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Country Roots and Cowboy Boots Fill Nisland Fairgrounds

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NISLAND—Kids, families, animals, exhibits, activities and events created hustle and bustle at the Nisland Fairgrounds July 27 through August 1 for the 45th Annual Butte Lawrence County Fair. The two counties joined forces back in 1979 and held their first joint county fair in 1980.

The theme for this year’s fair was “Country Roots and Cowboy Boots” with the colors of brown, red and blue.

The County Fair offers something for everyone. From open classes to 4-H classes in most any livestock animal you can imagine and most non-live-stock categories you can think of, including food preservation, horticulture, food, photography, arts and crafts, sewing and so much more!

This year’s 2026 Butte Lawrence County Fair Honoree was Ron Miles of Belle Fourche. He has volunteered at the Fair for many years.

People travel from all over the area to take part in the Butte Lawrence County Fair events. There is a wide range of activities and events that appeal to youth and the general public.

Highlights include Turtle Races, Chuck-a-Duck and Fishing at the Fair, a contest to see who can catch the most fish, the smallest fish and the biggest



There was a full house for the Livestock Sale on Friday night. Longbrake photo

fish. All fishing supplies are provided to those who want to participate.

On Wednesday night, AAU Wrestling held a Pancake Feed during the Swine Show followed by Pig Wrestling. Twelve teams of four in each age group signed up to enter a muddy pen and attempt to coerce a wild pig into a container in any way

possible, as fast as possible. Age divisions were 8-10, 11-13, 14-18 and 18 and over—only four adult teams were allowed. All teams were auctioned off to the highest bidder before the start of the contest. The teams come decked out in matching creative costumes for a chance to win a best-dressed award in their division.

On Thursday, a full list of activities was scheduled for the day topped off with a free community BBQ sponsored by Butte Electric and West River Telephone Company followed by the Nisland Fair Ranch Rodeo.

At the Ranch Rodeo, 12 teams of four compete in a variety of events. The makeup

of the teams is unique. Each team must contain at least two of the following: a youth under age 13, a senior over the age of 55 or a female. They competed in nontraditional rodeo events that included Boot Race, Horse Catch, Mystery Race, Steer Ribbon Roping and Relay Race.

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Crazy Days Brings Shoppers Downtown



Tents were set up outside businesses on State Street during Crazy Days. Longbrake photo

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BELLE FOURCHE—State Street took on a fresh look during this year’s Crazy Days on July 24 and 25 as white four-post tents lined the downtown business district. Businesses moved deeply discounted merchandise outside under the tents, creating an inviting shopping atmosphere while providing shade from the summer heat.

One of the driving forces behind growing the annual tradition and drawing more customers to the downtown area is Brittany Wilkinson, owner of Belle Flowers + Co. She worked hard to line up food trucks and vendors to come to the downtown area for the Friday event. “I think people are getting excited and look forward to it every year now,” she shared. “I think the community is getting more involved and getting more excited and spreading the word, and I think because the community turns up the businesses try harder to put stuff out there for them.”

New this year was the utilization of Rail Park to entertain

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Pioneer Trust & Estate Services Breaks Ground on New Building

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BELLE FOURCHE—The official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Pioneer Trust & Estate Services building was held on July 22. The new building is set to open 35 years after Pioneer Trust & Estate Services opened its current offices in the Don Pratt building.

Seventy years after Pioneer Bank received Trust Powers from the Federal Reserve, the Trust and Estate Services department will get its very own building dedicated to serving its customers. “We have trust officers in Rapid City, Spearfish and Belle Fourche and those offices also serve Buffalo and Sturgis. Our core accounting and operations center is here in Belle Fourche,” explained Cherie Coleman, Sr. Vice President & Trust Dept. Manager. “This new location will help us to be more efficient in our operations and definitely more accessible to our clients—no stairs!”

Ainsworth Benning and 3 Peak Architecture are in charge of the construction. “This new

building will be about 5,000 square feet. We will have 10 offices, a big conference room and a smaller conference room—it will have similar attributes to the recently remodeled Pioneer Bank location,” shared Coleman.

The new building will be located at 716 8th Avenue in Belle Fourche. With roots dating back to its founding in 1913, Pioneer Bank & Trust opened its Belle Fourche branch in 1937. The bank has been serving the community for nearly nine decades and continues to invest in its future.

The building project is set to be finished by mid-2027, although Coleman has a more personal goal in mind. “My goal is to have it done before the Fourth of July, because our Mary Buchholz...well, she has always been really unhappy that they moved the parade from coming down State Street, and I really want her to be sitting in our boardroom watching the parade—that’s my whole goal!”

Along with the new building, Pioneer Bank will also

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The official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Pioneer Trust & Estate Services building was held on July 22. Courtesy photo

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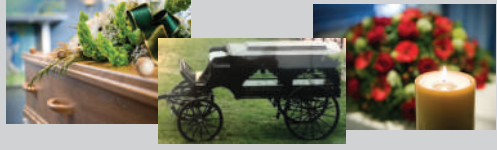
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Sharon Chipman, 79

Sharon Lynn Chipman born August 24, 1946 in Ontario, Canada and became a United States citizen June 17, 1958. Sharon my lovely, creative and free-spirited wife of 44 years has passed away July 30, 2026 and is in no more pain. Sharon was a teacher, teaching art class in Ten Sleep, WY for several years before returning to Maitland, SD and continuing to teach in Lead, SD. She was forced to give up teaching in her forties due to a painful genetic disease. She continued to enjoy oil painting until her last couple of years. Her soul has entered eternity and mine awaits to join hers once again where nothing can come between us again. Sharon's final message she left me simply said, "To define not to restrict the power that is me, keep me



free and save room for me to dance." Her wish was to be cremated. She is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Bill Chipman of Belle Fourche; her son, Damon St James of Lead; 2 stepchildren, Rachael Chipman and Jason Chipman; 3 granddaughters, Cassandra, Dacia and Giana; great grandchildren, 3 brothers and nieces and nephews. Arrangements are under the care of Kline Funeral Chapel of Belle Fourche. An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Pastor's Perspective

"Heirs Together of the Grace of Life"

Wives...husbands...being heirs together of the grace of life.... (1 Peter 3:1, 7)

It is unlike anything else on the face of the planet!

I'm speaking of the unique dynamic in Jesus Christ that is released when a married couple recognizes the power of their agreement in prayer. Spirit-filled living is central to the powerful possibilities of the married couple. As God develops a husband and wife's relationship, they begin to exist as a unique identity—the one He designed them to become when the two were joined. There is no counterpart to it in all of creation. When the Bible says that "the two shall become one" (Matt. 19:5; Mark 10:8; Eph. 5:31), it is saying much more about their union than that periodically a husband and wife are joined sexually. The two become another entity; a sum greater than their parts. There is an awesome potential in the marriage partnership, but it's available only when built upon the foundation of a growing relationship between husband and wife.

Scripture lays out this call in 1 Corinthians, chapter 7, referencing, among other things, fasting and prayer as a way of life among the Corinthian believers. In whatever else the Corinthians may have stumbled, it was a regular practice for believing couples to join together in fasting and prayer for certain points of focus.

But Paul is not telling them all to get married. To the contrary, he says his personal wish is that everyone could remain single like he is (v. 7). So if you are an unmarried believer, there is no reason to consider your status second-class. Later in the chapter, Paul elaborates the unique gift of singleness—the availability of more time to do the work of the Lord without the responsibilities and demands naturally a part of married life. He makes it clear the pleasure and fulfillment a single person enjoys is different, not less.

When we look at the marriage partnership, however, Scripture tells us husbands and wives are heirs together to a dimension of dominion especially given to them. It goes back to God's creative order in which He decreed three things: That husband and wife would (1) be fruitful, (2) multiply, and (3) have dominion (Gen. 1:28). Most people think that "be fruitful and multiply" has a singular meaning which is to "have children," but that doesn't even begin to approach the broad dimensions of what God has given to married couples as "heirs together of the grace of life." The way this inheritance is released is through prayer that is "unhindered"—meaning nothing is obstructing the married couple's unity.

