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Wine Up Invites Visitors to Explore State Street

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BELLE FOURCHE—With wine journals in hand, visitors could be seen wandering from store to store all along State Street. Downtown businesses joined together to offer the third Wine Up on State Street. The event brought increased foot traffic after regular business hours on the evening of October 2.

The Wine Up event is an invitation to the public to come out and see what the downtown businesses have to offer while enjoying a nice, festive evening with friends and family. “It is an exposure event. So the holidays are coming and this is just an opportunity for people to come in and find out what Belle Fourche has to offer downtown,” explained Michelle Evans, business owner.

All Belle Fourche businesses were encouraged to participate if they wanted to. When shops not located on State Street heard about the event, they wanted a way to get in on the fun! If a business wanted to participate but wasn’t on State Street, well, there was a plan for that—shared space! “Basically anybody is invited to be a planter—we have B&S Book-keeping inside Cowboys TOO. We have SME Treats inside Pasque and Anke’s Bakery is inside Black Hills Curio, and



Trevor Madsen with Quality Quick Print helps with wine and food pairings. Longbrake photo

then Red Onion Marketplace is at Pearson Block Hous, and Moxie Marketing is inside The Emporium 605,” said Evans. The partnerships give an opportunity for businesses that aren’t on State Street to join in and get the exposure. United Way of the Black Hills was hosted inside Belle Flowers & Co.

Businesses teamed up and

worked together to offer a fun evening for patrons. “All the businesses are wonderfully working together and we want to expose people to their stores—it’s just a great night out, it’s a beautiful night,” shared Evans.

At the welcome table located in front of Robb Park, participants could ask questions, buy

wristbands and pick up a Wine Journal that contained all of the participating businesses, where they were located and what wine they were offering. There was also space to keep track of the flavors they enjoyed.

Participants could start at any business on the wine map. Upon entering each business, they were greeted with a special

table that was often elegantly decorated, where small glasses of wine were offered along with specially curated food that paired well with the drink.

The Hitching Post Tap House was in charge of finding and ordering most of the wine for the event. Each business prepared

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Experiencing Midwest Honor Flight 33



The Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Courtesy photo

Jim Thompson

Special to the Beacon

BELLE FOURCHE—My first knowledge about “Honor Flights” came when my cousin Bill Sarsland took one several years ago. His Daughter Brenda Frieze served as his guardian. Then Brenda moved to the Black Hills and we found out more about Honor Flights. I sent for an application PO Box 22 Sioux Center, IA 51250. All I needed was a copy of my DD 214 and I was officially accepted.

I suppose I waited 6 months before I was notified that I had been scheduled for a Sept 29 flight to Washington DC from Sioux Falls. No cost to me, though I did have to pay \$100 a night at the Sheraton Sioux Falls for the stay the night before the flight and the night of the return flight. I also paid \$10 for a cap. My son Kyle went along as my guardian. Everyone has to have a guardian. I suppose it’s because of the age of the veterans. At 79 I truly didn’t think I’d need one but it was a great trip with Kyle. He paid a “donation” of nearly \$1000 for the trip and all the benefits.

He also has to fly from Tulsa to Sioux Falls the day before the flight to take a class on the duties of a guardian.

We had a dinner on the night before the Honor Flight to meet everyone, 82 veterans and 82 guardians plus about 2 dozen staff to help facilitate the day.

On Tuesday Sept 29th, Kyle and I got up about 2:30AM for the shuttle to the Sioux Falls Airport. No TSA issues, but you did need a correct drivers license with the STAR on it. The plane was a charter from Jet Blue. The flight was about 2 ½ hours to Reagan in Washington DC. From there we shifted into busses. 4 of them and toured the monuments.

Air Force Monument, Marine Monument, Navy monument and the Capital Mall with the Viet Nam Wall and the Korean War memorial. We also saw the changing of the guard at the tomb of the Unknown soldier. (by the way the Reflecting Pool is dry today; no water in it) And had our picture taken as a group at the Lincoln memorial. In the middle we lacked for nothing;

Honor Flight Contd. A5

Anke’s Bakery Cuts Ribbon on Expanded Market and Bistro

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate the expansion of Anke’s Bakery Market and Bistro. The community turned out to support the business and explore the new space on the morning of Sept. 25.

Anke’s Bakery is the home of German baked goods, including breads and pastries. “We want to thank her for expanding and adding a sit-down area. She’s been thinking about it, dreaming about it for about five years, and it’s finally come to life,” said Michaela Horn, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce. “So thank you for being here and celebrating with her—we have lots of businesses here—it’s great to see the business community supporting each other.”

And with that, everyone filed out to the front of the business to take part in the ceremonial

cutting of the ribbon. Anke Townsdin, owner of Anke’s Bakery, cut the ribbon to cheers and support from the crowd.

The business expanded to take over the area that the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce used to occupy. The office space has been transformed into a fresh, inviting little bistro with tables and chairs and areas to sit and enjoy fresh-baked goodies. “It’s more bistro, I kind of want to go in the direction of how you do it in Europe... you have a coffee place where you can eat your pastries and drink your coffee, and you sit down and enjoy it and slow down, and then you go about your day,” explained Townsdin. “I don’t want to be a restaurant, it’s more of a bistro—a German version or a European version of a bistro—because here bistros are a restaurant, and that’s not what we are—it’s not full service.”

The new expanded sit-down

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Anke Townsdin, owner, cuts the ribbon to celebrate her new business expansion. Longbrake photo

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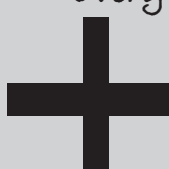


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Eleanor Johnson, 81



"I was hatched, I was matched, I was snatched" Eleanor Johnson, June 2026.

Eleanor Louise Reinhold was born April 27, 1945 in Spearfish, South Dakota, in the Spearfish Nursing Home as Dr. Betts couldn't use the Spearfish Hospital, so he came up with his own location. She was the daughter of Wilhelm and Emma (Smith) Reinhold. Eleanor's family lived in Spearfish until she was four years of age. They moved to Beulah, Wyoming before returning to Spearfish for school, through 4th grade. They then moved to Idaho, where she lived until graduating high school in 1963. Eleanor came to Black Hills State University for college. She met and married Richard (Dick) Johnson, after meeting in square dance class six weeks before. She graduated from college in 1967 with a degree in Education, which was fitting with her love of books and reading.

Eleanor raised four children and took pride in caring for the home. She was never a housewife, "I didn't marry the house," but maintained the home and ranched with her husband for over 60 years.

Eleanor's practical, down-to-earth dry humor was not always understood by others but was often used as the voice of reason to her children throughout their lives. Her love of books, reading, quilting, and baking made a warm and welcome home for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Anyone who knew Eleanor loved her famous homemade buns and her beautiful quilts, made with love for special events throughout the years.

Eleanor's positive spirit and kindness to others was present until the end of her time on this earth, with her medical team making a special effort to stop by when she had appointments, and commenting on Eleanor and Dick's relationship and support for one another and their genuine enjoyment of getting to know Eleanor. Her legacy continues through her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and their commitment to living up to her diplomatic and accepting attitude toward others.

Eleanor went home to heaven at the age of 81 on Wednesday, September 30, 2026. She is preceded in death by her parents Wilhelm Theodore and Emma Catherine (Smith) Reinhold, siblings Eldon "Chris" Reinhold, and Eloise (Reinhold) Watson. Grateful for sharing her life are her husband Richard "Dick", children Frederick "Fritz" (Jana) Johnson, Eric (Laurie) Johnson, Amy Bochman, and Karen Cordie (partner Richard Highland), grandchildren Joseph (Hailey) Johnson, Isabel (Wyatt) Harris, James Johnson, Owen Johnson, Mathias (Melany) Johnson, Kristy (Robert) Schlesselman, CJ (Kelsey) Johnson, Katherine (Levi) Veal, Leidy Bochman, Cory Cordie (partner Samantha Thomas), Rebecca Cordie, Elizabeth Cordie (partner Aspyr Florey), step-grandchildren Nathan Highland and Brooke Highland, as well as eleven great-grandchildren: Charlotte Johnson, Gideon Johnson, Lariat Harris, Latigo Harris, Wayne Johnson, Gwen Schlesselman, Londyn Schlesselman, Lyra Johnson, William Veal, Caspian Veal, and Arthur Veal. She is also survived by her siblings Elvina Christopherson, Ernest Reinhold, and Elizabeth Reinhold.

In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting the Mud Butte Fire Department or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, an organization Eleanor supported for many years for the services provided to families.

The funeral service will be held 11am Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at the Prairie Home Church near Mud Butte. Visitation will take place 5 to 7pm Monday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Dale Louis Orwick, 72



Dale Louis Orwick, age 72, passed away on August 14, 2026, in Winnemucca, NV, where he lived for most of his adult life.

Dale was born on December 9, 1953, to Richard and Ida Mae (Renelt) Orwick. He was raised on the family ranch northeast of Newell, SD and was the second of six children born to this union. He attended country school through the 8th grade and graduated from Newell High School and Black Hills State College.

As a young man, Dale enjoyed playing softball, riding motorcycles, bowling and playing pool. After college, Dale enjoyed traveling the country, and even spent some time on the road selling books! He held a variety of jobs in his younger years, working for American Colloid Company, area ranchers, in the oilfields, and for Worthen Van in Gillette, Wyoming.

During his time in Gillette, Dale met Sundae (Simons) Lowery and the two were married in 1989. With this union, Dale became a steadfast stepfather to Cody Shayne, Shannon, and Travis. Over the years, Dale and Shannon developed a particularly special bond and their relationship remained meaningful throughout his life. The family continued to grow through spouses, children, and grandchildren. Dale and Sundae divorced in 2024.

In 1989, Dale started what would become a long career in Nevada's gold-mining industry. He worked at the same mine near Winnemucca for approximately 34 years. As a heavy-equipment operator, Dale found work that suited him and gave him plenty of opportunity to spend his days "playing in the dirt." He lived a life marked by hard work, independence, family, and the freedom to follow his own path.

Dale was a devoted Catholic, and his faith remained an important part of his life. Family also remained important to Dale, and he enjoyed keeping in touch with his brother and sisters, nieces and nephews, children, grandchildren, and extended family.

Dale is lovingly remembered by his brother, Bob Orwick (Jennifer), residing on the family ranch northeast of Newell; sisters, Joan Luft, New Orleans, LA; Mary Burket (Jeff), Spearfish, SD; and Marcia Olson (Dan) of Spearfish, SD. He is also survived by nieces and nephews Ashley Selgeby (Kevin Crago), Will Orwick (Madison) and Sam Orwick (Bri); Erin Luft Katz (Alex) and Courtney Luft Buchholz; Alexis Burket and Logan Burket; Trevor Olson (Angela), Nick Olson, Ryan Olson and Zack Olson (Taylor).

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Ida Mae Orwick; brother, Dick Orwick; and brother-in-law, John Luft.

A Funeral Mass is scheduled for Friday, October 9, 2026, at 10:30am at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Newell, SD. Burial will follow at Hope Cemetery.

A memorial has been established to the Mud Butte Volunteer Fire Department.

The service will be livestreamed on the funeral home website if you are unable to attend.

