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25 Years Later, Belle Fourche Still Remembers 9/11

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BELLE FOURCHE—Walking into Herrmann Park on the morning of September 11, you were met with the overwhelming sight of rows and rows of intricately arranged American flags—2,983 of them to be exact. Each represented one life lost in the horrific attacks on our homeland, with another six recognizing the lives lost in the February 26, 1993, bombing of the World Trade Center.

The Center of the Nation 9/11 Remembrance Weekend brought the events of 25 years ago to Belle Fourche’s doorstep by hosting two days of activities Sept. 11–12. The occasion was meant to honor and remember the lives lost on that fateful day as well as educate the public about the enormity of the tragedy in an attempt to unify the community.

Belle Fourche’s own Joe and Alicia Giaculli were the driving force behind the planning and execution of the memorial events. They built upon the Remembrance Walk that was started by the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department to honor first responders and others lost in the attacks.

Joe was a first responder on the scene of the devastating attack on the World Trade Center 25 years ago. He worked on the recovery efforts for the follow-



A memorial wreath honoring the victims of 9/11 stood at the front of the 9/11 Memorial Flag Tribute. Longbrake photo
9/9 Correction: Caption should have read “Photo Credit: Julie Batterman.”

ing 13 months.

Beginning at 8 a.m. on the morning of September 11, the opening ceremony took place. Jim Thompson served as the MC and greeted everyone in attendance and reminded them why we were all together on this unforgettable day. “This is the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, and today we

gather to remember a day that forever changed our country and changed our lives for so many of us. Remember those who were lost, those who responded, those who served in the years that followed, and the families, the survivors and communities who continue to carry the impact of September 11th,” he said.

Thompson recognized all of the flags on display and explained their importance. “Here in Herrmann Park, nearly 3,000 American flags have been placed in remembrance of the individuals’ lives that were lost on September 11th; each one represents a person, represents a life that was being lived, people who loved them, and a story

that did not begin or end with that day,” he said.

The Sturgis American Legion Riders color guard presented the colors and Austey Stiefvater sang the national anthem.

Mark Leverington read a poem he wrote to commemorate the 25th anniversary. Before he

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4-H Shooting Sports Puts Safety First



A Butte Lawrence 4-H Shooting Sports participant practicing at the Center of the Nation Sportsman’s Club. Longbrake photo

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BELLE FOURCHE—If you have an interest in learning about firearms, target shooting or even hunting safely, then Butte Lawrence 4-H Shooting Sports might offer a program that will fit your needs.

The most important part of what Shooting Sports teaches is firearm safety. “Well, our main goal is to teach safety—that is our number one goal. If they get nothing more than how to know what to do if they come across it [a gun] in their everyday life—a pistol at a friend’s house or somewhere else, they know how to safely handle it so nothing happens,” explained Edward Stumpf, president of shooting sports.

Butte Lawrence 4-H Shooting Sports has grown into one of the largest programs in the state. “Last year we had 102 [participants], 136 has been our highest. . . We’re probably one of the biggest clubs in the state—we’re in the top five,” explained Stumpf.

The program offers a variety of shooting sports disciplines, including Rifle (BB Gun, Air

Rifle and .22 Rifle), Pistol (Air and .22), Archery (Recurve and Compound), Shotgun and Muzzleloading. Kids are able to choose to learn about what programs interest them the most. “We do rifle, pistol, shotgun, archery, muzzleloader and Western Heritage and hunting skills, but then in each one of them. . . there are subclasses,” shared Stumpf.

Even though safety is the goal, the 4-H program offers opportunities for participants to develop their marksmanship skills and compete at the county, state and even national levels. “In 4-H shooting they can take it as far as they want, whether it’s just come and shoot on Sundays and have fun, or if they want to take it to the full-blown state level and compete through nationals,” said Stumpf.

Rick Walton is a HuntSAFE instructor and has been involved with the Center of the Nation Sportsman’s Club since its beginning. Walton shared that when he started teaching he would sometimes see 12-year-olds arrive at HuntSAFE who had never held a firearm. Since

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Think You Know It All? Trivia League Puts It to the Test

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BELLE FOURCHE—Would you like a chance to test your knowledge of random facts against others who have knowledge of random facts too? On Thursday nights, the Hitching Post Tap House hosts its latest edition of Trivia League and it isn’t too late to join! The first week was held on September 10. There are still seven weeks left to play!

So if you know that Hayden Panettiere starred in the Scream franchise or that Chuck Norris’s real name is Carlos, then make your way to the Tap House on Thursday evenings, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Each week, trivia players will find three rounds of questions worth 10 points each for a total of 30 possible points. The fourth round features just one question. In that final round, teams bet any or all of the points they earned that night. That final question can make or

break a team’s night, especially for those willing to risk all of their hard-earned points on one answer.

Amanda Kramp, owner, is the host of each round and reads each question to the crowd. At the same time, the questions are displayed on television screens at each end of the room. Immediate reactions to the questions can give away just how confident teams are feeling, with groans coming from some tables and giggles from others as each new question appears.

After each 10-question round, answer sheets are collected and scored by Kramp and family, giving teams a chance to compare answers and debate which ones they got right—or in some cases, very wrong!

The league lasts for eight weeks and costs \$10 per person with anywhere from one person up to four people per team. This past week, 13 teams huddled together to debate their answers.

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Amanda Kramp, owner, prepares to read the questions for trivia. Longbrake photo

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Gloria Jean Gustafson, 95

Gloria Jean Gustafson was born November 12, 1930 in Sturgis, SD. She was the daughter of Neal and Edith (Kidd) Garrett. Gloria's great love in life was bowling, and she didn't give it up until she was almost 85 years old.

Gloria died at the age of 95 on September 10, 2026. She is survived by her husband, Gene of Nisland; son, Michael Slover of Newell; daughters, Sharon Perkins of Gillette WY, Shirlee Christenson of Nisland, Tina (Louis)



Bertolotto of Newell, Robin (Jim) Upton of Lovell WY; 15 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren.

Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. No services will be held. Friends may leave condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

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Pastor's Perspective

"Brave Waiting"

"The Christian's life is no child's play. All who have gone on pilgrimage to the celestial city have found a rough road, sloughs of despond and hills of difficulty, giants to fight and tempters to shun. Hence there are two perils to which Christians are exposed; the one is that under heavy pressure they should start away from the path which they ought to pursue,— the other is lest they should grow fearful of failure, and so become faint-hearted in their holy course.

"Both these dangers had evidently occurred to David, and in the text he is led by the Holy Spirit to speak about them. 'Do not,' he seems to say, 'do not think that you are mistaken in keeping to the way of faith; do not turn aside to crooked policy, do not begin to trust in an arm of flesh, but wait upon the Lord and, as if this were a duty in which we are doubly apt to fail, he repeats the exhortation, and makes it more emphatic the second time, 'Wait, I say, on the Lord.' Hold on with your faith in God, persevere in walking according to his will; let nothing seduce you from your integrity,— let it never be said of you, 'Ye did run well, what did hinder you that ye did not obey the truth?'"

"And lest we should be faint in our minds, which was the second danger, the psalmist says, 'Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart.' There is really nothing to be depressed about, there is no real danger, you are safe while God lives, and while Christ pleads, and while the Spirit of God dwells in you; therefore be not dismayed, nor even dream of fear. Be not timorous and unbelieving, but play the man; 'Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart.'

"The object of our discourse this morning will be the encouragement of those who feel in any degree whatever dispirited and depressed on account of the hard places of the way, or the opposition of the world. We may the Divine Spirit, whose peculiar office it is to be the Comforter of his people, now give the oil of joy to all who mourn, and courage to all who tremble.

"We shall look at our text under four heads. First, God is to be waited on; secondly, courage is to be maintained; thirdly, waiting upon God will sustain courage; and, fourthly, experience has proved this,— for David sets his own seal to the text when he says, 'Wait, I say, on the Lord.' As much as to say— I have tried

This Perspective is adapted from C.H. Spurgeon.

and proved the power of communion with God, and therefore personally give my advice that you do continually wait upon the Lord, and you will be greatly strengthened.

"I. First, then, dear friends, GOD IS TO BE WAITED ON. That word 'wait' is so exceedingly comprehensive that I quite despair of bringing out every shade of its meaning.

The word 'walk' describes almost the whole of Christian life, and so does this word 'wait'; for rightly understood, waiting is active as well as passive, energetic as well as patient, and to wait upon the Lord necessitates as much holy courage as warring and fighting with his enemies.

"We are to wait on, wait upon, and wait for the Lord; for it is written, 'they that wait on the Lord shall inherit the earth,' 'they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength,' and 'blessed are all they that wait for him.'

"What do we mean, then, by 'wait on the Lord'? I say, first, let us wait on the Lord as a beggar waits for alms at the rich man's door. We are very poor and needy, labouring under such necessities that the whole world cannot supply what we require. Only in God is there a supply for the deep poverty of our souls. Let us catch the faintest whisper of his Spirit, and yield to each divine impulse.

"If you are to be instructed disciples it must be by a diligent, patient, persevering waiting upon him who is the fountain of all knowledge and the sun of all light. May we never outrun our Master by conceited speculations, and vain imaginings, but may we wait till he speaks, and be content to remain in ignorance unless he chooses to withdraw the veil.

"A third form of this waiting will come out under the figure of waiting as a servant waits upon his Lord. A true servant is anxious to know what his master wishes him to do, and when he once knows it he is happy to undertake it and carry it through. In great houses certain servants enquire of the master in the morning, 'Sir, what are your orders for the day?' Imitate this, and when you rise in the morning, always wait upon your Lord to know what are his commands for the day. Say, 'Show me what thou wouldst have me to do. Teach me thy way, O Lord: lead me in a plain path.'"

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Prayer for the Week

God of all creation, please bring peace in my life this week. Help me let go of all my worries and put my trust in You. Fill my heart and mind with Your peace. Whenever I feel overwhelmed and anxious, remind me that You are the calm in the storm I'm facing. No matter what challenges I face this week, I know that You will be with me, because You said so.

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A Butte Lawrence 4-H Shooting Sports practice. Longbrake photo

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From A1 4-H Shooting

the start of the local 4-H Shooting Sports program, he has seen that change over the years as more opportunities have become available for kids to learn at a younger age. “When kids can start young, by the time they get to us, they’re usually at least familiar,” said Walton. “Even if they don’t think they like hunting, this isn’t about hunting—it’s getting them comfortable around a gun so they can defuse the situation before it gets critical,” added Stumpf. “They learn how to be safe. They learn, okay, don’t touch it, or if it is unloaded, they can

check. It’s really a safety program—it will take the novelty out of it so it’s not a forbidden thing.” All practices are held in the basement of the Economic Development building or at the Center of the Nation Sportsman’s Club. The Center of the Nation Sportsman’s Club supports the program in a variety of ways. “This club here supports us wholeheartedly. They support us financially, they have bought us bows... If we need something, we usually come to them and ask and they go above and beyond to help us,” explained Stumpf. “This

club, I can’t say enough—they’ve helped us—and with the help that they have given us, just this June we sent six kids to Nationals.” If learning about firearm safety and shooting sports has piqued your interest, now is the time to sign up. It is open to anyone ages eight to 18. “Our new year starts October 1, so if kids are interested in participating, now is the time to get involved,” said Stumpf.



There was a good turnout for the first night of Trivia League at the Hitching Post Tap House. Longbrake photo

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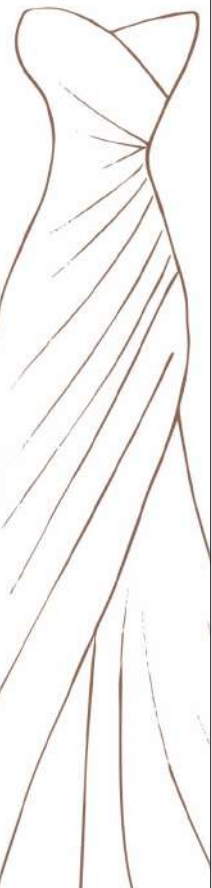
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From A1 Trivia League

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every week. The team with the highest score at the end of the eight weeks will be declared the league winner. The league winners will receive prizes. “For our final at the end of the eight weeks, we will typically have a first place and second place gift basket,” explained Kramp. The Hitching Post Tap House is a family-owned business. Tammy Westland, Amanda Kramp, Mariah Wainman and Logan Symonds are the owners. The Tap House offers a dozen taps with a rotation of craft beers, meads and ciders. They also offer domestic beer, wine and NA options. If you get the munchies while straining your brain trying to come up with an answer to some random question, they’ve got you covered with a menu that includes Papa Murphy’s Pizza, Anke’s Bakery Pretzel Bites, popcorn and chips and salsa.

Gov. Rhoden Honors POW/MIA Recognition Day

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D.— Governor Larry Rhoden has recognized September 18, 2026, as POW/MIA Recognition Day in South Dakota, honoring America’s former prisoners of war and remembering those who remain missing in action. South Dakota continues to honor 349 service members who remain unaccounted for: six from the Vietnam War, 33 from the Korean War, and 308 from World War II. South Dakotans are encouraged to observe POW/MIA Recognition Day by attending local ceremonies and displaying the POW/MIA flag. A list of events taking place across the state is available at <https://vetaffairs.sd.gov/>.





9/11 Contd. from A1 started, he shared the dedication. “It’s a poem to commemorate the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, and I would dedicate it to all the men, women and children that died that day. I would also dedicate it to our first responders that climbed the stairs that day, trying to save one person, maybe two persons, but gave their lives up to do that today,” he said. “I would like to dedicate it to the men and the women that sit in the front row today—some of us see them in action, protecting us, serving us and defending us. And I would like to also dedicate it to the man sitting to the right of me, my new friend Joe, who served as detective of the New York City Police Department—a good man.”

The Center of the Nation 9/11 Remembrance presented the city of Belle Fourche with an American flag that was flown over the 9/11 Memorial in New York City. Joe and Alicia presented it to the mayor of Belle Fourche, Randy Schmidt. “Good morning, everyone. My name is Detective Joseph Giaculli, Organized Crime Manhattan, and this is a flag that we flew at Ground Zero in Manhattan in June. We’re going to present this flag to the city today,” he said.

Schmidt accepted the gift on behalf of the city and said it would be on display at the Tri-State Museum. “As we mark the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, we are reminded that while the years pass, our responsibilities to remember does not. We also recognize the spirit that emerged in the days and the months that followed. Americans came together with compassion, resolve and willingness to help one another. Communities put aside differences and focused on what united us—love of country, service to others and hope for the future—those values remain just as important today as they were 25 years ago,” shared Schmidt. “I would also like to thank the many volunteers, businesses, organizations, veterans, first responders, community leaders and the citizens of Belle Fourche who helped make this Remembrance Weekend possible. Your commitment ensures that the stories, sacrifices and lessons of September 11th continue to be shared with our future generation.”

United States Senator Mike Rounds spoke about how the tragedy hit close to home. “It touched every community within our state...think for a minute about what happened right here in your local community as

young men who were part of the National Guard, as their families start to wonder about what would happen to them because they were being called to duty. We called up over 5,000 young men and women in South Dakota alone. They left their families. They left their communities. They left their jobs,” he said.

Kayla Grams, owner of Belle Fourche Counseling, spent time talking about the trauma first responders endure while they are helping others. “...while thousands of people were desperately trying to get away from danger. Firefighters, police officers, paramedics and other first responders were moving toward danger. And 25 years later, that is still what first responders do every single day,” she said.

Grams reflected on the way Americans supported one another following the attacks and encouraged the community to approach mental health with that same sense of preparedness and care, rather than waiting until someone is in crisis. “Strength isn’t carrying everything by yourself. Sometimes strength is recognizing what you’re carrying has become too heavy and reaching out your hand. Strength is noticing that someone’s hands are full and helping them carry it,” she explained. “That responsibility belongs to all of us. It belongs to departments and leadership. It belongs to mental health professionals. It belongs to families, friends, neighbors, churches, schools, businesses and communities like ours. If we are going to ask men and women to show up for us on the worst days of our lives, we must show up for them on theirs.”

Joe stood alongside his wife, Alicia, as she shared stories of some of the people who lost their lives in the 9/11 tragedy, reminding those gathered that each of the 2,977 flags represented a person with a name and a story. “Ultimately Joe and I and the rest of our team, our family, our friends wanted to thank you all who have showed up to help us create this space for our community to all be together and remember victims from September 11th. Thank you very much,” she said.