How might a husband and wife's prayers be hindered? By either one not being responsive



to the characteristics outlined in Scripture. Those Who Would Be "Heirs Together"

For wives, the biblical terms for "unhindered prayer" are to:

...be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives... (1 Peter 3:1)

"Submission" can be a scary word because it's been so often extrapolated to the point of legalistic destructiveness and bondage. The fact is submission can only be given. It cannot be demanded. The biblical term for submission is always dependent upon a response of will on the part of the individual being called to it. Be clear that the Bible does not say God intended women to be submitted to men. It says a wife is to be submitted to her husband. Submission is not the reduction of either a wife's personal fulfillment or realization of her own potential. It has to do with her acceptance and support of the husband's place in the divine creative order to provide leadership in their lives together.

For a couple to become "heirs together," it also takes an understanding, sensitive, and responsible husband who does not interpret "submission" to mean he has the privilege of being a tyrant, or to think that he has been made superior. It means he has been given the responsibility to be devoted to his wife's interests and well-being and to lead them both to the fullest possibilities of their union.

Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. (1 Peter 3:7)

The words "weaker vessel" are speaking about the woman's physical and emotional vulnerability, but it is not a condescending description. The nature of a woman tends to be more emotionally vulnerable, but that doesn't make her less intelligent. Quite the contrary, she may be incredibly more sensitive than the man. After more than fifty years of marriage to Anna, I have learned to listen carefully to my wife, to listen to the things that are bothering her or that she senses. Women have a unique giftedness in this way, just as there is a counterpart giftedness in men.

The prayers of husbands and wives are hindered by either one of them not being sensitive to these biblical characteristics. If the husband is not honoring of his wife, or if he is not sensitive and compassionate toward the pressures and demands on her, that insensitivity can block the possibility of their receiving the inheritance God has for them.

Prayer for the Week

Dear God, as I step into this week, I leave behind anxieties and choose to anchor my hope in You. Guide my steps, grant me the courage to face challenges, and fill my days with peace. Let this be a season of growth and joyful anticipation. Amen.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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From A1 **County Fair**

Another fun event held on the same night is the Catch A Sheep contest. This event features kids from ages 8 to 12 who want to try for a chance to get a free sheep to raise and then they must show it at the fair for the upcoming two years.

Wild sheep are turned out into a pen, and kids must figure out a way to catch one, halter it and lead it to a catch pen. The kids work so hard trying to get wild sheep to lead. Some lambs pull loose and run off, while others fall to the ground and refuse to move. After several heats, the winners get to take home a sheep to take care of and prepare for the next Fair.

Friday ended a full slate of activities with the Livestock Sale Buyer Appreciation Supper sponsored by Cenex of the Black Hills followed by the Livestock Sale. Each 4-H member is allowed to sell one animal as long as the exhibitor competed in showmanship and the animal was shown in the class. There was a wide variety of livestock sold, for example, the Champion market hog, reserve champion market beef, khaki Campbell Drake Duck, mini Rex, Rhode Island Red Pullet, purple ribbon market ewe and a blue ribbon Sussex Cockerel all went through the sale ring.

It takes many volunteers to organize and run the fair and all of the activities that go along with it. Local vendors were on site with food trucks and booths for shoppers.

On Saturday, another Butte Lawrence County Fair came to an end and the Pavilion closed its doors for another year. We will see everyone back at the same time next year for the 46th Annual County Fair.



Kids passing the time by practicing roping on a roping dummy. Longbrake photo(s)



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A popular place for the young ones to play was the large sand area at the fairgrounds.



Winners of the 2026 Butte-Lawrence County Fair Ranch Rodeo.



Best of Show winners from various categories were on display at the Butte-Lawrence County Fair.

Crazy Days
Contd.from A1

the kids. A Kids Zone was set up with a variety of games and activities located in the park. “I went and I bought a bunch of games for something for the kids to do while the parents shop and kind of keep them downtown here,” explained Wilkinson.

A priority in making the event a festive celebration was inviting food trucks and vendors to join the businesses on State Street and offer even more of a variety to shoppers. “Thank you to the vendors for coming out—we appreciate them so much,” said Wilkinson.

Turnout to this year’s event was so good that planning for the next Crazy Days is already underway! “We’re looking forward

to having a bigger year next year, and hopefully more vendors! I have a bunch of ideas and plans for next year and hopefully we can close down the street and maybe add some inflatables and all sorts of stuff—maybe some water games next year—I got a lot of stuff up my sleeve,” said Wilkinson.

Some of the businesses that participated include: Pasque Ladies Fashions, Pearson Block Hous, Pearson Block Candy Shop, Black Hills Curio Company, Quality Quick Print, Belle Flowers + Co., The Emporium 605, Southside Conoco, COW-BOYS TOO!, Hitching Post Tap House, Pete’s Clothing & Hodge Bootery, Prairie Hills Pharmacy, Hair Gallery Salon & Spa and Love That Shoppe Antiques.



(Top) Shopping the sidewalk sales at **Pete’s Clothing & Hodge Bootery** during **Crazy Days**. (Left) The **Hitching Post Tap House** offered shoppers a fun chance to spin the wheel and win prizes with a purchase during Crazy Days. (Right) Vendors offered a variety of items for sale during Crazy Days. *Longbrake photos*

Photos from Hometown Thursday



From A1 **Groundbreaking**

create Pioneer Park, a green and welcoming space for the community to enjoy. The park will be located directly behind the Pioneer Bank & Trust parking lot.

As the project moves forward, Coleman expressed appreciation for the leadership and community support that have helped Pioneer Bank continue to grow and serve the region.

“We are thankful to Dylan Clarkson, our CEO, who has been key to the “building” of our Pioneer Bank locations in both the literal and figurative meaning of the word during his tenure,” she said. “We thank Belle Fourche as well as our communities from Buffalo to Rapid City for supporting us and trusting us with their families. We will be excited to see you all back for a grand opening in mid-2027!”



A rendering shows the future Pioneer Trust & Estate Services building, which is expected to open in 2027. Courtesy photo



Another view of the planned Pioneer Trust & Estate Services building.

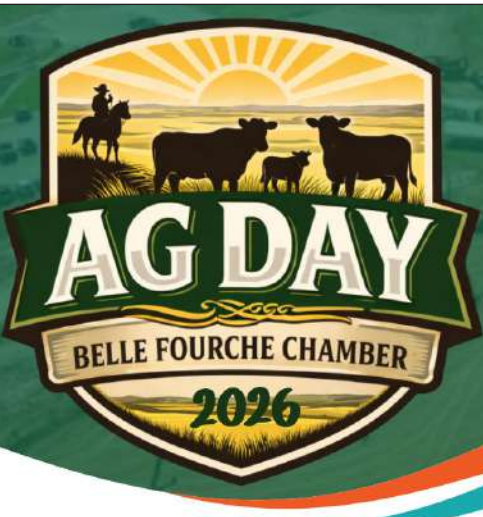
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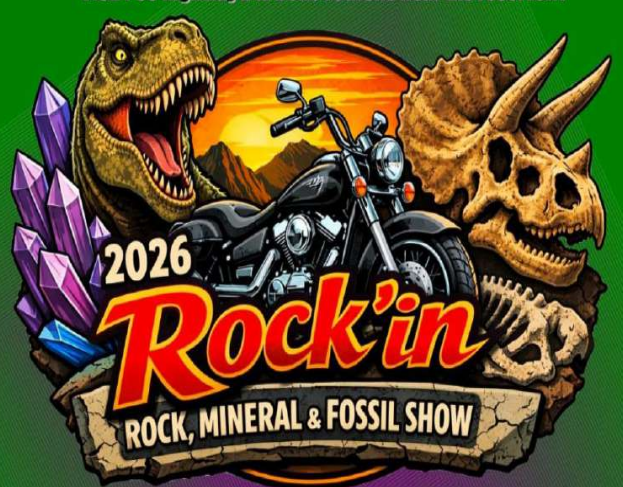
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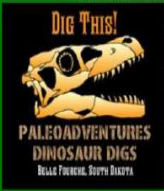
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We have learned this summer that the show goes on and Belle Fourche shows up!

