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Cars and Coffee Rolls Into Belle Fourche

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Pioneer Bank & Trust parking lot transformed into what seemed like a fancy car showroom on August 22 car enthusiasts from around the area gathered in Belle Fourche for Cars and Coffee of the Black Hills. Old and new cars alike spilled out into the side roads, giving the public plenty to check out while sipping their coffee.

The Pioneer Bank & Trust partnered up with the Center of the Nation Business Association (CONBA) and Wild Magnolia to bring the event to town. This event is a little different than the typical monthly Car and Coffee shows held around the Black Hills all summer long. “The Belle Fourche event is special because Pioneer Bank & Trust and CONBA, the Center of the Nation Business Association, both work with us. They have the donuts and the door prizes and all that,” explained Jeremiah Lewis with Cars and Coffee. “This one is extra cool because it’s like an event for the whole town that people come to. Other places we’ve got the whatever coffee shop or coffee truck we go to, but this one is a big one just because everybody working together—it’s always a good event.”

The Pioneer Bank & Trust employees were on hand help-



Cars and Coffee of the Black Hills at Pioneer Bank & Trust. Longbrake photo

ing out with the event. They had a table set up filled with door prizes. They also handed out fresh donuts and hot coffee all morning.

Wild Magnolia Coffee Bar was this month’s highlighted coffee business, and coffee vouchers were handed out during the Car Show. “This event, specifically because

of Pioneer Bank & Trust and CONBA, is a big deal. We do very little with this event, so it’s one of our favorite events because it’s very low stress for us—they do so much of the heavy lifting,” shared Lewis.

There is no preregistration for the Car and Coffee shows. No entry fees and no judging. It is a laid-back, fun atmosphere

created for those who just want to show off their prized possessions with others who want to do the same. “That’s one of my favorite things, you get kind of rusty piles that barely run, and you get six-figure show cars that are parked next to each other—you get the gamut—there’s something for everybody,” said Lewis. “No registration, no

judging, no anything. Basically, you can roll in if you want to stay for 10 minutes, you can roll out.”

Cars and Coffee is a nationally known movement with independent local clubs hosting informal morning meetups. Most events are once a month

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Connect and Collect Pays Off at August Mixer

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Networking with other small business owners and employees is part of the Chamber Mixer. Longbrake photo

BELLE FOURCHE—Buck N’ Broncos Car Wash opened its doors to the community on August 20 as it joined Highmark Credit Union and the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce in hosting the August Chamber Mixer.

The three businesses worked together to make the evening a memorable one for everyone who attended. Buck N’ Broncos Car Wash provided the location for the event, opening a big wash bay, filling it with tables and chairs and even setting up a bouncy house for the kids. There were coolers of cold drinks and a table with extras like watermelon. Highmark Credit Union provided the food and welcomed Rollin in the Hills food truck to the event. The food truck served up both sweet and savory egg rolls with a variety of tasty dipping sauces to enjoy.

The Car Wash just opened for business last November and is still in its first year. So far, things are going well for them. Chris Bergman, owner,

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Misty Isenberg Sings Her Way to Texas

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BELLE FOURCHE—All summer long, Belle Fourche has been home to some of the best karaoke talent in the area. One weekend each month, the Outlaw Bar and Pass the Mike Entertainment have paired up to host the official Talent Quest International Karaoke Championship qualifying rounds.

Serious competitors have been showing up each month for a chance to win an all-expense-paid trip to Fort Worth, Texas, and represent South Dakota at the 25th Annual Talent Quest International Karaoke Championship in October. The Outlaw Bar in Belle Fourche is the only place in South Dakota to compete for a chance to represent the state at the International Finals.

The final competition of the summer was held Saturday, August 22, with the semifinals held the night before on Friday,

August 21. Two winners from each of the previous competitions held throughout the summer, April 24 and 25, May 15 and 16, June 19 and 20, and July 17 and 18, were all invited back to the Outlaw Bar to take the stage and put on their best performance.

After two nights of tough competition, one singer came out on top. Misty Isenberg of Belle Fourche was crowned this year’s South Dakota representative at the Talent Quest International Karaoke Championship. “Misty just rocked the house! She sang “Ex’s & Oh’s” by Elle King and “Give Me One Reason” by Tracy Chapman—and she nailed it. She entertained the crowd, she walked around—she just knew how to work a crowd and keep them going throughout both of her songs,” explained Michael Meemken of Pass the Mike Entertainment.

Winning brings with it a lot of perks. “Misty is getting an

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Judges for the local Talent Quest International Karaoke finals at the Outlaw Bar were Camie Horgeshimer, Kat Wilt from Freeborn Entertainment and Michaela Horn, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. Longbrake photo

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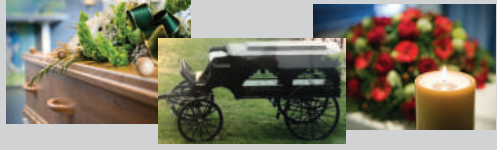
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Colby Lee Crago, 46

Colby Lee Crago was born January 30, 1980 in Mile City, Montana. He was the son of Linda (Simons) and Bruce Crago. Colby grew up near Belle Fourche, where he graduated from high school with the Class of '99. On September 22, 2002, Colby was united in marriage to Tanya Giannonatti. Together they were blessed with almost 24 years of marriage. Colby was a rancher all his life. For more than 20 years he owned and operated Crago Outfitting. For over 20 years he was also a volunteer fireman and he served most recently as Assistant Fire Chief for the Butte Volunteer Fire Department. He also volunteered for the Vale Fire Department. Colby excelled at team roping, attending many rodeos and roping events throughout his life. In 2013 he achieved one of his greatest rewards, winning a horse trailer at the Wrangler Team Roping event in Buffalo WY, when he won the Rope-Off competition. Colby also won several ranch rodeos with his teams. One of the things on Colby's "Bucket List" was shooting a Zebra in Africa, and that happened just a few weeks ago. Colby enjoyed traveling and he and Tanya enjoyed several trips throughout the world, including Africa (just last month), Dubai, and Cancun where he loved to sip on pina colodas. Attending the National Finals Rodeo was enjoyed many times as well. Family was the most important things to Colby. He loved his girls so much. As the girls got older, competing in team roping became less important to Colby, because he wanted to coach his girls, and take his girls to area rodeos to compete. He was their number



one fan for sure. Nothing could make him more proud than his daughters. Colby was a wonderful husband and father. So many memories were made with him. His smile will never be forgotten, and his loving spirit will be missed forever. Colby went home to heaven at the age of 46. He is survived by his wife, Tanya; daughters, Chloe (and Katie), Lainey (and Drew), and Brylee. He is also survived by his son, Logan (Tori) Nelson of Canton SD; mother, Linda Johnson of Belle Fourche; father, Bruce Crago of Belle Fourche; sisters, Stephanie (Robbie) Kazi of Atlanta GA, Sentel (Nathan) Schreier of Belle Fourche; brothers, Barry (Kristen) of Kaycee WY, Justin (Stephanie) of St. Onge; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Services will be held 10:30am Monday, August 31, 2026 at the Belle Fourche Community Rec Center Auditorium, with Pastor Stephen Carson officiating. Visitation will be held 4pm to 7pm Sunday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place at Rosehill Cemetery in Spearfish. Friends may leave written condolences online, and view the funeral service on Colby's obituary page located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Butte Fire Department.



Greg Boyd, 72

Greg Boyd, age 72 of Belle Fourche, died Saturday, August 22, 2026 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. An open house visitation will take place 5pm to 7pm on Friday, August 28, 2026 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Inurnment will be held at Wood Cemetery. Friends may leave condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com Greg Alan Boyd was born August 13, 1954 in Mitchell, South Dakota. He was the son of Donald and Eunice (Ladner) Boyd. Greg grew up on a family farm near Plankinton. He was united in marriage to Debbie Hausman in Hot Springs and together they enjoyed over 50 years of marriage. For several years



Greg was the Director of Buildings and Grounds for the Belle Fourche school district. He also ranched for many years. Greg is survived by his wife, Debbie; children, Robby (Carrie), Melanie (Eric) Swanson, Don (Kari), LeAnne (Matt), David (Jennifer); 9 grandchildren, Anthony, Miceala (David), Luke, Allison, Karissa, Rachel, Sierra, Levi, Jillian; brother, Charles Boyd; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by very special friends of the family, Wes (Carrie) Wood and daughter Elise; Cathie Wood, and BJ Allen and his daughter, Danika. Greg was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Gladys; and his mother, Eunice.

Pastor's Perspective

"The Saint and the Spirit"

This Perspective is adapted from Charles H. Spurgeon.

The Holy Spirit is the most active, powerful, and real Worker in the world, yet He is not discerned by the majority of mankind. We are so easily occupied with what we can see, hear, and touch that we forget the eternal realities that cannot be perceived by our senses. The things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are unseen are everlasting. The true treasure of the church is not found in its buildings, its wealth, or its reputation. Its riches are found in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. A church may gather in the humblest place, even beneath the open sky, and yet be rich indeed if the Spirit of God is there. But a church possessing wealth, learning, and respectability is poor if it has lost the presence of the living Spirit. We recognize the Spirit by His work among God's people. We see lives changed, faith strengthened, love awakened, and virtues appearing that human strength alone could never produce. Yet the Holy Spirit is not merely



something we observe in others. He must also work within us. The Spirit reveals Christ to us. He opens our eyes so that we may truly see the Savior and understand the grace offered through Him. He is also our helper in prayer, strengthening us when we cannot find the words to speak. And He is our Comforter. When cares, losses, disappointments, and brokenness weigh heavily upon the heart, the Spirit of God brings a peace that reaches deeper than human consolation. He does not merely tell us that comfort exists; He brings comfort Himself. The question, then, is not merely whether we know the name of the Holy Spirit, but whether we know His presence and His work within us. Adapted from the writings of Charles H. Spurgeon, "The Saint and the Spirit," 1867.

Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father, help us to wait patiently upon You when the road ahead seems uncertain. Renew our strength when we are weary, calm our hearts when we are troubled, and remind us that Your grace is sufficient for every day. Give us faith to trust Your timing, courage to face our difficulties, and wisdom to follow where You lead. May we walk through this week with renewed strength, steadfast hope, and grateful hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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From A1 Talent Show
all-expense-paid trip to Fort Worth, Texas, to compete in October at Talent Quest International,” explained Meemken. “It is seven nights and she gets her flight to Texas. She is going to be staying at the hotel down there where the event is held. And then she’ll also get \$500 in spending money. The package is a value of about \$2,500 with the registration fees, hotel, airfare and everything.”
Runner-up in the competition was Kendra Sinkey of Belle Fourche. “Kendra took second and she sang ‘I’ll Be’ by Edwin McCain and ‘Black Velvet’ by Alannah Myles,” shared Meemken.

The finals competition had three judges. They were Kat Wilt from Freeborn Entertainment, Michaela Horn, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and Camie Horgeshimer. They were scored in five different categories. “So they get points for how they entertain the crowd—their show, song selection, stage presentation, vocal performance, audience reaction and judges’ opinion,” said Meemken.
Watch for Misty to compete at the finals held at the Radisson Hotel Fort Worth North-Fossil Creek in Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 4-11, 2026. Approximately \$200,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded at the finals. “She’s been a musician for quite some time, as far as being in local bands and I think she could do really good down there at Talent Quest. She’ll be competing against people from across the world ... it’s like watching a Broadway performance, I mean they’re all dressed up, they’ve got the flashy outfits, and it’s really cool—I have a lot of confidence in Misty and her doing really well down there,” said Meemken.
If you enjoy singing and performing, make sure you watch for the new season of the Talent Quest Karaoke competition coming up in Belle Fourche in the spring of 2027. Everyone has a chance to win—all you have to do is sign up.





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Local Talent Quest winner Misty Isenberg and Michael Meemken of Pass the Mike Entertainment. Longbrake photo



Second-place finisher Kendra Sinkey with winner Misty Isenberg. Longbrake photo

A Day for Art Brings Creativity to Tri-State Museum

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BELLE FOURCHE—Area youth enjoyed a day dedicated to artistic education and activity on Saturday, August 22. The Tri-State Museum staff invited young folks to come participate in a fun event called A Day for Art, where they spent time learning about famous artists and trying their hand at creating their own masterpieces.
Sheila Culhane, Programs and Events Assist, taught the kids about various famous painters. One of the techniques highlighted for the day was plein air painting—painting outside of the four walls and experiencing the landscape while painting. “We are doing plein air where you paint outside. I only introduced three or four artists to them—

they’re pretty young, and so this is my youngest class, pre-K through third,” explained Culhane. “So they are pretty much learning for the first time things like how to mix colors.”
After some learning and painting pictures inside, the group moved outside to try out the plein air concept. However, it is South Dakota, and although the temperature was nice outdoors, the wind did not cooperate. About the time all of the kids got their easels set up outside, the wind started blowing them over one by one.
Rather than painting outdoors, the kids got to enjoy a little break from their artwork and indulge in a snack of animal crackers and milk while sitting outside on a bench. It was nice and warm out in the fresh air. When they

were finished, the young artists headed back inside the museum to continue their class.
A class for older kids, those in fourth grade and older, was held later the same day from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The group also got to learn about famous art and artists and then had an opportunity to explore creating their own artwork with paint.
Classes were free to those with a museum membership and only \$2 for those who did not have a membership but wanted to participate.
Up next at the Tri-State Museum on September 5 is the First Saturday Brunch. If you want to learn about “Henry Anderson: Deadwood Pioneer and Sturgis Town,” presented by Paul Higbee, make sure you call (605) 723-1200 to reserve your spot.