At precisely 8:46 a.m., the church bells tolled and the large crowd gathered in the park went silent together to remember the exact moment that Flight 11 hit the North Tower.

Stephen Carson, pastor of Connection Church, led prayer. As he finished, Brenda Schnieder, standing in the field of flags, played Taps. Barry Pitt

performed his rendition of Alan Jackson’s “Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning).”

MC Thompson closed out the ceremony by recognizing those in attendance who have dedicated their lives to serving others and officially opening the 9/11 Memorial Flag Tribute to the public.

“Each flag before you represents a life, a family and a story worthy of being remembered,” he said. “On behalf of the Center of the Nation 9/11 Remembrance and the many people who made this possible, we now invite you to enter the 9/11 Memorial Flag Tribute to walk among the flags, learn the stories, remember, reflect and never forget.”

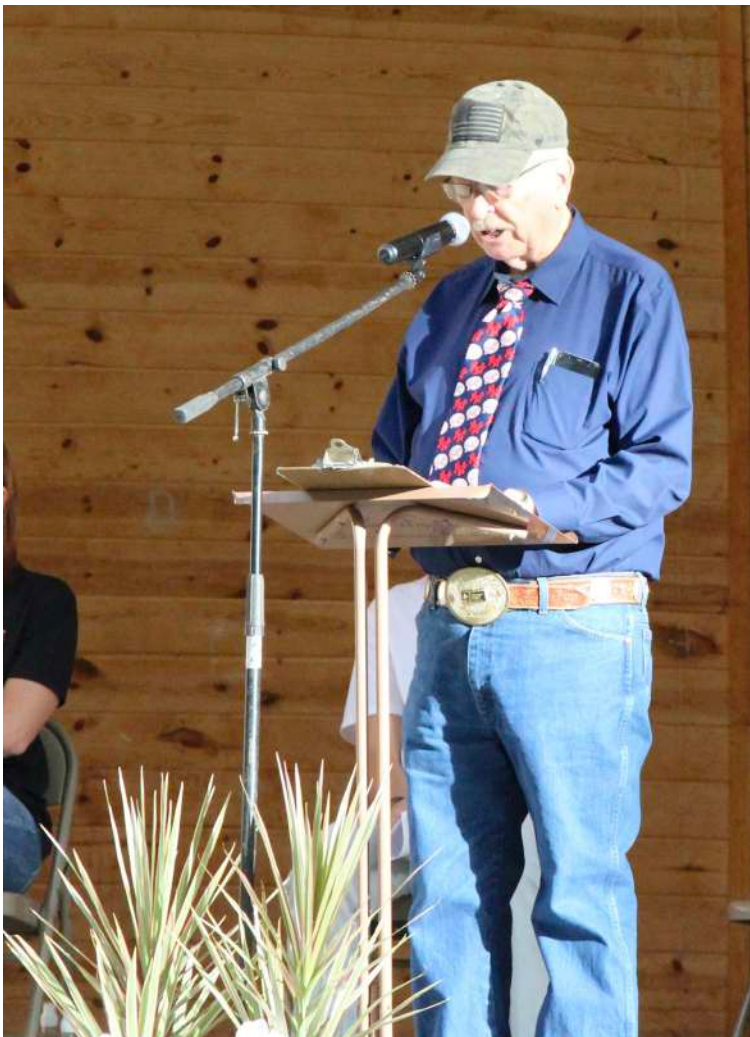
The event was well thought out and every aspect of the weekend was thoroughly planned. Spectators were encouraged to enter the Flag Tribute through the picnic shelter, which had been transformed into a tunnel with displays lining both sides. At the entrance was a display of bald eagles created by Dahl’s Chainsaw Art. Inside, you could find a TV broadcasting the 9/11 reading of the names of those who perished in the attacks.

Memorabilia and recognitions stemming from the terrorist attack were on display. A table held framed newspapers from the days following the 9/11 attack. Nine freestanding informational panels detailed each event of the day and the days following, beginning with the exact moment the North Tower was hit by the first plane and continuing through each tragic event.

On the other side of the tunnel was a Remembrance Wall for people to share their thoughts and a Survivor Tree filled with leaves.

At 6 p.m. on the same day was the Remembrance Walk. Local firefighters came in full gear to lead the one-mile route (four laps) around Herrmann Park. One mile is approximately 2,200 steps, the number used to symbolize climbing the 110 stories of one of the World Trade Center towers. Participants could walk one mile in honor of one tower or two miles in honor of both.

The Flag Tribute was available for the public to visit on both September 11 and 12. Beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, was the 9/11 Never Forget Blood Drive. The blood drive ended the day with 44 blood donations. “[We] just missed our goal, but there is always next year,” shared Alicia. “We were so pleased with the turnout!”



Jim Thompson served as Master of Ceremonies for the Opening Ceremony of the Center of the Nation 9/11 Remembrance Weekend. Photos: Robbi Longbrake



Austey Stiefvater sings the national anthem.



On behalf of the city, the Belle Fourche Mayor Randy Schmidt received an American flag that was flown over the 9/11 Memorial in New York City from Joe and Alicia Giaculli.



Brenda Schnieder played Taps.



The Sturgis American Legion Riders color guard.



The crowd gathered for the Opening Ceremony of the Center of the Nation 9/11 Remembrance Weekend.

9/11 Remembrance Event



Local law enforcement officers stand in silence at 8:46 a.m., marking the moment Flight 11 struck the North Tower on September 11, 2001. *Photos: Robbi Longbrake*



Crowds gathered to listen to the speakers at the Opening Ceremony for the Center of the Nation 9/11 Remembrance Weekend.



Students from the middle school exploring the Memorial Flags.



Getting a closer look at one of the informational panels detailing the events of September 11, 2001.



Looking at the framed newspaper display.

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Barry Pitt sang Alan Jackson’s “Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning).”



9/11 Memorial Flag Tribute.



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The “Neighborhood Beautification program” seeks to help residents in the Black Hills “reset” their overgrown yards, making them easier to maintain. NeighborWorks DHR staff work with local volunteers and municipalities to identify homeowners that need a little help getting their overgrown yards back under control.

“There is an immediate sense of accomplishment when you take the roughest yard in the neighborhood and transform it to the nicest yard on the block,” says Mike Walker, Executive Director NeighborWorks DHR. This dramatic change sparks excitement in the neighborhood, encouraging neighbors to improve their properties, beautifying the overall neighborhood.

Coeur Wharf’s donation provided NeighborWorks DHR with the funds necessary to purchase the lawncare equipment and other tools to get this program up and running. Thank you Coeur Wharf and The Wharf Fund for your support!

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“Investing in our communities has always been an important part of who we are at Coeur Wharf,” said John Key, General Manager at Coeur Wharf. “Through the Wharf Fund, we look for opportunities to support projects that make a real difference for local people and neighborhoods. We’re proud to partner with NeighborWorks on a program that helps residents, brings volunteers together, and strengthens the communities we



Members from Coeur Wharf and NeighborWorks Dakota Home Resources come together to commemorate the donation by The Wharf Fund to NeighborWorks’ mission of improving communities through housing and revitalizing neighborhoods. *Courtesy photo*

call home. Our hope is that the positive impact created through the Wharf Fund continues for generations to come.

“The \$12,000 contribution will help support NeighborWorks Dakota Home Resources’ mission of creating housing opportunities and revitalizing neighborhoods—helping build communities where people can live, work, and thrive.

“Strong communities start with strong neighborhoods,” said Mike Walker, Executive Director of NeighborWorks Dakota Home Resources. “Support from community partners like Coeur Wharf and The Wharf Fund, allows us to continue addressing housing needs and creating opportunities for people throughout the communities we serve. We are grateful for this generous investment to our Neighborhood Beautification program launch.

The donation reflects Coeur Wharf’s commitment to giving back and helping create a stronger future for the communities it serves.

About NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources

NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources assists in providing safe, decent, and affordable housing and revitalizing neighborhoods to improve

the quality of life in our communities. Through housing programs, education, assistance, and community revitalization efforts, the organization works to help individuals and families achieve greater housing stability and strengthen the communities they call home.

About Coeur Wharf and The Wharf Fund

The Wharf Fund is a million-dollar endowment fund that was designed to give back to Lead, South Dakota and surrounding communities. The Wharf Fund is held within the South Dakota Community Foundation (SDCF). The fund was developed to help create lasting relationships and bring long term social and economic benefits for all communities and people involved. The Fund is meant to help the cause last longer than the money that is granted.

The fund is bases it’s donations off of four core funding categories: health, education, arts and culture, and community development.



A particular project that NeighborWorks is working on is the Neighborhood Beautification program. Through the funding by Coeur Wharf and The Wharf Fund, the team at NeighborWorks was able to purchase equipment necessary to start getting their hands dirty. *Courtesy photo*

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.

Your presence at all the upcoming events is much appreciated, so don’t forget to add all these upcoming fine arts events to your calendars!
September 17, Thursday, 7 PM: BFACT hosts GOAT One Act Performances at the BF Rec Center Theater
September 24, Thurs, 7 PM: CON Concert Series - “Made in America”, Alliance Brass.

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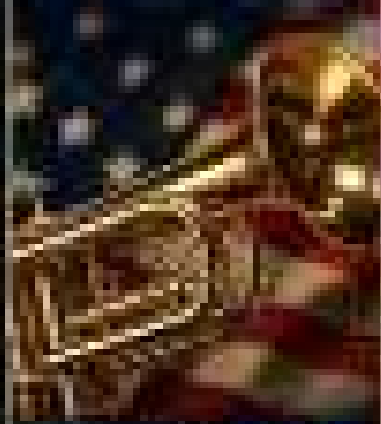
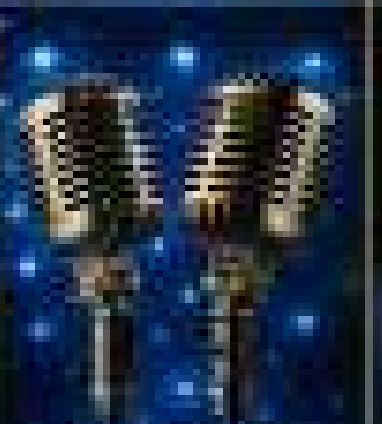
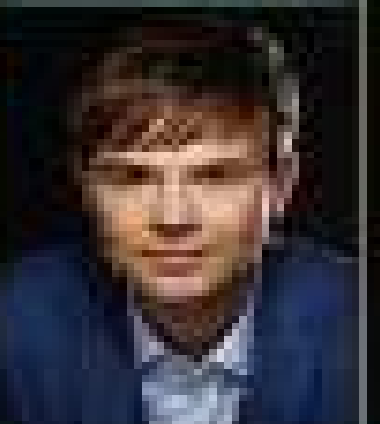


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Cattle Report - Friday, September 11, 2026

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NEXT SALE - SEPTEMBER 18th - EARLY SPRING CALF & YEARLING SPECIAL - 10 AM

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FEEDER CATTLE

Heart Tail Ranch Lip, St Onge, SD.....	66...Blk....Hfr.....	1029.....	\$297.50
Kinghorn, Bill, Spearfish, SD.....	12...Blk....Hfr.....	865.....	\$322.50
Kinghorn, Bill, Spearfish, SD.....	54...Mix....Hfr.....	993.....	\$291.00
Kinghorn, Bill, Spearfish, SD.....	61...RCh...Hfr.....	901.....	\$305.00
Cottonwood Creek Cattle Co, Rozet, WY.....	14...Blk....Str.....	962.....	\$311.00
Cottonwood Creek Cattle Co, Rozet, WY.....	31...Blk....Hfr.....	983.....	\$293.00
Cottonwood Creek Cattle Co, Rozet, WY.....	16...Blk....Hfr.....	884.....	\$312.00
Dog Butte Llc, Broadus, MT.....	73...Blk....Hfr.....	854.....	\$326.00
Dog Butte Llc, Broadus, MT.....	39...Blk....Hfr.....	773.....	\$344.00
Gunderson, Roger Or Penny, Buffalo, SD.....	24...Blk....Hfr.....	933.....	\$305.50
Hackamore Ranch, Prairie City, SD.....	16...Blk....Hfr.....	772.....	\$343.00
L & L Ranch Inc, Hammond, MT.....	10...Bld....Hfr.....	986.....	\$293.00
Materi Land & Livestock, Upton, WY.....	31...Blk....Hfr.....	855.....	\$318.00
O Connor, Ry, Plevna, MT.....	28...Blk....Hfr.....	1016.....	\$297.50
Persson, Terrance & Drew, Gillette, WY.....	16...Bld....Hfr.....	720.....	\$344.00
Smith, Roddy J & Kathleen J, Gillette, WY.....	19...Blk....Hfr.....	905.....	\$302.00

WEIGH UP COWS

Brence, Charles, Ekalaka, MT.....	1...Blk....Hfr.....	1080.....	\$252.50
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka, MT.....	1...Blk....Hfr.....	1010.....	\$240.00
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka, MT.....	3...Blk....Cwett.....	1230.....	\$225.00
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka, MT.....	1...Blk....Cwett.....	910.....	\$192.50
Brence, Greg, Ekalaka, MT.....	6...Blk....Cwett.....	1070.....	\$215.00
Brence, Greg, Ekalaka, MT.....	1...Blk....Cwett.....	1185.....	\$207.50
Brence, Greg, Ekalaka, MT.....	1...Blk....Cow.....	1115.....	\$155.00
Brown, Kathy, Sturgis, SD.....	1...Bld....Cwett.....	1110.....	\$180.00
Coal Creek Ranch Llc, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Cwett.....	865.....	\$197.50
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitewood, SD.....	1...Blk....Hfr.....	1005.....	\$271.00
Edwards, Cory, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Hfr.....	840.....	\$317.50
Frederickson Ranch, Spearfish, SD.....	3...Blk....Cwett.....	1095.....	\$202.50
Kel, Reggie Or Sebbie, St Onge, SD.....	2...B/R....Cow.....	1315.....	\$157.00
Levellyn, Franke, Sturgis, SD.....	1...Blk....Cwett.....	1135.....	\$207.50
Levellyn, Franke, Sturgis, SD.....	3...Blk....Cow.....	1355.....	\$155.00
O Connor, Ry, Plevna, MT.....	3...Blk....Cwett.....	1798.....	\$207.00
Persson, Terrance & Drew, Gillette, WY.....	30...Blk....Hfr.....	864.....	\$307.00
Persson, Terrance & Drew, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Cow.....	1080.....	\$170.00
Persson, Terrance & Drew, Gillette, WY.....	12...Blk....Cow.....	1340.....	\$155.50
Rockin Tree Ranch Llc, Sturgis, SD.....	1...Red....Cwett.....	1140.....	\$215.00
Todd, Tim Or Kris, Sturgis, SD.....	2.....Cwett.....	870.....	\$202.50
Todd, Tim Or Kris, Sturgis, SD.....	1...Blk....Cow.....	1185.....	\$171.00
Todd, Tim Or Kris, Sturgis, SD.....	8...Blk....Cow.....	1436.....	\$156.00

