Ice Cream, Pearson Block Candy Shop, Brain Freeze and Kernels & Kandies brought delicious food choices for an evening meal or a good snack.

Since 2013, Hometown Thursdays have been bringing live musicians to the community for weekly gatherings. This week was the eighth week in the ten-week series of the 2026 Hometown Thursdays Summer Concerts.

The summer concerts draw community members together down by the river to enjoy a fun

evening. The event runs every Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Next week, Tim Zach Band will take the stage.

If you haven't had a chance to check out the popular Thursday night activities at Hometown Thursdays, there are only two weeks left to participate in the special summer musical series. If you have been lucky enough to enjoy the weeknight down by the river, you know how fun it is!

Summer is flying by! The rest of the schedule includes July 30, Tim Zach Band; and August 6, JJ Kent with Aces and 8s.

Badlands National Park becomes first park in South Dakota to earn Dark Sky designation

Recognition honors international spots that protect the night sky for star gazers

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South Dakota’s Badlands National Park has been designated an International Dark Sky Park by DarkSky International, becoming the first location in the state to receive the designation.

The 244,000-acre park known for its striking features on the prairie is one of only two National Park Service sites in the agency’s Midwest Region to earn the recognition.

The designation was announced during a ceremony Friday, July 17.

“This announcement has been a long time coming, but it is now great to be able to celebrate the efforts and the uniqueness of Badlands National Park as a Dark Sky Park,” said Dan Oakley, policy and destination manager for DarkSky. “The designation will hopefully inspire the surrounding communities

to further collaborate with the National Park to bigger and better protections and educational opportunities.”

Badlands joins 40 National Park Service units nationwide recognized for protecting some of the world’s darkest night skies.

The designation recognizes efforts to preserve dark skies through responsible lighting, public education, long-term stewardship and high standards for sky quality.

“This designation is more than an incredible achievement for Badlands National Park. It’s a milestone for South Dakota,” said James Hagen, secretary of the South Dakota Department of Tourism. “It reinforces what visitors have long known: South Dakota’s wide-open spaces offer experiences that are becoming increasingly rare.

Standing beneath an unspoiled sky, watching the Milky Way stretch overhead, spotting the International Space Station, viewing constellations and planets, and experiencing true darkness is something travelers from around the world are actively seeking.”

State tourism officials said the recognition comes as interest in astrotourism continues to grow, with travelers increasingly seeking destinations known for stargazing, astrophotography and nighttime outdoor recreation.

“This designation reflects years of collaboration and a shared commitment to protecting one of our most valuable natural and cultural resources,” said Eric Veach, Badlands National Park superintendent. “It also represents an opportunity to expand how visitors experience the park, through science, storytelling and a deeper connection to the night sky.”

Known for its rugged buttes, pinnacles and remote landscape, Badlands National Park offers low levels of artificial light that provide clear views of the Milky Way, meteor showers and thousands of stars. Park officials said the area’s paleontological resources, wildlife, indigenous cultural significance and scenic drives further enhance the visitor experience.



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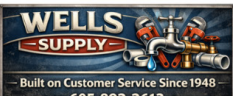
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VENDOR APPLICATION FORM

2026 Events

Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 905 Belle Fourche, SD 57717
 713 6th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717
 605-892-2676
 director@bellefourchechamber.org

VENDOR INFORMATION

COMPANY as shown on Federal Tax Return	
ALTERNATE NAME if applicable / (doing business as)	TAX ID NUMBER FEIN OR SSN – DOR reporting
POINT OF CONTACT NAME	TITLE
VENDOR ADDRESS	
Vendor Mailing Address if different	
PHONE	VENDOR EMAIL
Electrical Needed: Yes or No	<i>Limited electrical hook ups available- first sign up- first serve basis.</i>
List Vendor Services/ Sale Items	

Vendor Fee based on ORGANIZATION TYPE (Please indicate which events you would like to attend for the 2026 calendar year.

☐	Ag Day - September 19 – FREE with business membership, \$40 nonmember fee
☐	Pumpkinfest- October 24 - \$40 fee
☐	Polar Express – December TBD - Free with business membership, \$40 nonmember fee

Show Up!

by Belle LaVenue



Where were this past weekend?! TO MINNESELA! Were you ready for the biggest theater entertainment of the summer at the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater’s production of MINNESELA, a COMEDY OF WESTERN PROPORTIONS.

MINNESELA had FOUR PERFORMANCES - JULY 23-26! THURSDAY-SATURDAY & SUNDAY @

WHERE ? With your boots on at the Belle Fourche Rec Center Theater.

MINNESELA PHOTOS: Rehearsal photos are my favorite! Check out this hardworking cast bringing our local past to life in the photos by Hunter Anderson.

ABOUT THE SHOW: “Originally produced by the Belle Fourche High School in 2010, this beloved show about the ghost town sister town of Belle Fourche (Minnesela) tells the story of Emma has 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!”

MINNESELA CAST & CREW: COME SEE OUR AMAZING LOCAL TALENT! Do you know someone in the show? Emma Williams: Emma Tinsley; Tom Bragg: Tyler Schone; Sheriff Dave Hoffman: Geno Pesicka; Miss Tilly: Kelsey Gronlund; Livvy Miller: Nyomi Woltkamp; Sister Beatrice: Kelly Woltkamp; Dickerson: Carston Sechser; Curly Bill Tate: Derek Olson; Potato Creek Pete: Jonathan Tinsley; Mayor Randolph Borgstrom: Colin Hanzlik; Bertha Borgstrom: Sheila West; Lena Hollander: Stacy Collins; Hilda Klugenberg: Crystal Woods; Gabby: Don Przybylsk; Martha Mae/Ma Miller: Ember Olson; Sally/Calamity Alice: Kaya Pesicka; Lucy: Lilith Fay; Lacy: Madison Dalton; Crooked Nose Jack: Hunter Cazar; Jake the Bartender/Little Stewie Brown: Daniel Eddy; Pa Miller/The Outlaw Goldy Burke: Cade Pearson; Poker Jake/Driftwood Bodine: Easton Soriano. Directors:- Derek Olson & Heather Pittman; Stage Manager/Costume Assistant: Becky Tinsley; Costumer: Crystal Woods; Lights: Camie Horgeshimer; Sound: Mike Meemken; Set & Technical Help: Shawn Collins.

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 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



: Minnesela: Of course, there's a veteran sheriff in town, Sheriff Dave Hoffman (Geno Pesicka), or there wouldn't be any common sense.



Minnesela: Now there's a hero you can believe in - if you believe what you read! Livvy Miller (Nyomi Woltkamp).



: Minnesela: It's the story of a town just down the road from Belle Fourche - full of fascinating residents and old time values.



Minnesela: And there was shooting going on. You didn't want to miss it!



Minnesela: Tom Bragg's (Tyler Schone) troubles are no longer fictional for this hero! Curly Bill Tate (Derek Olson).

2026

HOMETOWN THURSDAYS

2026

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

July 30
August 6

Tim Zach Band
JJ Kent w/ Aces & 8's

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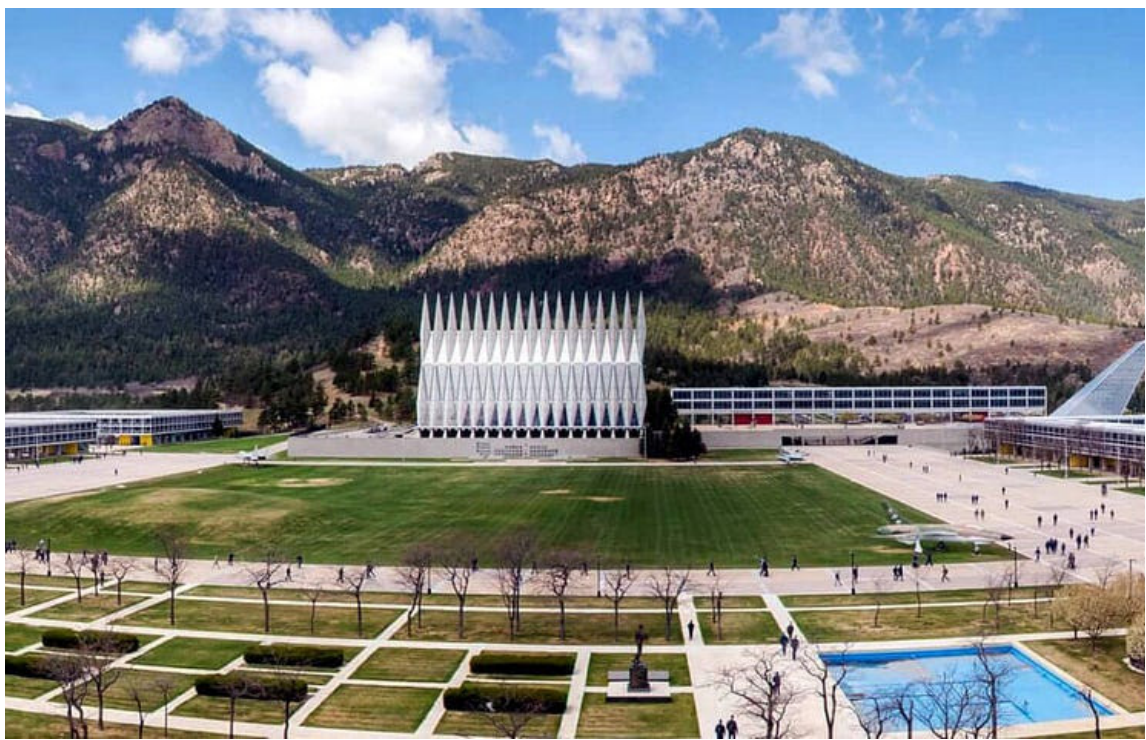
Thursday August 20th
4:30PM-6:30PM