Heat & storms mean an occasional change in venue! Hometown Thursdays & the Wednesday Concert Series have great backup plans for weather, so be sure to watch the Belle Fourche Arts Council and Hometown Thursday’s Facebook pages for updates!

Minnesela is now in the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater history books - and they are already starting the next show! They are “Getting Our Acts Together” with other local theaters and YOU can join them! Auditions are August 5th & 6th at 6:30 at the BF Rec Center Theater. According to the BFACT website, their production this year will be “Good Neighbors” by Toi Lyn Flick. This show is a one-act that is a part of a larger night of one-acts. The show itself will be on September 17 in Belle Fourche and in other theaters the following three nights. These auditions are open to anyone High School age and above. If you are interested in helping with tech of any kind (Middle School age and up), please come to auditions. If you have any questions, or are unable to make the audition dates but still want to try out, feel free to message director@bellefourcheact.com or call 605.645.3255.

Center of the Nation Concert Association has announced their 26-27 Concert Series Performances! The first concert will be September 24th, so get your tickets soon from a CON board member or the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce. The variety of musical genres and great ticket prices make this a very popular concert series. Season tickets for all five concerts are \$50 for individuals, \$25 for students, and \$120 for the family.



BFHS Band & Choir Director, Micah Pennel brought together a talented group of eleven BFHS musicians - current students & alumni - who love to play jazz. They entertained a full house at the Episcopal Church hall due to rain on Wednesday, July 29th. The Wednesday Concert Summer Series is hosted by the Belle Fourche Arts Council.



Twenty-nine members of the Belle Fourche Cowboy Band played a concert at the Butte-Lawrence county fair on 7/30/26.

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Garman, Ben Or Lori, Belle Fourche SD ..	1	Blk.	Cow.	1285		\$176.00
Hillview Ranch, Sturgis SD	1	Herf.	Cow.	1660		\$178.00
Komes, Joshua, Vale SD	2	Herf.	Cow.	1482	.....	\$177.00
Komes, Joshua, Vale SD	1	Herf.	Cow.	1440	.....	\$175.00
Peegee Ranch, Arvada WY	8	Blk.	Cow.	1483	.....	\$179.50
Pickrel Land & Cattle, Gillette WY	1	Red.	Cow.	1545	.....	\$177.00
Pickrel Land & Cattle, Gillette WY	2	Red.	Cow.	1167	.....	\$176.00
Pickrel Land & Cattle, Gillette WY	16	Rbtl.	Cow.	1581	.....	\$175.00
Rookin B Feeders, Newell SD	20	Bldd	Cow.	1637	.....	\$179.00
Rookin B Feeders, Newell SD	15	Bldd	Cow.	1395	.....	\$177.00
Roush, Dustin J Or Stelson J, Gillette WY.	4	Blk.	Cow.	1512	.....	\$179.50
Roush, Dustin J Or Stelson J, Gillette WY.	2	Blk.	Cow.	1407	.....	\$179.00
Schaffer, Ryan, Hammond MT	2	Herf.	Cow.	1382	.....	\$175.00
Sleep Ranches Llc, Spearfish SD	4	Blk.	Ovette	1080	.....	\$236.00
Sleep Ranches Llc, Spearfish SD	1	Blk.	Cow.	1310	.....	\$174.50
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	1	Blk.	Ovette	1135	.....	\$218.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	1	Blk.	Cow.	1655	.....	\$183.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	1	Blk.	Cow.	1450	.....	\$183.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	6	Bldd	Cow.	1350	.....	\$178.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	1	Blk.	Cow.	1230	.....	\$174.00
Tibbetts, Trevor, Box Elder SD	3	Blk.	Cow.	1321	.....	\$182.00
Tibbetts, Trevor, Box Elder SD	1	Blk.	Cow.	1230	.....	\$181.00
Tibbetts, Trevor, Box Elder SD	1	Blk.	Cow.	1395	.....	\$179.00
Wagner, David, Hulet WY	1	Xbrd.	Cow.	825	.....	\$180.00
3 Fingers Ranch Inc, Newcastle WY	1	Red.	Bull.	2120	.....	\$215.00
3 Fingers Ranch Inc, Newcastle WY	2	Red.	Bull.	2102	.....	\$220.00
Beck, Tom Or Tammy, Gillette WY	1	Blk.	Bull.	1665	.....	\$211.50
Bird, Jim, Volborg MT	1	Blk.	Bull.	1220	.....	\$243.00
Bothwell, Thad, Rapid City SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	1430	.....	\$175.00
Capra Ranch Llc, Boyes MT	1	Blk.	Bull.	1510	.....	\$214.00
Dacar, Robert Curtis, Whitewood SD	1	Red.	Bull.	1945	.....	\$206.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Herf.	Bull.	1170	.....	\$235.00
Double Sickle Ranch, Rapid City SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	2100	.....	\$186.00
Duprel, Jack, Sturgis SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	2105	.....	\$218.00
Duprel, Jack, Sturgis SD	1	Herf.	Bull.	2305	.....	\$204.00
Fish, Don, Oral SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	2035	.....	\$190.00
Fish, Don, Oral SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	1980	.....	\$192.00
Fish, Don, Oral SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	1775	.....	\$204.00
Fish, Don, Oral SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	1455	.....	\$230.00
Fish, Don, Oral SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	1345	.....	\$232.50
Fish, Don, Oral SD	2	Blk.	Bull.	1100	.....	\$235.00
Hillview Ranch, Sturgis SD	1	Herf.	Bull.	1995	.....	\$215.00
Hillview Ranch, Sturgis SD	1	Herf.	Bull.	1545	.....	\$189.00
Kreutz, Casey, Whitewood SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	2245	.....	\$213.00
Mcfarland, Chris, Rapid City SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	2105	.....	\$219.50
Mcfarland, Chris, Rapid City SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	1860	.....	\$217.00
Rittberger & Sons, Fred, Hermosa SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	1970	.....	\$204.00
Rittberger & Sons, Fred, Hermosa SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	1505	.....	\$213.00
Rittberger & Sons, Fred, Hermosa SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	1490	.....	\$206.00
Rittberger & Sons, Fred, Hermosa SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	1240	.....	\$210.00
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton WY	1	Blk.	Bull.	2115	.....	\$220.00
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton WY	1	Blk.	Bull.	2040	.....	\$224.50
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton WY	1	Blk.	Bull.	1785	.....	\$208.00
Sams, Norman, Weston WY	1	Blk.	Bull.	1795	.....	\$203.00
Sams, Norman, Weston WY	1	Blk.	Bull.	1630	.....	\$211.00
Sams, Norman, Weston WY	3	Blk.	Bull.	1430	.....	\$211.00
Sams, Norman, Weston WY	2	Blk.	Bull.	1110	.....	\$264.00
Schmidt, Cleve, Newell SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	1900	.....	\$225.00
Schmidt, Cleve, Newell SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	1630	.....	\$216.00
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	2145	.....	\$226.00
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	1545	.....	\$217.00
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	1415	.....	\$228.00
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis SD	2	Blk.	Bull.	1112	.....	\$259.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	2085	.....	\$214.00
Sleik, Jason, Rapid City SD	1	Blk.	Bull.	1860	.....	\$194.00
Tibbetts, Shannon Or Patti, Rapid City SD ..	1	Herf.	Bull.	1835	.....	\$209.50
Whalen, George, Aladdin WY	1	Herf.	Bull.	2200	.....	\$190.00
Whalen, Mathew, Aladdin WY	1	Blk.	Bull.	1540		\$207.00

Friday, August 7, 2026

YRLG & FALL CALF SPECIAL

9:00 AM – Weigh Ups
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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

Saturday, August 8th – Carter County, Ekakala, MT – 3:00 pm
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Smaller Run Today
Lambs Under 75# Sold \$10 To \$20 Lower, Lambs 90-105# Sold \$10 Higher
Slaughter Ewes Sold Steady To \$5 Higher

NEXT SALE - AUGUST 6th - FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL - Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats - START TIME 1:00 PM
EXPECTING 4000 TO 5000 FEEDER LAMBS
NO SALE AUGUST 13th DUE TO THE STURGIS BIKE RALLY!

