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Ag Day Connects Agriculture With the Community

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BELLE FOURCHE—Ag Day may have agriculture at its core, but you didn’t have to be in the industry to find something fun to enjoy at the event. The second annual Ag Day, held Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Belle Fourche Roundup Grounds, offered something for everyone, whether they worked in agriculture or simply wanted to enjoy an afternoon of activities.

The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce designed the event with the agriculture industry at its heart, providing vendors, education and resources for those in the industry while mixing in family-friendly activities for the broader community.

The desire to highlight the people and businesses who support the ag industry was reflected in the variety of activities that were scheduled throughout the day. There were rows of vendors lined up around the Roundup Grounds that provided everything from demonstrations to educational materials to shopping opportunities.

A vendor card gave attendees a chance to interact with all of the vendors and potentially win prizes. After picking up a vendor card at the check-in table, eventgoers had to stop and visit each booth and get a mark on their card from the vendor.



Vendor booths at Ag Day. Longbrake photo

After all of the vendor booths had been visited, the card was returned to the check-in area to be entered in a grand prize drawing. The prize had a value of \$150 and included three \$50 gift cards to Integrity Meats, Leuders Grocery and Stadium Sports Grill.

The Kid’s Zone was a popular place for the younger crowd

to hang out. Highmark Credit Union buried \$300 in coins for the little ones to find as they dug in the sand pile. Wandering Wolf Ranch brought tiny goats to pet and hold. Belle Fourche Livestock brought a cattle pot and truck for kids to explore and Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum had displays and activities for the kids to interact

with as well. Tractors were on display throughout the day.

Beginning at 3 p.m., seven teams signed up to participate in Ag Olympics. The fun competition was open to all ages and put participants through three challenges. Each team was made up of three members.

The first person had to run stick horse barrels and tag the

second person, who had to toss three straw bales. After the second person tagged the last person on the team, the third member had to climb into a tank and find 12 puzzle pieces buried in sawdust, and then put the puzzle together to stop the clock.

Ag Day Contd. A3

Belle Fourche Walks Together for Hope



During the Bead Ceremony, everyone held up the blue beads, symbolizing the community’s support for mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Longbrake photo

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BELLE FOURCHE—This year marks the sixth year that the Belle Fourche community has taken part in the nationwide series of Out of the Darkness Community Walks. The event shines a light on suicide prevention and mental health.

The walk continues to grow each year, with this year bringing a record-setting turnout. More than 340 participants registered for the September 19 event, which raised just under \$34,000 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Walkers gathered in Herrmann Park with registration beginning at 8 a.m.

Throughout the park there were a variety of stations set up. The bead station offered participants a way to identify others who may have shared similar experiences. Walkers were invited to choose beads from the following options: white, loss of a child; red, loss of a spouse or partner; gold, loss of a parent; orange, loss of a sibling; purple, loss of relative or friend; silver, loss of first responder or military; green, personal strug-

gle or attempt; teal, supporting someone who struggles or has attempted and blue, supporting suicide prevention.

The Hope Wall was another station in the park. The four-foot-tall structure had the word HOPE spelled out. Participants were encouraged to share a photo or note or anything they wanted to bring to attach to the wall in memory of a lost loved one or to offer a note of support to others.

The Flags of Remembrance area had 198 purple flags displayed that represented each of the lives lost to suicide in South Dakota in 2024.

There was also a silent auction and a merchandise area, both of which were fundraising efforts for the event. Other booths included registration, a photo opportunity area and the Hope Rocks station.

The Opening Ceremony kicked off the walk at 8:45 a.m. Jim Kallas, general manager for Riverfront Broadcasting LLC, was the MC for the event and introduced speakers and kept everyone informed of what would be happening throughout

OOTD Walk Contd. A9

Chamber Mixer Gets a Touch of Vintage Charm

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BELLE FOURCHE—Rows of flowing white gowns and delicate lace provided an elegant backdrop for the September Belle Fourche Chamber Mixer. Members gathered in the vintage-inspired setting of Elizabeth Ann’s Bridal for dedicated time to network with other business owners on the evening of September 17.

Hannah Wolf, owner, opened her bridal shop almost a year ago on October 16, 2025. “We’re coming up on a year in October, so definitely stop by and see all of our selections and all the changes and updates we made in the last year,” she said.

The bridal store currently carries one line, Essense of Australia. Plans are in the works to expand its selection in the upcoming year. “We’re getting our new inventory from market in October and November. So if you know any brides or if you are a bride, come and see all of

our new dresses,” shared Wolf. “We have a new brand coming in too this fall—so come check that out for sure.”

Regular store hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Appointments are preferred. For those looking for an extra-special experience, you may be interested in booking a VIP appointment.

The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce cohosts the monthly Chamber Mixers. Michaela Horn, executive director, thanked the event host. “We’re at Elizabeth Ann’s Bridal, and thank you so much for hosting our Mixer this month.”

At the end of every Mixer, the Connect and Collect drawing is held. After over a year of drawings without a winner present to collect the money, half of the pot, \$210, was finally given away in a second-chance drawing at the August Mixer.

The current amount in the Connect and Collect pot is \$210

Chamber Mixer Contd. A6



Hannah Wolf, owner of Elizabeth Ann’s Bridal, and Michaela Horn, executive director of the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce, draw for the Connect and Collect. Longbrake photo

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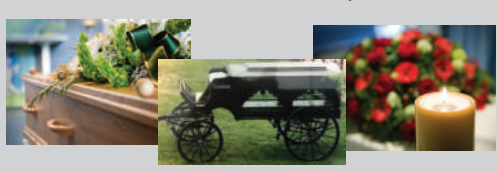
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Most of us intend on "getting around to it someday," but that someday never comes and we leave our family wondering whether or not they did the right thing. **It doesn't have to be like that.** It's not pleasant to be reminded of our own mortality; we can laugh, cry, or do a little of both. Regardless of how we prefer to deal with the big questions of life, **it always works out for the best when we face things head on,** especially in regard to such a sensitive issue.

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Billy Bob Reitz 55

Billy Bob Reitz, 55, of Newell, SD died September 19, 2026 as the result of a motorcycle accident.

Billy was born December 19, 1970 in Belle Fourche to Bill and Jackie Reitz.

He is survived by his mother Jackie Rietz; his wife Wendy Reitz; children Samantha Reitz Kendra (Kyle) Zimmer, Billie Kester, Braden Geib, Kylan Reitz and Billy Reitz; his sister Camy (Jim) Lewis.

He was preceded in death by his father Bill Joe Reitz.



A memorial service will be Saturday, September 26th at 11:00 am at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. For close friends and family, graveside rites will conclude at the Reitz family cemetery at the Reitz farm.

A reception will follow at the Newell Bar, all are welcome.

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



Darryl Jay Raber 70

Darryl Jay Raber, 70, of Belle Fourche, SD passed away after a short but very hard battle with cancer at his home on September 15, 2026 surrounded by his family.

Darryl was born August 25, 1956 in Deadwood, SD to Lloyd "Dale" and Lois (Paulson) Raber. As a young boy in Spearfish, he enjoyed having the run of the town, from Spearfish Mt. to Thoen Stone. In 1965 the family house was swept away in the Spearfish flood. The family remained in the area until moving to Belle Fourche.

Darryl spent a lot of time at the family ranch near Colony, WY doing what all ranch kids do. He also had fond memories of fishing and camping which instilled the same feeling in his family he built. Darryl married the love of his life Debra Price on February 17, 1979. Soon after they welcomed their first child Brandi in 1979. He packed up the family and moved to Oklahoma to work in the oil fields and in 1983 Crystal was born. After three years they returned to Belle Fourche and completed the family with Tyrel being born in 1990. From tending bees to hauling bentonite, he had a strong connection with always working and working hard. After life slowed down, he was a blade operator for the Butte County Highway Department for 29 years, retiring in 2022.



Darryl and Deb created a wonderful life together with a strong family bond. Their door was always open. Grandkids were poppy's favorite, they thought highly of the man he was.

He is survived by his wife Deb; children Brandi (PJ) Sloan, Crystal Raber and Tyrel Raber; mother-in-law Bev Price; grandchildren Kaylee Sloan (Hunter), Kingston Raber, Link Raber, Dom Quenzer and Dani Quenzer; great granddaughter Sloane; brothers John (Camille) Raber, Rodney (Darla) Raber and Brian (Lori) Raber; sisters Vicki Lopez and Patty Brewer.

He was preceded in death by his great grandson Rhyatt Micheal Mez; his parents Lloyd "Dale" and Lois Raber; a brother Larry Raber and father-in-law Paul Price

A memorial service will be held Monday, September 21st at 11:00 am at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche.

The funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed on Darryl's obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com

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



Deanna Schuldies 87

Deanna Schuldies passed away on September 19, 2026 at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living in Spearfish, SD.

She was born on September 14, 1939 in Newell, SD to Wilbert and Dorothy (Palmer) Ypparila. Deanna grew up on their farm in Newell and attended Newell School.

Deanna married Richard Schuldies on November 4, 1955. Deanna worked alongside Richard on their farm until the children were in school. She worked at several livestock exchanges Sturgis, Belle Fourche and St Onge. Deanna was elected Treasurer of Butte County and worked there for several years; she also worked at the Leather Company in Newell and several restaurants in Belle Fourche.

Deanna enjoyed gardening, reading, sewing and doing puzzles. She was a member of the Nisland Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her children, Gerald Schuldies (Carolyn) of Spearfish, Carol Kirk of Sturgis, SD,



Patty (David) Blake of Belle Fourche, SD, Steve Schuldies of Arpan, SD and Pam Aurand of Broadus, MT.; her sisters Judy Charbonneau of Rapid City and Johanna (Garry) Denker of Rapid City. Deanna had 9 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Larry Schuldies of Belle Fourche; special nephew Darryl Hadsell of Rosenberg, TX; also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles and many special friends too numerous to mention.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard; 3 children, and 2 grandchildren; her parents, her sister, Linda Stout and brother, Billy Ypparila.

Graveside services will be held Monday, September 28th at 11:00 am at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche. Following there will be a lunch and fellowship at St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche.

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



Peter Hatzenbiler 84

Peter Hatzenbiler, age 84 of Belle Fourche, died Thursday, September 17, 2026 at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Center in Belle Fourche.

Mass of Christian Burial will take place 10:30am Friday, September 25, 2026 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Belle Fourche. Visitation will take place 5 to 7pm Thursday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place 10:30 AM Saturday, September 26th at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in New England, North Dakota.

Friends may leave written condolences and view a video tribute on Peter's obituary page located at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Peter Hatzenbiler was born December 2, 1941 in Dickinson, North Dakota. He was the son of Christ and Katherine Hatzenbiler. Peter grew up on the family ranch of his uncles' along with several of his cousins. He was united in marriage to Mary Jane Reisenauer on June 30, 1965 in Dickinson ND. To this union one son was born, Jacob. Shortly after their marriage, Peter and Mary lived in Idaho, before settling in Williston ND in 1973. For 34 years, Peter and Mary owned and



operated Pete's Truck and Salvage. In 2011 they retired and moved to Belle Fourche. Mary died in 2020.

Pete was a good man who knew what the word "work" meant in life. There is nothing more he would rather do than operate his truck and magnet in the scrapyards that he owned. That's what he did for most of his life, and he always had a heart for helping people. He would hire anyone who asked for a job. He loved auction sales and antiques, polka dancing with Mary, old chevy cars, and collecting clocks. Pete was a picky eater, but he loved going to breakfast and coffee every day. He will be missed greatly.

Peter is survived by his son, Jacob of Belle Fourche; granddaughter, Paige (John) Fabris of Sundance WY; great grandsons, Rylan, Walker, and Carter; sister, Rose LaRocque of Missoula MT; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brother, Christ Jr.; sister, Angie; and brother-in-law, Alfred LaRocque.



Joan Wheeler-Anderson 98

Joan Wheeler-Anderson, age 98 of Spearfish, died Monday, September 21, 2026 at Garden Hills Assisted Living Center in Spearfish.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held 10:30am Friday, October 2, 2026 at the Belle Fourche Global Methodist Church in Belle Fourche, with Pastor Sheri Fadley officiating. There will be no visitation. Inurnment will take place at Rosehill Cemetery in Spearfish.

Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Memorials are preferred to the Belle Fourche Fire Department or the Humane Society.

Joan Iva Davis was born April 10, 1928 in Mason, South Dakota. She was the daughter of Joseph and Iva (Noyce) Davis. Following the death of her mother when Joan was just one year old, Joan and her 3 siblings moved in with their grandparents, Albert and Mary Noyce, until her father remarried in 1931. Joan attended Crow Butte Country School, Belle Fourche High School, and she worked at Woolworth's in Rapid City for several years. In 1954, Joan was united in marriage to Calvin Wheeler in Laurel Montana. Following their marriage, they lived in Belle Fourche where Joan worked at Montgomery Wards for several years,



until the store closed. Joan and Calvin also owned and operated Port Café, the 212 Casino, and Wheeler Deisel Repair. For 20 years Joan decorated cakes of many kinds. In 1998, Calvin died. In February of 2000, Joan was married to Clifford Anderson in Spearfish. Together they were blessed with 14 years of marriage, until Clifford's death in 2014.

Joan is survived by her children, Cindy Wheeler of Belle Fourche, Ida Peterson of Gillette WY, Bonnie Loader of Wheatland WY, Bob Tanner of Inkon ID, Leroy Tanner of Seattle WA; brothers, Wes Davis of Belle Fourche, Byron (Barb) Davis of Colony WY, Ron (Shelly) Davis of Spearfish, Dan (Delphine) Davis of Belle Fourche; sisters, Beverly (Dave) Penn of Spearfish, Sandra Oster of Missouri, Marsha Richards of Spearfish; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Iva Davis, and her wonderful step-mother, Lucile Davis; two husbands, Calvin and Clifford; son, Robert Hayes; sisters, Florence Stedillie, Shirley Hise, Sandra Oster; brothers, Don Davis and Al Davis; and brother-in-law, Bob Richards.



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Welcome to Ag Day! Longbrake photos

From A1 Ag Day

The winning team was The Girls and they received \$100 in prizes—a \$50 gift card to Runnings and a \$50 gift card to Sunny’s Gas Station—not bad for three minutes and 20 seconds worth of work!

Back for a second year was the mullet contest. Once again, the winner was last year’s champion Charles Turner, who had the full-on party in the back and business in the front hairstyle going on. He shared that he recently got his hair trimmed for his wedding, so it wasn’t as long as it usually is. He took home \$100 worth of prizes sponsored by Mikayla

Boswell and Beards and Shears.

A host of speakers spent about 20 minutes each sharing information in their areas of expertise. Presentations were given regarding Estate Planning by McLean Thompson Kerver from Lynn Jackson Attorneys; Program Services and Advocacy by Kelly Turman with Artemis House; Program Resources by Janet Moore with South Dakota Soil Health Coalition and 2027 Master Gardener Event by Mark Herreid with Northern Hills Master Gardeners.

You’nique Brew food truck kept everyone fed throughout the day. Brain Freeze, Craze Cow

Ice Cream and Kernels and Kandies provided the sweet treats.

A special contest going on throughout the day challenged attendees to help the hen who had lost all of her eggs find them. Easter eggs were hidden around the Roundup Grounds and when they were found, a prize was given in exchange for returning the egg to the check-in table. This contest was available to all ages.