Senator Rounds to serve on U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors

South Dakota Sen. Mike Rounds has a new assignment as part of his Senate duties. Rounds has been selected to serve on the U.S. Air Force Academy's Board of Visitors. The board was established in 1956 to provide advice and recommendations on matters related to the academy. Those issues include morale, discipline, social climate, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods and any other matters related to the institution. The board is appointed by various congressional leaders and the president, who has six

appointments. Rounds was appointed by Senate Majority Leader John Thune. In a statement, Rounds said he was "grateful" to serve on the board. "One of the most rewarding parts of my work in the Senate is nominating young South Dakotans to attend our military service academies," he said. "The students selected to attend the Air Force Academy are some of our nation's best and brightest, and we must continue to provide them with a quality educational experience that prepares them to defend our country."



U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado Courtesy Photo

David Volk, Youngest Ever Elected to SD statewide office

Dakota Scout
www.thedakotascout.com
When Republicans selected David Volk as their candidate for state treasurer at their 1972 convention, there was skepti-



cism among some. Volk was only 25, and Republicans in South Dakota were staring down a tough general election. Sure enough, Democrats did well in the election, winning the governor's race, capturing a one-seat majority in the state Senate and drawing Republicans to a 35-35 split in the House. But Volk, a Vietnam War veteran who had served with the famed 101st Airborne Division, proved to be among the GOP rocks that withstood the Democratic wave. By winning in November 1972, Volk became the youngest person ever elected to statewide office. Volk died July 17 at the Royal C. Johnson Veterans' Memorial Hospital in Sioux Falls. The

Mitchell resident was buried in a private ceremony at the Servicemen's Memorial Cemetery in Mitchell. He was 79. Born April 12, 1947, Volk graduated from Notre Dame High School in Mitchell and enrolled at Northern State College (now Northern State University). He got his first taste of politics as a field representative for Congressman Ben Reifel, a Republican who served the state for a decade. Following his graduation from Northern State, Volk was drafted by the U.S. Army. He served two years, including one as a combat photographer in Vietnam. He received the Army Commendation Medal and the Bronze Star.

Following his victory as treasurer in 1972, Volk would go on to win the seat four more times. He helped establish the National Association of State Treasurers, a group that helped professionalize state government money management. He served as the group's first president. In 1988, he challenged incumbent Congressman Tim Johnson, losing decisively. Volk resigned as treasurer in 1990 to take a job in finance. But he was never far from public service. In 1994, Gov. Bill Janklow, who was returning to office eight years after serving two terms as governor, appointed Volk as his secretary of the Department of Commerce and Regulation. Volk

stayed in that role until 2002. Volk was active with the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. He was also an author, writing books on his experiences in Vietnam and penning a series of children's books with his friend, former Attorney General Mark Meierhenry. Two of those books received Bronze and Silver medals from the Independent Book Publishers Association. His most recent book was "Fearless Felix," a book about a bomb-sniffing German shepherd and the contributions of service dogs throughout history. A celebration of Volk's life will be held at a later date.

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Cattle Report - Friday, July 24, 2026

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NEXT SALE - July 31st - Yrlg, Tested Open Hfrs & Fall Calf Special Special - 9 AM

Thank you for Marketing with St Onge Livestock!

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Arledge Livestock Co Llc, Robert Lee, TX.....	1	..Blk.	..Hfrt.....	830		\$285.00
Arledge Livestock Co Llc, Robert Lee, TX.....	8	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1494		\$179.50
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center, SD.....	6	..Bld	..Cow.....	1498	.....	\$175.00
Besler, Brock, Reva, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1355	.....	\$177.50
Besler, Scott, Reva, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Hfrt.....	1055	.....	\$237.50
Besler, Scott, Reva, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1345	.....	\$145.00
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka, MT.....	1	..Bld	..Owette.....	1205	.....	\$217.00
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka, MT.....	1	..Blk.	..Owette.....	1230	.....	\$217.00
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka, MT.....	13	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1386	.....	\$182.00
Cheney, Jonathan, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	..Char.	..Cow.....	1150	.....	\$175.00
Clarys, Marshal, Olive, MT.....	1	..Blk.	..Hfrt.....	1145	.....	\$246.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	1	..Rbld	..Cow.....	1390	.....	\$179.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	2	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1500	.....	\$178.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	1	..Red	..Cow.....	1305	.....	\$175.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage, WY.....	2	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1505	.....	\$177.50
Grubl, Ronald, Sturgis, SD.....	1	..Char	..Cow.....	1295	.....	\$179.00
Grubl, Ronald, Sturgis, SD.....	2	..Char	..Cow.....	1492	.....	\$177.50
Grubl, Ronald, Sturgis, SD.....	2	..Char	..Cow.....	1575	.....	\$176.00
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Owette.....	1435	.....	\$184.00
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont, SD.....	3	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1468	.....	\$178.50
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont, SD.....	2	..Bld	..Cow.....	1597	.....	\$178.00
Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1055	.....	\$180.00
Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Owette.....	1000	.....	\$201.00
Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche, SD.....	2	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1487	.....	\$178.50
Krueger, Kris, Custer, SD.....	2	..Blk.	..Owette.....	1182	.....	\$210.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City, SD.....	4	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1388	.....	\$178.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City, SD.....	8	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1735	.....	\$173.00
Nelson Or Sandra Holcomb, Larry James, Buffalo, SD.....	8	..B/R	..Cow.....	1631	.....	\$176.50
Nelson Or Sandra Holcomb, Larry James, Buffalo, SD.....	2	..Red	..Cow.....	1402	.....	\$175.00
Oshoto Flying M Operations Llc, Gillette, WY.....	1	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1625	.....	\$177.00
Owens, Tom, Baker, MT.....	1	..Blk.	..Owette.....	1130	.....	\$223.00
Owens, Tom, Baker, MT.....	15	..Bld	..Cow.....	1461	.....	\$179.00
Owens, Tom, Baker, MT.....	5	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1374	.....	\$175.50
Ranschau, Roger, Spearfish, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1230	.....	\$179.00
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton, WY.....	3	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1378	.....	\$183.00
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton, WY.....	10	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1551	.....	\$178.50
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton, WY.....	1	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1660	.....	\$177.50
Rockafellow, Mason, Arvada, WY.....	2	..Blk.	..Hfrt.....	895	.....	\$280.00
Rockafellow, Mason, Arvada, WY.....	1	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1080	.....	\$180.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol, MT.....	2	..Blk.	..Hfrt.....	950	.....	\$268.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol, MT.....	2	..Blk.	..Owette.....	1262	.....	\$220.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol, MT.....	1	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1355	.....	\$175.00
Thompson Cattle Co, Billings, MT.....	1	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1440	.....	\$178.50
Tripp, Ralph, Gillette, WY.....	1	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1355	.....	\$175.00
Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish, SD.....	5	..Blk.	..Owette.....	984	.....	\$225.00
Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish, SD.....	2	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1332	.....	\$180.00
Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1080	.....	\$177.50
Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish, SD.....	12	..Blk.	..Cow.....	1550	.....	\$177.00
Arthur, Leandra, Piedmont, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1905	.....	\$204.00
Bar 69 Angus Ranch Inc, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1745	.....	\$192.00
Bar 69 Angus Ranch Inc, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1135	.....	\$210.00
Besler, Brock, Reva, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1965	.....	\$197.50
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka, MT.....	2	..Blk.	..Bull.....	2145	.....	\$205.50
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka, MT.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1830	.....	\$205.00
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka, MT.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1505	.....	\$185.00
Cj & L Livestock Llc, Hermosa, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1545	.....	\$185.00
Clarys, Marshal, Olive, MT.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	2045	.....	\$195.00
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance, WY.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1600	.....	\$205.50
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance, WY.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1000	.....	\$205.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	4	..Red	..Bull.....	1721	.....	\$197.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	1	..Red	..Bull.....	1590	.....	\$195.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	1	..Red	..Bull.....	1280	.....	\$197.00
Edwards, Marty, Gillette, WY.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1440	.....	\$215.00
Elgin, Theodore Or Catherine, Biddle, MT.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1895	.....	\$202.50
Elgin, Theodore Or Catherine, Biddle, MT.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1880	.....	\$196.50
Elgin, Theodore Or Catherine, Biddle, MT.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1640	.....	\$191.00
Elgin, Theodore Or Catherine, Biddle, MT.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1425	.....	\$220.00
Escott, Tyler Or Brandy, Volborg, MT.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1140	.....	\$230.00
Flying F Cattle Co, Arvada, WY.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1530	.....	\$206.00
Flying F Cattle Co, Arvada, WY.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1495	.....	\$203.00
Graham Mt Ranch Inc, Broadus, MT.....	1	..Bull.....	.....	1120	.....	\$255.00
Graham Mt Ranch Inc, Broadus, MT.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1875	.....	\$215.00
Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City, SD.....	2	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1817	.....	\$197.00
Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1795	.....	\$195.50
Kinghorn, Ray, St Onge, SD.....	1	..Herf.	..Bull.....	2130	.....	\$189.00
Lindblom, David Or Starla, Rapid City, SD.....	2	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1715	.....	\$188.00
Mahaffy, Ronnie, Newell, SD.....	2	..Blk.	..Bull.....	2020	.....	\$207.00
Modonald, James O & Rhoda M, Hulett, WY.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1600	.....	\$195.50
Modonald, James O & Rhoda M, Hulett, WY.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1580	.....	\$191.00
Op Bar Ranch Lip, St Onge, SD.....	1	..Herf.	..Bull.....	1725	.....	\$190.00
Potter, Ross, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	..Herf.	..Bull.....	1195	.....	\$245.00
Randall, Ross, Broadus, MT.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1085	.....	\$237.50
Roush, Darel R, Reduse, WY.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	2400	.....	\$202.50
Roush, Darel R, Reduse, WY.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	2195	.....	\$195.00
Scott, Bob, Box Elder, SD.....	1	..Herf.	..Bull.....	1925	.....	\$191.00
Severson, Brad, Vale, SD.....	1	..Red	..Bull.....	2095	.....	\$203.00
Severson, Cody, Sturgis, SD.....	1	..Red	..Bull.....	2025	.....	\$205.00
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1965	.....	\$192.50
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1065	.....	\$262.50
Sleep Ranches Llc, Spearfish, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1070	.....	\$277.50
Tavegie Revoc Trust & Michael Troy & Kelli Tavegie, Todd, Newcastle, WY.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1770	.....	\$195.00
Tenold, Peder J, Reva, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	2245	.....	\$192.50
Tenold, Peder J, Reva, SD.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1945	.....	\$191.00
Tripp, Ralph, Gillette, WY.....	1	..Blk.	..Bull.....	2145	.....	\$192.00
Tripp, Ralph, Gillette, WY.....	2	..Blk.	..Bull.....	1365	.....	\$208.00

