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Sunflower Festival Blooms Into a Big Success

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NISLAND—Families and friends made the trek down an old, dusty gravel road to get to the place with rows and rows of beautiful, brightly colored flowers for the second annual Sunflower Festival on August 29, hosted by Joyful Blooms Flower Farm.

The weather was warm and the lines were long as the public made their way out to the festival. In its second year, the event exploded in size as an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 folks made their way out to Joyful Blooms to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of fall.

Last year, around 500 visitors attended the festival, and that was basically what they were planning for this year. Instead, the festival drew several times that number. “Oh gosh, I knew it’d be bigger than last year but I didn’t think it’d be this big! Everyone loves sunflowers I guess,” said Sarah Schwede, owner.

Growing the festival was actually a long process with a lot of work and planning on the part of the Schwede family. Following the first Sunflower Festival last summer, Sarah shared plans she already had for the second Sunflower Festival and they included buying more land, adding a Sunflower Maze and a pumpkin patch.



Crowds ventured to the Sunflower Festival. Longbrake photo

That is exactly what they did. “So we bought this property—before we were just on our two acres, and we ended up buying this property last December. This was the goal from last year, and it happened,” explained Sarah. “I think our business has just grown in this last year, and the word has gotten out and everyone loves sun-

flowers still! We did a sunflower maze, so that’s totally different from last year. We have over 30 vendors this year—last year we had 10, and then this year we have about five food trucks, I believe.”

As you pulled up to the festival, you were greeted by cars and pickups lining the gravel road all the way up to the flower

farm. As visitors entered the festival, parking helpers guided cars into designated parking areas. “I had parking blocked off over here, and maybe overflow parking here, but I never expected this kind of a crowd,” shared Sarah.

For a \$5 admission fee, close to 40 vendors were lined up all around the property, giving

eventgoers a lot to see and do. There was definitely something for everyone. Spread throughout the grounds were really well-thought-out stations to keep everyone comfortable and able to enjoy the day. There were water stations to fill flower vases and bug spray stations if

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Cornhole Tournament Supports Belle Silver Lining



Participants in the 3rd Annual Belle Silver Lining Cornhole Tournament gather to get directions for play from BK Cornhole owner Brad Kirksey. Longbrake photo

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BELLE FOURCHE—An afternoon of coming together for good food, competitive cornhole and time with friends and family, all while supporting a good cause, was the backdrop for the 3rd annual Belle Silver Lining Cornhole Tournament on August 29.

Once again, the benefit was hosted at the outdoor horseshoe court at the Moose Lodge. Supporters who didn’t play in the tournament brought lawn chairs and cheered on the players. Not as many teams showed up as they would have liked, but those that did show up had a good time.

The Moose Lodge sold a sloppy Joe plate with beans, pasta salad and dessert for \$10 and offered drinks for purchase to anyone who was thirsty.

The cornhole event is a fundraiser for Belle Silver Lining. Coming up with new ideas to raise money for the nonprofit while engaging public interest takes some planning. “Mary Riley and a good friend of hers, Steve Parker—Steve Parker

Cornhole Contd. A3

Behind the Gates: Sportsman’s Club Hosts Open House

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Center of the Nation Sportsman’s Club opened its doors to the public on August 30, inviting visitors to come out and tour the facility, learn more about the club and how to get involved while enjoying some good food. It was an opportunity to experience what happens behind the gates of the private club and learn more about what it has to offer.

The annual open house is a way to introduce people to the Sportsman’s Club and its ongoing improvements. “Every year we have an open house. We just want to try to get more people involved and show more people what we have and our improvements, things like that,” explained Fritz Carlson, president. “We’re always trying to improve the range and make it better, make our classrooms better, our targets and everything. And we got trap shooting

going on, and it’s just an open, free day for people to come in and see what we got.”

Membership in the club costs \$30 a year. “Membership gets you access. You get the combination to the gate, so you come out and shoot pistol, 100 yard, 200 yard. Then we have trap shooting every Wednesday night in summer—come out and bring your own shells, it will cost you \$10 for a round of birds,” said Carlson. “The first Wednesday of the month is our monthly meeting. And in the summer, we try to have it out here—we have a meal with our meeting.”

In the winter, the members meet at various locations around Belle Fourche. “When the winter time comes, then we move—it’s just too cold out here so we move into town. We try to pick a different restaurant every month just to spread the business around town,” shared Carlson.

Today, the organization has over 400 members. Rick Walton

was one of the founding members of the current Sportsman’s Club. He shared that the Center of the Nation Sportsman’s Club was established around 2001. At the time, Walton and the other founders approached members of the previous club about using its name and range. “So we wanted to start a club, but we wanted a name that people would trust. So we went and talked to Pete and Chuck and the remaining guys and said we’d like to reincorporate—can we reincorporate and use your name? And they agreed,” explained Walton. “They agreed to let us use the range. They leased it to us for like \$10, but did not give it to us or turn it over. They said, ‘If you can show us that you’re actually going to survive and that you’ll have a membership.’ Within six months we had 100 members and within six months they signed it over and gave us the deed.”

Safety is important to the

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Muzzloading at the Center of the Nation Sportsman’s Club open house. Longbrake photo

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Colby Lee Crago, 46

Colby Lee Crago was born January 30, 1980 in Miles 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 14, 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.



ing 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; grandmother, Margaret Crago of Spearfish; sisters, Stephanie (Robbie) Kazi of Atlanta GA, Sentel (Nathan) Schreier of Belle Fourche; brothers, Barry (Kristen) of Kaycee WY, Justin (Stephanie) of St. Onge; step-mother, Kim Crago of Belle Fourche; mother-in-law, Cora Giannonatti of Ludlow; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Vincent Crago, Frank and Marlene Simons; father-in-law, Joe Giannonatti.

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



Pastor’s Perspective

“When It Is Time to Move Forward”

This Perspective is adapted from James R. Miller.

There is a time in life when we are called to wait upon God. There are also times when God calls us to move forward.

Learning the difference can be difficult.

We often pray for God to open a door, remove an obstacle, or make the path ahead perfectly clear. We tell ourselves that once everything is settled and every difficulty has disappeared, we will be ready to take the next step. But sometimes the very step we are waiting for God to make possible is the step He is asking us to take in faith.

The Bible gives us many examples of people who had to move forward before they could see how the way would open.

When the Israelites stood before the Red Sea, Moses told them to stand still and watch for God’s deliverance. There was nothing they could do in that moment except trust Him. But later, when the time came to leave the shore, God told them to go forward.

The lesson is important: there are times to stand still, and there are times to move.

Waiting on God does not mean becoming passive. Faith is not simply sitting in one place until every uncertainty disappears. Sometimes faith means taking the next step even when we cannot yet see the entire road.

We can become so focused on the obstacles ahead that we forget the God who stands behind His promises.

Perhaps you have been waiting for something in your own life. You may be waiting for an answer to prayer, a change in circumstances, an opportunity, or simply some indication of what you are supposed to do next. Waiting can be exhausting, especially when we cannot understand why the answer has not come.

But waiting can also prepare us.

God may use a season of uncertainty to strengthen our patience, deepen our trust, or



teach us to depend upon Him rather than our own understanding. Sometimes the delay is doing something within us that we cannot yet see.

At the same time, we should be careful not to use “waiting on God” as an excuse for fear.

There are moments when we already know the right thing to do, but we are afraid to do it. We may

be waiting for perfect circumstances that will never arrive. We may want absolute certainty before taking even one step.

Yet Scripture repeatedly calls God’s people to walk by faith.

Faith does not require us to know everything that will happen tomorrow. It asks us to trust God enough to obey Him today.

Think of a person standing at the edge of a river. They may pray for the water to disappear before they begin their journey. But sometimes God asks them to step toward the water first. The path becomes visible only after they begin moving.

This does not mean that every obstacle will disappear simply because we take a step. Nor does it mean that every desire we have is God’s will. Prayer, Scripture, wisdom, and godly counsel remain essential. But once God has made our direction clear, continually waiting for a more convenient moment can become another form of disobedience.

There is great comfort in knowing that God does not ask us to see the whole road. He asks us to trust Him with the portion of the road directly in front of us.

Perhaps today you need to wait.

Perhaps today you need to move.

Ask God for the wisdom to know which one He is asking of you. If He says, “Be still,” be still without fear. If He says, “Go forward,” do not let the size of the river convince you that the journey is impossible.

God is already where you are going.

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 Cornhole
throws a lot of the bags, and so he presented the idea to us about doing a cornhole tournament,” shared Marilyn Huston-Engle, Board President.

Brad Kirksey, owner of BK Cornhole, and Steve Parker were in charge of putting the event together and running the tournament. Kirksey is from the Belle Fourche area and doing events like this for his community is important to him. “I do this for—I just did one for the soccer team, for the Belle Fourche soccer team—I put that on for them, and then organizations like this that you know, want to do a benefit, they can reach out and I do for free,” explained Kirksey. “It’s a way I can give back to the community.”

The format of the tournament was bring-your-own-partner teams with double elimination.

Cornhole is a game anyone can play.

In addition to the tournament, Belle Silver Lining held a 50/50 drawing, gave door prizes and sold tickets to a gun raffle. The winner will be drawn on September 14. There is still time to purchase tickets for a chance to win a Glock 19 Glitter handgun in Zombie Green. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25, and they can be purchased at Belle Silver Lining.

Sponsors for the event were VFW, Cowboys TOO!, Wareing Motors, Grossenburg Implement, New York Life, Hills Interior and Sysco.

Coming up at Belle Silver Lining on September 17 is a CALM Clinical Workshop. According to the flyer, the training is designed to help professionals in mental health, medical and human service fields counsel individ-

uals and their families about temporarily reducing access to firearms and dangerous medications during times of heightened suicide risk.