For Belle Fourche, agriculture is an important part of the economy. Ag Day provided a glimpse into the people, businesses, equipment and resources that make up so much of the industry in our area.



Kids digging for gold. Highmark Credit Union hid \$300 in coins in the sand pile for the kids to discover.



Shopping at the vendor booths.



Great Plains Horseshoeing gave horseshoeing demonstrations throughout the day.

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For the second year in a row, Charles Turner won the best mullet competition, with Mikayla Boswell, Beards and Shears.



A team tossing the bale during the Ag Olympics.



Running the stick horse barrels in the Ag Olympics.

Homecoming Parade Brings Board Games to Life

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Belle Fourche Schools kicked off homecoming Friday afternoon with the annual homecoming parade, bringing students, families and community members together along its usual 13th Avenue route.

The theme for Homecoming 2026 was “Board Games,” and participants took the theme in many different directions. The parade route was lined with families, children, and community members, many dressed in Bronc

gear, while painted faces, colored hair, and even painted bodies added to the homecoming spirit.

The parade was led by the color guard and Belle Fourche High School band, followed by Parade Marshals Kelly Keegan and Clay Birkeland and the homecoming royalty. Homecoming King Gabe Raba and Queen Austey Stiefvater rode together in the back of a classic green Ford pickup, waving to the crowd as they made their way down 13th Ave.

The Class of 2027 brought the board-game theme to life with

a Candy Land inspired float, while the Class of 2028 took on Operation.

Miss Leann’s Preschool also went all in on Candy Land with a colorful float featuring oversized lollipops, large cupcakes, and banners lined with colored squares resembling the game’s board. The float even incorporated a small playhouse transformed into a gingerbread house.

Another entry put a Belle Fourche spin on Monopoly with a “Bronc-opoly” theme. The float featured game-inspired decora-

tions and props, including large cards for spaces such as “Victory Lane” and “Touchdown Alley” with listed rent prices. Some lucky spectators along the route were also handed stacks of giant Bronc-opoly money, much to the delight of the younger crowd.

The Belle Fourche High School football team joined the parade on a float, while the soccer team rode along on the purple Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department Engine 3.

The Belle Fourche Middle School band, consisting of 7th

and 8th graders marched in the parade as well, adding to the traditional homecoming atmosphere.

For longtime Belle Fourche residents, there’s something pretty special about seeing these homecoming traditions continue year after year, especially when the next generation seems just as excited about them as they were years ago.

Friday’s parade offered a little bit of that hometown nostalgia, with plenty of Bronc spirit to set the tone for the rest of the evening’s festivities.



Belle Fourche Elementary students carry the banner for the Belle Fourche High School Band at the start of the homecoming parade.



Belle Fourche High School Band marches in the homecoming parade Friday, Sept. 18. Beacon Photos



: Homecoming royalty Gabe Raba (left) and Austey Stiefvater (right) wave to parade goers.



Belle Fourche High School class of 2027 ride their Candy Land themed float in “Board Game” themed homecoming parade.



Bonc-opoly - A float inspired by the game Monopoly - delighted parade-goers Friday afternoon.



: Belle Fourche High School football team rides on the float in the homecoming parade.



Miss Leann’s Preschool presented an elaborately decorated Candy Land themed float in the homecoming parade on Friday.



: Belle Fourche soccer teams climbed aboard Belle Fourche Fire Department’s Bronc-Inspired Engine 3 for the homecoming parade. More Photos A 8

Burning of the B Ignites Homecoming Spirit

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Homecoming at Belle Fourche High School brought students, families and community members together on Friday, Sept. 18 as the Broncos hosted the Hot Springs Bison.

The football game opened with a scoreless first quarter, with neither team able to find the end zone.

Hot Springs took the lead before halftime and went on to defeat Belle Fourche 21-0.

But for many of the students gathered at the game, one of the most anticipated moments of the

evening came at halftime.

The Belle Fourche High School band performed for the crowd before attention turned to one of the school's annual homecoming traditions: the Burning of the B.

The Belle Fourche Fire Department oversaw the event and assisted homecoming royalty Austey Stiefvater and Gabe Raba as they set the "B" ablaze. As the crowd waited for the fire to begin, students gathered along the track and gradually inched closer to the spectacle.

The Burning of the B has become a signature part of Belle

Fourche's homecoming celebration, giving spectators a little something extra to look forward to each year beyond the football game itself.

Friday's loss moved Belle Fourche to 0-4 on the season, while Hot Springs improved to 1-3.

For one night, though, the scoreboard was only part of the homecoming story. The band, the royalty, the community and a crowd of increasingly eager students all came together for a tradition that has become part of what makes homecoming in Belle Fourche its own event.

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Belle Fourche crowd shows its Bronc pride during Friday night's homecoming game. *Beacon Photos*



Homecoming royalty **Austey Stiefvater** and **Gabe Raba** make their way through the crowd of young spectators.



Belle Fourche Bronc Hall of Fame Honoree Jim Grapentine

Belle Fourche Bronc action from rthe Hot Springs Homecoming Game

Part of the Homecoming pre-game festivities included the induction of local business man and long time Bronc supporter Jim Grapentine as a Bronc Hall of Fame Contributor.

Jim, with granddaughter Belle Senior Ellie stand all smiles in front of Homecoming crowd. Jim ia the manager of the Belle Fourche Lynn's Dakota Mart. He also with wife Lisa is owner of Graps Burgers and Brews.

Jim has been a constant supporter amd promoter of all Belle Fourche athletics.

He has been part of the "chain gang" marking the yardage at home football games since the 90's.

Beyond Belle athletics he sincerely has a smile and a genuine interest with all he comes in contact with.



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Chamber Mixer From A1 and will continue to grow until a winner is present to collect the funds.

The business drawn at the September Mixer was the Center of the Nation Concerts. No one from that group was present. The money will move on to the October Connect and Collect drawing.

The October Chamber Mixer will be held at Hersruds of Belle Fourche and cohosted with Belle Fourche Area Community Theater on Tuesday, October 20, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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Spinning a Web of Knowledge at the Tri-State Museum

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BELLE FOURCHE—Cobwebs and creepy crawlers lurking in dark corners have long been a part of the imagery that makes Halloween just a little more frightening. This month, the eight-legged creatures have crawled into the Tri-State Museum just in time for spooky season.

A reception was held Saturday, September 19, to commemorate the opening of the latest mini-exhibit “I Spy a Spider.” Red Onion Marketplace provided cupcakes and the museum offered refreshments.

The newest mini-exhibit aims to take the fear out of spiders and educate the public on the important role they play in the world. “Everybody here loves spiders and wishes that we could educate people not to be afraid of them.

They’re actually good insects,” explained Kristi Thielen, director. “They eat other bad insects. They eat the ones we don’t want to have around, and I just think that their lifestyle is fascinating—what they can do with their bodies, the making of the silk, is remarkable. This is the kind of exhibit that feels good as you move into the Halloween season.”

The exhibit also distinguishes helpful spiders from venomous spiders. “Educating people about what their lives are like, why they are important, why you need to know one from another—so you know what one might be dangerous to you and what ones are not at all,” said Thielen.

Spiders have played a role in cultures around the world for centuries. “The role that they’ve played in culture over the years—poems, plays, artworks

have had spiders in them for centuries. So they’re a significant part of culture, whether it be European culture or Mesoamerican or Asian or whatever. Cultures all over the world have images of spiders and stories about spiders—they’re a fascinating topic,” explained Thielen.

Get into the museum and see if you can spy a spider before the mini-exhibit scurries back into the woodwork. This exhibit will run a bit shorter than usual as the next mini-exhibit, “Christmas Greetings,” will be taking over in November to celebrate the holiday season.

After you spend time learning all there is to know in the display about spiders, you can test your knowledge on a touchscreen quiz. Kids can take home an activity packet and read the book “I’m Trying to Love Spiders.”



(Top to Bottom) A big spider in the newest mini-exhibit at the Tri-State Museum; Spider web salt and pepper shakers fit the theme of the mini-exhibit; The latest mini-exhibit at the Tri-State Museum. Longbrake photos

Show Up!

by Belle LaVenue



Belle Fourche Area Community Theater’s “Good Neighbors,” and all the shows in the fifth annual Getting Our Acts Together: A Night of Northern Hills One-Acts were a big hit. The four comedies packed two hours with a variety of styles and relatable themes. The BFHS & BFMS Bands under the direction of Micah Pennel & Jacque Bratcher fired up the students at pep rallies and the Homecoming Parade for the Belle Fourche Broncos on Friday. A great start to a school year full of music! Center of the Nation Concert Association’s first concert of the season will be Thursday, 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.



The **Matthews Opera House and Art Center’s GOAT** contribution was a comedy about those who “perform” on stage after the show in the one act, **“Ladies of the Mop”** by Aurand Harris. *Photos by Belle LaVenue*



Homestake Opera House’s three-person comedy, **“Sure Thing”** by David Ives, employed fast-paced dialogue and an earnest search for the right words to allow second chances in communication.



The **Sturgis Area Arts Council** turned a grocery store lane into a comedy of multiple motivations run amok in their production of **“Charlie to the Checkout Please”** by Robert Scott.



The **Belle Fourche Area Community Theater’s** mystery comedy fulfilled the dreams of anyone who wants to explore that old, spooky house in town: **“Good Neighbors”** by Toilyn Flick was full of clues and kooky characters.



The BFACT Cast of “Good Neighbors” from the GOAT (Getting Our Acts Together) production on September 17th. L to R, back: **Alanya Drabek**, **Kaya Pesicka** (makeup), **Darian Pesicka**, **Silas Pesicka**, **Colin Hanzlik**, **Loki Larive**, **Louis Mehlhaff**, **Geno Pescicka**; front: **Carston Sechser** and **Whitney Bridgers**. Not pictured: Director **Toilyn Flick**.



: The **BFMS Band**, under the direction of **Jacque Bratcher**, fired up students and staff at the middle school homecoming pep rally.



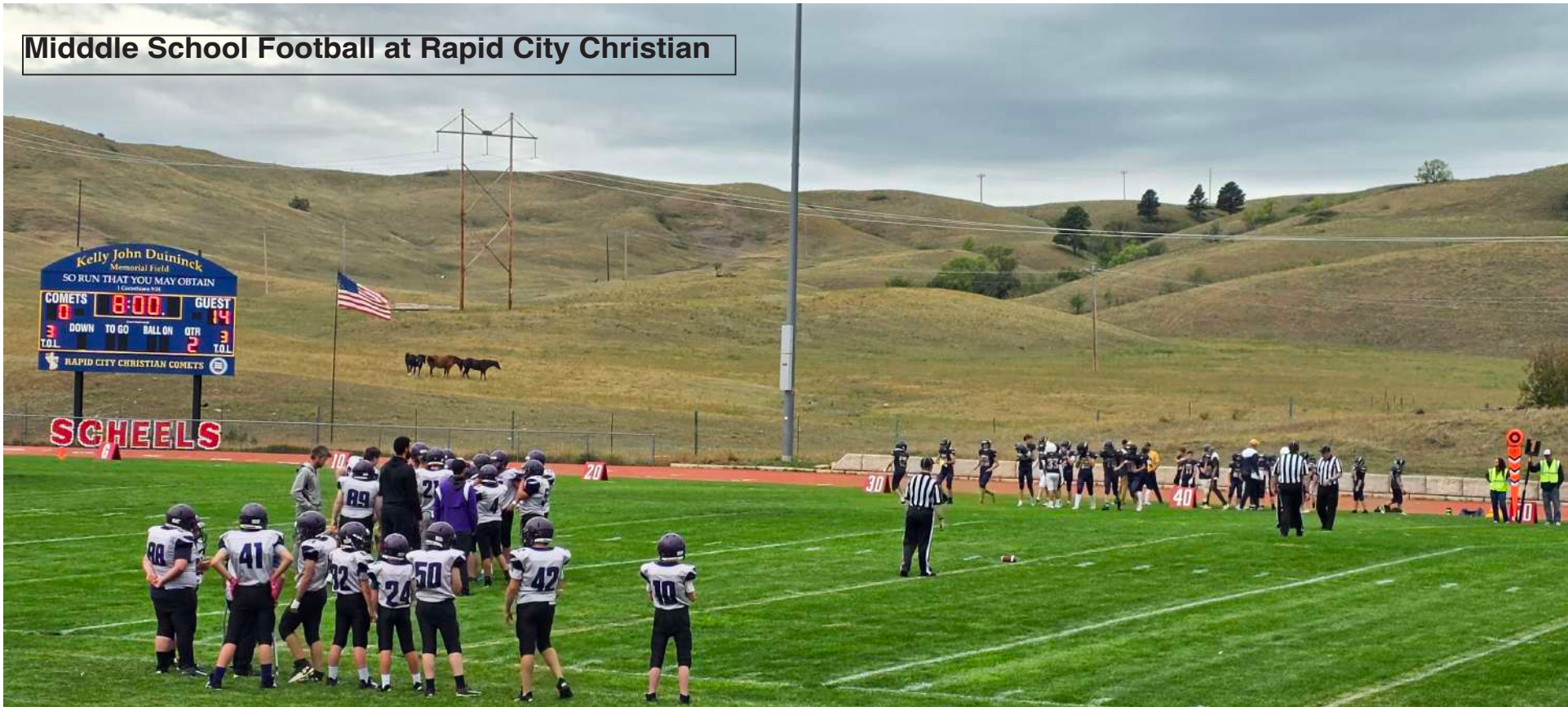
Owen and Addie Jeitz lined their pockets with some oversized Monopoly money from the Bronco-poly float.



Young parade-goers watch with anticipation for the parade to make its way down 13th Ave. on Friday.



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the morning. “We want to thank you all for coming out, getting your teams registered and want to remind you that we’ll have the silent auction going on for a while... A big hand for you, for all coming out and helping this cause again this morning as well—we appreciate you being here,” he said.

Pastor Tim Smith from the First Baptist Church of Belle Fourche led the opening prayer. Amanda Kramp, co-director of the Belle Fourche Out of the Darkness Walk, thanked committee members and event sponsors.

The walk couldn’t happen without volunteers. “We will start by thanking all of our volunteers—we had more than 30 individuals this morning and last night here helping to make this walk happen,” shared Kramp.

Throughout the morning there were support resources available to those who may have a need. “I just want everyone to know that they have support when they need it. This morning, we want to thank Belle Fourche Counseling for being with us, not only as continuing walk sponsors but also as

support. Can [you]... raise your hands for a moment so everyone knows who to look for—if you’re having a hard time today, just please seek them out,” said Kramp. “If you would like someone to pray for you or your loved one, we have caring folks wearing blue faith in action buttons... They would love the chance to pray with you.”

Beyond the resources available that morning, organizers emphasized the importance of connection and knowing that no one has to struggle alone. Sonia Ribordy, co-director of the Belle Fourche Out of the Darkness Walk, spoke about the strength found in that connection. “Look around you today. We are surrounded by people that understand—those who’ve experienced a loss... those who have struggled, and yet we are joined in a drive for hope to live in a world where suicide does not exist,” she said. “One person cannot create that world alone.”