You may sign his online guestbook at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

2 Chronicles 16:9

"The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father, give us wisdom and discernment as we face the days ahead. Guide our thoughts and decisions so they reflect Your will. When we face uncertainty, give us clarity and courage to choose what is right. Help us trust Your guidance and walk faithfully in the path You have set before us. Amen.

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United Way of the Black Hills offered wine and treats inside Belle Flowers + Co. Longbrake photo(s)

From A1 Wine Up
the treats to pair with its wine. Evans suggested visiting the Tap House to inquire about any of the wine available during the Wine Up event.

There was a variety of wines for people to sample, with something for almost everyone, including Ramsay Merlot, Roscato Rose Dolce, Yellow Tail Strawberry Lime, Yellow Tail Sangria, King Estate Pinot Noir, White Zinfandel, Guinigi Prosecco, Klinker Brick Cabernet Sauvignon, Huber Sparkling Rose, Sean Minor Red Blend, Sungarden Dornfelder, Omen Zinfandel, Baci Dolce White, Folktale Riesling, King Estate Pinot Gris, Castello del Poggio

Lambrusco, Cupcake Sweet Red and Pitule Moscato d'Asti.

The business turnout was good, with most stores in the downtown area joining in on the fun. Seventeen State Street shops participated in the event and hosted six businesses inside downtown locations, bringing the total to 23 participants.

Business owners intended to create a special event for the community. "We want them to enjoy themselves, and we really appreciate everybody coming out and we hope that everyone enjoyed the evening and will come see us during the holidays," said Evans. "Just remember that we have a thriving downtown that is building!"

To find out more about events on State Street, follow Shop State Street on Facebook. Businesses that participated in the Wine Up event were Belle Flowers and Co., Black Hills Curio Co., Anke's Bakery, B & S Bookkeeping, The Circle Lounge, Cowboy Back Bar, Cowboys Too!, Outlaw Bar, Pasque Ladies Fashions, SME Treats, Pearson Block Candy Shop, Pearson Block Hous, Red Onion Marketplace, Elizabeth Ann's Bridal, Hair Gallery, Love That Shoppe, Hitching Post Tap House, Prairie Hills Pharmacy, Quality Quick Print, Sowers & Son Dirty Laundry, The 605 Emporium, Moxie Marketing and United Way of the Black Hills.

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B & S Bookkeeping was hosted inside Cowboys Too! during Wine Up on State Street.



Getting a wristband at the welcome table.



The seating area in front of Pearson Block Candy Shop and Pearson Block Hous was a popular stop during the Wine Up event.

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area is meant to be a place where people can meet friends and take time to breathe. “Since everybody is going fast, fast, fast... I said, no, we’re going the other way, we’re going to be the slow one where you have a real cup, not the paper cups, where you sit down, mingle, and meet friends,” shared Townsdin. “It’s so fun when you watch people sitting at the tables and then cross interaction and making friends, and everybody knows everybody, and it’s just fun to watch—even with the travelers, they are incorporated immediately into conversations and it’s really fun!”
Having everyone that comes in feel at home and enjoy their time at the bistro is an important part of the eatery. “One thing I enjoy is when I come in to talk and just check in, is that you can hear laughter, but then also you hear different languages too—it naturally just attracts, and so that’s really cool,” shared Horn. “That’s really what I was aiming

for, and it’s really coming to life, and it’s really nice,” added Townsdin.
The expanded area is designed to be a sit-down bistro where you can expect food served on real plates and not a basket with a paper lining, but it is so much more than that. The bistro also offers breakfast sandwiches and paninis, and in the market you can find a variety of teas, crackers, pasta, sauces and fresh produce. “So the main thing you’re going to find is the organic artisan breads and pastries, that’s the main focus and it always has been, always will be,” said Townsdin. “I don’t want to have any waste, so everything I’m ordering is something I will use in the back... if the beets are not going well, then we pickle them; if the tomatoes are not gone in time, then we make tomato sauce out of it. So everything will be used and turned into another product that we will sell here.”
The business owner is creating a food program with zero or low waste, of sorts. “It’s not really

my goal, but that’s...how I grew up, and that’s how my mother taught me everything, you know—so that’s just in my DNA, I guess.”
The holiday season is coming up fast and Townsdin is looking forward to all the Christmas baking, including gingerbread.
Anke’s Bakery Market and Bistro currently has four employees but is looking to hire at least three more. “I wanted to make [a special] this week, but we are so understaffed, I didn’t have the time. So we’re also hiring,” said Townsdin.
If you haven’t had a chance to stop in and explore the newly expanded Anke’s Bakery Market and Bistro, there is now even more reason to stop by, sit down and try some of the fresh, healthy organic foods and even take some home with you. The business is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Guests sitting at a table in the new bistro area. Longbrake photo(s)



Fresh produce market.



Organic teas.



Organic artisan pastas and sauces.



The bakery.

Honor Flight Contd. from A1

water, snacks, meals. Time was an issue as probably 1/3 of the vets required wheel chairs. The guardians and staff made that easier. The Park police gave an escort to the airport for what should have been a 6:00 flight home. There wasn't much communication about that...just rumors like the real military! :) Finally we took off for home about 3 hours late. During the home flight the staff had mail call! Everyone received letters and notes and post cards...very gratifying.

We arrived at 11:30PM Sioux Falls time believing there'd be little activity! Wrong! Hundreds of people greeted us coming in, unlike when we arrived from overseas in Viet Nam or Korea in my case. Hundreds of people, like it was New Years Eve with balloons and flags and cheering crowds. Hugs and kisses and handshakes, adults and kids all over. We were presented a plaque "Honorable Discharge from the Midwest Honor Flight". The whole ending was very tear inducing. We were truly welcomed home and thanked for our service.

Incidentally if you served in the military and are curious about your eligibility for an Honor Flight just all 605-215-1319 and inquire. These folks are very accommodating. Same goes if you'd like to be a sponsor or a guardian. Call.

God Bless America!



The World War II Victory Medal at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. *Courtesy photos*



The meal in Sioux Falls to introduce the vets and the guardians.



The 19 stainless-steel statues at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.



The Mural Wall at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

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Jim with son Kyle under the state sign at the World War II monument.



Jim and son Kyle at the Three Servicemen statue at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in D.C.



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Mother Bickerdyke's Legacy Lives On in Belle Fourche

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Center of the Nation area is steeped in history, from its cattle-town roots and connections to Seth Bullock and ties to vaudeville performers and other figures from the past. Much of that history has found a home at the Tri-State Museum, where it is collected and preserved, inviting the community to come experience it. Now, another surprising connection to the past has joined the museum's permanent exhibits—the story of famed Civil War nurse Mary Ann “Mother” Bickerdyke.

Bickerdyke was a widowed mother living in Galesburg, Illinois, when the Civil War began. She witnessed the terrible hospital conditions and essentially stayed on to improve them. She eventually became a field agent for the U.S. Sanitary Commission. The Library of Congress credits her with helping establish or improve roughly 300 hospitals and caring for wounded soldiers on 19 separate battlefields. “Mother Bickerdyke was a Civil War nurse, and there’s a statue of her in Illinois—she’s just famous, famous, famous,” explained Jada Udager, collections archivist. “A lot of stories written about her and her descendants are here.”

What makes a Civil War nurse exhibit relevant to the Center of the Nation? She has direct descendants living right here in the Belle Fourche area, and more spread throughout the tri-state area. Long-time Belle Fourche School District business manager Susan Proefrock is a relative of Mother Bickerdyke’s. “There are Bickerdykes in Camp Crook, Buffalo area—Harding County and Montana, and then Susan Proefrock—Mother Bickerdyke is her great-great-grand-

mother,” shared Udager.

Mother Bickerdyke’s son, Hiram, also brought the connection to the local area. According to the museum’s own exhibit, Hiram met Bruce Sebastian of Belle Fourche in 1877 and later settled on a Montana ranch. Generations of the Bickerdyke family have remained in Montana and the Harding County area. “One of her sons, Hiram, came here back in the 1800s, and he raised his family here, and they raised theirs here, and I think we’ve got five generations of them [in the area],” explained Udager.

Udager began archiving pieces related to Mother Bickerdyke and has developed quite an expansive collection. Some of the items found in the collection are family photographs, documents, silver pieces and historical materials about Mother Bickerdyke. Also, there are personal objects that belonged to Bickerdyke. The artifacts contained in the exhibit at the museum now come together to tell the story of her life.

In the display you will find a dried flower collection and moss cross that are said to have come from President Abraham Lincoln’s Illinois home garden in 1863. “They’re pressed in and I think she made them herself because she was a Civil War nurse, but the tape on the outside is all medical tape. So she must have put it between, I don’t know, not acrylic—it almost feels like a heavy plastic,” said Udager.

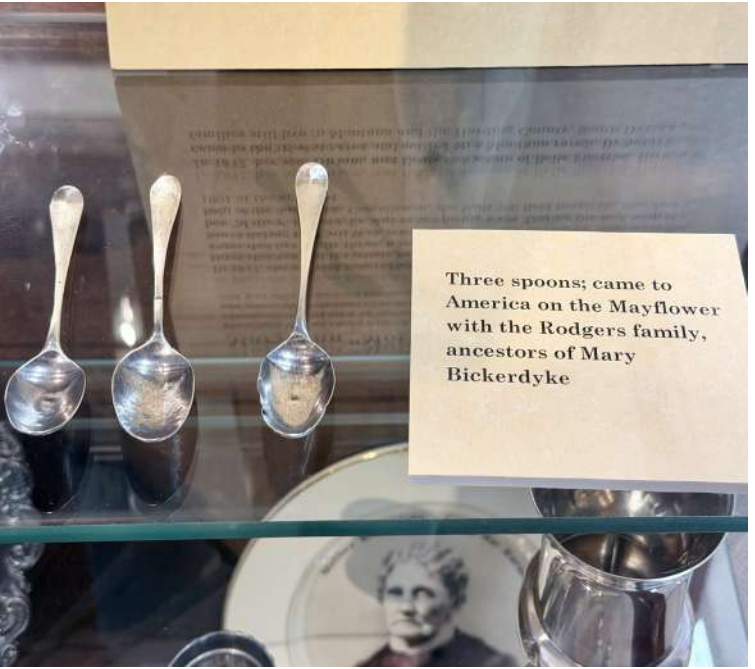
In another display, you will find three silver spoons that are said to have come to America on the Mayflower with the Rodgers family, ancestors of Mary Bickerdyke. A more recent piece of history on display is a certificate and medal honoring Mother Bickerdyke that were presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution in

Hulett, Wyoming.

Udager enjoyed learning all about the Civil War nurse. “Well, General Sherman said, ‘She outranks me,’ and evidently they were in a field hospital, and some surgeon asked her where she thought she got her authority from and she said, ‘Well, the good Lord Almighty and if you have somebody that outranks that, I would like to see him.’ So she must have been a spitfire,” she said.

After Udager curated the collection from existing museum archives and donations given to the museum by the Bickerdyke family, they still needed a place to house the exhibit. Char O’Dea, chair of the Tri-State Museum board, stepped in to help Udager with the search for a case big enough to hold the collection. “It was really cool because I was looking for a case and Char O’Dea... was looking at the marketplace and everything—and retired Judge [Michael] Day and his wife, Mary, were moving... and they had this case that they were selling for \$300, and Char said, ‘Well, would you want to donate it to the museum?’ And Mary said, ‘Oh, absolutely!’ So this was Judge Day’s mother’s,” explained Udager.