Sheila Culhane, Programs and Events Assist, helps a little painter clean his brush. Longbrake photo



A young painter working on his project. Below: Enjoying snacks outside. Longbrake photos



Moving the class outdoors with their easels to try out plein air painting until the wind sent them back inside. Longbrake photo





Cars & Coffee
Contd. from A1

in the same location, but Cars and Coffee of the Black Hills rotates communities and coffee shops throughout the season. The Black Hills group does it differently on purpose. “This is just kind of our own unique twist on it. Most of them are at one location every single event, either a coffee shop or some sort of car attraction,” explained Lewis. “The nice thing about the twist that we’ve put on it is we go to a different location throughout the hills. It seems like every event you go to, you get cars that only come to that event. So at the Belle Fourche event, we get peo-

ple that won’t ever go to a Rapid event or a Sturgis event, but they come to this event. So it’s kind of nice—you do get different cars.” The event had a great turnout. Side roads were blocked off, leaving plenty of room for cars to park and visitors to talk and enjoy all of the beautiful cars. “It’s different cars every single place we go and just a reason to get out, have a cup of coffee and check out people’s cars with no judging and no stress,” said Lewis. The next Cars and Coffee of the Black Hills is Saturday, September 19, at Ziggy’s Coffee in Rapid City, beginning at 9 a.m. and running through 11 a.m.



Gathering around fancy cars and visiting. Longbrake photos



Gathering around a vintage Willys Jeep.



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Pioneer Bank employees handed out free donuts and coffee along with door prizes.



A 1957 Dodge Custom Royal was on display at the car show.



Alicia and Jeremiah Lewis with Cars and Coffee of the Black Hills.



There were a lot of folks out exploring all of the cars.

From A1 Mixer

“It’s good—it’s really great. It’s all been going really smooth, we’ve gotten to know a lot of good people around Belle Fourche and we’ve had a lot of good fun up here!”

The Bergman family enjoys hosting community events. It is something they strive to do each year at all of their Car Wash facilities. “Actually, we do one—we’ve done one in every town, so we just always try to get involved in the community and it’s fun to see all the people that came out. It was a good turnout—we always try to be involved in the community,” he explained.

As an incentive to encourage Chamber members to attend the monthly Mixer, a drawing called the Connect and Collect has been held regularly for over a year without a winner.

All of the business names that are members of the Belle

Fourche Chamber of Commerce are written on slips of paper and tossed into a large plastic bin. At the end of each Mixer, a business name is drawn. The winner receives a cash prize. The catch is whoever is drawn must be present at the Mixer to win the money.

Month after month, names have been drawn and the winner hasn’t been present. The cash pot rolls over to the next month. But for the past two months, the Executive Director has added a second opportunity to win. The first drawing is for the entire amount of the pot, and if no one wins, a second drawing is held for half of the pot.

The Connect and Collect cash pot is currently \$420. “If you are new—if you are a Chamber Member, your name is in the pot for our Connect and Collect—the pot is up to \$420,” explained Michaela Horn, Director. “If somebody is not drawn in the first drawing, we’re going to

draw again for half of the pot, for \$210, and then I really want you guys to win, so we’re gonna draw again for \$50—hopefully we get a winner. All right, so for \$420—there are some of you that have been to every Mixer and I’m really pulling for you guys!”

Belle Estates was the first name drawn, and there was no one from that business at the Mixer. So a second-chance drawing for \$210 was held, and Made in the Shade was drawn. Finally, there was a representative from that business at the meeting! The lucky winner took home \$210 for simply coming to take part in the Mixer. The Connect and Collect pot will be \$210 next month!

Come out to the next Chamber Mixer for your chance to win the other half of the pot! The September Chamber Mixer will be hosted by Elizabeth Ann’s Bridal on September 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to join.

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Taking time to catch up with other Chamber members during the August Mixer. Longbrake photos



Michael Meemken gets a few tasty treats from Rollin in the Hills food truck.



Connect and Collect winner Scott Bonde with Made in the Shade, getting the cash prize from Michaela Horn, Executive Director. (Below) There was a good turnout for the August Chamber Mixer.



Michaela Horn, Executive Director, and Brianne Bonnet, Assistant Director, pick a name out of the pot for the Connect and Collect drawing.



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Jackson Dental Charity Golf Tournament Raises \$8,395 for Northern Hills CASA

Jackson Dental
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BELLE FOURCHE—Jackson Dental recently hosted its 7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Belle Fourche Country Club, bringing together local golfers, businesses, volunteers, and community members for a day of fun and fundraising in support of Northern Hills CASA.

This year's beneficiary, Northern Hills CASA, provides trained Court Appointed Special Advocates who give a voice to children involved in the court system due to abuse or neglect.

The tournament featured 17 teams and included much more than golf. Teams competed in games and challenges throughout the course, making for plenty of friendly competition and laughs while raising money for an important local cause.

Through tournament registrations, sponsorships, donations, raffles, and fundraising throughout the event, funds were raised for Northern Hills CASA. Jackson Dental matched

the funds raised, bringing the final donation to \$8,395.

"We are incredibly grateful for the businesses, golfers, and community members who supported this year's event," said Tallia Nighswonger of Jackson Dental. "It was a fun day, but what made it special was knowing everyone who participated was helping support an organization that serves children and families throughout our region."

Jackson Dental would also like to thank all of the golfers, sponsors, donors, and volunteers who contributed to the tournament, as well as the Belle Fourche Country Club and its staff for helping make the event possible.

Jackson Dental is grateful for the support that made this year's tournament such a success and for the opportunity to give back to an organization serving children and families throughout the Northern Hills.



Drs. Christopher Jackson and Jonathan Krum, along with the Jackson Dental team, present a check for \$8,395 to Northern Hills CASA following the 7th Annual Jackson Dental Charity Golf Tournament.

Society of Black Hills Pioneers Meeting Coming Up

SBHP
Special to the Beacon

The 137th Annual Meeting of the Society of Black Hills Pioneers will be held September 12, 2026 at the St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 1049 Howard Street in Sturgis, SD.

Rocky Courchaine will give the program on "Murder and Mayhem in Crook County." Rocky looked at 30 murders from 1896 to 1933 to tell the story about Crook County, Wyoming, a place to come and better your lives and become independent, a great place to settle and have a family and prosper, but it was not always a Shangri-La. Rocky has found a common thread among the murders.

Rocky is a lifelong resident of the Sundance area and is a graduate of Montana State University with a degree in oil

painting, metalsmithing and multiple studies in art history. He is director of the Crook County Museum since 2010 which is housed in the 1923 School building know as Old Stoney.

The schedule for the day is 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM--registration and social time, 11:00AM to 11:30--Meeting, 11:30AM-- lunch with program to follow. Cost is \$15 for lunch. You can attend program without having lunch.

Please call, write or email Secretary by September 4 for reservations at Chris Maupin, Box 252, Hulett, WY, 307-467-5260, 307-290-0935 or cmaupin@rtconnect.net.

The Society is open to members who are direct descendants or their spouses of people who arrived in the Black Hills by 1890. The counties included are Butte,

Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Custer and Fall River in South Dakota and Weston and Crook counties in Wyoming. Life Membership is \$152. Regular membership is \$12 with dues \$10 a year. Membership may be reinstated by paying dues of \$20. Membership application are available by contacting Chris Maupin.

The Society have a float in the Days of '76 parade and help with cemetery work within an established cemetery and other historical work. They have records of all the annual meetings dating back to the first meeting in Deadwood in 1889.

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Show Up!

by Belle LaVenue



The Getting Our Acts Together BFACT show, “Good Neighbors”, will be the next performance in the Rec Center Theater as part of the Getting Our Acts Together evening of Northern Hills One Acts. The show answers the question, What does it mean to be a good neighbor? To Evie Stewart it means checking out a strange light in the creepy, deserted Clutterfield House across the street. Reluctant husband Malcolm goes along, but not before notifying the police. Once inside, the Stewart’s come face-to-face with a myriad of characters: Madam Mystic and her ghost tour group; Baron Von Barron who claims to be the reincarnated owner of the house, Strom Clutterfield; Deke Allington who carries a secret with him; and Detective Darius whose job it is to uncover such secrets. Who should be in the Clutterfield House and what secrets are there? Maybe it’s the task of good neighbors to find out!

The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater Board is looking to fill a vacancy on their volunteer board for the position of “Member at Large”. They will hold the election at the upcoming August BOD Meeting on August 24 at 7pm at the Branding Iron. You must be a BFACT Member to vote in the election, and you can become a member at the meeting. You can nominate others or yourself. This term runs through the end of 2027. For more information on how the BOD runs, you can read the BFACT Bylaws on their website: <https://www.bellefourcheact.com/who-we-are/>

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.

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!
September 17, Thursday, 7 PM: BFACT hosts GOAT One Act Performances at the BF Rec Center Theater
September 24, Thurs, 7 PM: CON Concert Series - “Made in America”, Alliance Brass.

Football Focus



Front Row (L to R): Casey Strickland, Jacob Nash, Eli Beatson, Jace Olson, Brycen Patterson, Ben Raba, Kasen Lang, Max Coyle, Maliky Rodriquez, Coach Sweet.
Second Row (L to R): Coach Spensieri, Bryan Panameno-Hernandez, Colt Humbracht, Wallace Eddy, Reven Audiss, Andrew Coyle, Teagan Carbajal, Kolby Tibbs, Johnny Estrada, Coach Schreder, Coach Graslie.
Third Row: (L to R): Coach Sweet, Coach Clarkson, Jory Olson, Clay Mackaben, Koby Bowden, Ian Voyles, Vin Garza, Daven Kracht, Charlie Houck.

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Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City, SD.....	10	Bld	Hfr	868	321.00
Kling Ranch, Chris, Belle Fourche, SD.....	2	Bld	Str	1090	274.00
Kling Ranch, Chris, Belle Fourche, SD.....	12	Blk	Str	901	326.50
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche, SD.....	38	Blk	Hfr	963	303.00
Lindblom, David Or Starla, Rapid City, SD.....	27	Blk	Hfr	879	324.00
Marsh, Shawn, Gillette, WY.....	19	Blk	Hfr	921	311.00
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Spellman, Bobby Joe Or Rebecca Jo, Buffalo, WY.....	25	Bld	Hfr	600	362.50

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Boyster, Brandon, Hermosa, SD.....	2	B/Ch	Cow	1435	171.50
Boyster, Brandon, Hermosa, SD.....	1	Blk	Cow	1325	172.00
Boyster, Brandon, Hermosa, SD.....	1	Bld	Ovette	1045	197.50
Bulkley, Hazer & Kristen, Gillette, WY.....	1	Bld	Cow	1575	160.00
Bulkley, Hazer & Kristen, Gillette, WY.....	1	Blk	Cow	1365	169.50
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Gustafson, Heath, Sturgis, SD.....	1	Xbrd	Ovette	1020	180.00
Jaukkuri, Randy, Whitehead, SD.....	1	Xbrd	Cow	1260	170.00
Jaukkuri, Randy, Whitehead, SD.....	1	Bld	Cow	1370	172.00
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Miller, Ryle, Sturgis, SD.....	2	Blk	Cow	1332	172.00
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O Connor Crop & Cattle Co, Ekalaka, MT.....	1	Blk	Cow	1115	162.50
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O Connor Crop & Cattle Co, Ekalaka, MT.....	27	B/R	Cow	1539	170.00
O Connor Crop & Cattle Co, Ekalaka, MT.....	36	B/R	Cow	1473	172.00
O Connor Crop & Cattle Co, Ekalaka, MT.....	9	B/R	Ovette	1381	173.50
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Rockin B Lic, Newell, SD.....	21	Bld	Cow	1577	168.00
Schmitt, Amelia, Piedmont, SD.....	1	Red	Ovette	1000	207.50
Tripp, Ralph, Gillette, WY.....	7	Blk	Cow	1483	171.00
Tripp, Ralph, Gillette, WY.....	1	Blk	Ovette	1165	173.00
Tripp, Ralph, Gillette, WY.....	5	Blk	Ovette	1103	180.00
Tripp, Ralph, Gillette, WY.....	2	Blk	Ovette	982	192.00
Weber Family Ranch, Sturgis, SD.....	1	Blk	Cow	1590	159.00