Just showing up for the Out of the Darkness Walk can create a positive impact. “Connection is truly our greatest strength in this fight... Your presence here today strengthens this life-saving connection and the impact

that we are making every day to prevent suicide,” shared Ribordy. “Be proud that you are here today. It took courage to show up to let others know that you have struggled, that you lost someone you love... that you are willing to share a statement that you are not going to be quiet and talk about suicide, because when we talk about it, we can save lives.”

Hope was a message carried throughout the morning. “Walking today sends a loud message to everyone in our community that when people come together, hope can win. This is the heart of AFSP, a community of people looking out for each other because you are not alone and because we know that we can all play a role in suicide prevention. Thank you for being here today,” said Ribordy.

Ribordy led the Bead Ceremony, inviting everyone to participate and pausing after each bead color for a moment of silence and reflection. “Each of us has our own stories and our own reasons for being here. As we gather, we want to remember those reasons and we share a symbol to keep them in our sight and

in our hearts,” she explained. “Our honor Bead Ceremony pays tribute to a loved one lost, a personal struggle or a victory. They come in many colors, representing the diversity of our community’s connection to this cause. As we call out the bead colors, we ask that you all hold your beads high to represent who you are walking for today.”

As the walk began, the First Congregational Church bells began to toll in honor of Pastor Chuck.

The walk was approximately two miles long. The route started at Herrmann Park and went across Highway 85, then looped around the baseball field and on to the stoplight, down National to the fire hall and ended back at the park. The path was marked with chalk. Those who couldn’t climb the hills or handle the terrain had the opportunity to still take part in the walk by staying right in Herrmann Park and walking the path around the outside. It takes approximately seven laps to equal two miles.

The Black Hills State University drumline formed two lines along each side of the walkway, playing and dancing as they welcomed walkers back

to the park. “The Black Hills State University drumline will welcome you guys back from the walk and if you haven’t seen them, they are a ton of fun. They are awesome! They will put a little additional spring in your step as you get back from the walk this morning,” said Kallas.

The next scheduled event is on November 21—the International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day. The day is about bringing people together that have lost someone to suicide and finding connection, healing and understanding. Ribordy said, “We will be hosting an International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day—it happens the Saturday before Thanksgiving. That’ll be right here in Belle Fourche, and I really encourage you all to get on there and come. It is just for people who have had a loss. It’s a little bit different—much different setting than the walk is here today.”

For more information about the Out of the Darkness Walk, International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day or any further information, visit AFSP.org.



Exploring the stations prior to the walk. Longbrake photos



The Flags of Remembrance area had 198 purple flags displayed that represented each one of the lives lost to suicide in South Dakota in 2024.



The group picture before the walk begins.



The HOPE wall.



The walk began right after the Opening Ceremony. Off they went to walk the 2-mile route.



Sonia Ribordy, co-director of the Belle Fourche Out of the Darkness Walk, led the Bead Ceremony.



The Black Hills State University Drumline welcomed the walkers back with a bang!



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Kinghorn, Bill or Ray, Spearfish, SD.....	60	..Blk	..Hfr		910		\$310.00
Labree, Lee, Ekalaka, MT.....	30	..Bldd	..Hfr		941		\$312.50
Lenhart, Jade or Cinnamon, Weston, WY.....	31	..Blk	..Hfr		759		\$350.00
Lewton, Kent & Ann, Ten Sleep, WY.....	14	..Blk	..Hfr		961		\$305.00
Longreach Buffalo Co, Weston, WY.....	11	..Bldd	..Str		468		\$487.50
Longreach Buffalo Co, Weston, WY.....	17	..B/R	..Hfr		404		\$475.00
Minow Ranch Inc, Olive, MT.....	1	..Xbrd	..Bull		665		\$182.00
Mitchell, Sabrina W Aladdin, WY.....	10	..Str		457		\$465.00	
Mitchell, Sabrina W Aladdin, WY.....	39	..Herf	..Str		547		\$430.00
Moore Revocable Trust, Dalene E, Gillette, WY..	31	..Blk	..Str		464		\$481.00
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Roush, Dustin or Janell, Gillette, WY.....	26	..Bldd	..Hfr		266		\$601.00
Roush, Dustin or Janell, Gillette, WY.....	94	..Blk	..Hfr		442		\$520.00
Roush, Dustin or Janell, Gillette, WY.....	64	..B/R	..Hfr		346		\$515.00
Shull, Garold, Box Elder, SD.....	12	..Blk	..Hfr		492		\$418.00
Sladheim, Larry, Horse Creek Township, SD.....	12	..Rbld	..Hfr		732		\$361.00
Stephens, Gary or Kathy, Gillette, WY.....	16	..Blk	..Str		565		\$440.00
Stinson Livestock, Moorcroft, WY.....	38	..Blk	..Str		545		\$459.00
Stinson Livestock, Moorcroft, WY.....	10	..Bld	..Str		654		\$407.00
Stinson Livestock, Moorcroft, WY.....	21	..Blk	..Hfr		477		\$440.00
Tagevie Revoc Trust & M Ichael Troy & Kelli Tagevie, Todd, Newcastle, WY.....	33	..Blk	..Hfr		423		\$487.00
Tagevie Revoc Trust & M Ichael Troy & Kelli Tagevie, Todd, Newcastle, WY.....	13	..B/R	..Hfr		500		\$410.00
Tagevie Revoc Trust & M Ichael Troy & Kelli Tagevie, Todd, Newcastle, WY.....	22	..B/R	..Hfr		365		\$540.00
Tveidt, Bernard, Sturgis, SD.....	43	..Bldd	..Str		619		\$412.00
Tveidt, Bernard, Sturgis, SD.....	16	..Bldd	..Str		477		\$482.00
Tveidt, Bernard, Sturgis, SD.....	24	..Blk	..Hfr		521		\$406.00
Tveidt, Bernard, Sturgis, SD.....	10	..Blk	..Hfr		445		\$450.00
Wood, James R & Teresa G, Moorcroft, WY.....	45	..Blk	..Str		402		\$570.00
Wood, James R & Teresa G, Moorcroft, WY.....	26	..Blk	..Str		330		\$620.00
Wood, James R & Teresa G, Moorcroft, WY.....	18	..Blk	..Hfr		361		\$555.00
X Ring Ranch, Upton, WY.....	11	..Bldd	..Hfr		980		\$303.00
Zimmerschied, Everett, Moorcroft, WY.....	21	..B/R	..Str		408		\$520.00
Zimmerschied, Everett, Moorcroft, WY.....	15	..B/R	..Hfr		408		\$510.00
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WEIGH UP CATTLE

Bauer, Bradley or Rhonda, Union Center, SD.....	1	..Bld	..Cow		1455		\$149.00
Bauer, Bradley or Rhonda, Union Center, SD.....	10	..Blk	..Cow		1330		\$151.00
Bauer, Bradley or Rhonda, Union Center, SD.....	1	..Cow		1135		\$152.50	
Crump Land & Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	1	..Red	..Cow		1505		\$148.50
Crump Land & Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	2	..Red	..Cow		1355		\$153.50
Dungey, Wade, Aladdin, WY.....	1	..Blk	..Cow		1625		\$148.50
Dungey, Wade, Aladdin, WY.....	1	..Blk	..Cowette		1055		\$192.50
Fowler Ranch Trust, Gillette, WY.....	2	..Blk	..Cow		1387		\$149.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis, SD.....	3	..Blk	..Hefret		953		\$265.00
Guy Casteel Livestock Llc, Newell, SD.....	7	..B/R	..Cow		1445		\$154.00
Guy Casteel Livestock Llc, Newell, SD.....	5	..B/R	..Cowette		1056		\$200.00
Hat Llc, Miles City, MT.....	5	..Bld	..Cow		1629		\$148.50
Heier, Iver J, Prairie City, SD.....	4	..Blk	..Cowette		1227		\$189.00
Kc Ranch Llc, Rozet, WY.....	1	..Red	..Cow		1685		\$148.50
Kc Ranch Llc, Rozet, WY.....	1	..Red	..Cow		1385		\$151.50
Kc Ranch Llc, Rozet, WY.....	16	..Red	..Cow		1388		\$154.50
Kc Ranch Llc, Rozet, WY.....	13	..Red	..Cow		1384		\$155.50
Kc Ranch Llc, Rozet, WY.....	1	..Red	..Cowette		1380		\$165.00
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Kc Ranch Llc, Rozet, WY.....	3	..Red	..Hefret		1006		\$269.00
Lawrence, Justin, Alzada, MT.....	1	..Blk	..Cow		1480		\$151.00
Lewton, Kent & Ann, Ten Sleep, WY.....	14	..Blk	..Cow		1412		\$151.50
Lewton, Kent & Ann, Ten Sleep, WY.....	6	..Blk	..Cow		1192		\$153.00
Lewton, Kent & Ann, Ten Sleep, WY.....	4	..Blk	..Cowette		1172		\$201.00
Lewton, Kent & Ann, Ten Sleep, WY.....	2	..Blk	..Hefret		937		\$226.00
Ogle, Dean, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Cow		1435		\$149.50
Oliver Farm & Ranch Llc, Newell, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Cow		1460		\$150.00
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Oshoto Flying M Operations Llc, Gillette, WY.....	8	..Blk	..Cow		1420		\$150.50
Oshoto Flying M Operations Llc, Gillette, WY.....	5	..Blk	..Hefret		1062		\$250.00
Reynolds Revocable Trust, John C, Rozet, WY.....	2	..Blk	..Cow		1500		\$147.50
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WEIGH UP BULLS

Bauer, Casey, Union Center, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Bull		2045		\$190.00
Carlisle, Bill, Ekalaka, MT.....	1	..Blk	..Bull		1765		\$187.00
Conzelmann, Bryce, Sundance, WY.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1030	.....	\$270.00
Cuka, Gerard, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	2055	.....	\$216.00
Cuka, Gerard, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1935	.....	\$215.00
Dickschat, Emmitt, Hermosa, SD.....	3	..Blk	..Bull	.....	2176	.....	\$223.00
Dickschat, Emmitt, Hermosa, SD.....	1	..Herf	..Bull	.....	2220	.....	\$218.00
Fowler Ranch Trust, Gillette, WY.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1240	.....	\$226.00
Fowler Ranch Trust, Gillette, WY.....	2	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1097	.....	\$252.50
Griswold Trust, Mervin C & Lori, Gillette, WY.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1930	.....	\$202.00
Guy Casteel Livestock Llc, Newell, SD.....	2	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1390	.....	\$184.00
Hat Llc, Miles City, MT.....	2	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1812	.....	\$189.00
Hat Llc, Miles City, MT.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1680	.....	\$181.00
Heier, Iver J, Prairie City, SD.....	1	..Bull	.....	.....	1220	.....	\$235.00
Heier, Iver J, Prairie City, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	2110	.....	\$189.00
Holyoak Revocable Trust, Brady A & Kim I, Beulah, WY.....	1	..Red	..Bull		1715		\$190.00
Jensen Ranches Llc, Whitewood, SD.....	1	..Red	..Bull		2340		\$197.00
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Jordan, Steven Wayne & Nicole E, Alva, WY.....	2	..Blk	..Bull		1435		\$194.00
Jordan, Steven Wayne & Nicole E, Alva, WY.....	1	..Blk	..Bull		1100		\$257.50

Jordan, Steven Wayne & Nicole E, Alva, WY.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1015	.....	\$270.00
Jordan, Steven Wayne & Nicole E, Alva, WY.....	1	..Bld	..Bull	.....	1110	.....	\$257.50
Kc Ranch Llc, Rozet, WY.....	2	..Red	..Bull	.....	1945	.....	\$193.00
Kreutz, Kent, Whitewood, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1800	.....	\$177.50
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1810	.....	\$180.00
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1545	.....	\$183.00
Labree, Lee, Ekalaka, MT.....	2	..Herf	..Bull	.....	1927	.....	\$209.00
Labree, Lee, Ekalaka, MT.....	1	..Herf	..Bull	.....	1640	.....	\$189.00
Lawrence, Justin, Alzada, MT.....	1	..Herf	..Bull	.....	2205	.....	\$221.00
Lawrence, Justin, Alzada, MT.....	1	..Herf	..Bull	.....	2105	.....	\$201.00
Lawrence, Justin, Alzada, MT.....	1	..Herf	..Bull		1885		\$184.00
Mclennan, Jason, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Bull		1250		\$209.00
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Norman, Thomas or Joseph, Black Hawk, SD.....	1	..Herf	..Bull		2240		\$188.50
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Redding, Dave, Hulett, WY.....	1	..Blk	..Bull		1835		\$197.00
Reynolds Revocable Trust, John C, Rozet, WY.....	1	..Red	..Bull		2320		\$192.50
Roush, Rusty A, Gillette, WY.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1330	.....	\$175.00
Rumph, Kermit, Biddle, MT.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1955	.....	\$185.00
Schuchard, Eric or Amanda, Prairie City, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1680	.....	\$150.00
Schuchard, Eric or Amanda, Prairie City, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	2125	.....	\$193.00
Schuchard, Eric or Amanda, Prairie City, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1350	.....	\$202.50
Schuchard, Eric or Amanda, Prairie City, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1085	.....	\$230.00
Semmler, Merle or Darla, Buffalo Gap, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	965	.....	\$275.00
Smith, Marvin, Sturgis, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	1665	.....	\$193.50
Snyder, Jason, Weston, WY.....	1	..Herf	..Bull	.....	2055	.....	\$188.00
Snyder, John W & Brenda Kay, Weston, WY.....	1	..Herf	..Bull	.....	2020	.....	\$190.50
Stadheim, Larry, Horse Creek Township, SD.....	1	..Herf	..Bull	.....	1830	.....	\$192.00
Williams, Justin or Heidi, St Onge, SD.....	3	..Bull	.....	.....	1890	.....	\$219.00
Williams, Justin or Heidi, St Onge, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Bull	.....	2065	.....	\$208.00
Wolf Ranch, Hulett, WY.....	1	..Herf	..Bull		1615		\$182.00
Wolf Ranch, Hulett, WY.....	1	..Herf	..Bull		1565		\$188.00
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by Mary Buchholz

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September 28, 1926AB
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SOCIETY'S DOINGS Mrs. David Broomfield entertained the Thursday bridge club last week. Four tables were arranged for the games. Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. Crouch were invited and the occasion was, as usual, a pleasant one socially.

Mrs. Wallace Butts entertained the Round Table club Tuesday afternoon when the ladies assembled for their first meeting after summer vacation. Only club members were present – Mrs. B. L. Kirkham had charge of the program, which was "Women of the Hour," and most interesting facts were brought out regarding women who have accomplished worth while things in various lines. The five o'clock dinner was a

delightful close of the pleasant afternoon.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
Belle Fourche Daily Post
September 28, 1951
Iran Throws Bayonet Ring Around Teheran, Sept. 27 – Iran has thrown a ring of steel around the huge Abadan oil refinery. In a sudden move today, Iranian soldiers took up positions around the Anglo-Iranian oil company plant and locked the 300 or so British technicians who have been ordered from Iran by next Thursday. Afterwards, 10 of the British experts were given passes to enter the plant and watch the takeover. Armed guards also have been placed around power stations and water-pumping installations. The Iranians say the troops are there to guard against possible sabotage. A British official says, "There was no cooperation on our side in this take-over." Another says, "We wee met at the gates by a posse of soldiers and you can't argue with blokes with bayonets." As the oil crisis between Britain and Iran deepened, President Truman stepped into the tangle. The president urged Britian and Iran to settle their oil dispute peaceably.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Clement Attlee of Britian asked the president personally to use his good offices. A similar proposal was reported from Tehran. Today, Truman responded with separate notes to Attlee and Iranian Premier Mossadeh in an effort to prevent show of force. Iran has warned that violence could lead to World War III in the Middle East.