During the recent Center of the Nation 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, Joe and Alicia Giaculli presented a framed American flag that was flown over the 9/11 Memorial in New York City to the city of Belle Fourche. That American flag now has the perfect resting place. Udager is holding the top of the Bickerdyke display case for the framed 9/11 American flag. She also moved items from beside the case so they could make room for the large model of the Twin Towers that goes along with the flag. It will sit on the ground beside the Bickerdyke display case.



Part of the Mother Bickerdyke exhibit, silver spoons reportedly came to America via the Mayflower.



Part of a silver set that belonged to Mary Bickerdyke.



A cross made from pressed moss belonged to Mary Bickerdyke.



Dating to 1863, the pressed flowers reportedly came from President Lincoln’s Illinois home garden. Longbrake photo(s)

Show Up!

by Belle LaVenue



Belle Fourche Area Community Theater takes the first step to HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT in Belle Fourche! They are inviting YOU to join this year’s holiday production of A Suessified Christmas Carol. Auditions will be held on October 18 at 2pm and October 19 & 22 at 6:30pm in the Rec Center Auditorium. This show is open to all ages. Children 8 and younger will need a parent or guardian to be present at rehearsal. This show is a flexible size so there are many roles of different sizes. You don’t need to bring anything for auditions, just yourself. The show itself will be on December 10 – 13. If you are interested in helping with tech of any kind (lights, sound stage management, set building, etc), please come to auditions. If you have any questions, or are unable to make the audition dates but still want to join the production, feel free to message director@bellefourcheact.com or call 605.645.3255 to arrange a different audition time and date. 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!**

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Daly Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	68	..B/R	..Hf		662		\$371.00
Grubbing Hoe Ranch, Buffalo, SD.....	12	..Bldd	..Strs		1103		\$281.50
Grubbing Hoe Ranch, Buffalo, SD.....	26	..Bldd	..Hf	.....	1004	.....	\$295.00
Randall Inc, Broadus, MT.....	10	..B/R	..Hf	.....	863	.....	\$315.00
Schuricht, Ken, Moorcroft, WY.....	20	..Blk	..Hf	.....	795	.....	\$340.50
Tower Valley Ranch, Hulett, WY.....	13	..Rrbl	..Hf	.....	886	.....	\$311.00

SPRING CALVES

Semlek Ranch , Moorcroft, WY.....	39	..Blk	..Strs	.....	478	.....	\$509.00
Semlek Ranch , Moorcroft, WY.....	120	..Blk	..Strs	.....	467	.....	\$525.00
Semlek Ranch , Moorcroft, WY.....	34	..Blk	..Strs	.....	398	.....	\$600.00
Semlek Ranch , Moorcroft, WY.....	33	..Blk	..Hf	.....	365	.....	\$559.00
Branger, Clint, Roscoe, MT.....	63	..Blk	..Strs	.....	477	.....	\$500.00
Branger, Clint, Roscoe, MT.....	42	..Blk	..Hf	.....	423	.....	\$490.00
Branger, Clint, Roscoe, MT.....	19	..Blk	..Strs	.....	397	.....	\$595.00
Keffeler & Lorenz, Sturgis, SD.....	21	..Blk	..Strs	.....	700	.....	\$365.00
Keffeler & Lorenz, Sturgis, SD.....	16	..Char	..Strs	.....	580	.....	\$421.00
Keffeler & Lorenz, Sturgis, SD.....	112	..Blk	..Strs	.....	563	.....	\$455.00
Keffeler & Lorenz, Sturgis, SD.....	119	..Blk	..Hf	.....	546	.....	\$410.00
Keffeler & Lorenz, Sturgis, SD.....	30	..Blk	..Strs	.....	433	.....	\$545.00
Alan, Corey, Whitewood, SD.....	11	..Blk	..Strs	.....	592	.....	\$415.00
Alan, Corey, Whitewood, SD.....	11	..Blk	..Hf	.....	527	.....	\$390.00
Baker, J Charles (Chuck), Whitewood, SD.....	15	..Blk	..Strs	.....	513	.....	\$438.00
Baker, J Charles (Chuck), Whitewood, SD.....	12	..Blk	..Hf	.....	464	.....	\$430.00
Burleson, James A, Newcastle, WY.....	44	..Blk	..Strs	.....	558	.....	\$431.00
Burleson, James A, Newcastle, WY.....	22	..Blk	..Hf	.....	549	.....	\$355.00
Burleson, James A, Newcastle, WY.....	21	..Blk	..Strs	.....	467	.....	\$495.00
Burleson, James A, Newcastle, WY.....	27	..Blk	..Hf	.....	465	.....	\$455.00
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance, WY.....	16	..Bldd	..Hf	.....	360	.....	\$505.00
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance, WY.....	35	..B/R	..Strs	.....	352	.....	\$600.00
Cotton, Maurice & Jesse, Piedmont, SD.....	10	..Bldd	..Hf	.....	479	.....	\$475.00
Crowser, Jenny, Newell, SD.....	42	..B/R	..Bull	.....	346	.....	\$595.00
Crowser, Jenny, Newell, SD.....	12	..Mix	..Bull	.....	331	.....	\$445.00
Crowser, Jenny, Newell, SD.....	20	..B/R	..Bull	.....	266	.....	\$675.00
Crowser, Jenny, Newell, SD.....	16	..Herf	..Bull	.....	234	.....	\$625.00
Fuller, Mike And Ethan, Gillette, WY.....	31	..Blk	..Strs	.....	508	.....	\$472.50
Fuller, Mike And Ethan, Gillette, WY.....	13	..Blk	..Hf	.....	473	.....	\$475.00
Hillsview Ranch, Sturgis, SD.....	19	..Bldd	..Strs	.....	502	.....	\$470.00
Hillsview Ranch, Sturgis, SD.....	19	..Bldd	..Hf	.....	470	.....	\$440.00
Hillsview Ranch, Sturgis, SD.....	13	..Bldd	..Strs	.....	418	.....	\$509.00
Hillsview Ranch, Sturgis, SD.....	23	..Bldd	..Hf	.....	400	.....	\$497.50
Jandreau, Jim, Sturgis, SD.....	16	..Blk	..Hf	.....	506	.....	\$440.00
Jandreau, Jim, Sturgis, SD.....	27	..Blk	..Strs	.....	504	.....	\$477.50
Jewett, Tyler Or Sally, Belle Fourche, SD.....	32	..Bld	..Strs	.....	669	.....	\$387.50
Jewett, Tyler Or Sally, Belle Fourche, SD.....	11	..Bld	..Strs	.....	525	.....	\$449.00
Jochim, Mark, Belle Fourche, SD.....	46	..Blk	..Strs	.....	492	.....	\$487.50
Jochim, Mark, Belle Fourche, SD.....	36	..Blk	..Hf	.....	477	.....	\$460.00
Jochim, Mark, Belle Fourche, SD.....	11	..Blk	..Strs	.....	412	.....	\$570.00
Jochim, Mark, Belle Fourche, SD.....	17	..Blk	..Hf	.....	399	.....	\$515.00
King, Dale Or Helen, Hammond, MT.....	86	..Blk	..Strs	.....	577	.....	\$439.00
King, Dale Or Helen, Hammond, MT.....	66	..Blk	..Hf	.....	523	.....	\$425.00
King, Dale Or Helen, Hammond, MT.....	44	..Blk	..Strs	.....	494	.....	\$485.00
King, Dale Or Helen, Hammond, MT.....	19	..Blk	..Hf	.....	424	.....	\$515.00
King, Dale Or Helen, Hammond, MT.....	10	..Blk	..Strs	.....	383	.....	\$597.50
Lintz, Jim & Brenda, Hermosa, SD.....	26	..Blk	..Strs	.....	593	.....	\$421.00
Lintz, Jim & Brenda, Hermosa, SD.....	22	..Blk	..Hf	.....	559	.....	\$379.00
Mcfarland, Chris, Rapid City, SD.....	22	..Bldd	..Strs	.....	604	.....	\$416.00
Mcfarland, Chris, Rapid City, SD.....	13	..Blk	..Hf	.....	536	.....	\$392.00
Moore, Matthew Or Wendy, Gillette, WY.....	76	..Blk	..Strs	.....	505	.....	\$480.00
Moore, Matthew Or Wendy, Gillette, WY.....	14	..Blk	..Strs	.....	418	.....	\$560.00
Moore, Matthew Or Wendy, Gillette, WY.....	15	..Blk	..Hf	.....	406	.....	\$525.00
Nicholas, William & Bryan J, Spearfish, SD.....	25	..B/R	..Bull	.....	485	.....	\$452.50
Oedekoven, Darrel, Vale, SD.....	47	..B/R	..Strs	.....	608	.....	\$407.50
Oedekoven, Darrel, Vale, SD.....	17	..Blk	..Strs	.....	506	.....	\$475.00
Oedekoven, Darrel, Vale, SD.....	32	..Bldd	..Hf	.....	515	.....	\$415.00
Oedekoven, Darrel, Vale, SD.....	16	..Blk	..Hf	.....	441	.....	\$440.00
Olson, Chance, Belle Fourche, SD.....	10	..Blk	..Strs	.....	534	.....	\$455.00
Persson, Benjamin Earl, Gillette, WY.....	45	..Blk	..Hf	.....	419	.....	\$485.00
Sams, Norman, Weston, WY.....	21	..Blk	..Strs	.....	557	.....	\$430.00
Sams, Norman, Weston, WY.....	18	..Blk	..Strs	.....	548	.....	\$449.00
Sams, Norman, Weston, WY.....	21	..Bldd	..Hf	.....	544	.....	\$387.50
Sams, Norman, Weston, WY.....	17	..Blk	..Hf	.....	457	.....	\$455.00
Sams, Norman, Weston, WY.....	10	..Blk	..Strs	.....	418	.....	\$570.00
Schloredt Enterprises, Sundance, WY.....	11	..Blk	..Strs	.....	679	.....	\$381.00
Schloredt Enterprises, Sundance, WY.....	11	..Blk	..Strs	.....	415	.....	\$565.00
Schuricht, Ken, Moorcroft, WY.....	114	..Blk	..Strs	.....	519	.....	\$464.00
Schuricht, Ken, Moorcroft, WY.....	30	..Blk	..Strs	.....	434	.....	\$552.50
Selby, Jay, Rapid City, SD.....	11	..Blk	..Strs	.....	588	.....	\$421.00
Selby, Jay, Rapid City, SD.....	11	..Blk	..Hf	.....	515	.....	\$410.00
Sinner, Jake, Gillette, WY.....	14	..Bld	..Strs	.....	540	.....	\$483.00
Sinner, Jake, Gillette, WY.....	33	..Bldd	..Hf	.....	520	.....	\$390.00
Sinner, Jake, Gillette, WY.....	45	..B/R	..Strs	.....	484	.....	\$483.00
Sinner, Jake, Gillette, WY.....	49	..Bldd	..Hf	.....	399	.....	\$502.00
Sinner, Jake, Gillette, WY.....	23	..Blk	..Strs	.....	386	.....	\$591.00
Tennant, Rebecca, Gillette, WY.....	16	..Red	..Strs	.....	476	.....	\$480.00
Tennant, Rebecca, Gillette, WY.....	25	..Red	..Hf	.....	458	.....	\$435.00
White, Daniel H, Devils Tower, WY.....	31	..Blk	..Strs	.....	569	.....	\$420.00
White, Daniel H, Devils Tower, WY.....	18	..Blk	..Hf	.....	473	.....	\$505.00
White, Daniel H, Devils Tower, WY.....	13	..Bldd	..Strs	.....	452	.....	\$525.00