Friday, July JULY 31, 2026

YRLGS, TESTED OPEN HFRS & FALL CALF SPECIAL

9:00 AM – Weigh Ups

12:00 Noon – Bred Cows & Pairs Followed

By Feeder Cattle

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI-No Implants

FEEDER CATTLE

JIM MYER – 12 BLK STRS & HFRS – 700-800#

PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

2026 CATTLE SALES

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

September 11th – Yearling Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle

September 18th – Early Spring Calf & Yrlg Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle

September 25th – Spring Calf & Yrlg Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle

October 2nd – Spring Calf & Yrlg Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle

Friday, October 9th – Spring Calf & Yrlg Special

Saturday, October 10th – 1st Saturday Weigh Up Special

Friday, October 16th – Spring Calf & Yrlg Special

Saturday, October 17th – Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special

Wednesday, October 21st – 1st Wednesday Spring Calf Special – Noon

Friday, October 23rd – Spring Calf & Yrlg Special

Saturday, October 24th – Weigh Up Special

Wednesday, October 28th – Spring Calf Special – Noon

Friday, October 30th – Spring Calf Special Featuring Hereford Influence

Saturday, October 31st – Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special

Wednesday, November 4th – Last Spring Calf Special – Noon

Friday, November 6th – Spring Calf Special Featuring Red Angus Influence

Saturday, November 7th – Bred Hfr & Cow & Weigh Up Special

Friday, November 13th – Spring Calf Special

Saturday, November 14th – Bred Hfr & Cow & Weigh Up Special

Friday, November 13th – Spring Calf Special

Saturday, November 14th – Bred Hfr & Cow & Weigh Up Special

Friday, November 20th – Spring Calf Special

Saturday, November 21st – Bred Hfr & Cow & Weigh Up Special

Saturday, November 28th – Annual Thanksgiving Bred Heifer & Stock Cow Special

December 4th – Spring Calf Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle

December 11th – Bred Hfr & Cow Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle

December 18th – Spring Calf & Bred Cow Special – Last Sale Of 2026

2026 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK SALES

Friday, July 31st – Weston County, Newcastle, WY – 6 pm

Friday, July 31st – Butte-Lawrence County, Nisland, SD – 7 pm

Saturday, August 1st – Crook County, Sundance, WY – 2 pm

Saturday, August 8th – Carter County, Ekalaka, MT – 3:00 pm

Saturday, August 15th – Harding County, Camp Crook, SD – 2 pm

Saturday, August 15th – Fallon County, Baker, MT – 4:30 pm

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2026 SHEEP SALES

July 30th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

August 6th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

August 13th – No Sale Due To The Sturgis Bike Rally

August 20th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

August 27th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

September 3rd – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

September 10th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

September 17th – Annual Replacement Ewe, Ewe Lamb & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats – 10 AM Start

September 24th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

October 1st – Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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Sheep Report - Thursday, July 23, 2026

Good Run Of Sheep Today
Lambs Sold \$10 Higher
Slaughter Ewes Sold Steady
Lot Of People Looking For Replacement Ewes & They Sold On A Very Active Market

NEXT SALE - JULY 30, 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

Capra Ranch, Boyes, MT.....	215	.....	Lamb.....	74	.....	\$391.00
Capra Ranch, Boyes, MT.....	24	.....	Lamb.....	60	.....	\$382.50
Capra Ranch, Boyes, MT.....	105	.....	Lamb.....	94	.....	\$357.00
Strohschein, Mick Or Anita, Newell, SD.....	55	.....	Lamb.....	70	.....	\$379.00
Strohschein, Mick Or Anita, Newell, SD.....	11	.....	Lamb.....	54	.....	\$425.00
Hicks, Laura Or Mike, Allen, SD.....	71	.....	Lamb.....	73	.....	\$377.00
Hicks, Laura Or Mike, Allen, SD.....	16	.....	Lamb.....	93	.....	\$328.00
Kitzan, Josh & Heather, Nisland, SD.....	68	.....	Lamb.....	79	.....	\$371.00
Allen, Kim, Oral, SD.....	35	.....	Lamb.....	72	.....	\$379.00
Anderson, Christa J, Moorcroft, WY.....	22	.....	Lamb.....	65	.....	\$368.00
Brost, Joziah, Alzada, MT.....	39	.....	Lamb.....	141	.....	\$287.50
Garman, Jeff, Sundance, WY.....	40	.....	Lamb.....	73	.....	\$379.00
Goldade, Diane, Timber Lake, SD.....	21	.....	Lamb.....	56	.....	\$425.00
Goldade, Diane, Timber Lake, SD.....	42	.....	Lamb.....	75	.....	\$378.00
Grueb Nate, Dupree, SD.....	12	.....	Lamb.....	43	.....	\$435.00
Grueb Nate, Dupree, SD.....	35	.....	Lamb.....	56	.....	\$425.00
Grueb Nate, Dupree, SD.....	142	.....	Lamb.....	75	.....	\$340.00
Hurst, Vern, Newell, SD.....	37	.....	Lamb.....	94	.....	\$317.00
Kaufman, Lenny, Regent, ND.....	63	.....	Lamb.....	91	.....	\$344.00
Larson Ranch, Bison, SD.....	54	.....	Lamb.....	69	.....	\$358.00
Lemmel, Rick, Mud Butte, SD.....	51	.....	Lamb.....	95	.....	\$333.00
March, Kim, Hot Springs, SD.....	31	.....	Lamb.....	62	.....	\$402.50
Mccoy, Tom Jr, Belle Fourche, SD.....	128	.....	Hair Lamb.....	71	.....	\$322.00
Millar, Ryle, Sturgis, SD.....	38	.....	Lamb.....	66	.....	\$382.50
Millar, Ryle, Sturgis, SD.....	87	.....	Lamb.....	83	.....	\$357.00
Munton, Margaret, Meadow, SD.....	40	.....	Lamb.....	55	.....	\$412.50
Popkes, Jake & Seth, Sturgis, SD.....	57		Lamb.....	86		\$340.00
Remington, Bobbi Jo, Edgemont, SD.....	111		Lamb.....	93		\$325.00
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Sarsland, Richard & Ruby, Ludlow, SD.....	42		Lamb.....	88		\$336.00
Shaykett, Alan, Nisland, SD.....	31		Lamb.....	94		\$333.00
Spring, Jamie, Union Center, SD.....	33	.....	Lamb.....	89	.....	\$328.00
Stranberg, Reid Or Stacy, Newell, SD.....	31	.....	Lamb.....	89	.....	\$342.00
Tetrault, Tim Or Roxie, St Onge, SD.....	27	.....	Lamb.....	62	.....	\$382.50
Tetrault, Tim Or Roxie, St Onge, SD.....	70		Lamb.....	81		\$371.00
Witherspoon, Robert, Newell, SD.....	42		Lamb.....	85		\$336.00