On September 18, Belle Silver Lining is hosting a Portrait Party. CSnow Imagery will be taking portraits—families and groups are welcome to come. Every Friday morning at the center, from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., the public is invited to enjoy Caramel Rolls and Coffee.

Always looking for ways to raise funds, Belle Silver Lining already has plans for their next fundraiser. Mark your calendar for their annual Spaghetti Feed at the Moose Lodge on October 10.

As always, if you are interested in getting involved with the community, Belle Silver Lining is looking for volunteers!



Tossing bags. Longbrake photos

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Hardworking Belle Silver Lining board president Marilyn Huston-Engle wipes the rain off the boards.



Steve Parker throws a bag in the Belle Silver Lining Cornhole Tournament.



Taking time to add up the points.

An Evening with South Dakota Kids Belong

SPEARFISH, S.D.—South Dakota Kids Belong invites the community to an evening of stories, connection, and hope during its upcoming gala, Community Starts Here: An Evening with South Dakota Kids Belong, on Thursday, September 17, 2026.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. at Elkhorn Ridge Resort in Spearfish. Dinner will be provided by Fork Real Cafe, and tickets are \$50 per person.

A child does not find belonging through one person alone. It takes families, neighbors, churches, businesses, volunteers, advocates, and friends all choosing to show up.

The evening will bring the community together to learn more about the work South Dakota Kids Belong is doing to create brighter futures for children and families impacted by foster care. Through meaningful stories and shared experiences, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the importance of belonging and the role a strong community can play in the lives of children and families.

Proceeds from the event will support the mission of South Dakota Kids Belong to improve the experiences and outcomes of children and families in foster care by equipping families, engaging communities, and creating opportunities for individuals, businesses, and churches to support children in meaningful ways.

Event Details
Community Starts Here: An Evening with South Dakota Kids Belong
September 17, 2026
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In the shade trees, there was a
Kid Zone right next to musician
Sarah Carper, who entertained
the crowd. Parents were able
to set up lawn chairs or put out
blankets and enjoy the music
while their kids explored all of
the fun outdoor activities. There
was a corn-filled box, buckets
of bubbles, face painting, play
equipment and much more.
Wandering Wolf Ranch provided
baby goats for everyone to cud-
dle. Hayrides around the prop-
erty were popular, as was taking
photos in the sunflowers.

There was a roped-off area
where flower lovers could cut
their own blooms and create
beautiful floral bouquets. It
didn't take long before all of the
blooms were gone, so the hosts
of the event opened the sunflow-
er maze, a field full of sunflowers
with a path winding around the
inside. They gave the go-ahead
to begin clipping those sunflow-
ers so everyone who wanted a
beautiful, bright yellow flower
could have one. Everywhere you
looked at the festival, there was
someone walking around holding

the giant yellow flowers. A splen-
did reminder of the great day.

A goal of Joyful Blooms is to
have enough flowers for every-
one to enjoy. This year's Sun-
flower Festival had just that! "We
didn't run out of flowers! We're
opening up the maze here in
about 15 minutes...and you can
cut flowers—that way everyone
gets flowers," shared Sarah.

In October, plan to come back
to Joyful Blooms for their Fall
Festival. They will have their
pumpkin patch ready for the
public. Sarah said, "We have a
two-acre pumpkin patch right
now, we'll do a fall festival...
we'll definitely do pumpkins,
and I think each year it'll just get
bigger and bigger. But you know,
more planning and trying to fig-
ure out how to have more flowers
for everyone!"

A successful event couldn't
happen without the help of many
people coming together to lend a
hand. "It took definitely a team
of people, you know the ven-
dors—everyone coming out and
driving quite a ways to get here,
all the people and all my friends
and family who just showed up
when I needed it," said Sarah.
"I just hope everyone had a nice
successful day!"



Entering the Sunflower Maze. Longbrake photos



Taking pictures in the sunflowers.



Playing on the tree swing.



Long lines at the Soda Bar.



A water station to fill vases for the cut flowers.



Waiting in line for the Rollin in the Hills food truck.



Sarah Carper entertaining the crowd.



The Kid Zone was a popular spot.

Sunflower Festival Photos Cont'd.



Kids playing in the corn-filled box. Longbrake photos



Face painting.



Trying out a Brain Freeze snow cone.



Blowing bubbles.



Carrying their beautiful flower bouquets.



Large crowds enjoying the Sunflower Festival.

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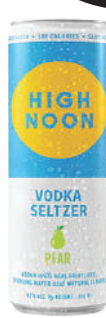


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Open House From A1

Sportsman’s Club. They have a classroom where they teach hunter safety, hunter skills and gun safety, and they focus a lot of their effort on youth. “We do everything for the youth that we can. We fund shooting sports, and just try to help them out as much as we can,” explained Carlson. “We support the youth and that’s what it’s all about.”

This year’s open house had a strong turnout. “It’s been a good turnout today—really good turnout. The best we’ve had in a long time. We’ve got about five or six new members signed up—we’ve had a lot of people today,” shared Carlson.



Ghostly History Comes to Life at Tri-State Museum

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BELLE FOURCHE—The end of summer brings spooky season to the Tri-State Museum with its latest temporary exhibit, “Ghost Towns, Ghost Times.” The new display made its debut on Saturday, August 29. The Red Onion Marketplace crafted special cupcakes topped with ghostly decorations for the reception, while the Museum provided refreshments.

The fun yet scary exhibit explores all of the area ghost towns. “It is all of the ghost towns in the Black Hills area,” shared Jean Maher, Assistant Director.

The exhibit explores what the ghost towns were like when they were at their peak, and what happened to them—what made growing towns disappear? “Most of them were mining towns, and so that’s why they were established, and then when the minerals ran out, everyone just left and only the towns and buildings were left,” explained Maher.

There is a lot of great historical information to discover, including photos, displays, artifacts and more. Informative storyboards detail the history behind each display. Maher said, “it is one that we did in 2015, I think. One of our first ones and it wasn’t this elaborate—we’ve added a lot to it this time!”

After you spend time going through the exhibit, you can test your knowledge at the touchscreen quiz. For the little ones, there is an entire Kids Corner set up for them to enjoy. It contains books, activities, a take-home packet and coloring sheets. The packet is filled with crossword puzzles, dot-to-dot sheets, word searches and other educational activities. The crafting activity encourages kids to create their own ghost family portrait.

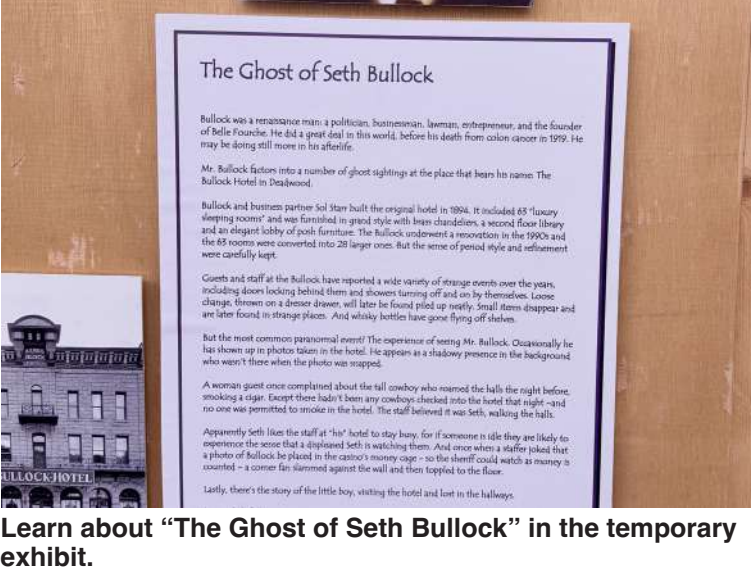
The exhibit was put together by museum staff: Jada Udager, Collections Archivist, gathered all of the artifacts; Kristi Thiel, Director, did the research and writing of the storyboards

and touchscreen quiz; Jean Maher handled the exhibit’s photo collation and mounting; Kim Reausaw, Gift Shop Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, created the PowerPoint and children’s table craft. All four of them, plus Sheila Culhane, Programs and Events Assistant, installed the exhibit.

Come out and enjoy this spooky fun temporary exhibit and learn the history of all of the ghost towns that call the Black Hills home. It runs through November when the next temporary exhibit will move in and take over the same space.

The next one will be the Ginger Village, which will be part of the annual Ginger Festival on December 5. There will be all kinds of games, crafts, music, candy and even a visit from Santa.

While you are at the Museum, make sure to check out the current mini-exhibit “All About Postage Stamps.” And then in mid-September the “I Spy a Spider” mini-exhibit will begin.



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!

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.

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Cattle Report - Friday, August 28, 2026

Right at 1000 hd today
Yrlg market decent considering the hits to the board
Weigh up cows & bulls were steady

NEXT SALE - SEPTEMBER 4th - YEARLING SPECIAL - 10 AM

Thank you for Marketing with St Onge Livestock!