WEIGH UP COWS

Andersen, Myron, Whitewood, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Cow	.....	1450	.....	\$151.00
Baker, Gary Or Nancy, Hermosa, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Hfr	.....	1020	.....	\$257.00
Baker, Gary Or Nancy, Hermosa, SD.....	2	..Blk	..Cow	.....	1460	.....	\$151.50
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette, MT.....	1	..Bld	..Hfr	.....	1210	.....	\$259.00
Clements, Austin, Glendive, MT.....	1	..Blk	..Hfr	.....	830	.....	\$270.00
Clements, Austin, Glendive, MT.....	3	..Blk	..Hfr	.....	1106	.....	\$241.00
Clements, Austin, Glendive, MT.....	1	..Herf	..Cwette	.....	800	.....	\$215.00
Clements, Austin, Glendive, MT.....	2	..Bld	..Cwette	.....	1242	.....	\$205.00
Clements, Austin, Glendive, MT.....	7	..Bldd	..Cow	.....	1390	.....	\$154.50
Crump Land & Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	2	..Red	..Hfr	.....	1132	.....	\$235.00
Crump Land & Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	1	..Red	..Cwette	.....	1285	.....	\$190.00
Crump Land & Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	10	..B/R	..Cow	.....	1423	.....	\$154.00
Crump Land & Livestock, Gillette, WY.....	1	..Blk	..Cow	.....	1275	.....	\$148.00
Cuka, Gerard, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	..Bld	..Hfr	.....	975	.....	\$230.00
Cuka, Gerard, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Cow	.....	1465	.....	\$151.50
Double Sickle Ranch, Rapid City, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Cow	.....	1320	.....	\$153.50
Double Sickle Ranch, Rapid City, SD.....	2	..Blk	..Cow	.....	1260	.....	\$152.50
Guy Casteel Livestock Llc, Newell, SD.....	2	..Herf	..Cwette	.....	995	.....	\$182.00
Guy Casteel Livestock Llc, Newell, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Cwette	.....	1215	.....	\$155.00
Kinghorn, Ray, St Onge, SD.....	5	..Blk	..Cow	.....	1402	.....	\$154.50
Mackaben, Ronny, Broadus, MT.....	1	..Blk	..Cwette	.....	1305	.....	\$157.00
Mackaben, Ronny, Broadus, MT.....	1	..Blk	..Cow	.....	1575	.....	\$153.50
Mcdonald, James O & Rhoda M, Hulett, WY.....	1	..Blk	..Hfr	.....	1090	.....	\$248.00
Mcdonald, James O & Rhoda M, Hulett, WY.....	5	..Blk	..Cwette	.....	1324	.....	\$175.00
Mcdonald, James O & Rhoda M, Hulett, WY.....	10	..Bldd	..Cow	.....	1511	.....	\$148.50
Persson, Terrance, Gillette, WY.....	6	..Blk	..Hfr	.....	935	.....	\$270.00
Policy Ranch Llp, Upton, WY.....	5	..Blk	..Cwette	.....	1325	.....	\$165.00
Policy Ranch Llp, Upton, WY.....	1	..Blk	..Cow	.....	1240	.....	\$149.00
Policy, Tess, Upton, WY.....	4	..Blk	..Cwette	.....	1266	.....	\$181.00
Policy, Tess, Upton, WY.....	1	..Blk	..Cwette	.....	1330	.....	\$156.00
Policy, Tess, Upton, WY.....	1	..Blk	..Cow	.....	1390	.....	\$150.50
Schmidt, Clele Or Kristy, Belle Fourche, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Hfr	.....	1110	.....	\$268.00
Stinson Livestock, Moorcroft, WY.....	1	..Blk	..Cow	.....	1480	.....	\$152.00
Wahle, Jacki K, Custer, SD.....	1	..Blk	..Cow	.....	1335	.....	\$148.00
Williams, Ray & Tedi Jo, Broadus, MT.....	1	..Blk	..Cow	.....	1675	.....	\$152.00
X Ring Ranch, Upton, WY.....	2	..Blk	..Cow	.....	1195	.....	\$150.00
X Ring Ranch, Upton, WY.....	1	..Red	..Cow	.....	1130	.....	\$150.00
X Ring Ranch, Upton, WY.....	2	..Blk	..Cow	.....	1302	.....	\$149.00

WEIGH UP BULLS

Amdahl, Eric, Moorcroft, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	2005	\$196.00
Bowman, Tracy, Fairburn, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1720	\$196.00
Bowman, Tracy, Fairburn, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1015	\$182.50
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	1680	\$202.00
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette, MT.....	1	Bld	Bull	1850	\$210.00
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1610	\$184.00
Croell, Roger R, Sundance, WY.....	1	Herf	Bull	2075	\$178.00
Frederickson Ranch, Spearfish, SD.....	1	Herf	Bull	1425	\$186.50
Gantz, Jodi, Soenic, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1725	\$196.00
Geis, James R, Aladdin, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1990	\$204.00
Heart Tail Ranch Llp, St Onge, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1575	\$209.00
Humbracht, John, Camp Crook, SD.....	2	Blk	Bull	1940	\$212.00
Iron Mountain Cattle Co, Waynesboro Pa].....	2	Blk	Bull	1900	\$196.00
Iron Mountain Cattle Co, Waynesboro Pa].....	1	Blk	Bull	1825	\$200.00
Jespersen, Lynn, Upton, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1700	\$209.00
Kline, Jeff Or Cheryl, Newcastle, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1920	\$202.00
Lawrence, Justin, Alzada, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	1655	\$205.00
Mackaben, Ronny, Broadus, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	1340	\$188.00
Mutchler, Tyler, Newell, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1025	\$285.00
Powell, Stanley, Biddle, MT.....	1	Blk	Bull	2255	\$199.00
Wagner, David, Hulett, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1795	\$215.00
Wagner, David, Hulett, WY.....	1	Red	Bull	2010	\$220.00
White, Daniel H, Devils Tower, WY.....	1	Blk	Bull	1680	\$193.00
Williamson, Todd Or Melanie, Newell, SD.....	1	Blk	Bull	1715	\$180.00

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100 years
Northwest Post
November 11, 1926
GOVERNOR-ELECT IS A
DEMOCRAT W. J. Bulow, of
Beresford Promises a Square
Deal to All South Dakota Peo-
ple W. J. Bulow, governor-elect of South Dakota, issued the following statement Wednesday in which he reiterates his campaign pledge of a business-like administration and a square deal for all. "I want to thank the people of South Dakota for the honor that they have conferred upon me. I feel truly grateful to my friends all over the state, to whose untiring efforts and locality we owe the victory in this election.

My hope is that I may measure up to a realization of their trust and confidence and I want to renew the pledge that I made so often during the campaign: that I will strive to conduct the affairs of the state in a business-like way and not for political spoils. All my efforts will be made in conformity with the principles of our democratic form of government, giving everyone all square deal and no one a special privilege. To the best of my ability, I will try to carry out the tenets of this motto, regardless of what anyone's political affiliations may have been.

My hope now is that all of us may lay aside our political differences and, unitedly, all work together in behalf of the best interests of South Dakota. I am not able personally to thank all the people who supported me in this campaign, so I beg to convey, through the press, my thanks for their efforts in my behalf."

BELLE FOURCHE VICTORIOUS Belle Fourche's High School football team redeemed itself last Friday in the game with Spearfish, winning by a score of 10 to 3, in one of the cleverest contests played here this season. This was the last game to be played on the home field this season, our boys playing the final game at Lead next Saturday afternoon. During the past season Belle Fourche has been represented by a team composed entirely of raw material, and in another year they will be playing much better and will be in a position to make it interesting for any aggregation in the Hills. Two games were won this season, the first played here with Sturgis, and last Friday's game.

NEWS ITEM OF THE WEEK Queen Marie came as near Belle Fourche as Thermopolis, Wyo., which isn't very near. The shades of the old west will past before Queen Marie of Romania when her train rolls through the Wind River canyon, the old haunts of the frontier outlaws and badmen on the morning of November 9. With rifles nestling in the crooks of their arms and six shooters stropped to their waists, a score or more sheriffs and cowpunchers will guard the royal visitor in the canyon. Sheriff B. F. McFarlane, a Wyoming law officer of frontier experience with his deputies, wearing the picturesque chaps

and broad-brimmed sombreros will line the canyon as the royal train passes through and halts for a few minutes to give the queen a glimpse of Wyoming's mountain fastnesses. The railroads are furnishing Marie, the Romanian Queen, who is touring the United States, a special train for herself and party from the Atlantic seaboard to Van Conver, B. C. and return, for a total cost of \$28.

The roads received permission of the Interstate Commerce Commission to grant this low rate on one day's notice. This same Commission restrained the M. & St. L., the Milwaukee and other northwest railroads from lowering the freight rate on wheat from North and South Dakota to Minneapolis 6 cents per hundred. The loss the railroads take on hauling European royalty over the country will be made up in higher rates on farm products or come out of the government guarantee. No wonder the northwest farmers at times see red.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Post,
October 28, 1951
Second Case of Rabies
Discovered Near Belle Another case of rabies – the second one in the Belle Fourche vicinity in the last month – has been reported. Dr. R. M. Buck, local veterinarian yesterday made public a report received from G. S. Harshfield, head of the veterinary department at South Dakota State College. Harshfield reported "I can now report positive diagnosis of rabies in part of a cow brain from the animal owned by Herb Tope.

Tope lives near the Wyoming line on highway 212 about 12 miles northwest of Belle Fourche. Buck says he performed a postmortem on the cow immediately after Tope reported the animals' death. The veterinarian did not speculate as to what might have bitten the cow – it could have been an infected dog, skunk or raccoon. Last month, two cows on the Frank Thompson place about two miles northeast of Spearfish died from rabies. Cases of the dreaded disease have been found in animals at Deadwood and in Pennington county. A quarantine was put into effect in Deadwood and Spearfish and all dogs and cats in those towns were ordered inoculated.

50 years ago
The Belle Fourche Post
October 13, 1976
PUC Hearing Affects Key
Area Industry Pierre – The Public Utilities Commission has ordered three "citizen input" hearings concerning the "deteriorating and dangerous" conditions of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad's so-called "bentonite line" in western South Dakota. The hearings are scheduled for Oct. 28 in the Pennington county courthouse, Oct. 29 in the First Nation Bank of the Black Hills, Sturgis and later in the Butte county courthouse, Belle Fourche. Commission Chairman Jack Weiland said the decision to investigate the conditions of the "bentonite line" followed a complaint from State

Senator Charles Flyte, Oral and the commissions' own observations. Scott Engineering, a Watertown firm, was retained to make a full investigation of the line, and their report to the commission showed the line to be in "extremely poor and potentially dangerous" condition. One of the conclusions of the Scott report states: present conditions "...are causing the line to progressively deteriorate."