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More about the Spaulding Family who became the local pioneers in the Butte County

Tom J. Davis who one of the earliest settlers along with his brother-in-law, "Buckskin Johnny" Spaulding, in the north Black Hills country, about 1876-1877, and later Mr. Davis settled in the edge of the West Short Pine Hills on the southwest side of where later was John Hoskings N3

horse ranch and still known as the "Dude Ranch."

Mr. Davis died in Belle Fourche in 1916 and his wife Lucinda Spaulding Davis in 1929. From Back Trailing in the Heart of the Short Grass Country by John O. Bye in 1956.

Buckskin Johnny Spaulding began building a home the year he arrived in the region, 1876, hauling logs from the Black Hills,



by Mary Buchholz

peeling and squaring them to fit together. He built a four-room abode, two rooms downstairs and two above.

His brother-in-law, Thomas Davis, joined him in 1877 and helped in finishing the building which had a shingled roof and matched board flooring – something few pioneer cabins had. This house was the first home on lower Redwater in what later become Butte county. (It has now been moved to the Tri-State Museum campus in Belle Fourche) Mr. Davis had brought with him his thirteen old son, William who was said to be the first white boy in the Black Hills. Mrs. Lucinda Davis and the other children came the next spring arriving in March, 1878 during a heavy spring snow storm.

Mr. Davis and William met them in Sidney, Nebraska, the closest railroad, with a team and covered weather. At times they found drifts so deep that they were compelled to tunnel through them. They were happy to reach the shelter of the cabin on Redwater.

The Davis family lived in the "Spaulding Cabin" for years until they moved to another cabin just north of what is now the Pineslope Cemetery.

In 1878, very few women were in the area; a Mrs. Cushing, first women on Fals Bottom, possibly 10 miles away, was the only other women in this part of the country at this time. Mrs. Davis visted her on July 4th and Mrs. Cushing returned the call in September. Deer and antelope were plentiful and there were often as may as 18 deer hung in a large tree near the house.

Mr. Davis often went out north of the Belle Fourche river and got a load of buffalo meat to peddle to the miners up in the mining camps of Deadwood, Lead and Central City.

In about 1883 the Davises moved out north and located on the west slope of the Short Pine Hills where descendants continue to ranch in the area. Son William married Daisy Besset also from Harding and they had nine children. Daisy came to South Dakota with her brother John and sister Mrs. Horton. Twins George and Fred ranched in partnership for year near the Upper Forty-eight Mile creek, raising sheep mostly. George A, in 1897, married Betsy Bonefield, daughter of Peder and Sophia Bonefield who had settled on the Little Missouri in 1885. George died in 1934. His twin brother Fred married Bertha Lund from the tiny community of Gustave where they continued to ranch. Their children were sons Cyril, Chester and Harold and daughters, Alice Mae, Laura and Iva.

Another daughter of Thomas J and Lucinda Davis was Dolly Davis. She married Floyd Charles Cook 10 Nov. 1898 in Camas Valley, Oregon. They later owned a house in Belle Fourche.



Lucinda Spaulding 17 married Thomas J. Davis in Wisconsin.



Lucinda Spaulding Davis, wife of Tom J. Davis, and her brothers, Jabez, Spaulding, Civil War veteran, and "Buckskin Johnnie", frontier scout and Black Hills pioneer of 1876.



The original "Buckskin" Johnnie Spaulding house on Red Water - 4 miles from Belle Fourche, SD on Wm. A. Helmer farm Belle Fourche. Built in 1876 and oldest house in Butte County. Joe Koller of Belle Fourche photo.

First home for the Thomas Davis family 1878

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10 Orange Chicken Jasmine Rice / Egg Roll Broccoli Salad	11 Chicken Cordon Bleu Roast Potato Creamed Spinach Roll	12 French Dip w/au jus Glazed Carrots Dinner Roll	13 Swedish Meatballs Buttered Noodles Roasted Veggies Rolls & Salad	14 Hot Hamburger / Gravy Mashed Potato & Corn Roll & Salad
17 Salisbury Steak Rice Pilaf Creamed Spinach Roll	18 Walking Taco Mexican Rice and Beans & Salad	19 Honey Baked Ham Cheesy Potato Broccoli, Roll	20 Meatloaf / mashed Potato / Gravy Buttered Corn & Roll	21 Ham & Potato Soup Cheese Sandwich, Salad
24 Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Potato / Gravy Green Beans, Salad	25 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potato / Country Gravy, Carrots Salad & Rolls	26 Pork Chops & Gravy Roasted Potato Zucchini Salad, Roll	27 Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo with Pasta Mixed Veggie, Salad Breadstick	28 Liver & Onions / Cheese Burger, Carrots Fries Salad & Roll
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WEIGH-UPS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
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	1	Black-Hfrt	1065	267.50	\$2,848.87
	1	Black-Hfrt	1100	265.00	\$2,915.00
Dan Zimmerschied, Carille WY	1	Brd-Cow	1425	181.00	\$2,579.25
Charles Belch, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	1550	177.50	\$2,751.25
	1	Black-Cow	1355	174.50	\$2,364.47
Crossed Sabres Lip, Hill City SD	1	Black-Cow	1360	180.00	\$2,448.00
Justin Scott, Laramie WY	1	Red-Cow	1525	178.00	\$2,714.50
Ed & Linda Scott, Moorcroft WY	1	Red-Cow	1215	180.00	\$2,187.00
Stockman Exchange, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1575	176.50	\$2,779.87
John Nadig, Nisland SD	1	Char-Cow	1425	175.00	\$2,493.75
	1	Black-Cow	1440	177.50	\$2,556.00
Neal Mcooy, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1385	175.00	\$2,423.75
	1	Bwf-Cow	1495	177.50	\$2,653.62
James A Mcooy, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1590	177.00	\$2,814.30
	1	Black-Cow	1350	174.00	\$2,349.00
	1	Black-Cow	1505	176.00	\$2,648.80
	1	Black-Cow	1405	178.00	\$2,500.90
Consignment From SD	1	Black-Cow	1430	182.50	\$2,609.75
	1	Black-Cow	1345	176.00	\$2,367.20
	1	Black-Cow	1670	171.50	\$2,864.05
James A. Or Diane Hall, Gillette WY	1	Black-Cow	1475	171.00	\$2,522.25
	1	Black-Cow	1725	188.00	\$3,243.00
	1	Black-Cow	1465	179.50	\$2,629.67
	2	Black-Cow	1373	184.00	\$2,525.40
	1	Black-Cow	1670	176.00	\$2,939.20
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James A Mcooy, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bwf-Bull Df	2345	231.00	\$5,416.95
Mike Pecha, Powderville MT	1	Black-Bull	2150	225.00	\$4,837.50
Dan Zimmerschied, Carille WY	1	Black-Bull Df	2090	230.00	\$4,807.00
	1	Black-Bull Df	2255	231.00	\$5,209.05
Lynn & Connie Weishaar Revoca, Reva SD	1	Hfr-Bull Df	2020	216.00	\$4,363.20
Lynn Weishaar Revoca, Reva SD	1	Black-Bull Df	1840	223.00	\$4,103.20
Leroy Curren, Aladdin WY	1	Red-Bull Df	2025	226.50	\$4,586.62
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..... – WUPS @ 9AM MT & FEEDER CATTLE @ 12PM MT

August 6, 2026 WEIGH-UP SPECIAL- SELLING ALL CLASSES

August 13, 2026 NO SALE- HAPPY RALLY WEEK!