WEIGH UP BULLS

Aurand, Jeremiah, Sturgis, SD.....	1...Char...Bull.....	1725.....	\$205.00
Ayer Ranch Llc, Beulah, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1820.....	\$190.00
Bar 8 Cattle Company Llc, Gillette, WY.....	2...Red....Bull.....	1935.....	\$208.00
Bayles, Seth, Broadus, MT.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	2030.....	\$214.00
Beck, Levi, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1790.....	\$201.00
Beck, Levi, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1780.....	\$205.00
Beck, Levi, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1560.....	\$180.00
Beck, Tom Or Tammy, Gillette, WY.....	1...Herf....Bull.....	1910.....	\$188.00
Brown, Kyle Or Shannon, Sturgis, SD.....	2...Blk....Bull.....	2122.....	\$217.00
Brown, Kyle Or Shannon, Sturgis, SD.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1670.....	\$200.00
Clarys, Marshal, Olive, MT.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	2235.....	\$215.00
Edwards, Marty, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1895.....	\$210.00
Edwards, Marty, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1735.....	\$213.00
Felizardo, Laurent & Amanda, Custer, SD.....	2...B/R....Bull.....	775.....	\$315.00
Fitzgerald, John, St Onge, SD.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1695.....	\$215.00
Frederickson Ranch, Spearfish, SD.....	1...Herf....Bull.....	1505.....	\$201.00
Fuller Livestock Ltd Liability, Gillette, WY.....	1.....Bull.....	1700.....	\$184.00
Fuller Livestock Ltd Liability, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1455.....	\$179.00
Glass, Roger H, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1550.....	\$218.00
Glass, Roger H, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1725.....	\$177.50
Herren, Cole, Spearfish, SD.....	1...Herf....Bull.....	1500.....	\$186.00
Hutton Land & Livestock, Devils Tower, WY.....	1...Red....Bull.....	2115.....	\$211.00
Hutton Land & Livestock, Devils Tower, WY.....	1...Red....Bull.....	1620.....	\$198.00
Jewett, Tyler Or Sally, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1...Bld....Bull.....	2170.....	\$196.00
Johnson, Troy, St Onge, SD.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1295.....	\$225.00
Johnson, Troy, St Onge, SD.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1130.....	\$252.50
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1835.....	\$192.50
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1375.....	\$192.50
Levellyn, Franke, Sturgis, SD.....	2...Blk....Bull.....	1780.....	\$207.50
Levellyn, Franke, Sturgis, SD.....	2...Blk....Bull.....	1027.....	\$286.00
Morella, Mike, Centennial Co.].....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1470.....	\$179.00
O Connor, Ry, Plevna, MT.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1855.....	\$216.00
Op Bar Ranch Lip, St Onge, SD.....	1...Herf....Bull.....	2165.....	\$178.50
Oshoto Flying M Operations Llc, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	2185.....	\$213.00
Oshoto Flying M Operations Llc, Gillette, WY.....	4...Blk....Bull.....	1070.....	\$270.00
Pleasant Valley Cattle Co Inc, Sturgis, SD.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1815.....	\$197.50
Redding, Dave, Hulett, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	2210.....	\$211.00
Romanjenko, Hawley, Biddle, MT.....	1...Bld....Bull.....	1805.....	\$210.00
Roush, Dustin Or Janell, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1240.....	\$227.50
Roush, Dustin Or Janell, Gillette, WY.....	4...Blk....Bull.....	1032.....	\$280.00
Roush, Dustin Or Janell, Gillette, WY.....	1...Herf....Bull.....	1020.....	\$272.50
Roush, Hudson, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1140.....	\$245.00
Roush, Rusty A, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1885.....	\$200.00
Roush, Rusty A, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1685.....	\$178.00
Saunders Land & Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1730.....	\$175.00
Saunders Land & Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	1...B/R....Bull.....	1770.....	\$206.00
Saunders Land & Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	1...Red....Bull.....	2100.....	\$204.00
Schlecht, Kirby, Whitewood, SD.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1920.....	\$211.00
Schmidt, Cleve, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1690.....	\$211.00
Seldo Inc, Boyes, MT.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	2195.....	\$217.00
Seldo Inc, Boyes, MT.....	2...Blk....Bull.....	1972.....	\$213.50
Seldo Inc, Boyes, MT.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1740.....	\$195.00
Seldo Inc, Boyes, MT.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1440.....	\$189.00
Semiek, Toby & Brooke, Moorcroft, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	2100.....	\$208.00
Semiek, Toby & Brooke, Moorcroft, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	2050.....	\$206.00
Semiek, Toby & Brooke, Moorcroft, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	2035.....	\$203.00
Semiek, Toby & Brooke, Moorcroft, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	2005.....	\$207.00
Semiek, Toby & Brooke, Moorcroft, WY.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1900.....	\$205.00
Smith, Marvin, Sturgis, SD.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	1215.....	\$227.50
Waterland, Luther, Ekalaka, MT.....	1...Blk....Bull.....	2060.....	\$208.00

St Onge Livestock has a receiving station for the Gillette Area every Thursday. It is on Northern Drive in Gillette. Call Doug Miller at 307-660-0960 to let him know what is coming. You can unload all day every Thursday until 3 pm. You pay receiving station fee of \$3 per head & \$2.50/cwt for trucking. You can also call Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259 & he can let them know your cattle are coming also.

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

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026
EARLY SPRING CALF & YRLG SPECIAL

10:00 AM – WEIGH UPS
12:00 NOON – BRED COWS & PAIRS FOLLOWED BY CALVES THEN YRLGS

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

CALVES

DUSTIN ROUSH – 380 BLK STRS & HFERS – 400-525# - BT
ROCK PILE RIDGE – 150 RED STRS & HFERS

– 500-550# - BT, PC, NI
TAVEGIE RANCH – 100 BLK HFERS – 450-525# - BT, PC, REPLACEMENT KIND

JENNIE CROWSER – 100 BLK & RED BULL

– 250-400# - NATURAL

- 25 BLK& RED HFERS – 250-350# - NATURAL

TVEIDT RANCH – 95 MOSTLY BLK STRS & HFERS

– 550-625# - BT, PC, HFERS BV

EVERETT ZIMMERSCHIED – 90 STRS & HFERS

– 500-550# - BT, PC

STINSON LIVESTOCK – 80 BLK STRS & HFERS

400-550# - BT, PC

GARY HERRINGTON – 60 BLK STRS & HFERS – 350-450#

CAROL HENDRICKSON – 55 BLK STRS & HFERS

– 500-600# - BT, PC, NI

SABRINA MITCHELL – 50 MOSLTY HERF STRS

– 550-600# - BT, PC

ELIZABETH KANODE – 45 BLK STRS & HFERS

– 450-500# - BT, PC

YRLGS

BILL & RAY KINGHORN – 218 BLK HFERS

– 925-975# - SPAYED

ARLEDGE RANCH – 70 HFERS – 750-850#

- TESTED OPEN

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PAIRS

CASTEEL LIVETOCK – 10 BLK FALL PAIRS

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2026 CATTLE SALES

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

Wednesday, October 7th – Spring Calf Special – Noon

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 Wednesday 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 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 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

December 17th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats – Last Sale Of 2026!

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Sheep Report - Thursday, September 10, 2026

light lambs sold \$10 - \$20 higher - rest of the lambs sold steady
slaughter ewes sold \$5 to \$10 lower

NEXT SALE - SEPT 17th - ANNUAL EWE LAMB, REPLACEMENT EWE & FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL

- Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats

10:00 AM - SLAUGHTER EWES & BUCKS, FEEDER LAMBS & GOATS

12:00 NOON - APPRECIATION BBQ

1:00 PM - EWE LAMBS & REPLACEMENT EWES

EXPECTING 5000 FEEDER LAMBS & 2100 REPLACEMENT EWES

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

Feeder Lambs

Mctaggart, Levi, Newell, SD.....	246.....	Lamb.....	52.....	\$420.00
Mctaggart, Levi, Newell, SD.....	568.....	Lamb.....	69.....	\$381.00
Beckman Jr, Dan, Prairie City, SD.....	196.....	Lamb.....	83.....	\$340.00
Beckman Jr, Dan, Prairie City, SD.....	143.....	Lamb.....	103.....	\$301.00
Deyoe, Tracey, Newell, SD.....	202.....	Lamb.....	84.....	\$340.00
Deyoe, Tracey, Newell, SD.....	73.....	Lamb.....	103.....	\$301.00
Blue Gate Solutions, Gillette, WY.....	62.....	Lamb.....	46.....	\$417.50
Burke, Pat, Newell, SD.....	55.....	Lamb.....	80.....	\$340.00
Clear Bent Bars Inc, Leiten, WY.....	28.....	Lamb.....	65.....	\$372.00
Erk Ranch, Newell, SD.....	20.....	Lamb.....	63.....	\$372.00
Erk Ranch, Newell, SD.....	89.....	Lamb.....	82.....	\$335.00
Germann, Darwin, Rhame, ND.....	125.....	Lamb.....	131.....	\$277.00
Martin, Robert, Isabel, SD.....	29.....	Lamb.....	97.....	\$304.00
Nuckolls Ranch, Hulett, WY.....	152.....	Lamb.....	69.....	\$376.00
Popkes, Jake & Seth, Sturgis, SD.....	44.....	Lamb.....	77.....	\$357.00
Spring, Jamie, Union County, SD.....	39.....	Lamb.....	73.....	\$364.00

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by Mary Buchholz

100 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
September 16, 1926
ABNORNAL MOVEMENT
OF WOOL Territory in De-
mand at Higher Prices- Other
Grades Moving Freely

Thursday's Boston Tarn-script – Vacation are over; the mills are getting back to work, and Labor Day as a landmark for the wool trade is a thing of the past. Manufacturing needs are being canvassed closely by the wool houses. That the active buying of August has been continued through the early days of September in most houses is regarded as of the highest importance in forecasting the course of the market for the remainder of the year. Judging from the actual volume of sales, ample reason appears far a better business period. A tremendous turn-over of worsted wools has been made during the past two or three weeks, leading some members of the trade to believe that something unprecedented in the history of the trade has been in progress. Those whose memories run farther back are somewhat skeptical as to such comparison, although not disputing that the transactions completed since the middle of August have been abnormal. All the big mills have shown their hands in the recent trading, buying only such wools as their needs suggested, but enough to create a demand covering most of the wools in stock, foreign and domestic.

PASSING OF OLD-TIMER T. F. Harris has received work of the death at Pasadena Calif. Of John W. Rogers, a former well-known resident of the Sundance country. Mr. Rogers was prominent in live stock and in financial circles of northeastern Wyoming for many years. He had banks in Sundance, Gillette, Moorcroft and Sheridan. He also served as sheriff of Crook county. Twenty-two years ago he went west location in California. At the time of his death he was president of the Orange Growers' Association at Pasadena, and president of a bank in that city as well as holding the same title in several other banks in that part of California, and one at Phoenix, AZ.

Newell-Blackford At the chapel of the Presbyterian church at Sturgis Friday of last week, Rev. Carroll D. Erskine united in marriage Millard Newell and Miss Ernestine Blackford of Belle Fourche. The groom is a Belle Fourche boy, a graduated of our high school and later took two years of study at the University of South Dakota. He is now manager of the local Standard Oil Service station. He is a young man of pleasing appearance, energetic and trustworthy. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Blackford. For the past several years she has

been attending school in Belle Fourche, and will complete the work in the Belle Fourche high school this year. She is one of the most popular of the students, taking a leading part in all school activities. Tuesday evening the newly-weds were given a real old-fashioned charivari. Something more than a hundred of their young friends loaded the bride and groom into a old buggy which was then hitched behind an auto for a parade through the streets. From the amount of noise created the event must have been a entire success, for at least all except Mr. and Mrs. Newell.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
September 20, 1951
Lieut. Wolf of Hulett Is
Missing in Action Fris Lt. Leland H. Wolf, 28-year-old son of Mrs. Elsie Terhune of Hulett, Wyo., has been reported missing in action, according to a telegram received by his mother last Friday. He was shot down while flying a P-51 over enemy territory in Korea September 13. The pursuit pilot's wife and two children are residing in Des Moines, Ia. Born in Weaver, Minn., in 1923, Lieutenant Wolf came to Hulett with his parents at the age of two. He attended grade school there and graduated from the Hulett high school in 1941. In 1943, Wolf became a member of the United States Air Force, seeing action through the second World War. He was with the National Guard when he was re-called into the service in June this year.

W. J. McIntire, Butte Irrigationist, Honey Producer, Is Buried W. J. McIntire, long-time Fruitdale resident, former superintendent of the Redwater Irrigating association and a pioneer honey producers in Butte county, was buried in Pineslope cemetery yesterday following funeral service in the Methodist church here. Rev. Harold Salem, pastor of the Baptist church, the denomination of the church in which Mr. McIntire served as Sunday school superintendent from 1911 to 1941, officiated at the Frost and Son Funeral home. Born in Pilot Grove, Ill., April 9, 1864, William Jerome McIntire was the second child born to James Calvin and Elizabeth McIntire. He went with his parents first to Knoxville, Ia., and later to Antoch, Neb., before coming to the Black Hills in 1892. He lived in and around Deadwood for several years, working for H. M. Stearns in a sawmill and as proprietor of a paper and paint store. In the spring of 1911 he moved to Fruitdale where he worked on the Stearns ranch for a number of years.

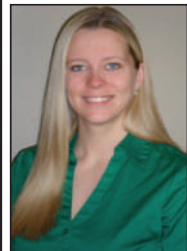
He became superintendent of the Redwater Irrigation association in 1914, a position which

he held for 32 years until he sustained an injury on January 9, 1946 when he fell on the ice while at work. He has been failing in health since that injury and died Saturday evening in John Burns Memorial hospital. Starting out in 1916 Mr. McIntire was associated with his sons in the raising of honey bees. Starting with five hives, the men built up the industry until in the twenties the average annual shipments of honey from all Fruitdale producers totaled 400,000 pounds. In 1927 the McIntire company shipped one carload of 55,000 pounds of honey to France on orders from a New Jersey firm. Active for a great many years in church work, he organized Sunday schools and led the singing. He would gather up the children for miles around, bring them to services, first by team and later in his car. He served as superintendent of the Sunday school in the Fruitdale Baptist church form 1911 until 1941 when he moved to Belle Fourche. He was married to Angela M. Walton in Belle Fourche July 4, 1925. Surviving are his widow, two sons, Melvin James and J. Thornton and one daughter Mrs. Myrtle E. Fox.

50 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
September 17, 1976
PUC Orders Bell to Improve
Area Service Pierre – The Public Utilities Commission has ordered Northwestern Bell to upgrade its rural phone service in the Belle Fourche, Newell, and Nisland area. Jack Weiland, commission chairman, said that the order to upgrade existing multi-party rural telephones came following a hearing in Belle Fourche last July.

Bell has 45 days to submit a telephone upgrading plan, for the commission approval for the area affected by the order. Weiland, who has made no secret of the commission's desire to do away with all eight party rural phone service, said "we are moving as fast as possible to get this done." Some 400 rural Belle subscribers live in the Belle Fourche, Newell and Nisland areas. Weiland has estimated that more than 18,000 rural subscribers are receiving sub-standard, multi-party phone service. "The commission has set a three year goal of upgrading and doing away with all eight party rural phone service, and so far we are on schedule."

85th Anniversary of Congregational Church Sunday The 85th anniversary celebration of the First Congregational Church of Belle Fourche will be held Sunday, Sept. 26 with a special morning service and afternoon open house and program. The morning worship service sermon will be given by Rev. R. E. Klein of Grand Junction, Colo., former



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pastor of the church. He will be assisted by Rev. Sam Cushing, present pastor. Rev. Arthur Taylor of Rapid City and Rudy Stradinger of Spearfish. Special music will be provided by the Sunday School children. Open house will be held at 2 p.m. with a program of special music.

The church history will be given by Fred Klawon and Mrs. Leroy Hill. Ten, fifty-year members will be given special honors and forth-year

members will be recognized. G. F. Mortimer will serve as master of ceremonies for the program.

The 10 to be recognized are Mrs. Bertha Baird, Mrs. Margeret Behymer, Mrs. T. J. (Beth) Broadhurst, Mrs. R. J. Bush, Mrs. John H. Durr, Mrs. Frank Durr, Mrs. Floyd Fishel, Mrs. Maude Frerichs, Mrs. Ruth Hallinger and David Richards. Of the 10 Mrs. Hallinger has the longest membership – 71 years.