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

Feeder Lambs

Bauman, Rick, Beulah ND	28	.....	Lamb	.....	64	.....	\$373.00
Brewer, Ben, Broadus MT	44	.....	Lamb	.....	90	.....	\$339.00
Hurley, Colton, Rozet WY	167	.....	Lamb	.....	58	.....	\$390.00
Jay, Leon, Hulet WY	49	.....	Lamb	.....	101	.....	\$322.00
Meike Ranch Inc, Kaycee WY	27	.....	Lamb	.....	48	.....	\$390.00
Talcott, Chase, Broadus MT	100	.....	Lamb	.....	101	.....	\$326.00
Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head							
Hurley, Colton, Rozet WY	56	.....	3-5yr	.....	143	.....	\$360.00
Slaughter Ewes							
Farnsworth Livestock, Rigby ID	97	.....	K Ewe	.....	157	.....	\$127.00
Farnsworth Livestock, Rigby ID	66	.....	K Ewe	.....	140	.....	\$120.00
Hurley, Colton, Rozet WY	107	.....	K Ewe	.....	153	.....	\$171.00
Meike Ranch Inc, Kaycee WY	20	.....	K Ewe	.....	188	.....	\$141.00
Meike Ranch Inc, Kaycee WY	55	.....	K Ewe	.....	157	.....	\$127.00
Meike Ranch Inc, Kaycee WY	24	.....	K Ewe	.....	142	.....	\$120.00
Rikala, Lance Or Kacey, Piedmont SD	15	.....	K Ewe	.....	154	.....	\$170.00
Tetrault, Tim Or Roxie, St Onge SD	8		K Ewe		189		\$141.00
Weidenbach, Ed, Miles City MT	37		K Ewe		188		\$141.00

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August 6, 2026
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1:00 PM
Expecting Up To 4000 To 5000 Lambs

FEEDER LAMBS

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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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100 years ago Northwest Bee August 5, 1926 FIFTY YEARS OF MIN- ING Greatest Gold Mine in United States Will Celebrate Half Century of Successful Operations The great Homestake mine at Lead will put on a celebration in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of that mine. A complete pioneer mining camp has been constructed in Poorman Gulch between Lead and Central Coty a camp being made up of dance halls, saloons, boarding house, livery station, blacksmith shop, stamp mill, the town pump, Chinese laundry and other buildings for housing the various places of business that flourished during the gold-discovery of the Black Hills. When it is considered that the average life of a gold mine is from three to five years, one commences to realize the gigantic proportions which this wonderful institution has reached. From a mere prospect hole at the head of Gold Run creek in 1876. It has been in continuous operation for fifty years until at the present time the annual average output is over \$6,000,000 (\$6,000,000 in 1926 is worth about \$113,204,067.78 today) , and it is expected that with the dividend distribution to its stockholders will reach over \$50,000,000 or an average of \$1,000,000 per year for fifty years.

BUTTE COUNTY FAIR The sixth annual Butte county fair will be held at the county fair grounds at Nisland on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 1, 2 and 3. The crops that are being grown in the county this year should aid in making this year's fair the best ever held. Community organizations, women's clubs and boys' and girls clubs are now busy preparing exhibits for the fair. Already several entries for exhibit space have been received by the secretary, which indicates considerable interest being shown at eh present time. School exhibits representing both city and rural schools in the county are now being prepared by the county superintendent of schools for exhibit at both the county fair and at the state fair. These exhibits should prove of educational value to all who visit the fair this year.

City Council Actions Confirmed the appointment of Kenneth L. Arthur as second ward alderman. Took act to convert an alley in Kraft's addition into a street, which will be known as "Lake" street. A gift of a

strip of land 10 feet wide from R. F. Voyles will make possible conversion of the alley in block L. of the Kraft's addition into the new "Lake" street. Authorized purchases of a new fire siren to be mounted on a steel tower. Ordered grading and drainage work on Perkins street in the Zukemont addition

Flight "Round the World, Reunion with Soldier Son Thrill Mrs. Dan McCutcheon A dream she cherished for many years is being realized by Mrs. Dan McCitchen, language teacher in the Belle Fourche schools. That dream was to fly around the world and the widow of Prominent local attorney is presently enroute or newly-arrived in London, England. Behind her are sight-seeing stops in Honolulu, Wake Island, Japan, China, Formosa, Jerusalem, Greece and Spain and an unforgettable one-hour reunion with her son who is serving with the American army in Japan. Delayed by the arrival of house guests until after the Black Hills Round-Up in July, she left last month for San Francisco without knowing whether the contemplated world flight would be possible. A brief insight at her elation over the travels that have followed may be gained from some excerpts from her letters to Mrs. C. A. Bolles here. "July 23 I had a happy, thrilling treat yesterday – one hour with Rhodes. We had to do some flying to get together. Of course he is eager to get home, as are all the soldiers. Later I visited an army hospital in Tokyo and passed out two boxes of candy to the wounded." Continued July 29th "it appeared that our trip was to be canceled but as I had taken all my shots, small pox, typhus, cholera and yellow fever in April and May had my passport and military permit to enter Japan I decided to fly to San Francisco to see if I could get reservations to fly to the Orient. I could, but had to spend all three days getting visas and chasing around to various consulates...Rhoades said we could not meet because for the war, but glory be, I worked it so we did have one precious hour together, thanks to a good Colonel in Teyha who helped. I do so long to hear from you before I fly the Atlantic back to USA to complete my flight around the world. I wish I had more time and money, but this has been a great experience and very much worth while." At the bottom, Mrs. McCutchen wrote, "It cost me 165,000 drachmas to do this half-day, three hour trip or \$11 in U.S. money."



by Mary Buchholz

50 years ago Belle Fourche Bee August 5, 1976

It Could Have Been 1876 1876 or 1976 If you didn't look closely it might be difficult to determine which year this picture was taken. A column of covered wagons winds slowly up a slope, the horses knee deep in lush grass while a band of outriders work their way up the side of the hill. It was 1976 and it was Tuesday, Aug. 3 just a few miles north of Belle Fourche along highway 85. The column was working its way south from Camp Crook toward Deadwood and the Days of '76. The caravan formed at the Leroy Olson and Larry Kessler places near Cam Crook and picked up participants along the way. One of the larger wagons had to be abandoned on the slope at the rear of this picture. Caravan stayed near the Grover place on the north edge of town Tuesday night, went on to Spearfish yesterday. After an overnight stay at Spearfish, they were due to move on to Deadwood. It's all part of a Bicentennial Days of '76 thing. BLM Revises Stock Grazing Regulations The Department of the Interior has proposed revised regulations for the management of livestock grazing on lands administrated by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). If adopted, this would be the first significant change in the Federal Range Code in nearly 40 years. Recent laws, such as the National Environmental Protection Act, the Free Roaming Wild Horse and Burro Act, and the Endangered Species Act, require modern grazing practices to effect multiple use management of the public lands, the department noted. The revised regulations would require the bureau to emphasize the consideration of environmental values and other resource uses in the allocation of grazing and in the development, construction, and maintenance of range improvement. These include wildlife habitat, wild horses and burros, recreation, watershed and cultural values. The department pointed out that few changes have been made to the regulation adopted shortly after the passage of the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934. The chief objectives of those regulations to allocate livestock forage and designated grazing areas.