WEIGH UP BULLS

Brence, Charles, Ekalaka, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	1725	205.00
Brence, Greg, Ekalaka, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	1545	182.00
Brownfield, Ralph Or Emily, Hammond, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	1555	187.50
Bulkley, Hazer & Kristen, Gillette, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1530	200.00
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Coal Creek Ranch Lic, Gillette, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1910	190.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	2030	183.00
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Crago, Chet, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1850	182.00
Crowser, Cassie, Whitehead, SD.....	1	Char	Bull	1595	181.00
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitehead, SD.....	1	Red	Bull	2045	182.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	1	Red	Bull	1265	181.00
Duprel, Jack, Sturgis, SD.....	1	Hfr	Bull	2230	191.00
Duprel, Jack, Sturgis, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	2015	192.00
Eatherton & Darin James Bowe, Chermey, Upton, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1645	190.00
Edwards, Dave E, Gillette, WY.....	2	Blk	Bull	1830	185.00
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1690	190.00
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette, WY.....	3	Blk	Bull	1303	192.00
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1340	198.00
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette, WY.....	16	Blk	Bull	1496	200.00
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Flint Revocable Lifetime Trust, Randall R, Weston, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	2170	185.00
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Ford, John W Alexander, Gillette, WY.....	2	Red	Bull	1857	201.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1820	182.00
Geier Family Trust, Osage, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1790	185.00
Gianino, Wendie, Boyes, MT.....	1	Red	Bull	1895	195.00
Hensley, Charlie, Rozet, WY.....	1	Hfr	Bull	1450	189.00
Herrington, Gary, Hermosa, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1935	197.00
Johnson, Troy, St Onge, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1385	204.00
Johnson, Troy, St Onge, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1140	219.00
Kammerer, Jake, Rapid City, SD.....	1	Hfr	Bull	1975	182.00
Karels, Adam, Sturgis, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	2215	185.00
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Keegan, Kelly, Hermosa, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1925	185.00
Ketchum, Bruce, Plevna, MT.....	1	Red	Bull	2110	197.00
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Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1150	185.00
L & L Ranch Inc, Hammond, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	1975	181.00
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O Connor Crop & Cattle Co, Ekalaka, MT.....	1	Hfr	Bull	1920	181.00
O Connor Crop & Cattle Co, Ekalaka, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	1880	191.00
Ottwell Family Living Trust, Moorcroft, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1870	201.00
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Persson, Jeremy Drew, Gillette, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1925	181.00
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Rumph, Quentin, Biddle, MT.....	2	Blk	Bull	2137	208.00
Rumph, Quentin, Biddle, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	2000	209.00
S & L Sheep Ranch Inc, Alzada, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	1690	183.00
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Schuricht, Ken, Moorcroft, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	2290	171.00
Schuricht, Ken, Moorcroft, WY.....	1	Red	Bull	1535	191.00
Shearer, Jace & Tisha, Tishomingo Ok.....	1	Blk	Bull	1335	185.00
Shepperson, Anita, Upton, WY.....	2	Blk	Bull	1710	185.00
Sigman, Roy, Vale, SD.....	2	Blk	Bull	1920	195.00
Stiefes, Darrell, Vale, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	2275	213.00
Tavegie Revoc Trust, Newcastle, WY.....	2	Blk	Bull	1877	183.00
Tenold, Peder J, Reva, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1825	181.00

Tenold, Peder J, Reva, SD.....	1	Hfr	Bull	1870	191.00
Triple S Land & Cattle, Union Center, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	2035	208.00
Verwolf, Phil, Broadus, MT.....	2	Blk	Bull	1857	191.00
Verwolf, Phil, Broadus, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	1575	194.00
Vore, Tom & Susan, Newcastle, WY.....	2	Blk	Bull	1802	196.00
Whitney, Jason, Newcastle, WY.....	1	Bld	Bull	1185	204.00

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9:00 AM – WEIGH UPS

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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

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WEEK IN THE ROCKIES SALE RESULTS

Consignor.....	HD #.....	Sex.....	Weight.....	Price.....	Vac Prog.....	Delivery Date.....
Swatek Farms.....	176	Feeder Strs	975	\$320.00		08-31-09-03
Swatek Farms.....	211	Feeder Strs	960	\$317.00		09-07-09-10
Swatek Farms.....	68	Feeder Strs	925	\$320.00		10-05-10-08
Swatek Farms.....	178	Feeder Strs	975	\$324.00		10-05-10-08
Konechne Cattle.....	310	Spayed Hfrs	775	\$366.50		08-20-09-05
Rolph Ranch.....	120	Strs	450	\$535.00	Vac 34+	10-21-10-21
Rolph Ranch.....	110	Strs	525	\$480.00	Vac 34+	10-21-10-21
Rolph Ranch.....	200	Strs	545	\$471.00	Vac 34+	10-21-10-21
Rolph Ranch.....	220	Hfrs	525	\$422.50	Vac 34+	10-21-10-21
Heart Tail Ranch.....	105	Strs	550	\$462.00	Vac 34	11-01-11-10
Roger Theobald.....	185	Strs	530	\$490.00	Vac 34+	10-12-10-14
Roger Theobald.....	100	Hfrs	470	\$475.00	Vac 34+	10-12-10-14
Short Grass & Co.....	105	Strs	550	\$452.00	Vac 34	10-21-11-07
Short Grass & Co.....	92	Strs	620	\$410.00	Vac 34	10-21-11-07
Benny Bachand.....	105	Strs	570	\$415.00	Vac 34	10-21-10-21
Rich & Sherry Kokesh.....	90	Strs	580	\$425.00	Vac 34+	10-14-10-28
Tim, Roxie & Thane Tetrault.....	88	Hfrs	600	\$467.50	Vac 34+	10-07-10-21
Miller's Crow Creek Ranch.....	8	Strs	640	\$411.00	Vac 34+	10-25-11-05
Miller's Crow Creek Ranch.....	140	Strs	740	\$390.00	Vac 34+	09-25-11-05
Daily Livestock.....	370	Strs	400	\$535.00	Vac 34	10-24-10-24
Dead Horse Creek Cattle.....	120	Strs	480	\$506.00	Vac 34+	10-26-10-26
Dead Horse Creek Cattle.....	240	Strs	440	\$550.00	Vac 34+	10-19-10-19
Shannon Ranch LLC.....	114	Strs	525	\$455.00	Vac 34	10-26-10-17
Shannon Ranch LLC.....	115	Hfrs	500	\$440.00	Vac 34	10-26-11-07
Dinstel & Stephens.....	95	Strs	590	\$430.00	Vac 34+ Nat	11-01-11-11
Llewelly Johnson.....	100	Strs	600	\$401.00	Vac 34+	10-20-11-02
Cahoon Cattle.....	285	Strs	625	\$411.00	Vac 34+	10-05-10-19
Cahoon Cattle.....	200	Hfrs	600	\$387.50	Vac 34+	11-02-11-16
The 1200 Ranch.....	87	Strs	630	\$410.00	Vac 34+	11-10-11-10
The 1200 Ranch.....	60	Strs	525	\$470.00	Vac 34+	11-10-11-10
The 1200 Ranch.....	40	Hfrs	500	\$450.00	Vac 34+	11-10-11-10
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100 years ago
Northwest Bee
August 12, 1926
Sugar Factory Now Looming in Sight

A sugar factory in Belle Fourche valley in 1937 is the aim of the people of this greatest non factory beet district anywhere in the United States, and a realization of this object is a practical certainty. Messrs. R. L. Bronson and M. J. Smiley have put in the past ten days making a farm-to-farm canvass, and on Wednesday morning a check-up of the results shows that they have secured a guaranteed acreage of 7,534, representing 254 growers. These farmers have pledged to grow this acreage of beets for five consecutive years, and in a few days the acreage will aggregate more than 8,000, as a number of farmers who will sign contracts have not been interviewed by the committee, but will be called upon this week.

One of the largest sugar companies in the country will have a representative here the latter part of this week or the first of next week to look over the situation, and the sugar committee of the Commercial club will have maps prepared showing the location of every acre signed up, with the owner's or lessee's name. Several other sugar companies have written that they are prepared to erect a factory in this district if sufficient acreage is secured. This has been accomplished, and there will be no "monkey business" about the matter from this time until a factory is operating in the Belle Fourche valley.

A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST In the Lead Call's special Jubilee edition, one section is devoted to "Recollections of Black Hills Newspapers by Old-Timer," complied by I. R. Crow, one of the pioneer newspaper men of the Hills, and who is now located in Spokane, Wash. Each town is "covered" in Mr. Crow's story, and the following in reference to Belle Fourche will be of interest locally and is herewith reproduced. Capt. Seth Bullock and Sol Star, the old hardware firm of Deadwood, under the name of Star & Bullock, founded the town of Belle Fourche over thirty years ago. Both had homesteaded in that region some years previously and established a horse ranch for the purpose of breeding

Clydesdales horses, I believe. In 1891 the Belle Fourche Bee was established and I am inclined to the belief that George Hair and Doug Sayre were it's first publishers . A peculiar feature of this combination was that Hair was chairman of the republican county central committee, while Sayre held a like position in Butte county. The ready print side of the Bee expounded the political doctrine of the farmers' alliance, which movement was going strong during that period of early statehood. Aside from local news the reverse side of the paper was wholly devoted to "horse," telling what fine animals were being produced by Star & Bullock, which statements were facts too. The horse firm offered a premium of a thoroughbred colt to the first child born in the new town of their creation, but I do not remember of ever having heard who won the prize. How long Hair & Sayre remained as publishers of the Bee I do not recall, but John W. DeKay was owner for a time, and at one time E. Ralston was also it's publisher, selling over twenty years ago to the present proprietor, J. S. Smith, who has always kept the Bee up to a high standard of a first-call country newspaper.

75 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
August 22, 1951
City to Seek Vote on Bond
Amount of Bond Request Still Under Consideration

Plagued by constant expansion, increasing costs and steadily decreasing surplus funds, Belle Fourche's city council now is casting around for a way to secure more money, and has decided to ask for a general improvement bond issue. At their meeting Monday night the council decided to ask the public to vote on a band issue at the same time they seek public approval of a sewer rental program – thus curbing election costs. The exact amount of the bond issue has not yet been determined. The budget committee is working now to prepare the 1952 budget, and figures are being compiled on needed improvements. Mayor O. H. Frost says, however, that the details of the proposal will be announced in plenty of time for public consideration. Construction of a foot bridge across the Belle Fourche river near the postoffice – to replace the present bridge, and street

by Mary Buchholz

improvements in the form of drainage and grading are among the projects which would be paid for out of the proposed bond issue. Need for a bond issue arise, officials say, from the fact that the city's surplus, which has been used as a cushion the past few years has been used.

Reds Break Off Cease First Talks Tokyo, Aug. 22 – The reds have broken off the cease-fire talks in Korea. In a note to UN liaison officers the communists informed the United Nations they are calling a halt to the conferences because an allied plane staged a night bombing attack on the truce city. The not was delivered by North Korean liaison Colonel Chang Chun-San. Chang spoke from written notes, obviously well-prepared in advance, after calling the UN liaison officers to Kaesong around midnight, Korean time. The communist charge that a UN plane had bombed Kaesong is only the latest in a series of enemy charges that the UN has violated the neutral zone. Colonel A. J. Kinney, chief UN liaison officer, made an investigation of the alleged bombing at Kaesong by a UN plane and said he found evidence which clearly suggests the whole incident was a "frameup."

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
August 19, 1976
Introducing Maggie Beltram of La Paz, Bolivia, Belle Fourche's AFS student for the 1976-77 year. Her host family is Mr. and Mrs. William J. Waring and their son Bill Waring, high school senior. The 16-year-old dark-eyed student arrived in Rapid City Friday where she was met by her host family. Meanwhile, two AFS students overseas for the summer will be returning home in the near future, Laura Collins, in France, will be home the morning of Aug. 30, arriving at Rapid City at 9:15. Details of Gail Determan's departure date from Rio de Janeiro, are not as certain, but it believed she will arrive home between Sept. 4 and Sept. 7. Jean Mendoza of the Philippines arrived home to a welcoming group and party. Maggie is the sixteenth student to participate in the local AFS program which started here in 1962-63.