YRLGS				
Lindsey, William, Newell, SD	57	Blk.	Str	1079.....\$289.00
Lindsey, William, Newell, SD	11	B/R	Str	1177.....\$269.50
Lindsey, William, Newell, SD	20	B/R	Str	930.....\$317.00
Lindsey, William, Newell, SD	57	Blk.	Hfr	1015.....\$287.25
Lindsey, William, Newell, SD	57	Blk.	Hfr	921.....\$305.50
Lindsey, William, Newell, SD	58	Blk.	Hfr	911.....\$306.00
Lindsey, William, Newell, SD	10	Blk.	Hfr	869.....\$310.00
Bowles, Hal Or Nancy, Hulett, WY	19	Blk.	Str	912.....\$327.50
Bowles, Hal Or Nancy, Hulett, WY	11	Blk.	Hfr	897.....\$304.00
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette, MT	14	B/R	Hfr	1013.....\$280.50
Clements, Austin, Glendive, MT	11	Bldd	Hfr	886.....\$316.00
Crago Land & Livestock, Belle Fourche, SD	47	Blk.	Hfr	926.....\$304.50
Crago, Ralph, St Onge, SD	18	Bldd	Hfr	1000.....\$279.00
Edwards, Marty, Gillette, WY	23	Blk.	Hfr	865.....\$314.50
Hagen, Arlen & Patty, Hermosa, SD	10	Blk.	Str	1174.....\$263.25
Mills Cattle Lc, Volborg, MT	12	B/R	Hfr	993.....\$290.00
Minow Ranch Inc, Olive, MT	11	Bldd	Hfr	1037.....\$278.50
Oshoto Flying M Operations Lc, Gillette, WY	31	Blk.	Str	403.....\$530.00
Oshoto Flying M Operations Lc, Gillette, WY	10	Blk.	Str	316.....\$612.50
Pearson Ranch, Aladdin, WY	13	Herf	Str	937.....\$305.00
TJ Livestock, Weston, WY	19	Bldd	Str	1070.....\$286.50
TJ Livestock, Weston, WY	14	Bldd	Str	808.....\$331.50
T Qtr Circle Ranch, St Onge, SD	53	Bldd	Hfr	896.....\$307.25
T Qtr Circle Ranch, St Onge, SD	19	B/R	Hfr	784.....\$329.00
T Qtr Circle Ranch, St Onge, SD	35	Rbl	Hfr	944.....\$295.00

WEIGH UP COWS				
Bulkley, Hazer & Kristen, Gillette, WY	1	Blk.	Cow	1280.....\$162.50
Bulkley, Hazer & Kristen, Gillette, WY	1		Cow	1255.....\$161.00
Burghdoff, Lex, Ludlow, SD	1	Bld	Cow	1335.....\$172.00
Burghdoff, Lex, Ludlow, SD	2	Bldd	Cow	1477.....\$167.50
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis, SD	5	Blk.	Cow	1221.....\$171.50
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis, SD	1	Blk.	Cow	1395.....\$169.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis, SD	16	B/R	Cow	1460.....\$169.00
K & K Cattle Co Lc, Belle Fourche, SD	2	Blk.	Cow	1442.....\$169.50
K & K Cattle Co Lc, Belle Fourche, SD	2	Blk.	Cow	967.....\$162.50
K & K Cattle Co Lc, Belle Fourche, SD	1	Blk.	Cow	950.....\$162.50
Kornes, Joshua, Vale, SD	1	Herf	Cow	1230.....\$167.50
Lindblom, David Or Starla, Rapid City, SD	1	Blk.	Cowette	1045.....\$200.00
Lorenz, Troy, Belle Fourche, SD	7	Bldd	Cow	1444.....\$170.00
Lorenz, Troy, Belle Fourche, SD	1	Blk.	Cow	1390.....\$170.00
Nuckolls Ranch, Hulett, WY	7	Blk.	Hfr	1030.....\$277.50
Nuckolls Ranch, Hulett, WY	3	Blk.	Cowette	1178.....\$176.00
Nuckolls Ranch, Hulett, WY	1	Blk.	Cow	1600.....\$161.00
Schultz Ranch, Newell, SD	6	Blk.	Cowette	1246.....\$173.00
Schultz Ranch, Newell, SD	7	Blk.	Cow	1135.....\$164.50
Waurika Farms, Scott City Ks]	2	B/R	Hfr	732.....\$290.00

WEIGH UP BULLS				
Abas, Karen J, Newcasttle, WY	1	Blk.	Bull	1595.....\$191.00
Anderson, Dwayne K, Gillette, WY	1	Red	Bull	1920.....\$170.00
Anderson, Dwayne K, Gillette, WY	1	Red	Bull	1870.....\$180.00
Anderson, Dwayne K, Gillette, WY	1	Red	Bull	1780.....\$181.00
Conzelman, Steve, Gillette, WY	1	Blk.	Bull	2075.....\$174.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY	1	Herf	Bull	1560.....\$184.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY	1	Herf	Bull	1215.....\$198.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY	1	Red	Bull	1270.....\$185.00
Duprel, Jack, Sturgis, SD	1	Blk.	Bull	1890.....\$184.00
Elsbury Ranch Lc, Sundance, WY	1	Herf	Bull	2265.....\$181.00
Elsbury Ranch Lc, Sundance, WY	1	Herf	Bull	2110.....\$184.00
Fanning, Rhett, Martin, SD	1	Char	Bull	1625.....\$186.50
K & K Cattle Co Lc, Belle Fourche, SD	1	Blk.	Bull	1425.....\$200.00
Ketelsen, Cole, Sturgis, SD	1	Blk.	Bull	1495.....\$193.00
Kirk, Myles & Heidi, Sundance, WY	1	Blk.	Bull	1385.....\$190.00
Knutson, Dale, Vale, SD	1	Blk.	Bull	1990.....\$182.00
Knutson, Dale, Vale, SD	1	Blk.	Bull	1880.....\$177.50
Knutson, Karl, Vale, SD	3	Blk.	Bull	1750.....\$190.00
Kreutz, Casey, Whitewood, SD	1	Blk.	Bull	1980.....\$180.00
Larson, Quinn Or Jennifer, Gillette, WY	1	Blk.	Bull	1370.....\$174.00
Larson, Quinn Or Jennifer, Gillette, WY	2	Herf	Bull	2027.....\$185.00
Larson, Quinn Or Jennifer, Gillette, WY	1	Herf	Bull	1990.....\$190.00
Larson, Quinn Or Jennifer, Gillette, WY	1	Red	Bull	1980.....\$187.00
Lightning Ridge Inc, Olive, MT	1	Blk.	Bull	2285.....\$185.00
Lindblom, Brad, Hermosa, SD	1	Blk.	Bull	1805.....\$190.00
Lindblom, David Or Starla, Rapid City, SD	1	Blk.	Bull	1565.....\$184.00
Mackey, Dudley & Marilyn, Gillette, WY	1	Red	Bull	2205.....\$191.00
Peterson, Jon, Belle Fourche, SD	1	Blk.	Bull	1820.....\$174.00
Russiff Lazy Pk Ranch, Lewistown, MT	1	Blk.	Bull	1800.....\$180.00
Russiff Lazy Pk Ranch, Lewistown, MT	1	Blk.	Bull	1205.....\$235.00
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook, SD	1	Blk.	Bull	2000.....\$184.00
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook, SD	1	Blk.	Bull	1710.....\$191.00
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook, SD	1	Blk.	Bull	1170.....\$232.50
Wickwire, Kolby Or Karla, Aladdin, WY	2		Bull	1632.....\$190.50

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2026 CATTLE SALES	
September 4th – Yearling Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle	
September 11th – Yearling Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle	
September 18th – Early Spring Calf & Yrlg Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle	
September 25th – Spring Calf & Yrlg Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle	
October 2nd – Spring Calf & Yrlg Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle	
Friday, October 9th – Spring Calf & Yrlg Special	
Saturday, October 10th – 1st Saturday Weigh Up Special	
Friday, October 16th – Spring Calf & Yrlg Special	
Saturday, October 17th – Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	
Wednesday, October 21st – 1st Wednesday Spring Calf Special – Noon	
Friday, October 23rd – Spring Calf & Yrlg Special	
Saturday, October 24th – Weigh Up Special	
Wednesday, October 28th – Spring Calf Special – Noon	
Friday, October 30th – Spring Calf Special Featuring Hereford Influence	
Saturday, October 31st – Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	
Wednesday, November 4th – Last Spring Calf Special – Noon	
Friday, November 6th – Spring Calf Special Featuring Red Angus Influence	
Saturday, November 7th – Bred Hfr & Cow & Weigh Up Special	
Friday, November 13th – Spring Calf Special	
Saturday, November 14th – Bred Hfr & Cow & Weigh Up Special	
Friday, November 13th – Spring Calf Special	
Saturday, November 14th – Bred Hfr & Cow & Weigh Up Special	
Friday, November 20th – Spring Calf Special	
Saturday, November 21st – Bred Hfr & Cow & Weigh Up Special	
Saturday, November 28th – Annual Thanksgiving Bred Heifer & Stock Cow Special	
December 4th – Spring Calf Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle	
December 11th – Bred Hfr & Cow Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle	
December 18th – Spring Calf & Bred Cow Special – Last Sale Of 2026	

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2026 SHEEP SALES	
September 3rd - Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats	
September 10th - Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats	
September 17th – Annual Replacement Ewe, Ewe Lamb & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats – 10 AM Start	
September 24th - Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats	
October 1st – Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats	
October 8th - Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats	
October 15th – Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats	
October 22nd - Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats	
October 29th – Replacement Ewe Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats	
November 5th - Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats	
November 12th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats	
November 19th – Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats	
November 26th – No Sale – Happy Thanksgiving!	
December 3rd – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats	
December 10th – Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats	

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Sheep Report - Thursday, August 27, 2026

Good run of sheep today
Lambs sold \$10 lower
Fat slaughter ewes sold steady, thin ewes were a little lower

NEXT SALE - SEPTEMBER 3rd - FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL - Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats - START TIME 1:00 PM
EXPECTING 4000 TO 5000 FEEDER LAMBS