GROUPS PROTEST MEAT CONTROLS Chicago, Sept. 27 – Eleven farm organizations charged that price administration Mike DiSalle is spreading "seeds of distrust toward all groups in the American economy." The organization sent telegrams to the chairmen of the senate and house agriculture committees, saying that they believe meat controls are what they call "unwarranted attacks," on the meat industry. They call attention to DiSalle's speech this week in San Diego, in which DiSalle accused the American Meat Institute of failing to cooperate with the Office of Price Administration in trying to control beef prices. DiSalle also said his agents are uncovering widespread violations of OPS regulations. The telegrams, sent to Representative Harold Cooley and Senator Allen Ellender, say "such accusations can have no other effect than to create unjustified suspicion of this important segment of agriculture and industry. In addition to the American Meat Institute, the telegrams are

signed by the American Farm Bureau, the American National Livestock Association, National Livestock Bureau, the Central Livestock Association, Independent Livestock Producers Association, South Dakota Livestock Association, the National Wool Growers Association, the National Lamb Feeders Association. Kansas Livestock Association and Missouri Livestock Association.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post –
September 28, 1976
Janklow Stress Need to Get Involved Only when we have 100 percent participation in government, only when you 'pick up your ticket' on Nov. 2 will be have a pure democracy in South Dakota. This was one of the statements made by Attorney General William Janklow as keynote speaker at the Chamber of Commerce 65th annual banquet Saturday night when he stressed individual obligations and responsibilities.

Arriving late, Janklow's opening remarks were that he had missed four meeting since taking office, three of them in Belle Fourche, and of his determination to meet the engagement in spite of the difficulties he had encountered transportation-wise. "A community is the reflection of the people who life there," he pointed out, again stressing the responsibilities of the citizenry.

He noted that 40 percent of the population of the state "do not have their ticket punched, do not meet their responsibilities. Only when the figure is 100 percent will we have the quality of life we claim to have." He referred to his office as the "bad news job," touching on crimes such as car thefts, drugs, citing examples of cases within the state. "Here in South Dakota, we have stayed rural, have not lost our common sense and practical thinking."

He referred to government as a corporation headed by a president, emphasizing if they don't represent your views, get rid of them..." He warned not to let bureaucrats have unfettered power, start acting like a shareholder... don't let them forget who owns the business." "We have not greater heritage than our constitution, we have enjoyed 200 years of freedom of government...but it is starting to get strangled... we do not want to live in a society like this... the type of society that better than half the people of the world live in today" Ralph Horman served as master of ceremonies for the banquet. Prior to Janklow's talk he introduced Joe Koller, a member of the Chamber since 1927.



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YEARLINGS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Leroy Schallenger, Ekalaka MT	70	Blk/Bwf-Yrkg Str	931	338.25	\$3,147.89
Stockman Exchange, Ekalaka MT	70	Blk/Bwf-Yrkg Str	922	338.25	\$3,119.87
	81	Blk/Bwf-Yrkg Str	849	350.00	\$2,971.11
Archie Hulm, Timber Lake SD	64	Black-Yrkg Hfr	1032	284.50	\$2,935.68
	58	Black-Yrkg Hfr	910	309.50	\$2,817.78
	17	Black-Yrkg Hfr	1061	279.50	\$2,965.16
Harold & Lori Miller, Newell SD	33	Blk/Bwf-Yrkg Hfr	950	309.25	\$2,937.87

Johnson Sheep & Cattle, Belle Fourche SD	30	Black-Yrkg Hfr	950	309.00	\$2,934.47
Burdick Ranch, Baker MT	14	Black-Yrkg Hfr	1019	291.50	\$2,970.17
Lepisto Land & Cattle Co, Miles City MT	69	Black-Yrkg Hfr	862	322.00	\$2,774.56
	20	Blk/Bwf-Yrkg Hfr	710	339.00	\$2,406.90
	17	Red-Yrkg Hfr	796	336.00	\$2,673.17

Producers Livestock, Belle Fourche SD	22	Rd/Blk-Yrkg Hfr	923	293.00	\$2,705.58
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CALVES	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Eagle Butte Ranch, Baker MT	104	Black-Str Pc.Bt.	529	477.00	\$2,523.74
	28	Black-Str Pc.Bt.	422	562.00	\$2,372.44
	105	Black-Hfr Pc.Bt.	488	425.50	\$2,077.65
Monte Joe Miller, Sundance WY	110	Black-Str Pc.Bt.	539	465.00	\$2,506.56
	31	Black-Str Pc.Bt.	440	526.00	\$2,314.40
	86	Black-Hfr Pc.Bt.	493	457.50	\$2,256.64

B & L Betz Cattle Company, Clearmont	91	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	459	503.00	\$2,307.16
	20	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	394	552.50	\$2,178.23
	76	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bt	436	446.00	\$1,944.79
	27	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bt	326	570.00	\$1,858.83
Ondriezek & Fligge, Upton WY	108	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	434	551.00	\$2,390.98
Cold Creek Ranch Inc, Hulett WY	46	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	541	445.00	\$2,405.41
	36	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bt	491	408.00	\$2,002.03

George & Jean Etchemendy, Douglas WY	21	Black-Str Bt	561	436.00	\$2,446.79
	11	Black-Hfr Bt	528	400.00	\$2,110.90
Barney Hiser, Newcastle WY	48	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	466	504.00	\$2,350.42
	13	Black-Str Pc.Bt.	379	587.50	\$2,225.72
	39	Black-Hfr Pc.Bt.	435	450.00	\$1,956.92
	12	Black-Hfr Pc.Bt.	345	550.00	\$1,897.50

Neal & Jim Mccoy, Belle Fourche SD	94	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	535	451.00	\$2,411.89
	20	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	452	486.00	\$2,195.50
	44	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bt	487	411.00	\$2,002.22
Merle J Clark, Hulett WY	99	Black-Str Pc.Bt.	424	557.00	\$2,364.43
	10	Black-Str Pc.Bt.	328	625.00	\$2,046.87
	45	Black-Hfr Pc.Bt.	363	522.00	\$1,896.60

Colvin Ranch, Rapid City SD	15	Black-Str Pc.Bt.	601	419.00	\$2,519.58
	13	Black-Hfr Pc.Bt.	587	375.00	\$2,199.51
	13	Black-Hfr Pc.Bt.	448	430.00	\$1,928.38
Consignment From WY	14	Black-Str	525	415.00	\$2,177.26
	10	Black-Hfr	476	415.00	\$1,975.40
Lantis Ranch Llc, Spearfish SD	22	Black-Str	489	482.50	\$2,360.96

Kling Ranch, Belle Fourche S.	30	Black-Str	518	448.00	\$2,321.38
	8	Black-Str	395	572.50	\$2,261.37
	32	Black-Hfr	505	422.50	\$2,135.60
Charles Bellich, Upton WY	12	Black-Str	525	455.00	\$2,390.64
Rod Coulter, Brusett MT	15	Black-Hfr	465	442.50	\$2,059.10
Jim & Nancy McQuown, Black Hawk SD	15	Blk/Bwf-Str	588	425.00	\$2,500.41

Wade Or Laney Dungey, Aladdin WY	32	Blk/Bwf-Str	542	427.50	\$2,315.84
	23	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	500	397.50	\$1,989.22
Heather Senn, Opal SD	10	Black-Str	471	494.00	\$2,324.27

WEIGH-UPS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Steve Stoddard, Broadus MT	4	Black-Cow	1548	152.00	\$2,352.20
	1	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1440	153.00	\$2,203.20
Sc Livestock Llc, Volborg MT	1	Black-Cow	1500	151.00	\$2,265.00
J-Six SD Ops, Seneca Ks	20	Black-Hfr	1065	232.50	\$2,476.12
	7	Black-Cow	1165	159.00	\$1,852.35
	2	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1173	162.00	\$1,899.45
	3	Black-Cow	1538	152.50	\$2,345.95
	1	Red-Cow	1460	154.00	\$2,248.40

Consignment From WY	2	Black-Cow	1433	150.00	\$2,148.75
	3	Black-Cow	1222	155.00	\$1,893.58
	1	Black-Cow	1430	150.00	\$2,145.00
Merle J Clark, Hulett WY	5	Black-Cow	1159	176.00	\$2,039.84
	1	Black-Cow	1445	151.00	\$2,181.95
Emmons Cattle, Olive MT	7	Black-Cow	1395	155.50	\$2,169.22
	1	Black-Cow	1435	153.00	\$2,195.55

Consignment From MT	4	Red-Cow	1616	148.50	\$2,400.13
Ivan Bierema, St Onge SD	1	Black-Cow	1635	145.00	\$2,370.75
	1	Black-Cow	1480	156.00	\$2,308.80
Ellen Reddick Trust, St Onge SD	1	Red-Cow	1570	149.50	\$2,347.15
Landers Lvst Co Inc, Hot Springs SD	1	Black-Cow	1325	152.00	\$2,014.00
Jade Fix, Ekalaka MT	1	Rwf-Cow	1425	149.00	\$2,123.25

BULLS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Mike Anderson, Whitewood SD	1	Black-Bull Df	2185	219.50	\$4,796.07
Consignment From MT	1	Black-Bull Df	2100	219.00	\$4,599.00
Richard N Rumph, Biddle MT	1	Black-Bull Df	2000	219.00	\$4,380.00
Steve Stoddard, Broadus MT	2	Black-Bull Df	2033	207.00	\$4,207.27
Jason Koehn, Nisland SD	1	Black-Bull	2150	195.00	\$4,192.50

Richard A Smith Ranch Llc, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Bull	2055	198.00	\$4,068.90
Wagner Trust, Moorcroft WY	1	Black-Bull Df	1900	202.00	\$3,838.00
Sc Livestock Llc, Volborg MT	1	Black-Bull Df	1805	204.00	\$3,682.20
BRED COWS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
George & Jean Etchemendy, Douglas WY	12	Black-Brd Cow 3/6	1338	3175.00	\$3,175.00
	18	Black-Brd Cow	1418	2525.00	\$2,525.00
	5	Black-Brd Cow	1389	2250.00	\$2,250.00

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By John Newby “Building Main Street, not Wall Street” Balance Is the Real Growth Strategy

Drive through almost any small town in Amer-
ica and you will see the
same split screen. Many
the storefronts on Main
Street sit dark, and half
the driveways on the edge
of town are full of cars
and that leave before sunrise and
come home after dark. Those are
the two very different economies
pulling at every small commu-
nity I work with. One is quietly
closing. The other has become
a parking lot for a bigger city’s
workforce.

I hear the same three worries
in nearly every county I visit.
Young people leave for college
and never come back. Families
move in for cheap housing and
commute an hour each way,
spending their paychecks some-
where else. And the water, sewer,
and broadband lines built for a
much smaller town decades ago
are now the reason a new em-
ployer looks elsewhere. Those
problems feel separate. They
are actually the same problem
wearing three different hats.

The numbers back up what
you already feel. Researchers in
Mississippi found the state lost
roughly 40,000 residents ages 25
to 34 in a single decade, about a
tenth of that age group, and near-
ly half of the state’s four-year
college graduates leave for good.
Counties under 25,000 people
lost population to outmigration
at more than twice the national
average over that same stretch.

The graduates who leave are
not chasing bright lights. On
average they are chasing about
\$19,000 more a year in income,
because their home state has
jobs for only a quarter of its own
college graduates.

Young people are not aban-
doning small towns. They are



following paychecks, and
small towns have not been
offering enough of them.

Infrastructure tells the
same story from a different
angle. In 1935, fewer than
11 percent of American
farms had electricity, and
closing that gap took deliberate
public investment. Today the
missing utility is broadband, and
the pattern repeats. Communities
with strong broadband adoption
show measurably more econom-
ic dynamism than those without
it, and local officials now say
plainly that internet quality de-
cides whether a town can grow
at all. A bedroom community
with no fiber and a failing lift
station will keep exporting its
workers and its tax dollars no
matter how nice the town square
looks.

None of this gets solved by
picking one silver bullet. The
towns turning themselves around
run more than one engine at
once, not one instead of the
other. The first engine is the
businesses and buildings already
inside the city limits.

Business retention and expan-
sion, keeping the employers, you
already have healthy and helping
them grow, accounts for 60 to 80
percent of net new jobs in small
towns. Main Street reinvestment
backs that up nationally. Since
1980, local Main Street pro-
grams have generated \$124.67
billion in local reinvestment and
a net gain of more than 850,000
jobs, and in 2025 alone every
dollar spent running a local
program returned \$23.13 in new
investment. That engine runs on
what your county already has.

The second engine is tourism
and events, and the data says it
earns a real seat at the table, not
a supporting role. Recreation

dependent rural counties show
genuine gains, with residents
earning roughly \$2,000 more
per worker and meaningfully
lower poverty rates than similar
counties without a visitor econ-
omy throughout the Country.

Events and outdoor recre-
ation pull in dollars that never
touch your county otherwise,
they give commuters and empty
nesters a reason to stay instead
of just sleep there, and a good
festival or trailhead can move
faster than a multi-year infra-
structure project. The catch is
quality, not the strategy.

In the coastal tourism
economies researchers studied,
half of tourism jobs paid under
\$20,000 a year. That is a reason
to build toward higher value
and income visitors and locally
owned lodging, Airbnb’s and
so forth, not a reason to skip
tourism.

Here is what that means for
your town. Do not wait for one
strategy to finish before starting
the next. Support the businesses
already on your square while
you build the trail system, the
festival or events, or the river
access that draws people in.
Fix the broadband and the lift
station while your tourism
board runs its next campaign. A
bedroom community, a college
town, and a river town do not
all need the same mix, but each
need more than one engine
running to stop exporting its
own young people and its own
tax dollars.

This week, do one thing
about it. Walk into one locally
owned business, or buy a ticket
to one local event, you have
never tried before. Multiplied
across a county, that is the kind
of reinvestment, on every front
at once, that rebuilds a Main
Street.

Just as an example, in a
community of 10K people, if
each resident spent \$100/mo.
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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden September 19, 2026



Sunday was a good day that brought between .25 and .4 in of rain to Central Meade County. It was the day of the Annual Sunday School Convention that was held at the Prairie Bible Church this year. Temperatures have definitely cooled off this past week which has been very welcomed after the long spell of hot weather we had. The moisture received lately is also very welcomed.

Capitol News
Karen Odell
Reprint from Sept. 13, 2026



Suddenly, Capitol and Tie Creek have found winter moving in. The hundred-degree weather settled into a whole day of nice soft rain. It wasn't mist. It was real rain that soaked the dog.

Alvin Cordell has been guiding hunters all week. He has hunters from Minnesota, this week, and they have bow licenses for deer, antelope and elk. On Thursday, Marlee Cordell went to Custer to watch the cross-country meet. Belle Fourche High School participated, and granddaughter, Rhys, and grandson, Cade, were entered in the races. This weekend, Alvin and Marlee had over an inch and a half of rain. Ryan Cordell's rain gauge said two inches.

