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Black Hills Roundup Hosts Festival of Trees



An enthusiastic crowd awaits the start of the Auction at the ***Black HIlls Roundup Festival of Trees***. *Courtesy photo*

St. James Lutheran Church Thanksgiving Dinner Serves 225
Donations of $1,000.00 to Compassion Cupboard

Margaret Bolte
Special to the Beacon

With the aroma of turkey and gravy in the air, a delicious meal awaits everyone who enters the St. James Lutheran church fellowship area this cool November evening.

Over 225 people were served hot turkey, gravy, stuffing, corn, and green beans, with a buttered roll and a slice of pie. Meals were also delivered to police, ambulance, and dispatchers, as well as shut-in members.

According to Ann Turbiville, a long-time church member, "This was St. James' 19th annual community-wide Thanksgiving Feast. This event brings in more than just those who need a free meal; it brings in people who want to come and have a Thanksgiving meal with all of the trimmings, which may be the only Thanksgiving meal they have."

All the food for this dinner was donated, prepared, and served by St. James Lutheran church members.

Sixteen turkeys cooked by Jim Grapentine at Lynn's Dakotamart were delivered on the day of the meal. Over six pounds of mashed potatoes and four large roasters filled with stuffing were served.

As in previous years, the donations collected at the dinner go to Compassion Cupboard. This year's donation totaled approximately $1,000.00; all of it will be donated to our local food pantry.

The Thanksgiving Dinner was a great success. "Our congregation came together and worked as a team. I am so proud of St. James, from the youth who served desserts, to the cooks, the servers, the kitchen help, and everyone who donated food and their time. We have an awesome church family," shared Linda Stambaugh, who has coordinated the dinner for the last few years.

Thank you to everyone for making this a great community-wide event and for continuing to be a blessing to all who contributed, helping make it a meaningful community gathering and continuing a tradition of service and fellowship.



St. James meal servers. *Courtesy Photos*



None of the 225 attendees left hungry.



St. James Church Helpers

Beards and Shears Returns to Belle Fourche

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BELLE FOURCHE – After spending more than a year in Spearfish, Beards and Shears has returned to Belle Fourche, bringing owner Mikayla Boswell back to the community where her business first began.

Located at 2398 5th Avenue, Suite 104, Beards and Shears officially returned to Belle Fourche on November 2, 2026.

To celebrate the shop's return, Boswell hosted a small gathering on November 19 with snacks, drinks and music, giving community members an opportunity to welcome the business back to town. The business originally opened on January 3, 2022, before relocating to Spearfish in April 2025.

Boswell's journey into the barbering industry began at a young age. After graduating high school at 16, her mother encouraged her to attend school for hair. Following her move to South Dakota, she began working at a barbershop in Spearfish.

When the owner of the Belle Fourche shop decided to move to Georgia, Boswell purchased the business, including its client list, and began building her own clientele.

In April 2025, Boswell relocated Beards and Shears to Spearfish after facing financial challenges with her previous location. Despite leaving Belle Fourche, many of her clients continued traveling to Spearfish to see her.

Eventually, Boswell decided it was time to return to Belle Fourche. Missing the community, having her boys attend school in Belle Fourche and wanting more room to grow all played a part in her decision. Her new location provides additional space and the opportunity to eventually bring another stylist or barber into the business.

When talking about returning to Belle Fourche, Boswell expressed how much the community means to her, saying, "I

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Richard Allen Kirkman 81



Richard Allen Kirkman was born June 19, 1945, and passed away November 17, 2026, at the age of 81. Richard was born in Kadoka, South Dakota. He later moved with his parents to New Underwood, SD. He eventually called Belle Fourche home, where he graduated high school in 1963.

In 1967 Richard was united in marriage to Sharon Foos of Vale, South Dakota and to this union five children were born. During the last six months of fighting pancreatic cancer, Richard showed great courage and strength, and fought the cancer with a positive attitude and he rarely complained. He showed his true character in the fight. Richard enjoyed shooting sports, especially prairie dog hunting and reloading his ammunition. He was witty, quiet, and very intelligent. His family and his faith were most important to him, and he will be greatly missed.