August 20, 2026 YEARLING & WEIGH-UP SPECIAL – SELLING ALL CLASSES

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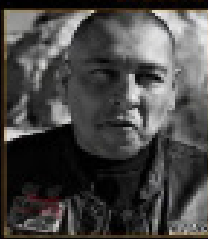
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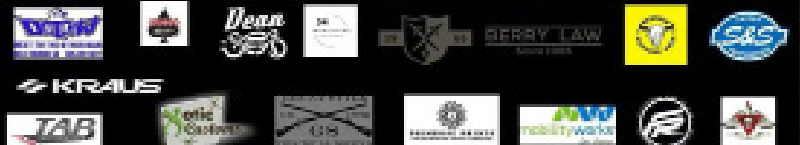


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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Butte County Commissioners will meet in the Belle Fourche City Council Chambers at the Belle Fourche City Hall, which is located at 511 6th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD, 57717 on **Thursday, August 6th, 2026 at 9:45 a.m.** to consider the Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License.

Said applicant is as follows:
Silver Spur Ranch LLC
Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License
Sunday Sales

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TYPE OF LICENSE</u>
Silver Spur Ranch LLC Steve Jung 10078 Wagon Wheel Trail Belle Fourche, SD 57717	Tract 2A-1 of Tract 2, of the SUBD of Sec 18, T8N, R1E, BHM, Butte County	Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine Sunday Sales

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

Dated at Belle Fourche, SD, this 30th day of June 2026.
/s/ Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

The logo for Weather Hat Co. is set against a light beige background. On the left, the text "WEATHER HAT CO." is written in a large, bold, black serif font. Below it, in a smaller, black serif font, are the words "Custom and Handcrafted Hats" and "EST. 1912". To the right of the text is a decorative illustration within a black, ornate, scroll-like border. The illustration depicts a German Shepherd's head on the left, facing right, and a man with a mustache wearing a black bowler hat on the right, facing left. Above the illustration, the words "HAND MADE" are written in a small, black, serif font. Below the illustration, the word "HATS" is written in a small, black, serif font. At the bottom left of the illustration, the name "Lucky" is written in a cursive script. At the bottom right of the illustration, the name "Jack" is written in a cursive script. In the bottom right corner of the entire advertisement, there is a small black square with a white lowercase "f" inside, representing the Facebook logo.

The logo features a stylized, symmetrical frame with a central arch. Inside the arch, the word "BELLE" is written in a serif font, enclosed within a small oval. Below the arch, the words "FOURCHE" and "DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT" are written in a bold, sans-serif font, stacked vertically. The entire logo is rendered in black and white.

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By John Newby

“Building Main Street, not Wall Street”

“Most owners never built a business”

In 1972, a 24-year-old bass fisherman named Johnny Morris cleared out eight square feet of floor space in the back of his father’s liquor store in Springfield, Missouri, and started selling fishing tackle. Eight square feet. Here is the part almost everybody forgets when they tell that story: that little corner stayed his only location for the next thirteen years before Bass Pro Shops went big.

I think about that every time an owner asks me why business is so hard. Not hard for a season, which is normal, but hard forever, in year one and still in year fifteen. The owners I meet who never stop struggling tend to have one thing in common. They did not really build a business. They just bought themselves a very demanding job.

The numbers back up how common that is. Federal labor data shows about one in five new businesses close within twelve months, roughly half are gone by the five-year mark, and about two thirds have shut their doors within ten years. Those numbers usually get blamed on bad luck or a bad economy. They are neither.

Dig into the postmortems and the picture sharpens. One recent analysis of 431 companies that shut down found that running out of money showed up in seventy percent of the failures, but the researchers were blunt about it: an empty bank account is the last event, not the cause.



The root problem, cited in forty three percent of cases, was that the owner never got clear on who they served and why it mattered enough to pay for. They ran out of cash because they ran out of reasons for anyone to walk through the door.

That is the real difference between the great owner and the average one. The average owner asks how to make it to the fifteenth of the month. The great owner asks what this business needs to look like in ten years and what has to get built right now so it is ready. One question keeps you alive. The other question builds something.

Look at what that second question produced in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Two partners opened a deli in 1982. Eleven years in, one of them asked the other where they wanted to be in ten years, and neither man had an answer. That embarrassment turned into a full year of arguing and long walks, and it ended with six written pages describing their business fifteen years into the future. They wrote that they would create a community of separate food businesses, each one unique, each one run by a managing partner with real ownership, and all of them within one town because they believed in doing business where you live. Roughly ninety percent of what they wrote came true. Today it is ten businesses, hundreds of employees, tens of millions in annual sales,

and every last one of them still in Ann Arbor.

Now here is the caution, because dreaming big gets confused with growing fast, and they are opposites. Research on high growth companies found that around three quarters of them died from scaling before their foundation could carry the weight. Morris and Bass Pro ran one store for thirteen years while he learned the customer.

The Ann Arbor partners decided at the outset they would never open a second deli, ever. Both dreamed enormous. Both built slow. The vision was the blueprint, not the bulldozer.

Every community I have worked with has both kinds of owner on the same block. One prices whatever the competitor prices, waits on walk in traffic, keeps the books in his head, trains nobody to replace him, and when his knees give out the lights go off and the street loses another storefront.

The other one wrote down where he/she is going. They hire ahead of the need. They built customers who belong to the business and not just to her. When they step back, somebody is ready, and the building stays lit. Multiply either owner by forty storefronts and you have the entire future of a downtown and a community.

So here is your week. Take one hour, a pen, and a blank page, and write out what your business looks like ten years from today. Not goals. A picture. How many people work there, what you are known for, who runs it when you are gone. If you are not an owner, write the same page about your community. Then, within the next day,

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Unwritten goals and plans are but a simple fantasy. Small dreams are not humble, they are just small. And they come true exactly as

written.

John A. Newby, a Chamber CEO, Publisher & Media Executive, Business Owner, Consultant, and International Speaker is the author of the “Building Main Street, Not Wall Street” a column dedicated to helping local businesses & communities build stronger foundations allowing them to thrive in a world where local is lost to Wall Street interests. His email is john@truly-local.org

Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden

I'm not sure, but I wouldn't be surprised to find out that we are setting new records for the hottest consecutive days in a row. Last week was hot and by last weekend temperatures in Central Meade County hit 112 degrees with Sunday hitting 108. The rest of the week looks to be in the upper 90s or hotter. If prayers



for rain were ever needed, now is the time.

Over the weekend the folks in Meade County were finding hilltops to keep watch on possible fires. The lighting on Saturday ignited several fires, we heard 18, north of Union Center up to Hy.212.

As election day for the Governor's runoff race approached us last week, we were on the road and

time did not allow for me to write the CMC News. As I sit here on the home stretch on Sunday evening, we have done all that we can do to serve the state of South Dakota. Larry has continued to stay busy as Governor while keeping up with his campaign. The schedule has been heavy for the last two months. Tuesday night should be the end of a grueling, 2nd campaign and folks should have a nice break from mailers and texts by

the time you read this news.

As the first Sunday of the month, this is a reminder there will be a pot luck dinner after church services next week in Union Center. It's hard to believe the end of July is almost here. Any hay that's bailed up seems to be very slim this year. We have had wonderful, abundant moisture for the last two years so this year's condition is a bit hard to accept.

Reggie and Jennifer Rhoden were blessed with a baby daughter on July 23 in Rapid

City. Louise Holly Rhoden came into the world at 8:51 pm weighing 7lb. 90z. and was 19 inches long. Big brother Lincoln settled into his new role right away and seems to adore her. Louise Holly is the tenth grandchild of paternal grandparents, Larry and Sandy Rhoden of Union Center. Maternal grandparents are Albert and Holly Bruch of Sturgis. Louise joined her family at home in Rapid City on Friday, July 24th. The Lord never stops His blessings from flowing.