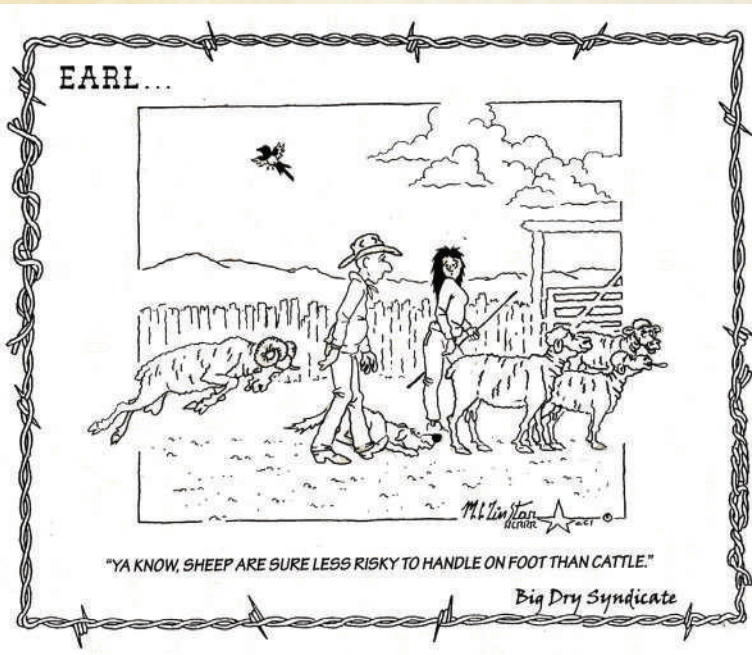


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	39	Blk/Bwf-Yrfg Hfr	810	331	\$2,681.52
Thomas Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	48	Blk/Bwf-Yrfg Hfr	899	315.5	\$2,835.22
	10	Blk/Bwf-Yrfg Hfr	755	337	\$2,542.66
Jordan & Ashley Odonnell, Ismay MT	32	Blk/Bwf-Yrfg Hfr	846	328.5	\$2,780.44
Jensen Livestock Llc, Belle Fourche SD	25	Blk/Bwf-Yrfg Hfr	954	316	\$3,014.64
Howard & Diana White, Upton WY	15	Black-Yrfg Str	706	369	\$2,605.14
	57	Black-Yrfg Hfr	795	335.5	\$2,667.81
Logan Bird, Volborg MT	26	Black-Yrfg Hfr	1010	296	\$2,988.46
Daniel Bird, Olive MT	31	Black-Yrfg Hfr	852	329	\$2,803.39
	10	Black-Yrfg Str	830	347	\$2,880.10
Harris Mv Cattle Llc, Recluse WY	23	Black-Yrfg Hfr	965	308.5	\$2,977.69
Rafter Diamond Lip, Buffalo SD	6	Black-Yrfg Hfr	925	308	\$2,849.00
Shawn & Kathy Fligge, Upton WY	9	Black-Yrfg Hfr	862	325	\$2,800.41
Glen Beecher, Cohagen MT	12	Black-Yrfg Hfr	986	302	\$2,978.47
Travis Loehding, Ekalaka MT	12	Black-Yrfg Hfr	947	309	\$2,925.20

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	17	Black-Cow	1294	156	\$2,017.90
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Consignment From SD	3	Black-Hfrt	1243	202	\$2,511.53
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	1	Black-Cow	1325	151	\$2,000.75
	2	Black-Cow	1593	153	\$2,436.52
Tooke Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT	5	Black-Cow	1483	157	\$2,328.31
	1	Black-Cow	1425	155	\$2,208.75
	1	Black-Cow	1375	159	\$2,186.25
Jerry & Heidi Vossler, Rozet WY	3	Black-Cow	1165	192	\$2,236.80
Brad Mackaben, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Cow	1275	168	\$2,142.00
Amdahl Angus, Piedmont SD	33	Black-Cow	1485	161	\$2,391.58
Milton Collins, Newell SD	2	Black-Hfrt	1255	206	\$2,585.30
Dustin Lee Thomas, Moorcroft WY	7	Black-Cow	1283	161	\$2,065.40
	1	Black-Cow	1445	156.5	\$2,261.42
Cj Gaskill, Volborg MT	1	Black-Cow	1710	155	\$2,650.50
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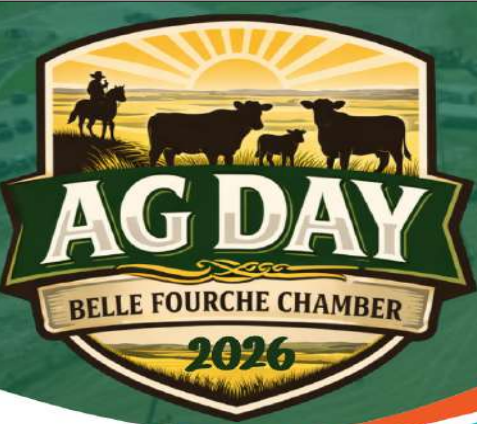
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Our Weber grill decided on the eave of a tray of hamburgers to quit working. It was dissappointing to think we had to move hamburgers back into the kitchen for preparation, but have been unable to find anyone who might be able to see if it can be repaired.

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It was possibly a harbinger of the impending arrival of fall and the first--shouldn't use the word, but *frost*. Brings end of sweet corn and end of summer garden crops.

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We as a society (self included) focus a lot of time & energy on food and food preparation.

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It has been said you should "Eat to live, not live to eat."

I'd say the brakes went out of that chariot many, many calories ago.

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"Did you ever notice that there are no leftover recipes for chocolate?"

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I heard it said that "A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand."

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I'd give up chocolate... but I'm not a quitter!

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Back to the value of food: It is said, "You can't live a full life on



an empty stomach."

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Eating food even keeps an auctioneer's tongue from wagging.

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Use food to claim virtue: "Today I was a hero.

I rescued some beer that was trapped in a bottle."

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Use to break off an uncomfortable relationship.

Dear Diet,

Things just aren't going to work out between us.

It's not me it's you.

You are tasteless, boring, and I can't stop cheating on you.

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What to say when you wish to get more serious in a relationship.

"I cannot take this long distance relationship any more. Fridge your moving into my room."

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To impart wisdom: "Food is an important part of a balanced diet."

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To excuse bad behavior" I'm sorry for what I said when I was hungry. Could I help it if I was "hangry"?

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Food has Yoga beat hands down: "You have to admit it's difficult to think anything but pleasant thoughts while eating a home-grown tomato."

To excuse bad behavior" I'm sorry for what I said when I was hungry. Could I help it if I was "hangry"?

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First we eat, then we do everything else. If you don't agree let's eat first & then talk about it.

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A warning sign to some: "The most dangerous food is the wedding cake."

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An Irish Proverb goes: "Laughter is brightest where food is best."

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The ancients spoke if its political value: "When a man's stomach is full it makes no difference whether he is rich or poor." – Euripides

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"The secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside" - Mark Twain.

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"There is no love sincerer than the love of food." George Bernard Shaw

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"I cook with wine, sometimes I even add it to the food."

— W.C. Fields

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"The only time to eat diet food is while you're waiting for the steak to cook." Julia Child

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I thought about losing weight once, but you know how I hate losing.



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By John Newby

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

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Nearly half of America's rural counties lost population between 2020 and 2025, a combined loss of almost 460,000 people. I have driven through hundreds of small and midsize towns over the years, and I can tell you which ones are shrinking before the census numbers ever confirm it. You can feel it in the empty storefronts and in leaders who talk about survival instead of growth.

This is not a slow drift. It is a choice. Every community sits at a fork in the road, and most of them quietly pick the path of least resistance. They settle for maintaining what they already have instead, living in the past or of building what they could have. That choice, repeated year after year, is what turns a town into a statistic.

A few years ago my wife and I returning from a business trip drove through Keene, New Hampshire, a small town tucked into the state's rolling hills. Keene refused to settle. The Keene Sentinel newspaper partnered with the Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship to build Radically Rural; a summit built entirely around the idea that small towns can produce extraordinary impact. That summit now pulls roughly five hundred people from forty states into Keene every single year. A newspaper and a nonprofit looked at their town and refused to accept small thinking. They built a stage for big ideas, and now the rest of the country shows up to stand on it.

Later on that same trip, we passed through Canton, Ohio, home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Ask yourself how a museum built around the National Football League ended



up in Canton instead of one of the dozens of larger cities sitting closer to NFL teams. The answer is not luck. Canton's leaders wanted that Hall of Fame badly enough to chase it, and their local media stood beside them to promote it, sell it and refuse to let the dream quietly die. Today that decision brings tens of millions of dollars into Canton every year, money that would have landed somewhere else entirely if Canton's leaders had played it safe.

Here is the part communities do not want to hear. Thinking small and clinging to the past is not a neutral choice. It is a slow death sentence. The towns that settle for mild, safe successes are the same towns showing up in the population decline numbers a decade later. Meanwhile, communities that invested in their downtowns, growing tourism, building a future, instead of quietly managing decline are seeing real returns. The Main Street America network generated 7.65 billion dollars in local reinvestment and more than 23,000 net new jobs last year alone. Georgia's Main Street communities alone delivered 824 million dollars in economic impact in a single year. Dreaming big is not a nice extra sitting on top of good management. It is the only strategy that has ever actually worked.

Your community does not need a Pro Football Hall of Fame or a national conference to prove this point. What it needs is leaders, in your media, your chamber, your city & county halls, and your local businesses, who stop asking whether a big idea is realistic and start asking what it would take to make it real. Every

excuse your town makes for staying small today is a reason someone will cite for its decline tomorrow. Communities do not fall behind overnight. They fall behind one safe, timid decision at a time; until one day the factory closes, young people leave, small businesses shrink, and nobody can explain exactly when it happened.

I am convinced the biggest obstacle facing most communities is not money. It is imagination. Leaders settle for mild successes on the road most traveled because it is safe and has few obstacles in the way. It is the leaders willing to travel the harder road, fully expecting obstacles, who end up winning the biggest prizes. Dreaming big does not guarantee you will win every time. It guarantees you will be tested; you will be sharpened and ready for the next big idea instead of standing still and watching your community die.

So here is what I am asking you to do, and I mean this week, not someday. Show up at your next city council or county commission meeting and ask one question out loud: what is the biggest idea this community has been too afraid to chase? If you cannot make the meeting, call your mayor or a commissioner today and ask that same question directly. Communities do not die because they lack resources. They die because nobody in the room was willing to dream bigger than their fear. Be the one who finally is. Your town's odds of winning depend on it.

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden September 12, 2026



There is a distinct coolness in the air these days as we now enjoy a cooling off at night when the sun sets. However, we still could use some rain. There is quite extreme drought in some areas of South Dakota. Central MeadeCounty has been fortunate that it's had enough moisture to stay ahead of the

drought to get some hay bailed up. We can't say there is an abundance of it though. Floyd Cammack is out of the hospital and was able to attend church services on Sunday. FYI Next Sunday there will be no services held at the Community Baptist Church of Union Center. The Sunday School Convention will be held at Prairie Bible Church. Registration and opening will begin at 9:00 am. Sunday

School will begin at 9:45 and the main service will be at 11:00 am. There will be a pot luck dinner after the morning service for all attendees. On the baby front, Caden and Jori Smiley are awaiting their 4th child that is due in October. The young couples attending church in Union Center are doing a nice job of growing the church family. There were multiple birth-days acknowledge at church on Sunday and we found that the September 13 birth date is

shared by Jim McQuown, Deb Vig and Ninu Spring. A song was sung for all September birthdays. A Sunshine Bible Academy class reunion is coming up this next weekend. It will be John Rhoden's class celebrating and all other classes are invited to attend. Lorie Rhoden will be attending a portion of it with friends as well. They will attend a church service after that on Sunday as guests of Larry and Sandy Rhoden. Larry and Sandy Rhoden had meetings in Pierre last week and spent Saturday at the Sanford Golf Classic in Sioux Falls. It's always interesting to see what profession-

at golfers show up. They made their annual stop to see Les Shaw and the cooks who provide the burgers and food for the Veterans each year from Beef Logic Inc. Larry joined the crew to serve burgers to the long line of veterans there to enjoy the beef. Later they attended the President's Bowl where high school football teams from Lincoln and Jefferson went head to head. Larry flipped the coin to start the game. Jefferson wound up with a big win that night. Both teams had sons of friends either playing football or in the band of both teams. We cheered for both.

Capitol News
Karen Odell
Reprint from Sept. 13, 2026
Glt's amazing that the Capitol and Tie Creek area have had a rain nearly every week this summer. Now that we are

closing in on fall, we are still hoping to get those rains. The terrible high winds are a danger that we could do without. Doug and Julia Davis had a huge and busy week. They were very busy planning for the Conservation Tour that was scheduled for Wednesday. It turned out to be a great day, and they enjoyed guiding the tour around their ranch. They have done research, and taken ideas from many people for some of their ranch projects. They have solar pumps for their wells and have built winterized water tanks with old tires around them to keep them from freezing. They poured cement in a few tires to make a step up so that calves could drink. They use chain

on their wind socks for stabilization. Doug has invented portable wind breaks that can be turned toward the coming storm or taken to a different pasture. It was a very interesting day. Then that evening, the group went in to the Camp Crook Community Center for a banquet and cake. Doug was very happy to get cake twice, this week, because on Sunday, there was another gathering for them at the Camp Crook Community Hall. It was an anniversary celebration for Doug and Julia, that their family planned for them. Their boys' families and grandchildren were there, and many other relatives. Alfreda came. Many of those who were in their wedding party many years ago, had come, also. There were many pictures, and a few that Doug and Julia hadn't even remembered, It was a fun day. There had been some excitement on Sunday morning. It was calm in the early hours, but in the morning, a wind came up. People

coming from church at Little Missouri could see smoke over toward the 'Jump Off'. A fire had started over in the Harding country, and the wind was moving it at a fast pace toward Latham's. The Little Moreau was still green and had a stream of water, and everyone was thankful that it stopped the fire from crossing toward houses. It had been moving faster than firefighters could travel in that country. The BLM firefighters came to help and even with the wind they got a 'handle' on it. Lynn Gustafson and Linda Matthews made a trip to Bowman on Thursday for hair appointments. Bruce and Lynn went to church at Little Missouri, on Sunday, and then went to the Doug and Julia Davis anniversary party in the afternoon. Alvin Cordell had hunters this week, and was busy all week with them. Marlee Cordell went to Belle Fourche on Thursday to watch the cross-country meet at the high school. Rhys and

Cade were both in the competition. Then that evening, Marlee went back to Buffalo to watch Barrett Cordell play football, and to see Kynlee play volleyball. On Saturday, she rode with daughter, Ashley Pearson, to Dickinson to watch the college football game, and visit with Gavin Pearson. Cody Odell came to visit at Karen Odell's over the Labor Day weekend. He helped get lots of work done. Chancey Odell came over and they had a good visit while Cody was there. They tried out the deer feeder that they are using to feed the cats at Karen's, and it is quite interesting. The cats are worth their weight in gold because they keep the mice at someone else's house. It seems the mice are expecting a long winter and are trying to move into barns or houses in preparation. Karen's inside cats keep them out and the outside cats keep them away. Karen spent the rest of the week organizing and sorting and trying to get ready for winter. It was still in the 90's on a couple of days, but she noticed that the days

are already getting shorter. Tyler Wolff came out on one day to take Karen's vehicle in for an oil change. Cody stopped in at Wolff's to pick up a Wolff's sweatshirt for Kellan Odell, who is in college at Yankton. Karen talked to two of her classmates on Thursday. Mary Ann Balser and Bill Foulkes and it is always good to hear from them. Socialism; you have two cows. Give one cow to your neighbor. Communism; you have two cows. Give both cows to the government and they may give you some milk. Fascism; you have two cows. You give all the milk to the government and the government sells it. Nazism; you have two cows. The government shoots you and takes both cows. Anarchism; you have two cows. Keep both cows. After fighting off rustlers you shoot the government agent and steal another cow. Capitalism: You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull.

Letter to the Editor:

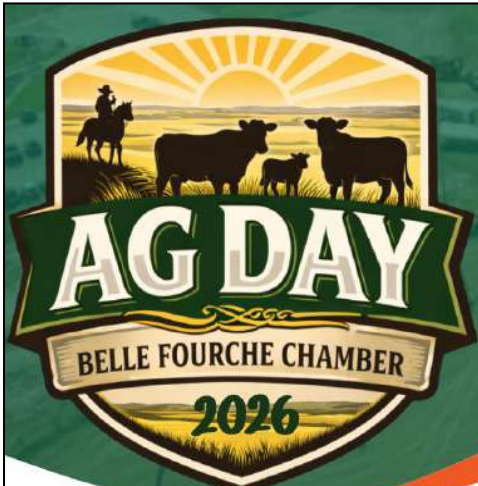
A majority of the present Butte County Commissioners are on top of this spending spree and they are making changes. After requesting a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) from the Butte County Auditor's office for the Butte County Highway department for Runnings, starting with December 2024 through March 2026, we received almost 200 pages of the invoices. It is insane what the highway department employees purchased for themselves. It appears that County employees drove county pickups on county time to Runnings and purchased items for themselves, with the signed approval of the former Butte County Highway

Superintendent, who later resigned on April 21, 2026. Sometimes there were no shop supplies listed on the invoices. And there is no known policy as to what the county authorized them to purchase. Can you believe this is what we discovered? Water \$75 when Black Hills Pure delivers bottled water to the county highway shop; Coffee over \$660; Gatorade \$400; Car fresheners \$263; Gloves \$845; Pants, jeans & shorts \$1,766; Hoodies, shirts, Vest, Tees, caps \$2,130. Boots and shoes \$1,713. Glasses (not all safety) \$135; Post hole driver \$2,999; shop tools over \$15,500; and 2 lunch pails \$55. With these categories plus a few more, the

county spent over \$32,000 of questionable items. Paper towels and wipes were purchased, while Servall furnishes toweling. Some items could have been purchased in bulk to save money. These are examples of what is on some of the invoices: Jeans and 3 Tees \$135; Dark Canyon Coffee 3 flavors 1 lb and 8 oz for \$30 and less than 2 weeks before 4 flavors 3 lbs 8 oz for \$60; 2 pair of gloves \$92; 48 bottles of Gatorade \$110 in April; Gatorade in February \$142; hoodies and jacket \$232; 2 pair shorts and 18 days later 2 more pair @ \$40 each. 6 car fresheners on one ticket for \$28; 4 pair of pants \$180; Gloves, 2 hoodies and 2 pair of pants \$246; Jacket and 5 pair of pants \$365; Boots and socks \$163;

2 shirts and pair of gloves \$197; Boots and sweatshirt \$220; Work boots, 2 pair gloves, mittens, and parka \$365. Quite a lot was purchased around the stock show, as the tickets show a stock show discount. Some of the boots were cowboy boots. Also, the former highway superintendent purchased 4 bed and bath door levers at \$40 each. How many bathrooms are in the county shop? Were all of the above-men-

tioned items work related? Were any tools taken when the highway superintendent and others resigned? We would like to see Butte County take an inventory and know exactly what is in the county shops and vehicles. Sue Broadhurst 1500B 7th Ave Apt 105 Belle Fourche, SD 57717 605-892-5714 Thank you.