Richard is survived by his wife Sharon of Belle Fourche, children Michele (Mike) Cartney of Revillo SD, Michael Kirkman of Nuevo CA, David (Yvette) Kirkman of Belle Fourche, Darcie (Chris) Burke of Belle Fourche, and Caleb Kirkman of Belle Fourche, brothers Larry (Bobbi) Kirkman of Albuquerque NM and Robert Brooks of Plankinton SD, sister Varla (Duane) Kryger of Sioux Falls, 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Donald Kirkman.

Services were held Monday, November 23, 2026 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will take place in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Friends may leave written condolences, view a video tribute, and view the funeral service on Richard's obituary page, located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

Agnes Marie Bertch

Agnes Marie Bertch passed away November 4th, 2026, in Faulkton, South Dakota.

Service will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, November 28, 2026, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel of Spearfish. Online condolences may be written at https://www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com/

Isburg Funeral Chapels & Crematory Service

Prayer for the Week
Matthew 5:43-48 (NKJV)

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."



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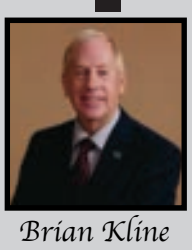

Brian Kline
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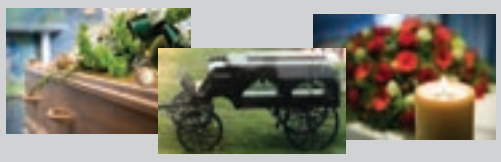

Most of us intend on "getting around to it someday," but that someday never comes and we leave our family wondering whether or not they did the right thing. **It doesn't have to be like that.** It's not pleasant to be reminded of our own mortality; we can laugh, cry, or do a little of both. Regardless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

Taking the time to make advanced funeral or cremation planning is a caring and responsible thing to do. Planning now, while we have the time to consider every option, can remove significant amount of the emotional and financial stress that every family must eventually face.

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Ephesians 5:20 NIRV
The name of the True God will be my song, an uplifting tune of praise and thanksgiving!

Psalm 69:30 VOICE
Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

Psalm 106:1 NLT
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15 ESV
I thank you from my heart, and I will never stop singing your praises, my Lord and my God.

Psalm 30:12 CEV
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalm 100:4 NIV
Let us come before him with thanksgiving and sing joyful songs of praise.



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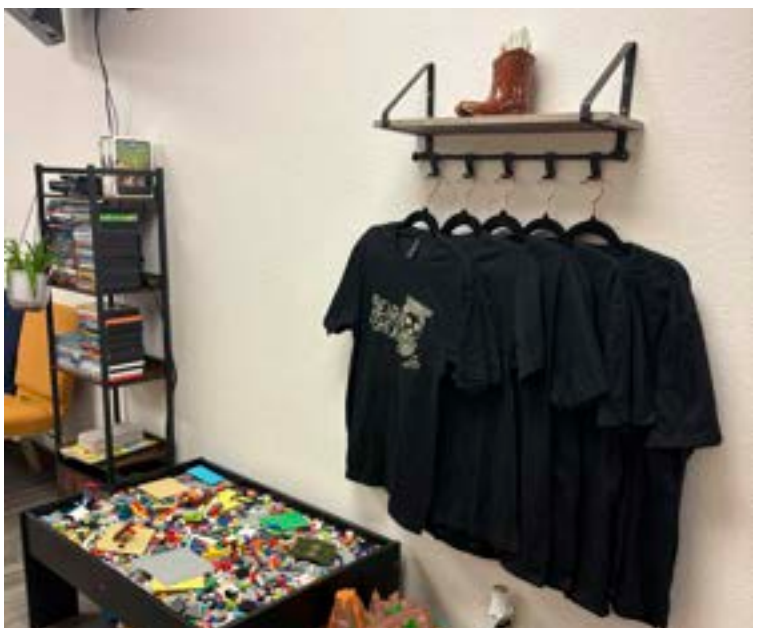
From A1 **Beards & Shears**

