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41st Annual Ag Banquet Honors Agriculture Community

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BELLE FOURCHE—Agriculture is more than an industry in the Belle Fourche area—it is made up of the people, families and businesses who keep it going year after year. Those contributions were celebrated during the 41st Annual Agri-Business Appreciation Banquet held September 24 at the Belle Fourche Community Hall.

Belle Fourche’s own Scott Reder served as the master of ceremonies. He informed the crowd of what was happening throughout the evening and kept the event moving along. He shared stories and introduced speakers. One of the stories he shared was about collecting Hot Wheels as a kid. Reder collected a full gallon bucket of the little cars. Later, without thinking much of it, he’d give a car away to any kid that came to visit. Only years later did he realize that something small and ordinary to him would mean something much bigger to the child who received it. He shared how those at the banquet did the same in one way or another—they spent their lives doing the ordinary things that make a community work without necessarily realizing what they were building or who would benefit from it later. “You might be helping the person get their



The 41st Annual Ag Banquet saw a good turnout. Longbrake photo

first job, you might sponsor a kids’ team, you might buy something from a local store that you could have went and bought at a store in a different town or a box store somewhere, you might even hire somebody who’s just getting their first job, or you might build a ranch and pass it down to your grandkids someday,” he said.

Reder explained that you’re just doing what you do. But years later, somebody else may be better off because you did it. “We don’t always know what we’re building while we’re building it, but sometimes we’re just putting another Hot Wheels car in a bucket,” explained Reder. “Tonight ... we’re celebrating some people that have been

putting Hot Wheels cars in their buckets for a long time.”

Belle Fourche Mayor Randy Schmidt welcomed everyone gathered for the event. “This evening gives us an opportunity to do something important, to take this opportunity to recognize the people who make our agriculture possible. Here at Belle Fourche, agriculture isn’t

simply part of our economy. It is part of our sanity, our history, and our way of life,” he said. “Our farmers and ranchers know what it means to put [in] a long day. They understand that work doesn’t stop because it’s a weekend, a holiday, too hot, too cold, or somewhere in

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CONBA Continues a Sweet Fall Tradition



Stacey Raisanen and Leann Hintz serve a variety of pies at the Belle Fourche Livestock Market. Longbrake photo

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BELLE FOURCHE—A slice of pie and a cup of coffee have become a fall tradition for the Center of the Nation Business Association and a way of saying thank you to the ag community at Belle Fourche Livestock Market. This year that gratitude event was on full display September 24.

The small gesture has been going on for well over 15 years as a way to thank the ag community for coming and doing business in Belle. “We do this to thank the buyers and sellers in the ag community at the sale barn for coming to Belle Fourche,” said Stacey Raisanen, CONBA board member. “We want to show how much we appreciate everybody that comes to Belle Fourche.”

The cattle industry has deep roots in Belle Fourche, and the Belle Fourche Livestock Market continues that tradition today. The market has long been an important part of the local agricultural economy, with its regular Thursday sales bringing producers, buyers and others involved in the cattle industry

to town. “Randy Curtis told me years ago that the Belle Fourche Livestock Exchange brings a lot of money to Belle Fourche and they don’t get recognized. So I told Stacey that, and boom, Stacey came up with this idea and it’s been going ever since,” shared Laura Bennett, CONBA.

To prepare for the event, CONBA purchased 15 pies from local bakers. “We bought pies because we are supporting the businesses,” explained Raisanen. “We bought pies from Red Onion Marketplace and Colonial House.”

CONBA members came and went throughout the day to help serve pie and coffee and visit with neighbors during the afternoon. “We have about 12 dozen slices of pie. We had 15 pies—some were eight slices, some were 10,” shared Raisanen.

Choosing which slice may have been the hardest decision of the day. Flavors included chocolate cream, banana cream, Reese, sour cream raisin, coconut cream, apple, peach, pecan, pumpkin and strawberry rhubarb.

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Customer Appreciation Takes Center Stage At Wareing

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BELLE FOURCHE—Wareing Belle Fourche directed its spotlight onto its customers on the afternoon of September 25 to celebrate and thank them and the community for supporting the business. The parking lot was turned into a picnic area with tables, chairs, grills and a whole lot of food as employees served the public during a day of appreciation.

Everyone in the area was invited to enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies and drinks. The day was an opportunity for the business to give back to the local area. “We just want to say, hey, thanks for coming in. Thanks for—whether it’s service, parts, sales, whatever it is—thank you for helping us be a successful business! We want them to know we are here,” explained Josh Quigley, general manager.

Throughout the event, drawings were held for door prizes.

The business made the decision to buy local for the giveaway items. “I went to local businesses and bought a bunch of stuff to give away—we got as much local stuff as we could here for the food and everything... burgers and stuff, I got right there at Lueders,” shared Quigley.

The lucky winners went home with more than just a full stomach. Prizes included a handful of \$50 gift cards from local businesses like the Hair Gallery, Weather Hat Company, Rancho Los Agaves and The Homestead Store, plus Wareing oil changes and, for the grand prize at the end of the day, a 65-inch TV. “The only thing I couldn’t get local was that TV—I’m gonna go to different businesses all the time when we do this again,” shared Quigley.

Wareing Belle Fourche is working hard to get involved in the community. “Absolutely, I want to really get involved with the schools too. We are looking

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Josh Quigley, general manager, with help from his wife McKenzie, cooked up burgers and hot dogs. Longbrake photo

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Rebecca “Becky” Brown 67

Rebecca “Becky” Brown, 67, of Belle Fourche, passed away Sunday, September 27, 2026, at home, surrounded by her loving family.

Becky was born December 8, 1958, in Miles City, Montana, to Shirley (Grant) and Eugene Heaps as the middle of five children. They moved throughout eastern Montana together before settling in Baker in 1967. She graduated from Baker High School in 1977 and married David Brown of Baker on March 20, 1982. Together they shared more than 44 wonderful years of marriage.

She held many jobs over the years, but she considered being a mother her most important and rewarding role. She was proud of her children and grandchildren and was always excited to spend time with them. Her children credit Becky with shaping their taste in movies and television. Her children grew up with the humor of Mel Brooks, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, Hogan’s Heroes, Blackadder, My Fair Lady, and Christmas movies. These favorites made Becky laugh, which is a memory that will stay with her children every time they revisit them.

When her children were young, Becky loved taking them camping. In later years, she continued to enjoy summer camping trips with David, along with rides through the Black Hills in their side-by-side. Becky also loved dogs, her neigh-



bors in Belle Fourche, and quiet time spent crafting, quilting, reading a good book, or playing games. Around the holidays, her peanut brittle and hot cocoa were something to look forward to—and her strawberry pretzel salad was a year-round family favorite.

Becky is survived by her husband, David, of Belle Fourche; her daughter, Melissa (Joseph) Bueno, of Sturgis; her son, Mathew (Tamra), of Rapid City; her grandchildren, Jakob, Seth, and Mak; her sister, Dianna Hoff, of Sidney, Montana; her brothers, Kenny (Cindy) Heaps and Tommy (Caroline) Heaps, both of Baker, Montana, and Donny Heaps, of Spokane, Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Shirley and Eugene Heaps; her in-laws Fred and Foye Brown; her brother-in-law, Howard Hoff; and her niece, Chelsea Berler.

A celebration of Becky’s life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. There will be no visitation. Inurnment will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis. Following the inurnment, family and friends will gather for food and refreshments at the Branding Iron in Belle Fourche.



Buddy Lynn Ireland 80

Buddy Lynn Ireland, 80, of Belle Fourche, SD died from post-surgical complications in his home on September 26, 2026, surrounded by those who loved him most.

He was born in 1946 in Rapid City, SD. He was the 5th child of Theodore and Gerri Ireland. Bud lived his first few years on the Ireland Family Ranch in Martin, SD before his family moved to Folsom, SD where he attended his grade school years. He and his brother Bruce rode horseback to and from school. He spent many hours playing baseball on the Hermosa fields. He loved to hunt and cause shenanigans with his brother Bruce, and he spent a lot of time working for the area neighbors in the Railroad Buttes.

When his family returned to Martin, Bud continued high school in New Underwood, SD residing in the dormitory for the first two years. His junior and senior years he lived with the Tisdale family and spent many hours brainstorming mischief with his buddies Jack Tisdale and Mick Simon. Bud was the quarterback of the New Underwood Tigers football team and played basketball and ran track. He graduated from New Underwood High School in 1964. While in high school he asked Peggy Cox out on a date and over the next six decades took her on many more.

Bud went on to receive his teaching degree from Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD in 1968. He spent his first year as an educator in Rawlins, WY while Peggy was finishing up her last year of college. He talked fondly about his first job teaching math and coaching in Rawlins, but he especially enjoyed fly fishing and hunting. Bud returned home to New Underwood in 1969 when he and Peggy were united in marriage. The two spent their first four years of marriage residing in Rapid City. After their home was destroyed in the Rapid City flood of 1972, they bought a small ranch in Box Elder where they stayed for 50 years. Bud started there with a tree, an outhouse, and a chicken coop, then built his entire place with his own two hands. In 1975 their oldest daughter Kami was born and Lana followed in 1978.

Bud continued his career as a math teacher and student council advisor at North Middle School. In addition to teaching and ranching, in the summers he worked as a mason and carpenter. He received his master’s in education from South Dakota State in 1976. He finished his 36-year teaching career as an algebra teacher at Dakota Middle School where he also coached wrestling and football for the Dakota Nuggets.

Bud’s favorite past times were spending time with his girls and raising cows and horses. Before his daughters were born, he loved heeling steers and roping calves. Later, he spent countless hours in the arena with his daughters opening the chute, holding goats, and helping train barrel and pole bending horses. He loved improving their basketball skills in the barn and could often be found in the gym helping them practice after normal practice was over. He never missed a ball game or a chance to push their calves at a rodeo.

Bud was full of wit and rarely passed on an opportunity to play a joke. From a birthday cake frosted with horse turds to a sheep put in the yard after dark, his friends always knew who was responsible.

Bud was the volunteer South Dakota State High School Rodeo Secretary for fifteen years. He was pivotal in the creation of the original point system and in the building of the New Underwood Rodeo Grounds and hosting of the SDHSRA Finals. He invested a lot of his life in high school rodeo and was instrumental in bringing the National High School Finals to Rapid City.



After Bud retired from teaching, he became a brand inspector for the state of South Dakota. Brand inspecting was another opportunity for him to serve the community while socializing with the agricultural people that he loved. He inspected until his death. Bud was a member of the New Underwood Lions Club, served several years on

the Soil Conservation Board, was a past member of the SD Buckaroos, and was a dedicated member of the New Underwood Roping Club. He also spent many weekends running the tractor at his daughter Lana’s barrel racing productions.

He gained the son he never had when Lana married Levi Dacar in 2012. Two years later, his granddaughter Ellie was born. She was the apple of his eye and his partner in crime. He looked forward to weekly card games and shooting hoops with Ellie. He loved to watch her games and rodeo events. He instilled in Ellie her love for his way of life by helping start her own Longhorn herd and gifting her with his best horses.

Bud fulfilled his lifelong dream of finally owning a real ranch when he and Peggy moved to rural Belle Fourche in 2022. He would say the view out of his front window of Terry Peak, Bear Butte, and the Belle Fourche River Valley was beautiful, but the best view was out his back window – where there was nothing but pasture for miles. As his mobility declined, Bud could be found driving his Gator around his ranch to check cows and was rarely seen without his border collie dogs. He loved to put up hay and build and fix things in his shop. He loved to fish and was often out scoping and hunting for elk with his son-in-law Levi. He also loved to ride with his buddy, Caleb, in the Muleshoe Ranch airplane. And two days a week at 7am for the past three years he rarely missed a physical therapy appointment and his chance of being spoiled by the gals he adored at Pain & Movement Solutions.

Bud started ranching from scratch and built everything he owned himself and on his own dime. He was never given anything. He knew the value of hard work and hustle and instilled it deeply in his daughters. He believed in the value behind a handshake, standing up for what you believed, and dishonesty was never considered. He was a phenomenal carpenter and an accomplished horseman and rancher. But he will be remembered most as an incredible husband, father, grandfather, and friend. While his death brings an overwhelming sense of loss for those close to him, his legacy will forever live on in the way he showed them how to live and love.