The report further notes that "improvements should be made in accordance with the American Railway Engineering Association's specifications." The C&NW line is about 167 miles long starting at the bentonite plants about 18 miles northwest of Belle Fourche across the line Wyoming. It enters Nebraska south of Oelrichs. Weiland pointed out that the commission feels that in its present conditions, the line is a threat to public safety. He said, "When there have been some 5 derailments -due to poor track conditions – in the past 18 months, something should be done to rectify this."

The commissions' order and applications to testify at the public hearings later this month were sent to freight shippers, receivers and other interested persons on the line. Following the citizen input hearings concerning the condition of the rail line, further hearings have been scheduled by the commission in Pierre. The commission's staff also interviewed major rail users and businesses on the line. Some of the comments of the rail users were submitted in the report of Oct. 6 meeting. Comments included that service was not dependable, the extraordinary number of derailments has resulted in shipping delays which are not tolerable in the ordinary course of business. Due to existing speed limits (5 to 15 miles per hour) rail service is cheapen by tariff but not economical.

Shippers can't load to maximum weight because the track will not support fully loaded cars; businesses located on or near C & NW track are fearful for the personal safety of their employees due to poor track conditions and the belief that a derailment is not only possible but probable; an untold number of fires ignited by passing trains and derailment sites have caused extensive property damage in several instances. In view of all this the commission felt there was just cause for a full public hearing into the allegations and assertions made by various persons.

The line in its early days hauled hundreds of thousands of cattle to market, but in more recent years its major shipments have been thousands of cars of bentonite each year from the four plants in the area. The line also hauls substantial amounts of timber. Some of the areas bentonite is hauled by truck, but most of it goes out by rail, so the line is a key factor in the operation of what has been estimated as a \$25 million annual bentonite industry in the Belle Fourche area.



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12 Baked Ham & Sweet Potato with Broccoli & Roll	13 Salisbury Steak & Rice Pilaf & Carrots, Roll	14 Tater tot casserole Mixed Veggie & Roll & Salad	15 Meatloaf / Mashed Potato / Gravy & Corn Roll	16 Baked Chicken & Buttered Rice & Creamed Spinach, Roll
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	58	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	413	560.00	\$ 2,312.89
	9	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	285	655.00	\$ 1,866.75
	89	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	441	480.00	\$ 2,117.39
	28	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	380	540.00	\$ 2,050.07
	17	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	266	627.50	\$ 1,666.56
Moke Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	101	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	538	465.00	\$ 2,502.02
	80	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	442	535.00	\$ 2,365.70
	15	Black-Str Pc Bt, Pc	358	635.00	\$ 2,273.30
	110	Black-Hfr Pc Bt, Pc	469	465.00	\$ 2,180.85
	40	Black-Hfr Pc Bt, Pc	420	501.00	\$ 2,103.57
	11	Black-Hfr Pc Bt, Pc	326	525.00	\$ 1,713.40
X Heart Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	100	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	547	453.00	\$ 2,476.09
Vernon Horst, Newell SD	45	Black-Str Pc Bt, Pc	614	415.00	\$ 2,546.71
	10	Black-Str Pc Bt, Pc	489	502.50	\$ 2,457.22
	32	Black-Hfr Pc Bt, Pc	576	376.00	\$ 2,167.28
Mccoid Ranch, Buffalo SD	65	Black-Str Pc Ni	483	517.00	\$ 2,498.30
	14	Black-Str Pc Ni	385	610.00	\$ 2,348.50
	39	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	433	494.00	\$ 2,141.30
Schelldorf Ranch Inc, Sundance WY	81	Herf-Str Pc Ni	527	465.00	\$ 2,449.57
	14	Herf-Str Pc Ni	393	565.00	\$ 2,221.66
Kirk Erickson, Rapid City SD	42	Herf-Str Pc Ni	520	431.00	\$ 2,240.68
	25	Herf-Hfr Pc Ni	484	446.00	\$ 2,159.53

Larry & Kimberley Ligocki, Sheridan WY	43	Black-Str Bt Ni	513	475.00	\$ 2,435.20
	8	Black-Str Bt Ni	384	580.00	\$ 2,225.75
	26	Black-Hfr Bt Ni	455	457.50	\$ 2,081.62
Merle & Amy Ligocki, Sheridan WY	71	Black-Str Bt Ni	531	459.00	\$ 2,436.57
	8	Black-Str Bt Ni	434	542.50	\$ 2,356.48
	35	Black-Hfr Bt Ni	490	444.00	\$ 2,176.86
	12	Black-Hfr Bt Ni	421	490.00	\$ 2,064.12
Stack Rock Inc, Alzada MT	85	Black-Str Bt	488	494.00	\$ 2,410.72
	35	Black-Str Bt	425	555.00	\$ 2,359.54
	11	Black-Str Bt	323	602.50	\$ 1,947.17
	60	Black-Hfr Bt	458	470.00	\$ 2,152.20
	58	Black-Hfr Bt	419	494.00	\$ 2,068.41
	12	Black-Str	478	485.00	\$ 2,317.89
Eugene & Linda Roberts, Carlie WY	11	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	513	452.50	\$ 2,322.14
Kenneth G Smith, Buffalo SD	28	Black-Str Pc Ni	554	443.00	\$ 2,455.48
	25	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	538	407.00	\$ 2,188.03
Chris Kling, Belle Fourche SD	32	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	465	505.00	\$ 2,347.46
	24	Black-Str Pc Ni	384	597.50	\$ 2,295.39
	39	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	441	476.00	\$ 2,098.06
Wade & Laney Dungey, Aladdin WY	21	Black-Str Bt	562	436.00	\$ 2,448.86
	21	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bt	517	440.00	\$ 2,276.47

Jeffery & Sandra Shuck, Newcastle WY	8	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Ni	447	467.50	\$ 2,089.14
Helen Wellborn, Dillon MT	35	Black-Str Pc	644	393.00	\$ 2,530.92
Dan & Virginia Hill, Dillon MT	26	Black-Str Pc	769	356.00	\$ 2,737.77
Virginia Hill, Dillon MT	15	Black-Hfr Pc	680	350.00	\$ 2,378.83

YEARLINGS	QTY.	DESC	AVGW.	BID	\$/HEAD
William F Kennedy, Ekalaka MT	60	Black-Yrfg Str	869	356.50	\$ 3,099.47
Iron Mountain Cattle, Belle Fourche SD	52	Black-Yrfg Hfr	1000	293.50	\$ 2,935.00
Roby Clyde, Pasco Wa	51	Black-Yrfg Hfr	934	308.50	\$ 2,882.35
	13	Black-Yrfg Hfr	805	334.00	\$ 2,689.98

WEIGH-UPS	QTY.	DESC	AVGW.	BID	\$/HEAD
Lazy Y Quarter Circle Llc, Aladdin WY	11	Black-Yrfg Hfr	967	308.00	\$ 2,979.20
Meyer Family Llp, Ekalaka MT	21	Black-Yrfg Hfr	749	352.00	\$ 2,635.80
Alan Lloyd, Otter MT	10	Black-Yrfg Hfr	975	293.00	\$ 2,856.75
Jerry Vossler, Rozet WY	12	Black-Yrfg Hfr	989	291.00	\$ 2,878.47

WEIGH-UPS	QTY.	DESC	AVGW.	BID	\$/HEAD
Terry & Deb Mcpherson, Piedmont SD	15	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1387	154.50	\$ 2,142.40
	7	Black-Hfr	1096	247.50	\$ 2,713.66
Owen Rumph, Biddle MT	12	Black-Cow	1399	153.50	\$ 2,147.72
	19	Black-Cow	1589	145.50	\$ 2,312.68

Emmons Cattle Co, Olive MT	4	Black-Hfrt	1091	237.50	\$ 2,591.71
	7	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1209	212.50	\$ 2,569.73
	4	Black-Cow	1496	147.00	\$ 2,197.65
Marty Mcpherson, Piedmont SD	10	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1368	154.00	\$ 2,106.72
Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish SD	26	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1476	151.50	\$ 2,235.49
	6	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1264	153.00	\$ 1,934.17
	1	Bwf-Cow	1215	202.50	\$ 2,460.37
Michael Mcpherson, Box Elder SD	7	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1304	180.00	\$ 2,346.42
	6	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1233	173.00	\$ 2,133.66
	8	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1559	175.00	\$ 2,727.81
Otto & Demarest Schlosser, Hulett WY	1	Black-Cow	1055	242.50	\$ 2,558.37
	1	Black-Cow	1065	227.50	\$ 2,422.87
	3	Black-Cow	1405	151.00	\$ 2,121.55
Ry O'connor, Plevna MT	4	Blk/Bwf-Hfrt	1030	245.00	\$ 2,523.50
Fidelity Services Llc, Buffalo WY	6	Black-Cow	1392	153.00	\$ 2,129.25
	21	Black-Hfrt	1076	257.50	\$ 2,770.57
	12	Black-Cow	1365	151.50	\$ 2,088.60
J-Six Enterprises, Seneca KS	2	Black-Cow	1245	158.00	\$ 1,967.10
	12	Black-Cow	1351	153.50	\$ 2,073.52
	13	Blk/Rd/Ch-Cow	1122	217.50	\$ 2,441.01
	3	Black-Cow	1058	195.00	\$ 2,063.75
	5	Black-Cow	1201	152.00	\$ 1,825.52

BULLS	QTY.	DESC	AVGW.	BID	\$/HEAD
Alan L Or Judy Morris, Rapid City SD	1	Herf-Bull	2345	195.00	\$ 4,572.75
Leroy Curren, Aladdin WY	1	Red-Bull Df	1905	219.00	\$ 4,171.95
Will Meyer, Reva SD	1	Herf-Bull Df	2025	200.00	\$ 4,050.00
Steve Or Romona Hight, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Bull Df	1865	213.00	\$ 3,972.45
Otto Or Demarest Schlosser, Hulett WY	1	Black-Bull Df	1980	200.00	\$ 3,960.00

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500-600#, BT,PC,NI	CURREN RANCH -WY
JD STATHAM RANCHES -MT	80 RED STR CLVS
250 BLK MXD CLVS	400-500#, BT,PC,NI,POURED
425-525#, BT,PC, KNIFE CUT	DARRELL GROTH -WY
CATHEY RANCH-MT	75 BLK MXD CLVS
200 BLK STR CLVS	450-500#, BT,PC,NI,POURED
550#, PC, NI, POURED	JIM DARLINGTON -WY
CORY PETERSON -WY	70 MXD COLOR/HERF CLVS
170 BLK MXD CLVS, 490-530#	500-525#, BT,PC
BT,PC, MINERAL PROGRAM,	RANDY ROSSMAN -WY
NO HFRS KEPT	68 BLK MXD CLVS
KAYLEE JONES -WY	550-600#, BT,PC
150 MXD HERF CLVS	BROCK BURRIS -WY
450-550#, BT	60 BLK/BWF MXD CLVS
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525#, BT,PC,KNIFE CUT	MATT & CASSIE HAYMAN -WY
CHAD & TROY HARRINGTON -MT	7 BLK MXD CLVS, 500-550#
80 BLK MXD CLVS	BT,PC,MINERAL PROGRAM
500-525#, BT,PC,NI	

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	LOOSE HORSE SALE
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By John Newby

“Building Main Street, not Wall Street”

Tourism Keeps Our Hometown Ours

A few years ago, I came across this study which included this: *“The Destination Management Cycle,” created by Maura Gast of the Irving, Texas Convention and Visitors Bureau. It states: “If you build a place where people want to live, you’ll build a place where people want to work. If you build a place where people want to work, you’ll build a place where business needs to be. If you build a place where business has to be, you’ll build a place where people must visit. If you build a place people want to visit, you build a place where people want to live.”*

I love this because it describes a circle. There is no starting line and no finish line. A community either keeps that wheel turning or it slowly grinds to a halt. We have all driven through towns where it stopped. The storefronts sit empty, the school has consolidated, and the young people left for somewhere else and never came back.