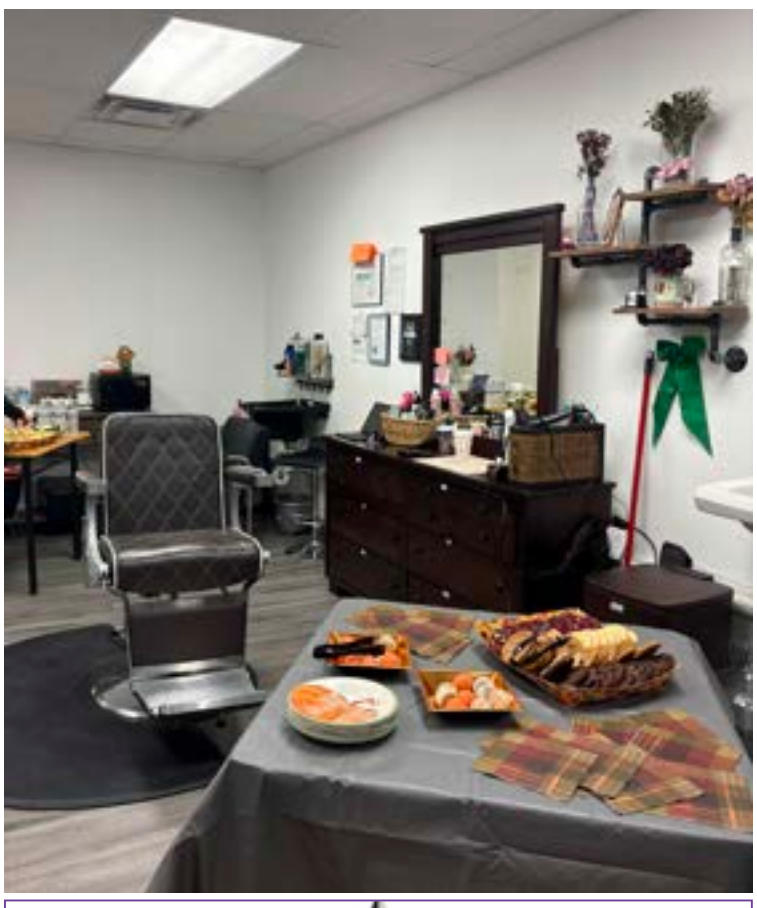
missed Belle so much." She also described the return as feeling like coming home, saying, "It feels like I'm back home."

Looking ahead, Boswell is excited about growing the business and continuing to build her clientele.

She currently operates the shop on her own but hopes to eventually bring in additional help. Beards and Shears also has two shop dogs that have become a favorite among customers.

With a new location, more room to grow and the support of the community, Boswell is looking forward to this next chapter of Beards and Shears back in Belle Fourche.





Colorful ***Beards & Shears*** waiting area items. (below) Open house food nibblling items were plentiful! *Beacon photos*

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov 27 *- Shopping at Dinosaur of Hell Creek Museum!* 4PM Community Chili Feed, 6PM Parade

Nov 28 - Belle Silver Lining Craft Fair

Dec 2 - Chamber Mixer at Grossenburg's 4:30-6:30

Dec 3 - 5 Hatchery Holiday

Dec 4 - Pioneer Bank Open House

For more events visit our event calendar at bellefourchechamber.org













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Laura Young,
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Kristen Carmichael,
Kelly Carmichael,
Gillian Lange,
& Zach Lange

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Tanner Sorlie,
Eric Mednansky,
Melissa Brisroe,
Madie Roberts, Ronald Bass
(Not pictured:
Jamie Albrecht,
Lauren Albrecht,
Brandon Wolffe)
& Zach Lange





Women's A: Dirty Diggers

Laramie Comfort,
Kara Ellsbury,
Teila McInerney,
Rigan McInerney,
Tyler Neiman,
Marti Wood
(Not pictured:
Stephanie Geis,
Katie Swick,
Bailey Lohmeyer,
Nicole Vlcek)



Women's B: Chew Blocka

Catrina Rodgers,
Kim Terrill,
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Brittany Clarkson,
Jescika Johannssen
(Not pictured:
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Tickets are selling fast for the Magical Medora Christmas show this weekend (Nov. 28 at 4 PM), and it is sure to be a full house! Traveling all the way from North Dakota on their Medora Christmas tour, they are ready to bring all the classic holiday smiles to the Belle Fourche community.