Bud was preceded in death by his mother Gerri, father Theodore, brothers Roger, Bruce, Don, and sister Shari. Grateful to have shared in his life are his wife of 57 years, Peggy, his daughter Kami, his daughter Lana and son-in-law Levi, and his granddaughter Ellie Ann all of Belle Fourche; his sister LaWanda Rayhill (Rodney) of Martin, and his beloved Border Collies Ty, Joe, Lyle, and Kate. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law Sandra Cox, Sherry Cox, and Rhonda (Kenny) Egle; brothers-in-law Ed Cox, Randy (Lynelle) Cox, Rick (Katrina) Cox; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday, October 2nd at 11:00 am at the New Underwood High School Gymnasium, 300 East Ash Street, New Underwood, SD 57761. A Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the Gymnasium. A lunch will immediately follow at the Gymnasium. Interment will be at 3:30 pm at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.



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Jarret Inghram drew for a lucky door prize winner while Josh Quigley held the container. Longbrake photo

From A1 Wareing to do whatever we can do,” said Quigley. “We have to have each other’s back. I mean, I can’t survive without you, and we do employ a lot of people here, and are always hiring. So as we grow, which we are growing... we’ll need more people and we’ll create more jobs,” explained Quigley.

The event provided the opportunity to get to know the new general manager Josh Quigley. He has been in his position since April of this year. He has spent many years in the Black Hills area and is familiar with Belle Fourche. You can find him at the Belle Fourche store every day except Saturdays. He brings with him 28 years in the car business. He and his wife, McKenzie, have three children—a 22-year-old daughter and two sons, a senior and a freshman in high school.

Paul Wareing purchased the dealership five years ago from Scott Peterson of Scott Peterson Motors. They employ around 42 people in the area. “We do a lot of hiring here. I try to hire locally and I like to move people up from within,” explained Quigley. “I’m always looking for good people and we have a lot of people who’ve been here a long time—a lot of good people.”

The dealership has an eye on the future and is looking for ways to grow. “Right now I got to get this going perfect, and then I can grow it,” said Quigley.

As the dealership focuses on growing and becomes more involved in the community, Quigley encourages people to stop in and give Wareing Belle Fourche a try. “Just give us a shot first. You know, just try us. You don’t have to trust me—just try me. I’ll do my very best for you to put something together,” he said.



General manager Josh Quigley, owner Paul Wareing and salesman Jarret Inghram enjoyed the Customer Appreciation Feed. Longbrake photo



Wareing Belle Fourche Ford employees awarded the 65-inch 4K TV to the lucky winner, Robbi Longbrake. Courtesy photo



Wareing Belle Fourche hosted a Customer Appreciation Feed in its parking lot. Longbrake photo

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Black Hills Roundup Chairman Bill Eastman recognized the hardworking Ag Committee, the members of the Black Hills Roundup Board, their spouses, those who help out in a variety of ways, the rodeo queens, the city of Belle Fourche, the volunteers and all of the sponsors. “The 2026 year [is] our 106th Roundup—we are very proud of that, but the success that we have this year and every year doesn’t come easily... It comes from the community—all of you, coming together to support such a huge thing—this is way bigger than all of us. The Black Hills Roundup has been going on forever—it’s a part of history, it’s a culture here and we definitely couldn’t do it without all of you,” he said. “So thank all of you for that, so many volunteers that stepped up to the plate and helped a bunch of us rookies out when we really needed you the most... So thank you very much for all the volunteers... Thank you very much, sponsors, for sure.”

Leading the room in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation prior to the meal was Phil Kissack.

The meal was delicious; the first course was a side salad served tableside with the help of the Black Hills Roundup Royalty. Branding Iron Steakhouse grilled the main course on site and served a buffet-style meal of steak, mashed potatoes, corn and a dinner roll. Cupcakes, provided by Lynn’s Dakotamart, were brought around to each table by the Rodeo Royalty once again.

Broke Loco played live music during the dinner hour. Clint Hahn and Daron Lacina made up the duo. Music was sponsored by CATL’ Resources, Tim and Dr. Chandy Olson.

The winners who show up to the banquet have no idea they are about to be honored, making for an exciting night. The announcement of this year’s award recipients is a much-anticipated part of the evening.

The first award of the night was the 2026 Ag Leadership Award. This is the seventh

year the award has been given. This year’s recipient was Holly Main. She spent decades serving area youth and the agricultural community, particularly through her involvement with 4-H, FFA, shooting sports, youth leadership programs and numerous other community organizations. “I get emotional at the littlest things—this is a really big thing! I didn’t think I was old enough to get this award,” joked Main. “Thank you. Thank you to an amazing, amazing community to have supported me all through my growing up, and now to support my kids and all of our community, I’m just grateful. Thank you!”

The next award of the evening, established in 1998, was the Dick Reder Memorial Ag Young Rancher Family Award. This year’s winners were Ty and Jamie Thybo.

Both grew up in ranching families and graduated from Harding County High School. Jamie later went to Black Hills State University with a rodeo scholarship and earned an accounting and business degree. She went on to purchase Northern Hills Business and Tax, the same business she interned at after college. She is an EMT.

Ty attended Central Wyoming College, where he competed on the rodeo team. He returned to Reva to work alongside his father at the Bar H Ranch.

Ty and Jamie had been friends for years before they began dating. “Thursdays were team roping days at her home. He was always there. Her dad thought he really liked how he handled the steers, but he found out later that wasn’t the real reason he was coming around,” Reder joked.

They married in 2016 and have two children. The couple took over management of the Bar H Ranch, the same one Ty’s father ran. “Guess I’ll just say, thank you. Guess I wasn’t sure what we were coming to this deal for—this must be it,” said Ty.

E&M Steel Products was honored as this year’s Ag Business. E&M Steel Products is a family-owned business located west of Belle Fourche that offers a variety of steel and fabricated products for the agricultural

community. The business is owned by Brad and Alix Manke, who support the community through local events and organizations, including a partnership with the Black Hills Roundup this past summer to purchase a new set of chutes for the rodeo.

“Yeah, I wasn’t expecting that. Thank you to everyone. We couldn’t do what we do without my wife, our health, my family. Yeah, pretty big honor to have this. Our family succeeds because of everybody in this room, so we appreciate that,” said Brad.

Mike and Melanie Pittman were honored with this year’s Ag Persons of the Year Award. The Pittmans have worked side by side for 45 years on their farm west of Belle Fourche. Their farm was established in 1925 by Melanie’s great-grandfather. For 36 years, they operated a Grade A dairy before transitioning to raising cattle and sheep when the dairy market changed in South Dakota. Today, another generation is growing up on the farm—their grandson is the sixth generation to help care for the animals.

The Pittman farm hosted Kindergarten Farm Day for over 20 years. Tours of the farm were given, and activities the kids enjoyed included feeding bottle calves and meeting goats, dogs, cats, chickens, ducks, peacocks and Evelyn the pot-belly pig. The farm provided sack lunches and ice cream to the visitors. The Belle Fourche School District honored the Pittmans as partners in education for the tours.

When the Pittmans accepted the award, Mike held his young grandson up and pointed to him as the next generation.

The room looked fancy with rows of tables draped in solid black tablecloths and topped with individual centerpieces created just for the banquet. Winning top honors for the best centerpiece was Highmark Federal Credit Union.

Joan Manke, Ag Banquet Committee member, awarded Friends of the Ag Committee recognitions to Melissa Kraft and jointly to Roxi Dobesh and Toni Moncur. They were honored with flower bouquets.



Scott Reder served as master of ceremonies for the Ag Banquet.



Phil Kissack gave the invocation.



Broke Loco entertained the crowd. Longbrake photo(s)



Ty and Jamie Thybo received the 2026 Dick Reder Memorial Ag Young Rancher Family Award.



Standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

More Photos from the Ag Banquet



Black Hills Roundup and other rodeo royalty served salads tableside. Longbrake photo(s)



Holly Main was honored with the 2026 Ag Leadership Award.



Roxi Dobesh and Toni Moncur received the Friends of the Ag Committee recognition from Ag Banquet Committee member Joan Manke for all they do to help with the Ag Banquet.



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There was vanilla ice cream and whipped cream to top the pie. “Lueders donated the ice cream and whipped topping,” shared Raisanen. “This is the first time in two or three years that we’ve asked them for a donation, and that is because we’re trying to conserve [enough money] for at least through the Easter egg hunt... we’re strategizing what we can do.”

Enough business flows through the sale barn that CONBA had no doubt that all of the pie would be gone by the end of the day. “We will [run out]. If we don’t, we just leave it for them, and it goes like that,” said Raisanen.

Look for CONBA’s next event, the annual Halloween Parade and costume contest down State Street!



Dianna Palmer adds vanilla ice cream to the top of a slice of pie. Longbrake photo

Passing Medicaid ballot measure would reduce services and spike insurance costs, opponents say

Joshua Haiar
South Dakota SearchLight

SIOUX FALLS — Opponents of a Nov. 3 ballot measure to end Medicaid expansion if federal funding is cut said Monday that the measure would reduce access to care and shift more health care costs onto people with private insurance.

South Dakota’s Republican attorney general and its opponents say Amendment I would automatically repeal Medicaid expansion if federal funding falls and no longer covers 90% of the program’s costs. Proponents say the measure allows lawmakers to consider repealing, altering or maintaining it if federal funding falls below that level.

The No on I coalition is led in part by Republican Jean Hunhoff, a longtime nurse and former state lawmaker who served 24 years in Pierre, including as chair of the state’s budget committee.

Hospitals can’t turn people away because they are uninsured, she said. If people lose Medicaid and their ability to pay for care along with it, Hunhoff said, hospitals will need to charge other people more to make up their losses.

“They have to serve those patients, and they’re going to do it,” Hunhoff said. “But they are a business, too, and like any other business, they have to have the finances to be able to continue those services.”

Medicaid is a federal-state health insurance program for low income

people. In 2022, South Dakota voters approved a citizen-initiated state constitutional amendment to extend Medicaid eligibility to adults with incomes up to 138% of the poverty level. The expansion capitalized on a federal law passed during the President Barack Obama administration that covers 90% of states’ expansion costs.

Because the expansion is part of the state constitution, only voters can alter it.

At a coalition press conference in Sioux Falls, Hunhoff and South Dakota Nurses Association President Deb Fischer-Clemens said Medicaid expansion provides health coverage to more than 31,000 South Dakotans and helps patients get preventive care and treatment before medical conditions become more costly emergencies.

“It is health insurance coverage for real people, real families and real communities across South Dakota,” Fischer-Clemens said.

Fischer-Clemens said the financial burden on hospitals would only grow as more preventive care and minor treatments become emergency room visits and surgeries.

Expanded Medicaid provides about \$400 million annually to hospitals that would otherwise go unreimbursed, South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations President Tim Rave said. Without Medicaid reimbursement, more of that care would become charity or unreimbursed care, Fischer-Clemens and Hunhoff said, leaving hos-

pitals to find other revenue sources or cut services.

“If you take that away, think about the future,” Hunhoff said.

The consequences of undoing Medicaid expansion would be particularly serious in rural communities, Hunhoff said, because those hospitals and clinics often operate on thin margins.

Those costs could ultimately be spread through higher private insurance premiums, too.

“The public will pay for these people’s health care, whether you cut Medicaid or not,” Fischer-Clemens told South Dakota Searchlight.

The federal government could warn states if it planned to cut the federal match rate, the measure’s opponents argued, giving lawmakers and voters time to address a hypothetical cut. But if they didn’t, Hunhoff said programs would need to be cut or new taxes would be needed to pay for them.

Republican former Rep. Will Mortenson, of Fort Pierre, sponsored the bill to put Amendment I to a public vote. The issue is fundamentally about budget priorities, he said. If federal funding declines, lawmakers should have the flexibility to decide whether Medicaid expansion should continue, rather than protecting it ahead of other budget priorities, he said.

“This is about whether able-bodied people receiving welfare is a higher priority than, say, K-12 education,” Mortenson said.



South Dakota Nurses Association President Deb Fischer-Clemens chats with Republican Jean Hunhoff, a longtime nurse and former state lawmaker, after their coalition encouraging people to vote “No on I” hosted its first press conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Aug. 9, 2026. (Photo by Joshua Haiar/South Dakota Searchlight)

Show Up!

by Belle LaVenue



Belle Fourche High School has cast their first show of the year! The show is **Pick Your Poison** by Laura Barbieri. It is a comedy and a mystery with unexpected twists right to the end. And speaking of twists, the directors, Nathan Schreier and Allie Jusso-Verry have cast the show with multiple casts: Casts A & B and also the Understudy Cast. We are sharing all three casts and looking forward to multiple shows to follow all our high school thespians! The A & B Casts will be on stage for the usual fall performances (November 19-21) and the Understudy Cast will do their show in a separate performance for friends and family. According to Nathan Schreier, these multiple casts will give the actors an opportunity to work with a smaller cast team and strengthen their acting skills with deeper character development. This will make for a special fall production for the BFHS theater program.