I want to speak to those who love their hometown just the way it is. When some folks hear the word tourism, they picture traffic, strangers, higher prices, and outsiders telling us how to live. They worry the place they grew up will be traded away for something they no longer recognize. That concern comes from a good place. It comes from love.

Here is a hard truth. Standing still is not a viable option. A town is either growing or it is shrinking, and shrinking is not the same as staying the same. Shrinking means fewer customers at your retail store, fewer families in church pews, fewer volunteers at the fire department, and fewer reasons for our



grandchildren to stay. In the last census decade, 24 states saw rural areas lose population. They are classmates, cousins, and neighbors who moved away chasing better opportunity.

In many places, change is already headed our way whether we invite it or not. Many rural communities are watching growth creep outward from a booming region just down the road.

That growth can feel like a threat, others view it a chance and opportunity. The question is not whether change comes, that is the only certainty. The real question is whether we shape it with our own hands and our own values or let someone else shape it for us.

This is where tourism earns its keep. Visitors do not travel to see what they can find at home. They come for what is real and what is ours: the river, the history, the farm stands, the music and events, the Friday night ballgame, the stories the old timers tell.

When managed correctly, tourism need not erase the old ways that are worth keeping. It pays to preserve them. It gives the historic building a reason to be restored, the hometown festival a reason to keep going, and the family diner enough customers to survive a slow winter.

Tourism can also lighten the financial load on those of us who live here. The taxes visitors leave behind help pave our roads and fund our services. Nationally, travel generated nearly \$89 billion in state and local taxes in 2025, saving the average household about \$1,273. That is money our neighbors did not

have to pay because someone from somewhere else enjoyed a weekend with us. They spend their money and then go home.

Local businesses struggle to survive on residential spending alone. For many, visitors are the difference between operating in the red or the black. Every dollar a visitor spends at a locally owned shop gets spent again with the plumber, the mechanic, and the kid mowing lawns down the street. When that circle turns, everyone benefits, including those who never wanted visitors in the first place.

None of this requires us to become something we are not. Communities doing tourism best are those that know exactly who they are and refuse to apologize for it. They build around their character, not someone else’s blueprint. They welcome guests the same way we have always welcomed company on the front porch: with pride, a good meal, and an invitation to come back.

Those who already see the value need to make the case with patience, not frustration. Those who are skeptical deserve to be heard. Resistance is really a fear of loss, the best answer to that fear is showing people everything they stand to keep.

Here is a challenge, sit down with someone in your community who sees growth and tourism differently than you do. Buy them a cup of coffee and listen. Then share what you hope your town looks like for your grandchildren.

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden October 4, 2026



We have been blessed with near perfect weather these past two weekends. The forecast looks good for this week and then it appears that fall will be presenting itself more all the time.

Several from the area enjoyed a banquet dinner at the SDFRW's state convention banquet on Saturday night in Spearfish. One of the features of the evening was honoring Dan Rhoden, a Viet-

nam veteran. He received a quilt as they read his bo & history of his service in Vietnam. Family members of his including Larry Rhoden and Lorie Hausmann, sons Stacey and Wes, as well as wife Kathy joined him on stage to drape him in a beautiful quilt made by the organization who honors veterans.

The main speaker of the night was Holly Hoffman, who does inspirational speaking all across the country. She was a South Dakota lady who was on the reality show Survivor and was the

last woman standing and the third from the end to get voted off. Joining Larry Rhoden's table that night were Casey and Francie Brink.

In attendance was also Bill Meirose, Gary and Amy Cammack, Deb and Leo Schnell, Lana Anderson, and others from the area.

This past Sunday was potluck Sunday at the community Baptist Church. This always happens on the first Sunday of the month. Edna Smith and her friend came out for services as well as dinner afterwards. Later that afternoon, Larry and Sandy Rhoden and families got together at Cody and Liz

Rhoden's home. It was a beautiful day for all the grandkids to be outside playing and having a good time as well as the adults enjoying a good visit out in the yard while enjoying a meal together.

This Thursday will be a Round Up Rurel Neighbors week. There will be a meal served at noon and some special things shared. This will happen at the fellowship room at the community Baptist Church in Union Center.

There will be a men's coffee and rolls this Saturday at the community Baptist Church. They like to take advantage of buying fresh baked rolls from the local coffee shop.

Capitol News
Karen Odell



We are searching for an individual who would like to pick up the mantle and report Capitol News.

Karen is looking to retire from those duties but hopes someone will continue putting together what the community is doing throughout the weeks.

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Send attention Capitol News

PRESSED BETWEEN THE PAGES #54

by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel



We should never complain about the rain. If you grew up in the thirties, you'd know why." Our father

reminded us whenever rain interfered with our plans or made life difficult.

One particular spring, Dad's resolve was tested to the limit. April showers drenched the black dirt, but held off to allow planting. Thunderstorms rolled across the South Dakota plains, dumping several inches at a time. The corn grew. The second it was dry enough Dad had the cultivator running between

Remembering When the Rains Stopped

the rows. He took pride in his fields and especially loved seeing perfect corn rows, free from flaws like weeds. Each day the corn grew taller to the point where it would soon be too big to cultivate. Dad, more than his sons, tended to push his luck in the low spots.

On a sunny June afternoon, I spotted a figure walking home through the pasture. I rushed into the house.

"Mom, Dad's walking home!"

Her shoulders slumped. She shook her head. "He must be stuck again." She dried her hands on her apron and hurried to step into her 4-buckle overshoes. She grabbed her long-sleeved shirt and straw hat and met

her husband at the gate.

"I need you to pull me out." The man trudged to the Quonset, soon to return with the 520 John Deere. Mom climbed up on the seat. Her feet rested on the chain they would need for pulling. She stared at the chain and said a silent prayer. Not long ago the news flashed a story of a farmer who was killed when the chain snapped in an attempt to pull a stuck vehicle.

Our mother had worked alongside her farmer-husband for more than 20 years without complaining, but having to rescue him from the mud three times in one week sorely tested her patience. "Maybe you should learn a lesson one of these times?"

Now Dad did not put up with sass from his children (except maybe from the youngest, most spoiled). Mom seldom questioned his judgement, nor did she complain about work. So, when Dad heard her rebuff, his hazel eyes twinkled at his loyal farm wife. She was right.

A couple days ago, she had pulled him out with no problem, but last week he had gotten in so deep and they just couldn't coordinate the pulling. They had to wait for Delmer and Donald to come home. It was a job Mom detested. She had to look back, listen for instructions, ease in the clutch and slowly push the gas lever forward, almost all at the same time. She wasn't good at it, she felt. But she would do everything she could to help.

Dad hooked the

chain around the front end of the stuck 730 and onto the clevis on the drawbar of Mom's tractor. Mom pulled forward slowly to tighten the chain. She waited, knowing the importance of pulling together. It took a couple tries and a reset, to move where her tire did not spin. Finally, Dad's tractor crept forward out of the mud.

In the 1930s drought devastated South Dakota. Year after year little rain fell. Crops dried up. There was no grass or food for livestock. Winds stripped the topsoil, triggering dust storms. In that decade, South Dakota lost nearly 11,000 farms.

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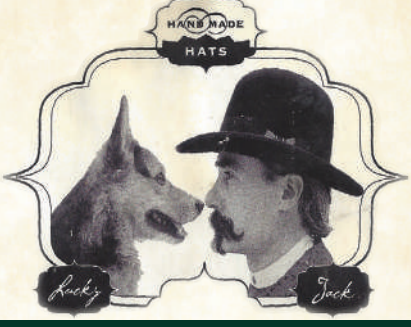


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Roots #79

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80 commentaries published over three years.

A pattern of themes has emerged, somewhat neatly.

The commentaries are about local people, past and present, singular events, literature, travel, education, seasonal reflections, South Dakota childhood memories, local and regional history, but never the weather.

There is always plenty to say about the 'roots' of a community, region, nation, family, or an individual.

Always, there is something new to celebrate or to learn.

Last week, for example, I

enjoyed sharing what I learned about Charlotte Koopman, the 70-year proprietor of Bob's Café in Belle Fourche.

Unfortunately, the heading should have been, "Charlotte Kooper's Lasting Legacy" not "Celebrating Censorship". My apologies Charlotte, for the unfortunate oversight. I really enjoyed sharing the span and depth of Charlotte's contributions to society, and the community.

This week I had the opportunity to visit with Cindy Riley, whose ten-year tenure as director of the combined Butte/Lawrence County 4-H Extension Clubs will soon come to a satisfying close. Her appointment began on July 25, 2016.

Coincidentally, October 5-11 is National 4-H week. For more than 100 years, 4 H has been an important pillar of education and community involvement for American youth. The 4-H's stand for head, heart, hands and health.

Cindy described her role as 4-H Director, "I love to meet new people, so this job is great for that." Cindy thrives on meeting the public and helping people with information they need for both outdoor and indoor household projects.

The Butte Lawrence County Extension office offers an impressive range of information. "It seems that everyone thinks the Extension office is the place to find out everything." Cindy

noted with certainty.

"I feel that this position has been a boost to honing skills that I didn't know that I had." For ten years Cindy has helped everyone who calls or who comes through the door with whatever they needed to know. She has assisted many people obtain pesticide certifications. She has helped people find specialists for their questions about livestock, agronomy, pest control, and land rent to name a few. She has also helped people choose a 4-H club and suggested projects for them.

Cindy described the evolution of changes that have occurred during her directorship. "The traditional County Agent is a thing of the past.

We now have specialists not county agents." These experts are housed in various locations in South Dakota. "Our nearest regional office is in Rapid City. We also depend on the specialist in Lemmon SD." Cindy explained. The administrative hub of State Extension Services is located at South Dakota State University in Brookings.

"There have been many changes with 4-H personnel at the state level. The director's position has changed several times since I have been here."

The world of information today moves quickly and changes with dizzying speed. Additionally, Cindy explained that each new director brings

policy changes.

Management of online registration access is one of the technologies that has changed how things are done. Registration for the fair and registering the animals is all online that is perhaps quicker and more efficient, but still needs to me managed.

The 4-H organization has served as a pillar in Cindy's life. "My great-grandfather and my grandparents were on the fair board."

Cindy's 4-H career began at the age of 8 or 9, she reflected. "I was a member of the Newellettes 4-H Club. In those days we only did static exhibits." A static exhibit is a traditional display that does not move such as art and sewing projects or anything that might be grouped, displayed, and judged in one of the fair buildings.