Capitol News July 26, 2026 by Karen Odell



The heat is raging on at Capitol and on Tie Creek. Karen didn't write news one week because of the extreme heat. Now, with the temperatures above 100 every day, people cannot get much work done outside during the afternoons.

Marlee Cordell went to Belle Fourche to join her daughter, Ashley Pearson, on a trip to Chamberlain. Grandson, Gavin Pearson, was playing in the regional Legion Baseball tournament. Even with the heat, it was a good time to go to the games, because Belle Fourche won the tournament, and earned a trip to the state tournament at Madison, South Dakota, next weekend.

Cordell's had been doing some haying at the Horton pla-

ce, but they finished that up. Gavin and Wade Pearson did a little haying at Kent Williams's in the Sheep Mountains, but that is finished, too. On Friday, Alvin and Marlee got about a quarter of an inch of rain.

The amounts scattered around the area were from great to very little. Camp Crook had 85 hundredths. Karen Odell had nearly an inch. Bryce and Dawn Padden had about a four-tenths. If things cool a little, the baseball games in Madison might be a good place to be.

Ernie and Rachel Melum are still cutting a little hay. The heat has thinned the hay, and things have gotten dry. Ernie visited with Cody and Carson Odell, when they stopped along the road to visit. On Sunday, Ernie, Rachel, and Tommy went to church in Baker. Then they also went to the service that their church gave at Superior Care.

Their church also provided a church service for the nursing home. It is so nice that the churches take turns bringing the service to those that can't get out.

Lorraine Chin came up from Texas this week to visit for a few weeks. On Sunday, she had supper with her mother, Dorothy Padden. Dawn Padden has been glad to work in her basement, this week. Bryce and Brayden had to get their work done outside in the heat. On Sunday, Bryce and Dawn took a drive in the air conditioned vehicle, and checked cows and pastures. They stopped by at BJ and Michelle's and enjoyed their air conditioning for a while, too. Then they visited with Nita Loken on the way home.

Karen Odell has had a busy week. Daughter, Micki, Jesse, and Murphy Hinds came for a visit from Tacoma, Washington. The next day, Cody and Carson Odell came from

Mitchell, South Dakota. Each family had a cabin, and everyone got lots of work done. They all helped put up a new fence, and each did chores here and there. They trimmed weeds that are hard for Karen to keep ahead of. Everyone was busy all day, and they even cooked on the grill for some great meals. Micki and Jesse made a trip to Buffalo to pick up some supplies. On Saturday, all of Karen's family went to the Wickham Gulch Picnic and Fish Fry. As usual the fish was the very best we've had since last year. It had been very hot, but cooled off in the Gulch, and everyone had a great visit. Chancey Odell and Megan Reedy went to Belle Fourche for the McFarlane Reunion on Saturday, and had a great time with relatives from Grandma Iva Odell's family. It was so hot, that Karen didn't make the trip down on Sunday to the reunion. On Sunday, Chancey came over to Karen's with his post hole digger, and got the bigger holes

dug. That evening everyone went in to the Corner Bar to have Tips for supper, and that was delicious, too. Chancey and Megan joined them. On Monday, Cody, from central time, was up earlier and busy with the fencing. Karen from Mountain time, was up, but not much help. Then when the west coast three from Pacific time, got up, things went faster, and soon the fence was finished. That evening, Cody grilled elk meat for supper that was delicious. Karen and Hywel enjoyed having everyone there. They had enough time for some target practice and touring with the side-by-side, and even though the days were extremely hot, the evenings were nice. They always love seeing the millions of stars, that they can't see in the lighted cities. Karen has four kittens to give away, but only Mollie and Kyia have taken one home.

They tell you that hard work never killed anyone, but why chance it?

PRESSED BETWEEN THE PAGES #44



by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

The older I get the more I agree with this statement by Maya Angelou. There are people in this world who simply know how to make others feel special. No matter our age, this conveyed sense of belonging is a wonderful feeling, but I believe it makes an even greater impression on youngsters.

My siblings and I had lots of aunts and uncles. Back then people had big families.

But pressed between the pages of my mind are fond memories of one particular aunt. Born in 1907, one of twins, Julia was a few years older than our mother. She grew up on a farm near Erwin, SD where the girls worked just as hard as their brothers. It was not uncommon for Julia and her sisters to head outside before dawn, help milk the 30 cows by hand, then return to the house and help their mother whip up seven loaves of bread.

Julia never married or had children of her own, but she knew how to treat her nieces and nephews to make us feel treasured. I can still see that twinkle in her eyes when she sat next to us

at the kitchen table and told us the story of the mean goose that tried to chase her from the pond. She would ask about our lives and truly listen to us.

I loved sitting by my aunt at the annual REA meetings. She would find a package of Spearmint gum in her purse and offer me a stick. When the time came for the drawing for door prize winners, Julia held her ticket. Inevitably, as the numbers were called, she would smile. "That's me!" She would go collect the electric hand mixer, which she would later store in her pantry next to the electric can opener she won last year.

When Mom and I

stopped to visit Aunt Julia, I got special treatment. "The Watkins salesman came last week." She smiled as she brought the bottle of Watkins cherry nectar concentrate from the pantry. I think Mom was nervous when my child-hands reached for the beautiful gold-rimmed wheat glass that held my drink. Julia wasn't worried. "You'd better have some cookies to go with that!" she winked.

"Do you want to play my piano? I'm getting pretty good at it. I practice a lot!" she chuckled. Julia fitted a brown paper roll in the holder, then sat next to me on the bench. Until I got old enough to reach the pedals, my aunt's feet would pump away. The keys on that player piano dipped and rose all by themselves while music poured out. "Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer do, I'm half

crazy all for the love of you..."

Our sister Deloris recalls sitting next to our cousin, Ruth at the piano. Each girl had a foot on a pedal. Aunt Julia cheered them on, almost as delighted as the children.

I hope you have had an aunt or uncle, a grandparent, other relative or friend who made you feel loved and cherished. Even better, I hope you can BE that caring person for others. Believe me, they will remember how you make them feel.

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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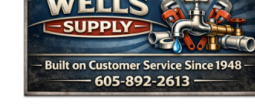




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Good Shepherd Free Clinic provides quality medical and emergency dental care to financially eligible northern Black Hills residents, ages 19-64. Medical services will be available at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lead. Enter the church through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

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“For the Love of Bees”

Meg English
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Recently, I had a chance to catch up with Bernadette Jensen. I became acquainted with Bernadette when I interviewed her for a story about her business enterprise, Owl Creek Organics, a couple of years ago.

Bernadette’s story is a trajectory of propitious events.

Visiting with her is like reading a book that you don’t want to put down.

Bernadette is one who follows her heart. As such she wears many hats. She’s a beekeeper, an organic gardener, a culinary artist, and an entrepreneur to name a few. A 2004 graduate of Belle Fourche High School, Bernadette has undergraduate degrees in Spanish and French as well as a Masters’ degree in French.

In 2006 and 2007 she made several trips to France where she became very interested in French culture and especially the high quality of French food products. It helped that she was fluent in French and it helped that her dad, Bernard was born and raised in France.

Following her formal education and travel, Bernadette followed her heart back to the farm where she and her six siblings grew up.

Near Orman Dam, just 15 miles East of Belle, on land adjacent to her parents, she began raising bees in 2012. She started Owl Creek Organics & Natural Products

in 2015. At this time, she was making and selling jams from wild plums, sweetened with organic sugar.

In 2018 Bernadette began sweetening her jam with honey, a ‘win-win situation’ in her words. In 2021 she got her commercial kitchen license and built a warehouse and storefront.

Soon things began to change.

Always a beekeeper, I’m confident that Bernadette informed the bees about the changes in her life immediately. According to traditional beekeeping folklore when anything major happens in a family, the bees must be the first to know the good or bad news. To overlook this tradition is bad luck.

Bernadette explained, “In just two years I went from running a business to getting married, having a baby (our daughter Adeline) and being a stay-at-home Mom.” The change also involved a momentous move from Nisland, South Dakota to McVile, North Dakota where Bernadette’s husband Brandon farms with his family

“McVile is a lot like Belle Fourche only smaller.” She described her new home. “We have a grocery store, a cafe, a bar, a bank, a mechanic shop, a post office and a few other businesses.” Only around 400 people live here.”

It has been a time of slowing down, learning to be a wife, and a mother.

It’s been a good change. “So, I have done a lot of baking. I love it. I have taken up reading a lot and learning new things

As with all transitions there are some downsides.

Bernadette misses her family in the Belle Fourche area. McVile is a good distance from her parent’s farm, approximately 7.5 hours driving and around 500 miles. “When I lived near my parents, I enjoyed running next door to see them for coffee or seeing my brothers when they dropped by.”