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

Feeder Lambs				
Askin, Kirk, Broadus, MT	46	Lamb	83	\$322.00
Black, Jamie, Rozet, WY	22	Lamb	50	\$373.00
Black, Jamie, Rozet, WY	60	Lamb	67	\$343.00
Britain, Kelly, Powder River, WY	31	Lamb	83	\$330.00
Clark, Teigan, Meadow, SD	59	Lamb	85	\$334.00
Dirks, Bill Or Julia, Alva, WY	27	Lamb	97	\$310.00
Frankie, Brian, Belle Fourche, SD	119	Lamb	72	\$344.00
J3 Enterprises, Belle Fourche, SD	37	Lamb	90	\$316.00
Jensen, Kye, Buffalo, SD	64	Lamb	72	\$322.00
Lakeview Ranch, Newell, SD	21	Lamb	50	\$373.00
Lakeview Ranch, Newell, SD	69	Lamb	67	\$340.00
Lakeview Ranch, Newell, SD	372	Lamb	88	\$331.00
Mceuen, Levi, Broadus, MT	74	Lamb	68	\$339.00
Mceuen, Levi, Broadus, MT	237	Lamb	83	\$335.00
Peterson Sheep, Lemmon, SD	63	Lamb	79	\$327.00
Sparks, Jeanne, Broadus, MT	37	Lamb	84	\$329.00
Talcott, Chase, Broadus, MT	185	Lamb	99	\$309.00
Thompson, Alton, Marcus, SD	61	Lamb	82	\$328.00
Whiteside Livestock, Angela, MT	8	Lamb	53	\$373.00
Whiteside Livestock, Angela, MT	63	Lamb	73	\$344.00
Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head				
Brewer, Ben, Broadus, MT	50	Yrlg	179	\$465.00
Bohlender Ranch Co, Douglas, WY	247	2-5yr	150	\$310.00
Borntrager, David, Forsyth, MT	29	Yrl-3	146	\$300.00
High Country Ranch, Hammond, MT	57	2-3yr Hair	117	\$275.00
High Country Ranch, Hammond, MT	66	Yrlg Hair	95	\$275.00
High Country Ranch, Hammond, MT	82	4-5yr Hair	124	\$270.00
Paul, Iver Or Everett, Faith, SD	23	Yrlg	155	\$400.00
Paul, Iver Or Everett, Faith, SD	18	2-3yr	153	\$285.00
Slaughter Ewes				
Basel, Tammy, Union Center, SD	43	K Ewe	170	\$135.00
Basel, Tammy, Union Center, SD	49	K Ewe	150	\$133.00
Bohlender Ranch Co, Douglas, WY	89	K Ewe	146	\$133.00
Bohlender Ranch Co, Douglas, WY	95	K Ewe	137	\$104.00
Farnsworth Livestock, Rigby Id]	140	K Ewe	193	\$133.50
Farnsworth Livestock, Rigby Id]	60	K Ewe	161	\$133.00
Harrison, Richard Or Stacy, Fruitdale, SD	43	K Ewe	152	\$134.00
Horman, Jeff, Belle Fourche, SD	18	K Ewe	202	\$134.00
Iberlin Ranch, Gillette, WY	18	K Ewe	187	\$135.00
Moe, Todd, Stanley Nd]	26	K Ewe	160	\$133.00
Moe, Todd, Stanley Nd]	33	K Ewe	139	\$104.00
Paul, Iver Or Everett, Faith, SD	11	K Ewe	173	\$138.00
Slaughter Bucks				
Bauste Livestock, Ismay, MT	45	Kbuck	189	\$141.00
Iberlin Ranch, Gillette, WY	20	Kbuck	238	\$141.00
Iberlin Ranch, Gillette, WY	26	Kbuck	215	\$122.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL

1:00 PM

Expecting up to 4000 Lambs

FEEDER LAMBS

BORCHGREVINK LVST – 600 LAMBS – 70-75#

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Most of my work is studio oriented with outdoor excursions relegated to fact finding, photo gathering and sketching. However, there have been occasions when I've painted on site. These two small oil paintings were pleinair, both on the Redwater River. The railroad scene is looking north near the Redwater bridge off Hwy 34 and the river scene is near the old bridge on Gaver Road off Helmer Road.



Mick Harrison



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by Mary Buchholz

100 years ago The Belle Fourche Bee September 2, 1926

8.38 INCHES OF RAIN FALL During the months of May, June, July and August this section of the country received 8.38 inches of rain fall according to the Butte County bank rain gauge. Some sections received more than this total amount, while others received less. The heaviest rainfall was during the month of May, when 3.46 inches fell. June was next with 1.91 inches, July third with 1.70 inches, while the month of August showed a total of 1.31 inches. The average annual precipitation in the West-River section, determined from all available records, is about 18.50 inches, more than three-fourths of which is generally received during the growing season, or from April 1 to September 30. The amount received this year in four months amounted to nearly half for the entire year average. The greatest annual totals are in the northern Black Hills region, where the precipitation during the winter months is heavier than elsewhere.

KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT Last Friday afternoon while Mrs. Thomas Shaw and Mrs. Abe Raber were on their way to Red Owl they met with an auto accident which resulted in Mrs. Shaw's death later. Mrs. Raber, according to reports, was driving the car, when she in some way lost control and it went into a ditch on the county grade. Mrs. Raber escaped without injury but Mrs. Shaw received a fracture of the neck. A doctor was immediately summoned and later she was taken to the Deadwood hospital where she died Saturday night. The remains were brought to Sturgis and placed in the Nicholls undertaking parlor and on Tuesday were taken to Red Owl where the funeral was held Tuesday afternoon. Decreased was 33 years of age and is survived by her husband, and eight-year-old son, her father residing in Montana and a sister in Washington, to whom the most heartfelt sympathy is extended.

75 years ago The Belle Fourche Bee September 6, 1951

First National Goven Go-Ahead on New \$150,000 Bank Here Bids were being called this week for the new \$150,000 building to be erected for the Belle Fourche branch of the Frist National Bank of the Black Hills. Authority for the new construction was received from the National Production Authority this week provided that all critical materials are on hand and work on the foundation has commenced by September 20, Manager DeWitt Malvin said. The present bank building the corner of State street and Sixth avenue will be torn down and the new bank, a one story structure 130x35 feet in dimensions, will be erected on the same site. During the construction, which Malvin estimates will take about one year, banking operations will

be carried out in the Don Pratt hotel. A portion of the hotel lobby will be used for the tellers' cages and four other hotel rooms and the sample room in the basement will be leased for necessary office space. Besides the general construction contract, bids are being asked on the plumbing and heating and electrical wiring contracts. If requirements of the NPA can be met by the deadline, work of tearing down the present building will commence later this month. Excavation will begin on the lot back of the present structure to meet the regulation relative to having the foundation started. Architect for the new building is the firm of A. Moorman and Company of Minneapolis. The plans and specifications have been drawn by Marlow Ihling of the firm. This is the same architectural company that designed the remodeled Deadwood and Rapid City banks for the Black Hills group, but is the first completely new bank building erected by the nine member banking institution in recent years. Exterior of the contemplated building will be faced with granite, enameled porcelain and glass brick. Tellers' cages, the various banking departments and safely and deposit vaults will be located on the first floor. A full basement will house storage vaults and locker facilities for the employees.

Drawing Up C&NW Depot Blueprints Assistant Division Engineer Williams is in Belle Fourche this week drawing up blueprints for the contemplated \$80,000 remodeling of the Chicago and Northwestern freight depot here and the addition of two 80-car switching tracks. Reconstruction of the depot and the laying of the new tracks is not expected to being until next spring but most of the preliminary drafting of plans will be completed this fall, according to local Agent Larry Hamiblin.

Exterior appearance of the depot will be drastically altered in the remodeling. The present structure will be enlarged to the sidewalk on Fifth avenue on the west, extended on the south over the present station platform and 30 feet of a warehouse space will be added on the east end. The new space on the east side will be used as the office when the remodeling is completed, and the additional freight warehouse space will make possible the removal of the present warehouse fronting on Sixth avenue and Railroad street. It is planned that the new station will be finished outside with aluminum shingles. Tile floors and complete new office furniture, lighting fixtures and a heating system will be installed. The new switching tracks west of town will relieve much of the congestion locally when trains are being made up, Hamblin said.

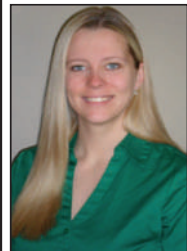
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afternoon for Allwin Francis (Bus) Snyder, 64, who collapsed and died Monday morning while at work on the high school football field here. Masonic gravesite rites were conducted by the local Masonic Lodge. Serving as pallbearers were Larry Apland, Richard Rail, James Steele, John Apland, John Willert and Colonel Vrman. Snyder once served as city councilman and mayor of Belle Fourche and was a businessman here for many years.

Kiplinger Ranch Wins SCD Award The ranch of George Kipling, Jr., located about 14 miles northeast of Belle Fourche, has won top honors in the annual soil and moisture achievement program sponsored by the Butte Soil Conservation District. Runners-up in the annual competition were the Paul Schmele ranch of Newell and the Tom Davis ranch in the Belle Fourche area. The three ranches were toured by a trio of judges Tuesday, Aug. 24. Judges were Ray Schild of Newell, Bill Hannah and Alfred Hansen of Belle Fourche. Accompanying the judges to offer information and background were Phillip Vallery of Fruitdale and Clifford Bean of Belle Fourche, district supervisor and assistant supervisor respectively and Charles Logan, district conservationist for the local SCS office. The Kiplinger ranch headquarters are located on Indian Creek where the bottomland is used for native hay production and the upland range sites are used for grazing beef cattle. Wells, ponds and a spring development sites are used to water this ranch which has productive native range in excellent condition. At the Schmele ranch near Newell, the judges viewed several range practices including range seeding (green needlegrass), several livestock ponds, a livestock water pipeline attached to the Butte-Meade sanitary water system and native grasses in good to excellent condition.

The Tom Davis ranch uses tame and native grasses for hay to supplement the native range used for grazing on this well-balanced operating unit, where both cattle and sheep are raised. Tom has his ranch well watered and is proud of his well designed lambing barn which was interesting to those on the tour.