There was no livestock shown in those days.

However, Cindy reminisced about her first year in 4-H. "I learned to sew that year. My mom taught my sister and me. She also taught my friend Dawn. Mom was a perfectionist! We quickly learned the term, "not fair quality".

Cindy has had a sundry and interesting career history all of which seems to have prepared her for 4-H directorship. She started working in Belle Fourche as a cosmetologist in 1979. She spent a few years staying home with her children. Then in 2003 she started substitute teaching in the Spearfish Schools. In

2004 she was hired as a pre-school/Kindergarten Special Ed classroom paraprofessional. Cindy loved the job and later worked as paraprofessional at North Park in Belle Fourche.

One of the joys of being the 4-H director is seeing how the members accomplish their goals. "They are proud of their projects and the look on their face tells the whole story."

Cindy looks forward to retirement. First and foremost is that an 8th Grandchild in expected in November. The arrival involves a trip to Wisconsin and potentially a somewhat extended stay.

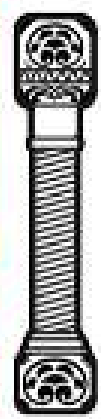
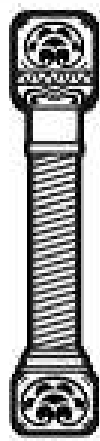
Cindy loves to sew, knit, and crochet. She explained that a substantial stash of crafting supplies is waiting for her. Recently, Cindy has spent time learning about Ancient Grains and how they might be cultivated on the family farm. She will have plenty to keep her busy. Thank you for your service Cindy and Happy National 4-H week!



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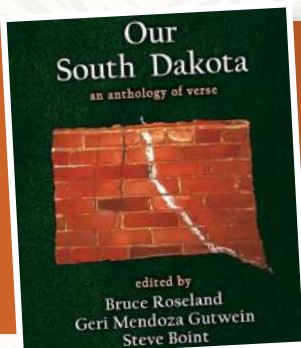


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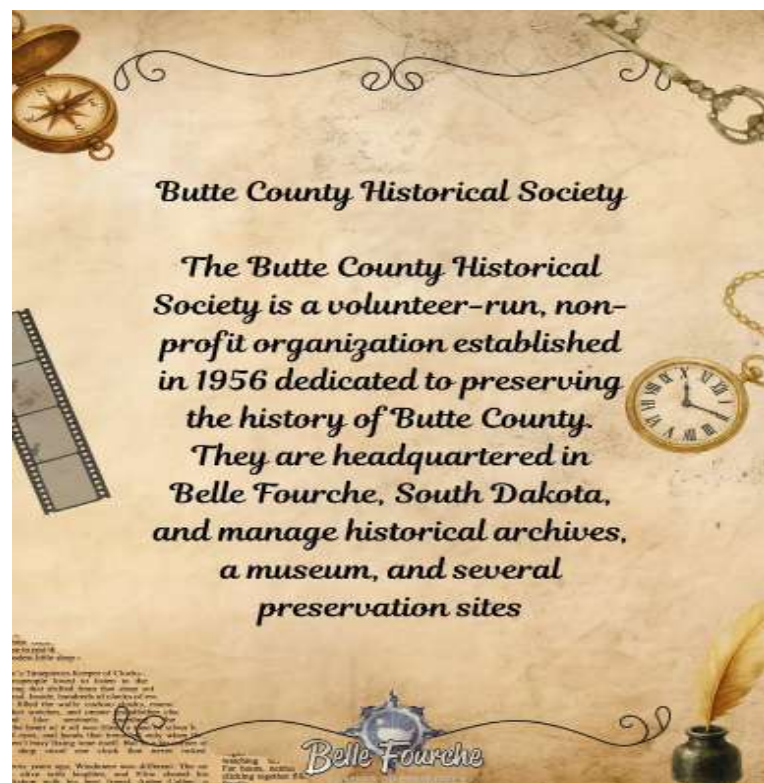


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September 1, 2026

Dear Local Business/Organization,

The Belle Fourche Rec Center is planning our annual Halloween Spooktacular to be held on Saturday, October 31st. We are seeking your help to provide trick or treat booths for the kids of our community. This is a FREE event taking place from 5:00-7:30 pm in the Rec Center gymnasium. This is a big event for our community with over 600 kids attending each year!

We are asking your business/organization to join us for 2.5 hours of fun, games and great costumes! We will provide you with a table, chairs, and table covering. Bring candy/party favors for the kids and promote your business/group. If you wish, you may bring flyers, more table décor and hang a banner.

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
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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 holds “Bats!” Class on Saturday, October 10.
The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a class for kids on bats, on Saturday, October 10. A class for kids in Pre-K-3rd grade will be from 10 a.m. to noon; a class for kids in 4th and up will be from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be a video on the lives of bats and a chance to examine a small bat skeleton in the museum’s archives. There will then be crafts to make bat puppets. The morning class will also include a fun gathering circle and songs. Kids in both classes will receive a take-home workbook on bats. Snacks will be provided at both classes – including some black licorice, for kids to try. Admission is \$2 per student or free with membership. Pre-registration is required; call 605-723-1200 or come into the museum at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. The classes will be taught by Programs Assistant Sheila Culhane.

Tri-State Museum holds October 18 Family Fun Day entitled “Monster Movies”
The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a Sunday, October 18 from 2-4 p.m. Family Fun Day entitled “Monster Movies.” The event will include a video about Universal Pictures which became famous for its classic monster movies and the surprising reason the studio turned to making these films. There will be a craft to make masks for the classic characters of Frankenstein, Bride of Frankenstein, Dracula, Wolfman, the Mummy, and the Creature from the Black Lagoon. There will be a drawing for the book, “History of Monster Movies,” and there will also be take-home workbooks for all. Refreshments will be served, and those who attend can also visit the Haunted Spaulding Cabin. Families may wear costumes if they’d like to do so. Admission to the event is \$2 per person or free with museum membership. Reservations are helpful; call 605-723-1200. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

Tri-State Museum will perform “Legend of Eerie Hollow” Pumpkinfest Day October 24th
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. Performances will take place twice on Saturday, October 24th, during the 10th annual Pumpkinfest. For more information, please call 605-723-1200.

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 exhibit. A stamp enthusiast’s stamp collection will also be on display and a basket of loose stamps will be available for those who might want to pick one out for themselves.

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

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

This exhibit also includes a basket with vintage postcards from places across the U.S. and abroad, which can be examined by visitors.

There is no admission charge to visit the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center, located at 415 Fifth Ave. in B. Fourche. For more information, call 605-723-1200 or visit the website at www.thetristatemuseum.com The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

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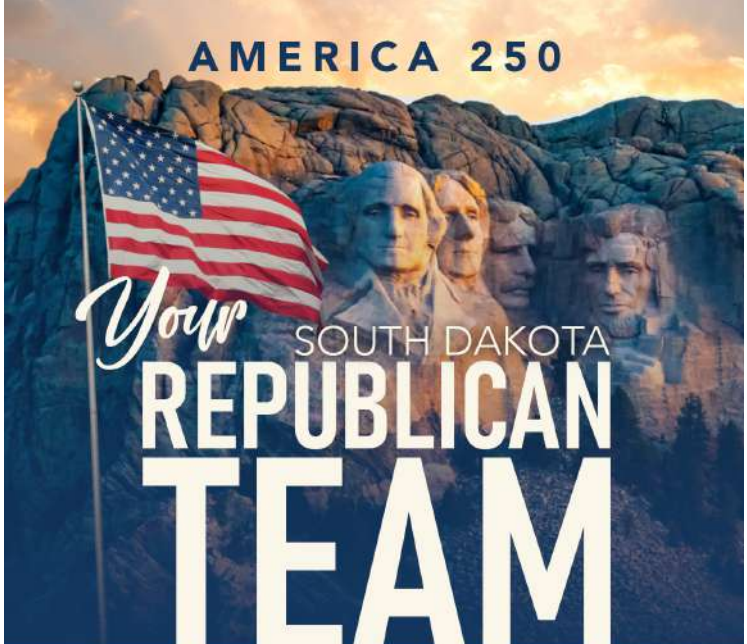
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Irrigator Pride Takes to the Streets



The Newell Ambulance bringing up the end of the parade. Longbrake photo

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NEWELL—The homecoming parade was a festive event that the community embraced, with around 20 parade entries taking part in the celebration. The Newell School District invited local businesses to join in on the fun on October 2, adding even more color and community spirit to the annual tradition.

The Newell VFW Post 5807 Color Guard kicked off the homecoming parade, with Lance Putnam and Nila Charles leading the floats along the route.

Irrigator supporters lined both sides of Girard Avenue in down-

town Newell and cheered on the class floats as they went by. All of the grades in the Newell School District were represented, beginning with the younger elementary students.

Class by class, floats decorated in nostalgic movie themes passed by. There were so many fun, creative entries, from the sixth grade with their Paw Patrol theme, Howling for a Victory, to the sophomore class with their Minions-themed float, One in a Minion, and plenty of variety in between. There were balloons, streamers, fringe and artistically decorated signs embellishing the floats. The unique displays were

met with enthusiastic approval from the local crowd.

Younger kids stood eagerly by waiting for a chance to gather up any candy being thrown out along the route. From suckers and bags of popcorn to candy bars and salt water taffy, all made their way from floats to kids' hands.

The parade brought an exciting week of homecoming happenings to an end for the school. A full slate of activities was held during the week. 2026 homecoming week started with a coronation ceremony Monday, September 28. The event began at 7 p.m. in Austin Auditorium with Kendra Johnson and Orrin Youngberg crowned

Homecoming Queen and King.

Each day of the week had an accompanying dress-up theme beginning with BBQ dad or soccer mom, followed by iconic duos or twins day and then class color day where each class in the school was assigned a color to wear for the day. The next day was assigned to construction or neon day with the last day of the week being all about school pride with the entire school wearing school colors maroon and white.

A variety of school activities were held throughout the week. Activities included a dodgeball tournament and the tradition of street painting where the high

school students gathered to leave their mark on the streets of Newell. A pep rally was held before the volleyball game with the traditional burning of the N following the game.

For the homecoming game, the Newell Irrigators took on the Wall Eagles in a girls volleyball game on Thursday, October 1. Newell lost in three sets 25-17, 25-19 and 25-16.

The Neon Disco dance was held on Saturday, October 3 in the middle school gym and finished the weeklong celebration. The dance brought the 2026 homecoming to an end until next year.

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Lance Putnam and Nila Charles with the Newell VFW Post 5807 Color Guard lead the way for the homecoming parade. Longbrake photo(s)



The Newell School kitchen staff showed Irrigator pride.



Gathering up candy!

Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson
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We started the week off by attending the Reva/Sorum Fire Department supper at the Reva Hall last Sunday evening with a large crowd coming out to back the fire department and Reub won a hooded sweatshirt in the drawing. A few politicians were there like Sen. Sam Marty and Rep. Travis Ismay, including Heather Baxter who is running for Secretary of State and the pancake and sausage supper was delicious.