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 28, Monday,PRACTICES begin for the BFHS fall production *Pick Your Poison* by Laura Barbieri.
November 2, Monday, 7 PM, the BFHS Theater Department begins November 2, Monday, 7 PM BFHS Fall Concert, BF Rec Center Theater
November 11, Wednesday, 9 AM, BFHS Veterans Day Program, BF Rec Center Theater
November 11, Wednesday, 2 PM, BFMS Veterans Day Program, BFMS Gymnasium

PICK YOUR POISON

Cast List

Stage Manager Riley Okeson
Assistant Stage Manager TBA
Lights Isabella Evans
Sound Braxxton Reid
Stage Crew Jacob Tonsager, Tayleigh Woodridge, Brux Hartman

Cast A

Alice	Kate Blair
Fifi	Madi Carson
Octavia	Kalani Meyers
Clara	Sonja Cropper
Hector	Trevor Welles
Lord Earnest	Tanner Wright
Doctor Hayes	Logan Willert
Sir Nicholas	Derek Scott
Police Man 1	Avery Mastin
Police Man 2	Ember Shannon

Ensemble/Stage Crew:
Ember Olson, Gracie Harr, April Jackson, Titus Thompson, Madison Dalton, Devyn Perschbacher, Lauralee Dreiske, Olivia Tanska, Aspen Richter, Ainsley Jewett, Bella Welles, Iva Hale, Kaeli Thompson, Tace Hartman, Nathan Erhart, Samuel Savery, Dillon Streeter, Trey Shannon

Cast B

Alice	Bella Welles
Fifi	Iva Hale
Octavia	Kaeli Thompson
Clara	Tace Hartman
Hector	Nathan Erhart
Lord Earnest	Samuel Savery
Doctor Hayes	Dillon Streeter
Sir Nicholas	Trey Shannon
Police Man 1	Avery Mastin
Police Man 2	Ember Shannon

Ensemble/Stage Crew:
Ember Olson, Gracie Harr, April Jackson, Titus Thompson, Madison Dalton, Devyn Perschbacher, Lauralee Dreiske, Olivia Tanska, Aspen Richter, Ainsley Jewett, Kate Blair, Madi Carson, Kalani Meyers, Sonja Cropper, Trevor Welles, Tanner Wright, Logan Willert, Derek Scott

Understudy Cast

Alice	Ember Olson
Fifi	Gracie Harr
Octavia	April Jackson
Clara	Ember Shannon
Hector	Titus Thompson
Lady Ethel	Madison Dalton
Doctor Hayes	Devyn Perschbacher
Sir Nicholas	Avery Mastin
Police Man 1	Lauralee Dreiske
Police Man 2	Olivia Tanska

Ensemble/Stage Crew:
Aspen Richter, Kaeli Thompson, Kalani Meyers, Tace Hartman, Sonja Cropper, Dillon Streeter, Trey Shannon, Tanner Wright, Derek Scott, Ainsley Jewett, Bella Welles, Iva Hale, Kate Blair, Madi Carson, Nathan Erhart, Samuel Savery, Logan Willert, Trevor Welles

Governor Rhoden Announces Northrop Grumman As Anchor Tenant in Rapid City Defense Cluster

Governor Larry Rhoden advanced South Dakota's growing national security industry by announcing support for a new defense cluster.

PIERRE, S.D. – Today, Governor Larry Rhoden advanced South Dakota's growing national security industry by announcing support for a new defense cluster with Northrop Grumman as the anchor tenant. You can find a photo from the announcement here.

"National security is South Dakota's next big industry, and today we're putting action behind that commitment," said Governor Rhoden.

"When a world-class company like Northrop Grumman chooses to invest in our state, it sends a strong signal to the national security industry about their belief in the opportunities available in South Dakota.

Our investment will help us build the infrastructure needed to support that growing national security industry. This is a key step to deliver on our mission to keep our state and nation strong, safe, and free."

Governor Rhoden announced an investment of \$1 million

to support a new facility in the Rapid City Innovation District, which will establish a defense cluster in Rapid City.

The first anchor tenant at the new facility will be Northrop Grumman, which is the manufacturer of the B-21 Raider. Additional companies will be added to the defense cluster in the future.

This is part of Elevate Rapid City's investment of \$18 million in the Rapid City Innovation District to create space for new companies and jobs.

Northrop Grumman manufactures the B-21 Raider, which is the most high-tech bomber aircraft in the world. Northrop Grumman is a leader in the space, aeronautics, defense, and cybersecurity industries, and their mission is to "pioneer technologies at the edge of every frontier to connect, advance, and protect the U.S. and its allies."

Ellsworth Air Force Base in Box Elder will be the first home of the B-21 Raider, and that is esti-



Ellsworth Air Force Base's Col. Jonathan Keller, 28th Bomb Wing Commander addresses the event attendees.

mated to take place next year.

U.S. Senator Mike Rounds, Elevate Rapid City, the South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority, and the Governor's Office of Economic Development all played instrumental roles in making this expansion possible.

"Northrop Grumman's presence in the Innovation District is an important step in what we're building in Rapid City," said Jack Valentine, president and CEO of Elevate Rapid City. "This investment gives us the infrastructure to bring more defense companies, talent, and opportunities to the region and build on the momentum surrounding Ellsworth."

This investment complements other national security initiatives Governor Rhoden has created, including the South Dakota Defense Institute and the Governor's Resilience and Infrastructure Task Force.

Together, these efforts are focused on strengthening the state's defense ecosystem, supporting critical infrastructure, and creating opportunities for greater collaboration between industry, government, and education.



Republican State Senator Helene Duhamel and State Representative Steve Duffy were in attendance at Northrop Grumman event September 23 in Rapid City.



News that Northrop Grumman, maker of the B-21 Stealth Bomber would occupy a future administrative building on the Elevate Rapid City Campus was presented Wednesday Sept. 23rd. (Photos Courtesy of Rep. Duffy's Facebook page)

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Brownfield Ranch Inc, Hammond, MT	16	..Bldd	..Hfr	1006	...	\$ 296.50
Clarkson & Co, Buffalo, SD	12	..Blk	Str	991	...	\$ 317.00
Clarkson & Co, Buffalo, SD	13	..Bldd	..Hfr	980	...	\$ 295.00
Cross Roads Cattle, Billings, MT	38	..B/R	Str	942	...	\$ 335.50
Hagen, Carl, Hermosa, SD	10	..Mix	Str	1134	...	\$ 271.00
Hoffman, Matt Or Jana, St Onge, SD	27	..Bldd	..Str	1023	...	\$ 318.50
Jones, Victor, Sundance, WY	37	..Blk	..Hfr	850	...	\$ 326.50
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont, SD	41	..Blk	..Hfr	852	...	\$ 327.50
Kokesh, Rich Or Sherry, Belle Fourche, SD	30	..Blk	..Hfr	1061	...	\$ 284.50
Stevens & Herman, Ashland, MT	12	..Blk	..Hfr	898	...	\$ 323.50

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Fuller Livestock Ltd Liability, Gillette, WY	46	..Blk	Str	357	...	\$ 655.00
Fuller Livestock Ltd Liability, Gillette, WY	95	..Blk	..Hfr	431	...	\$ 480.00
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Andersen, Myron, Whitewood, SD	26	..Blk	Str	593	...	\$ 434.00
Bowman, Tracy, Fairburn, SD	39	..Bldd	Str	529	...	\$ 462.50
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Bowman, Tracy, Fairburn, SD	34	..Blk	..Hfr	502	...	\$ 440.00
Bowman, Tracy, Fairburn, SD	15	..Blk	..Hfr	410	...	\$ 485.00
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Crump Land & Livestock, Gillette, WY	16	..Red	Str	421	...	\$ 542.50
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Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn, Osage, WY	99	..Blk	Str	521	...	\$ 461.00
Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn, Osage, WY	91	..Bldd	Str	453	...	\$ 538.00
Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn, Osage, WY	25	..Blk	Str	357	...	\$ 653.00
Geis Ranch Llc, Gillette, WY	18	..B/R	Str	514	...	\$ 477.00
Geis Ranch Llc, Gillette, WY	22	..B/R	Str	416	...	\$ 556.00
Hanson, Chris Or Kellie, Piedmont, SD	13	..Bldd	Str	635	...	\$ 418.00
Innes Ranch Llc, Gillette, WY	42	..Blk	Str	536	...	\$ 458.00
Innes Ranch Llc, Gillette, WY	22	..Blk	..Hfr	535	...	\$ 405.00
Innes Ranch Llc, Gillette, WY	13	..Blk	..Hfr	465	...	\$ 446.00
Mcdonald, James O & Rhoda M, Hulett, WY	36	..B/R	Str	479	...	\$ 503.00
Mcdonald, James O & Rhoda M, Hulett, WY	21	..Bldd	..Hfr	432	...	\$ 486.00
Mills Brothers, Gillette, WY	37	..Bldd	Str	463	...	\$ 522.50
Mills Brothers, Gillette, WY	13	..Bldd	Str	383	...	\$ 608.00
Mills Brothers, Gillette, WY	17	..Blk	..Hfr	401	...	\$ 492.50
Roush, Dustin J Or Stelson J, Gillette, WY	29	..Bldd	Str	609	...	\$ 431.00
Roush, Dustin J Or Stelson J, Gillette, WY	25	..Blk	..Hfr	573	...	\$ 385.00
Schuldies, Gerald, Spearfish, SD	21	..Bldd	Str	617	...	\$ 430.00
Schuricht, Ken, Moorcroft, WY	78	..Blk	Str	465	...	\$ 519.00
Schuricht, Ken, Moorcroft, WY	21	..Blk	Str	375	...	\$ 623.00
Trump, Steve, Custer, SD	15	..Bldd	Str	526	...	\$ 468.00
Williams, Justin Or Heidi, St Onge, SD	70	..Blk	Str	528	...	\$ 466.00
Williams, Justin Or Heidi, St Onge, SD	42	..B/R	Str	440	...	\$ 547.50
Williams, Justin Or Heidi, St Onge, SD	11	..Bldd	Str	358	...	\$ 645.00
Williams, Justin Or Heidi, St Onge, SD	37	..Blk	..Hfr	448	...	\$ 457.00
Williams, Justin Or Heidi, St Onge, SD	27	..Bldd	..Hfr	372	...	\$ 561.00

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Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY	55	..Blk	S-Ss	1319	...	\$ 2,900.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY	18	..Red	S-Ss	1286	...	\$ 2,750.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY	11	..B/R	Broken	1236	...	\$ 2,475.00
Scott, Edward S & Linda F, Moorcroft, WY	15	..Red	S-Ss	1388	...	\$ 2,700.00
Stevens & Herman, Ashland, MT	38	..Blk	..Hfr	890	...	\$ 3,400.00
Yates, Greg, Ekalaka, MT	55	..Blk	..Hfr	882	...	\$ 3,350.00