The BFACT is actively in rehearsal for their production of A Suessified Christmas Carol, just a COUPLE WEEKS AWAY! Make sure to get your tickets for this night of Christmas family entertainment December 10-13.

The BFHS Theater program presented FIVE performances of this year's fall production, Pick Your Poison, and every night was a different show with the audience in charge of the endings! The unique experience also included shows by three different casts due to the great turn out of actors for auditions, according to directors, Nathan Schreier and Allie Juso-Verry. The understudy cast held a performance for family and friends on Tuesday night, and the other two casts alternated between the four weekend performances. All groups did an outstanding job, switching up roles to become tech players who join in the onstage action - another surprising and humorous aspect of this entertaining production. The murder mystery was enhanced with period costuming and a classic isolated mansion set.

Add OUR calendar to YOUR calendar. 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!

November 28, Saturday, 4 PM, the Medora Christmas Musical, BF Rec Center Theater••November 30, Monday, 7 PM, BFHS Chorus Concert, BF Rec Center Theater••December 1, Tuesday, 7 PM, BFHS Band Concert, BF Rec Center Theater••December 7, Monday, 6:30 PM BFMS Chorus Concert for 6, 7, & 8th Grades••December 10-13 BFACT Production of A Suessified Christmas Carol ••December 18, Friday, TBD, BF Elementary Concert for K-4th Grades••November 30, Monday, 7 PM, BFHS Chorus Concert, BF Rec Center Theater

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(Top) A large group of BFHS senior thespians enjoyed a final fall production in ***Pick Your Poison***: L to R, Asst. Director **Allie Juso-Verry, Ember Shannon, Logan Willert, Trevor Welles, Derek Scott, Sonja Cropper, Avery Mastin, Director Nathan Schreier, (front) Madisyn Carson, Madison Dalton, Tace Harman, Iva Hale, and Riley Okeson;** (Lower) A classic mystery with unexpected twists throughout the production, ***Pick Your Poison*** by was the very entertaining BFHS fall production this past weekend.



The BFHS's Cast & Crew for the fall production of ***Pick Your Poison*** by Laura Barbiei- a total of three full casts! - under the direction of **Nathan Schreier and Allie Juso-Verry.**