Casey and Taz went to the Hackamore Monday morning to help sort pairs. I talked to Janet Doll that afternoon and she told me everyone else who helped sort pairs. Clint and Beau Doll, Hanna and Doug Doll, Trey Tetrault, Bill Holt, Tim Stevenson, Ty and Jessie Hotchkiss, Ty and Treg Thybo, Kelsey and Ryan Vroman, Katie Schulke,

and Brad Johnson were all there to sort pairs. It rained a little sprinkle early that morning and a good rain came that evening that left a total of just under half an inch in the rain gauge.

We get the Dakota Farmer magazine and there was a really interesting article in the last issue about Super Bowl Champion Grey Zabel from Pierre, South Dakota. Grey Zabel’s parents are Mark and Tanna (Negaard)Zabel and his mother Tanna grew up in Buffalo, the daughter of Norman and Sherry (Gilbert) Negaard. Tanna graduated from Harding County high school in 1986, the same year as our son Thad. Grey returned home to keynote the 2026 South Dakota Governor’s Ag Summit on June 25 in Pierre. During the event, Zabel shared how the championship mindset that has carried him to football’s highest level was first cultivated on his family’s fifth-generation farm north of Selby.

We went to Buffalo Tuesday afternoon to watch all three of the Harding County elementary girls’ basketball games against Lemmon and Harding County won all three games.

Reub and I went to Hettinger on Wednesday to get a lot of stuff from Runnings and White Drug, where Reub got his squeeze from his cousin Roxie Finck. We stopped in Reeder on the way home and had coffee with the Prairie Pioneers where we got to see Larry Jackson after his knee surgery. A big crew showed up late that afternoon to chop up the corn field down south and it didn’t take them very long to get it chopped.

Reub went spraying weeds up at the Horse Creek pasture Thursday morning and didn’t get home for lunch until 3:30. A big semi-truck pulling a long flatbed came to haul off the tractor that they used to pack down the silage they had chopped up on Wednesday so they could use it when they chopped corn for some of our neighbors.

Casey, Taz, Copper, Knox and River Lu were up helping Doug and Clint Doll at the Hackamore ranch preg-test and work their cows on Friday. Janice Heupel called me from Hettinger that afternoon to let me know that the quilters at the Hettinger Lutheran church have some fabric to give to the quilters at Slim Buttes Lu-

theran church and she also let me know that her husband Leonard Heupel’s brother Larry Heupel had passed away. Larry was in my graduating class in Bison and I hadn’t heard about losing him.

We got a little rain in the night that left almost a tenth of an inch in the rain gauge. Harding County won the football game in Bison against Hill City that evening.

The Harding County elementary girls had a tournament in Lemmon on Saturday and Harding County won the tournament. We didn’t go to the tournament because Reub and I went to Sydney Ellingson and Jacob Naumann’s wedding at the Living Word Fellowship church in Dickinson with the reception at the August House Venue. It was a really beautiful wedding and if we hadn’t been able to follow Judy and Roger Nash to the August House Venue we never would have been able to find it.

Sadly, there are more deaths to report: Larry Heupel was born on December 20, 1946. He was the youngest of seven children and grew up on the family farm in Perkins County, South Dakota. Larry passed away from cancer on Saturday, August 22, in Colorado. Memorial Services were held on Friday, September 25, at Woodmen Valley Chapel in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Francis Duane Veal passed

away at Peaceful Pines in Rapid City on Tuesday, August 25. His funeral services will be at Bison Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 10 at 10:00. Lunch will follow at the Grand Electric Social Room. Inurnment is scheduled for approximately 2:00 at the Chance Cemetery.

Dennis Knutson, age 90 of Hettinger, passed away September 25, at CHI St. Alexius Health in Bismarck after a brief battle with West Nile virus. Dennis’s funeral service was on Friday, October 2nd at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hettinger with burial at the Hettinger Cemetery.

Pastor Earl and Joan Korhonen filled in for Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen on Sunday for Mission Sunday and brought Wanda Jacobson with them. This wasn’t the first time that Earl had been here and during Sunday school he showed a picture of him riding horses at our ranch with Casey and Sage back in 1990. Our daughter Teri Dee went to Bible school in Plymouth, Minnesota with Earl many years ago and Teri stayed with Wanda Jacobson when she first got out there. Matt and Molly Kerner brought their twins to church for the first time this Sunday and since the twin boys are identical, we couldn’t tell them apart, but they sure are cute little guys!

Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

September 28, 1916
The Newell Bakery is shipping in bread this week, on account of a breakdown of the oven, but they expect to be running full blast in a short time.

Misses Ethel Miller and Helen Schloredt of Nisland came over for the big dance at the Experiment Farm on Saturday evening and due to the late hour, remained over until Sunday evening at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Price. Another big dance is scheduled for the Theatorium on Saturday 30th.

The work of graveling the streets in town is now underway and we expect to have some fine roads in the near future.

The old Northwestern Livery barn which was built in 1910 and for many years headquarters for stage on the Black Hills lines and used for livery purposes ever since it was erected is now being torn down to make room for the erection of a concrete garage and the livery business has been abandoned completely. For many years the line had been supplying saddle horses with lodging and the old has to give way to the new method of traveling over the country.

September 30, 1926
Old man winter made us a short preliminary visit last week, but we can not say he was very welcome. Much damage was done, as many vegetables were still in gardens. The apple crop was frozen on the trees, and the pickle industry was stopped.

L. R. Chiesman was out to his sheep camp the forepart of the week. He cut out some of his sheep which he had sold to neighbor buyers and then trailed the rest of them from Castle Rock to the Newell yards.

The Newell and Vale High School baseball teams played

a game on the local diamond last Sunday. The Vale boys won by a score of 11 to 5. Some people are always taking the fun out of life; they serve pop in paper cups so you cannot throw the bottles at the umpires.

October 1, 1936
Butte County has 10 new citizens; at Belle Fourche Court House, Judge James McNenny admitted 10 aliens into full citizenship in the US. There were 8 German Russians, 1 Finlander and 1 Czechoslovakian. Admitted to citizenship were Mary and Jacob Herman Belle Fourche; John Kindsfater Jr, Henry Schaub Jr., George Ruff, Dave Schmidt and Alex Meyer all Nisland, Jacob Zwetzig Vale, Mike Lahe Newell and Nestor Kivimaki of Twilight. It is the largest class of aliens to be naturalized in Butte County for many years.

The Newell High School Geology Class, along with instructor Mr. Johnson, left at 8 in the morning, reached the Slim Buttes at 10:00 and ate lunch. After lunch they explored several buttes. Later at a ranch they visited a rock collection which was very interesting. An attempt to tour a coal mine was abandoned, on account of possible cave-ins. The party returned to Newell at dusk. Their next trip planned is to Devil’s Tower and formations and the drainage of rivers in that territory and if time permits stop at the brick yard in Belle Fourche.

The Ruth Dam work stopped on Monday sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service on the Edna Ruth place north of Castle Rock. County Commissioner Henry Jacobsen has seen fit to broadcast a personal attack upon certain Newell citizens, charging political interference with his plans for the Ruth Dam. General regret is expressed here because of the

by Linda Velder

cessation of the work on the Ruth Dam. No person in Newell has had a word to say or a thing to do with the work crews. Jacobsen does not have one iota of evidence to substantiate his charges.

September 26, 1946
John and Alex Kindsfater and Jake Shimp of the Nisland community were in Newell the first part of the week setting up a Lindeman Beet Loader, which they purchased from the Newell Implement Company. On demonstration, the loader will load sugar beets faster, easier, cleaner and cheaper and can also load windrows of beet tops.

The City of Newell began its campaign to increase vehicle parking facilities on the streets here by warning motorists who park incorrectly. Approximately 15 tags warning violators of incorrect were passed out by City Police Richard Scarbrough in the first 4 hours of observation and violators were notified to appear before City Justice R. D. Long. No arrests were made but violators were warned by Justice Long that City Ordinance requires that all violations be reported and after an initial period of leniency, law officials will begin issuing citations.

Howard Isaacson returned from Ft. Collins, Colorado, where is attending Colorado State College, to assist with fall work and visit at the parental E. P. Isaacson home. He plans to return to college again for the winter term.

October 4, 1956
Mother’s Visiting Day was held at the Fairview School on Friday. Mrs. Frank Palmer’s pupils square danced and recited poems to entertain their mothers. Lunch was served at the close of the afternoon by room mothers Mrs. Harold Kosola and Mrs. Robert Donahay.

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Department was called to the Don West home in the north part of town last Friday morning to help extinguish a smoldering fire in an electric dryer. The fire reported resulted from substantial accumulation of lint and was quickly extinguished. There was no damage, members of the department expressed they were pleased to note, because the fire call was placed early, it saved the family and home.

New donors are needed and previous donors are invited to boost their contribution in a drive for the Northern Hills District Scout, which started here Friday. The drive was launched at a breakfast for local volunteers at the Cove. A group of Explorer and Boy Scouts rode their bicycles to Sturgis and back Sunday to earn Merit Badges. They were Jack Ward, Lynn Kuchera, Edward Weakly, Tommy Favbricius, Tommy Pickard, Andrew Pokorny and Norman Williamson.

October 13, 1966
The winter session of the Newell Roller Rink, in Newell City Hall is opening this week, Wednesday 7 to 9 PM, Sunday to children 2 to 4 Pm and adults 7 to 9 PM. A couple admittance for the price of one Wednesday nights. Special prices for children during Sunday afternoon sessions. Skates available or bring your own.

Residential power consumers in Newell and Nisland lead those in all Black Hills communities served by Black Hills Power & Light Company, on power usage, according to the

October issue of “Lamplighter”, BHP&L’s monthly publication. Residential power users also showed the greatest increase in KWH usage for August of this year, in the same month of 1965, the publication revealed. It also notes that Newell-Nisland has the highest electric water heater saturation of all communities in the BHP&L service area compared to Hot Springs 66%, smallest 14% in Rapid city and 15% in Belle Fourche.

All youth in the community are invited to participate in a bicycle safety check and inspection to be held at the Newell City Hall, October 15 at 9:00 AM., announced by Ken Steiner Newell Lions Club. Two safety films will be shown and a free safety inspection on all bikes. The Lions Club will also affix safety decals on bicycles that pass inspection.

“Pray for Peace” was the topic at the regular meeting of the Congregational Women’s Fellowship, in the Fellowship Room Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Jesse Maass conducted the meeting with 18 members and 1 guest, Audrey Dawson. Mrs. Maass read passages from Peter Marshall’s prayer book, after which “God Bless America” was sung. It is hoped it becomes a worldwide “Prayer for Peace” movement. It is also a government motto emphasized in the cancellation marks being used by many US Post Office today, to support our troops in Viet Nam.



(L) 1916, Graveling streets in Newell (R)1956, Class of Fairview School. Museum photos

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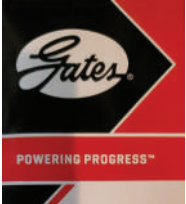
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Homecoming Parade 2026



Maroon and white school pride! Photo credits: Robbi Longbrake



Homecoming King Orrin Youngberg and Queen Kendra Johnson lead the rest of the homecoming parade.



The Hitch'n Post Market float tosses candy to the spectators.



Class of 2033—also known as sixth grade—on their Paw Patrol float.



Class of 2032 on their Bluey float.



Newell students ride on a float in the parade.