WEIGH UP COWS

Bird, Jim, Volborg, MT	1	..Blk	Cow	1375	...	\$ 151.00
Crump, John David, Gillette, WY	1	..Blk	Cow	1595	...	\$ 152.00
Dacar, Robert Curtis, Whitewood, SD	6	..Red	Cow	1354	...	\$ 154.50
Dacar, Robert Curtis, Whitewood, SD	1	..Red	Cow	1430	...	\$ 150.00
Dacar, Robert Curtis, Whitewood, SD	6	..Red	Cow	1223	...	\$ 149.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY	16	..Blk	Cow	1410	...	\$ 154.00
Double Sickle Ranch, Rapid City, SD	17	..Bldd	Cwett	1167	...	\$ 210.00
Double Sickle Ranch, Rapid City, SD	1	..Blk	Cow	1285	...	\$ 157.50
Double Sickle Ranch, Rapid City, SD	19	..Bldd	Cow	1256	...	\$ 156.50
Double Sickle Ranch, Rapid City, SD	9	..Blk	Cow	1346	...	\$ 155.00
Eaton, Wayne, St Onge, SD	3	..Blk	Cwett	1333	...	\$ 177.00
Ismay, Dusta, Newell, SD	1	..Blk	Cow	1305	...	\$ 153.00
Jordan, Steven Wayne & Nicole E, Alva, WY	1	..Red	Hfrt	1085	...	\$ 222.50
Kammerer, Jake, Rapid City, SD	3	..Blk	Cow	1415	...	\$ 154.00
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City, SD	2	..Blk	Hfrt	1170	...	\$ 227.50
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City, SD	1	..Blk	Cwett	1330	...	\$ 205.00
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City, SD	6	..Blk	Cow	1504	...	\$ 156.50
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City, SD	3	..Blk	Cow	1565	...	\$ 151.50
Keil, Reggie Or Sebbie, St Onge, SD	1	..Blk	Hfrt	1085	...	\$ 227.50
Malli, Colin, Arvada, WY	1	..Red	Hfrt	765	...	\$ 332.50
Malli, Riley Leroy Or Kristine, Arvada, WY	1	..Bld	Hfrt	1055	...	\$ 274.00
Malli, Riley Leroy Or Kristine, Arvada, WY	5	..Blk	Hfrt	832	...	\$ 267.50
Malli, Riley Leroy Or Kristine, Arvada, WY	1	..Red	Hfrt	935	...	\$ 245.00
Malli, Riley Leroy Or Kristine, Arvada, WY	1	..Blk	Hfrt	1055	...	\$ 237.50
Malli, Riley Leroy Or Kristine, Arvada, WY	1	..Bldd	Cwett	1115	...	\$ 207.50
Malli, Riley Leroy Or Kristine, Arvada, WY	1	..Blk	Cwett	1355	...	\$ 192.50
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Oshoto Flying M Operations, WY	3	..Bld	Cow	1548	...	\$ 152.00
Owen, Rory, Hammond, MT	1	..Red	Cow	1190	...	\$ 153.00
Pekron, Cody & Kelsey, Hot Springs, SD	2	..Blk	Cow	1515	...	\$ 154.00
Scott, Justin & Kylea, Fort Laramie, WY	1	..Blk	Cwett	1215	...	\$ 217.50
Sinner, Jason, Gillette, WY	3	..Blk	Cow	626	...	\$ 102.50
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Tenold, Venoy, Reva, SD	1	..Bld	Cow	1545	...	\$ 151.00

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Boller Livestock, Weston, WY	1	..Red	Bull	1890	...	\$ 194.00
Borchgrevink Livestock, Belle Fourche, SD	1	..Red	Bull	1455	...	\$ 202.00
Borchgrevink, Matt, Hammond, MT	1	..Red	Bull	1690	...	\$ 205.00
Bulkley, Gail, Gillette, WY	1	..Blk	Bull	1600	...	\$ 182.00
Crago Land & Livestock, Belle Fourche, SD	1	..Blk	Bull	1720	...	\$ 188.00
Crago, Ralph, St Onge, SD	2	..Blk	Bull	1607	...	\$ 195.00
Crago, Ralph, St Onge, SD	1	..Blk	Bull	1580	...	\$ 189.00
Crago, Ralph, St Onge, SD	1	..Blk	Bull	1295	...	\$ 190.00
Ford, John W Alexander, Gillette, WY	1	..Red	Bull	1365	...	\$ 185.00

Frederickson Ranch, Spearfish, SD	1	..Blk	Bull	2185	...	\$ 198.00
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Frederickson Ranch, Spearfish, SD	1	..Blk	Bull	1325	...	\$ 202.50
Hansen, Wyatt Alex, Fruitdale, SD	1	..Blk	Bull	1575	...	\$ 183.00
Hausman, Doug Or Brittany, Buffalo, SD	2	..Blk	Bull	1805	...	\$ 186.00
Hausman, Doug Or Brittany, Buffalo, SD	1	..Blk	Bull	1680	...	\$ 185.00
K3 Cattle Company Llc, Rozet, WY	1	..Red	Bull	1190	...	\$ 236.00
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City, SD	1	..Blk	Bull	1580	...	\$ 194.00
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City, SD	1	..Blk	Bull	1005	...	\$ 267.50
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Kenneth Talcott Inc, Broadus, MT	1	..Blk	Bull	1920	...	\$ 193.00
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Kenneth Talcott Inc, Broadus, MT	1	..Blk	Bull	1425	...	\$ 195.00
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Rbj Ranch West Llc, Sundance, WY	2	..Herf	Bull	1997	...	\$ 196.00
Schmidt, Clete Or Kristy, Belle Fourche, SD	1	..Blk	Bull	2025	...	\$ 216.00
Schmidt, Clete Or Kristy, Belle Fourche, SD	1	..Blk	Bull	1470	...	\$ 195.00

OCTOBER 2, 2026

SPRING CALF & YRLG SPECIAL

10:00 AM – WEIGH UPS

12:00 NOON – BRED COWS & PAIRS FOLLOWED BY CALVES THEN YRLGS

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by Mary Buchholz

1955, August 21 – Rapid City Journal
Initial Donation Of Items, Money To Tri-State Museum
 Plans to establish a museum to house historical articles of the tri-state area of northwestern South Dakota, Northeastern Wyoming and southeastern Montana got a big boost recently with the acquisition of the elaborate collection of a later pioneer Montana man. Mrs. Roy Williams, widow of a rancher near Hammond, has turned over the collection to the Tri-State Memorial Museum Corporation. In addition, Mrs. Williams made the intial financial donation to the museum a check for \$1000.

The Williams collection marks the first items for the museum and it is hoped to add articles that will help to tell the story of pioneer days and the growth and development of the Tri-State area. Williams who died in 1952, lived in the Hammond area most of his life and had been a ardent collector of historical items. He had gathered a remarkable collection. In offering to donate the collection and the money to the museum, Mrs. Williams made only one stipulation – that her husband’s name be incorporated into the name of the museum. Mrs. Williams has been named to the board of museum along with William G. Schuft, S. G. Mortimer, Sam Brownell, Walter Cunningham, F. B. Roberts and O. H. Frost, all of Belle Fourche. Article of incorporation of the Tri-State Museum provide that it be a non-profit organization and that in eventof dissolution of the corporation the assets of the roganization must be turned over to some other non-profit organization capable of carrying on the project the organziation has undertaken.

With legal technicalities out the way, the museum committee and directors plan to work out details of constuction and site and to prepare for a fund-raising campaign to go with the \$1,000 already received. Members of the committee in addition to the dierectors are George Fowler, Harry Stephens, J. F. Koller, K. F. Olsen and Marion Lucca, who described the collection. “The collection is housed in the living room of the Williams home. There, besdie a modern living room chair is an old chair once used by Abraham Lincoln. Walls of the high-ceilinged living room are covered with well-preserved heads and hides of animals which once roamed the Tri-State area, most of them kiilled Williams, some of them mounted by the pioneer collector” The group of Belle Fourche men who are spearheading the movement for the museum hope the collection won’t be

in that farmhouse near Hammond for long but will soon be housed in adequate quarters accessible to the public.

The city of Belle Fourche purchased the Bolles house on east State street to use for the museum, but found it inadequate. They built a build thirty and forty feet a block west on State Street on land donated to the city by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Arnold in 1959. The museum opened with Mrs. Orian Hamblin as curator, who served for 16 years. She was assisted by Florence Stephens, Ada Kruger, Meria Brems and Melva Anderson. Since that time other curators were: Helen Soper, 1977; Martha Castle, 1978-1979; Shirley Geisinger, 1980; Velma Johnson, 1981-86; and Billie Carnell, 1987. In the fall of 1982 a third addition was added to the building making the size of the building 120 feet by 30 feet. Many people donated money for the building and fixtures. With the gift of \$15,000 from Earl W. Clarkson, we were able to buidl the third addition.

2006 March 28 – Belle Fourche Post and Bee
Foundation Kicks Off Fundraising Drive
 The Tri-State Museum Foundation’s building campaign began Saturday with a banquet music, characters from the Northern Hills pass – and a \$17,400 nest egg to open the construction fund. Silent and live auctions and table sponsorships raised funds from town and ranch families in the region. The museum building is two years old, and the foundation was initially formed to raise funds for displays and artifacts. But last year’s federal grant museum assessment showed problems with the old museum buidling that had been designated to serve as storage and as a curatorial workshop. The assessment determined that it would cost more to remodel the old building than to build an addition for the new one. Belle Fourche dentist John Jackson and physician Mike Glanzer began planning an addition at the new museum for storage, office, classroom and workshop needs. “We were surprised at how bad the old museum building was,” he said. “We would need to raze one of three sections, put on new roof, full insulation and new heating and cooling systems for it to work – and it’s blocks away from the main building.”

The new museum was paid for by the time it was finished, because of city and ommunity donations and refinancing the Belle Fourche Community Center. Jackson, who also serves on the Belle Fourche development company board, said the new museum already has proven its value to Belle Fourche by attracting visitors

and giving them a chance to see the area’s agricultural and ranching history. Jackson said.” We need to get the additon going throught more traditional by asking help from the community. Belle Fourche always has been the area’s farm, rand and rodeo center, and we’ve seen there’s a huge demand for our displays and program.”

When the new musuem was being considered Bes Burckhard, a member of the city council and a member of the museum board made sure that the building account was protected.

15 March 2021 Rapid City Journal

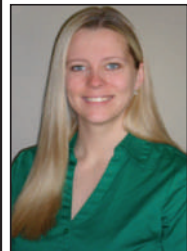
Sebastian “Bes” Burckhard of Belle Fourche, passed away peacefully March 13, 2021, in Las Vegas, Nev., with his daughter Deb by his side. Bes was born Nov 24, 1937, in Linton, N.D., to Anton and Mary Burckhard and married Darlene Fritz Dec. 27, 1969. To this union a daughter Deborah was born. In 1962, Bes joined the US Army, attained the rank of sergeant and was privileged to be chosen as an honor guard for President Kennedy in June 1963. Bes was a self-employed mechanic and dealer for JI Case.

Bes will be remembered as a humble person who volunteered his time and expertise to make our community a better place. He was Captain of the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Dept, Mayor of Belle Fourche, Tri-State Museum Foundation Board president, Chairman of Black Hills Roundup committee, BF Council president, a member of Lions Club, Eagles Club, and served on pretty much every committee possible in Belle Fourche. Those who had the privilege of knowing Bes will remember him for always taking time to help someone in need using his calm, honest, and common sense approach to fixing any problem.

Bes’s true pride in life was his daughter Deb. He was actively involved in all her youth activities and was her number one softball fan in Belle Fourche and Las Vegas.

Bes is survived by daughter Deborah Burckhard, Nevada; brother Victor Burckhard, Rapid City; sisters Rosie Green, Belle Fourche, Vicki Baer, California, Jean Thompson, California, Toni Carpenter California; sisters-in-law Phyllis Burckhard, Sturgis, and Lee Fritz, Nevada; brother-in-law David Fritz, Alaska, along with many nieces and nephews.

Bes was preceeded in death by wife Darlene, parents Anton and Mary, brothers Steven Burckhard, Frank Burckhard, sisters Irene Popke, Pauline Dacar, Francis Miller, Eva Lynch, and Jeanette Smith.