By winning first place in the competition, Kiplinger will receive a tie clasp and a scholarship to the Soil and Moisture Conservation Clinic at South Dakota State University, Brookings, Nov. 8-10. All three ranchers will receive a certificate of accomplishment at the annual Butte Conservation District banquet in November. The basis for the awards is as follows: Conservation plan based on soil capabilities, completeness and quality of conservation accomplishment, land use management adapted to the resources of the particular farm or ranch and community leadership.



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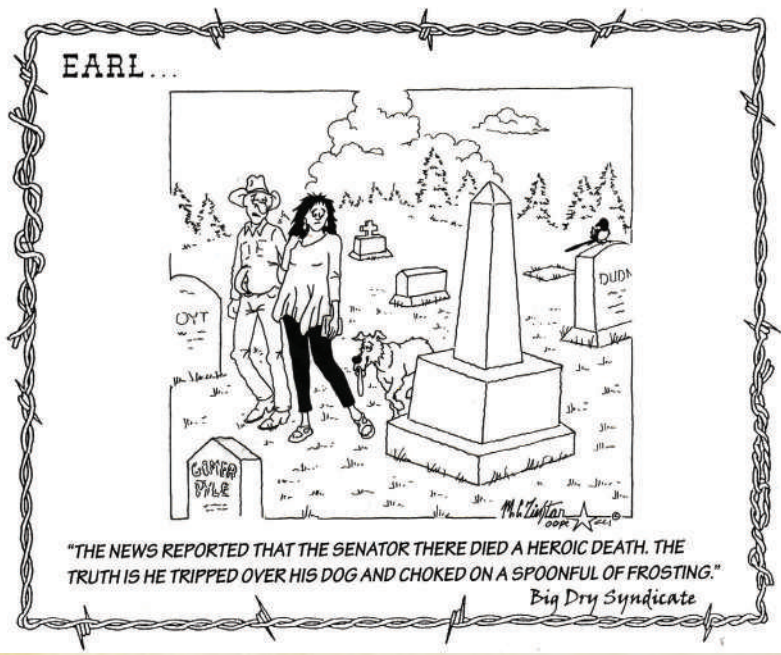
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	29	Black-Yrfg Hfr	946	298.00	\$2,818.15
B & L Betz Cattle Co, Clearmont WY	28	Blk/Bwf-Yrfg Hfr	963	301.00	\$2,897.66
Todd Family Lp, Upton WY	16	Black-Yrfg Hfr	928	306.50	\$2,843.74
Houston Creek Cattle,					
Sundance WY	33	Bwf-Yrfg Hfr	985	295.50	\$2,910.22
Ronny Mackaben, Broadus MT	12	Bwf-Yrfg Hfr	893	300.00	\$2,678.75
Chad Mackaben, Belle Fourche SD	8	Blk/Bwf-Yrfg Hfr	861	310.00	\$2,669.87
Brad Mackaben, Camp Crook SD	9	Black-Yrfg Hfr	927	299.75	\$2,779.34
Frank J Nies, Ekalaka MT	10	Black-Yrfg Hfr	980	298.50	\$2,925.30
Ryan Cordell, Camp Crook SD	13	Black-Yrfg Hfr	961	301.00	\$2,891.91
WEIGH-UPS					
Janet K Evans, Weston WY	5	Black-Cow	1536	169.50	\$2,603.52
Janet K Evans, Weston WY	1	Black-Cow	1550	168.50	\$2,611.75
Branscom Ranch Llc, Osage WY	1	Black-Cow	1500	167.00	\$2,505.00
	1	Black-Cow	1435	166.00	\$2,382.10
	1	Black-Cow	1590	167.50	\$2,663.25
	1	Black-Cow	1465	165.50	\$2,424.57
	1	Black-Cow	1545	164.00	\$2,533.80
	1	Bwf-Cow	1610	167.50	\$2,696.75
Kaufman Ranch Llc, Altzada MT	1	Black-Cow	1625	168.00	\$2,730.00
Patrick M King, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1455	169.50	\$2,466.22
Branscom Ranch Llc, Osage WY	1	Black-Cow	1185	197.50	\$2,340.37
	1	Black-Cow	1480	166.00	\$2,456.80
	1	Black-Cow	1505	163.00	\$2,453.15
McDonald Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1605	167.00	\$2,680.35
	1	Black-Cow	1555	169.50	\$2,635.72
	1	Black-Cow	1565	165.50	\$2,590.07
Andrew Cathey, Hammond MT	1	Black-Cow	1665	170.00	\$2,830.50
BULLS					
Ralph & Becky Crago, St Onge SD	1	Black-Bull	2295	195.00	\$4,475.25
	1	Black-Bull	2240	194.00	\$4,345.60
Lisa Tiescher, Oshoto WY	1	Black-Bull	2225	193.00	\$4,294.25
George Sparks, Ekalaka MT	1	Herf-Bull	2225	191.00	\$4,249.75
Clete Schmidt, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Bull	2100	191.00	\$4,011.00
Greg Williams Ranch Inc,					
Ekalaka MT	1	Herf-Bull	2060	204.00	\$4,202.40
TI Burch Ranch Llc, Colony WY	1	Black-Bull	2045	193.50	\$3,957.07
McIntirk Ranch, Bismarck Nd	2	Black-Bull	1658	193.50	\$3,207.26
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OUT OF THE DARKNESS

By John Newby

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

Bet On Small Business, Not Big Boxes

Nearly four years ago I wrote about a study called "Where Our Jobs Come From." The author, Don Macke of the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, laid out numbers every small or mid-sized community should know by heart. I want to revisit that argument today, because the newest data does not just confirm it. It makes the case even stronger.

Here is where we stood back then. Between 2006 and 2016, the country added 48 million net new jobs, and businesses with fewer than 100 employees accounted for 95 percent of them. Businesses with 500 or more workers actually lost jobs over that same stretch. That was already a striking picture of where opportunity really comes from.

Now look at the recent or fresh numbers. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports that small firms, those under 250 employees, accounted for 51 percent of all net job creation between the third quarter of 2020 and the third quarter of 2025. The Small Business Administration's 2025 profile shows the country now has 36.2 million small businesses employing 62.3 million people, nearly 46 percent of the entire private workforce. And in the most recent year measured, small businesses were responsible for close to nine out of every ten net new jobs added nationwide. The Treasury Department found that since 2019, small businesses have generated more than 70 percent of all net new job growth in America.

Meanwhile the businesses that so many communities still chase, the big box stores and anchor chains, keep telling a different story. Retail trackers counted more than eight thousand store

closures across the country last year alone. Familiar names disappeared entirely. Nearly three hundred shopping malls are projected to close by 2028, and vacancy in the weakest properties now tops thirteen percent. The glut I warned about a few years back has not slowed. It has accelerated.

So why do so many towns still spend their limited time and tax dollars courting one large employer instead of growing a hundred small ones? There are roughly ten thousand communities across this country competing for those same big prospects, and the odds of landing one and keeping it are somewhere between one and two percent. Communities that do land one are usually places that already had strong infrastructure and outstanding quality of life, which means the big employer was a reward for good decisions, not a substitute for them. Everyone else is placing a very expensive bet with very poor odds.

There is another shift happening underneath all of this, and it is moving faster than most local plans account for. Roughly seventy million Americans now do freelance, contract, or self-employed work, more than a third of the entire workforce, and researchers expect that share to keep climbing toward half the workforce within the next few years. That is not a fringe trend anymore. It is a preview of who your next generation of taxpayers, customers, and volunteers will be.

Picture your own downtown with a third of your working residents earning their living independently rather than clocking in at one employer. Would you still be subsidizing another

half empty retail pad, or would you be investing in reliable broadband, flexible small office space, and shared work hubs where a bookkeeper, a web designer, and a craftsman could each rent a desk for what they actually need? Forward thinking communities are already asking these questions, and the ones asking now will be years ahead of the ones still waiting for a factory that may never come.

None of this means turning your back on the larger employers already rooted in your community. If you have one, treat it well. It adds real balance. But if you are still building your entire economic strategy around landing the next big one, the numbers are telling you, loudly and repeatedly, that the surer path runs through the businesses already on your Main Street and the entrepreneurs quietly starting new ones in spare bedrooms and garages this year.

America was not built by waiting for a single company to save a town. It was built by shopkeepers, tradespeople, and risk takers who bet on their own neighborhoods first. That is still true, and the data now proves it more clearly than ever.

Here is something you can do about it in the next day. Walk into one locally owned business you have been meaning to visit and make a purchase there, not online, before this week is out. Then tell the owner you are glad they are there. Small gestures like that, multiplied across a whole community, are exactly how small communities and Main Streets keeps winning.

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

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden August 30th



Central Meade County had a warm and dry week last week but did receive around .12 of an inch on Saturday evening. While we need more moisture the little shower on Saturday was able to be of assistance. The rain helps by lowering fire events and will help 'hold over' the pastures for late summer and fall grazing. Prayer warriors may want to engage soon in order to receive some rain for another predicted warm week ahead.

The community of Central Meade County gained another little citizen on Friday, August 28, 2026 at 12:49 AM. Callen and Sandrine Brink's baby girl named Evelyn Cecile came into the world weighing 9 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 inches long.

This healthy little girl will happily join two big sisters and one big brother at home near Union

Center. All are doing well. Evelyn's paternal grandparents are Casey and Francie Brink of Union Center. Sandrine's family is mostly in Switzerland where she came from. Evelyn's maternal grandmother is Marie-Helene Cajeaux and stepgrandpa is Jean-Marie Cajeaux from Fully Switzerland. Her maternal grandfather is Bernard Rudin, of Flanthey Switzerland. Congratulations to Callen and Sandrine!