Wagon Train from Camp Crook area to Days of '76 for Bicentennial in July 1976 led by Larry Kesselar and Leory Olson.

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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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Jo Tooke, Ekalaka MT	22	Blk/Bwf-Yrimg Str	1067	311.00	\$3,317.09
14	Black-Yrimg Hfr Spay		1064	285.00	\$3,033.21

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James Hall, Gillette WY	1	Black-Cow	1890	179.00	\$3,383.10
1	Black-Cow		1030	227.50	\$2,343.25
1	Black-Cow		1300	180.00	\$2,340.00
Pickrel Land & Cattle Gillette WY	25	Red-Cow	1583	184.00	\$2,913.45
John Dunbar, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1440	185.00	\$2,664.00
1	Bwf-Cow		1625	184.00	\$2,990.00
David Koupal, Edgemont SD	1	Black-Cow	1465	183.00	\$2,680.95
Peter Sobotka, Whitecloud SD	1	Black-Cow	1355	184.00	\$2,493.20
David Garman, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1375	184.00	\$2,530.00
1	Black-Cow		1665	183.00	\$3,046.95
1	Black-Cow		1685	182.00	\$3,066.70
1	Black-Cow		1670	179.50	\$2,997.65
1	Black-Cow		1755	180.50	\$3,167.77
1	Black-Cow		1750	177.50	\$3,106.25
Jason Garman, Alzada MT	2	Black-Cow	1545	179.50	\$2,773.27
Garman Brothers Llp, Alzada MT	1	Black-Cow	1670	182.00	\$3,039.40
1	Black-Cow		1160	179.00	\$2,076.40
3	Black-Cow		1703	179.50	\$3,057.48
Darrell Hohn, Deadwood SD	1	Black-Cow	1800	178.00	\$3,204.00
Steve Mills, Boyes MT	1	Black-Cow	1520	184.00	\$2,796.80
1	Black-Cow		1555	181.00	\$2,814.55
Justin Edwards Livi, Gillette W	1	Black-Cow	1335	187.00	\$2,496.45
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1	Black-Cow		1345	184.00	\$2,474.80
1	Black-Cow		1295	185.00	\$2,395.75
Jeff Plucker, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1785	177.00	\$3,159.45
Ballou Angus Ranch, Hulet WY	1	Black-Cow	1460	187.00	\$2,730.20
Ralph Merchen, Custer SD	1	Black-Cow	1615	181.00	\$2,923.15

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Owen Rumph, Biddle MT	1	Black-Bull	2045	228.00	\$4,662.60
Tyler Jewett, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Bull Df	2100	219.00	\$4,599.00
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Personality Profiles; State Street Business & History; BF School & CTE Tour

October 21, 2026

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Belle Fourche Regional Industry – Yesterday and Today; Land & Ag Management; AG Business Tours

November 18, 2026

8:30 am-4:30 pm

City Operations & Tours

December 16, 2026

8:30 am-4:30 pm

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January 20, 2027

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Economic & Community Development - Local, State & Federal Level; Entrepreneurship - What it Takes; Transportation

February 17, 2027

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Bring Your "A" Game; Industry Tour; Workforce Development

March 17, 2027

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NeighborWorks Dakota Homes Resources & Community Housing in Belle Fourche, Healthcare; Schools; Community Industry Tours

April 21, 2027

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

APPLICANT

Silver Spur Ranch LLC
Steve Jung
10078 Wagon Wheel Trail
Belle Fourche, SD 57717

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Tract 2A-1 of Tract 2,
of the SUBD of Sec 18, T8N,
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TYPE OF LICENSE

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.
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today. Then tell one neighbor why you did it. Community belief spreads the same way commerce does, one transaction and one conversation at a time. Do this as if your communities life depended on it, because it does!

By John Newby

“Building Main Street, not Wall Street”

“Communities, Not Companies, Decide Which Dreams Survive”

I still think about a sign I noticed in a small retail shop while traveling. It read, “When you support a local small business, you’re supporting a local dream.” Pair that with something the late football coach Lou Holtz once said. “Ability is what you’re capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.” Put those two ideas side by side and you get the real formula for whether a Main Street business survives or closes its doors for good.

The numbers behind that formula are bigger than most people realize. Small businesses now number more than 36 million across the country, and they employ over 62 million people, nearly 46 percent of the entire American workforce. In rural counties, the share is even higher. Small firms make up more than 95 percent of all business establishments outside our metro areas. That is not a supporting cast. That is the leading actor and the whole production.

And people are showing up for it. Heading into the 2025 holiday season, 86 percent of American households said they planned to shop small, a jump of more than 10 percent from prior years, with Gen Z and Millennial shoppers leading the way at nearly 89 percent. According to SCORE, 67 cents of every dollar spent at a small business stays right there in the community, 44 cents to the business itself



and another 23 cents circulating through other local businesses it buys from. That is not charity. That is an investment loop, and it is one of the few investment loops left that pays the whole community back.

Here is what has not changed since I first wrote about that sign. Capability and motivation only get a business halfway there. The rest depends on whether if the community actually believes the business deserves to win. I still meet towns bursting with confidence, where leaders and residents alike expect success and treat every setback as a problem to solve rather than a wall to give up in front of. I still meet other towns that view every obstacle as permanent wall, and it shows up in empty storefronts and shrugged shoulders. The difference is never talent. It is belief, carried all the way from the mayor’s office to the coffee shop counter.

A college professor once asked our class what separates creative people from everyone else. After a room full of guesses, he gave his answer. Creative people believe they are creative. Everyone else does not, so they never try. I think about that every time I walk a thriving downtown next to a struggling one. The buildings are not that different. What is different is whether the people inside them, and the neighbors walking past, believe something

good is still possible there.

Lou Holtz understood that the whole team always outperforms the sum of its parts. Main Street works the same way. One passionate shop owner cannot rebuild a downtown alone. It takes second line leaders, the chamber board members, the civic club presidents, the teachers who mention local shops to their students, all catching the same vision and pushing it forward. When an entire community catches that vision together, dreams that looked impossible start showing up in storefront windows.

But belief must be matched by execution, and execution today means meeting customers on their own terms. Shoppers now move fluidly between browsing online at night and buying in person the next afternoon, and they expect the businesses they support to show up in both places. A shop that treats its website, its social media, and its front door as three separate afterthoughts is quietly making the same mistake that once showed up as early closing times. The lesson has not changed, only the hours have moved. Meeting the customer halfway now means being visible and reachable whenever they are ready to buy, not just when it is convenient for the register. While the numbers vary by communities, over 60% of all retail transactions take place after 5:00PM – when does your business close?

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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.

Again this week, Capitol and Tie Creek have been extremely hot. Fires developed around the area, and the firefighters were very busy. The good thing is that some people got two good rains during this week. On Friday, some got an inch of rain, and everyone breathed a sigh of relief. The weekends seem to be the hottest, and it looks like the Ekalaka fair will be during another hot weekend. We can hope the weatherman is completely wrong.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell went to Belle Fourche, on Thursday, for Alvin's chiropractor appointment. They stayed overnight, and then went with Wade, Ashley and Cade Pearson to Madison, South Dakota for the South Dakota State Legion Baseball Tournament. Belle Fourche's



baseball team had earned a trip to the state tournament, and grandson, Gavin, would be playing. Jay Cordell had come out to the ranch to do chores while everyone was gone, and he stayed until Monday. The state tournament was a double-elimination tournament and Belle Fourche lost their first game. The next day, the game was really exciting, and Belle Fourche made a come-back with two men on base. They were within two runs and the score was 12 to 10. A really good hit was in the air, but a lucky outfield catch ended the game. They could be proud of that hard-fought game, even without the win, and they gave the fans an exciting game to watch. When Alvin and Marlee got home they discovered there had been a good rain while they were gone.

Pete Anderson attended church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook, and

stayed afterward for the coffee, snacks and visiting.