Doug Davis made a trip to Belle Fourche, on Thursday, to attend a meeting. On Friday, Doug took Julia to Rapid City for her doctor's appointment. Then on Saturday, they had an

John and Sylvia Rhoden attended an 'all class' reunion near Miller over the weekend. It was the 75th year of Sunshine Bible Academy being in operation. They fed over 450 people at the banquet. Lorie Hausmann attended as well. Glen Letellier, a graduate of 1964 whose mom, Esther Marousek Letellier, was born in a claim shack just south of Union Center was the speaker. A special 'all school' choir sang which was reported to be amazing. There was also a parade. The reunion

especially interesting day.

They went back to Belle Fourche to meet some Bonefield cousins from Denmark. The Bonefields had immigrated from Denmark in the 1800's. Peder Bonefield came to Capitol because the Germans had taken over their part of Denmark, where his family lived. His brother also came, and settled up the river from Peder. Christina Teigen was a Bonefield, and so was Betsy Davis. Both ladies had very large families.

The Bonefield visitors, who came to Belle Fourche on Saturday, met with lots of cousins from this area, and enjoyed the afternoon at the old Holseth store, that is now a meeting room. They brought with them lots of documentation, describing the ancestry and relatives in the Bonefield family. It was a very interesting day.

Three weeks ago, Ronda Cordell had a knee replacement operation. She began therapy on September third, and will continue twice a week. Daughter, Cristen Westling brought Ronda home from the hospital and

took place starting with homecoming on Friday and concluded on Sunday morning.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden hosted a church service at the Governor's residence in Pierre on Sunday. They invited their church family as well as other folks to attend the service. They enjoyed seeing the residence and the yard while flowers are still in bloom and leaves are still on trees and bushes. Bill Meirose shared the message as they would do back in Union Center. Sylvia played the baby grand piano that has been in the Governor's residence for decades. While we couldn't

stayed on for a couple of weeks. Progress with her knee has seemed slow. She had two ultrasounds to rule out blood clots. One of those found a Bakers Cyst. The second ultrasound found that the cyst may have burst causing pain and more swelling, so Ronda keeps ice on her elevated leg, and makes trips to doctors. Clint Zolnoski picked her up on Saturday, from Dahl Memorial in Ekalaka, to go to the ER at Spearfish for the second ultrasound. They drove home in the rain, and it was a pleasant feeling to be getting some moisture for a change. When Cristen was out at the ranch, she picked the beans, snap peas, summer squash and spinach. It was good for Ronda to sit and snap beans while Cristen steamed and packaged them.

She left Ronda with a spic and span house, and the clothes all washed up. Curt Zolnoski, and the boys, came from Rapid City to spend some time at the ranch. Curt and Carsen hayed the millet and wrapped it up. Jayda Westling came with

confirm, we know the piano was in the Governor's residence before Governor Farrar in the 1960s. Attendees enjoyed the message, the meal and the fellowship. A commemoration for Robert and JoDee Ingalls was presented to them for their commitment to children in care that was sponsored by then House member Larry Rhoden and Senate member, Gary Cammack in 2018. Robert and JoDee Ingalls are birth parents to 12 and adoptive parents to 8. Those in attendance drove mostly in the rain and it rained through the service and noon meal. Many enjoyed eating outdoors while listening to the

friends on the weekend. Chad and Roudy Zolnoski came for a day. Prairie dogging and coyote calling was on their agenda. Ted Kay from Connecticut, and a hunter friend from Michigan, have spent time doing some archery hunting in Carter County, while they stayed at the Bergstrom trailer.

Dorothy Padden rode with Bryce and Dawn Padden to the volleyball games in Buffalo, on Thursday. On Friday, grandson Brian Olmsted came up from Summerset. He and Dorothy went on north to Dickinson University, to see the baseball game with Dakota State University.

Dorothy's grandson, Blake Olmsted, was playing for the Dakota State team. It was a great day for baseball. The rains came that night, and the country had gotten a great soaking by the time Brian headed back toward Rapid City on Sunday. Dawn Padden had gone to see the volleyball games, on Tuesday and Thursday. She went to Lemmon, on Friday, to see Buffalo's cross-country team compete in the races. Taking pictures for volleyball is quite pleasant,

rain under the awning.

Larry Rhoden made a quick trip to Washington, DC at the request of the President on Friday of last week. It was to make an announcement about prescription drugs that will save taxpayer dollars.

Something coming up that many folks love to attend is the annual Buffalo Round Up in Custer State Park. It attracts thousands of people. Casey and Francie Brink have plans to spend their 45th anniversary in Custer State Park and attend the Round up on Friday morning. Others from Central Meade County will be in attendance as well.

but Dawn had to run from the starting line to be sure she got pictures at the end of the races, too. She keeps in shape taking pictures. A Sunday of rain gave her time to work with and record all the pictures she took this week.

Whoever is spreading the story that I have been burning things in an open burn barrel is full of crap. I have a legal small incinerator insert that completely contains the fire. It can be put inside a burn barrel for extra protection and does not even touch the burn barrel. The burn barrel does not even get hot.

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I hope you will please keep Chad Nelson in your prayers, this week.

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Celebration Censorship

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Banned books week is just around the corner. This year’s theme is “Let Books Be. Protect the Freedom to Read.”

The American Library Association (ALA) has announced a variety of planned activities for the celebration to be held during the week of October 4-10.

Banned Books week is clearly not about promoting censorship. In fact, it’s a formidable protest that undermines the authority to challenge, remove, or restrict reading materials. from the public.

The collaboration and the inspiration for Banned Books was first inspired during the mid 1980s when public tension about who should or should not read what was perhaps higher than normal.

In 1982, a close 5-4 decision in Island Trees School District v. Pico the Supreme Court ruled that books could not be removed from public school libraries simply because the

ideas presented in them are objectionable.

Of course, it takes a village to protect intellectual freedom even with the approval of the Supreme Court.

That’s why the ALA does not act alone in supporting the Banned Books Celebration, they are supported by the Office of Intellectual Freedom.

In December the Office of Intellectual Freedom will celebrate 50 years of fighting for intellectual freedom by finding allies in the literary community, championing libraries and guiding librarians in times of uncertainty and stress.

October 10 is Let Freedom Read day, and the ALA has offered many suggestions for ways to support the celebration of intellectual freedom.

According to the First Amendment “Congress shall make no law respecting establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition of the Government for a redress of grievances.”

The First Amendment

guarantees the right to express one’s personal point of view. This works both ways. One can say something and someone else is free to say what they think about what you said.

The latter right is exercised frequently when groups or individuals find certain reading material objectionable. But sometimes that goes beyond expressing an opinion. Efforts to remove books from library shelves and schools are surprisingly common. Books are usually challenged on the grounds that they are socially, politically, or sexually offensive.

However, The First Amendment guarantees that no individual has the right to limit another individual or group’s access to reading material. When any group or individual demands the removal of a book from a library or school, they may be violating the First Amendment by restricting the rights of others to access certain books. A lot depends on whether the library or school is a public or private entity.

First Amendment protections extend to the reading materials available to children and teenagers. Parents may choose to monitor what their children read, but in general they may not tell other people’s children what they may or may not read. And they most certainly can’t expect public agencies to step in and prevent others from reading or seeing that material.

Supreme Court Justice William Brennan in Texas vs. Johnson said, “If there is a

bedrock principal underlying the First Amendment it is that the government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because society finds the idea itself offensive or disagreeable.”

There is a difference between banned and challenged books. A challenge is an attempt to remove or restrict materials based upon the objections of a person or group. A banning is the removal of those materials.

Historically, books that have been banned or challenged over time often remain mainstream later. For example, “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” by Mark Twain has been and still is on various lists of banned books since its publication in 1865.

During the 1950s the NAACP objected to the ‘racist’ tone of the novel. Never mind that that the novel is a staunch argument against racism. Sometimes those who object to books might want to read more carefully or at least do a little research.

“The Grapes of Wrath” by John Steinbeck was ordered burned in St. Puis Missouri after it’s publication in the 1930s. The Anchorage School Board banned “American Heritage” dictionary in 1987 because it contained “objectionable” words. “The Merriam Webster Dictionary” can also be found on lists of frequently challenged books.

Children’s books are also targets of book challenges. “Sylvester and the Magic Pebble” by William Steig was challenged by the Illinois Police Association and 11 other states

in 1977 because it portrays policemen as pigs.

The children’s book, “Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?” was challenged in January 2012 by the Texas State Board of Education because, due to a lack of due diligence, board member Pat Hardy had confused the author of the book with an obscure Marxist theorist with the same name.

Written by Bill Martin Jr. and illustrated by Eric Carle, the book is designed to help toddlers associate colors and meanings to animals.

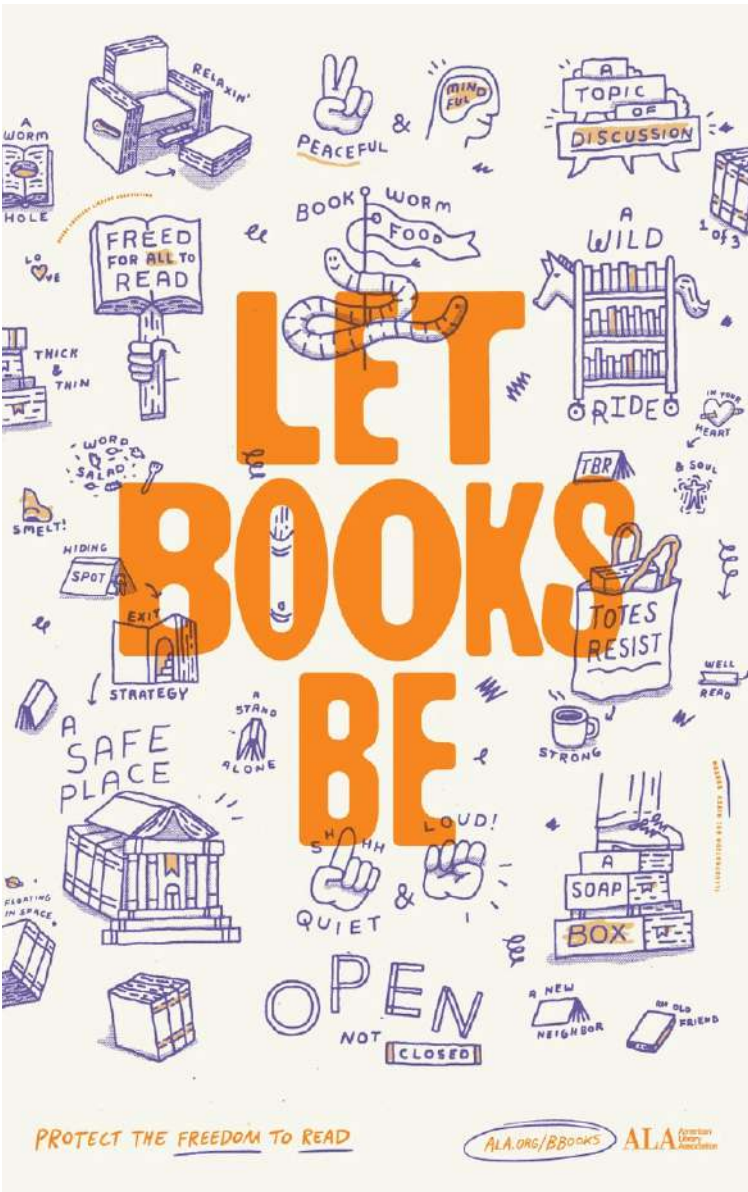
“A Wrinkle in Time” by Madeleine L’Engle is a story about the battle of good and evil. It has offended many parents on religious grounds.

“The Diary of Anne Frank” has been banned on multiple occasions. One notable banning occurred in 2010 when a school board in Virginia determined that the book contained homosexual themes that are not age appropriate.

According to the American Library Association approximately 85 percent of the challenges to library materials receive no media attention whatsoever, meaning that self-appointed censors in America generally work under the radar.

The books mentioned here represent only a small fraction of some of the more familiar books that have come under scrutiny.

Just for fun, please note the list of frequently banned books courtesy of ALA and be careful what you read. (Just kidding, of course!)



Banned/Challenged Books Master List (Courtesy ALA)

Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, The by Sherman Alexie
A Stolen Life by Jaycee Dugard
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The by Mark Twain
Adventures of Super Diaper Baby, The by George Beard and Harold Hutchins
Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The by Mark Twain
Alice series by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
All the King’s Men by Robert Penn Warren
Always Running by Luis J. Rodriguez
America: A Novel by E.R. Frank
American Psycho by Bret Easton Ellis
American Tragedy, An by Theodore Dreiser
Anarchist Cookbook, The by William Powell
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Boys and Sex by Wardell Pomeroy
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
Bumps in the Night by Harry Allard
Call of the Wild, The by Jack London
Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey
Carrie by Stephen King
Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
Catcher in the Rye, The by J. D. Salinger
Cat’s Cradle by Kurt Vonnegut
Chocolate War, The by Robert Cormier
Christine by Stephen King
Clockwork Orange, A by Anthony Burgess
Color Purple, The by Alice Walker
Crank by Ellen Hopkins
Crazy Lady! by Jane Conly
Crazy: A Novel by Benjamin Lebert
Cross Your Fingers, Spit in Your Hat by Alvin Schwartz
Cujo by Stephen King
Curses, Hexes and Spells by Daniel Cohen
Cut by Patricia McCormick
Daddy’s Roommate by Michael Willhoite
Daughters of Eve by Lois Duncan
Day No Pigs Would Die, A by Robert Newton Peck
Dead Zone, The by Stephen King
Deal With It! by Esther Drill
Deenie by Judy Blume
Detour for Emmy by Marilyn Reynolds
Drama by Raina Telgemeier
Draw Me A Star by Eric Carle
Drowning of Stephan Jones, The by Bette Greene
Earth, My Butt, and Other Big, Round Things, The by Carolyn Auel
Earth’s Children (series) by Jean M. Auel
Exorcist, The by William Peter Blatty
Face on the Milk Carton, The by Caroline B. Cooney

Facts Speak for Themselves, The by Brock Cole
Fade by Robert Cormier
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers
Family Secrets by Norma Klein
Farewell to Arms, A by Ernest Hemingway
Fat Kid Rules the World by K.L. Going
Fifty Shades of Grey by E.L. James
Fighting Ground, The by Avi
Final Exit by Derek Humphry
Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes
For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway
Forever by Judy Blume
Friday Night Lights by H.G. Bissinger
Girls and Sex by Wardell Pomeroy
Giver, The by Lois Lowry
Go Ask Alice by Anonymous
Go Tell It on the Mountain by James Baldwin
Goats, The by Brock Cole
Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell
Goosebumps (series) by R. L. Stine
Gossip Girl (series) by Cecily von Ziegesar
Grapes of Wrath, The by John Steinbeck
Great Gatsby, The by F. Scott Fitzgerald
Great Gilly Hopkins, The by Katherine Paterson
Grendel by John Gardner
Guess What? by Mem Fox
Halloween ABC by Eve Handmaid’s Tale, The by Margaret Atwood
Harris and Me by Gary Paulsen
Harry Potter (series) by J. K. Rowling
Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad
Heather Has Two Mommies by Leslea Newman
His Dark Materials (series) by Philip Pullman
House of the Spirits, The by Isabel Allende
How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell
Hunger Games, The by Suzanne Collins
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
I Saw Esau by Iona Opie
In Cold Blood by Truman Capote
In the Night Kitchen by Maurice Sendak
Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
It’s Perfectly Normal by Robie Harris
It’s So Amazing by Robie Harris
Jack by A. M. Homes
James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
Jay’s Journal by Anonymous
Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George
Jump Ship to Freedom by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier
Jumper by Steven Gould
Jungle, The by Upton Sinclair
Junie B. Jones (series) by Barbara Park
Kaffir Boy by Mark Mathabane
Killing Mr. Griffin by Lois Duncan
King and King by Linda de Haan
Kite Runner, The by Khaled Hosseini
Lady Chatterley’s Lover by D. H. Lawrence
Life is Funny by E.R. Frank
Light in the Attic, A by Shel Silverstein
Little Black Sambo by Helen Bannerman
Lolita by Vladimir Nabokov
Looking For Alaska by John Green
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
Lovely Bones, The by Alice Sebold
Mick Harte Was Here by Barbara Park
Mommy Laid An Egg by Babette Cole
My Brother Sam Is Dead by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier
Naked and the Dead, The by Norman Mailer
Naked Lunch by William S. Burroughs