One night last week it was Veterans Night at the rodeo at the Central States Fair. While some Army Nat'l Guard troops were recognized, they chose to honor one single veteran of war. Unknowingly, Dan Rhoden was escorted to the area to be recognized for his bravery and service through the Vietnam War and beyond. A fabulous account of his history and service was given by the announcer and the wonderful

cheers of support from the crowd was a long, overdue 'thank you' for his service since his return from Vietnam in the 70s. He had many family members there and it made him curious as to why they were there. But the surprise was kept until the announcer began. It was a fabulous gesture on behalf of those putting on the rodeo namely, Rorey Lemmel, Jim Hunt and Ron Jeffries. Dan's little brother, Governor Larry Rhoden, had the honor of helping with the presentation of veterans, including Dan. Also in attendance were Dan's siblings John Rhoden and Lorie Hausmann, their spouses, and Dan's children and families. Dan and Kathy Rhoden reside in Newell, SD.

The Central States Fair in Rapid City was a long one consisting of lasting 9 days. On Monday at the main stage at the fair, Sarah Lewis (Jesse Rhoden's wife) and her dad, Chuck Lewis, received the award of Rural Health Care Neighbors Award. It was in recognition for

making significant contributions to improving healthcare in rural communities and honors someone who has tirelessly worked to enhance access, quality and equity. They were each awarded a plaque and a belt buckle. Congratulations to both Sarah and Chuck Lewis. Larry and Sandy Rhoden were in attendance to honor their daughter-in-law, Sarah.

Though it doesn't seem like that long, Pastor Bill Meirose has been preaching at the Community Baptist Church in Union Center for 9 years this week. He talked of different milestones and one included this October as being the 5 year mark since his wife, Val, pass away from cancer. He expressed appreciation for the support he's received from the church and community.

The Annual Sunday School Convention will take place on Sunday, Sept.20 at the Prairie Bible Church on Hy. 212. That is the day that participating churches close their services for the day and they all congregate together at the host church. Each church

supplies a teacher for the different Sunday School classes. For more information one can contact Wade Peterson.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden were honored to attend the family/friends funeral service for Denny Sanford in Sioux Falls on Saturday.

He had an interesting background and an interesting way of living through his family as well as business. After the service Larry and Sandy attended the first SDSU Football game of the season in Brookings and were home on Sunday morning to attend church services in Union Center.

This week is when the State Fair begins with many festivities. We hope to see some of you in Huron. While we will be there for Ag Appreciation Day, a veterans program, etc. on Thursday, a gubernatorial debate is scheduled for Saturday at the State Fair.

This last Thursday was the first day of school for Meade 46-1 students, teachers and staff. We hope everyone enjoys learning, friendships and excitement in this new school year!

Capitol News

Karen Odell
August 30, 2026



Pete Gordon Anderson got the exciting news that his new niece was born on Sunday, and it was just a day after his birthday.

He and his mother, Dixie, are planning to visit the new baby as soon as possible. Pete attended church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook, on Sunday, and enjoyed the refreshments afterward.

On Monday, Alvin and Marlee Cordell went to the Harding County High School volleyball game against Timber Lake, The girls had a good beginning for this season.

On Tuesday, Alvin and Marlee went to Ekalaka for the commissioners meeting. They enjoyed having hunter friends

visit from Kansas, this week. Their friends stayed two days, and left on Saturday morning. Granddaughter, Kymber, was honored to be selected as Freshman attendant to the king and queen, for the Harding County Homecoming, which will be this week.

Homecoming will be a little earlier this year. North Dakota hunters came, and Alvin took them out on Sunday. Marlee and Ryan's family went to church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook, and Marlee provided a wonderful cake for refreshments after church. Later in the afternoon, a hail storm blew through, and broke some windows on the west side of their house. It brought possibly a half-inch or more of moisture.

Dorothy Padden had a great week of fishing, camping and visiting with many of the

Brewer family, this week. It was their annual camping, gathering at Ft Peck. Bryce and Dawn took Dorothy up to the Hell Creek camp, and they got to see some of Dorothy's brother, Clyde's, family and others. Brett and Stacey Padden came from Laurel and met with them, too, and it was great to visit with lots of relatives. They went fishing every day, and the water was perfect, clear, and smooth. The fishing was great, and they sent lots of fish home with Brett. They caught more than eight kinds of fish, and they caught fish every day, out on the beautiful, huge lake. Only on Sunday, as they were leaving did the water get a little choppy. When it began to sprinkle, Dawn hurried to pack things up, so they could get down the road before things got too slick. When they got back

to Tie Creek, there had been some rain here, too, and the rain gauge showed sixty-two hundredths. It was a good week.

Karen Odell had a busy week. She was glad to have Jeff and Amanda Odell visit for the week. Jeff and Amanda took Karen to Ekalaka, on Wednesday, to do some business. They had a good lunch at the Wagon Wheel. While they were in town, Jeff got to visit with Jo Kittleman, Linda Zietlow, Dave Williams, and a few others he had not seen, for many years. Jeff and Amanda did lots of work for Karen while they were here, and their dog, Bella, got to learn about ranch life. Mollie Smith sent word that granddaughter, Kyia Smith, would play on the JV team of her St Paul, MN school's high school. On Friday, Karen got to watch Kyia's first game online. Kyia is a seventh grader now, and it is hard to believe she is

so old already. Granddaughter Kenna Odell is now a senior at Mitchell High School, and Carson is a sophomore. Time travels fast. Rowan Hinds will soon be starting college, and Murphy Hinds will be in fifth grade in Tacoma. After Jeff and Amanda headed back to Iowa City, Karen made a quick trip to Belle Fourche, for Hywel to get a check-up at the vet clinic. They started early, picked up lunch at Dairy Queen drive-through and was home again in the early afternoon. On Sunday, Karen went to church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook, and played piano for the service. The ladies served delicious refreshments after the service. A hail storm came through in the late afternoon, and a few hail stones were quite dangerous. She is hoping there was little damage.

Blessings are selective. That's why your baby is always better looking than someone else's.



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Most South Dakotans tend to maintain strong emotional ties to our rural past. And we like living in small communities. As such, since the early 1900s county extension clubs have played an important role in the development in our state. Extension clubs were one result of the Smith-Lever Act passed by congress in 1914. In the early 1900s for the first time in history, more people lived in cities than in the countryside. At that time, people in rural areas lacked amenities such as telephones or electricity and the quality-of-life gap between urban and rural dwellers was growing at an alarming rate. The Smith-Lever Act was an attempt to bridge the gap by bringing consumer science education to rural areas. Extension clubs were formed to disseminate homemaking skills that encouraged raising healthy children, maintaining happy homes, and creating quality community life. These clubs were not church based, but were government created and thus were inclusive of the best interests of the larger community. There were numerous extension clubs throughout South Dakota. One of the oldest was the original Crow Peak Extension Club. According to the following article the

organization was very active. “The Crow Peak Extension Club came into being on February 8, 1925 under the supervision of Evan W. Hall, county agent and May Kiethline of the State Extension Office in Brookings. It was the oldest extension club in Lawrence County and the only club in South Dakota to have three Eminent Homemakers as members. According to the organization’s constitution, meetings were to be held in the homes of the members, in alphabetical order, on the first Wednesday of the month. Various homemaking demonstrations were held, such as First Aid in the Home’ ‘Desserts that are Different’, and a fair exhibit entitled, ‘Something Cooked or Sewed’. From May 2, 1934 until sometime in 1936, the Crow Peak Extension Club belonged to the Federation of Women’s Clubs. In 1938 a delegation was sent to the National Demonstration Council meeting in Lexington, Kentucky. During World War II two Netherlands families were sponsored and packages were sent to them.” The club also sponsored a reading program, a 4-H Club project that involved raising and donating money and time for disabled children and the elderly, learning about Civil Deffense and recycling. At Christmas time a potluck supper and program by the 4-H club members marked the occasion along with a visit from Santa.

In 2011 state budget cuts hit extension clubs hard. The state decided to all but eliminate funding for these vital community resources. Sadly, there is a misconception that homemaking is not as important as it was in the past. However, isn’t it the truth that homemaking skills are just as important and necessary as they always were. Homemaking skills have changed, but they are still essential to quality of life. The home enriches our lives. Finding the right teapot, completing a shelving project, or preparing an attractive and nourishing meal for guests or family makes life richer. For 40 years I have been trying to recreate my grandmother’s beautiful Thanksgiving dinners. I love the scent of clothes when they have been hung out to dry. Once when we lived in Wyoming we lived in an area where the local homeowners’ association prohibited this

activity, so I had to hang clothes out to dry in secret. Considering that everyone lived on 20 to 60 acre parcels, the rule seemed absurd anyway. The ritual of home life is emotionally satisfying. Even routine cooking and cleaning are necessary for sound emotional an physical health. When we have vacationed together, by brother-in-law and his wife spend their free vacation time in a reverie of washing clothes, performing routine repairs to the holiday cottage, shopping for the right ingredients, and cooking. Because their work lives prevent them from spending much time at home, they find joy and relaxation by replenishing the lack of home in daily life. Homemaking is both art and skill. People express their individuality in their homes through furnishing, color, and arrangements. The home provides a satisfying outlet for personal and artistic expression.

As people continue to spend more time at work, they continue to need the routine of daily chores, safety and the outlet for creative expression that the home provides. At one time, I rejected the stereotyping of women’s work aligned to cleaning and cooking, but I have come to understand that home life means much more. Both men and women benefit from learning and practicing a wide range of homemaking skills. The art of creating a satisfying and enriching home environment should never go out of style.. They continue to have a vital role to play in our communities. Today, we need more help than ever raising children and balancing the often awkward responsibilities of work and home. Extension clubs today offer so many more activities and opportunities in addition to traditional homemaking skills. So for these reasons, extension clubs are of critical importance.