Keaton and Kellan Davis came out to stay a few days with Doug and Julia Davis. On Monday, they helped Grandpa get ready for docking. The boys have grown up fast, and are a great help. On Tuesday, a good crew came to help with docking, and finished the job that day. Then on Wednesday, the boys helped finish up branding the last twenty calves. Julia had a dentist appointment in town on Wednesday, so she took the boys home. On the next day, Doug took Julia to Rapid City to Pain Management, where Julia was given shots to manage her pain. She is glad they are really working. During the hot weekend, they worked on machinery. They had gotten two-tenths of an inch of rain on Wednesday.

Lorraine Chin is visiting from Texas, and attended

church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook on Sunday.

Karen Odell got some rocks and branches hauled, this week. The heat limited the mowing time to early mornings. Karen visited with her cousin, Ralph Anderson, in Ohio, and was glad that he was doing well. Her high-school friend, Bill Foulkes, had had the lettuce flu, and he did not want to ever have that again. Some packaged lettuce had some kind of bug included, and Ohio was one of the states effected by the tainted lettuce. Karen made a trip to Buffalo on Thursday morning, and in the afternoon there was a great shower that cleaned the air and greened things up again. Micki's family on the west coast was watching various native tribes from coastal reservations in their annual canoe trips up Puget Sound. Jeff and Amanda were driving a vintage Massey Ferguson in a ride to raise money for

vision research in Iowa. Mollie took Kyia and two friends to see the play 'Wicked' in Minnesota. Karen went to church and played piano at the Camp Crook Methodist Church on Sunday, and hurried home, because it soon reached 100 degrees again.

Please keep the Rodney Walker family in your prayers.

Woe to the nation whose children can no longer wonder, for to that nation there is no future.



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.

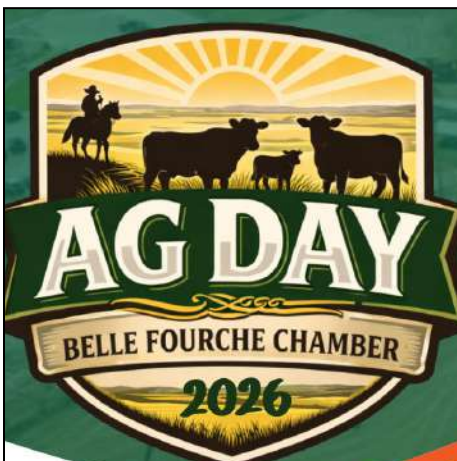
"Do you want to play my piano? I'm getting pretty good at it. I practice a lot!" she chuckled. Julia fitted a brown paper roll in the holder, then sat next to me on the bench. Until I got old enough to reach the pedals, my aunt's feet would pump away. The keys on that player piano dipped and rose all 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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Roots #70

“Mick Harrison: Belle Fourche Prairie Painter”

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Mick Harrison is a Belle Fourche painter who is quite acclaimed in the professional

art world.

This summer he received some notoriety closer to home. The July August issue of South Dakota Magazine features the work of several regional artists who were asked to submit paintings of what South Dakota may have looked like 250 years ago.

Mick submitted a painting of a grizzly bear flushing a grouse. “There Were Grizzlies” is an oil on linen, 16” x 20”. “It took about two weeks to finish the painting, drying time included.” Mick told me.

The painting is another fine example of what I love about Mick’s work, vibrant colors, prairie landscapes, magnificent skies and settings that provoke a desire to crawl into the painting and stay for a while. (Perhaps without the Grizzly)

Mick explained how the South Dakota Magazine project came about. “They gave us a list of possible subject matter but gave us free reign on our own ideas.” He said.

“I originally picked a grizzly running from fire, but another artist had already picked that. I decided to use a background I had painted before of an area near where I grew up. No photos were used other than the background which

was from a photo I took years ago. Even then, I used my ‘artist’s license’ in painting it.”

As I explained, Mick Harrison is a nationally recognized American artist who happens to live in Belle Fourche and a native South Dakotan.

He grew up in Mobridge in the 50s and 60s with a gift for drawing and an eye for cool cars, so he wanted to be a car designer. Unfortunately, Mobridge High School did not offer art classes.

However, Mick’s innate talent, eye for color, style and form earned his acceptance at the prestigious Los Angeles School of Art and Design, to pursue his dream. But the school was expensive. Mick opted for The School of Mines instead, but engineering school was not a good fit either, so he joined the U.S. Army.

Following a three-year tour of duty in the service Mick landed a job in in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as a staff artist for Rockwell International. With no formal art training, Mick apparently fell into the job. The work paid well. Life was secure and good, but Mick had made up his mind to be a fine artist. He resigned from the job and moved with his family back to Mobridge.

That was in 1974, nearly 50 years ago. Mick recalled how he and his wife Noreen celebrated with a dance when True West Magazine bought his first work. They have never looked back.

These days what Mick likes to do best is paint. His studio looks out over the bluffs east of Belle Fourche.

The scenery reminds him of the prairie near Mobridge and the land west of the river where he spent summers at his grandparents’ ranch.

Mick describes himself as a prairie painter. Primarily Mick paints in oil on large canvases. He is prolific painter with an impressive portfolio.

In Mick’s work, colors are magnificent, skies are vast, even grass and the occasional tree take on meaning. People populate the landscapes. Often a lone cowboy engaged in pensive reflection sits high on a handsome horse while a dog or two stands ready for action. There are cows too.

Many of his paintings depict Native Americans. There are also paintings of pioneer settlers and farmers. These are the salt of the earth people whom Mick admires in real life.

Mick recognizes that artists sometimes idealize the culture or lifestyles of their subjects. He explained that all art is essentially an artist’s perception. Mick admits that he may be guilty of some idealization in his work, although he has a deep and abiding respect for the various people who have served as stewards of the land.

Mick conveys a mastery of form and figure. His use of color to create atmosphere is especially skillful. Mick understands color. “Less is more.” he said referring to

the palette he uses for each painting.

Although the collective range of colors offers all the colors one might see in nature throughout the seasons or times of day on the prairie, Mick keeps the palette for each painting simple bringing a sense of unity to the work. “I use lots of white to bring out the light.” There is always a recognizable atmospheric quality to Mick’s paintings. Mick’s night paintings are distinctive and blue.

Mick often uses photographs or composites of several photographs to create a scene. Before he starts work on a large canvas, Mick will do a sketch or a pen or pencil and ink drawing to see where the light and dark values belong and to see how the larger work will be laid out.

Mick is well established as a recognized western artist who has worked with notable galleries throughout the country.

In marketing their work artists must keep up with technology. At one time Mick did very well with prints. However, there were challenges. Mick recalls experimenting with printers in the early days, and sending one off to the dump when it became obsolete. When the tractor at the dump rolled over the printer and crushed it, Mick felt free. These days, Mick mostly sells original

paintings.

He credits those who can run a gallery business and sell the art. Marketing artwork is a separate talent.

Mick admires the work of the artists from the era of magazine illustrators. Harvey Dunn, Norman Rockwell, N.C Wyeth, and Frederick Remington are inspirational. “There is always more to learn.” Mick noted as he reflected on these inspiring painters.

Still, Mick has remained true to his style. An artist must be him or herself. It’s good to admire other artists, but one thing Mick has noticed is that some artists start to look like others. “It’s better to remain true to yourself.” He commented.

Although Mick admits that his work is based on his own perceptions, he likes to think that the landscape lines, colors, people and animals in his work are perceptions of what is beautiful, good and lasting and valuable in western culture.

In terms of artistic independence, Mick Harrison and his wife Noreen have lived a rich life. Noreen is a writer who has self-published several novels. They have two grown daughters and grandchildren who are very much at home with their grandparents. Mick is grateful that he never became a car designer.



South Dakota Magazine Lead Page: Imagining this land in 1776



Photo credits: Mick Harrison



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 June meeting schedule: The next editing meeting is **Tuesday, September 8** (the day after Labor Day Monday) from 2-4 PM. The regular August meeting is **Saturday, August 15** from 10 AM to Noon. All writers are invited to attend! Meetings are held at the Belle Fourche Public Library.