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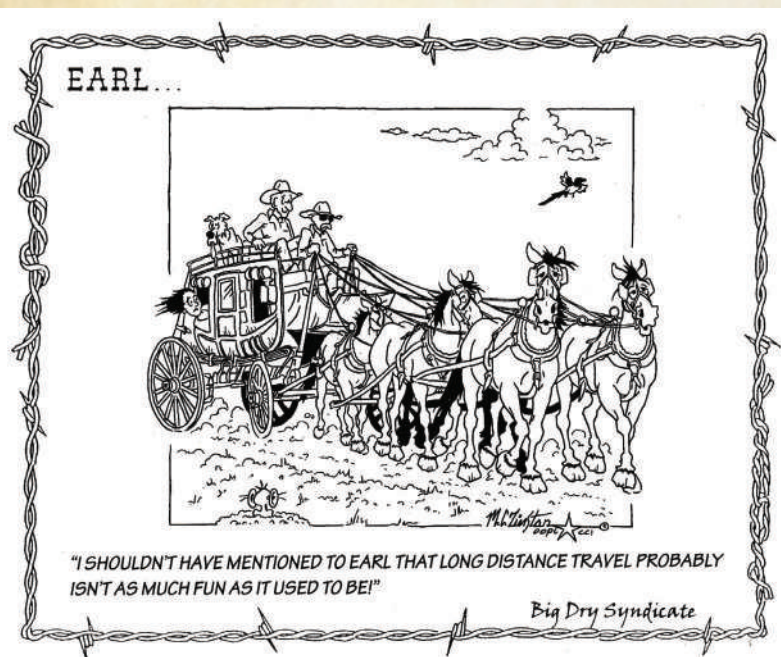
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	60	Bk/BwF-Yr/Str	1063	314.50	\$3,342.08
	60	Bk/BwF-Yr/Str	1061	314.50	\$3,335.27
	65	Bk/BwF-Yr/Str	968	326.50	\$3,160.52
Brandon Ackerman, Hulett WY	58	Black-Str	874	321.50	\$2,811.18
	42	Black-Hfr	777	314.00	\$2,438.10
Spangler Ranch, Hulett WY	23	Bk/BwF-Str	838	343.50	\$2,878.67
	18	Bk/BwF-Hfr	796	314.50	\$2,502.02
	10	Bk/BwF-Hfr	618	375.00	\$2,315.62
Sean Carroll, Ranchester WY	61	Black-Yr/Str	791	324.00	\$2,563.58
George Sparks, Ekalaka MT	30	Bk/BwF-Yr/Str	832	316.50	\$2,632.22
Otto Schlosser, Hulett WY	21	Black-Yr/Str	983	309.00	\$3,037.02
Consignment From SD	10	Black-Yr/Str	1156	272.00	\$3,144.32
Trucano Ranch Inc, Boyes MT	9	Black-Yr/Str	861	317.50	\$2,732.26
Barb Davis, Belle Fourche SD	11	Red/RwF-Yr/Str	741	315.00	\$2,335.29
Lohof Cattle Co, Baker MT	33	Bk/BwF-Yr/Str	944	312.00	\$2,944.14
Ronda Cordell, Camp Crook SD	21	Black-Yr/Str	915	319.50	\$2,921.90
James A McCoy, Belle Fourche SD	7	Bk/BwF-Yr/Str	1091	270.00	\$2,946.85
Matt Perino, Newcastle WY	13	Char-Yr/Str	749	329.00	\$2,463.70
Kady Creek Cattle, Broadus MT	17	Bk/BwF-Yr/Str	947	300.00	\$2,840.29
Bill Lambert, Hammond MT	9	Black-Yr/Str	912	313.50	\$2,858.07
Austin Machacek, Newcastle WY	6	Black-Yr/Str	750	320.00	\$2,400.00
Brian & Anita Tope, Rozel WY	6	Rd/Bk-Yr/Str	900	305.00	\$2,745.00
Shane Finn, Nisland SD	14	Bk/Rd/Ch-Yr/Str	996	305.00	\$3,038.01

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Faessler Farms, Bridgeport Ne	30	Bk/BwF-Cow	1558	175.00	\$2,726.79
	12	Bk/Rd/Ch-Cow	1595	175.00	\$2,791.25
	11	Bk/BwF-Cow	1402	174.00	\$2,439.16
Dave Garman, Belle Fourche S	10	Rd/Bk-Cow	1617	173.50	\$2,804.62
Trevor Garman, Belle Fourche SD	2	Black-Cow	1465	174.00	\$2,549.10
	3	Rd/Bk-Cow	1650	173.50	\$2,862.75
Tom Or Eileen Nistler, Upton WY	4	Black-Cow	1735	166.00	\$2,880.10
Kenneth & Teresa Bird, Volborg MT	1	Black-Cow	1595	174.50	\$2,783.27
Guy Casteel Livestock, Newell SD	6	Black-Cow	1187	185.00	\$2,195.33
	1	RwF-Cow	1735	170.00	\$2,949.50
Nate Frederickson, Spearfish SD	7	Black-Cow	1461	172.50	\$2,519.73
	3	Black-Cow	1425	170.00	\$2,422.50
Jr Grieves, Upton WY	1	BwF-Cow	1505	170.50	\$2,566.02
Spur Land & Livestock, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Hfr	1175	220.00	\$2,585.00
	1	Black-Hfr	1315	208.00	\$2,735.20
Will Deegan, Gillette WY	1	Black-Cow	1555	172.00	\$2,674.60
Carl Kuemmerle, Upton WY	10	Rd/Bk-Cow	1450	175.00	\$2,537.50
Jordan Odonnell, Ismay MT	1	Black-Cow	1455	176.00	\$2,560.80
Stockman Exchange, Miles City MT	1	Black-Cow	1515	175.00	\$2,651.25
Dobrenz Family, Ranchester WY	1	BwF-Cow	1515	176.00	\$2,666.40
	1	Black-Cow	1555	176.00	\$2,736.80
Emmons Cattle, Olive MT	1	Black-Cow	1200	177.00	\$2,124.00
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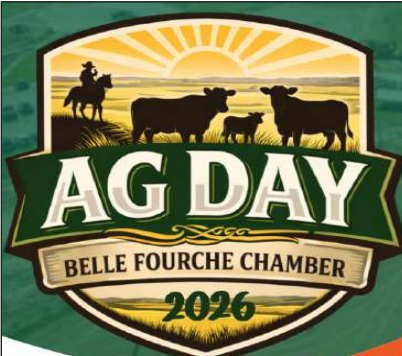
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By John Newby

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

Communities Grow Faster by Not Competing

I have driven through enough small towns sitting fifteen minutes apart to notice the same thing every time.

Each one has its own downtown, its own festival, its own chamber of commerce chasing the same handful of tourist dollars and the same handful of new businesses. And each one, without meaning to, is quietly competing against its neighbor for a prize that neither of them can win alone. Having worked with and consulted with so many communities across the country, this trap is not uncommon, in fact, it is quite common.

That instinct to compete is understandable. Every local leader wants their town to be the one people talk about. But a growing body of research on rural tourism and regional branding says the towns that win are not the ones that out hustle their neighbors. They are the ones that stop treating the town three exits down as a rival and start treating it as a teammate.

A Purdue University study on tourism branding found that rural communities often think far too small when they market themselves. Even a single county, the research found, is usually too small a unit for visitors to really care about.

Regional branding across four or five counties, built around shared attractions, produced a stronger and more favorable image in visitors' minds than any single town could create on its own, and it drew more inquiries and more actual visits. In plain terms, the water really does rise faster when more boats are tied together.

Tourism marketers have a



name for this. They call it co-opetition, cooperating with the towns you would normally see as competition to build something none of you could build alone.

When several communities pool their marketing budgets, they can afford a real website, real advertising, and a real presence at travel shows instead of a single flyer at the welcome center. When several chambers promote the same regional brand, every one of their social media pages, newsletters, and front desks becomes a megaphone for the whole area instead of just one town.

This is not a theory. The Finger Lakes Regional Tourism Council in New York represents fourteen separate county tourism agencies under one shared regional voice, and it has built a reputation strong enough to draw visitors who never would have found any one of those counties on their own. In Australia, three neighboring councils and the villages around them recently launched a single joint tourism brand, choosing to be found together as one destination instead of splitting the same visitors three ways.

None of this requires every community to want the same thing. That is where a lot of regional efforts stall before they start, because one town wants growth and new rooftops and a busier Main Street, while the town next door wants to protect the quiet and the scenery that make it special in the first place. Those are not competing goals. They are complementary ones, if the region is willing to let each place play its own part.

Think of it the way a scenic

byway or a wine trail works. Nobody expects every stop on the trail to offer the same experience. One town is where you eat and shop. The next is where you slow down and watch the river. Visitors do not pick one stop and skip the rest. They follow the whole loop, and every town on it benefits from the pull of the others, even the ones doing nothing more than staying exactly as peaceful as they already are.

That only works if the towns talk to each other first. Not about merging identities, but about which role each one is best suited to play, and how to tell one clear story about the region instead of four competing ones. The town chasing growth still gets its new visitors and new businesses. The town protecting its quiet still gets to stay quiet. Neither one has to give up what it wants, because the region, not any single town, is what is actually being marketed.

If you serve on a chamber, a tourism board, or a city council, here is something you can do before the day is out. Call a counterpart in a neighboring community, not a competitor down the street from you, but a leader in the next town over, and ask a single question: what if we told our story together instead of separately.

You do not need a grant or a consultant to start that conversation. You just need to be willing to have it.

Rising water does raise all the ships. But somebody still must tie the boats together first.

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden August 23rd



As of the weekend the prairies and yards in the central part of Meade County still looked a lovely green color.

It has been nice not having to worry as much about fires, so hopefully the chances of rain we see in the forecast will land in every community in Meade County.

While many school districts like Faith have started school, Meade 46-1 won't start until

Capitol News
Karen Odell
August 16, 2026



The week turned hot again in Capitol and on Tie Creek. The highs were in the nineties and even one-hundred on

one day. There was some rain to keep things green, some are still in the hay fields.

Archery antelope hunters came to Alvin and Marlee Cordell's this week. On Tuesday, one of the hunters stopped near the Sheep Mountain turn off, and watched a storm. It began to rain, but the lightning was fierce. He saw one strike hit the ground and immediately a fire flared up. The rain was a help, and the hunter hurried back to Alvin and Marlee's to tell of the fire.

Thursday of this week. This has allowed those who want to attend the Meade County and Central States Fair to do so without the worry of it being a school night.

Some are getting in rodeos, 4-H activities and more this week.

On Sunday at the evening rodeo it was Veterans night. A special tribute was made to Dan Rhoden of Newell. Many Rhodens were in attendance to honor him as well.

On Friday, Larry Rhoden

Alvin called Collin Wilcox up at the Loken place, and he soon had the fire out. The hunter and his son got one antelope. Ryan Cordell finished baling the second cutting along the state line, so haying is finished for this summer. Prairie dogs are moving into our area of the country in many places. On Saturday, Alvin and Marlee rode to Medora with Wade, Ashley, Rhys and Cade Pearson. Gavin was already in Dickinson to practice with the college football team, so he came to meet them. They all went to the Medora Musical, and enjoyed a wonderful show. They came home on Sunday.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson are still having work done on their house. This week they had concrete poured, so the place was busy with workers and carpenters. It keeps

was at the Rapid City Fairgrounds to help kick off the 9 day Central States Fair by delivering a message and cutting the ribbon to begin festivities. The Rhoden families attended the rodeo on Sunday night to help honor Dan Rhoden for his service in Vietnam.

It was a surprise to Dan, but by now he will have been to the rodeo. It was Veterans Appreciation Night at the rodeo.

On Thursday, there was a Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association Law Enforcement Summit held in Rapid City. Larry Rhoden and his team met for a round table discus-

sion which was a great time of communication and exchange of ideas with tribal chairs and leaders.

On Saturday we attended a bridge naming in New Underwood for the New Underwood bridge over I90. It was named after Ronal Mclravy. It was held in the Catholic Church in New Underwood.

There was a good crowd on Sunday at Nellie's for lunch after church. Harold Delbridge's crew was there along with some of the Union Center Church regulars. The Union Center Church will be holding their church service at the Governor's residence coming

went to Buffalo to do some errands. Then they went on to Bowman to do some shopping there. They had lunch at Blossoms and Brew in Buffalo, on their way back home. On Friday, Dawn took Dorothy to Ekalaka, where Dorothy went to the beauty parlor and got a permanent. School has started, so after working on the many pictures that she takes, Dawn spent some mornings working to do trim and finishing work on BJ and Michelle's house. On Saturday, Michelle and BJ hosted a birthday party for Kamry, and visitors came to help celebrate.

Karen Odell and Hywel took a drive to Spearfish, on Wednesday, so that Hywel could go to the beauty parlor. The place is really interesting to him, but he is not sure whether to like it or not. Karen spent a little time visiting the insurance agent. The national company

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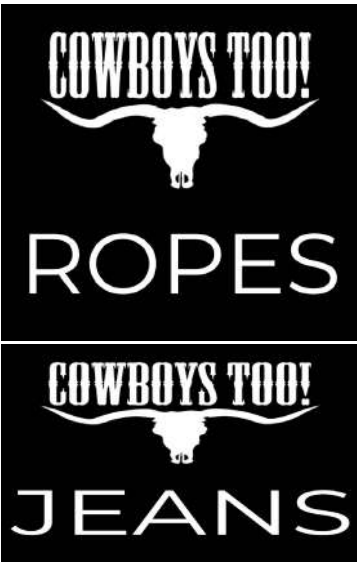
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PRESSED BETWEEN THE PAGES #47

by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel

I don't have anything to do!" "I'm bored!" "Are We There Yet?" were phrases that never

crossed the lips of the children at our house. When we were old enough, we helped Mom or Dad in the house or outside with farming and chores. When help was not needed, we wasted no time heading for our favorite hang-outs.

In winter, it was never too cold for sledding, skating, or snowball fights. Inside, we found little niches where we could play. Delmer "farmed" under the kitchen table. A corner in an upstairs bedroom was my kitchen. Cardboard boxes, complete with cut-out doors served as a stove and

refrigerator. My menagerie of dolls usually liked my cooking.

In summer, we could head in any direction outside and find something to do. The tree swing dared us to see how high we could pump. Corners of the house afforded sheltered spots for whipping up mud pies. In the old shop, I pounded straightened nails into scraps of wood with Dad's hammer. Kittens were just waiting in the barn for someone to play with them.