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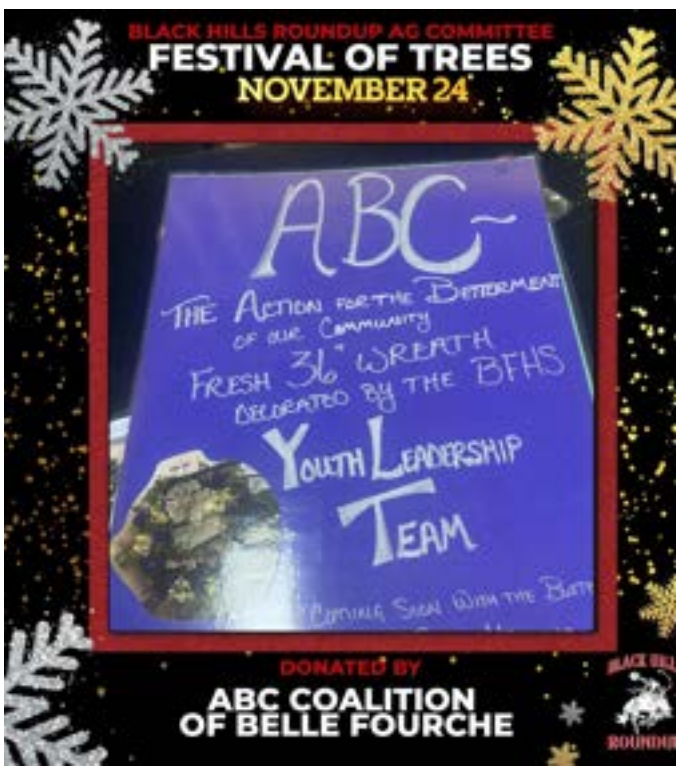
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Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD	26	Bbld	Strs	417	$582.50
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Shortgrass & Company, Belle Fourche SD	35	Bbld	Hfrs	484	$467.50
Spear E Ranch, Olive MT	65	Bbld	Strs	660	$386.00
Spear E Ranch, Olive MT	12	B/R	Strs	548	$448.00
Spear E Ranch, Olive MT	15	Blk	Hfrs	526	$439.00
Steen, Dallas, Scenic SD	24	Bbld	Strs	661	$390.00
Steen, Dallas, Scenic SD	24	Bbld	Hfrs	608	$382.50
Steen, Dallas, Scenic SD	24	Bbld	Strs	562	$445.00
Steen, Dallas, Scenic SD	12	Bbld	Hfrs	530	$415.00
Tauck Stock & Barrell LLC, Hammond MT	15	Herf	Strs	565	$407.50
Tauck Stock & Barrell LLC, Hammond MT	45	Bbld	Hfrs	533	$427.50
Tauck Stock & Barrell LLC, Hammond MT	17	Bbld	Hfrs	446	$472.50
Thar Angus Llc, Rozet WY	28	Blk	Strs	567	$436.00
Thar Angus Llc, Rozet WY	31	Blk	Hfrs	528	$415.00
Thar Angus Llc, Rozet WY	12	Blk	Strs	463	$497.50
Thar Angus Llc, Rozet WY	20	Blk	Hfrs	448	$472.50
Thomas, Eric & Andrea, Hulett WY	11	Bbld	Strs	631	$400.00
Thomas, Eric & Andrea, Hulett WY	10	Blk	Strs	536	$435.00
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Tyler Mutchler – 40 Blk & Bldy Short Term Cows – Bred Blk – 3/10 For 50 Days
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Tom Swan – 25 Blk Mixed Age Cows – Bred Blk – 3/25
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Sheep Report - Thursday, November 19, 2026

Big Run Of Sheep Today
Lamb Market Was Lower
Slaughter Ewes Sold Higher

NO SALE NOV 26th - **HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE!**
NEXT SALE - DEC 3rd - REGULAR SHEEP SALE - Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats
EXPECTING 1000 LAMBS & 200 REPLACMENT EWES

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

Slaughter Ewes

Boner, Rob, Douglas WY	233	K Ewe	145	$140.00
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Bowers, Jim & Kathy, Broadus MT	16	K Ewe	191	$125.00
Cjr Ranch Llc, Gillette WY	100	K Ewe	152	$138.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle , Belle Fourche SD	26	K Ewe	175	$125.00
Lazy Vc Kelly Ranch Inc, Faith SD	189	K Ewe	152	$139.00
Lazy Vc Kelly Ranch Inc, Faith SD	177	K Ewe	140	$139.00
Sol#1, SD	28	K Ewe	165	$139.00

Slaughter Bucks

Turner Ranch, Wright WY	41	Kbuck	177	$142.00

Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head - All Were Exposed

Turner Ranch, Wright WY	72	Yrlg	142	$330.00
Turner Ranch, Wright WY	70	2-Sld	160	$240.00
Turner Ranch, Wright WY	69	2-Sld	160	$220.00
Turner Ranch, Wright WY	96	Ss-St	165	$235.00

Feeder Lambs

CJR Ranch LLC, Gillette WY	67	Lamb	80	$352.00
Dietz, Kevin, Sentinel Butte ND	89	Lamb	64	$366.00
Donovan, Roger Or Tracy, Faith SD	44	Lamb	80	$341.00
Gaugler, Drew Or Erin, Lemmon SD	61	Lamb	68	$364.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle , Belle Fourche SD	205	Lamb	101	$299.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle , Belle Fourche SD	63	Lamb	78	$353.00
Lynch, Mark & Mary, Plentywood MT	32	Lamb	65	$350.00
Manson, Mallory, Lodge Grass MT	52	Lamb	112	$271.00
Mcamis, Steve Or Renee, Belle Fourche SD	78	Lamb	83	$338.00
Neimitz, Joe, Ismay MT	37	Lamb	77	$343.00
Pasture Creek Inc, Richey MT	81	Lamb	74	$360.00
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Turner Ranch, Wright WY	51	Lamb	86	$301.00
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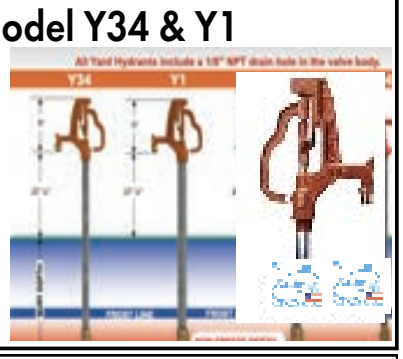