Belle Fourche Recreation Center

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

Classes

Summer Recreation Activities Schedule Calendar - See adjacent posters details!

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

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

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

Tri-State Museum

August Family Fun Day at the Tri-State will be “Creamy, Delicious Ice Cream”

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will hold a family fun day on Sunday, August 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. entitled “Creamy, Delicious Ice Cream.”

The event will consist of a short video on the history of ice cream from ancient treats to modern desserts, and then a presentation by Crazy Cow Ice Cream, about the business of making ice cream and running an ice cream shop. They will also provide some ice cream.



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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!
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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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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
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August 6 - Burger Night 5:30PM - Moose lodge, LAST Hometown Thursday 6PM - Tri State Museum

August 7 - Caramel Rolls & Coffee 7:30AM - Belle Silver Lining

August 9 - Habeck Hooligan's Poker Run 9AM, Heroes Honor Ride 10AM Tri State Museum

August 10 - Trap Night 6PM - Trap Grounds

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18th Annual Brisket Feed Draws Strong Community Support



There was a full house at this year’s Nisland-Arpan Volunteer Fire and Rescue Brisket Feed. Longbrake photo

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NISLAND—For the past 18 years, the community has turned out to support the Nisland-Arpan Volunteer Fire and Rescue during their annual Brisket Feed Fundraiser at the Nisland Fire Hall on August 1.

This year was no different; the Fire Hall was packed with hungry visitors lining up to eat brisket or pulled pork sandwiches along with baked beans, coleslaw, chips, dessert and a variety of cold drinks. Individual cups of ice cream were also offered to everyone.

The volunteers started serving food at 10 a.m. and stayed busy until the scheduled ending time of 2 p.m.

The brisket feed is the Fire Hall’s main fundraiser for the year, and as always, the money raised each year has a purpose. “This year we’re trying to update some trucks,” shared Stan Lewis, Fire Chief.

The Fire & Rescue crew couldn’t have a successful fundraiser without the community getting behind them. “I don’t even know how to...I mean, words don’t express how grateful we are for how well we are supported, it’s

amazing,” shared Lewis. “I mean, for what we do—and it is a big call to service when we get years like this because we’re out on average about every day—a lot of fires happening this week, we have been super busy, and as a result, we’ve been probably supported more than normal because they know we’re out all the time.”

Along with the Brisket Feed, the 19th Annual Nisland-Arpan Volunteer Fire & Rescue Auxiliary Pie Sale offered another way for the community to support the fire department. Whole pies were

available for \$20 each, while mini pies were available for \$5. All proceeds from the pie sales went to Nisland-Arpan Fire & Rescue.

In addition to the tasty meal available for a free-will donation, the event included tables full of silent auction items lining the side walls of the Fire Hall. Sheets of paper were placed with each item to allow attendees to place running bids throughout the event. Businesses from all over the area donated items to be auctioned off to support the Nisland-Arpan Volunteer Fire and Rescue fundraising

endeavor.

A live band entertained the crowd. The band isn’t your traditional band that plays together every weekend, no, they are all just volunteers from the Fire Department that play together at the Brisket Feed. They were a very talented bunch and they kept the crowd entertained. “So they’re mostly fire guys, and they just come play together here and they look forward to it,” explained Lewis.

Photos D4

Newell Playday Participants Recognized at Awards Ceremony

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NEWELL—Monday nights at the Newell Arena were filled with competition, encouragement and plenty of excitement throughout the summer as riders of all skill levels gathered for the 2026 Newell Family Summer Playday Series. After six scheduled Playdays, the final event was held July 20, bringing another successful summer series to an end.

The first four Playdays, held on June 15, June 22, June 29 and July 6, all came and went without much weather excitement. However, the July 13 Playday took place in the middle of a red flag warning for high temperatures, and after some discussion it was decided to cancel the evening’s events for the safety of all those involved, including the animals. The Playday was not rescheduled to a later date.

Monday, July 27, was the Potluck and Awards Ceremony to honor all those who competed throughout the summer series. To be eligible for year-end awards, participants had to compete in four of the five Playdays and pay for a membership to the organization.

The Newell Christian Fellowship Church became the venue to house the celebration. A taco bar supper was provided, with the Newell Community Club and the Playday Committee providing the taco meat and taco toppings. All families were asked to bring a side dish to share. And with that, the Summer Series is over until next year.

Results D4



Playday participants in the 15- to 18-year-old division. Courtney photo



The little cowboys and cowgirls in the 0- to 6-year-old age division. Courtesy photo



Grand River Roundup



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We went to Bowman last Monday to get tires from North West Tires for Reub’s side-by-side that he does his spraying with. North West Tire has moved down along the highway east of Bowman so it’s easy to find.

I watered my gardens Tuesday morning before we went up to Ralph to vote for the South Dakota governor. I wouldn’t have had to water the gardens if I knew that it was going to rain that afternoon that left .64 in the rain gauge and a lot of water puddles in the road across the creek.

Reub and I went to Hettinger on Wednesday to get stuff from Runnings and White Drug where Reub always get his squeeze from his cousin Roxie Finck. We stopped in Reeder on the way home to have coffee

and visit with the Prairie Pioneers. It started raining really hard while we were having coffee so I ran out to the pickup to roll the window up, but I was too late. The inside of the pickup was soaking wet, including the driver’s seat where I always sit so I was soaking wet from my hair on down to my feet and I got pretty chilly driving home even though it was 99 degrees that day! We didn’t get any rain here, so I had to hang my wet clothes out to dry and get ready to water my gardens next morning.

I watered all my gardens and the flowerbeds on Thursday when it was hot and dry with the temperature at 92 degrees, which is much better than over 100 degrees. It rained really hard late that afternoon with a lot of thunder and lightning that didn’t start any fires with all that water on the ground. After the storm quit, I went out

to check the rain gauge and dumped almost an inch and a half of much needed moisture out of the gauge! That lightning in the storm shut the electricity off all over this area for quite a while, but our generator put the lights back on for us and kept them on for a long time. We’re sure glad we have that generator!

There are more deaths to report: April Lynn Brooks, 68, passed away peacefully at home on July 28, surrounded by her husband and three daughters after a private battle with metastatic breast cancer. She married Steve Brooks on June 19, 1982. They made their home on the Brooks family ranch north of Bowman, North Dakota, where they raised their three daughters: Calli, Cassi, and Skeeter. In accordance with her wishes, no funeral or public memorial will be held. Her family will honor her life by spreading her ashes at Bayhorse Lake in Idaho, a place that was always close to her heart.

June Shinabarger, 69, of Bison, passed away on Thursday, July 30, at West River Health Services in Hettinger. June’s funeral will be held on Saturday, August 8, at Grace Bible Fellowship Church in Bison with burial at the Bison Cemetery.

Jace Jenson brought his little

boys Keen and Kage down to play with Amanda and Taz’s kids Friday morning and they all had a lot of fun playing in the swimming pool in the hot weather. Reub and I went down to the Perkins County Fair Friday evening to hear Tracy Buer sing and give his testimony in front of the grandstands at the rodeo arena and we joined lots of friends who also came to listen to him. We went into the Bentley building to look at all the beautiful quilts that so many talented quilters from around this neighborhood had made and put on display.

Jace Jenson came down to the ranch to take Keen and Kage back home the Saturday morning. Casey, Taz and Seth Shorb went to the rodeo in Hettinger that morning and then Taz and Seth went up to check stuff

at the Horse Creek pasture. It was 99 degrees on Saturday and the little people sure had fun in their swimming pool that afternoon.