Bernadette admits that she misses the local coffeeshops in Belle Fourche and Spearfish too.

Marriage is something new too. “The best part of marriage is finding love, of course, and finding the person you are going to share your life with.”

Bernadette has enjoyed embracing both marriage and parenthood.

“The best things about parenting are the little everyday joys of having a child.” Bernadette described the satisfaction of seeing Adeline’s ‘super big’ smile upon waking in the morning. She also described the simple joys of watching her daughter discovering things as simple as grass between her toes for the first time. “Her joyful smile and happiness mean the most to me.” Bernadette reflected.

Bernadette admits that it’s a challenge as well as an adjustment to suddenly having to take care of a baby full time. “Your baby needs you all day.”

Bernadette’s husband farms with his family, and Bernadette enjoys riding

along with him especially in the fall during harvest and looks forward to bringing Adeline now that she is big enough.

For Bernadette another transition is having to adjust her Owl Creek Organics activity.

“I have had to cut back, but I am making a few jams a week now when possible and mixing honeys as well.”

Owl Creek Organics maintains a good following in the Black Hills with products available in Lueders Belle Fourche and Spearfish stores, The Red Onion in Belle, Lynns in Sturgis, and Staple and Spice in Rapid City.”

Thanks to her own parents, the Owl Creek Organics store is open by appointment. “If people text or call my mom Laurie, she opens it up for people to shop”. Bernadette added, “Mom and I make a great team.” My Dad, Bernard always has helped me too as well as encouraged me. He is a big believer in agriculture and small business.”

Bernadette has plans to expand the McVile branch of Owl Creek Organics. She has a commercial kitchen for making jams in McVile and plans to open it one day a week for the public to shop for her products. “I sell my products through Bernie’s in Grand Forks and through McVile Market.”

Although she is taking a step back this year

and reducing her hives Bernadette’s vision for the future of Owl Creek Organics is coming into focus. With her research and Brandon’s help the couple plans to plant fields of flowers for the bees. Bernadette wants to ameliorate the flavor of the honey she produces by changing what the bees eat.

‘I’m excited as that’s something I’ve always dreamed about. Many hives can do well on an acre of land if the right flowers are planted.”

Bernadette’s preferred breed of honey-bees is the Carniolan. They are more docile than other bees which is a good choice for the family friendly business model Bernadette has envisioned. “I am excited for what is to come. I want to teach my kids sustainability and how to grow and make your own foods.”

Somehow, despite taking care of Adeline, Bernadette managed to plant a garden this year. “It is the latest I’ve ever gotten it in the ground- June 12th- but I’m hoping it produces some vegetables. Running out to the garden to pick something fresh that you grew for dinner is one of my favorite parts of summer. My mint, sage and thyme are all coming up again from last year.”

For Brandon, Bernadette, and Adeline Jensen in McVile, ND the art of building the foundations of family is paying dividends. The bees are happy too.



Adeline, Brandon, and Bernadette Jensen



Adeline in the garden..



**Belle Fourche Beacon
‘Happenings’ and News
Bytes Calendar**

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

Belle Fourche Writers

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

Belle Fourche Recreation Center

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

Classes

Summer Recreation Activities Schedule Calendar - See adjacent posters details!

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

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

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

Tri-State Museum - Upcoming Family Fun Day Schedule.

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?



BF Rec Center Summer Parks & Rec Activities 2026

GOALS:

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



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

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

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

Questions? Contact us @ 605-892-2467.

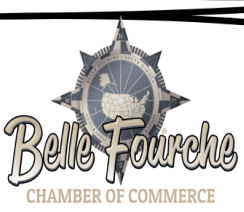
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PARK	STREET	LANDMARKS
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Jones Park	11 th Ave.	Splash Pad
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Weyler Park	7 th Ave.	Dog Park/Near Lynn's Dakotamart
Eagle Park	Elkhorn St.	Along Belle 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 27 - August 1 Butte Lawrence County Fair

July 29th - 7PM FREE Concert @ Herrmann Park

July 30th - 5:30PM Burger Night @ Moose Lodge, 6PM Hometown Thursdays

July 31st - 7:30AM Caramel Rolls & Coffee @ Belle Silver Lining

August 3 - 6PM City Council Meeting

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5th Annual BF Rec Center Walk/Run

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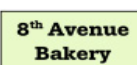


Saturday, August 22nd @ 6:30 AM

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
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Preregister by August 3rd to save \$ and guarantee your shirt size on event day!

CHECK-IN: 6:00-6:30 AM
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COST: Youth (18 and under) \$5.00 ~ Adults \$10.00 ****After August 3rd: Price increases \$5.00****
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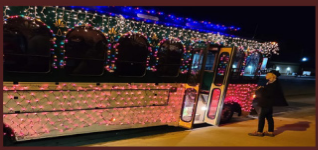


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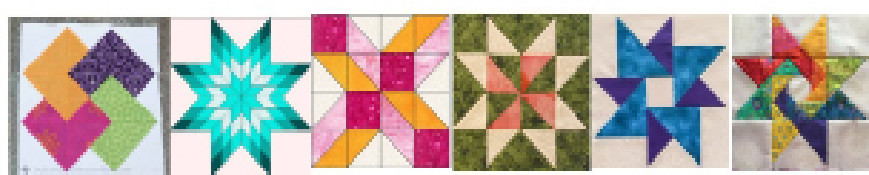
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Betty Olson

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We went to Lucille Weichmann's graduation party at Grace Fellowship Church in Bison last Sunday afternoon and then had Bible Study at Lester and Sharon Longwood's house that evening with Dawn Harris, Todd and Anna Buer, and John and Corinne Erickson to study the lesson with all of us, which is always enjoyable.

The guys were haying again on Monday while I planted some green pepper plants and some more flowers before I watered all my gardens and flower beds because it was so hot and dry. Copper, River Lu and the twins spent the afternoon painting their little play house with washable paint. Copper and River painted one side of the play house and the twins painted the other side.

Reub and I went to Het-

tinger Tuesday afternoon to get some stuff and then stayed to listen to the Waddington's concert in the park that evening that Steve Hedstrom put on to celebrate Andy's 40th birthday. We love to listen to the Waddingtons and Andy got up on the stage at the end of their concert so we could sing Happy Birthday to him before Andy played his fiddle for us before we went home! That was a really fun evening.

There were more deaths to report: Delores (Oster) Thormodsgard, 96, passed away on July 12 at Western Horizons Care Center in Hettinger. The Funeral Service for Delores was Saturday, July 18, at the Centennial Chapel of Evan-son Jensen Funeral Homes in Hettinger with burial in the Hettinger Cemetery.

Robert Anderson, 88, formerly of Ludlow, passed away in July 21 in Rapid City. Funer-

al Services for Robert were held on Wednesday, July 29, at the Harding County Community Center in Buffalo with burial in the Bowman Cemetery.

I watered my gardens Wednesday morning before Reub and I drove down to Rapid City to go to Reub's eye appointment with Dr. Abraham's office that Dr. Kludt set up for him. We spent a lot of time at the clinic and got back to the ranch after 5:00 that afternoon. Reub will be going back down there again fairly soon. There is a lot of that smoke from Canada hanging over everything outside here and we sure wish that Canada would manage their forests like our government does down here. It would sure make it easier to breathe for everyone in our country and Canada.

I had a board meeting at the High Plains Western Heritage Center in Spearfish on Thursday. I got there a little early so I had a fun visit with Juliet Main, who is the new executive at the Heritage Center. Juliet grew up near Lemmon and then had jobs in New York for several years before coming back to South Dakota. I had to go shopping at Walmart before heading home to get stuff we can't find up here, so I didn't get home until after 6:00 that evening. For some reason I got really good gas mileage on the way home,

so I must have got some really good gas when I filled my tank in Belle Fourche on the way home.

Reub and I went to Buffalo Friday evening for the 4th annual Worship service at the Tip-erary Arena to listen to Pastor Cliff Claypool, sing along with Tracy Buer and hear his testimony. David Douglas told about his miraculous recovery from his motorcycle wreck several years ago when the doctors didn't believe he would be able to walk or talk again, if he even lived through his wreck!

Saturday, July 25, was Reub and my wedding anniversary and we've been married 62 years. We celebrated by going to Rancher's Camp at Coal Springs that evening and got to talk to a lot of friends. It was really hot when we left home with the temperature at 108 degrees, but it cooled off a little down there. Greg Hager played and sang some wonderful songs that he had written and then Luke Rech's father Clint Rech spoke on his relationship with God after becoming a Christian. We got home just after 10:00 and got some much-needed rain in the night that left .22 in the rain gauge. Matt and Lanie and their kids came down that afternoon to catch some turtles for the Reva Turtle Races on Sunday and Lanie went over to our

east place and caught eleven turtles for the kids to take to the races.