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Hideous, Hideous Plaid

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I did not attend my 50th high school graduation reunion from Watertown High School. From what I understand, reunion turnout was impressive and the gathering that took place over several days was a great success.

Although it would have been nice to be present personally, I enjoyed the plethora of commemorative photographs posted on our Watertown High School Class of 76 Facebook page by various classmates. The photographs brought back a host of fun, happy high school memories. That is, all but one.

As I recall, I have introduced my maternal grandmother Edith in previous commentaries. Grandma Edith

was the purveyor of perfect Thanksgiving celebrations. In addition to being a quintessential homemaker, she was always impeccably well-dressed. Her clothing was expensive; her accessory configurations were well-matched. Her graying hair, always neatly coiffed.

Grandma Edith was attractive and striking in and away from the kitchen.

Grandma Edith knew what she liked to wear and perhaps thought she knew what I would like to wear.

So, for my 16th birthday, Grandma Edith sent me a gift, handsomely wrapped, in a flat box from Daytons, a trendy, upscale Minneapolis department store. Clothing of some sort. I was apprehensive as I peeled back the layers of tissue paper with mounting dread.

“Aren’t those nice. And oh look! 100% wool!” My mother said when she saw

the brown, yellow and orange plaid ‘trousers’. Trousers was Grandma Edith’s word for pants.

Incidentally, Grandma Edith herself wore trousers on only two occasions.

She owned an ordinary pair of denim ‘grubbies’ appropriate for intense house cleaning, and a high fashion pair of denim ‘grubbies’ for outings to the rustic family cabin in the boundary waters of Northern Minnesota.

While in the kitchen Grandma Edith protected her classy Pendleton skirts with one of a dozen pretty aprons.

“You should call Grandma now, to thank her.” I heard my mother say. “And it’s a perfect day to wear them to school. It’s below zero and these pants will be just the thing. And they are so cute!”

As it was my birthday, I allowed myself to wait a few days. When I could put it off no longer, I forced myself to wear them to school on another freezing cold day.

As expected, the hideous

trousers were scratchy, unflattering, ugly and potentially soul-destroying.

Fortunately, I survived most of the day, until sometime after lunch, when the speech and debate team was summoned to the school basement stairway for a high school yearbook group photo. There was no warning and no time to escape.

Lingering behind the group to escape the photo shoot didn’t work. I only ended up bringing up the rear and being unavoidably visible for eternity in the yearbook photo and social media shares.

That’s us, me and the hideous plaid pants, in the photo at the top upper left-hand corner of the yearbook photograph.

I remember the day and the photo clearly. Had I known that I would be sharing this story over 50 years later might have provided me with some helpful context at the time.

Now 50 years later, pants are not important. Memories of shared experiences with friends and family are important.

For many years as an adult, I enjoyed a close friendship with Grandma Edith. Until the high school reunion photo reappeared recently, I had forgotten about the photograph of me and the trousers.

I never told Grandma Edith what I really thought of my 16th birthday gift. I did say thank you to her. I did wear then. And I have the proof.

However, in reflection, Grandma Edith would probably have enjoyed hearing the story. She would have appreciated the irony.

In addition to a dedicated commitment to style and propriety She had a fine sense of humor. For whatever reason, she liked me and despite her direction to improve my sartorial appearance even into my adulthood.

I don’t think she would have taken offense. She might even agree that the pants were kind of hideous after all. Grandma Edith passed away in 1995 at the age of 91, a good age but never long enough.





Butte County Historical Society

The Butte County Historical Society is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization established in 1956 dedicated to preserving the history of Butte County. They are headquartered in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, and manage historical archives, a museum, and several preservation sites

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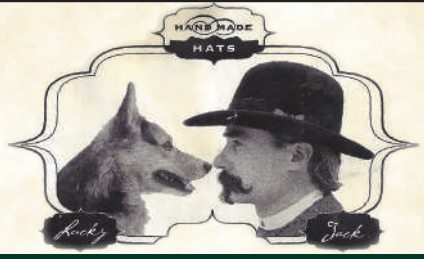
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Belle Fourche Writers

Belle Fourche Writers June meeting schedule: The regular September meeting is **Saturday, September 19** from 10 AM to Noon. All writers are invited to attend! Meetings are held at the Belle Fourche Public Library.

Belle Fourche Recreation Center

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

Classes

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

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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."

Tri-State Museum to hold auditions for "Legend of Eerie Hollow"

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold auditions for its October 24th Pumpkinfest play, "Legend of Eerie Hollow" on Monday, September 28 and Tuesday, September 29 from 6-8 p.m.

The production is a reworking of Washington Irving's classic "Legend of Sleepy Hollow," moved to the 19th century western South Dakota. The story of a schoolteacher come to town, ghost stories and a Headless Horseman is retained, but female roles are stronger and there is a greater element of mystery and the supernatural.

The play has roles for eight female and 8 male students; there are some roles for students in grades 2-4, but all leading roles require middle school students.

No prior theatre experience is required, and auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Please bring a full list of conflicts; actor conflicts will be accommodated when possible. Attendance for the final week of rehearsals is mandatory.

Rehearsals will run Sunday-Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. and begin Sunday, Oct. 4th.

Museum 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.



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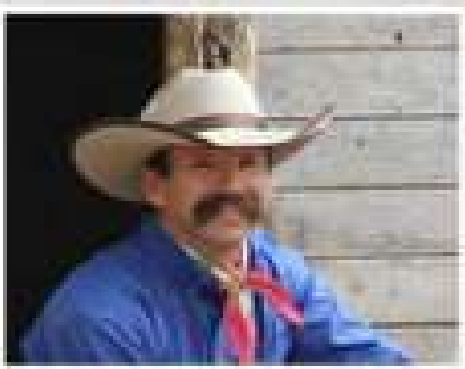
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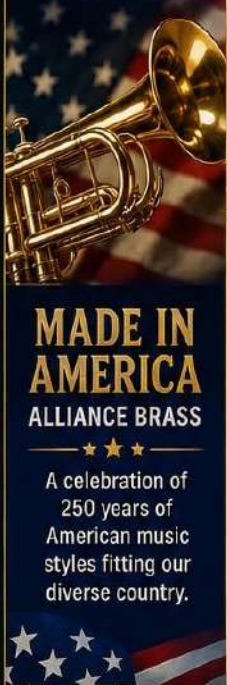
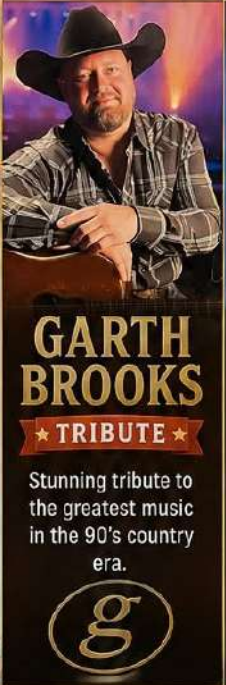
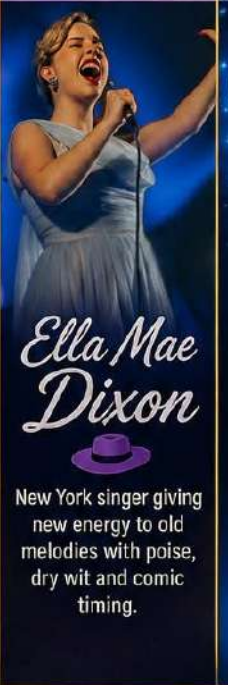
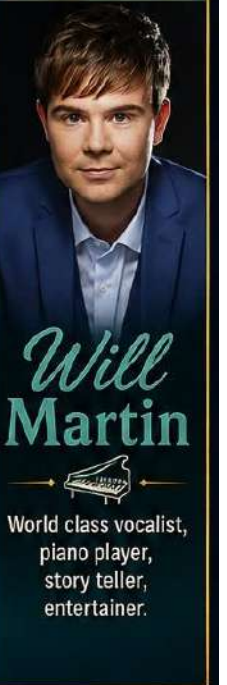
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Public Notice is hereby given for the Five-Year County Highway And Bridge Improvement Plan For Butte County. The Board of Butte County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on October 01, 2026, at 9:35 AM in the Commission Room at the Butte County Courthouse located at 839 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

Public Comments will be taken at this time to discuss the 2027-2031 The Five-Year County Highway And Bridge Improvement Plan For Butte County.

Notice is hereby given that any person, persons, or their attorney may appear at the said scheduled public hearing and present comments regarding the Five-Year County Highway And Bridge Improvement Plan For Butte County. Those interested persons not able to attend are invited and encouraged to send written comments, prior to the hearing, to the Butte County Auditor, at 117 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

As directed by the Butte County Board of Commissioners

Dated this 9th Day of September 2026

Annie Capp; Butte County Auditor

Published: September 16th, 2026, and September 23rd, 2026

Regular Meeting Agenda Butte County Commissioners Butte County Courthouse Butte County Courtroom 839 5th Avenue Belle Fourche, SD 57717
Thursday, September 17, 2026
6:00 P.M. Call Meeting to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
1. Approve Meeting Agenda
2. Moment of Prayer
Regular Meeting Agenda
Butte County Commissioners
Butte County Courthouse
Butte County Courtroom
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3. 6:05 P.M. Public Hearing
- Special Event Application Retail (On Sale) Liquor License - KMLR LLC, dba Cowboy Back Bar
4. 6:05 P.M. Public Hearing - Adoption of Provisional Budget for Butte County, South Dakota
Opportunity for Public Comment - The Commission is pleased to include a period for public comments in this agenda. Guests are asked to sign-in and indicate their desire to speak next to their name. Each speaker will be recognized by the Chair and allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to make comments. There will be no response by Commissioners or other guests taken during this time.

Outside of Public Comment- Please address the Chair with your wish to speak and wait for acknowledgement from the Chair. There will be no response by Commissioners or other guests taken during this time.
AI responses to comments must be requested through and addressed to the Chair.
Consent Agenda - The following items were placed on the consent agenda for final action to be taken on all items by a single vote. Any item may be removed from the consent agenda by any member of the Commission for separate consideration.
A. Approval of Special and Regular Meeting Minutes - 9/3/2026
B. Bills per Printout
C. Register of Deeds Report
D. County Lien Report
E. Travel Requests:
Sheriff Office: Daniel “DJ” Fowler & Manny Farinas to attend training- Pierre, SD
I. Sheriff Office: Sheriff Lamphere to attend SD Sheriff’s Assoc. Conf. - Watertown, SD
Application for Occupancy on The Right of Way of County Roads: Golden West
Telecommunications - Gruwell Rd/Hwy 212 intersection- S8 & 17, T11N, R9E
TI. Application for Occupancy on The Right of Way of County Roads: Black Hills Energy - 1,731’ from Valley 1 Rd & Huber Rd. intersection -

S3, T8N, R3E
G. Abatements:
Payable 2024 \$146.78
Payable 2025 \$139.82
Heads
6. Sheriff’s Office
Activity Report
7. Highway Department
Activity Report
8. Health Department
A. Activity Report
Additional Topics
9. Approval of Special Event Application Retail (On Sale) Liquor License- KMLR LLC, dba Cowboy Back Bar
10. Adoption of 2027 Butte County Budget Levies & Resolution
1. Approval of 2027 Butte County Budget
12. Discussion regarding Senate Bill 96 - Gross Receipts Tax to Reduce Owner-Occupied Property Taxes
13. Resolution regarding Reorganization of the 4th & 7th Judicial Circuit Courts
14. Executive Session: Personnel 1-25-2 (3)
15. Committee Reports
16. Old/Unfinished/New Business
17. Informational
18. Adjournment
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION RETAIL (ON SALE) LIQUOR LICENSE
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Butte County

Commissioners will meet in the Butte County Court
Room at the Butte County Courthouse, which is located at 839 5 Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD, 57717 on
Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at 6:05 p.m. to consider the Retail (on sale) Liquor License.
Said applicant is as follows:
KMLR LLC, dba Cowboy Back Bar
Retail (on sale) Liquor License.
APPLICANT
KMLR LLC, dba Cowboy Back
Kari Markley
618 5 Ave. Belle Fourche, SD 57717
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
Original BFC Lots 5, 6, 7 Block 16,
TYPE OF LICENSE
Retail (on sale) Liquor License.
Notice is further given that any person, persons, or their attorney may appear at said scheduled public hearing and present objections to any or all applicants, if any objections there be.
Dated at Belle Fourche, SD, this 26 day of August 2026.
Is/ Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BUTTE COUNTY, SOUTH

DAKOTA
Public Notice is hereby given for the Adoption Of 2027 Provisional Budget For Butte County, South Dakota. The Board of Butte County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on September 17”, 2026, at 6:05 PM in the Commission Room at the Butte County Courthouse located at 839 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, South Dakota. The purpose of the public hearing is for Adoption of 2027 Provisional Budget For Butte County, South Dakota.
Public Comments will be taken at this time to discuss the 2027 Provisional Budget For Butte County, South Dakota.
Notice is hereby given that any person, persons, or their attorney may appear at the said scheduled public hearing and present comments regarding the 2027 Provisional Budget For Butte County, South Dakota. Those interested persons not able to attend are invited and encouraged to send written comments, prior to the hearing, to the Butte County Auditor, at 117 5” Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717.
As directed by the Butte County Board of Adjustments
Dated this 15 Day of September, 2026
Annie Capp; Butte County Auditor
Published: September 5 , 2026 and September 12th, 2026

Regular Meeting Minutes Butte County Commissioners Belle Fourche City Hall Chambers 511 6th Ave. Belle Fourche, SD 57717
THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 9:30 A.M. on September 3, 2026. Commissioners present were Erk, Brunner, Batterman, Kari, and Ager.
Chairman Erk called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion by Brunner, Second by Batterman to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of an
Executive Session for Physical Security SDCL 1-25-2 (6) (d) as 3.5, an Executive Session for Personnel 1-25-2(1) as 7.5, move agenda item # 9- Discussion regarding Senate Bill 96- Gross Receipts Tax to Reduce Owner-Occupied Property Taxes to 3.75, and add an activity report for the VSO as 5.5.
Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Pastor Dan Carlson prayed over the meeting.
Public Comments were shared by Bud Harris, Sue Broadhurst, Dale Simanton, and Charlie
Johnson that included spending, meeting orientation, felony charges, and financial needs at the
Belle Silver Lining.
Motion by Brunner, Second by Ager to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Consent Agenda
Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes - 8/20/26
Bills per Printout
Apportioning and Other Payments
Wage Adjustment:
I Dispatch: Katie Kindsfater - \$26.36
Travel Requests:
I Auditor’s Office: Annie Capp & Kayden Steele to attend 2026 SDACWO Fall Workshop- Sioux Falls, SD