My sisters had established a "playhouse" out in a small clearing in the trees. From the nearby junk pile, (there was no garbage pickup) they found excellent items for pretending. Tree stumps and old boards served as chairs and tables.

A rusty tractor seat wedged between logs was their car. I took over the playhouse when the other girls grew too old for such things. Many summer hours were spent imagining and dreaming in the shade of those old elms.

On long drives we commented on the scenery, did a mental checkoff of different states' license plates or identified the birds on power lines and in ponds. When tummies growled, we looked forward to the picnic lunch Mom had packed.

At the dentist's office there were kid magazines, people to watch and sounds to identify. Of course, we had to think about which plaster-of-Paris figurine (made by the dentist's wife) we would choose

to take home later.

Church was a bit challenging. Not only were we to sit through the whole service, we were supposed to sit still and listen. I usually did OK until the sermon. Suddenly, the feathers covering a lady's hat called to me. I felt sorry for the poor pheasant that had to go naked. I wondered what Delmer was doing, so I leaned very subtly around Dad, who very subtly cleared his throat. But I had succeeded in a quick zoom of my brother. He was staring ahead, not at the preacher, but at the painting behind the altar. I checked it out. Gilded white spires framed the beautiful picture. I decided to ask Dad if I could have a lamb. After all, if Jesus had one...

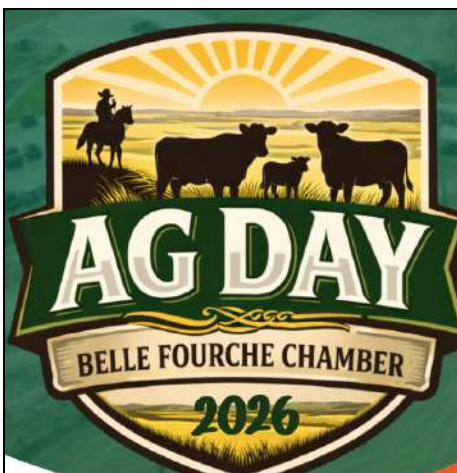
Back then there were no mobile phones. There were no portable screens of any kind. We talked. We came up with our own entertainment and did a lot of imagining and

dreaming.

Studies have shown that people born in the 1940s and 50s are known to have an excellent work ethic. They are self-reliant, good at face-to-face communication, possess practical skills, and can sit patiently without needing instant gratification.

It must be true; good things do come to those who wait!

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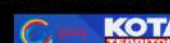
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Fire Season at the Department of Education

Meg English
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Fires are on everyone’s mind this summer. In South Dakota 99 fires have resulted in 40,000 acres burned in 2026

thus far. Nationwide, 50,077 wildfires have burned more than 7.6 million acres across the United States, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

The idea of ‘fires’ has turned my attention to ‘fires’ in the figurative sense. Figurative ‘fires’ may be a little more difficult to recognize, but whether a figurative fire or literal fire, where there’s smoke, there’s fire.

This story starts in Ms. Victoria Green’s classroom. Ms. Green teaches middle school history. She is a veteran teacher.

The classroom is full, even though since the covid epidemic in 2019, Ms. Green’s school district has lost numbers. At that time homeschooling became a popular option nationwide. The trend has continued.

According to the South Dakota Department of Education there are 12,433 students enrolled in alternative instruction and homeschooling statewide in 2025, an 8% increase from the previous year. Homeschool South Dakota

Alternative instruction is the official legal term used by the state for homeschooling, and should not be confused with ‘alternative’ programs offered by many of the state’s school districts.

Homeschooling has long been present in America. Americans value and respect the freedom to provide their kids’ education that may reflect the family’s religion or values. There is considerable evidence that many students thrive academically in a homeschool environment as well as evidence that homeschool environments have the potential to be harmful.

Ms. Green’s classroom is friendly, but a little too warm; the air conditioning turned on low makes the temperature just bearable.

Desks are individual, but designed so they can easily be pulled into groups. Today they are arranged in traditional rows.

The room is clean. The old maple floor has been recently polished, and the smell of cleaning compounds is fading, but still present.

The 30 eighth graders are attentive, watching for signs to tell them what behaviors their new teacher will tolerate.

Ms. Green has an infectious smile. She wears rouge tinted lipstick and a simple non-descript shift dress, a beaded necklace, and sensible flat shoes. She explains the rules that are clearly posted in the front of the room. Her voice is calm and the class remains alert, as they have not yet discovered a flaw in her armor.

Ms. Green is as interested in who these children are as she is in them. She is looking for little ‘fires’ to be extinguished or treated before they get out of control such as undetected learning disabilities, a potential problem with cheating, a behavior outburst, the list goes on. Ms. Victoria Green begins looking for smoke on the very first day of school.

Ms. Green announces the first assignment, a personal history story. She asks the class to write about an event ‘real’ or ‘imagined’ that occurred during the summer. She suggests they use present tense, first person and then provides a first line... ‘The time is summer 2026 and I am...

Ms. Green uses computers in her classroom for writing, but she knows that most kids like to write with hand-held tools. In her experience, writing with old-fashioned pencils and paper is a ‘hands-on’ activity.

She chooses a student who was looking out the window at the back of the room to hand out a clean sheet of lined paper to each student. She observes his reluctance, and notes that although the day is hot, he wears a long-sleeve black t-shirt. She makes eye contact and thanks him.

Ms. Green has a page boy straight haircut that she casually brushes out or her eyes when she is explaining directions.

As in every classroom, there’s a lot going on.

The room remains quiet, most of the kids are deep into the work.

Ms. Green has another motive for this writing assignment.

Most of the class is still working when she announces the ten-minute warning before the bell. She stands in the back of the room. She doesn’t interfere with their creative work, but she takes note of who is working, where the kids have chosen to sit, and with whom. There will be seating charts, but by next week she will be able to make a better plan. Just before the bell she moves to the doorway.

As the kids file out, she collects each student’s work, and makes a point of connecting faces with names. A few of the kids ask if they might finish at home and bring the assignment back tomorrow. “Yes, of course you may!” Ms. Green replies. It’s part of the plan.

Ms. Green has something she wants to know.

Ms. Green wants to know who among the 30 kids in her class will do the assignment. She knows that some will not follow through, and that they will provide an excuse the next day and for the next several days to come.

This knowledge is important. There are students who do not do their homework. She needs to know who they are as soon as possible so she can address each child’s learning challenges or strengths.

Ms. Green’s job is to help kids succeed in their learning. Parents who might opt for homeschool have the same job.

Teaching is complex, whether in a traditional school or a home.

Ms. Green has many tools in her professional toolbox. In addition to her intuitive insight, she has years of training, a carefully a mandated, comprehensive curriculum to teach, an administration, a school board, a teacher’s association, and a parents’ organization to stand behind her. She has the advantage of established rules and guidelines to govern what is important for kids to know.

Homeschool parents are on their own. The job may look attractive at first because in most states, including South Dakota there is no oversight,

and few requirements involved in homeschooling a child. <https://hslda.org/legal>

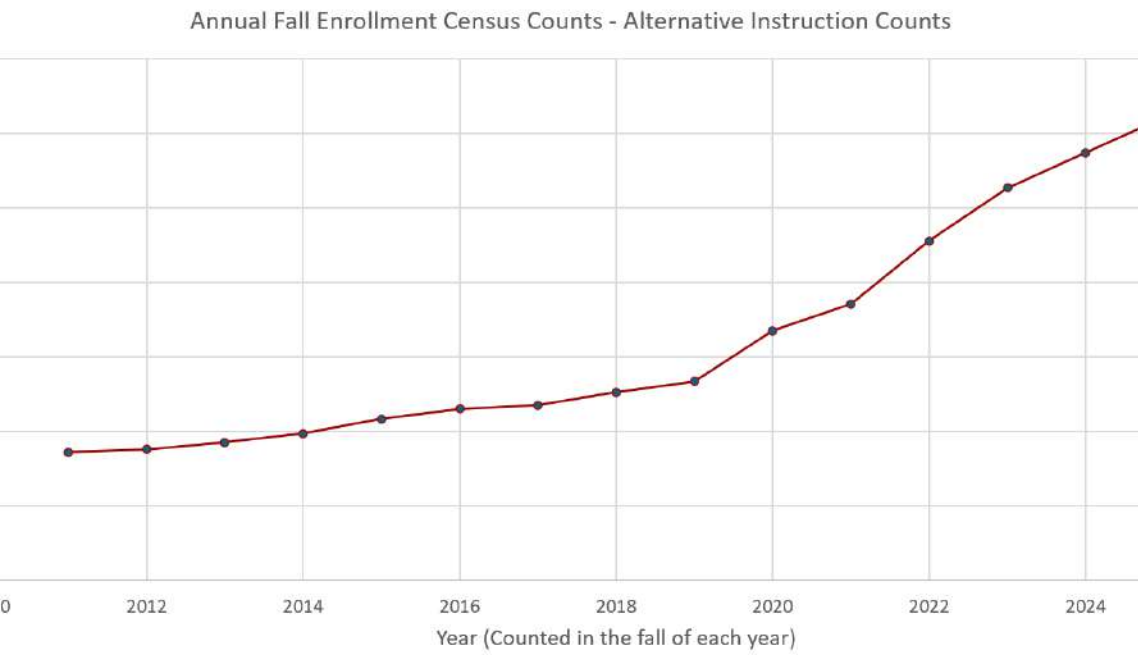
The problem with giving families blind permission to homeschool is that one must trust each family and parent to do the homework. For parents who have opted for

homeschool, there’s more homework than you might realize. Without state mandated rules and expectations, a homeschool diploma, means nothing.

Maybe some parents as teachers are not doing their own homework and could use

some direction, but without guidelines no one will know whether homeschool kids are learning or not.

Maybe there is a little fire lurking on the horizon if no one is overseeing the education of 8% of the school age kids.





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Summer Recreation Activities Schedule Calendar
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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.
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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 bellefourherec.com

Tri-State Museum

Tri-State Museum holds “A Day for Art” class
The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will hold an “A Day for Art” class for kids on Saturday, August 22.
There will be a class for PreK-3rd grade from 10 to noon. Kids will get a chance to study photos of famous art, read a book and draw or paint an art piece of their own. There will also be songs, stories and a gathering circle.
There will be a class for older kids from 1-3. It will include information about famous artists, the chance to draw or paint an art piece and a video about artist Vincent Van Gogh.
Snacks are provided at each class. Registration is \$2 per student or free with membership and will be taught by Programs and Events Assistant Sheila Culhane. Pre-registration is strongly urged; call 605-723-1200.
The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

Museum opens mini exhibit on postage stamps

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will open a new mini exhibit entitled “History of Postage Stamps.”
The exhibit will include storyboards and photos, a free take-home workbook and a book to read and a touchscreen quiz. A stamp enthusiast’s stamp collection will also be on display and a basket of loose stamps will be available for those who might want to pick one out for themselves.

The Tri-State Museum created some new exhibits and refreshed some older ones. The changes occur in the mercantile and a new “transportation” exhibit in the center of the museum.
In the mercantile, the case that has exhibited dolls features a new collection of 12 dolls from the museum’s extensive Millicent Henderson collection. These new dolls are from the 1940s-1980s and include a Madame Alexander doll, a Romanian doll and a distinctive burlap doll of Central American origin. Also, in the mercantile is a mini “haberdashery,” filled with vintage men’s clothing and toiletries. “We’ve had a number of exhibits about women’s and children’s apparel, but nothing that focused on men,” said Collections Archivist Jada Udager. “We thought this was a chance to feature artifacts we’ve not featured before.”
Across the floor from mercantile is the museum’s collection of salt and pepper shakers. The museum has so many of these that the entire four-shelf case could be completely refreshed. Some of new novel shakers include a lock and key, loaves of bread – and a little green alien in a spaceship. A new exhibit in the museum’s mid-section is “Transportation: From Stagecoaches to Trains to Cars.” This exhibit includes images plus artifacts such as spokes for wagon wheels, a lady’s travel case, a miniature car and a vintage model stagecoach crossing a “path” with grass on either side of the roadway. There is also a brick roadway made of the few surviving bricks from Belle Fourche’s brick factory.
This exhibit also includes a basket with vintage postcards from places across the U.S. and abroad, which can be examined by visitors.
There is no admission charge to visit the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center, which is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. For more information, call 605-723-1200 or visit the website at www.thetristatemuseum.com
The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.



BF Rec Center Summer Parks & Rec Activities 2026

GOALS:

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



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

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

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

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

Questions? Contact us @ 605-892-2467.

WHERE ARE THE PARKS?

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



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Fall Educational Series

"To promote and support our members by strengthening our community."