Native Son by Richard Wright
New Joy of Gay Sex, The by Charles Silverstein and Felice Picano
Nineteen Eighty-four (1984) by George Orwell
Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
Olive’s Ocean by Kevin Henkes
On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer
One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest by Ken Kesey
Ordinary People by Judith Guest
Outsiders, The by S. E. Hinton
Perks of Being a Wallflower, The by Stephen Chbosky
Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi
Pigman, The by Paul Zindel
Pillars of the Earth, The by Ken Follett
Prayer for Owen Meany, A by John Irving
Private Parts by Howard Stern
Rabbit, Run by John Updike
Rabbit’s Wedding, The by Garth Williams
Rainbow Boys by Alex Sanchez
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
Running Loose by Chris Crutcher
Saga by Brian Vaughan and Fiona Staples
Satanic Verses, The by Salman Rushdie
Scary Stories (series) by Alvin Schwartz
Separate Peace, A by John Knowles
Sex by Madonna
Sex Education by Jenny Davis
Shade’s Children by Garth Nix
Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut
Sledding Hill, The by Chris Crutcher
Sleeping Beauty Trilogy by A. N. Roquelaure (Anne Rice)
Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson
So Far From the Bamboo Grove by Yoko Watkins
Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison
Sons and Lovers by D. H. Lawrence
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes by Chris Crutcher
Stupids (series), The by Harry Allard
Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene
Sun Also Rises, The by Ernest Hemingway
Terrorist by Caroline B. Cooney
That Was Then, This Is Now by S. E. Hinton
The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
Things They Carried, The by Tim O’Brien
Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher
Tiger Eyes by Judy Blume
Time to Kill by John Grisham
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Tropic of Cancer by Henry Miller
ttyl; tftn; l8r g8r by Lauren Myracle
Ulysses by James Joyce
Upstairs Room, The by Johanna Vroom from the Cherry Tree by Willo Davis Roberts
We All Fall Down by Robert Cormier
Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher
What My Mother Doesn’t Know by Sonya Sones
What’s Happening to My Body?
Book for Boys: A Growing-Up Guide for Parents & Sons by Lynda Madaras
What’s Happening to My Body?
Book for Girls: A Growing-Up Guide for Parents & Daughters by Lynda Madaras
When Dad Killed Mom by Julius Lester
Where Did I Come From? by Peter Mayle
Where’s Waldo? by Martin Hanford
Wish Giver, The by Bill Brittain
Witches, The by Roald Dahl
Women in Love by D. H. Lawrence
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Booth participants may set up their table between Noon-4:30 pm on October 31st. Please contact us by October 24th to reserve your booth.

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TxDOT Executive Director: Future I-27 Moving from Designation to Delivery

Williams outlines priorities for advancing Ports-to-Plains Corridor during annual conference in Del Rio

Del Rio, Texas — Texas Department of Transportation Executive Director Marc Williams, the Thursday luncheon keynote speaker at the Ports-to-Plains Alliance Annual Conference, told transportation, trade and community leaders that Future Interstate 27 is moving into a new phase as TxDOT advances projects, develops future improvements and works to extend I-27 designation along the corridor. “This corridor is beginning the process of moving from designation to actual delivery,” Williams said during his Sept. 10 address.

Williams said he has been involved with Ports-to-Plains Corridor for a significant portion of his career and praised the collaboration behind the effort. He described the corridor as more than a line on the map, calling it a working economic system connecting borders, West Texas, the Texas Panhandle, the Great Plains, Canada and Mexico.

Williams pointed to the integrated economies of Del Rio and Ciudad Acuña as an example of the connections the corridor supports. He emphasized the importance of moving trade safely, dependably and efficiently and said transportation corridors represent strategic connections that extend beyond individual

jurisdictions. He traced the development of Future I-27 from the establishment of the federal high-priority corridor system and the 1998 Ports-to-Plains designation through more recent planning efforts in Texas. Williams said a comprehensive interstate feasibility study directed by the Texas Legislature and completed in 2020 helped establish the path TxDOT is now following. “In 2024, we developed the I-27 System Texas Implementation Plan, and that is essentially the roadmap we are following to make these incremental investments,” Williams said. Williams said TxDOT is advancing work on the corridor through six TxDOT districts, moving individual projects from planning to design and construction while continuing efforts to extend I-27 designation along the corridor. Looking ahead, Williams outlined four priorities for TxDOT’s continued work on the corridor: delivering projects that are already funded and included in the plan; developing the next generation of near-, mid- and long-term projects; continuing efforts to extend I-27 designation to additional sections of the corridor; and preserving the corridor’s future by making early decisions about routes and access that can help communities plan for future

development. “Each time we’re able to put up and extend that highway shield along the I-27 corridor, that builds momentum and enthusiasm and support for continuing the effort,” Williams said. Williams also discussed the role technology will play in the development of Future I-27. He said the corridor will be built in a digital environment supporting planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance. He pointed to real-time information about crashes, work zones, severe weather and truck parking, as well as the continued development of connected vehicles, automated vehicles and automated freight systems. “The Ports-to-Plains Corridor, I-27, needs to be a representation of what the future of transportation mobility is going to be,” Williams said. Williams discussed “Interstate 2.0,” a concept he said recognizes that the next generation of interstate corridors must be more than pavement and bridges. He said those corridors will need technology systems, connected operations, interoperable technology, data and real-time information as transportation systems continue to change and evolve. Delivering on those priorities will require stable and sustainable funding, Williams said. He noted that since 2021 the cost of building highways has increased sharply. Williams said a project that costs \$100

million around 2020 or 2021 could have become a \$160 million to \$170 million project within four to five years. While he said highway construction costs in Texas have since come down about 10 to 15 percent, much of the ground lost to inflation has not been recovered. Williams also addressed the current federal surface transportation bill, noting that it expires at the end of September and that Congress has passed an extension. “Congress has passed an extension, but it’s just basically a Band-Aid,” Williams said. He said uncertainty surrounding federal transportation funding makes it more difficult for TxDOT districts and divisions to execute transportation plans as quickly as the department would like. Earlier Thursday, Jennifer Shepard, Managing Director & Senior Policy Advisor with Hance Scarborough LLP, separately addressed federal funding for Congressionally Authorized Future Interstates. Shepard emphasized the opportunity she sees in the next federal transportation authorization. “Leadership and support from the P2P Coalition and member organizations is critical to securing dedicated and predictable federal funding for development and construction of Congressionally Authorized Future Interstates (CAFI) in the next federal transportation authorization bill that Congress is developing,” Shepard said. “This bill is the best opportunity in thirty years to re-establish dedicated federal funding to invest in the next

generation of the nation’s interstate system.” Williams emphasized the importance of partnerships among communities, counties, metropolitan planning organizations, TxDOT districts, the Texas Transportation Commission, state and federal officials, Canada, Mexico and industry in maintaining momentum for the corridor. He concluded by looking back at the decision 70 years ago to build the nation’s interstate highway system and the responsibility of today’s transportation leaders to carry that long-term vision forward. “Ports-to-Plains, the future I-27, is critical to that,” Williams said. “I can tell you that the Texas Department of Transportation, the State of Texas, are committed to that work.” The Ports-to-Plains Alliance Annual Conference was held Sept. 8-10 in Del Rio, Texas, and Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila. About the Ports-to-Plains Alliance The Ports-to-Plains Alliance is a grassroots nonprofit coalition of communities, businesses and advocates working to develop a modern, efficient and safe transportation corridor through America’s heartland. The Alliance leads a multi-state effort to upgrade and expand a 2,300-mile corridor, designated in portions as Future Interstate 27, strengthening connections among Mexico, the United States and Canada. Media Contact Joe Kiely Vice President of Operations Ports-to-Plains Alliance Ph: 719-740-2240 joe.kiely@portstoplains.com

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Regular Meeting Minutes Butte County Commissioners Butte County Courthouse Butte County Courtroom 839 5th Ave. Belle Fourche, SD 57717
September 17, 2026
THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 6:00 P.M. P.M. on September 17, 2026. Commissioners present were Erk, Batterman, Kari, and Ager. Chairman Erk called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion by Ager, Second by Kari to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of Executive Session for 1-25-2-6(d) as 5.5 and #14 the Executive Session for Personnel should be listed as 1-25-2(1). Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Bud Harris prayed over the meeting. A Public Hearing was held at 6:05 P.M. regarding a Special Event Application Retail (On Sale) Liquor License – KMLR LLC, dba Cowboy Back Bar. No comments were made at the hearing.
There was also a Public Hearing at 6:05 P.M. for the Adoption of a Provisional Budget for Butte County. Sue Broadhurst and Dale Simanton shared their comments at the hearing.
Sue Broadhurst, Dale Simanton, and Calvin Pickbohm spoke during Public Comment regarding roads, the Butte County Planning Board, and cattle guards.
Questions were brought up by the Commissioners regarding checks to the Belle Fourche School District, Runnings and The Junk Drawer. Explanations were given by the Auditor and Highway Superintendent regarding those bills.
Motion by Ager, Second by Batterman to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call was taken: Ager – Aye, Kari – Nay, Batterman – Aye & Erk – Aye. Motion Carried 3 - 1.

Consent Agenda -
A. B. C. D. E.
Approval of Special and Regular Meeting Minutes – 9/3/2026 Bills per Printout
Register of Deeds Report
County Lien Report
Travel Requests:
I. Sheriff Office: Daniel “DJ” Fowler & Manny Farinas to attend training – Pierre, SD
II. Sheriff Office: Sheriff Lamphere to attend SD Sheriffs Assoc. Conf. – Watertown, SD
III. Application for Occupancy on The Right of Way of County Roads: Golden West Telecommunications – Gruwell Rd/Hwy 212 intersection – S8 & 17, T11N, R9E
IV. 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
F. Abatements:
I. Payable 2024 \$146.78
II. Payable 2025 \$139.82 III. Payable 2026 \$1,699.41
G. Wage Adjustment:
I. Equalization: Nancy Kindsfater – \$21.80
Motion by Batterman, Second by Kari to go into Executive Session SDCL 1-25-2-6(d) for public safety, communications, cyber security, etc at 6:22 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Chairman Erk declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 7:15 P.M. Motion by Ager, Second by Batterman to get 6 LTE Radios from 1stNet on a trial basis – and give 3 to the Belle Fourche Ambulance and 3 to the Newell Ambulance. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Chief Deputy Jason March presented the Sheriff’s activity report for the month.

Highway Superintendent Cody Skogberg also presented his activity report for the month. Discussion was held regarding the Highway Department’s personal protective equipment, shop cameras, smoking in the vehicles and equipment, and timeclocks.
The County Health Department submitted their written activity report.
Motion by Ager, Second by Batterman to approve the Special Event Application Retail (On Sale) Liquor License – KMLR LLC, dba Cowboy Back Bar. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Auditor Annie Capp presented the 2027 Butte County Budget Levies & Resolution. Motion by Batterman, Second by Kari to approve the 2027 Butte County Budget Levies & Resolution. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Motion by Ager, Second by Kari to approve the 2027 Butte County Budget with the changes of increasing the Ambulance’s budget by \$12,300.00 and decreasing Economic Development’s budget by \$7,500.00, as well as decreasing the Commissioner’s Budget – for the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce by \$4,800.00. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Information was presented by the Auditor regarding Senate Bill 96. Discussion was held.
Motion by Batterman, Second by Ager to approve the Resolution regarding Reorganization of the 4th & 7th Judicial Circuit Courts. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Motion by Ager, Second by Kari to go into Executive Session for Personnel SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 8:38 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Chairman Erk declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 8:49 P.M. Motion by Batterman, Second by Kari to appoint Colin Hanzlik as Veteran Service Officer. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports –
Commissioner Ager mentioned he has an Ambulance Meeting next week.
Commissioner Kari stated that he had his 1st Conservation Board Meeting.
Commissioner Batterman commented that the railroad is dealing with a dirt moving issue.
Commissioner Erk did not have anything new to report.
Old/Unfinished/New Business –
A request was made by Commissioner Kari for August timecards and the CAT Vision System Blade GPS Data from the Highway Department.
Informational –
Auditor Capp will be sharing information at a future meeting regarding new requirements for Indigent Burials.
Motion by Batterman, Second by Kari to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
Payments
SALARY
ASSESSOR’S OFFICE/PLANNING \$7,434.08, AUDITOR’S OFFICE \$13,120.33, BUILDING- \$1,158.92, COMMISSIONERS \$4,323.46, DISPATCH \$16,762.43, ELECTION-\$0, EM/911 \$1,018.54, EXTENSION \$1,994.40, HIGHWAY DEPT/WEED CONTROL \$26,032.97, JUDICIA- \$0, NURSE’S/WIC OFFICE \$0, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$6,780.09, SHERIFF/JAIL DEPT \$27,429.34, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$25,997.85, TREASURER’S OFFICE \$10,748.34, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$1,929.25
COUNTY SHARE FICA BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$10,807.21
SDRS RETIREMENT BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$8,255.58
GROUP INSURANCE BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$28,921.43

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
KLIN FNRL \$2,000.00, LVRNGTN FNRL \$2,000.00, ES&S \$1,242.25, ADM LEE \$483.00, BF ECNMC DEV \$695.00, BF SCHL DST \$3,937.85, RPD CTY \$250.00, FSH WNDW \$186.00, MEAD CO \$62,100.00, MNMNT HLTH \$102.88, NH TECH \$16,852.50, ONSCN DYNMCS \$9,155.30, RDLGY ASSC \$33.00, SD DOL \$2,070.60, T ELLNGSN \$60.00, T HAUGN \$60.00, WCKRL LW \$1,167.25
PUBLICATIONS
AG-NWS \$389.00
RENT/LEASE
A&B BSNSS \$265.72, BH PUR \$79.00, CBP \$612.32, CLLGN \$135.00, RELX \$367.00
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE
AUTO PROS \$635.70, GRT WSTRN TIR \$74.90, WARNG \$8,643.54
SUPPLIES
ALPNE MPRSNS \$80.00, ANY-GLIDE \$4,295.60, AUTO VALUE \$2,286.69, DKTA LMBR \$465.03, MSTRCRD \$4,535.37, MCLEOD’S \$175.69, OFC MPRM \$16,852.50, PHNX UNFRMS \$339.99, QQP \$17.10, RANDY’S TIRS \$1,460.00, RNNINGS \$3,745.70, TH JNK DRWR \$312.50, WLLS PLMBNG \$95.76, WSTRN STATNRS \$79.41
TRAVEL/CONFERENCE
UTILITIES
MTRLA SLTNS \$299.00, AT&T MBLTY \$1,201.21, BH NRGY \$3,958.41, BUTTE MEAD \$60.00, CL-RTY \$108.10, CNTRYLNK \$179.42, LOOP \$836.46, RFUS SLTNS \$238.14

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:
Chad Erk, Chairperson

ATTEST: Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

Call for Proposals.