Reub caught a third racoon in three days in his live trap early Sunday morning, but there are at least two or three more to catch out there. One of the garage doors below the house is crumbled up enough so the coons have been getting in the garage to eat the cat food and tear things up in there so we

hope to get them all before they start getting in to the chicken coop. Reub and I went down to Bison for Cowboy Church Sunday morning to hear Tracy Buer play some beautiful music and listen to Luke Rech give a wonderful Christian message to the large crowd in attendance. We had a delicious breakfast before the church service while they were sitting up the chairs for the service as we were eating inside the building. Before the rodeo we got lunch at the stand they have set up beside the rodeo arena and then we stayed to watch the rodeo. It was pretty hot outside, but we got to sit in the shade in the grandstands to watch a lot of people we know in the rodeo. Everything was fun to watch but the calf scrambles for the little kids was the most fun, especially when several of our great grandkids were in a couple of the scrambles. We didn’t stay for all the rodeo because it was just too hot for us old folks. It was a good thing we brought a lot of water along because while we were getting over being thirsty on the way home, the temperature on the way home in the pickup was 100 degrees!

Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

July 27, 1916

Of interest to our local travelers, an official of the Eastern Forwarding Company today said the Deutschland will sail, “just as soon as he can get ready, which will not be much longer.”

George Heitbrink of Newell was injured while attempting to board a fast-moving train at Whitewood yesterday. He slipped and fell but was hit by one of the oil boxes on the sides of the wheels and this kept him from going under the wheel. His injuries were not serious, but he suffered a bad nervous mental shock. From what we can learn of Mr. Heitbrink he was taken to Sturgis and placed under the care of physicians and while his injuries are not serious, they are very painful and it will be some time before he will be able to resume his usual actives and return to his home here.

G. R. Melone, Past Master of the State Grange and prominent speaker for the anti-saloon league was a visitor in this section for several days. He gave a talk here on Friday evening and one in Vale the same afternoon. Mrs. Laura LaManes, National Organizer for the W C T U, organized a union in Newell in the Congregational Church. A large number of ladies were present sent, and the following were elected officers; President Mrs. Jessie Partridge, Secretary Mrs. Eliza Kenaston and Treasurer Mrs. Hattie Willkinson. Th next meeting of the organization will also be at the Congregational Church on August 8 at 2:00 PM.

July 29, 1926

What appeared to be an aeroplane over the town of

Govert on Tuesday evening proved to be Govert Van derBoom’s garage. It went up gently but came down with a rush. They had a squall that did considerable damage in its short life, while the rain fell in a mad rush. Yep, it was lively.

Willis Mace on the South Moreau River was arrested Thursday by State Deputy Arthur LeFores on the charge of having in possession of liquor making equipment. Two complete stills were found on Mace’s place, 6 barrels of mash and a big stock of jugs, bottles and other supplies. At the hearing before Justice Richards in Belle Fourche, the defendant was bound over to Circuit Court and Bonds placed at \$1,000.

C. H. Pickarts, local manager for Squire Dingee Company, states that the pickle salting station at Nisland is the largest station of that kind in the US, there are 60 tanks there and several more to be set up if they are needed. The gathering of cucumbers started last week and continues until frost. Prospects throughout the Valley are for a record yield, as the crop is setting on early. Power grading machines have been placed in both Nisland and Belle Fourche and a mechanically accurate sorting will result.

July 30, 1936

Harold L. Widdoss had leased the 2-story house residence of Mrs. Hattie Wilkinson, on 3rd St and will use the first floor for his own living quarters. The new location offers much more room and convenience for the conduct of his business. Mr. Widdoss says he plans to renovate and refurnish the place to enable him to furnish an up-to-date funeral service.

by Linda Velder

Dr. Foster of Belle Fourche pilled lambs the first of the week for Bill Harvey, Eide Bros, Joe Nelson and Elmer Eichler at the Nelson place.

A crew of 3 camera men from Metro-Golden & Mayer Studios a Culver City, Calif. are expected to arrive in Rapid City to spend several weeks taking technicolor motion pictures of the Black Hills areas. The 3 men with over a ton of equipment, are expected to come from Denver, after taking similar pictures in Estes Park. With headquarters in Rapid City, the camera men will visit all parts of the Black Hills and Bad Lands, in search of colorful scenes. The film will be part of a general American travel film to be shown in approximately 15,000 theaters next year.

July 25, 1946

Richard Scarbrough, former REA lineman, was named City Marshall at a meeting of the Newell City Commission and assumed his duties Monday, replacing A. T. Lyons who resigned from that position. In addition to his charge of enforcing city traffic & peace Ordinances, Scarbrough will also be employed in the Water Department, working with George Maass. During the war, he was in charge of the Army-leased bombing range east of Newell. Lyons, former Hoover rancher, has served as Deputy Sheriff and Marshall here since 1941.

Committees named to start the ball rolling for the big Labor Day Celebration and festival to be held in Newell September 2nd will report at a special Jaycee meeting to be held this Friday evening at the City Hall. Preliminary reports indicate that a full day program of activities will be



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staged and all Jaycee members are urged to attend this meeting to complete plans for the day and evening.

Miss Lavina C. Wilson, Chief Yeoman, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John P. Wilson of southeast of Newell was discharged recently at the Naval Personnel Unit, Balboa Park, California.

August 2, 1956

The S D Livestock Sanitary Board issued a regulation making it necessary for sheep being moved from eastern South Dakota across the Missouri River to the west be dipped for sheep scab. Dr. Rea, State Veterinarian explained, “Sheep scab has not existed in western South Dakota for several years, but because of the presence of the disease east river, all sheep exported to other states have felt the stigma of the sheep scab babble. To be scab free, by requiring the dipping of all sheep coming into our area from known infested area.” Other states accept sheep 6 months after the last known outbreak.

The Newell Jr. (14–16-year-old) softball team gained their first shut-out victory of the season, Thursday with Harlan Robbins hurling a no-hitter against Nisland in Northern Hills Jr. League play. Robbins struck out 11 and walked 6 for Newell. Richard Loewel hit 2 doubles for Newell with Lynn Kuchera and Ronnie Glover adding one each. Next games in the League will be Friday night at Belle Fourche, with Nisland playing Lead and with Newell meeting Belle.

South Dakota’s first uranium royalty check, \$87.15, was received last week by Bernard Linn, Commissioner of School & Public Lands. The check

was paid by Michael C. Kennedy on a mine 2 miles south and 6 miles east of Edgemont. Linn said royalty is 10% of the base price which includes a bonus for high grade ore, but excludes all government payments for re-development, instead of production and hauling.

August 11, 1966

Mickey and Jerry McDermott, sons of Mr. & Mrs. Tom McDermott of Newell, won medals in the South Dakota Jr. Golf Tournament held Thursday at Arrowhead County Club in Rapid City. Jerry won championship for boys 10-11, firing a 48 score. Mickey gained 2nd place with an 84 score. The Newell girls also made a good showing in the event, Cindy Wahlfeldt placed 5th and Joyce Dawson was 9th in girls 15-16. A total of 82 from all parts of the state competed in the 6-division event.

Mrs. Duane Friez, Committee Service Chairman of the Newell Jayceettes recently presented Bob Peterson, Newell Summer Recreation Program Director, a check for \$45 to help further such programs. The funds, donated by the Jayceettes, were earmarked for PeeWee Softball League, trophies and to help pay for insurance costs for program participants.

Tri-county Lockers now has a new service; they have a built a butcher wagon and will drive to your place to handle all your butchering requirements from the time you pick out or point out the animal. Just call 456-2230 for additional information. They always offer great prices all week.



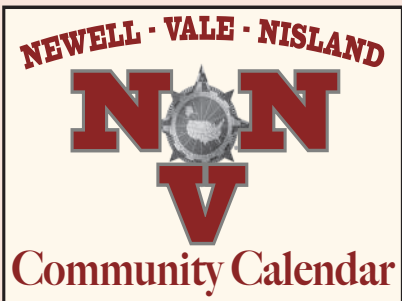
(L) 1916, Passenger train from Newell to Deadwood via Whitewood. (R) 1956,Dipping sheep for scab, the animal was totally immersed. Museum photos



Here’s What’s Happening in Newell!

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