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121	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	486	460.50	\$2,239.51	
125	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	431	497.00	\$2,143.85	
35	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	347	577.50	\$2,003.10	
B & L Betz Cattle Co, Clearmont MT	93	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	481	491.00	\$2,362.34
Farella & Merrill, Newcastle WY	27	Black-Str Pc Bt	552	455.00	\$2,510.08
29	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	517	420.00	\$2,170.24	
Travis Or Julie Hurst, Buffalo SD	69	Black-Str Pc	426	547.50	\$2,332.03
19	Black-Str Pc	352	615.00	\$2,165.44	
Rafter Diamond Lip, Buffalo SD	12	Black-Str Pc Bt	516	479.00	\$2,472.83
11	Black-Str Pc Bt	381	585.00	\$2,230.97	
36	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	451	472.50	\$2,132.15	
12	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	348	575.00	\$1,998.12	
Ben Patten, Broadus MT	91	Black-Str Bt Hr	532	463.00	\$2,463.05
18	Black-Str Bt Hr	443	535.00	\$2,370.34	
96	Black-Hfr Bt Hr	499	429.00	\$2,142.54	
32	Black-Hfr Bt Hr	415	492.50	\$2,041.56	
Troy Dysart, Newcastle WY	57	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	553	460.00	\$2,542.10
44	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	509	422.50	\$2,149.94	
Cotey Hanson, Spearfish SD	19	Black-Str Pc Bt	472	500.00	\$2,360.52
25	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	449	458.00	\$2,056.42	
James A Mccoy, Belle Fourche SD	22	Black-Str Bt	489	475.00	\$2,324.26
12	Black-Hfr Bt	439	467.50	\$2,050.84	
Neal Mccoy, Belle Fourche SD	19	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	443	515.00	\$2,283.61
12	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	370	577.50	\$2,139.15	
12	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bt	389	515.00	\$2,002.06	
Chris Kling, Belle Fourche SD	41	Black-Str Pc	498	484.00	\$2,411.73
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	1	Black-Cow	1360	152.00	\$2,067.20
Monte Joe Miller, Sundance WY	9	Black-Cow	1286	153.00	\$1,967.75
	4	Black-Cow	1081	222.50	\$2,405.78
	2	Black-Cow	1418	151.00	\$2,140.42
James A Mccoy, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1355	153.00	\$2,073.15
	7	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1511	150.50	\$2,274.70
Cort Cundy, Sundance WY	1	Black-Hfr	1035	260.00	\$2,691.00
	1	Black-Cow	1610	145.50	\$2,342.55
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Danny Lanning, Alzada MT	9	Red-Cow	1447	153.50	\$2,221.48
	1	Red-Cow	1115	207.50	\$2,313.62
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	1	Red-Cow	1430	153.00	\$2,187.90
J D Grieves, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	1515	150.00	\$2,272.50
Jason Molennan, Belle Fourche SD	5	Black-Cow	1233	227.50	\$2,805.07
	1	Black-Cow	1400	167.50	\$2,345.00
	2	Black-Cow	1348	152.00	\$2,048.20
	1	Hfr-Hfr	1200	217.50	\$2,610.00
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J-Six SD Ops, Seneca Ks	44	Rd/Blk-Cow	1444	149.75	\$2,162.01
	20	Rd/Blk-Cow	1439	149.75	\$2,154.52
	16	Rd/Blk-Cow	1361	149.00	\$2,027.33
Benjamin J Miller, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1200	210.00	\$2,520.00
Jordan Odonnell, Ismay MT	1	Black-Hfr	1065	232.50	\$2,476.12
	1	Bwf-Hfr	1125	214.00	\$2,407.50
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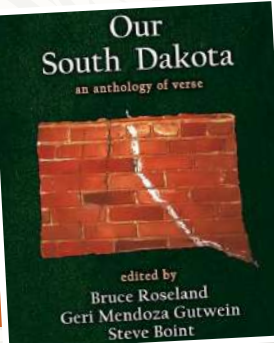
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By John Newby

“Building Main Street, not Wall Street”

Hope Is Not a Business or Community Strategy

Pooja Agnihotri said, *“Fighting a change and clinging to the same old ways of doing things have never proved to be productive for anyone, you or your customers.”*

I think about that line often, because I keep watching good people and good communities make the same mistake. They see change coming, and they hope it passes them by. We have all known businesses that are in the process of failing. They had big dreams, a great work ethic and small budgets. They skipped the marketing line and hoped word of mouth would carry them. They hoped great customer service would set them apart.

They hoped an affordable, out of the way location would still pull customers in. They hoped hard work and a good attitude would overcome every obstacle. In short, too many hopes, too little planning and not enough community support.

The numbers are sobering. Federal labor data shows roughly one in five new business establishments is gone within its first year. Only about half make it to year five, and barely a third are still open after ten years.

Hope did not save the ones that closed. Most of them hoped plenty. The ones who last usually have something more than hope. They have a plan, a budget, a willingness to adjust and a community that has their back.

Communities fall into the very same trap. How many times have we heard, “Things will turn around,” or “That’s just the way we’ve always done it here”? Meanwhile shopping



habits move online, young people move away, a big employer down-sizes, and the storefronts on Main Street go dark one at a time. Wishing for the good old days is not a plan, it is a death wish. Waiting for a savior from outside is not a plan either. The communities that thrive decided long ago to get ahead of change instead of getting run over by it.

What does being proactive look like? First, build a truly local mindset from the top down. Forward thinking communities look inside their own borders before spending tax dollar elsewhere. That matters, because studies of local spending consistently find independent businesses recirculate far more of each dollar at home.

One widely cited analysis found about 53 percent of a purchase at a local independent stay in the community, compared to under 14 percent at a chain.

Second, build networks that grow local businesses instead of waiting for a big one to arrive. We all want the large employer to come to town, but the math favors homegrown growth.

Ten new businesses with five employees each, opened every year, equal a 250-employee company moving in every five years. Local owners need fewer tax breaks, and they are the ones who coach Little League, sponsor the county fair and sit on a chamber board.

Third, know your gaps and fill them with local entrepreneurs. Too often leaders court national chains to meet a need when a local restaurant owner or retailer could do it with a little push. Mentoring, small loan

pools, shared marketing and a friendly permit office can turn a great idea into a business. Then celebrate owners loudly when they open their doors.

Fourth, think like a destination. I’ve said it before, treat every visitor as \$1,000 walking into town ready to spend. A hundred visitors is \$100,000. You don’t need to be Branson or Chicago. Travelers want something unique, whether that is an event, a downtown or a shop they can’t find anywhere else. Find your niche, build on it, and tell the world.

None of this happens because a small group of people wishes hard enough. Managing change is a community effort. The chamber can’t do it alone. City hall can’t do it alone.

Business owners can’t do it alone, and residents who never shop downtown can’t expect downtown to survive. Every one of us has a role, whether that means spending locally, serving on a board, showing up at a council meeting or mentoring a new owner.

Pick one change you see coming to your community. Then call a local elected official or your chamber and ask what the plan is. If there isn’t one, offer to help build it. And spend your next dollar at a locally owned business.

Make no mistake, this is a high-stakes competition with winners and losers. Hope won’t decide where your community lands. Action will!

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden September 13, 2026

 There is a distinct coolness in the air these days as we now enjoy a cooling off at night when the sun sets. However, we still could use some rain. There is quite extreme drought in some areas of South Dakota. Central Meade County has been fortunate that it's had enough moisture to stay ahead of the drought to get some hay bailed up. We can't say there is an abundance of it though.

Capitol News Karen Odell Sept. 20, 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

Floyd Cammack is out of the hospital and was able to attend church services on Sunday.

FYI Next Sunday there will be no services held at the Community Baptist Church of Union Center. The Sunday School Convention will be held at Prairie Bible Church. Registration and opening will begin at 9:00 am. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 and the main service will be at

an 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

11:00 am. There will be a pot luck dinner after the morning service for all attendees.

On the baby front, Caden and Jori Smiley are awaiting their 4th child that is due in October. The young couples attending church in Union Center are doing a nice job of growing the church family. There were multiple birthdays acknowledged at church on Sunday and we found that the September 13 birth date is shared by Jim McQuown, Deb Vig and Ninu Spring. A song was sung for all September birthdays.

home from the hospital and 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

A Sunshine Bible Academy class reunion is coming up this next weekend. It will be John Rhoden's class celebrating and all other classes are invited to attend. Lorie Rhoden will be attending a portion of it with friends as well. They will attend a church service after that on Sunday as guests of Larry and Sandy Rhoden.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden had meetings in Pierre last week and spent Saturday at the Sanford Golf Classic in Sioux Falls. It's always interesting to see what professional golfers show up.

Westling came with 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,

They made their annual stop to see Les Shaw and the cooks who provide the burgers and food for the Veterans each year from Beef Logic Inc. Larry joined the crew to serve burgers to the long line of veterans there to enjoy the beef.

Later they attended the President's Bowl where high school football teams from Lincoln and Jefferson went head to head. Larry flipped the coin to start the game. Jefferson wound up with a big win that night. Both teams had sons of friends either playing football or in the band of both teams. We cheered for both.

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.

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I first met Charlotte Koopman shortly after her 101st birthday at her new home at Belle Estates Senior Living Center in Belle Fourche, SD.

Charlotte is a royal name of French or Italian origin that is traceable as far back as the 1400s, possibly as a feminine derivation of “Charles”. Charlotte was also my mom’s name.

It is interesting to me that when Charlotte Koopman was born in 1925 in Newell, and my mom, in 1934, in Cloquet, Minnesota they were both named Charlotte. At that time, Charlotte was a name you did not hear very often, while today it has become very popular.

Names are almost as interesting as the memoirs of persons who continue to live vibrant lives for over a century.

In Belle Fourche, Charlotte is perhaps best known as the 70-year proprietor of Bob’s Café on 5th Avenue. Bob’s café is closed now, but the sign is still there, as are the café booths, the malt machine and all the tools of the trade one would expect to find in a thriving mid-century American diner.

There were many things I wanted to ask Charlotte about what it’s like to manage and staff a small-town café for 70 years.

We chatted about the café and the restaurant business for some time.

Clearly Charlotte’s legacy as a local restauranter and philanthropist is secure, but a lot of history takes place in 101 years.

So, in the beginning, in 1925, Charlotte Sherman was born in Newell, SD, just four years before the 1929 stock market crash, between the two great World Wars and before the Great Depression and dust bowl years. She has lived through the administrations of eighteen United States presidents.

Charlotte’s dad was a farm laborer in Newell where Charlotte attended school through the first grade. Then when her mom and dad separated, Charlotte and her mom moved to Belle Fourche. Charlotte recalls staying with her grandmother who owned a hotel on Fifth Avenue. Although Charlotte grew up an only child, her dad eventually remarried and she gained a host of step siblings.

Charlotte describes Belle Fourche as “a good place to grow up. It was a community town where everyone knew everyone else. There were no dollar signs.” she reflected suggesting that people were perhaps not so concerned about getting rich as they are now.

Although Charlotte does not have specific memories of the Great Depression, she does remember the schools she attended in Belle Fourche, Washington School, Lincoln School and the Old Belle Fourche High School and Junior High School. Even in those days, she said, the steps in the old building creaked.

Charlotte was a good student who excelled in business subjects including shorthand. Memory work prevailed in those days, she noted during our conversation, then took a moment to reflect on the fallout of technological advances. “Computers are necessary, but we’ve lost person to person

contact.”

She has a good point. In Fact, Charlotte did the café bookkeeping by hand without a computer until she closed.

Charlotte enjoyed the usual high school activities such as prom which she explained was divided into two nights, banquet and prom night. There were few school sports for girls in those days, but she liked music and was good at singing. She participated in the school choir and for many years thereafter, in the Methodist Church choir.

In 1943, Charlotte graduated high school. She was 4th in her class of 54 students. A the time, the world was entrenched in WW II and the fighting in Europe and the Pacific was far from over.

Charlotte’s first-hand exposure to world events occurred shortly after high school graduation. Charlotte signed on as an electrician with the Kaiser Ship Company a large ship builder in Portland Oregon and Vancouver, Washington.

At the time, munitions companies were actively recruiting workers to help in the war effort. Likely, she was attracted to recruiting information presented to students at the high school.

Charlotte became a Bonafide member of the ‘Rosie the Riveter’ era. One of thousands of women to break traditional labor barriers during the war. “Rosie the Riveter” was the iconic term used to describe and to some extent venerate the women workers.

As it turned out women were particularly adept at the meticulous work of wiring switchboards, soldering terminal strips, and assembling small components. Charlotte was no exception. Within a few weeks, Charlotte was promoted to supervisor as she was a fast learner, with an excellent work ethic and the ability to pay attention to detail. The skills she learned were a lifelong asset.

According to daughter Cindy, “When she and dad remodeled the house, she did most of the electrical work.” Charlotte was a consummate homemaker. “She was very proud of her home and yard. The yard was full of flowers and flower beds in the 50s, 60s, and 70s. Every Christmas she would bake many small banana breads and deliver them to friends throughout Belle.” Cindy recalled.

With millions of men fighting overseas, women were not the only available source of labor. Kaiser actively recruited thousands of African American workers from the southern states to work in the ship building yards.

Ship building towns for the workers sprung up overnight.

Charlotte rode the bus back and forth to work. She recalled that a large, kind African American man would always save her a seat and watch out for her. She worked mainly at the Vancouver yard, but made trips to Portland also.