Sunday was the 50th anniversary of the Reva Turtle Races and Reub and I were there for the first one fifty years ago when it was held just outside the Reva Store where we drew a circle around the light pole in front of the store, put the turtles up against the light pole and turned them loose. I don't remember whose turtle won the race, but the races have been happening for 50 years now. A lot of people showed up for the church service Sunday morning, including Bob Tenold's daughter Sherry and Ross Glass and a lot of their family that came with them. JoAnn Shea, Linda Hathaway and Margretta Hanson served us a delicious lunch with coffee after the church service Sunday morning. Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen were going to join us at Rancher's Camp at Coal Springs that afternoon to hear Greg Hager play his guitar and sing his great songs and then listen to Clint Rech speak about God and how he got saved. It was a wonderful evening with Sunday school at 4:00, a potluck supper at 5:00, and speaker Clint Rech and music with Greg Hager at 6:00.

Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

July 20, 1916

After the health authorities believed that the infantile paralysis epidemic was under control, reports show that 26 children died and about 121 new cases were reported across South Dakota in the last 24 hours. The US House today, in Washington DC, passed a bill appropriating \$135,000 to aid the campaign against infantile paralysis.

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July 22, 1936

Our new bride called her hubby by telephone at his place of employment in a panic. She cried, “Honey can you come home right a way?”

I've mixed the electric wires in some way. The radio is getting covered with white frost crystals and the electric icebox is singing Home On the Range.”

An earlier open season on pheasants and liberalization of the game laws regarding them is announced by O. H. Johnson, Director of the Game & Fish Department. The bag limit will be 7 birds a day, of which 2 can be hens.

They are permitting hens this year to permit hunters to take hens accidentally shot, without violating game laws. The reason is to get it out of the way before corn husking begins. The bird season is beginning October 15th in Butte County.

Mrs. Wm Ernest received a painful bruise Saturday when she was thrown into the windshield of their car. Will was trying to make a little extra speed in order to get to the Farm Picnic and ran off at the end of a small culvert, which caused the accident. Our neck of the woods was well represented at the picnic, also the dance was not lacking in patronage.

July 23, 1936

Dr. Clark is again equipped to vaccinate against Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (tick fever). Josephine Hutchinson, RN in charge of the Hospital and Clinic and will make your appointments. Young Rollo Shourds, son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Shourds, has been transported to the hospital at Rochester, Minnesota.

Postmaster Paul A. Wiest,

by Linda Velder

left for Watertown, to attend a Postmaster's convention. Acting Postmaster General W. W. Haves will be there to address the assemblage. The visiting stamp-lickers are promised several rounds of royal entertainment by the Watertown folks. Barbara Wiest is spending this week with Mira Lee Bober at the Bober cabin in Spearfish Canyon while parents are traveling.

July 18, 1946

The Newell Hotel proprietors, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Toderoff remind Antelope Bus Lines passengers and those interested in schedules of same, that the Newell Hotel is no longer the bus depot. Sam's Sinclair Service Station has been the depot for the past few months and tickets and information regarding schedules, etc., are available at the station. They will no longer furnish such information.

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July 19, 1956

The Prairie Pinafores 4-H club met Tuesday at the home of Pam Palmer with 12 members, 2 leaders and 5 guests present. Roll Call was answered with plans for a float at the Butte County Fair. After the regular business meeting, a demonstration on putting in a zipper using the easy method, was given by Mary Garness. The hostess served lunch following the meeting. The next meeting is planned for August 7, hostess to be announced later.

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. E. Page of Hettinger escaped serious injury Monday afternoon, when the pickup they were driving skidded off a curve along Highway 79 north of Newell. The Page's and Colgrove's were bringing a small load of wool to Newell and planned to visit overnight at the home of her son & family, Mr. & Mrs. Cy Colgrove.

A combination of faulty brakes and the rough gravel apparently caused the vehicle

to go out of control and crash into the barrow pit. The couple were brought into Newell by Buster Driscoll of Belle Fourche. Mrs. Page suffered a facial cut and was taken to Dr. Pokorny for treatment.

New awnings recently installed by the Ben Franklin Store and Price & Son Drug have added needed color to Newell's Main Street.

Two blocks in the north part of the city brought nearly eight times their total appraisal value at the Government sale conducted by the Bureau of Reclamation at the Irrigation District Office Tuesday morning. Block 115, fronting north or US Highway 212 between Girard and Harvard sold at \$4,400 (appraised at \$500) to Don Engelson. He also was successful bidder at \$475 for Block 116 just north of 115, (apprised at \$475). Wm Moxen, Bureau of Reclamation conducted the auction. More than 6 people entered bids on the tract going to Engleson. E. J. Erdman also was a spirited bidder.

August 4, 1966

The recently organized Vale Sanitary Sewer & Water District named 3 Trustees on it first election but still had somewhat of a problem. Elected as Trustees were Wm. Hunt and Roy H. Wood each with 20 votes and Tom MacKrell with 18. Under regulating governing election of a board, the person with the smallest number of votes is to serve a 1-year term, the one with the second highest a 2-year term and the one with the most votes a 3-year term. As a result of the vote, Hunt and Wood may have to determine who serves the 3-year term by lot.

The Newell Community Band will be honored to play at Faith Sunday and march in their parade as well as play for the rodeo. It was announced this week by Harold Mollet, band conductor. Except for this event, the Newell Band has completed its summer program of practice sessions and free public concerts.

At the June Newell City Commission meeting, Monday evening, time was set aside for public hearings on liquor license Applications made by the Newell Liquor Company and the Newell Community Club. As no one appeared to object to the granting of such license, motion was made by Commissioner Don Hafner, second by Commissioner Tom DeGarlais to grant such licenses. Motion carried unanimously.



Here’s What’s Happening in Newell!

Pie Day
July 28 • 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
NVN Center

Newell Area Economic Group Meeting
August 5 • 6 p.m.
City Hall

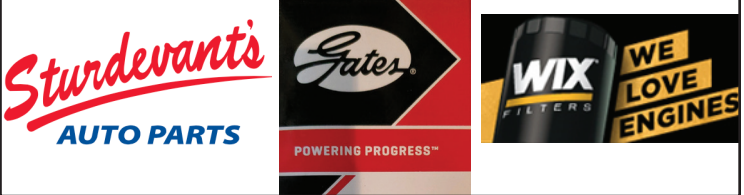
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August 13 • 2 p.m.–3 p.m.
Second Thursday every month



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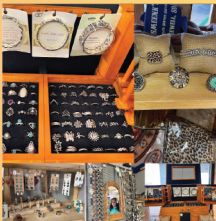
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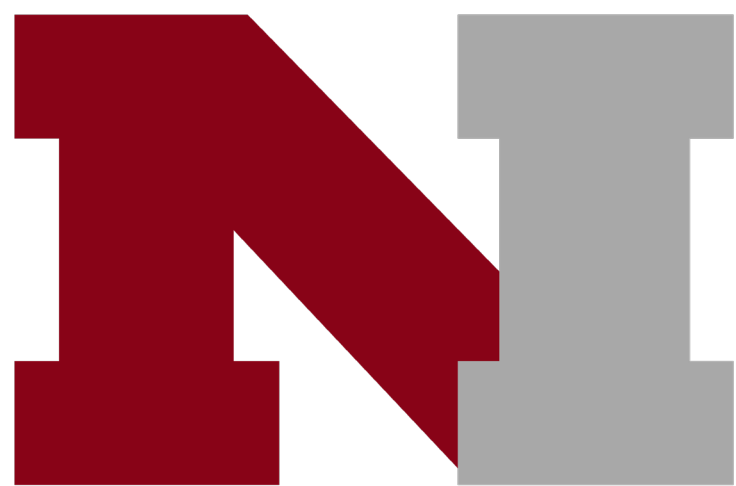
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Newell Health Clinic



is accepting new patients!

located in the **Newell Evangelical Church**
on 8th street across from the Blue Line Diner.

We offer primary health care services for adults and children in the Newell-Vale-Nisland community.

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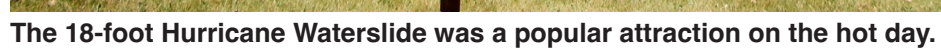
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**Every 2nd Wednesday of the month
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6pm at the Vale Hall**

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