I. Dispatch: Julia Day & Pamela Skavang to attend 911 Commission
Reinstatement Hearing - Pierre, SD
Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner to go into Executive Session SDCL 1-25-2 (6) (d) at 9:46 A.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Chairman Erk declared the meeting out of Executive Session with no action at 9:51 A.M. with no action.
Discussion was held regarding Senate Bill 96 regarding the Gross Receipts Tax to Reduce Owner-Occupied Property Taxes.
Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner to go back into Executive Session for SDCL 1-25-2
(6) (d) at 10:36 A.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Chairman Erk declared the meeting out of Executive Session with no action at 11:07 A.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Julie Brunner gave the monthly activity report for Register of Deeds.
Julia Day gave the activity report for Dispatch.
Cody Skogberg presented the activity report for the Highway Department.
Motion by Kari, Second by Brunner to bid the 2 gravel projects, and then go out for bids at our
yearly bid opening. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
A discussion was held regarding surplus county trucks.
Motion by Brunner, Second by Ager to adopt a Resolution to Delete Structure 10-042-394 from
the National Bridge Inventory. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Jasen Saivong presented the activity report for the Veterans Service Office.
Annie Capp presented the activity report the Auditor’s Office.
Motion by Brunner, Second by Batterman to approve the indigent burial requests. Vote

Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner to surplus the 2016 VariDesk Model 49906 and donate it to the library. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Motion by Brunner, Second by Batterman to go into Executive Session for Personnel 1-25-2(1) at 12:22 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Chairman Erk declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 12:34 P.M. with action.
Motion
by Brunner, Second by Batterman to accept the resignation of Jasen Saivong. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Motion by Ager, Second by Brunner to advertise that job internally for 2 weeks. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Motion by Batterman, Second by Ager to accept the quote from Hill’s Interior to replace the
carpet in the basement and the top conference room for a total of \$6,202.37. Vote Unanimous.
Motion Carried.
Committee Reports-
Commissioner Ager stated that the Ambulance Appreciation Luncheon was held on Saturday, August 29.
Commissioner Kari had the same note as Commissioner Ager to report.
Commissioner Batterman had nothing new to report.
Commissioner Brunner wanted the State’s Attorney to review the Subdivision and Data Center
Ordinances as well as a Resolution regarding the merging of the 4th & 7th Judicial Circuits.
Commissioner Erk had nothing new to report.
Old/Unfinished/New Business -
A discussion was held regarding gravel on Ridge Road, so that emergency vehicles could access it.
Commissioner Kari mentioned several Highway Department policies that he thinks should be

implemented.
A discussion was also held regarding Dware.
Motion by Ager, Second by Brunner to surplus the 2006 Peterbilt, the last four of the VIN is
4176 with a floor of \$50,000.00. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Informational-
A news release on 9/2/2026 showed anthrax was in cattle in Butte County.
Commissioner Ager stated that he had not heard any information regarding Butte County receiving \$1,000,000.00 from Ellsworth Air Force Base.
Chairman Erk wanted to make it clear that the misappropriation of funds by the Highway
Department has been dealt with and action was taken. In addition, all of the tools have been
accounted for as well.
The next Commissioners’ Meeting will be September 17 at 6:00 P.M. in the Courtroom of the
Courthouse.
Motion by Brunner, Second by Ager to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Payments
SALARY
ASSESSOR’S OFFICE/
PLANNING \$9,259.46, AUDITOR’S OFFICE \$13,120.33, BUILDING-
\$744.88, COMMISSIONERS \$4,173.46, DISPATCH \$17,695.69, ELECTION- \$0, EM/911
\$1,018.54, EXTENSIONS \$1,994.40, HIGHWAY DEPT/WEED CONTROL \$30,988.45, JUDICIAL-
\$0, NURSE’S/WIC OFFICE \$0, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$5,959.93, SHERIFF/JAIL
DEPT \$26,641.96, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$21,450.68, TREASURER’S OFFICE
\$10,748.33, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$905.22
COUNTY SHARE FICA

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$10,824.53
SDRS RETIREMENT BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$8,219.65
GROUP INSURANCE BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$30,043.42
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
JURORS \$559.20, BTLR MCHNRY \$218.05, BTLR WNDW \$70.00, CPERST \$69,811.16, RPD CTY \$200.00, CLNCL
LAB \$2,864.00, K HNT \$1,250.00, KONE \$572.38, MEADE CO \$56,916.00, MNMNT HLTH \$2,136.25, NACCTFO
\$100.00, NH TECH \$14,841.80, PLAINS TWNG \$221.75, RDLGY ASSC \$33.00, RDWD TX-CLGY \$45.05, RBCHMN
\$300.00, SD DOH \$535.00, WSTRNSD JUV \$10,540.00, ZPRDCTNS \$558.38
PUBLICATIONS
BHP N R \$622.81
RENT/LEASE
BHPURE \$349.25, CBP \$915.51, CLLGN \$33.75, THMSN RTRSS \$642.62
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE
ARCHTCTRL SPELTS \$3,588.76, SML POINT S \$321.71
SUPPLIES
CRL’S TRLR \$107.28, CBH \$4,768.39, CNVRGNT \$983.39, FSHRSND GRVL \$6,415.53, OFC MPRM \$99.20, PRARIE AUTO \$446.00, RSHMR COMM \$2,753.69, SD DOT \$1,537.00, SD SHRFS ASSC \$312.20
TRAVEL/CONFERENCE
APRUTS \$222.60, ST 4H OFC FAIR \$85.00, SBWAYS \$164.97
UTILITIES
BH NRGY \$288.94, BLUPK \$1,248.61, CLRTY \$108.10, BF \$1,162.46, LOOP \$239.22, MIDCO \$1,568.75, RFUS
SLUTNS \$180.97
APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:
Chad Erk, Chairperson
ATTEST: Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BUTTE COUNTY, SD For the Year January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027			RESOLUTION			OTHER SPECIAL LEVIES:			BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF Butte County, South Dakota		
Tax Levy in											
COUNTY TAX LEVIES	Dollars	\$'s/1,000									
WITHIN GENERAL PURPOSE LEVIES:											
* General County Purposes (10-12-9)	4,515,853.04										
Library (10-12-9.2)	11,828.55										
Opt Out											
WITHIN GENERAL PURPOSE LEVIES (10-12-21) - SUB-TOTAL			4,527,681.58								
OUTSIDE GENERAL PURPOSE LEVIES:											
County Snow Removal and Special Emergency Fund (34-5-2)											
County Road and Bridge* (10-12-13)	352,412.15										
Courthouse, Jail, etc., Bldg. (7-25-1)											
Bond Redemption (7-24-18)											
Ag Building (7-27-1)											
OUTSIDE GENERAL PURPOSE LEVIES - SUB-TOTAL			352,412.15								
WITHIN GENERAL PURPOSE AND OUTSIDE GENERAL PURPOSE LEVIES - SUB-TOTAL			4,880,093.74								



Legals

Wed. September 16, 2026

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Capital Outlay Accumulations (SOCL 7-21-51)							
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	6,935,155	3,752,553	805,619	153,560	11,829	3,850	21,000

	Proprietary Funds		
	Solid Waste Fund	Unemployment Fund	Fund
Net Position, January 1			
Estimated Revenue			
Less Expenses			
Net Position, December 31			

ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BUTTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Butte County, will meet in the Belle Fourche City Hall at 516 6th Ave, Belle Fourche, South Dakota on September, 03, 2026 at 9:35 AM for the purpose of considering the foregoing Provisional Budget for the year 2027 and the various items, schedules, amounts, and appropriations set forth therein and as many day thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the 17th day of September, 2026. At such time, any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts, and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget.

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Annie Capp County Auditor
Butte County, Belle Fourche, South Dakota

county trucks.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Ager to adopt a Resolution to Delete Structure 10-042-394 from the National Bridge Inventory. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

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APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Chad Eric, Chairperson

ATTEST: Annie Capp, Butte County

Commissioners' Expense Report by Dept.

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Butte County, SD

9/17/2026

Vendor Name	Check #	Description (Item)	Acct #	Amount
SD DEPT OF LABOR AND REGULATION	212639	DISTRESS WARRANT - TIFFANY TENNIS	726-210200	\$3,070.60
AUTO DATA DIRECT, INC.	212601	DV/PMT - KIMBERLEE OR MARK SAS	726-210200	\$20.50
AUTO CHOICE	212600	DUR OV/PMT RF: JAMES COLLINS - 19 CHV SVLRDO	726-210200	\$116.04
NICHOLAS ISAACS	212626	PRNSZD PLATE DENIED BY STATE - 26 CHV CRV7	742-208000	\$37.00
				\$2,244.14
Department: 111 - COMMISSIONERS				
AG-NEWS	212596	1/24 AD - 8/17/2026	101-111-04000	\$389.00
			Department 111 - COMMISSIONERS Total:	\$389.00
Department: 120 - ELECTIONS				
MCLEOD'S	212622	ELECTION SUPPLIES - STMT 8/18/26	101-120-02000	\$175.69
ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE, LLC	100077	ELECTION - AUDIO SET-UP 9/1/2026	101-120-02000	\$1,242.25
DIANA JENSEN	212616	2024 PRIMARY ELECTION & TRAINING	101-120-02000	\$200.00
DIANA JENSEN	212616	MILEAGE	101-120-027000	\$1.02
MASTERCARD	212620	ELECTION - SUPPLIES	101-120-020000	\$176.51
			Department 120 - ELECTIONS Total:	\$1,795.47
Department: 130 - JUDICIAL SYSTEM				
TERI J ELLINGSON	212640	BAC - BRANDON D. FEIST 8/28/26	101-130-02000	\$60.00
TINA M. HAUGEN	212642	DREW BAC @ PD 8/25/26 YAMALI BLANDON-TORREZ 2341	101-130-02000	\$60.00
BUTTE CO CLERK OF COURTS	212608	PMT FRM DRAWER BAKER - CLCTD IN AUDITS OFC IN ERROR	101-130-020000	\$112.50
			Department 130 - JUDICIAL SYSTEM Total:	\$232.50
Department: 141 - AUDITOR				
BELLE FOURCHE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	212604	KF - AUDITOR - LEADERSHIP BF 26/27 CLASS - INV 9/1	101-141-02000	\$695.00
BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOL DISTRICT	212605	INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENTS - FEB, MAY & JUNE TAXES	101-141-02000	\$3,937.85
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	212611	AUDITR - COPIER LEASE - STMT DATED 8/17/26	101-141-04000	\$519.41
MASTERCARD	212620	CREDIT OF LAST MONTH'S LATE FEES	101-141-02000	\$7.58
MASTERCARD	212620	AUDITR - DROPBOOK - FRAUDULENT CHARGE	101-141-02000	\$211.34
MASTERCARD	212620	AUDITR - SUPPLIES & POSTAGE	101-141-040000	\$226.34
			Department 141 - AUDITOR Total:	\$5,682.36
Department: 142 - TREASURER				
WESTERN STATIONERS	212646	TREAS - STAPLES & AA BATTERIES 8/18/26	101-142-02000	\$29.38
WESTERN STATIONERS	212646	TREAS - RUBBERBANDS 9/1/26	101-142-03000	\$3.77
WESTERN STATIONERS	212646	TREAS - THERMAL PAPER ROLL 9/2/26	101-142-03000	\$46.26
AT&T MOBILITY	212599	CELL PHONE - TREASURER	101-142-02000	\$54.97
QUALITY QUICK PRINT	212623	TREAS - THERMAL PRINT PAPER ROLLS 8/24/26	101-142-02000	\$17.10
			Department 142 - TREASURER Total:	\$151.48
Department: 151 - STATES ATTORNEY				
RELIX INC. DBA LEXISNEXIS	212635	STATES' ATTY - JULY 2026 SUBSCRIPTIONS	101-151-04000	\$367.00
MASTERCARD	212620	CREDIT OF LAST MONTH'S LATE FEES	101-151-02000	\$7.58
ABB BUSINESS INC.	212594	STATES' ATTY - COPIER LEASE - STMT DATED 8/20/26	101-151-04000	\$265.72
CITY OF RAPID CITY	212613	JULY 2026 BAC DETERMINATIONS - STMT 8/11/26	101-151-02000	\$250.00
MASTERCARD	212620	STATES' ATTY - STADIUM SPORTS GRILL 8/25/26	101-151-02000	\$61.36
MASTERCARD	212620	STATES' ATTY - BH PIONEER 8/13/26	101-151-02000	\$233.00
			Department 151 - STATES ATTORNEY Total:	\$1,169.50
Department: 153 - COURT APPOINTED ATTY				
WACKERLE LAW, PROF. LLC	212643	CAA FEES - WYATT HAUKAUS & DAMON CLARKE	101-153-02000	\$1,167.25
			Department 153 - COURT APPOINTED ATTY Total:	\$1,167.25
Department: 161 - GENERAL GOV'T BLDGS				
CULIGAN WATER OF THE BLACK HILLS	212614	PURIFYING WATER FOUNTAINS - COURTHOUSE	101-161-04000	\$90.00
CULIGAN WATER OF THE BLACK HILLS	212614	RENTAL - WATER PURIFYING FOUNTAINS - EXTENSION	101-161-04000	\$22.50
DAKOTA LUMBER	212615	BLDGs - screen repair, ceiling tiles, paint, etc.	101-161-02000	\$465.03
FISH WINDOW CLEANING OF THE BLACK HILLS	212617	COURTHOUSE - 8/27/2026	101-161-02000	\$88.00
FISH WINDOW CLEANING OF THE BLACK HILLS	212617	EXTENSION BLDG - 8/27/2026	101-161-02000	\$98.00
MASTERCARD	212620	CREDIT OF LAST MONTH'S LATE FEES	101-161-02000	\$7.58
REFUSE SOLUTIONS INC	212634	UTILITIES - HWY	101-161-02000	\$87.04
REFUSE SOLUTIONS INC	212634	UTILITIES - ADMIN	101-161-02000	\$151.10
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	212606	UTILITIES - HWY - INSLAND SHOP	101-161-02000	\$64.33
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	212606	UTILITIES - ADMIN & COURT HOUSE	101-161-02000	\$3,894.08
AT&T MOBILITY	212599	CELL PHONE - BUILDING MAINTENANCE	101-161-02000	\$47.67
RUNNINGS SUPPLY, INC	212637	BLDGs - SUPPLIES - STMT DATED 8/31/26	101-161-02000	\$114.42
BUTTE MADE SANITARY WATER DISTRICT	212609	HWY - SERVICE FROM 7/29/26 - 8/28/26	101-161-02000	\$160.00
CENTURYLINK	212612	394033393 605-892-7213 CT HS ELEVATOR PH	101-161-02000	\$179.42
WILLIAMS PLUMBING LLC	212645	BLDG - SUPPLIES - STMT DATED 8/31/26	101-161-02000	\$49.98
MASTERCARD	212620	BLDG - SUPPLIES	101-161-02000	\$21.65
MASTERCARD	212620	BLDGs - AMAZON & CITY OF BF - SUPPLIES	101-161-02000	\$826.61
			Department 161 - GENERAL GOV'T BLDGS Total:	\$6,252.25
Department: 162 - DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION				
ALPINE IMPRESSIONS & FAST BREAK	212597	DOE - 4 CAPS 7/1/2026	101-162-02000	\$80.00
MASTERCARD	212620	CREDIT OF LAST MONTH'S LATE FEES	101-162-02000	\$7.58
MASTERCARD	212620	DOE - AMAZON - SUPPLIES	101-162-02000	\$143.15
			Department 162 - DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION Total:	\$235.57
Department: 165 - VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER				
CULIGAN WATER OF THE BLACK HILLS	212614	PURIFYING WATER FOUNTAINS - VSO	101-165-04000	\$15.08
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	212611	VSO - COPIER LEASE - INV DATED 8/26/26	101-165-04000	\$4.29
AT&T MOBILITY	212599	CELL PHONE - VSO	101-165-02000	\$54.97
			Department 165 - VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER Total:	\$74.34
Department: 171 - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
NORTHERN HILLS TECHNOLOGY	212627	STMTS DATED 8/24/2026	101-171-02000	\$16,852.50

MASTERCARD	212620	SHR - FL - QWEST WEB HOSTING 8/13/26	101-171-428000	\$96.99
LOOP COMMUNICATIONS	212619	PHONE SERVICE - INV DATED 9/1/2026	101-171-428000	\$836.46
Department 171 - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Total:				\$17,785.95