Working as an electrician on a shipbuilding crew in the 1940s was hard work and dangerous. Electrician worked long hours sometimes exposed to the elements. Working in a ship’s hull could be freezing cold in the winter and suffocating in the summer. Electricians might work in tight spaces, and the workplace noise was deafening with riveting guns and other equipment.

Ships required miles of electrical wiring; the work was fast paced.

Ships that might have taken a year to build were being launched in a matter of weeks or

even days.

Falls from scaffolding, severe burns from welding sparks, and eye damage were daily risks. workers were exposed to asbestos used for insulating.

However, it is likely that Charlotte’s experience as an electrician might have been more civilized. By 1943, Henry J. Kaiser had transformed his shipyard’s electrical work into a more efficient assembly-line.

Kaiser began building parts of the ship on the ground and assembling the ships after the parts were complete.

Long tables were set up where crews of workers, usually women, pre-wired switchboards, junction boxes, and lighting fixtures before they were ever installed into the ship.

Giant cranes lifted the pre-wired modular sections and dropped them onto the hull.

Attaching them to the main hull was not an easy job. Electricians had to run miles of temporary cables into the hull so that the welders, shipfitters, and painters could see what they were doing.

Building a ship required many steps for skilled electricians. Kaiser’s method broke the job down into repetitive, simple steps. A worker might spend her shift doing nothing but cutting bolts, while another did nothing but strip cable ends.

This system allowed Kaiser to train people who had never seen a ship before to build a ship in just a few weeks of training.

While speed was the priority, safety was rudimentary by modern standards.

The Kaiser company issued some Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Early hard hats made of canvas, glue, and aluminum, or molded Bakelite protected electricians working on the ground from tools dropped by workers higher on the scaffolding.

Standard glass goggles protected them from flying metal chips. Tinted lenses were issues to protect the eyes from blinding ultraviolet light produced by welders working close by.

Heavy leather protected hands from cut steel edges and sharp wire frays in cables.

When the war ended, many women enjoyed the wartime work and wanted to keep their jobs, but that was not to be. They were quickly replaced by male workers returning from the war.

Along with many women, Charlotte returned home. However, the wartime paradigm of working women set the stage for women as vital members of the workforce.

Back home, Charlotte

attended McPhail College of music in Minneapolis where she studied voice and music, on a vocal scholarship, but did not finish a degree.

Instead, she met and married her husband, Ernest Koopman who was also a war veteran.

The Koopmans lived in Rapid City where Ernie worked in the lumber and hardware business.

In 1951 they purchased Bob’s Café in Belle Fourche from Bob Carey in a joint venture with Charlotte’s mom’s mom and step-dad, Ruth and Beaner Curtis.

There’s some history about the café’s prior ownership. at the Tri-State Museum. In the 30s it was called Bob’s Lunch. In 1937, Francis Redmond was the manager. According to some news references to the café from the time, it was a good place for locals to work.

At the time Bob’s café must have been very modern. Charlotte explained that Bob made a trip to Chicago to research trendy café designs. There were other owners involved in Bob’s café over time.

Perhaps this explains how Bob’s Café in Belle Fourche represents an iconic trend in Americana.

When Charlotte and Ernie took over, Bob’s café was open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It was a grueling schedule.

Ernie and Charlotte ran the night shift. By 1961, they became the sole owners of the café that had become well-known for serving local produce and other local food products. Bob’s Café earned a regional reputation for home-prepared, farm to table soul food. The café offered home baked breads, pies, cookies, soups from scratch hand cut local steaks, their famous homemade French fries, and of course ‘real’ mashed potatoes and gravy.

The café seated 51 and Charlotte explained that orders were ‘called in’ Calling orders in means a server loudly shouts the customer’s food choices directly to the cook instead of typing them into a computer or handing over a printed ticket. The server speaks or yells clearly toward the kitchen which was close enough to make immediate contact: The cook hears the request the exact second the server says it.

Charlotte liked people. People keep you going. She told me more than once in our conversation.

The couple was tireless. known for their work ethic, visibility in the community, and service work.

Charlotte and Ernie raised their three children all while working at the café. Charlotte and Ernie loved to support the

Broncs would attend all sports as much as they could when the children were in school.

Ernie was a city council man and then mayor of Belle Fourche from 1975 to 1977. Ernie and Charlotte both were active members of numerous clubs including Lions Club, VFW as Ernie was a WWII veteran and Charlotte had of course served as an electrician for warships. They were members of the Moose Lodge, bowling leagues, and they provided sponsorships for community events through the café. They were active in creating a board for the new library. They started a swimming pool fund and challenged other businesses to pledge as well.

Theirs was an equal and well-managed partnership.

Ernie was also a member of the fire department and Charlotte was an avid participant of the women’s fire auxiliary. “Growing up mom made a deal with dad that if he would learn how to dance, she would learn how to hunt. Therefore, our family ate a lot of wild game.’ Daughter Cindy reflected. “Mom is a wonderful cook and baker.”

At one time, the couple had four eating establishments in Belle Fourche; the Sale Barn, Hoby’s, Belle Inn, and of course Bob’s.

Not surprising, Charlotte was also the first woman to serve on the city planning commission.

Sadly, Ernie passed away in 1980, but true to form, Charlotte continued the café wearing all hats: chef, server, bookkeeper, and dishwasher. She kept the café open until 2020 despite the demanding schedule. To open a 7 AM, the grills had to be lit by 6. Even when she closed at 1PM, Charlotte would work until 6 PM prepping for the following day “Twelve hours was a short day.” She said.

Likewise, Charlotte’s legacy is reciprocal in Belle Fourche. Randy Schmidt declared June 9 2025 Charlotte Koopman Day in honor of her 100th birthday. “The City of Belle

Fourche takes great pride in honoring residents who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication,

perseverance, and service to their community,” said Schmidt at a formal dedication ceremony.

Charlotte’s appreciation for people resonates in her succinct adage, “People keep you going.” These words suggest a larger message. “Be nice to your neighbors, appreciate those around you. Be kind, generous. Help others to level the playing field.” My mom, Charlotte never met Charlotte Koopmen, but I think they would have been good friends.



Vintage photo of interior of **Bob’s Cafe**. Courtesy Photo Additional Photos on C9.



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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.

If you are unable to attend, we can still use your help with a cash donation, candy, or prizes for the costume contest. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Tessa at tessa@bellefourche.org or 605-892-2467. Donations can be dropped off or sent to the BF Rec Center at 1111 National Street.

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Tessa Anderson-Voyles
Program Coordinator



Belle Fourche Beacon

‘Happenings’ and News Bytes Calendar

The Beacon Happenings Calendar is public service listing of meetings, events, and things to do in and around Belle Fourche. Happenings announcements may be sent to: news@bellefourchebeacon.com Deadline is Friday before 5pm.

Belle Fourche Writers

Belle Fourche Writers June meeting schedule: The regular September meeting is **Monday October 5 from 2-4 PM and Saturday October 17** from 10 AM to Noon. All writers are invited to attend! Meetings are held at the Belle Fourche Public Library.

Belle Fourche Recreation Center

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

Classes

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

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

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

Tri-State Museum

Tri-State Museum to host 34th annual Autumn Tea

On Saturday, September 26th, the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will host the museum’s 34th annual Autumn Tea – which is not only the high point of events in the museum’s year but also a much-needed fundraiser.

This year’s theme is “Fairytale and Nursery Rhymes.” There are 10 tables, each decorated to a specific story or nursery rhyme by that table’s hostess. Each table seats six.

The elegant event features tea foods including scones with Devonshire cream and jam, quiches, Russian tea cakes, chocolate and lemon cookies, triple-decker sandwiches, carrot roses, popovers, skewered fruit, palmiers, tortilla rollups and fruit pizza. There is also fresh Earl Grey tea.

Long-time museum supporter Wilma Dick has once again created beautiful gift baskets, one for each table and one for the winner of the “People’s Choice” table décor award, which is voted on by museum visitors and tea guests.

The tables can be viewed beginning at 1:30 for “People’s Choice” voting and the tea is from 2-4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and reservations are required; call 605-723-1200.

“The museum, like other city departments,” has had to accept three rounds of cuts for 2027, said director Kristi Thielen. “That makes the success of this tea especially important, to provide funds for programming.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

Museum mini exhibit on postage stamps

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will open a new mini exhibit entitled “History of Postage Stamps.”

The exhibit will include storyboards and photos, a free take-home workbook and a book to read and a touch-screen quiz. A stamp enthusiast’s stamp collection will also be on display and a basket of loose stamps will be available for those who might want to pick one out for themselves.

The Tri-State Museum created some new exhibits and refreshed some older ones. The changes occur in the mercantile and a new “transportation” exhibit in the center of the museum.

In the mercantile, the case that has exhibited dolls features a new collection of 12 dolls from the museum’s extensive Millicent Henderson collection. These new dolls are from the 1940s-1980s and include a Madame Alexander doll, a Roman doll and a distinctive burlap doll of Central American origin. Also, in the mercantile is a mini “haberdashery,” filled with vintage men’s clothing and toiletries. “We’ve had a number of exhibits about women’s and children’s apparel, but nothing that focused on men,” said Collections Archivist Jada Udager. “We thought this was a chance to feature artifacts we’ve not featured before.”

Across the floor from mercantile is the museum’s collection of salt and pepper shakers. The museum has so many of these that the entire four-shelf case could be completely refreshed. Some of new novel shakers include a lock and key, loaves of bread – and a little green alien in a spaceship. A new exhibit in the museum’s mid-section is “Transportation: From Stagecoaches to Trains to Cars.” This exhibit includes images plus artifacts such as spokes for wagon wheels, a lady’s travel case, a miniature car and a vintage model stagecoach crossing a “path” with grass on either side of the roadway. There is also a brick roadway made of the few surviving bricks from Belle Fourche’s brick factory.

St. James Lutheran Quilting Group Gives to the Community

Margaret Bolte
Special to the Beacon
In the basement of St. James Lutheran Church, you can hear soft voices and the humming of a sewing machine. The quilting group ladies are meeting this morning. The ladies get together on the first Monday and Tuesday of every month from 9 am to 3 pm. Tables have quilts and materials, and each lady works on a specific task at her table.
“This church has had a quilting group for 60-plus years. This ministry has touched many

lives at our church and in the community,” remarked Betty Artus, who organizes the group. “We have ladies from other churches join us. It is a tribute to these loyal women who are doing God’s work.”
Five or six ladies dedicate their time and energy to creating handmade quilts for those in need.
Their creations have warmed the laps of nursing home residents, comforted hospitalized individuals, and comforted families grieving the loss of a loved one. They

also routinely give quilts to Veterans at VA facilities, fire departments, and local youth centers.
Each quilt is crafted with care, created in a church setting, and delivered with love. Last year, the group gave 165 quilts to local organizations in Belle Fourche and Sturgis.
The group uses donated fabric, purchased materials, and scraps from many donors. Some women cut patterns, others piece blocks, and a few specialize in the final quilting and binding. No matter their

skill level, every member contributes—and every contribution matters.
“We are always looking for fabric material and have an annual fundraiser during the holidays to raise funds to purchase sewing and binding materials. The ladies are loyal in helping, and we share a special time working with each other and enjoy being here together,” remarked one quilter.
A closet revealed shelves of completed colorful quilts and lap quilts. Faithful quilters keep coming every month. A

gift of a colorful, unique quilt is good for your soul – physically and emotionally, providing warmth for your heart. The ladies’ quilting group consists of: Betty Artus, Diane Feist, Paula Speidel, Cindy Ballengee, Nettie Dick, Linette Batterman, and Susan Wilkerson.
Everyone is welcome to come and join the quilting group. “You do not need to know how to sew. We will show you how to tie knots, gather material, and do other tasks.” You will be blessed, and you will bless others.