The Board of Butte County Commissioners is accepting proposals for gravel hauling.

Sealed Proposals will be accepted until 11:00 MST on Wednesday October 14, 2026.
Proposals can be dropped off at 117 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche SD

Proposals will be opened 9:35 AM MST on Thursday October 15, 2026 at the commission meeting, located at City Hall 511 6th Ave. Belle Fourche SD

Scope of gravel hauling

6156 tons of gravel. Dump spread over 6 miles of road.

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63 miles round trip.

Work to be completed by December 15, 2026.

The board of Butte County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals: To waive any informalities in the Proposal received and to accept the Proposal that to the advantage of , and in the best interest of Butte County.

For more information, contact the Butte County Highway Department at 117 5th Ave, Belle Fourche SD or by calling 605-892-4414.

Outgoing state secretary’s endorsement of Democratic candidate stuns South Dakota GOP
Republican who upset incumbent’s re-election bid running on election integrity platform that parlayed Johnson to office in 2022

South Dakota’s Secretary of State ascended to the office in 2022 on an election integrity platform that included hand-counting ballots and stricter election audits.
After four years running the state’s electoral and business systems, Republican Secretary of State Monae Johnson has gradually renounced some of her former policies, culminating in her putting her support behind the Democratic candidate in the race for the office — opting not to back the Republican on the ballot.
Johnson publicly endorsed Democratic nominee Terrence Davis’ in the Secretary of State race on Saturday.
“He has publicly identified transparency, voting rights, and making government systems work for the people who use them as priorities of his candidacy,” Johnson said in a statement, suggesting Davis’s key policy stances relate to the functions of the office. “Those areas have a direct connection to the work of the Secretary of State’s Office.”
Johnson’s endorsement, which she stated she made after “considerable reflection,” is a rare party-crossing moment by the current officeholder. It’s also a rejection of Heather Baxter, the South Dakota GOP’s nominee for secretary of state.
Baxter edged Johnson for their party’s spot in the race on the November ballot after the Black Hills lawmaker’s bid for the nomination mirrored that of Johnson’s in 2022 in pushing for bolstered election integrity laws and policies.
As a candidate, Johnson previously espoused support for hand-counting paper ballots, which is a current position of Baxter’s. In the weeks after her 2022 victory, Johnson told media outlets that county auditors should do away with machine tabulators, though she would later affirm their accuracy and expediency in following elections.
Johnson also pushed for more rigorous post-election audits, which Baxter has vowed to

continue.
Johnson’s successful campaign was boosted by voting reform activists such as Rick Weible and Jessica Pollema, as well as South Dakota Canvassing Group, but the incumbent fell out of their favor for what they viewed as failing to implement certain policies.
Some of Johnson’s early supporters have now gravitated to Baxter: South Dakota Canvassing, of which Pollema is president, encouraged people to support and donate to Baxter’s campaign after she announced her candidacy in 2025. Rick Weible and his wife, Gretchen Weible — Johnson’s former campaign manager — have provided thousands of dollars in goods to the current GOP nominee, and several individuals aligned with the canvassing group have made donations to Baxter’s war chest, according to SOS filings.
She also noted the political ramifications of the decision in her Saturday statement, which she stated “will disappoint some people in my party and anger others.”
“I know the difference between campaigning for this office and carrying the respon-

Butte County Highway Department declared this item surplus.

The Board of Butte County Commissioners, Belle Fourche, South Dakota will receive sealed BIDS until 11:00 A.M. MST on Wednesday October 14, 2026. For a 2007 Peterbilt truck.

Bids will be opened 9:35 AM on Thursday October 15, 2026 in the commission meeting at City Hall, 511 6th Ave, Belle Fourche SD.

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The Board of Butte County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids: To waive any informalities in the Bid received and to accept the Bid that is the the advantage of and in the best interest of Butte County.

Truck can be seen at 11163 Valley 1 road, Belle Fourche SD. For more information call 605-892-4414

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Terrence Davis, South Dakota Secretary of State **Monae Johnson** and state Rep. **Heather Baxter**. Johnson publicly endorsed Davis, a Democratic nominee, over fellow Republican Baxter in the Secretary of State race. (Photos courtesy Terrence Davis; Monae Johnson; *SD LRC/Johnny Sundby Photography*)

sibility of leading it,” Johnson stated.
Davis acknowledged the endorsement in a social media post and welcomed Johnson’s support.
“[Johnson] and I come from different political parties,” Davis stated. “We will not agree on every issue. That is exactly why her confidence in me means so much.”
Johnson did not directly refer to Baxter in the endorsement letter, but she did indirectly undermine her Republican counterpart by drawing attention to the complexities and seriousness of the office. Johnson subtitled her letter by stating the office is “too important to entrust to someone simply because of the letter beside that person’s name,” and she later emphasized her belief that “the integrity, stability and professionalism of this office is at stake.”
“South Dakota deserves a Secretary of State who will strengthen confidence through performance rather than provocation; who will support election officials rather than burden them for political effect; who will protect voter access and election security without pretending those goals are enemies; and who will treat the office’s employees, voters,

candidates, and business owners with dignity,” Johnson wrote.
In a Saturday statement to The Dakota Scout, Baxter dismissed Johnson’s party-agnostic recommendation and contended that political affiliation does matter.
“The letter beside a name is not decoration,” Baxter stated. “It tells voters what governing philosophy they will carry into the office that runs our elections and business services.”
Baxter, a District 34 state representative since January 2025, vowed she would “equip county auditors instead of bypassing them, keep counting methods compliant with state and federal law, improve our recently instituted post-election audits, audit the voter rolls, collaborate with our state and federal partners and make this office answerable to the citizens of South Dakota.”
Baxter also leaned on South Dakota Gov. Larry Rhoden’s past statements in which he previously called upon the state’s Republican factions to unite in order to win up and down the ticket in November. Rhoden has not explicitly endorsed Baxter in the upcoming election.
Baxter and Davis will face Libertarian candidate Tamara Lesnar in the general election on Nov. 3.

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81st Annual Ram Show and Sale Brings Sheep Industry Together

Robbi Longbrake
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NEWELL—For the past 81 years anyone with an interest in the sheep industry has made the trek to Newell on the third Thursday and Friday in September for the Annual Newell Ram Show and Sale. The annual event brings together people from nearly every corner of the sheep industry under one roof, from breeders, producers and exhibitors to fiber artists, crafters and agricultural vendors. The Ram Show and Sale took place on September 17 and 18.

The Newell Ram Show and Sale continues to be one of the nation’s top events for purebred rams and ewes. It draws participants from North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, Colorado and Wyoming. “The show went really good, and as far as the sale, I’ve heard some good numbers,” shared Micole Braun, secretary. “We had just over 200 sheep consigned.”

The Ram Show kicked off Thursday morning. Ewes began the show, followed by rams. James Valley Stock Farm of LaMoure, North Dakota, took home the 2026 Grand Champion Ram honor, while Dave Pearson of Hettinger, North Dakota, received Reserve Champion Ram. Scott Crawford of Pipestone, Minnesota, earned Grand Champion Ewe, with Pearson also receiving Reserve Champion Ewe. Don Drewry of Farmington, Minnesota, rounded out the top honors with Champion Pair of Ewes.

The Ram Show saw its usual turnout in sheep numbers. “If I had to guess, I’d say like 50 sheep—that’s probably pretty average, because we have a lot of range rams that come in, and the



The Newell Ram Sale ring. Longbrake photo

range rams don’t show, just the stud rams,” explained Braun.

Sheep that are shown in the Ram Show must sell in the Ram Sale; however, you don’t have to participate in the show to participate in the sale. “No, you do not—you can bring stuff and just sell them today [Friday], but everything does have to be here on Wednesday, but no, you do not have to show,” shared Braun. “[If they are in the Ram Show] yes, you have to sell.”

Also on Thursday morning, the wool show began with both adult and youth divisions. Cat-

egories included Ram and Ewe by Breed; Natural Ram and Ewe; Youth Ram and Ewe and Hand Spinning. Cash prizes were given to the winners.

Merino wool took the top honors at the 2026 Newell Ram Sale Wool Show, earning both the Supreme Fleece and Reserve Supreme Fleece awards. Both fleeces were entered by Dally Myers of Mud Butte. Myers also received the Gary Babb Handspinning Award, which recognizes a fleece with qualities desirable for handspinning.

Brixie Vig of Opal received

the Youth Fleece honor.

After the Ram Show on Thursday afternoon, the Newell Golf Course invited all attendees to enjoy a round of golf.

On Thursday evening beginning at 6 p.m., the Consignor and Recognition Supper was held at Newell City Hall.

It takes a local effort to put on the annual event, with members of the Newell Ram Sale Committee coming from the surrounding area. They are Cody Burke, chairman; Paul Erk, Dave Ollila, Lindsey Mangis, Chris Gotfredson, Cody Mills, Dr. Sandra

Holcomb, Levi McTaggart and Ryle Millar.

The Hewitt Land Company was the auctioneer for the sale and DV Auction handled the online sales. Cody Burke was the sale foreman.

The Ray Garness Memorial Youth Purchase Credit Program gives kids between the ages of eight and 16 an opportunity to enter an essay competition for a \$500 credit toward the purchase of a ewe at the sale. Justin Stranberg of Newell was this year’s winner.

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History Comes to Life at Newell Middle School’s Agriculture Wax Museum

Special to the Beacon
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NEWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL—History stood frozen in place--until someone pressed the button.

Eighth graders in Mrs. Cheyenne Gepperts’ agriculture class hosted a “Wax Museum” biography presentation on Monday, September 14, from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m., transforming their classroom into a living gallery of the men and women who shaped American agriculture.

The event featured the 8th grade agriculture class, dressed and posed as historical agricultural innovators: John Deere, Cyrus McCormick, John Froelich, Rudolph Diesel, Benjamin Holt, Frederick Haynes Newell, Clarence Birdseye, Henry Ford,

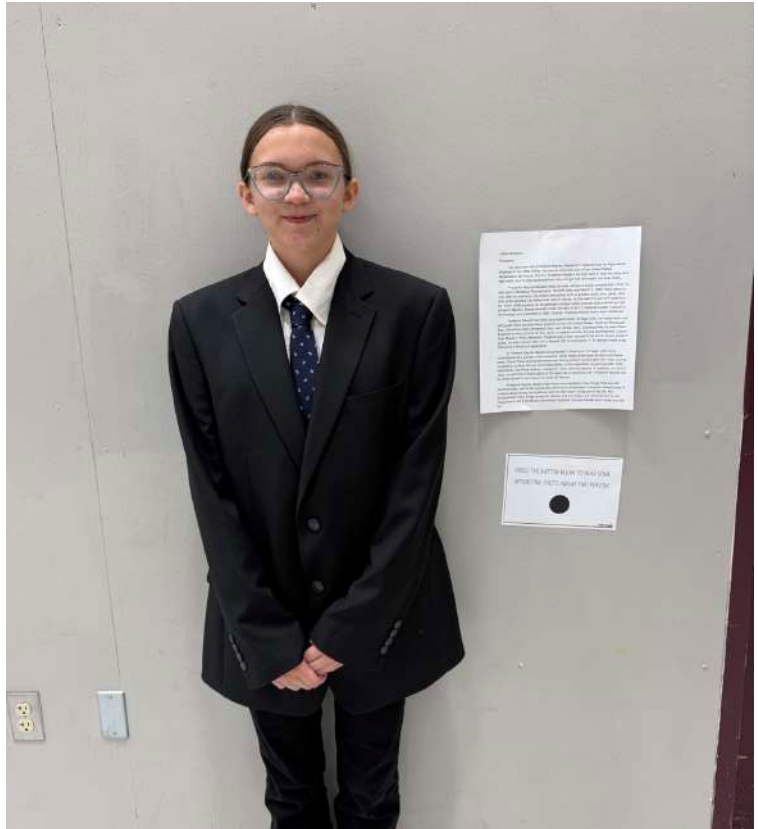
Madam C.J. Walker, Marie Antoinette, Temple Grandin, and Jimmy Carter. Guests included Principal Mr. Galpin, visiting kindergarten through 2nd grade classes, and family members of the presenters.

Students spent weeks researching their assigned historical figure’s early life, family background, education, and contributions to agriculture before writing a full biography and condensing it into a short first-person script. On the day of the event, students stood frozen like wax figures at their stations, some in costume, until a visitor pressed their “make-believe button,” at which point they came to life to deliver their speech before returning to their pose.

The project challenges stu-

dents to research individuals who made a lasting, positive impact on agriculture — from Cyrus McCormick’s mechanical reaper to Clarence Birdseye’s quick-freezing process — while building research, writing, and public speaking skills. Presenting to younger students and community members gave the 8th graders real practice in the kind of employability and communication skills the assignment is designed to teach.

Younger students got a hands-on history lesson, walking from station to station and “activating” each wax figure to hear their story, while the 8th graders practiced presenting with confidence to an audience beyond their own classmates.



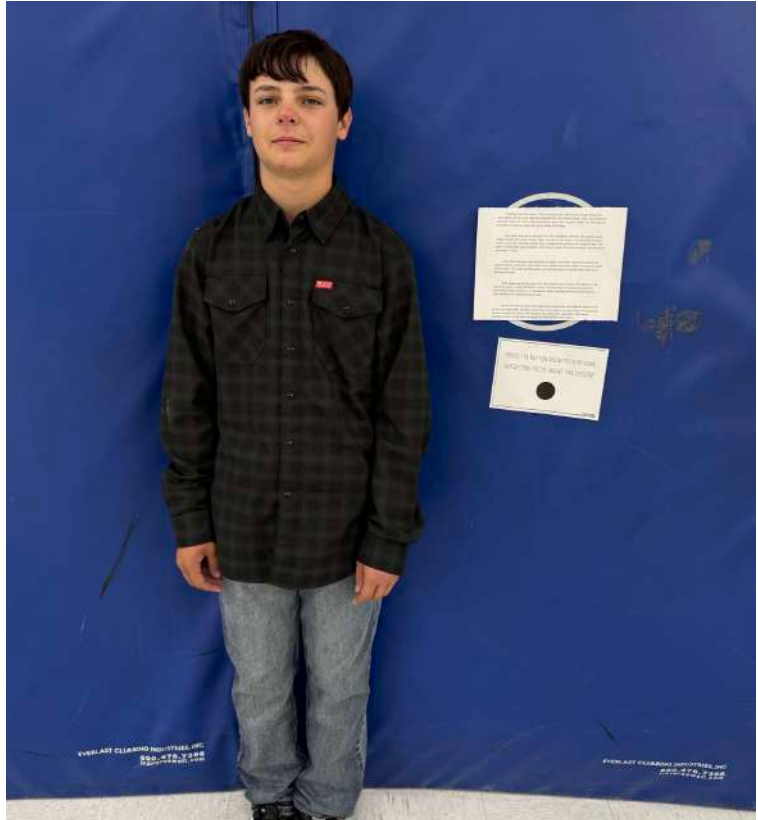
Lillian Raisanen as Fredrick Haynes Newell. Courtesy photo



Annika Bonebrake as Marie Antoinette. Courtesy photo



Kiley Yates as Henry Ford. Courtesy photo



Ashton Howie as John Deere. Courtesy photo

Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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Casey and Taz went up to help preg testing at Jenson’s Monday morning in that cool 70degree weather.