September 21st 10:00AM | Tri-State Museum

Service Animal Training

- New Laws Effective July 1, 2026
- What businesses need to know

Heidi Mecham-WDN

October 14th 12:00PM | Grap's Burgers

Managing Conflict:

- Define conflict and develop deeper understanding of the topic
- Understand different conflict profiles and styles

Kellie Kolb SDSU

November 4th 6:00PM | Branding Iron

Change Management

- Moving people through change
- Organizing for success
- Measuring outcomes

Meg McNeese - Rose Group Intl

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Center of the Nation Concert Association

2026-27 Concert Series * Belle Fourche, SD
Belle Fourche Rec Center Theater

Alliance Brass – Made in America
Thursday, September 24, 2026 7:00 PM

Celebrating America's 250th anniversary, Made In America is a celebration of 250 years of American music. Blending virtuosity and vitality, the Alliance Brass makes a return engagement to Belle Fourche with a program that covers a wide variety of styles, as is very fitting of this beautifully diverse country.

Drew Baloh – Garth Live!
Saturday, October 17, 2026 2:00 PM Matinee

Having played to sold-out crowds across the U.S., GARTH LIVE! is a stunning tribute to the music of Garth Brooks featuring Drew Baloh, who has an uncanny resemblance to legendary country music icon Garth Brooks. GARTH LIVE! will take you on a country music journey that is unmatched.

Ella Mae Dixon
Saturday, November 14, 2026 2:00 PM Matinee

Ella Mae Dixon, originally from Wellfleet, Massachusetts, is drawn to the music of a bygone era. Her performances, combining her powerful vocals with piano and bass, give new energy to old melodies while paying homage to the styles of yesterday. Dixon is a natural comedian with poise, dry wit, and comic timing.

It Takes 2
Thursday, February 25, 2027 7:00 PM

Join globally-renowned entertainers Erinn Dearth and Dan Beckmann (of *Letters From Home*) for an unforgettable musical journey celebrating the iconic duos that have shaped history. With heartwarming moments, gut-busting comedy and plenty of surprises they celebrate the magic that happens with the power of two.

Will Martin - Timeless
Tuesday April 20, 2027 7:00 PM

This world-class Vocalist and Entertainer from New Zealand comes to Belle Fourche to perform a variety of popular music, from Josh Groban and Il Divo, to Les Misérables, to Frank Sinatra, Billy Joel, and Simon & Garfunkel. Audiences fall in love with his singing backed by live piano and Philharmonic Orchestra tracks.

Admission by Season Ticket Only:

For Tickets Contact:

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Legal Finance Minutes
Monday, August 24, 2026 @ 5:30 pm 511 6th Ave – City Hall – Council Chambers
Members present: Dean Brunner, Gene Pesicka, Kristal Steeves, John Fyffe Absent: Tricia Fowler
Also present: Mayor Randy Schmidt, City Administrator Jason LaFayette, Finance Officer Wayne Tonsager, Chamber Director Michaela Horn, Chamber President Cassie Pannone
1. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Motion Brunner, second Pesicka to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Community Input – This section of the agenda permits a person to make comments regarding public business. Each speaker is allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes.
4. Discussion with possible action on Professional Services Agreement between the City of Belle Fourche and the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce.
Discussion was held regarding the amount of funding to include in the contract and potential budget sources for those funds.
It was noted that the amount awarded would depend on the available budget.
Motion Pesicka, second Brunner to approve the Professional

Services Agreement between the City of Belle Fourche and the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce at an annual rate of \$30,000. Motion carried.
5. Motion Pesicka, second Brunner to authorize Finance Officer Wayne Tonsager to sign Collection Services Agreement with Express Collections, Inc. Motion carried.
6. Motion Pesicka, second Steeves to approve of Erynn Parrish's Mix & Consume Permit for a wedding to be held February 27, 2027, at Bowman Hall. Motion carried.
7. Informational.
A. Sales Tax and July Budget Update
B. Special Council Meeting on the budget will be held on September 2, 2026 at 5:00 pm.
C. Special Council Meeting on Airport will be held on August 31, 2026 at 12:00 pm.
D. Mayor Schmidt reminded the committee that a full committee of four council members is not required to hold a meeting if a member is unable to attend, and that three members constitute sufficient attendance. He also suggested appointing a Vice-Chair to serve in the Chair's absence.
8. Motion Pesicka, second Steeves to adjourn at 6:05 pm. Motion carried.



**Upcoming events,
for more information call:
605-892-2676**
*Sporting events listed on BF Chamber
Community Calendar - visit our website!*
**Sept 4 - 7:30AM Caramel Rolls & Coffee @
Senior Center**
**Sept 5 - 10:30AM First Saturday Brunch @ Tri
State Museum**
Happy Labor Day!
**Sept 8 - 6PM Range work night @ sporting
complex**
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SATURDAY 8AM - 12PM | CLOSED SUNDAY**

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-1

Notice is hereby given that letters of interest will be accepted from interested voters of the Belle Fourche School District to fill a School Board vacancy effective October 2026 through the annual School Board meeting in July 2027. Deadline for letters of interest is at 4:00 p.m. (local time) on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 and must be addressed to the

Potential candidates will be interviewed at the regular School Board meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026.

**Superintendent of Schools,
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2026 NEWELL LABOR DAY WEEKEND

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SATURDAY 8/29

Rodeo Queen Pageant – 8:30am
Rodeo Queen Coronation – 6:30pm

THURSDAY, 9/3

Cowboys for Christ Church Service
6:30pm – Ram Sale Bldg.

FRIDAY, 9/4

Quilt Show Registration & Check In
1:00–3:00pm, City Hall
Newell Museum Open
1:00-5:00pm, City Hall

SATURDAY 9/5

5K Fun Run/Walk – 7:00am Registration / 7:30 Walkers Start / 7:45 Runners Start
Ranch Rodeo & Calcutta – 1:30pm, Arena
Cowboy Mini Jeep Race – Around 3:30pm, Arena
Quilt Show Viewing – 1:00-5:00pm, City Hall
Newell Museum Open – 1:00-5:00pm, City Hall
Fireman's BBQ – 5:00-7:00pm, Fire Hall
FFA Goat Roping – 6:00-7:30pm, Behind Ram Sale Pens
Newell Bar Dance featuring Williams & Wright – 9:00pm, Newell Bar

SUNDAY 9/6

J.D. Mutchler Memorial Team Roping – 9:00am Reg. / 10:00 Breakaway / TR After
Car Show – 8:00-10:00am Registration / 10:00-1:00pm Show, South Park
Good Eats & Sweet Treats – 8:00-2:00, South Park
Tractor Pull – 12:00-2:00pm Weigh Ins / 2:30pm Tractor Pull, Girard Street
Corn Hole Tournament – 1:30pm Registration / 2:00pm Tournament, South Park
Quilt Show Viewing – 1:00-5:00pm, City Hall
Newell Museum Open – 1:00-5:00pm, City Hall

MONDAY 9/7

Parade – 8:30-9:30am Line Up & Registration / 10:00am Parade
Midwestern Meat Locker 'Frank' Cookout – 11:00-2:00, South Park
First Natl. Bank Sponsored Kids' Games – 10:30am, South Park
Chicken/Regular Bingo – 12:00-4:00pm, NVN Center
NVN Meal (Sloppy Joes/Hot Dogs) – After the Parade, NVN Center
Newell Labor Day Rodeo – 8:00am Slack / 1:00pm Rodeo
Quilt Show Viewing – 10:00-5:00pm / Quilt Pickup – 5:00pm
Newell Museum Open – 10:00 a.m.-4:00pm, City Hall



Thirteen community leaders to run across South Dakota to benefit Mental Health Organizations

The statewide event raises awareness and funds for The Helpline Center, Avera Behavioral Health, Live Inspired 365, and other organizations supporting suicide prevention

SIoux FALLS, SD (8/17/2026) - The 13 runners completing this year’s The 437 Project are preparing for their 437 mile relay-style journey across South Dakota for suicide prevention. Their run begins Thursday, September 17 at 4:30AM MT at the South Dakota/Wyoming border and concludes on Sunday, September 20. Presented by Avera, The 437 Project’s mission is to raise awareness for mental health and funds for the Helpline Center and other statewide organizations.

These runners are:

- Ashley Gaspar | Project Manager, Signature Companies – Sioux Falls
- Carly Heard | Assistant Dean of Student Success & Accreditation, University of South Dakota – Burbank
- Dan Hermanson | Store Leader, Scheels – Sioux Falls
- Jeremy Ballew | Program Manager, Avera Employee Assistance Program/Avera Behavioral Health – Sioux Falls
- Joel Sylvester | Owner, Chief Client Officer, Five Star Call Centers – Sioux Falls
- John Etrheim | Financial Advisor, Edward Jones and Megan Etrheim | Registered Nurse, Avera Heart Hospital – Sioux Falls
- Katlyn Gustafson | Human Rights Investigator, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation – Pierre
- Mary Beth Fishback | CEO, Brookings Behavioral Health & Wellness – Brookings
- Sarina Talich | Sheriff, Lake County Sheriff’s Office – Madison
- Shannon Kubik | Legacy Consultant, Keep Farmers Farming – Hamill
- Tony Nour | Senior Vice President of Relationship Banking, First PREMIER Bank – Sioux Falls
- Wade Juracek | Teacher/Athletic Director, Colome High School – Gregory

“Every step of The 437 Proj-

ect run is a reminder that no one should have to walk through a mental health crisis alone ,” said Lindsey Meyers, Vice President for Public Relations at Avera. “At Avera, we’re committed to supporting our communities through diverse inpatient and outpatient behavioral health services and partnerships that help to increase access to our communities. “

As the team takes turns running across the state relay-style, the public is encouraged to support the runners by donating at the437project.org, following along on Instagram and Facebook, and by attending The 437 Project’s community events.

Throughout the four-day journey, there will be five free community events where the public is invited to meet the runners, enjoy local food trucks and yard games, and learn more about

the mission of The 437 Project. This year’s events will feature special guest Nathan Harmon, who shares his powerful story of transforming his pain into purpose following addiction, loss, and incarceration.

- Mitchell: Wednesday, September 16 from 10:00AM-11:30AM CT at the Sherman Center - Dakota Wesleyan University.
- Rapid City: Wednesday, September 16 from 6:00PM-7:00PM MT at Hilton Garden Inn Rapid City.
- Pierre: Friday, September 18 from 4:00PM-5:00PM CT at Drifters Bar & Grille.
- *new this year: Madison: Saturday, September 19 from 7:00PM-8:00PM CT at United Methodist Church.
- Sioux Falls: Sunday, September 20 from 1:00PM-2:00PM CT at Levitt at the

Falls.

*Each event time is listed in local time.

In 2025, The 437 Project raised over \$320,000 for The Helpline Center and other organizations across the state, bringing its four year total to over

\$1,000,000. Donations to The 437 Project provide ongoing support to someone who has lost a family member or friend to suicide, connecting them with resources and support groups to navigate through the grieving process. Funds raised will also support individuals experiencing crisis by providing access to critical mental health resources when they are needed most.

For more information about The 437 Project, visit the-437project.org.

Butte County State’s Attorney’s Office

Brian D. Knox
State’s Attorney brian.knox@buttesd.gov
August 21, 2026
Cassie J. Wendt Deputy State’s Attorney
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The following has been approved by myself and Mr. Ismay’s legal counsel, Mr. Tim Rensch as a joint press release.

Travis Ismay received a felony charge associated with actions he took upon a county road. Mr. Ismay believed his actions were justified due t, what he described as unfavorable conditions of the road. Mr. Ismay described the road as washboarded and rutted. Mr. Ismay took action in an attempt toimprove the road-way, not to destroy the roadway. However, due to Mr. Ismay’s

actions Butte County was required to send highway workers to the area to properly fix the roadway, following reports that ti was unsafe to travel due to Mr. Ismay’s actions. The cost ofrepairing the roadway cost \$1,750.00. The reason for the statutory scheme, the felony charge that Mr. Ismay faced, is to avoidcreation ofdangerous situations, to keep the public safe and tosafeguard County funding. Butte County would remind all that taking road-way construction or upkeep into your own hands si not acceptable. After being told the theory of the defense, and being knowledgeable about gravel roads, the Butte County State’s Attorney and defense counsel agreed upon a Class 2 misdemeanor, with the felony charge

being dropped, so long as the time spent by the county to re-grade the road was reimbursed. This resolution allows the tax funds spent by Butte County to remedy the roadway to be reimbursed, to make the County whole, and to deter similar behavior in the future. Mr. Ismay has taken responsibility for his actions, he has reimbursed Butte County and spared Butte County any additional costs and expense. Thus, today a benefit of the bargain, no contest plea was entered and Mr. Ismay reimbursed the county for the grading costs and court costs; and he appreciates the reasonableness of the State’s Attorney’s Office in entering into this compromise which saved both parties and the county the expense ofa jury trial.

Ag Day Brings Agriculture, Education and Community Together at the Belle Fourche Roundup Grounds

Agriculture is an important part of the Belle Fourche community and surrounding region, and this September, the public will have an opportunity to learn more about the people, businesses, equipment and resources that make agriculture such an important part of our area.

Ag Day will be held Saturday, September 19, 2026 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Belle Fourche Roundup Grounds. The event is open to the public and is designed to bring together ranchers, agricultural producers, families, businesses, organizations and community members for an afternoon of education, networking, activities and fun.

Whether you currently work in agriculture, are looking for resources to expand your operation, are interested in learning more about ranching, or simply want an afternoon of family-friendly activities, Ag Day will have something to offer.