(Clockwise) St. James Quilting table; Quilter focused on work; St. James Quilts ready to give out; St. James’ Quilters two; St. James Quilt Label *Courtesy Photos*

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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

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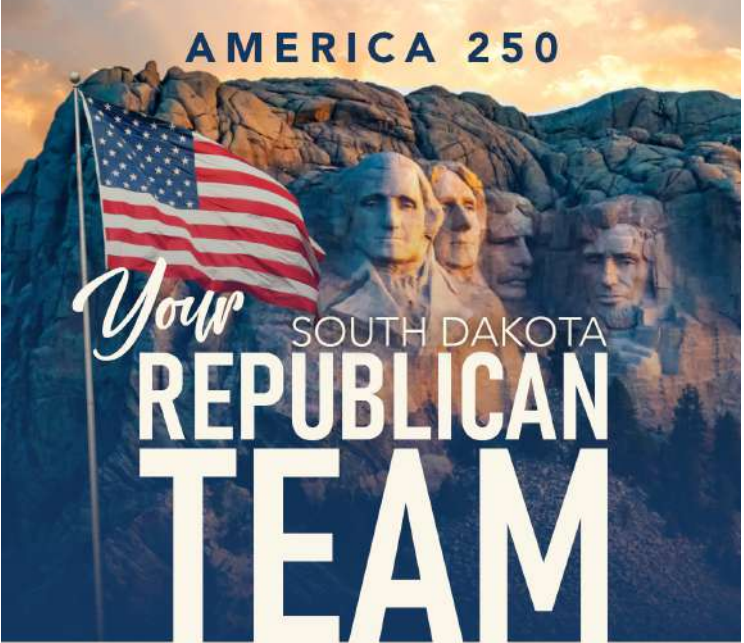
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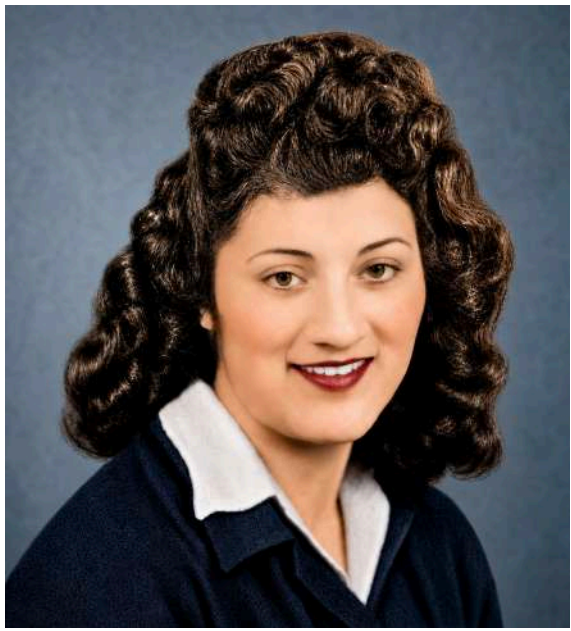


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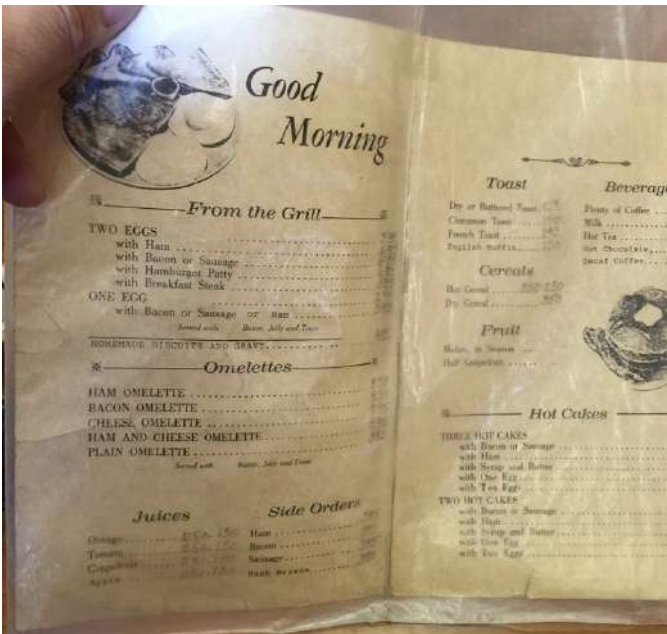
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(Clockwise) **Charlotte Koopman** and **Hallie Eaton**; 4 Kaiser Shipyard 1940s; Bob's Cafe Exterior Vintage 1960s Happy 101 Birthday; **Charlotte Koopman** High School graduation 1943. (Courtesy Photos)



Bob's Cafe Interior; Charlotte Celebrating 50 years; Bob's Cafe from the SE; Charlotte and Nicki Holme;Bobs Cafe menu.



Bikers always found thebest; Bob's in the 50's; **Norman Rockwell's Rosie the Riveter** 1943.

Bob's Café Yelp Reviews

Stumbled across this place on our way through Belle Fourche. It looked local so we decided to choose Bob's Cafe for lunch. We were fawned over by the sweetest waitress. The food was down home, diner fare. I'd recommend it if you aren't picky about newspapers strewn about, conversational waitstaff, or fine dining. It's a great diner with simple food. I'd go back.

Valerie S. Washington, DC June 11, 2012

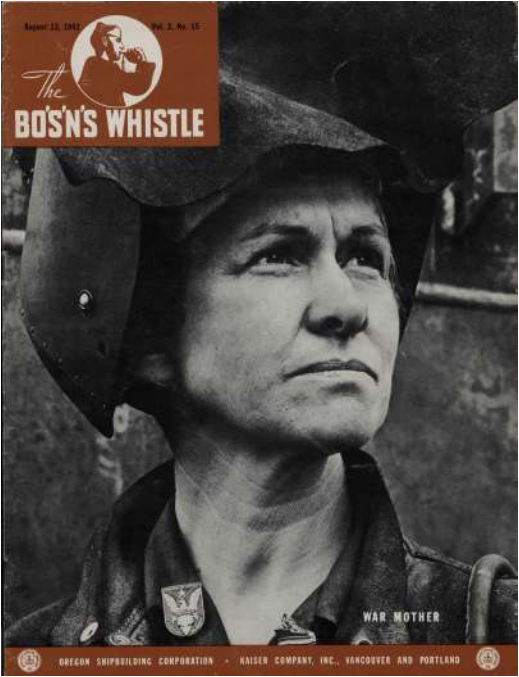
If you're looking for retro atmosphere and made-from-scratch food, this is the place to go! This cafe has been under the same ownership for 61 years - they've gotta be doing something right! Chicken fried steak is tender and made on the premises (no frozen cutlets), as are the Mashed potatoes, hash browns, and French fries.

Bryan V. Lansing, MI Aug 4, 2016

Bob's is one of those places that boasts the old-fashioned blenders used for shakes, a milk dispenser that you rarely see anymore, and some of the best chicken-noodle soup around. You won't leave hungry as the portions are generous. This is an establishment where the food is great, the atmosphere is warm & friendly, and service is outstanding. If you're not in a hurry, strike up a conversation with the owner and her staff - the extra few minutes are well worth it!

Kelsey B. Tacoma WA February 15, 2018

Love this place! I was just passing through and needed a place to be for a few hours (with all my luggage too) and they were super sweet! Food was out fast and GOOD! The owner is a kind elderly lady who has owned the place for 67 years. Highly recommend stopping by :) Ginger Aug 4, 2018



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6	Cole Mailloux <i>Belle Fourche</i>	+9	81
7	Ben Bowers <i>St. Thomas More</i>	+11	83
8	Teegan Lucey <i>Hot Springs</i>	+12	84
9	Holten Rutz <i>Hot Springs</i>	+12	84
10	Noah Mailloux <i>Belle Fourche</i>	+14	86
11	Owen Hatling <i>Belle Fourche</i>	+16	88
12	Gabe Raba <i>Belle Fourche</i>	+16	88
13	Nathaniel Warnke <i>Rapid City Christian</i>	+17	89
14	Leyton Horning <i>St. Thomas More</i>	+17	89
15	Hazen Rutz <i>Hot Springs</i>	+22	94
16	Fischer Abrams <i>Rapid City Christian</i>	+22	94
17	Kolbi Kooiman <i>Rapid City Christian</i>	+25	97
18	Phoenix Barrick <i>Custer</i>	+25	97
19	Coy Peil <i>Lakota Tech</i>	+25	97

POS.	PLAYER	TO PAR GROSS	TOTAL GROSS
20	Mason Dirkes <i>Custer</i>	+26	98
21	Kalen Herman <i>Little Wound</i>	+27	99
22	Owen Boorman <i>Rapid City Christian</i>	+28	100
23	Bodie VanDerBoom <i>Custer</i>	+28	100
24	Brennon Gangle <i>Custer</i>	+28	100
25	Robert Heig <i>St. Thomas More</i>	+33	105
26	Lloyd Bettelyoun <i>Little Wound</i>	+37	109
27	Topa Jack <i>Mahpiya Luta</i>	+38	110
28	Brody Whitcher <i>Hot Springs</i>	+38	110
29	Dace Jacobs <i>Little Wound</i>	+42	114
30	Christian Jack <i>Mahpiya Luta</i>	+48	120
31	Payson Sierra <i>Hot Springs</i>	+52	124
32	Calvin Coats <i>Lakota Tech</i>	+64	136
33	Hayden Eagle Bull <i>Lakota Tech</i>	+64	136
34	Kallen Jack <i>Mahpiya Luta</i>	+87	159
35	Aaron Yellow Boyu <i>Mahpiya Luta</i>	+92	164
36	Mathias Cornelius <i>Lakota Tech</i>	+94	166
NS	Lawrence Rodriguez <i>Little Wound</i>	—	NS
NS	Mason Reddy <i>Mahpiya Luta</i>	—	NS

Homecoming Week Brings Tradition And School Spirit To Newell



2026 Newell Homecoming King Orrin Youngberg and Queen Kendra Johnson carry out the tradition of ringing the bell. *Courtesy photo*

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NEWELL—The pageantry of crowns, capes and sashes was on display as students dressed in their best for the traditional naming of the homecoming king and queen to rule over homecoming week. The ceremony kicked off the 2026 Homecoming festivities at the Newell School District.

Monday, September 28, began the week of activities with everyone dressing up as either BBQ Dad or Soccer Mom.

The evening’s coronation began at 7 p.m. in Austin Auditorium. Kendra Johnson and Orrin

Youngberg were crowned 2026 Newell Homecoming Queen and King. The rest of the court included MKenzie McTaggart, Kate High, Elijah Barden and Malachi Whitacre.

The tradition of burning the N didn’t take place as planned following the coronation activities because of the weather. It will take place following the homecoming girls volleyball game on Thursday, October 1.

Tuesday was Iconic Duos/ twins day—think things that go together like peanut butter and jelly. The homecoming activities for the day included a middle

school and a high school dodgeball tournament. It was held during study hall in the middle school gym.

Wednesday was class color day, and each class throughout the school was assigned a color to wear for the day. Seniors wore pink, juniors wore blue, sophomores wore purple, freshmen wore red, eighth grade got yellow, seventh grade wore orange, sixth grade wore green and the elementary students wore all the colors with tie-dye!

The activity for Wednesday is another longstanding tradition of street painting. All of the high

school students will gather at 3rd Street at 7 p.m. to leave their mark on the streets of Newell.

Thursday is game day but also construction/neon day. Think bright orange and yellow like construction site warnings or any neon color you have. A pep rally will be held to send the volleyball team off with plenty of school spirit before they take the court. The rally will take place during 7th period, and the volleyball games begin at 5 p.m. with JV taking the floor first, followed by varsity. The team is taking on Wall High School. Burning of the N will take place behind the

gym following the game.

Friday is all about school pride with everyone in class wearing school colors maroon and white. Beginning at 12:30 p.m. class floats will start rolling down Girard Ave. in downtown Newell.

No homecoming is complete without a homecoming dance. The Neon Disco dance will take place on Saturday, October 3 in the middle school gym beginning at 8 p.m. The cost to attend is \$6 per couple or \$4 each.



The 2026 Homecoming Court. *Courtesy photo*



2026 Newell Homecoming King Orrin Youngberg and Queen Kendra Johnson at the Homecoming Coronation. *Courtesy photo*

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Casey and Taz helped Bill Holt move his cows across Highway 79 Monday morning.

Reub and I went to Hettinger early Tuesday morning for both of our eye appointments with Dr. Kludt. My appointment was at 8:00 and Reub's was at 9:00 and then we went over to Hettinger Motors to get all four new tires on the black pickup. We got stuff from Runnings and White Drug, but Reub didn't get his squeeze from his cousin Roxie Finck because Tuesday is her day off. We ate lunch at the American Legion and I had a picture on my phone of the Eggebo family that I sent to Carol Mattis' phone after she cooked lunch for us. We got a little sprinkle of rain while we were gone.