Department: 211 - SHERIFF'S OFFICE

PHOENIX UNIFORMS & TACTICAL	212630	SHRF - UNIFORM - HAYLEY STREETER 8/20/2026	101-211-426000	\$339.99
ONSCENE DYNAMICS	212629	SHRF - 2026 FORD F150 XLT UPFIT - 8/21/2026	101-211-434000	\$9,155.30
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	100008	SHERIFF - 9 APPS & BFPD - 1 APP	101-211-428000	\$130.00
AUTO PROS	212602	SHRF - '19 RAM 2500 - THRMSTAT, RADIATOR CLEAN 8/24	101-211-425000	\$635.70
RANDY'S DISCOUNT TIRES	212633	SHRF - 4 HANKOOK TIRES - DODGE 2500 8/21/26	101-211-425000	\$1,460.00
WAREING BELLE FOURCHE	212644	LABOR & PARTS - 2017 FORD POLICE INTERC 7/22/26	101-211-425000	\$8,541.12
WAREING BELLE FOURCHE	212644	SHERF - '2026 FORD F250 - OIL CHANGE, ROTATE TIRES	101-211-425000	\$102.42
MASTERCARD	212620	CREDIT OF LAST MONTH'S LATE FEES	101-211-422000	\$7.58
ANYGLIDE	212598	SHRF - 2 MEGA TRUCK BED STORAGE -	101-211-435000	\$4,295.60
ADAM LEE	212595	23 SHERIFF DEPUTY PATROL HOURS 8/21 & 8/22/26	101-211-422000	\$483.00
AT&T MOBILITY	212599	CELL PHONES - SHERIFF	101-211-428000	\$856.80
RUNNINGS SUPPLY, INC	212638	SHERIFF'S SUPPLIES - STMT DATED 8/31/26	101-211-426000	\$212.91
MASTERCARD	212620	SHRF - CM - ALPINE IMPRESSIONS - 2 CAPS	101-211-426000	\$42.48
Department 211 - SHERIFF'S OFFICE Total:				\$26,247.74

Department: 212 - JAIL

MEADE COUNTY AUDITOR	212623	JULY 2026 BOARD OF PRISONERS - JAIL	101-212-426310	\$61,992.00
MASTERCARD	212620	SHRF - CH - BEST WESTERN 8/28/26	101-212-427000	\$986.32
MONUMENT HEALTH	212624	PRISONER - D.A.D. - 7/29/26	101-212-426320	\$72.88
RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES PROFESSIONAL LLC	212632	D.A.D. - PRISONER 7/20/2026	101-212-426320	\$33.00
Department 212 - JAIL Total:				\$63,084.20

Department: 216 - 24/7 EXPENSES

MEADE COUNTY AUDITOR	212623	JULY 2026 BOARD OF PRISONERS - 24/7	248-216-426300	\$108.00
Department 216 - 24/7 EXPENSES Total:				\$108.00

Department: 222 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

CULLIGAN WATER OF THE BLACK HILLS	212614	PURIFYING WATER FOUNTAINS - EMERGENCY MGMT	101-222-424000	\$7.42
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	100008	EMERGENCY MGMT - 1 APP	101-222-428000	\$13.00
Department 222 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Total:				\$20.42

Department: 227 - E911

MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	100008	DISPATCH - 1 APP	207-227-428000	\$13.00
AT&T MOBILITY	212599	CELL PHONES - DISPATCH	207-227-428000	\$91.46
BLACK HILLS PURE INC	212607	DISPATCH - STMT DATED 9/1/26	207-227-426000	\$53.50
Department 227 - E911 Total:				\$157.96

Department: 311 - ROAD&BRIDGE CONST&MTNCE

WELLS PLUMBING LLC	212645	HWY - SUPPLIES - 8/4/26	201-311-425000	\$45.78
THE JUNK DRAWER	212641	HWY- 25 TSHIRTS W/ LOGO - 8/24/2026	201-311-426000	\$312.50
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	100008	HWY - 9 APPS	201-311-428000	\$117.00
CELERITY INTERNET	212610	HWY - INTERNET	201-311-428000	\$108.10
MONUMENT HEALTH - ATTN: CLIENT BILLING	212625	J2 - 7/17/26 WORKPLACE DRUG SCREEN	201-311-422000	\$30.00
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	212611	HWY - COPIER LEASE - STMT 8/19/2026	201-311-422000	\$88.62

MASTERCARD	212620	CREDIT OF LAST MONTH'S LATE FEES	201-311-422000	\$7.58
GREAT WESTERN TIRE COMPANY	212618	HWY - FLAT REPAIRS 6/22 & 8/4/26	201-311-426080	\$74.90
AUTO VALUE BELLE FOURCHE	212603	HWY - SUPPLIES - STMT DATED 8/25/2026	201-311-425000	\$2,286.69
AT&T MOBILITY	212599	COUNTY CELL PHONES - HWY	201-311-428000	\$47.67
RUNNINGS SUPPLY, INC	212636	HWY - SUPPLIES - STMT DATED 8/31/26 5/7 - 8/13/26	201-311-425000	\$859.19
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RUNNINGS SUPPLY, INC	212636	HWY - TRASH PUMP, HONDA OHV 3" - 6/30/26	201-311-435000	\$1,699.99
BLACK HILLS PURE INC	212607	HWY - STMT DATED 9/1/26	201-311-422000	\$25.50
MASTERCARD	212620	HWY - A1 AUTO RECYCLERS - AXLE ASSY 8/4/2026	201-311-425000	\$1,195.00
Department 311 - ROAD&BRIDGE CONST&MTNCE Total:				\$7,742.55

Department: 424 - AMBULANCE

MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	100008	NEWELL AMBULANCE - EMT - 2 APPS	101-424-428000	\$26.00
Department 424 - AMBULANCE Total:				\$26.00

Department: 611 - EXTENSION

OFFICE EMPORIUM, LLC	212628	EXTENSION - ENVELOPES, LABELS & FOLDERS 8/26/26	101-611-426000	\$118.12
MASTERCARD	212620	CREDIT OF LAST MONTH'S LATE FEES	101-611-422000	\$7.57
AT&T MOBILITY	212599	CELL PHONE - EXTENSION	101-611-428000	\$47.67
MASTERCARD	212620	EXTENSION - SPFSH AREA CHAMBER	101-611-422000	\$130.00
MASTERCARD	212620	EXTENSION - WALMART - SUPPLIES	101-611-426000	\$100.09
Department 611 - EXTENSION Total:				\$388.31

Department: 711 - PLANNING & ZONING

MASTERCARD	212620	PLANNING - AMAZON - SHARPIE MARKERS	101-711-426000	\$37.58
Department 711 - PLANNING & ZONING Total:				\$37.58

\$134,972.57

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY ON
THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY HIGHWAYS

AUG 27 2026

BUTTE CO. AUDITOR

Prepared by: Adrian Scherer

Address: 1231 1st Ave S, Belle Fourche, SD 57506

Phone: 605-645-7894

To: The Board of Butte County Commissioners, Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

Application is made by Black Hills Energy for an occupancy of Highway name Valley Lake and Highway 30 in Section 3 Quarter 3 Township 8 Range 3 in Butte County, South Dakota. Approx. 1731 ft. (mi., ft.) from Hillbier & Valley L (Intersection).

A sketch showing the location and approximate elevations is attached.

The following information is pertinent to the proposed installation:

1. Intended usage Feed Pylon on North side of Valley Lake

2. Cable size and type 440 Quadruplex cable in 3" Schedule 80 conduit

3. Outside diameter 3.0"

4. Maximum pipeline operating pressure 3681 PSI

5. Size and type of casing 12" Schedule 80 Conduit

6. Minimum depth of cable or pipeline 36" to 4' Deep

7. Method of installation Trenching

8. Special conditions None

This installation will comply with the National Safety Code.
A marker sign will be installed where appropriate.
Application must be notarized before submitting it to the Butte County Highway Department.
The cost of the application shall be \$50.00

Submitted 8-27-26
BY: Adrian Scherer
Name: Adrian Scherer

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BUTTE

On this ____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared _____, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purpose therein contained.

NOTARY PUBLIC signature
Commission expires _____

NOTARY PUBLIC Stamp

Recommended for Approval
BY: Chris K. Hestling
Butte County Highway Superintendent

Approved
BY: _____
Board of County Commissioners

County Commissioners Report
Butte County
April, May, June 2026

Maternal and Child Health Program:

In Butte County, we continue to offer the Pregnancy Care Program to pregnant women. Our referrals for pregnant women primarily come from the Department of Social Services for those newly enrolled in Medicaid. We continue to receive referrals for pregnant women from local healthcare providers, the WIC program, and other local organizations. Once we receive a referral, our staff are reaching out to these pregnant women to schedule an appointment with a registered nurse to get them enrolled in the Pregnancy Care Program.

Once enrolled, the nurse completes monthly appointments with the pregnant woman that include completing a health assessment, providing individualized education, and offering support throughout their pregnancy. These visits are in addition to their regular prenatal care visits with their provider.

We continue to offer maternal depression screenings using validated tools. If necessary, we refer these women to their primary care provider or a mental health professional. While these services are available to everyone, we effectively reach women enrolled in our Pregnancy Care Program.

Safe Sleep education remains a priority for us, and the nurse provides education to families who are expecting or have recently welcomed a baby. All pregnant women who are enrolled in the Pregnancy Care program receive screening and education on this topic at 28 weeks of gestation. After the baby arrives, we also complete a follow-up safe sleep visit at 2-3 months of age. This is to ensure the baby has a safe place to sleep. If a need is identified, we can provide the family with a Cribette, offering a safe place for their baby to sleep.

We continue to offer fluoride varnish treatments to help protect against tooth decay, along with providing toothbrushes, toothpaste, Dental floss, education on the prevention of tooth decay, and referrals to local dental services. We also continue to offer developmental screenings using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire, which helps us assess children 5 years of age and younger for growth/development and social-emotional issues. These screenings can reassure parents that their child is on track or help identify if a referral for further intervention is necessary. We look forward to connecting more families with these important services we offer.

Immunization Activities:

In Butte County, our office is dedicated to promoting and providing immunizations to children up to 18 years old. We offer vaccines to children who qualify for the federal Vaccine for Children (VFC) program, as well as those covered by in-network insurance providers. This program is a wonderful opportunity for families to get their children vaccinated at no cost for the vaccine, helping to protect them from preventable diseases.

Personnel:

Heidi Burns, RN, and Kristi King, RN, were covering services in Butte County. As previously announced, I am the new Public Health Nurse for this area, and I started on April 27th. I am a lifelong resident of the area, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve the community. My background in nursing has provided me with the experience to care for patients across the lifespan, including the areas of pediatrics and obstetrics.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us serve families in Butte County.

Respectively submitted by,
Elena Wolf, BSN, RN

Statistical Report – 2026 Quarter 2 (April, May, June)

Pregnancy Care Program	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	Quarter Totals
Referrals Received	0	5	3	8
Referrals Accepted	0	1	0	1
Pregnancy Care Visits	2	2	2	6
				Caseload Average 3
Pregnancy Care Caseload	2	3	4	
Depression Screenings				
PHQ-2	3	2	3	8
PHQ-9	2	1	0	3
Referrals	0	0	0	0
Safe Sleep				
Safe Sleep Visits Completed	2	0	2	4
Pack-n-Plays Issued	0	0	0	0
Age & Stages Screenings				
ASQ's & ASQ-SE completed	0	0	0	0
Referrals	0	0	0	0
Fluoride Varnish				
Number of Children	0	0	0	0
Immunizations				
Total Doses Given	0	1	9	10

BUTTE COUNTY DAILY LE REPORT AUGUST 2026											
	1A	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A9	A20	RES	TOTALS
# ASSISTS	584	474	360	390	420	245	18	236	408	85	3221
# CITATIONS	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
# WARNINGS	16	3	1	0	1	4	12	0	0	10	47
# ARRESTS	0	1	2	3	2	0	2	0	0	3	13
WARRANTS	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	7	14	0	24
BACKUP/USE OF FORCE	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
MENTAL CALLS											
# MENTAL CALLS	0	2	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	1	10
# HOURS	0	5	0	2.5	1	0	5	0	0	3	16.5
# FAMILY DOMESTIC CALLS	0	3	8	3	5	2	0	0	0	0	21
ACCIDENT RESPONSES											
# ATTENDED	0	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
# HOURS	0	7	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
ANIMAL CONTROL											
# DOGS	3	1	3	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	12
# LIVESTOCK	8	2	1	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	24
# WILDLIFE	4	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
CIVIL PROCESS											
# CIVIL PAPERS SERVED	2	13	10	0	3	5	0	11	8	0	52
# CIVIL PAPERS UNSERVED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24/7 PROGRAM											
PBT/SAU/SCRAM/DRUG PATCH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COURT RELATED ISSUES											
# ATTENDED	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	81	0	0	174
# HOURS	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	20
# CASES	0	5	4	7	5	4	3	0	7	1	36
PRISONER TRANSPORTS											
# PRISONERS TRANSPORTED	0	5	0	0	1	1	1	11	0	0	19
# HOURS	0	2	0	0	2	1	2	22.86	0	0	9.86
# MILES	0	106	0	0	50	25	40	983	0	0	1204
MENTAL TRANSPORTS											
# MENTALS TRANSPORTED	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
# HOURS	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.5	0	0	0	3.5
# MILES	0	0	0	0	0	101	30	20	0	0	151
NEWELL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY											
# LAW ENFORCEMENT CALLS	12	10	6	7	6	2	4	0	0	1	48
# MILES	65	80	40	163	66	110	0	0	0	26	550
# PATROL HOURS	23	9	11	22	23.75	10	0	0	0	4	102.75
# ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS	5	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	9
NEWELL SCHOOL											
# SCHOOL CONTACTS	3	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	7
# PATROL HOURS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
NISLAND LAW ENFORCEMENT											
# LAW ENFORCEMENT CALLS	0	4	1	3	9	2	3	0	0	1	23
# MILES	20	30	36	56	37	25	0	0	0	14	218
# HOURS	22	11.5	12	8.4	18	3	0	0	0	3	77.9
# ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
FRUITDALE LAW ENFORCEMENT											
# LAW ENFORCEMENT CALLS	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
# MILES	15	0	0	7	18	5	0	0	0	6	44
# HOURS	4	0	0	1.75	4.75	0.5	0	0	0	1	12
# ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newell, Nisland, Fruitdale Totals											
# HOURS	49	20.5	23	32.15	46.5	13.5	0	0	0	8	192.65
# LAW ENFORCEMENT CALLS	12	14	7	11	16	4	7	0	0	2	73
# ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS	7	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	11
# CONTACTS	3	0	0	0							

The Valley Irrigator

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Wed. September 16, 2026

Cowboys for Christ Kicks Off Labor Day Festivities

Special to the Beacon
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NEWELL—The Community Cowboys for Christ Church service was officially underway on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at the Ram Sale Building in Newell, South Dakota. It was a great way to kick off the Newell Labor Day festivities.

Fred Wilson opened the event with a welcome, and there were numerous churches involved that had discussed some upcoming events. Bill Woods spoke about what Cowboys for Christ is and how he got involved.

Vonda Mahaffy played guitar and sang “Jesus’ Fault” (which is a song several hadn’t heard before but carried a powerful message in itself), “The Goodness of God” and “I Speak Jesus.” Words were shared in the program so people could sing along.

The special speaker this year was Pastor Clay Conry from the Prairie Home Church out of Faith, South Dakota. He had a very moving and insightful message based on Colossians 2:6-7, with the main focus on being rooted in Christ.

Thank you to the Cowboys for Christ Center of the Nation Chapter and the WIT Coalition for hosting such an amazing Christ-centered event.

Refreshments were served and several stuck around to visit.



Family Team Roping at the Newell Labor Day Rodeo. Longbrake photo



Clay Conry, Pastor at Prairie Home Church. Courtesy photo



Riding a sheep in the Mutton Busting looks like fun! Longbrake photo

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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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Last Monday was Labor Day and I went to Buffalo to watch the parade, eat BBQ and go to the rodeo. Reub decided not to go, but he sure missed seeing our grandson Trig and Dakotah Olson and their five-month-old baby boy Haze Samuel that we didn't know were here. Our great granddaughter Copper was barrel racing in the kids rodeo and then helped clean the arena with the calves and steers in the adult rodeo, while Casey and Taz helped with the rodeo.

The kids didn't have go to school until 10:00 Tuesday morning because of Labor Day. Our son Casey birthday was Tuesday so we wished him Happy Birthday. Casey and Taz trailed the cows home from the Horse Creek pasture that day. Copper's elementary basketball team had a game against Bow-

man in Buffalo that evening and Buffalo won the game.