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Belle Fourche Recreation Center Summer Recreation Activities Schedule Calendar

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Tri-State Museum Tri-State Museum to host 34th annual Autumn Tea

On Saturday, September 26th, the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will host the museum’s 34th annual Autumn Tea – which is not only the high point of events in the museum’s year but also a much-needed fundraiser. This year’s theme is “Fairytale and Nursery Rhymes.” There are 10 tables, each decorated to a specific story or nursery rhyme by that table’s hostess. Each table seats six. The elegant event features tea foods including scones with Devonshire cream and jam, quiches, Russian tea cakes, chocolate and lemon cookies, triple-decker sandwiches, carrot roses, popovers, skewered fruit, palmiers, tortilla rollups and fruit pizza. There is also fresh Earl Grey tea. Long-time museum supporter Wilma Dick has once again created beautiful gift baskets, one for each table and one for the winner of the “People’s Choice” table décor award, which is voted on by museum visitors and tea guests. The tables can be viewed beginning at 1:30 for “People’s Choice” voting and the tea is from 2-4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and reservations are required; call 605-723-1200. “The museum, like other city departments,” has had to accept three rounds of cuts for 2027, said director Kristi Thielen. “That makes the success of this tea especially important, to provide funds for programming.”

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

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BF Rec Center Summer Parks & Rec Activities 2026

GOALS:

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



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We have giveaways and snacks too!

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1-Parents: Complete your child's Summer Waiver at the Rec Center or at the park prior to an activity. (Waiver is valid for all of the summer activities.)

2-Pick up your monthly calendar. Available at the Rec, on Facebook @BFRecCenter, Instagram or our website www.bellefourcherec.com.

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

4-Tell your friends and have fun!

Questions? Contact us @ 605-892-2467.

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



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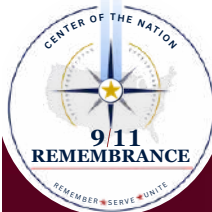
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Joe Giaculli shows one of the Flags and T-shirts that will be part of the *Remembrance Weekend at Herrmann Park* Beacon Photo

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August 21, 2026

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 to, 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 to improve the roadway, 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 it was unsafe to travel due to Mr. Ismay’s actions. The cost of repairing the roadway cost \$1,750.00. The reason for the statutory scheme, the felony charge that Mr. Ismay faced, is to avoid creation of dangerous situations, to keep the public safe and to safeguard County funding. Butte County would remind all that taking roadway construction or upkeep into your own hands is 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 regrade 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 of a jury trial.

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SD Kids Belong

SPEARFISH, S.D. — South Dakota Kids Belong invites the community to an evening of stories, connection, and hope during its upcoming gala, Community Starts Here: An Evening with South Dakota Kids Belong, on Thursday, September 17, 2026.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. at Elkhorn Ridge Resort in Spearfish. Dinner will be provided by Fork Real Cafe, and tickets are \$50 per person.

A child does not find belonging through one person alone. It takes families, neighbors, churches, businesses, volunteers, advocates, and friends all choosing to show up.

The evening will bring the community together to learn more about the work South Dakota Kids Belong is doing to create brighter futures for children and families impacted by foster care. Through meaningful stories and shared experiences, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the importance of belonging and the role a strong community can play in the lives of children and families.

Proceeds from the event will support the mission of South Dakota Kids Belong to improve the experiences and outcomes of children and families in foster care by equipping families, engaging communities, and creating opportunities for individuals, businesses, and churches to support children in meaningful ways.

Belle Fourche Middle School 8th grader Austin Ramirez took 2nd place at the State Horseshoe Tournament in the Junior Division (13-18 yr).

The tournament was held in Pierre, S.D. on Sunday August 30th.

He also took 2nd in doubles with his dad (Cody Ramirez) on Saturday August 29th.



Belle Fourche to Host Center of the Nation 9/11 Remembrance Weekend for 25th Anniversary

BELLE FOURCHE, S.D. — The community is invited to join the Center of the Nation 9/11 Remembrance Weekend on September 11–12, 2026, as Belle Fourche honors the lives lost, the heroes who served, and the spirit of unity that emerged following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The weekend is free and open to the public.

- Weekend Highlights
Friday, September 11
- Opening Ceremony
 - 9/11 Memorial Flag Tribute
 - 9/11 Remembrance Walk
 - Food Vendors
 - Educational displays
- Saturday, September 12

- 9/11 Never Forget Blood Drive
 - 9/11 Memorial Flag Tribute
 - Food vendors
- The centerpiece of the weekend is a memorial of nearly 3,000 American flags, with each flag representing one person who lost their life on September 11. Every flag includes a personalized tag with the victim’s name and story, reminding visitors that behind every number was a person whose life mattered.

The 9/11 Never Forget Blood Drive honors the thousands of Americans who donated blood in the days following September 11 and offers today’s commu-

nity an opportunity to continue that legacy of helping others. Those wishing to donate blood may schedule an appointment by emailing bf911neverforget@gmail.com or calling Jennifer at 605-858-1158. Walk-ins will be accepted as availability allows.

As our nation marks the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, organizers hope the weekend serves as both a memorial to those we lost and a reminder that even in tragedy, compassion, service, and unity can endure. Parking near Herrmann Park may be limited. Attendees are encouraged to carpool when possible and allow extra time for parking.



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Newell Golf Club Begins Repairs After Storm Damage



Making a plan to fix the roof. Longbrake photos

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NEWELL—On Sunday evening, August 16, a severe storm came through Newell, causing havoc at a handful of places around the area. Heavy rain fell so quickly that it caused flooding at the Newell School District buildings, while high winds took out numerous tree branches around town.

Another place that received a lot of damage was right outside of town at the Newell Golf Club. The strong winds ripped the roof off one of their golf cart storage sheds and downed the power lines. The area was closed off

and the public was asked not to drive out to the golf course or enter the parking lot until the power lines were fixed. The clubhouse was closed as well. By Monday morning, August 17, the power was restored and the lines were secured.

Even though the power lines were fixed and the power had been restored, the damaged garage still had no electricity and the roof still needed to be repaired.

The garage housed golf carts that belonged to members of the Newell Golf Club. The space is rented for golf cart storage. Many of the carts had to be

moved out of the building as there was no roof to protect them any longer. “We’re just trying to get it covered up so we can get back to normal with our carts and these are all member carts in here, so they own the cart and we rent the space...these on the outside obviously had to go because this whole roof went just over the top,” explained Board member Kim Richards. “I think it must have been just the right direction, where the wind got under it (roof). This was the only building that was damaged.”

On August 29, approximately two weeks after the violent storm passed through, volunteers

showed up at the Golf Club to finally put some kind of patch on the damaged roof of the garage. “The plan right now is we’re just going to temporarily cover this until we can get better situated to put new tin on. We bought a couple of old billboard or signs—the vinyl ones like you see on the interstate—and we’re just going to replace the boards and then just put that on for now,” shared Richards. “And then our next project will be to replace the electricity—a lot of these carts are electric and they got to be plugged in, so that will be next.”

The current plan is to do a temporary fix until something

more permanent can be done. Right now they are waiting for the insurance company. “We haven’t settled with insurance yet. So we’re still waiting on that, and then it probably won’t be that good—like most insurance isn’t anymore,” said Richards.

There is no date set for when all of the permanent fixes will be finished. “Oh it could be years at the rate we go—everything we do is volunteers and that’s kind of how we’ve done this whole golf course out here. Everything we do it’s all just guys getting together and making the improvements,” explained Richards.



The temporary fix to the roof.



Doing the heavy lifting, hauling the lumber.



Getting the lumber ready to fix the roof.



Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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Reub and I went to Bible study at Lester and Sharon Longwood's place last Sunday evening and got to see John and Corinne Erickson, who were also there for the Bible study. Dawn Harris planned on coming but she got company that evening so she didn't make it. It rained so hard that night that I had to put the pickup in 4-wheel drive to make it home through the muddy roads after leaving Longwood's and the wind blew so hard that it blew rain through the window air-conditioner so we had to mop up the water off the living room floor when we got home and a little hail hit too. I dumped almost an inch of water out of the rain gauge after that rain.

Ron and Jace Jensen with Casey and Taz preg tested the cows at Ben Juelfs' place on

Monday and they didn't make it home until late that evening with so many head to test. Copper had practice after school that afternoon so I got to go down and meet Clint Doll at his mailbox to pick up Knox and River Lu, which is always fun.

Last Sunday Steve Odell had sent some really interesting 1904 maps of South Dakota home with Pastor Henry Mohagen to give to me. After looking the maps over, I called Steve on Tuesday to thank him for sending me those interesting maps and found out he was in the hospital. There were some old communities on the maps that are no longer here, but some of the towns still here are Camp Crook, Ludlow and Reva. I'm not sure if Ludlow and Reva on the map are still in the same place that they are now though.

Reub and I took the old tire changer up to John Brown to fix on Wednesday and then we

went to Hettinger to get some gypsum from Runnings that is supposed to keep my tomato plants from getting those black spots on them when I plant them next year. We stopped at Dr. Kludt's to get appointments to get our eyes checked before we went to White Drug where Reub got his squeeze from his cousin Roxie Finck. I also dropped some stuff off at the Clothes Closet that I don't need anymore. I took some eggs up to Deb Beld that day and she handed me a big bunch of egg cartons that her brother Russell Beld gave to me that I will really use. We stopped in Reeder on the way home to have coffee and visit with the Prairie Pioneers.

The guys hauled a lot of hay on Thursday and I had to water all the gardens and the flowerbeds again. Amanda took the twins to Buffalo with her while she helped her sister Josi Jensen at her clinic and then Amanda brought her older kids home after they got out of school. I called Marie Donahue that day to ask her if she knew who Willy Donahue bought the JX ranch from but she didn't know either. I'm looking for the history of the JX for the presentation I'm giving about the history of the Slim Buttes at the Antique Club south of Meadow Corner in September so if you know

anything about the JX, give me a call!