It was pretty warm on Wednesday with the tempera-

ture at 84 degrees. Reub and I went over to mow the cemetery at Glendo that afternoon and clean stuff up there. We got another little sprinkle of rain after we got home about the same time Taz and Amanda went over to the school in Buffalo for the parent teacher conference.

It was still warm with a temperature of 81 degrees on Thursday when Reub went spraying weeds up at the Horse Creek pasture and he got home for lunch about 3:30 that afternoon. Buffalo won the volleyball game against Edgemont in Buffalo that evening.

Reub and I went down to the Thrashing Bee Friday afternoon and ate supper that Grand Electric cooked for us. Before I spoke that evening a young girl Aija VanHolstein spoke about the history of the Coal Springs Thrashing Bee and then the young boy Caleb

Simon did a personation of Teddy Roosevelt. At 7:00 I gave the presentation of the History of the Slim Buttes with Lindsey Clarke helping me by putting the pictures on the screen while I read the history of the Slim Buttes that I had written about the first people in the Slim Buttes.

When we got to the story of Mrs. Otis Tye's death and burial site, I also read an article about her death that Fred Jennewein had written in the Bison Courier in September 5, 1940. Fred Jennewein was a 1902 cowboy and ran the Bison rammed earth museum in Bison that was built by my great grandfather Carl Hallan. My family moved to Bison from Prairie City just after I finished 1st grade at the old country school three miles east of Prairie City and I spent a lot of time at the museum with my hero Fred Jennewein. I probably drove Fred crazy, but he showed me everything in the museum, including the nine Indian skeletons and all the old guns that he had there.

After Reub and I got married I found out that one of those skeletons was of an Indian woman that had been buried on a hill in our west pasture. By then the museum in Bison had been closed, torn down and everything in it had been sent

down to Custer to Game, Fish and Parks so I called them to see if I could get that Indian woman's skeleton back to bury her exactly where the tribe had buried her in what was now our pasture. They asked if I was an Indian and when I told them that I wasn't, they told me only an Indian could bury her so I called my friend JJ Hunt, an Indian kid who was adopted by Jim and Trudy Hunt, to ask him if he would help me bury the Indian lady's body back into her old grave. JJ was excited and said he would be glad and honored to do that for me so I called GF&P back at Custer to tell them that an Indian friend of mine would bury her and that's when they told me that someone had stolen all the old guns and all the Indian skeletons from them. They said all they had left of the skeletons was one thigh bone and they didn't know which skeleton it came from so I couldn't have it! It's hard to believe anyone would steal skeletons and JJ and I were both mad about it but there wasn't anything we could do about it.

There is another death to report: Ray Boyd Hall, born in Bison, South Dakota, on January 24, 1942, passed from this life on September 19 peacefully in his home with his wife Nancy and Caregiver Gracie

by his side. His burial was on Tuesday, September 29, in the Chance Cemetery in Chance, with a luncheon after the burial at the Presbyterian Church in Bison. A Celebration of his Life will be held in DeCordova Bend Estates in Texas at a later date.

Reub and I went to the Thrashing Bee Saturday afternoon to hear Tracy Buer play his guitar and sing those wonderful songs. We got to visit with a lot of friends while we were there and we hope the Thrashing Bee goes on forever.

We got a little bit of much needed rain early Sunday morning before we went to church. Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen were still up working at the church in Alaska so Bill Holt gave a really good sermon after our son Casey started the service.

Next Sunday, October 4th, Earl Korhonen, head of World Missions, will be at Slim Buttes Lutheran for Mission Sunday and he will also give the message during church. His wife is coming with him, both of them will also teach Sunday school and we will have a potluck dinner after church so please come join us.

Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

September 21, 1916

A local farmer who found that fall plowing was not going on fast enough to suit him and all the available horses on the place being busy, hitched a plow to the back of his auto and with a driver in the machine and two men to handle them turned over a lot of ground in a day by that method.

The subject for the Athenian Club debate on next Wednesday evening will be “Resolved that the Beet Sugar Factory Should be Located at Newell Instead of in Belle Fourche.” affirmative are J. L. Barnes and W. B. Lyons while negative are George A. Fry and W. D. Buchholz. A special musical program is being arranged for the evening. Everyone is cordially invited.

C. N. Mason of New York City, President of the Consolidated Light & Power Company, accompanied by F. W. Lawrence, Consulting Engineer also of New York, M. M. McGee, General Manager and M. M. Wheeler, Vice Manager of Lead and Lee Boyer Manager of the Redwater plant, came down from the Hills Tuesday and spent some time here looking over the ground relative to the extension of their lines to Newell. They visited several business places in town and made inquiry into the general conditions of town and also visited the mill site and Government Experiment Farm.

September 23, 1926

There should be an additional road sign at the forks of the highway near Orman Dam. Coming this way from Belle Fourche, many travelers unacquainted with the road and bound for Newell are prone to take the left-hand route, via the big dam and they fail to find their way back to 212. A Newell sign ought to be put up at the junction, or another 212 sign

just at this side of the junction.

Notwithstanding the absence of a reverse gear, Charles Munroe says it is possible to make a Ford go backwards. As proof of his statement he points to Vern S. Sears, who on Sunday backed off the grade into Willow Creek, a drop of 8 feet, landed upright, without tipping over or otherwise damaging his car.

Edwin and Carl O Anderson, graduates of Newell High School, have written from Flint, Michigan for their school credits, in preparatory to their entering Flint Institute of Technology.

September 24, 1936

At a meeting Thursday evening of about 20 citizens and town commissioners, the problem of additional water supply for the town was taken up for discussion. Several different solutions were offered, and all were given consideration. The consensus of opinion is that, eventually, the town must resort to an artisan well for a sufficient and dependable source of water supply. On account that an emergency exists it is too late and it is too late to adopt that course and this town as a temporary step was decided to build another reservoir on the bank of the City Lateral. It is estimated to storage of 2,000,000 gallons. The capacity of the old one is 1,800,000 gallons. Work to begin as soon as possible in order to have it ready when the last run of irrigation water is made into the North Canal.

Figures compiled at the office of the County Agent indicate that 75% of the cattle and 70% of the sheep have been moved out of Butte County during the last few months, on account of the drought conditions. 24,700 head of cattle and 155,000 sheep have been taken out of this county and most stock having been consigned to pastures in other parts of this State or to other States. Railroads have

by Linda Velder

provided reduced rates by 50% so that feed may be shipped in for wintering.

The Annual Butte County School Convention was held at the Congregational Church in Vale last Thursday. The ladies Guild served a pot-luck lunch at noon. Sunday School teacher, upon inspecting child's drawing very closely of “The Flight into Egypt”. She asked, “But what is that dot on the end of the rope?” the child replied, “That's the flea, Ma'am”. She further asked, “The flea?” “Yes, Ma'am, it says, “Take the young child and flea into Egypt.”

September 19, 1946

An unusual shipment out of Newell this week included 4 coyote pups, raised in the Sulphur country to a new home in Massachusetts. The pups were picked up by Mrs. Max Hohenberger and cared for at their ranch. She raised them principally on a diet of prairie dogs she shot each day. Mrs. Hohenberger held the pups until they were 4 and 5 months old. The pups will probably be exhibited in a zoo or wildlife park but are due now for a change in diet.

The Newell Chicago & Northwestern Depot was closed Saturday for the first time in 35 years according to local agent George Cook. Cook himself was temporarily incapacitated, because of a heavy section of lead pipe. Cook was helping unload the pipe from a truck on Friday when it slipped and caught him along the left shin on top of his left foot, causing a bad injury. Dr. L. L. Theberge treated the injury, and it is mending nicely, but Cook will not resume his work for another week. C&NW closed the depot on Saturday, but Henry C. Conner. Fruitdale Agent, is here acting as relief agent until Cook recovers.

Ten members of the E Z Stitchers Club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs.



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Wm. Warren, with Mrs. Andrew Syverts and Mrs. Harley Wolcott as assistants. After the business meeting, a pleasant afternoon of sewing and visiting was enjoyed by delightful lunch. Guests included Mrs. Harold Richman and Mrs. Josephine Walters.

September 28, 1956

Youngest purchaser of a registered ram at the Annual Western Stud Ram Show & Sale made his start in the business with nonetheless the best. Lynn Laumer, 12-year-old son of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Laumer of Newell. His selection Champion Columbia and Reserve Champion of the show. Consigned by Joseph Pfister, Node, Wyoming, the ram sold for \$140. Lynn's parents helped make the selection.

All alumni and friends are invited to the Newell High School Homecoming dance after the game, at the Newell City Hall Friday wit music by Radio – TV Favorites the KOTA Cowboys featuring Buddy Meredith. Dance tickets are \$1.50 per couple. Sponsored by the Carter-Cove Softball Team. Plan to see all home games at the Newell lighted field: October 5 Vale vs Newell, and October 26 Cathedral vs Newell.

All cowboys and cowgirls, young and old are urged to compete in the 4-State Championship Calf Roping Event Sunday September 30 at St. Onge Rodeo grounds starting at 1:00 P.M. \$800 total purse. Open Jack Pot roping following

the championship. Sponsored by the Rough Rider Saddle Club, Inc.

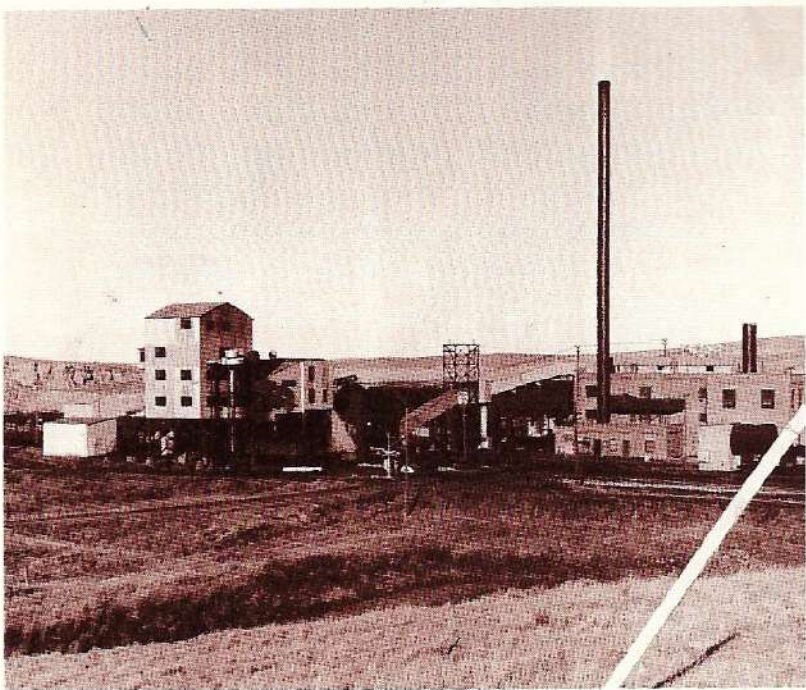
October 6, 1966

Ronnie Sherbon, who is with the US Marines in Viet Nam, has been hospitalized for the past month with what they believe to be malaria. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Glen Sherbon, former residents of the Horse Creek Community now of Lead.

Newell Women are completing the organization of a 6-team Women's Bowling League to begin play at the Newell Recreation this coming week. Officers elected were chairman Mrs. Frances Palmer, Vice Chairman Bess Karinen and Secretary-Treasurer Darlyn McDermott.

Anyone having broken toys that can be repaired are asked to leave them at the Andrew Syverts home at 317 2nd St. in Newell. The toys will be taken to Ft. Meade where they will be repaired by the veterans, after which they will be distributed to local needy children for Christmas.

Girls State Judy Winkler and Linda Fields and Boys State Bill Neff and Tim Edwards will speak at a joint meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Wednesday evening at the Veteran's Hall. All interested are welcome to attend. Girl's State is in Mitchell and Boys State at Aberdeen.



Redwater Plant—Using the waters of Redwater Creek to produce power was the idea of Henry Keets, area farmer.



Here's What's Happening in Newell!





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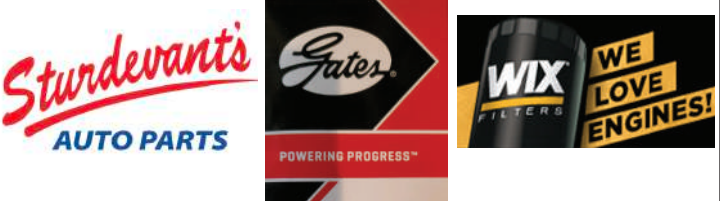
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