We went to Hettinger on Wednesday after the guy that works for Dish came to fix our television so it quits going off on us. He did a good job and it didn't take him very long to put a new cable in from the Hopper to the television. When we got to Hettinger, we picked up stuff from Runnings and White Drug but Reub didn't get his squeeze from his cousin Roxie because she was out on lunch break. We stopped in Reeder on the way home so Reub could visit with John Brown about something he needed to order for the Kubota he's fixing. We stopped for coffee with the Prairie Pioneers before coming home.

Reub went spraying weeds at the Horse Creek pasture Thursday morning and got home for lunch about 2:30. This old lady spent most of the day cleaning stuff out of our bed-

room and going through a lot of things I don't need any more to give to our great grandkids that live next door or taking stuff to the thrift store. I had a lot of earrings and other jewelry that I never wear anymore so I took that down to the little girls next door so they could take whatever they wanted and they liked a lot of it.

This Friday, September 11, was 25 years since the Islamic terrorists attacked this nation, leaving almost 3,000 people dead with a lot of people dying from the dust and rubble that settled over New York City after those two stolen airplanes crashed into both the Twin Towers that burned and crashed to the ground. That wasn't the first attack by Muslims and we read about another attack by Muslim Ottoman Turks on Vienna, Austria, on September 11, in 1683, in the "American Minute" book written by William J. Federer. President Theodore Roosevelt wrote in his 1916 book, Fear God and Take Your Own Part: "From the hammer of Charles Martel to the sword of Jan Sobieski, Christianity owed its safety in Europe to the fact it...could and would fight as well as the Mohammedan aggressor." I wonder what President Roosevelt would say about the Muslim who has been elected to the mayor of New

York City after those bloody attacks on New York City 25 years ago?

On a much happier note, Casey and Missy took Reub and I with them out to Gillette, Wyoming, to watch our grandson Cass Olson play on the Campbell County Camels football team against the Sheridan, Wyoming Broncos that Friday evening. Our son Guy and Megan Olson, Megan's parents Steve and Pat Mitchell, and our grandson Trig and Dakotah Olson and little Haze were all there to watch the game too, which was such a blessing for us.

It was a lot cooler on Saturday with the temperature only reaching to 63 degrees. Copper, Knox and River Lu all wore jackets when they helped Casey and Taz move the cows across the highway and over to the east place. Amanda took breakfast sandwiches to them and Missy took the pickup and horse trailer over to haul all of them and the horses home after they had the cows in the new pasture. I don't know what happened, but my cell phone quit letting me call anyone so I had to use Reub's cell phone to call Lindsey Clark to see if she could meet with me at the Coal Springs Church while the Gideons were meeting there on Sunday afternoon. I took my cell phone down to

Taz and Amanda's house to see if they could get my phone to work but neither of their phones would call anyone either, so we don't know what's going on.

Sunday was the Sunday school Rally at the church at 9:45 with the church service at 11:00 and a potluck dinner after the service. Taz told me that our cell phones have service outside, so I went outside to call our house phone and it worked just fine! Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen are going to be up at Naknek, Alaska for the next four weeks so we won't see them for a while. We went to the Gideon meeting at the Coal Springs Church that afternoon so we left church after dinner, went over to the Coal Springs Church south of Meadow Corner and got there in time. Lindsey Clark got there the same time we did and Lindsey and I went down inside the church so she could help me put together all the pictures with the talking points about the history of the Slim Buttes that I'll give at the Thrashing Bee on Friday, September 25. She gave the history of Coal Springs last year so she really knew what I needed to do. Thank you, Lindsey!

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

September 7, 1916

The Stewards of the M E Church will serve a free chicken supper in the basement of the church, from 6 to 8 PM, Wednesday evening. Mrs. S. S. Littlefeld was up from Vale on a shopping tour and through the kindness of her heart, she treated this writer to a fried "springer" dinner. Only a sample of what is to come.

Mesdames Clark, L. J. Hough and Morrill accompanied Mrs. G. G. Walter as far as Lead Tuesday and remained for a visit in the Hills. Mrs. Walter departed for an extensive visit with relatives and friends at Ft. Collins and Denver, Colorado.

For the purpose of fully informing patrons of mail routes, Postmaster A. H. Rogers, requests that those involved they attend a meeting that will be held in Newell at promptly 1:00 o'clock, September 16 at which time he will exhibit samples of new rural mailboxes and explain fully the regulations concerning the establishment of Rural Routes. Also, owing to the failure of the lessons of the Post Office quarters to furnish light, he is compelled to close the lobby at dark or soon after 7: PM.

September 9, 1926

Horse Creek young ladies; Miss Elma Schipke, Rose Staiger and LaVern Schmele have procured rooms in Newell where they will do light house-keeping while attending high school. Miss Helen Stonelake is also attending high school in Newell but will commute daily.

Floyd Riggs is the possessor of a \$2 bill nearly 150 years old, being a specimen of the Continental currency issued in 1776.

It is well preserved and may be worth several times the face value and then again, it may not be "worth a continental".

A meeting of the Married Folks Dancing Club is called for Saturday, September 11 at the Lodge Hall at 3 o'clock. All last year's members and all others interested are invited and urged to attend.

Ted Barrows, who has worked for George Day this summer has started on a return trip to Lemmon, driving cross-country. He is driving horses, a most unusual young man who prefers his pair of horses over a car of any sort. He doesn't expect to make the trip in a day but plans to take his time and enjoy the little ride. He expects to take charge of a steam laundry owned by his brother during the latter's absence this fall.

September 10, 1936

In a conference with President Roosevelt as to conditions in this area, he told Congressman Theo B. Werner that he has in mind the manning of the CCC Camps in West River to the Black Hills to full strength. Youth can be enrolled to man those camps at those already constructed, but later abandoned, can be again occupied. The law prohibits the building of new camps, but those that have already been constructed can be utilized for expanded forces of CCC youths. Mark Maguire and James Body, members of the Mystic CCC Camp, spent the past weekend at their respective parents' homes here.

Dr. Elmer Jukkola has gone to Crookston, Minnesota, where he will teach chemistry and biology in the same High

by Linda Velder

School where he taught last year. Walford Jukkola will attend the School of Mines at Rapid City and Dr. Wanio Jukkola is in Washington, DC, where he holds a government position as a chemist.

C. C. Miller and M. J. O'Brien made a trip yesterday to Camp Crook and Gustave vicinity where they have lease holdings, in company with O. V. Rinehart of Rapid City. Mr. Rinehart is a consulting geologist of considerable renown.

September 5, 1946

State Law Enforcement Officers this week conceded in a hunt for the bandaged bandit who held up and robbed the Bear Butte Valley Bank in Sturgis and escaped in a few minutes with around \$2,000 in cash. However, the Newell citizens are speculating as to the real reason the bandit did not enter the Newell office of the First National Bank of the Black Hills when he stopped his car along the curb in front of the bank shortly after 1:00 that afternoon and less than an hour he entered the Sturgis bank. Most logical reason, only Assistant Cashier F. J. Boettger and one customer, Frank Hintze, were in at the time, appeared to be the actions of the latter. Hintze looked out the window at the car, described as a maroon-colored Buick coupe. He pointed to the driver, remarking to the effect that the man looked he had been in an accident. The driver returned the look, not alarmed, but drove away. Both Hintze and Boettger agree the disruption of the robber and vehicle stalled with the stranger in front of the bank.



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Newell chalked up another successful Labor Day celebration with a large crowd present to enjoy the program highlighted by a colorful parade, an interesting speech by Congressman Francis Case, a baseball game, fireworks and dance at night. The 30-minute display of fireworks put on by the Newell Volunteer Fire Department was one of the finest exhibitions ever staged in the West River area, at the airport planes droned over Newell from morning until dusk. Walter Milberg appeared as a red-headed clown on his mule to mix laughter into the event and Burton Fogelberg was on the loudspeaker during the day to announce the programs.

September 13, 1956

Completion of another new modern office building in Newell, with the occupation of by the Black Hills Power & Light company. Which moved into its new headquarters along Third Street. The new building is located between The Valley Irrigator office and Lund's Electric, the top includes recessed windows, lighting outside, brick trim, tile flooring both inside and outside. The windows and the redwood panel above matching door. The entrance front of the building is glass. Russell Wilson is local manager of the company.

The Carter-Cove softball team, who went to the semi-finals of the Softball Tournament at Aberdeen on Labor Day placed 2nd behind Dutton Lumber of Vale in local league play. The team includes Wm. J. Clark, Gerry Post, Floyd West, Jr. Knuteson, Bob Donaldson, Neil Martin, Lawrence Smith, Paul Farber, Walt Johnson and Dan Wiest.

The box elder bugs are now making plans to move in with you for the winter months. You

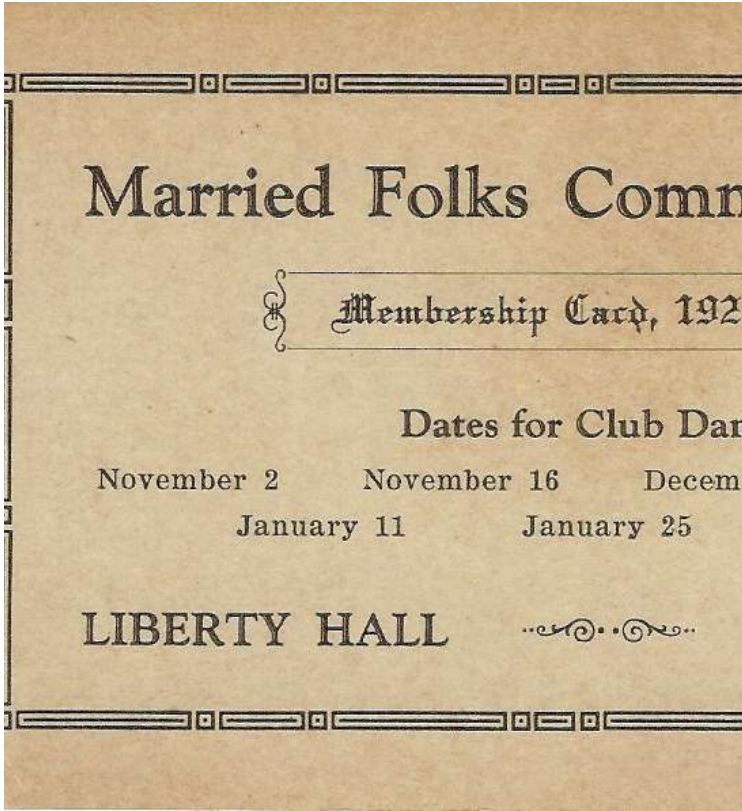
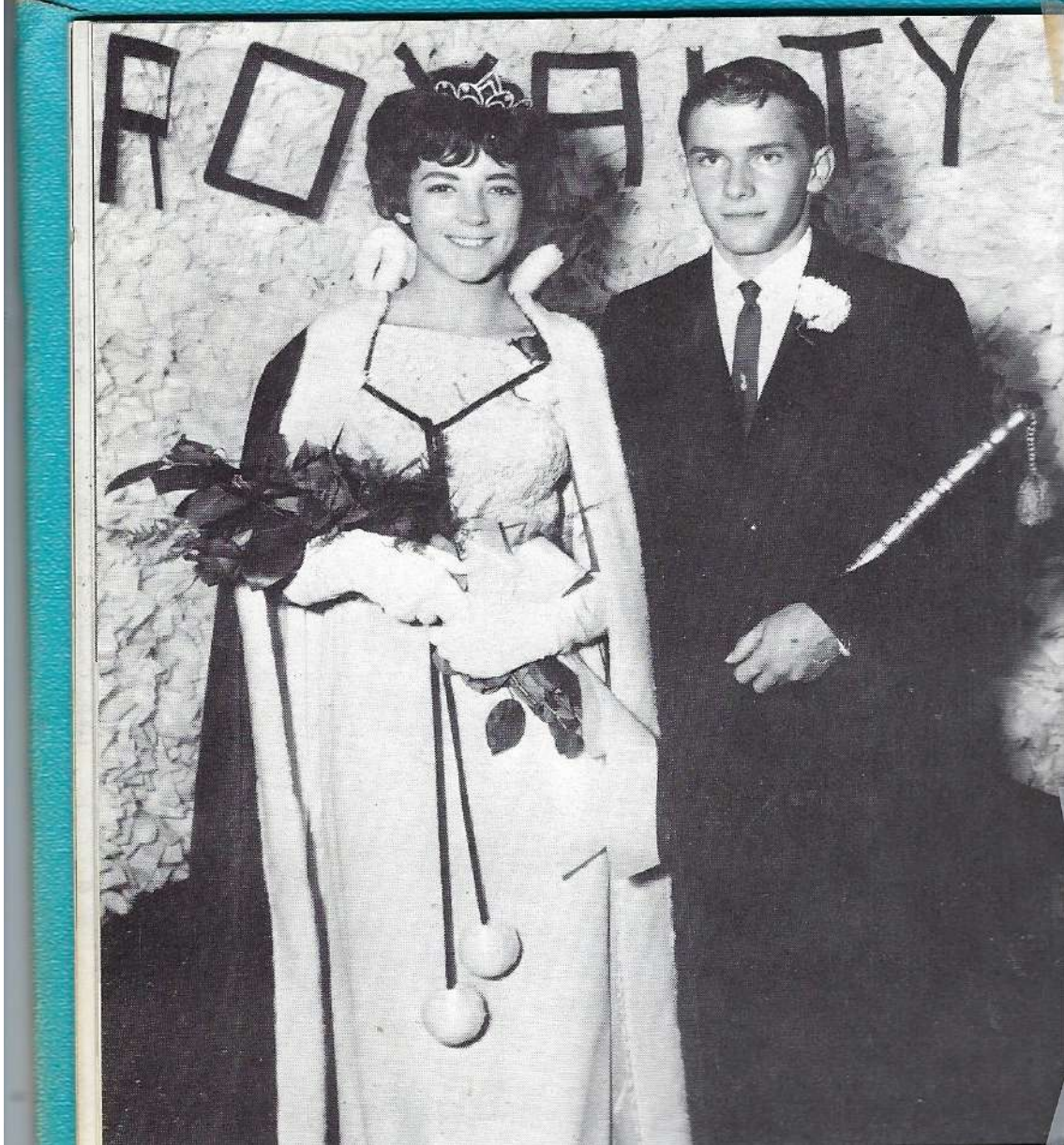
will find them congregating around foundation walls. They are tough to kill, but dieldrin or chlordane will reduce their numbers considerably.

September 22, 1966

Ed Janke of Newell will be honored at an Open House on the occasion of his 80th birthday Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 at his home at 215 Second Street. All relatives and friends are invited to attend, hosted by his daughters, Mrs. Rodney Winkler, Mrs. Donald Dahlberg, Mrs. Bernard Laumer of Newell, Mrs. Alex Carswell, Rapid City, Mrs. Kenneth Pascoe Spearfish and Mrs. Earl Minty Gold Beach, Oregon.

Second Lt. Morris Schallenger was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. He has been transferred to Headquarters and Headquarter Battery, 64th Artillery Ap (A D) as a Trac Director in the Army Air Defense Command Post at Duncanville, Texas. Previously Lt. Schallenger was assigned to Ft. Walters, Texas, as Integrated Fire Control Platoon Leader. He is also on orders to report to Army Fixed Wing School in Ft. Stewart, Georgia in November. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Schallenger of Newell and a Newell High School graduate.

Plans for Newell High School Homecoming kick-off at 7:30 PM, September 30, were announced as homecoming candidates were nominated by the students. The usual preparations have begun for the coronation, pep rally, parade, football game and dance. Queen candidates are Seniors Becky Farber, Linda Fields and Judy Winkler, Mr. Irrigator Seniors Greg Keil, Bill Neff and Dwight Knuteson. Pages are Juniors Kay Lyons and Patsie Berndt. All Business and civic organizations are invited to enter floats in the parade.



(L) 1966 Irrigator Homecoming Royalty - Bill Neff and Becky Farber. (R) 1927 Membership Card to "The Married Folks Club." Museum photos

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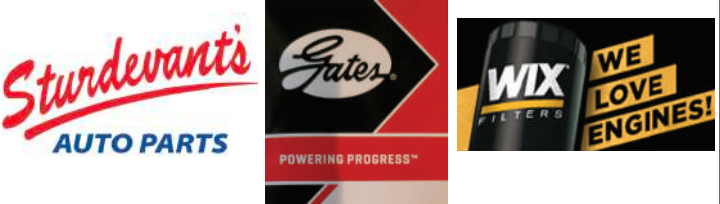
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