Throughout the event, attendees can expect to find agriculture education booths, shopping vendors, agricultural equipment displays and opportunities to connect with businesses and organizations serving the agriculture industry.

A Full Afternoon of Activities

The afternoon will be divided into several activities and sessions, giving attendees plenty of opportunities to participate.

The event will begin from 1 to 2 p.m. with welcome and greetings, giving attendees a chance to arrive, get acquainted with the event and begin exploring what Ag Day has to offer.

From 2 to 3 p.m., the focus will turn to Vendor Power Hour and the Kid Zone. Attendees are encouraged to visit the vendor booths, learn about the products and services available in the agriculture community and complete an event punch card. Once completed, the punch card will enter attendees into a drawing for a prize.

The Kid Zone will remain open throughout the entire event from 1 to 6 p.m., providing activities for younger attendees. A special attraction during the day will be Wandering Wolf Ranch goats from 1PM-3PM, giving children and families an opportunity to meet and pet the goats. Other kid zone fun includes: “touch a truck” ith a semi and cattle pot on display, tractor equipment, dinosaur experience, and a giant sand pile so bring the kids’ dirt toys!

From 3 to 4 p.m., attendees will be invited into the main arena for Ag Olympics. Teams can enter for free and compete in a variety of easy and entertaining agriculture-themed games. Activities will include games such as Donkey Toss and a Stick Horse Race, with prizes available for winning team. Reach out to the Chamber of Commerce to enter your team.

The Ag Olympics are intended to be fun and approachable, so participants do not need to be professional athletes—or even agricultural experts—to join in. It is simply an opportunity to have some fun, enjoy a little friendly competition and celebrate agriculture in a different way.

A Place to Connect

From 4 to 5 p.m., Ag Day will shift its focus toward mixers, meetings and presentations.

Local organizations, agricultural groups, businesses and other community groups are encouraged to use this time as an opportunity to gather their members in one location. Ag

The South Dakota Highway Patrol along with the **SD Department of Public Safety** and **NHTSA** are again focusing efforts on reducing impaired driving through public education and enforcement.

Let’s Work Together to End Drunk Driving!

From August 19 through September 7, 2026, the South Dakota Highway Patrol, South Dakota Department of Public Safety-Office of Highway Safety, and the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will be working alongside local law enforcement to deter drunk driving and prevent tragedies during the Labor Day holiday weekend. The message is clear: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

During the 2024 Labor Day holiday (6 p.m. August 30 - 5:59 a.m. September 3), there were 505 traffic crash fatalities nationwide. Of these 505 fatalities, 34% (170) involved a drunk driver. Seventy-seven percent of the impaired drivers killed had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .15 or higher. Among drivers between the ages of 18 and 34 who were killed in crashes over the Labor Day holiday in 2024, 40% of those drivers were drunk, with BACs of .08 or higher.

According to the South Dakota Office of Accident Records, over the past five Labor Day weekends (2021–2025), impaired driving crashes have resulted in 6 fatalities and 51 injuries on South Dakota roadways. This is why the South Dakota Highway Patrol is working together with the South Dakota Department of Public Safety-Office of Highway Safety, and NHTSA to remind drivers that impaired driving is not only illegal; it’s a matter of life and death. As you head out to festivities during the end of summer and Labor Day weekend, remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

We want our community members to understand that it’s our first priority to keep people safe, so we’re asking everyone to plan ahead if they know they’ll be out drinking. The Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign is an awareness effort to get the message out that drunk driving is illegal and it kills. Let’s make this a partnership between law enforcement and drivers: Help us protect the community and put an end to this dangerous behavior.

If a driver intends to drink during a Labor Day festivity, he or she should plan ahead for a safe ride home by securing a designated driver or calling a taxi or rideshare. They shouldn’t wait until after drinking to plan how to get somewhere. Impairment clouds a person’s judgment and endangers others on the road.

If a driver finds they are unable to drive, they should give their keys to a sober driver so that person can get them home safely. When a friend has been drinking and is considering driving, friends should be proactive — take away the keys and help them get a sober ride home. If anyone spots a drunk driver, contact local law enforcement.

For more information on impaired driving, visit [NHTSA.gov/DrunkDriving](https://drivesafesd.com/), and <https://drivesafesd.com/>

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Day provides a unique setting for organizations to host a mixer, meeting or networking opportunity while also connecting with other people and businesses attending the event.

There will also be scheduled presentations throughout this portion of the afternoon, providing attendees with information that can be useful to agricultural producers and families.

One scheduled presentation will be from Lynn Jackson Attorneys, who will discuss estate planning. Presentations such as this are intended to provide practical information and resources that can help agricultural families plan for the future.

Ending the Day With Prizes

The final hour, from 5 to 6 p.m., will feature closing activities and prize giveaways.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the door prize drawings, a 50/50 drawing and the completed punch card drawing. Those who have spent the afternoon visiting vendors and completing their punch cards will have a chance to win one of the event prizes.

Something for Everyone

Ag Day is intended to be more than just another community event. It is an opportunity to bring agriculture to the forefront and help connect the public with the people and businesses who support the industry.

For current ranchers and agricultural producers, the event provides an opportunity to discover new resources, meet potential business partners and learn about services that may help broaden or improve their operations.

For those who are not directly involved in agriculture, Ag Day offers an opportunity to learn more about ranching and agriculture in the region, meet local agricultural businesses and organizations, see equipment and displays, and gain a better understanding of the industry that plays such an important role in our community.

Families are also encouraged to attend and enjoy the Kid Zone, meet the Wandering Wolf Ranch goats, participate in the Ag Olympics and explore the various booths and displays throughout the Roundup Grounds.

With education, networking, vendors, equipment, family activities, presentations, games and prizes all included, Ag Day is designed to have something for everyone.

The public is invited to attend Ag Day on Saturday, September 19, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Belle Fourche Roundup Grounds.

For additional event information, follow Ag Day updates on the Belle Fourche Chamber Facebook or visit the Belle Fourche Chamber website. As always, can call the Chamber at 605-892-2676.

Newell Back to School Bash Brings Community Together

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NEWELL—The Back to School Bash brought families together at the Newell City Park on August 22 to celebrate the end of summer and the start of a new school year. Perfect end-of-the-season weather made for a beautiful day to enjoy the festivities.

Open to all in the area, the bash was hosted by the Newell Community Baptist Church. “We just wanted to do something in the community, something to share Christ’s love with the folks of the Newell area. School’s getting ready to start up again and seemed like a good time to do something that brings children and families together,” explained Pastor Fred MacDonald.

A variety of activities were available for everyone to participate in, including three large inflatables. Two different bouncy houses and an obstacle course gave the kids a way to use up some of their energy. When they were not taking advantage of the huge blowup obstacles, the youngsters could spend time drawing with chalk on the sidewalks, playing with puppies, having their faces painted, playing a game of cornhole or blowing bubbles.

No Back to School Bash would be complete without some fun fair food, and this one had plenty of tasty treats for everyone to savor. Snow cones, cotton candy, popcorn and hot dogs were available for both kids and adults. The selection of free treats brought plenty of smiles to the faces of the younger guests,



Both adults and kids enjoyed themselves at the Back to School event. Longbrake photos

with a line forming for the icy treats.

At the top of each hour, MacDonald would address the partygoers and tell a story to everyone who gathered around him. “One of the things we’re doing is at the top of each hour we do a brown bag Bible story. It’s called Pastor Fred’s Brown Bag and we’ll get all the kids and adults together and share a story from the Bible,” said MacDonald.

His brown bag had different items in it. The pastor usually

lets the kids in his congregation add any items they want to the bag. He then pulls an item out of the bag and turns it into a story. He shared his stories several times throughout the Back to School Bash, and usually he tells a brown bag story every Sunday. “When it’s time for the brown bag, we open it together and whatever they brought, we turn that into a story,” he explained.

Pastor MacDonald is fairly new to the Newell community, so he enjoys getting out and meet-

ing people in the area. “Turnout has been good. I’ve just been pastor here since November, so this first chance we’ve had to do this...but it’s been great! Kids are having fun,” he shared.

He may be newer to the area, but he isn’t new to preaching. He has been leading services for half a century. “I’ve been a pastor since I was in my mid 20s and... September 14 will be 50 years since I preached my first sermon,” said MacDonald.

If you didn’t make it to the

end-of-summer and start-of-the-school-year gathering at the Newell City Park, Pastor Fred invites everyone to stop by and meet him. He said, “Well, if folks don’t have a church home, Newell Community Baptist Church is a family for families.”

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Free snow cones were a popular treat for the hot afternoon.



Cornhole was one of the games available to play at the park.



Cotton candy was also available for anyone wanting to indulge in the sweet treat.



Pastor Fred MacDonald of the Newell Community Baptist Church and his wife, Denise.



Grand River Roundup



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We went to Hettinger last Monday to get a motor for Reub’s sprayer after the other one quit and he found one at Runnings. We stopped to have coffee in Reeder with the Prairie Pioneers on the way home. It was Taz’s birthday that day so we wished him Happy Birthday after the rain and hail hit after we got home. I keep records for the National Weather Service and they called me after the storm to find out if we had gotten hail and rain here and I let them know that we had both hail and rain. I dumped almost a third of an inch of rain out of the rain gauge after the rain.

The guys were working calves up at Jensen’s Tuesday morning while Reub was spraying weeds over at the east ranch. When the guys got home, they put new tires on the semi

after lunch and Reub sprayed weeds around here that afternoon. Taz had to haul water over to Cow Camp at Lodgepole because the windmill over there had quit.

I called Ryan Maher Wednesday morning to wish him Happy Birthday while he was at a meeting. He didn’t answer but he called me right back so I could tell him why I called. The guys were working calves at Jensen’s again that morning. They came home for lunch and then Missy went with them to go over to Cow Camp at Lodgepole to haul the cows home to the pasture at Glendo because they weren’t getting water after the windmill quit. Reub went up to the Horse Creek pasture to spray weeds that morning, but he wrecked the Kubota down in a draw while he was spraying and had to call Conrad Smith to come up and take Reub back to his

pickup so he could come home. He had planned to make it home by 3:00, but he was blessed to make it home to eat lunch just after 5:30 that afternoon. The guys didn’t get home until after Reub got home.

Casey went up to help Bill Holt work his calves on Thursday. Reub and I went over to Mark and Marcia Lermený’s place that afternoon to meet with Dillon Lermený at his folks’ place to get some of the pictures he has of the Slim Buttes to use in the presentation I’m going to give at the Thrashing Bee in late September about the history of the Slim Buttes. Thankfully, Dillon had a lot of good old pictures that I can use in my presentation and I left him a picture of the Reva cowboys that Seab Ledbetter sent to Reub’s father Buck Olson years ago when Seab was in the nursing home at the Don Pratt Manor in Belle Fourche, a picture of Doc Hodge’s house after a dance there years ago and a picture of all five of Doc Hodge’s sons. We stopped in Reva on the way home to get some of that delicious soft ice cream that Vince has there at the store.

Casey and Taz went up to the Horse Creek pasture Friday morning to get Reub’s Kubota that he wrecked out of the draw it fell into and they got it pulled

out of there and loaded onto the flatbed so Casey called Reub to tell him they had it ready for him to take it up to John Brown in Reeder to fix it. Reub left here with the red pickup, drove to the Horse Creek pasture to get the Kubota and then he hauled it up to Reeder to John Brown so John could get it fixed.

Sadly, there is another death to report: Leah “Ann” Wieland, 92, of Hettinger, passed away at the West River Regional Medical Center in Hettinger on Monday, August 17. Service of Remembrance was on Saturday, August 22, at the Hettinger Lutheran Church with burial at the Hettinger Cemetery.

Casey took Copper, Knox and River Lu with him up to help Bill Holt work his calves Saturday morning. Ron and Jace Jensen, and Doug and Clint Doll were also there to help work the calves. I made some things to take to the church service and the potluck in the Slim Buttes on Sunday. Reub and I spent most of the afternoon working on our Bible study at Lester and Sharon Longwood’s Sunday evening. Casey cut down an old dead tree near the water hydrant that I use to water my gardens with and I’ve been hoping someone would cut it down before it rotted and fell over then Casey

hauled all the cutup logs down to the dump. Our longtime friend Dean Anderson was having his 85th birthday party Open House at the Hettinger Methodist Church Saturday afternoon, but we didn’t know about it until we read it in the Eido Connect, but by then it was too late to go to Dean’s party. Happy Birthday Dean!

We had church in the Slim Buttes at the Gap Sunday morning with a potluck dinner after the church service. Pastor Henry Mohagen had the service and Linda Mohagen and Laura Johnson played their guitars so we could sing the hymns. A lot of people came and brought a lot of food, so as usual I ate too much. Sam Marty and I started talking about who was the first person to own the JX ranch in the south side of the Slim Buttes and Sam called Chad Jensen to find out so I could get it right when I talk about the history of the Slim Buttes.

Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

August 17, 1916

Arrangements have been completed for the Annual Tournament of the Black Hills Tennis Association, which will be held in Hot Springs this year. The entries are open to anyone, it will open August 14 to continue to August 18, regardless of geographical districts. The matches will consist of Men’s Singles, Doubles, Ladies’ Singles and Doubles and Mixed Doubles. The traveling loving cups will be defended. Our Newell teams are sharpening their skills.

The fire bell at last has been raised to its lofty position on the hose house, due to the hard work of the Fire Department.

After conference with President Wilson, Chairman Vance McCormick announced the President will make no speaking tour to the Black Hills and our area but will accept invitations to speak in different places. Mr. McCormick will accept invitations though to speak for President Wilson.

D. H. Anderson, of Chicago, Editor of the Irrigation Age, is making a tour of all Federal Irrigation Projects in the interest of the publication. This was the second visit to this project, having been here on his previous visit before the town of Newell was established.

August 19, 1926

Gutzon Borglum, sculptor, and his son Lincoln, are believed to be on their way by auto from San Antonio, Texas to the Black Hills, where Mr. Borglum expects to begin work on the Rushmore Mountain Memorial.

J. D. Kirk has secured the job of dragging the Highway Road from Nisland to the bridge about 10 miles west. He starts to work right away. No better man could have been selected for this work, for he is faithful, careful, honest and will do everything he can to keep the road in good shape. Wm. Quinn has been awarded the contract for grading down the Tommy Brown and Van Loan Hill on Poverty Ridge south of Newell on Highway 79. He also secured the contract for the fills at the new Redwater Bridge on Highway 22 near

Belle Fourche.

Saturday afternoon a cyclone struck the Tom Lyons ranch near Buffalo. When the storm struck, Mrs. Lyons put her 2 children under the bed, just as the house was lifted and torn apart. The furniture was broken and scattered for miles and to this day the cook stove has not been found. None of the occupants of the house were seriously injured.

August 20, 1936

About 15 head of sheep were killed by lightning on Horse Creek during the electric storm Tuesday evening. The stock belonging to Andrew Erickson were being kept at the Boe farm in the Lower Horse Creek area.

Lyle Crane purchased the Arthur Severson airplane, trading in his car on the deal. Lyle has been taking flying lessons for some time and expects soon to get his official wings.

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd A. Stearns returned Friday from their week’s outing to Yellowstone Park. Lloyd says of the sights he saw, the most interesting to him was a Kansas car carrying a banner inscribed “Kansas is Safe for Roosevelt”.

August 15, 1946

James W. Lewis of Wayne, Nebraska, has accepted the position as Superintendent of the Vale Schools. Mr. & Mrs. Lewis and daughter Dorothy Ann plan to move to Vale on August 20th. They are no strangers to the community; Mr. Lewis having taught in Newell School for several years and Mrs. Lewis is a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John H. Karinen of Fruitdale.

A siren, new hose and other repairs are necessary to put the rural fire equipment here in proper condition, in a report at the Newell Volunteer Fire Department regular meeting Tuesday evening. Contributions are being requested for the purpose of financing the needed repairs. B. F. Richards, chairman of the rural fire committee announced, and such donations should be paid to him.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hedrick returned Saturday from a week’s business trip to Omaha,

by Linda Velder

Kansas City, Ottawa and other points. They were accompanied by Mrs. Hedrick’s brother, Louis Papousek, who plans to spend some time here and possibly gain employment

Dick Collins of Belle Fourche arrived in Newell this week and is barbering at the E. J. Erdman Barber Shop while the latter is recuperating from effects of a serious leg infection which has been bothering him for the past couple of weeks.

August 23, 1956

Newell won Championship title in the First Annual South Dakota Jr. Softball Tournament held at Deadwood Saturday and Sunday, in the 14 to 16 year division and the runner-up trophy in the 8 to 13 year division. Players for the Championship are Jack Malcolm, Tom Richter, Richard Jaukkari, Norman Williamson, Adam Turpen, Harlan Robbins, Bill Heston, Gerald Soma, Tom Fabricius, Larry Johnson, Harold Shipley, Ronnie Glover, Richard Loewel, Lynn Kuchera, and Darrel Barber with Walt Johnson as Manager. The Jr. players are Larry Snoozy, Andrew Pokorny, David DeGarlais, Paul Lewis, Tommy Stapp, Billy Long, Maurice Townsend, Morris Schallenberger, Robert Fardig, Roger Zwetzig, Chuck Turbiville, Tommy Pickard, and Bobby Bruce with Darrel Eickelman and Lyman Bruce as managers. Belle Fourche won 2nd place in the championship and 1st in the Jr. Division.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Youngberg of Alzada visited here this weekend at the parental Frank Miles’ home and the Wm and John Youngberg homes and also visited her sister Mr. & Mrs. Don West and family.

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Swan and family moved recently from the McClung place south of town to the former Fred Miller ranch east of Newell on Willow Creek.

Wee welcome to our community; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Bunny’s new baby son, Monte Frederick, and Mr. & Mrs. Donald Seaman’s new son, Thomas Ryan. Monte was born in the Belle Fourche Hospital and Thomas



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Volunteer workers will begin taking a census of possible patron-members for the newly formed Butte County Sanitary District it was announced by Wm Smeenk, appointed chairman of the steering committee. Purpose of the proposed district is to furnish an adequate supply of artesian water to the farmers and ranchers in the district for household and livestock uses. Applications for finances for such project have been made to the Farmers Home Administration, who have been working with the temporary committee.

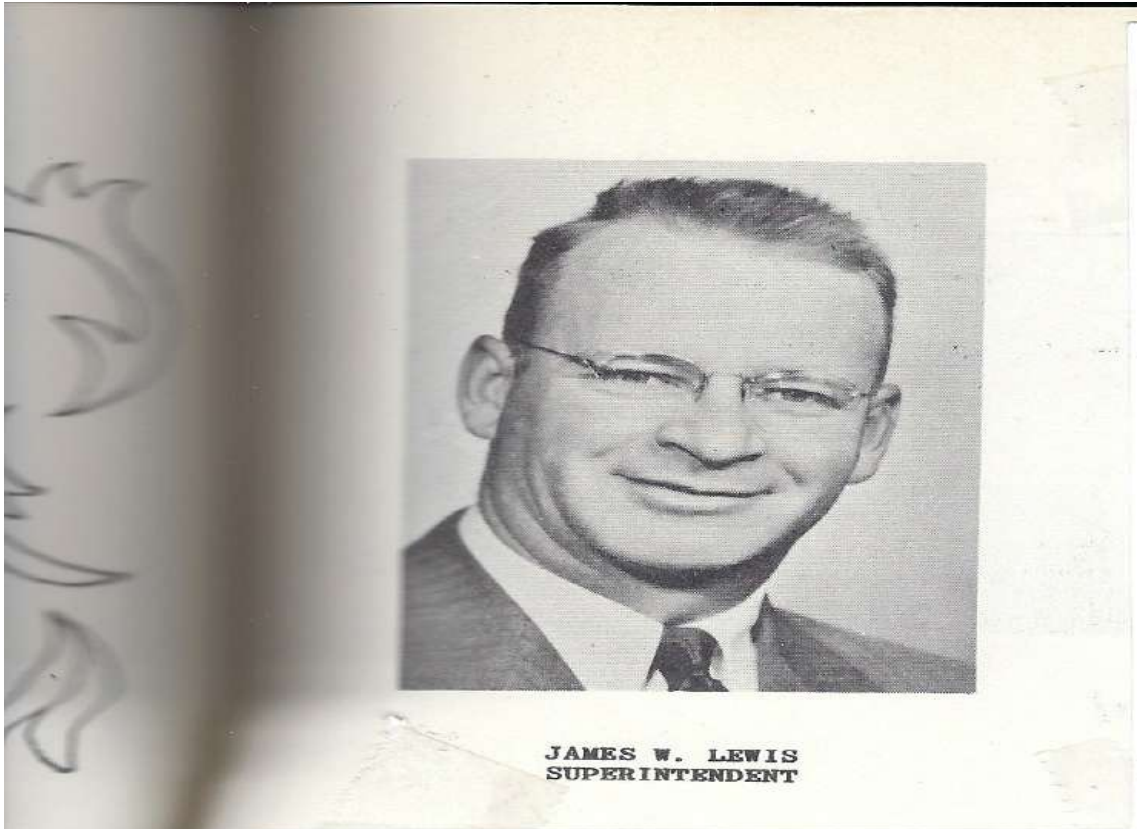
Colored wool pelt rugs in several colors are available at the home of Rena Wahlfeldt. This is the only place where these pelts are available for purchase from the Western South Dakota Sheep Growers Auxiliary. Rena has in stock a selection of colors. Stop by her home at 817 8th St.

Seventy-one friends, neighbors and relatives gathered Sunday at the Arnold Strohschein Ranch, near Mud Butte for a picnic. The afternoon was spent playing games, visiting, taking pictures and

enjoying the live music being played on the lawn. Those having birthdays during August and the first part of September were celebrated. A wonderful time was reported and all joined in thanking the Strohschein’s for the pleasant day.

Final plans for serving a chicken dinner to veterans from the VA Hospital at Ft. Meade at the Vet’s Hall in Newell on Labor Day were made at a special meeting of the Legion Auxiliary last Tuesday evening. The veteran patients will be guests of the Newell Community Club at the Annual Labor Day Celebration and Rodeo.

Miss Carolyn Wilson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Wilson of Newell and graduate from NHS and BHTC, recently arrived in Hohenfels, Germany, about 50 miles from Nuremberg, where she will teach in the elementary school system under the US Armed Forces Training Bases Program. She is the only person from South Dakota joining 5 other teachers going to Europe and 3 are from the Denver area. She has a 3-year teaching career in South Dakota and Wyoming.



JAMES W. LEWIS
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(L) 1946, New Vale School Supt. James W. Lewis. (R) 1908 Issue of IRRIGATION AGE, the Editor came to Newell. Museum photos



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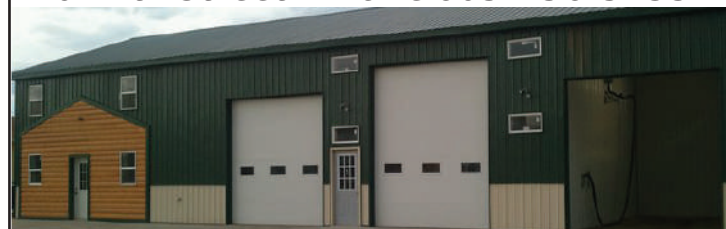
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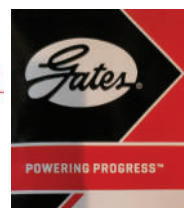
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SATURDAY 8/29

Rodeo Queen Pageant – 8:30am
Rodeo Queen Coronation – 6:30pm

THURSDAY, 9/3

Cowboys for Christ Church Service
6:30pm – Ram Sale Bldg.

FRIDAY, 9/4

Quilt Show Registration & Check In
1:00–3:00pm, City Hall
Newell Museum Open
1:00-5:00pm, City Hall

SATURDAY 9/5

5K Fun Run/Walk – 7:00am Registration / 7:30 Walkers Start / 7:45 Runners Start
Ranch Rodeo & Calcutta – 1:30pm, Arena
Cowboy Mini Jeep Race – Around 3:30pm, Arena
Quilt Show Viewing – 1:00-5:00pm, City Hall
Newell Museum Open – 1:00-5:00pm, City Hall
Fireman's BBQ – 5:00-7:00pm, Fire Hall
FFA Goat Roping – 6:00-7:30pm, Behind Ram Sale Pens
Newell Bar Dance featuring Williams & Wright – 9:00pm, Newell Bar

SUNDAY 9/6

J.D. Mutchler Memorial Team Roping – 9:00am Reg. / 10:00 Breakaway / TR After
Car Show – 8:00-10:00am Registration / 10:00-1:00pm Show, South Park
Good Eats & Sweet Treats – 8:00-2:00, South Park
Tractor Pull – 12:00-2:00pm Weigh Ins / 2:30pm Tractor Pull, Girard Street
Corn Hole Tournament – 1:30pm Registration / 2:00pm Tournament, South Park
Quilt Show Viewing – 1:00-5:00pm, City Hall
Newell Museum Open – 1:00-5:00pm, City Hall

MONDAY 9/7

Parade – 8:30-9:30am Line Up & Registration / 10:00am Parade
Midwestern Meat Locker 'Frank' Cookout – 11:00-2:00, South Park
First Natl. Bank Sponsored Kids' Games – 10:30am, South Park
Chicken/Regular Bingo – 12:00-4:00pm, NVN Center
NVN Meal (Sloppy Joes/Hot Dogs) – After the Parade, NVN Center
Newell Labor Day Rodeo – 8:00am Slack / 1:00pm Rodeo
Quilt Show Viewing – 10:00-5:00pm / Quilt Pickup – 5:00pm
Newell Museum Open – 10:00 a.m.-4:00pm, City Hall



Back to School Photos



Enjoying blowing bubbles.



Climbing into the bouncy house to play.



Making beautiful chalk art drawings during the event.



Face and body painting was available for the kids to enjoy.



This was a popular inflatable at the Back to School Bash.



Corgi puppies came out to play at the park.



Pastor Fred shared Brown Bag stories with the kids every hour.