I called the White House to tell President Trump that I was really disappointed in his deal to import ground beef from a foreign country to reduce the cost of beef in this country, which will only hurt the cattle ranchers who don't set the cost of beef. I suggest you call the White House to let them know what you think about importing beef. The number is 202-456-1111 and you won't get to talk to anyone but you can leave a recorded message for the president.

Reub and I went up to Reeder on Friday to get the flatbed that we had left with John Brown so we can haul Reub's Kubota up to John to get it fixed. We stopped and had coffee with the Prairie Pioneers before going home.

Casey, Missy and Taz hauled lambs up to Missy's brother Brian Dreiske at Keldron on Saturday. Our granddaughter Bryce Hespe brought her boys Argus and Atlas up from Rapid City that afternoon to spend the weekend on the ranch and all those little people sure had fun. Bryce left the boys here to play with the other kids while she went up to see Molly and Matt Kerner and their little twin boys that afternoon.

Sadly, there are more deaths

to report: Colby Crago died on Monday, August 24, at the age of 46. Services were held Monday, August 31, at the Belle Fourche Community Rec Center Auditorium. Interment was at Rosehill Cemetery in Spearfish.

Francis Duane Veal of Chance, age 97, passed away on Tuesday, August 25. His funeral will be October 10 at the Bison Presbyterian Church with Lynn Hall officiating. Lunch will follow at the Grand Electric Social Room. Inurnment is scheduled for approximately 2:00 PM at the Chance Cemetery.

Bryce and her little boys spent the night at Casey and Missy's and came to church with all of us Sunday morning. It was nice to see Bob Tenold in church that morning and he's doing pretty well recovering from the surgery he had in Bismarck a couple weeks ago. Bryce and her boys went back to Rapid City after she took some eggs, beets, cucumbers and tomatoes home with her. Hope she comes back soon!

Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

August 24, 1916

Ode and John Mutchler returned to their Sulphur home Sunday and reported that there is no work in the North Dakota harvest fields on account of the black rust in small grains.

The wiping out of the bare gumbo on this side of the state is an effort which has interested businessmen. It is noted that sweet clover is getting a slow foothold on the gumbo by natural seeding and from this several bushels of sweet cover seed was harvested and scattered over several acres this fall and to take away the bareness where gumbo abounds.

The Great Western Sugar Company secured an option of over 1000 acres of the Seth Bullock ranch near Belle Fourche and that plans are already underway for a rail spur and weighing station. Indications that the erection of a factory will be located on this tract and be completed in time to handle the 1917 beet crop.

August 26, 1926

Bids will be received by the board of Education of Newell Independent Consolidated School District NO 7, up to 12 noon August 30, 1926, for the sale of one building 14 feet by 24 feet. Said building is located on the Lawrence Bennett land northeast of Newell. Bids must be for cash, and the board reserves the right to reject any and all bids according to A. J. Smith, Clerk.

The Newell beet dump is in course of erection. The platform will be long enough for 3 rail cars, thus affording room for the unloading of at least 6 wagons or trucks at a time.

Dr. Clark's apiary is a scene of busy operation just now, while the force is engaged in extracting honey with modern facilities which enables them to turn out the product at an astonishing rate. Honey for making preserves 9 cents per pound, bring your pails. You get more honey for your money at Dr. Clark's.

August 27, 1936

Domnick Schumer has a well-digging crew at work on his ranch east of Castle Rock. If the flow is sufficient, Mr. Schumer will bring his cattle back to his ranch. Joe Nelson and Elmer Eichler have already brought their sheep in from the dry range and are watering them from a well.

Ruby Mae 5-year-old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hiram Stockton had her arm badly cut and bruised Tuesday when it became caught in a pickle sorter at the Vale pickle station, where Mr. Stockton is foreman. She was taken to Newell Hospital and Dr. Hills closed the wound with several stitches.

Cars from North Dakota, Montana and other states are coming into the project looking for garden vegetates and fruit of all kinds. Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Richards and son, in search of fruit, gathered plums recently at the George Lickingteller home.

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Hammontree, Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Johnson and Mr. & Mrs. M. E. Hafner picnicked last Sunday on Sand Creek and also viewed the beautiful Annenberg estate.

August 22, 1946

Wayne Garness, son of Mr. & Mrs. O. A. Garness, went to Rapid City last Saturday and is spending until Friday there completing his solo and cross-country flight which will make him eligible to receive his private pilot's license soon. Young Garness has been flying for many years.

President Truman signed legislation reducing the domestic airmail rate from 8 cents to 5 cents an ounce effective October 1st. Postmaster General Hannegan issued an order setting the air mail postage rate to 5 cents from 6 cents an ounce to all US territory members of the Armed Forces. June Schmele, 11-year-old daughter of Mrs. Paul Schmele, received severe body wounds at their home Friday from an accidental

by Linda Velder

22-rifle shot. The mishap occurred in the kitchen when her brother, 13-year-old brother Billy when leaving to do some hunting, tripped over his rifle, causing it to accidentally fire. The bullet entered her chest, penetrating her right lung, diaphragm, liver and stomach and lodged in the lower part of her body. She was brought to Dr. L. L. Theberge for immediate medical attention, x-rayed and then transported to a Rapid City hospital by Mrs. William Schmele and David Richards in his big car. She was reported in critical condition. Mrs. Sophie Schmele and Billy were accompanied by Mrs. Henry Nozeska. At last report, June is getting along nicely.

August 30, 1956

Enrollment records were set at Newell School reported by G. W. Austin, Superintendent. Also noted the Jr. - Sr. High School, have been set to operate on a 9-period day. This, he pointed out, is slightly longer than previously but allows the students on bus routes the opportunity to participate in more extracurricular activities.

On Sunday the worshippers will enter the Congregational Church Sanctuary with several new features. The Sanctuary floor has been sanded; the Ladies Aid purchased a rug to cover the chancery floor and other minor progress interior features.

Mr. & Mrs. Ludwig Larsen and daughter, Karen, of Minneapolis, spent last Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. Carrie Anderson, leaving Wednesday for a visit with relatives in Montana. Mrs. Larsen and Mrs. Anderson are childhood friends and had not seen one another for quite a number of years.

September 8, 1966

World championship Sheep Teepeeing title for 1966 went to Aeori Gruwell and Donald Seaman on Labor Day before a larger-than-usual crowd. Earning \$68., Gilbert Wood and Albert Chapman, Newell came in second for \$51, Bill Burke, Redig and Bud Burke,



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Hoover were third with \$34 and Ernest Leitner and Bryce Sager of Sundance, Wyoming won \$17. The weather was perfect to make it one of the best ever Labor Day celebrations.

Sale of Bob's Recreation, popular bowling and pool room establishment, to Mr. & Mrs. Kieth Milberg was announced this week by Mrs. Catherine Hice. Mrs. Hice and her late husband Bob have been operating for 21 years. Mr. & Mrs. Milberg have been operating a farm 3 miles south of town for the past 16 years, but Mr. Milberg has to forego heavy work on advice from Physicians. Mrs. Hice wishes to give sincere thanks to everyone for their patronage and the pleasant relations which she has enjoyed in this business. The Milberg's and their 2 daughters invite everyone to stop in to see them as they continue to operate the business as before, now called "Newell Recreation".

Plans are underway for the Annual "Meet The Teachers" night at the September meeting of the Newell Par-

ent & Teaches Association meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the school dining room. Committee members; chairman Mrs. Garrett Kimball, decorations Mrs. Harry Dumler and refreshments Mrs. Don Seaman. Pie and coffee will be served following the "get-acquainted" time.

A record number of stud rams and registered ewes have been consigned to the 21st Annual Western South Dakota Stud Ram Show & Sale which will be held at the U S Newell Field Station Thursday and Friday, it is reported by Walter Johnson, show secretary. One of the features of the show sponsored by the Newell Community Club includes a screening committee, which passes all animals consigned for breeding quality as well as compliance of health and sanitary regulations. In conjunction with the show and sale is the Great Plains FFA Judging Contest and the pre-sale and awards supper held at the Newell School banquet room Thursday night at 6:30 PM.



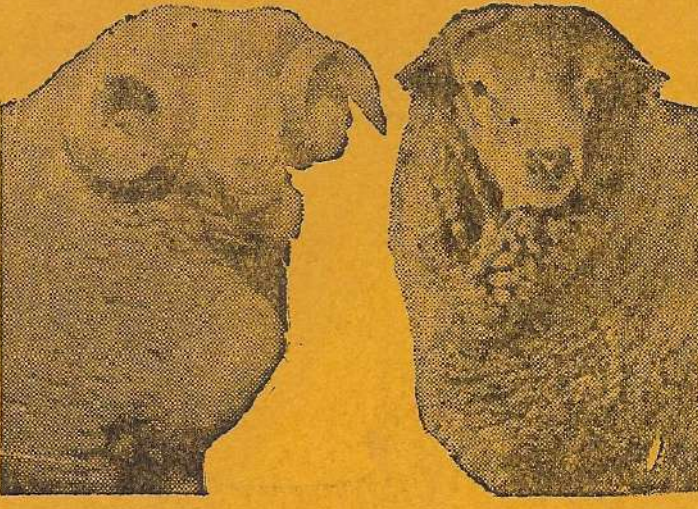
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(L) Wayne Garness and flight instructor before solo test in 1946. (R) 1956, Ram Show & Sale Catalog. Museum photos



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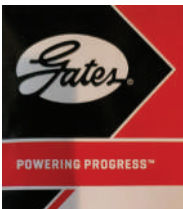
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