Reub was having trouble with the brakes on his red pickup so we took it up to Hettinger Motors to get it fixed on Tuesday. Unfortunately, there was a part they couldn’t get so we had to leave it there and we called our sweet daughter-in-law Missy to see if she could come get us. Missy came right up, took us to the grocery store so she could get some stuff she needed and then took us home in time for lunch. Thank you, Missy! I spent a lot of time going through my mother Lila (Wilkinson) White’s pictures that afternoon and getting them ready to send to whichever family member was in the picture.

Reub and I went to Hetting-

er on Wednesday to get his red pickup that Hettinger Motors had gotten fixed. Reub and I took the black pickup with the flatbed behind it to leave it in Reeder so we could pick up Reub’s Kubota that John Brown had fixed on the way home from Hettinger. We had to get some stuff from Runnings and White Drug where Reub got his squeeze from his cousin Roxie Finck before we went up to Hettinger Motors to get Reub’s red pickup that they had fixed so we could drive both pickups to Reeder. Reub hooked up the flatbed behind the red pickup and then we both went to John and Phyllis Brown’s house to get the Kubota John had fixed for Reub before we both went down to have coffee with the Prairie Pioneers before I followed Reub and the red pickup home with the black pickup. I don’t know what we’d do without John Brown, because he can

fix anything! Wednesday was also the day for school pictures in Buffalo and I can’t wait to see the new pictures our great grandkids are going to get.

These guys preg tested over at Glendo Thursday morning with Jace Jenson, Trey Tatro and Clint Doll helping them and Missy and Amanda took stuff to eat over to them early that morning. Amanda brought her nephew Keen Jenson home with her so she could take Keen and the twins to Buffalo with her when she went in to help her sister Josi Jenson at her chiropractic clinic. Amanda took all her kids with her to Copper’s basketball game in Faith that evening. The Buffalo basketball team won the game against Faith. Reub went spraying weeds up at our Horse Creek pasture that morning but it was hard to spray because it was really windy so he came home about 2:00 that afternoon.

We got a little rain Friday morning that left just below a quarter of an inch in the rain gauge. It was too wet for Reub to go spraying and I spent most of the day going through my mother Lila White’s old pictures and sending some of them off to family members who were in my mother’s and Grandma Lydia Wilkinson’s pictures. Mom also had a list of all the students that went to the Glendo

country school and all of the teachers who taught school there. Taz was up helping Jace Jenson and Amanda took all the kids except River Lu with her to Buffalo to get things ready for the elementary girls’ basketball tournament on Saturday. River Lu stayed here to entertain Papa Reub and me that afternoon and she was really entertaining. Chad Nelson was in a wreck in his plane on Friday and has many terrible injuries so please pray for him.

Sadly, there is another death to report: Neil R. Krinke, 93, of Scranton, passed away on September 14, in Bismarck. Funeral Services for Neil were held on Saturday, September 19, at the Peace Lutheran Church in Scranton with burial in the Halley Cemetery, rural Scranton.

There was an elementary girls’ basketball tournament in Buffalo on Saturday so everyone here on the ranch except for Reub and I went to watch Copper play in the tournament and her team won it all. Reub and I took some pictures of the Glendo School, the Big Nasty Creek, and some other pictures along with the list of everyone who went to the Glendo and Swanson Schools and all the teachers and the years they taught, over to show to Roger, Dennis and Dale Nash. They enjoyed looking at it and we had a good visit

before we came home.

Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen are spending this month up in Alaska so Pastor Tom Davis gave a great sermon for us on Sunday and Amanda Schuchard wrote the church bulletin and printed it off for us. Thank you to both of them!

I’ll leave you with this funny poem that Teddi Fowler sent me in 1998:

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Eye halve a spelling
chequer
It came with my pea sea
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revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
Eye strike a key and type a
word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar
write
It shows me strait a weigh.
As soon as a mish ache is
maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.
Eye have run this poem
threw it
I am shore your pleased two
no
Its letter perfect awl the
weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.
~ source unknown

Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

September 14, 1916

Buchholz & Richards are in receipt of a telegram from Congressman Harry L. Gandy concerning the Newell Townsite Bill. This means that Newell will get \$15,000 from future sales of town lots for municipal improvements, the money to be expended under plans of the Town Board approved by the Secretary of Interior while this amount is far short of what the town should receive, yet it will help considerably. This effort commenced 4 years ago by the Newell Community Club and the Town Board.

Newell Board of Trustees Street Commissioner David Richards, has sent out notice that they are accepting sealed bids for the graveling of the streets of Newell, according to plans and specifications with John Harlwich, Town Clerk, until 8 o’clock PM September 20. The Board of Trustees of Newell will reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Last week Honorable US Senator Peter Norbeck, Republican candidate for Governor, visited the Newell area. Mr. Norbeck was traveling by car and was on tour of the west river section in the interest of his candidacy.

September 16, 1926

Elwood and Charles Shroyer north of Belle Fourche and Nisland were arrested Thursday last week on complaint of Department Game Warden Edholm of Spearfish. The accused men were arraigned before Justice S. W. Sellers of Belle Fourche and bound over to the Cicuit Court for trial. Bonds were fixed at \$500 each. Elwood lives about 30 miles north of Belle Fourche

where the unlawful act was presumed committed. Upon search of both defendants’ premises at their respective homes, resulted in the finding of a quarter of venison meat.

Nisland is getting pretty well filled up with stray dogs again, coming in for the winter. Save your scraps and see that all of them are well taken care of, for they are lots of company, especially at night.

Mrs. Esther Nelson has opened the Hoover School with 8 pupils and Miss Esther Jacobs is again at the Flaigg School with 12 pupils, 2 of whom are from the discontinued school at Hay Creek. Art Severson, son of Mr. & Mrs. I. Severson of Hoover, entered the Belle Fourche High School in 9th grade

September 17, 1936

A Civil suit against the Homestake Mining Company over the long-used custom of dumping tailings from the mines into streams, was scheduled to start in Federal Court today. The plaintiff is H. M. Jenks, living 30 miles below the mouth of Whitewood Creek, which Homestake has used to carry off tailings for 60 years, is asking for \$19,000 damages. The Homestake Company denies that any damage has been done to the property of the plaintiff. The question is how far downstream chemicals contained in tailings damage fish, land and livestock. The company dates back to territorial days, since it began operations in 1876.

Davis Stoppel, Jr. 8-year-old son of Mr. & Mrs. David Stoppel living west of Nisland, was killed instantly last Friday when a huge caterpillar tractor ran over

by Linda Velder

him. The boy and a neighbor boy from school stopped to play around the tractor, which had been used that day by a CCC crew on a ditching project. The crew had gone off duty and left it on a grade shortly before the boys came along and apparently accidentally released the gears and brakes and the machine rolled forward, catching the Stoppel boy beneath the treads and crushing his head.

The adobe house being built on Elmira Ave, north of the Wilkinson residence, is gradually, assuming shape. It has three fair-sized rooms and is being erected for R. T. Blythe and family. The walls are 10 inches thick, and it is said of this type of house that they are warm in winter and cool in summertime. After the coat of stucco has been added, the exterior will present a neat appearance.

September 12, 1946

There will be a special meeting of all ex-servicemen in the territory at the Newell City Hall Friday at 8:00 PM. Members of all veteran organizations, are well as non-members, are urged to attend. The matter of a County Service Officer will be taken up.

Ed Wintersteen, District OPA Director said early this week in response to several requests for extra sugar. “Sugar is still a scarce item and will no doubt continue to be scarce until well into 1947”, Wintersteen said. Near the end of a stamp period the wholesalers and retailers again build up their inventory while the demand is small. Because of the condition, the sugar supplier will have a large inventory at times. And at other times will have very little sugar



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V. W. Vanderwarka has lost from his sheep range, one milk goat, dark with black stipes on back and down the shoulder, her kid with black stripe on back and white spot on side. If seen, please notify Mr. Vanderwarka or The Valley Irrigator.

September 30, 1956

Representatives of radio station KOTA attended a special meeting of the Jolly Junior Extension Club at the home of Mrs. Gordon Bonestell here Tuesday morning to make a transcription of an interview with the members. It was announced, the broadcast of same is scheduled at 9:00 AM Friday.

An engineer’s survey of the proposed lake along Willow Creek about 10 miles north of Newell was recently authorized by the State Game, Fish & Parks Commission, according to a report received by Tony Toderoff. Several members of the Community Club attended meetings in Pierre prior to the announcement.

Sue Sorenson, Patsye Reinhardt, Rose Campbell and Shirley Wiener were elected cheer leaders of the Nisland High School Tuesday. Freshmen initiation, of which the Seniors are in charge, was concluded at the school Friday evening, with a party and treats.

September 20, 1966

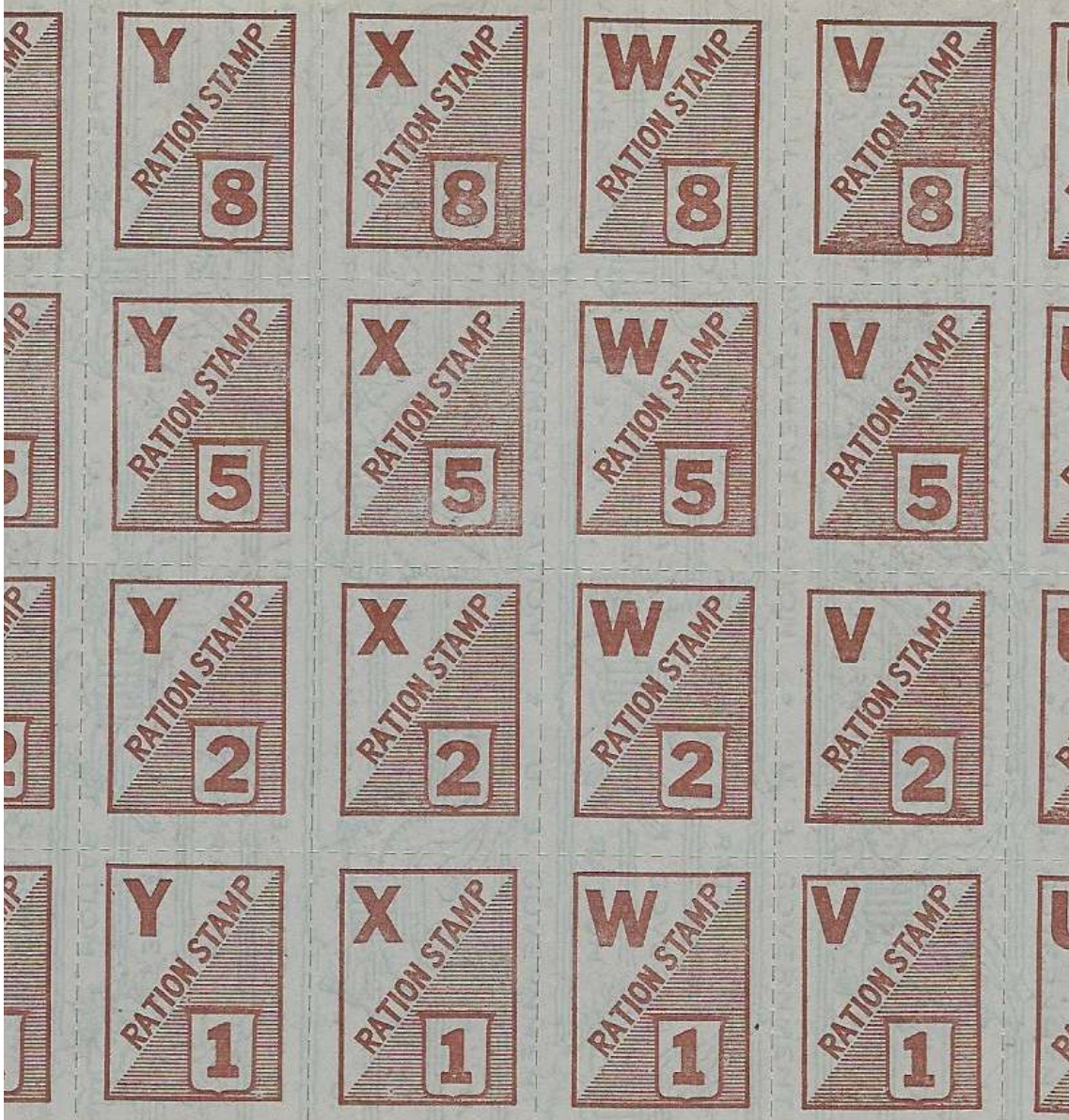
Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Blomberg and Mr. & Mrs. Jim McMains left by plane for Osceola, Wisconsin Friday to get a new plane

for Darrell’s Flying Service. Mr. & Mrs. McMains returned via Huron, where they visited his brother George McMains and arrived home Sunday afternoon.

At a brief session of the Community Club Tuesday noon at the Cove Café, a motion to set Santa Claus Day earlier this year to later in December was deferred for action to its October dinner meeting. Members listed a retirement home and swimming pool as being projects with which the community could progress, possibly using available Federal funds on matching or a grant basis.

John Karen, son of Mrs. Barbara Karen of Newell and Senior at Northern State College in Aberdeen is a candidate for homecoming marshal at the upcoming 51st Annual Gypsy Day there on October 5th. At that time the Northern Wolves will meet the Southern State Pointers from Springfield. John is a regular member of the Wolves line-up, playing the tight end on offensive and handling a wing job in defense.

Mrs. Emelda Carrieres and Mrs. Cecelia Sundstrom visited Friday with Roderick Carrieres in the Belle Fourche Hospital. Roderick returned home Tuesday from the hospital where he had been submitted to surgery. Gary Wendt and Harlan Jacobsen were Wednesday lunch guests at the Carrieres’ home and visited with Roderick, who is recuperating nicely.



(L)1943 era, Ration Stamps, issued into the mid-forties. (R) 1966, Benefit Dance to raise funds for a town swimming pool. Museum photos

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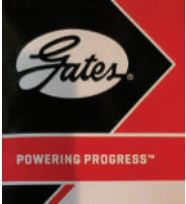
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Ram Sale 2026



Don Drewry, Farmington, MN, won the 2026 Champion Pair of Ewes. Longbrake photos



Dally Myers of Mud Butte took the top honors at the 2026 Newell Ram Sale Wool Show.



James Valley Stock Farm, LaMoure, ND, won the 2026 Grand Champion Ram.



Bags of fleece in the wool competition.



Dave Pearson, Hettinger, ND, won the 2026 Reserve Champion Ram.



Setting the sheep up perfectly as the auctioneer takes bids.



Scott Crawford, Pipestone, MN, won the 2026 Grand Champion Ewe.



The concession stand was a popular place during the sale.



Dave Pearson, Hettinger, ND, won the 2026 Reserve Champion Ewe.



Showing the sheep off to get the highest bid in the sale ring.