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100 years ago
Northwest Bee
November 25 1926

TROOP B WANTS MEMBERS There are a few vacancies in Troop B, 4th United States Cavalry, stationed at Fort Meade, S. D. If you are between the ages of 18 and 35 years, in good physical condition and of good moral character, you are invited to spend a week end with this organization at no expense to yourself. Just drop a post card to the Commanding Officer, Troop B, 4th Cavalry, Fort Meade, S. D. stating your name and where you can be found and a car will come for you. The officers and enlisted men of this organization will welcome and entertain you while you are at this station. As a member of this troop you will learn to ride and master horsemanship; shoot the rifle and pistol, handle the saver. The drill hours are short, about four hours per day; take part in all kinds of athletics; have access to the library where will be found the latest books; commodious barracks with steam heat, shower and tub baths, hot and cold running water, and a large mess hall. The pay starts at $21.00 per month, no expense for clothing, room, board, or medical attention. The pay increases to $125.00 per month, according to the ability and willingness of the individual to learn and do things.

PAYING OF INDEBTEDNESS The city commissioners of the city of Belle Fourche are paying off the city indebtedness, and , in the past three years, have retired $23,000 of city debts. Three years ago the city had about $600 in cash, now the cash balance is $16,602.22, this in addition to the amount of indebtedness paid off. Not only are they paying off the city debt, but they have reduced the tax levy in the city, which in 1923 was 2.140 mills, to 1.745 mills in 1936, a reduction of .695 mills.

PROMINENT PHYSICIAN IS DEAD Heart Trouble Cased Death of Dr. J. A. Crouch Tuesday Afternoon Dr. J. A. Crouch of Belle Fourche passed away Tuesday afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock, after an illness of five days from heart trouble. Funeral service was held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Congregational church in Belle Fourche, the service being in charge of the Masonic order. Rev. R. M. Miller preached the sermon. The body was taken to Deadwood and from there over the Burlington to his old home at Belle Prairie, Ills., for burial. Dr. Crouch had not been in good health for the past few years, but his strong will power and determination kept him at his profession, and in spite of his condition he continued to make long drives at night to relieve the suffering and care for his patients. The fore part of last week he made a trip to the Bear Lodge country, a distance of about thirty miles, his car was stalled in the snow, necessitating shoveling and digging to get the car out. After returning from this trip he was almost exhausted, and a couple of days later was bed fast. His remaining strength was entirely too weak to withstand the attack of his weakened heart.

In the eight years Dr. Crouch has been practicing his profession in Belle Fourche he has unflinchingly faced the hardships and nerve wracking experience that fall to the lot of a doctor in a country of magnificent distances where the roads are sometimes almost impassable, and it is necessary to make trips all kinds of weather. The history of the experiences of the physicians in this country is one of continuous sacrifice, exposure to the elements, and hardships. In all of these Dr. Crouch never faltered or complained, but answered the calls as they came, regardless of the weather or road conditions. Many trips that should have been made in a few hours took two or three days, on account of roads and weather conditions. He was a real benefactor to the community, and his untimely passing will sincerely regretted by all the people of this part of the country.

Dr. Crouch took an active interest in school activities, both the class room work and athletics. For the past eight years he has given a cash prize of $10 to the student having the highest average in the four year high school course in mathematics. The basketball teams, in the years Dr. Crouch has been here have received his enthusiastic moral support, and he was very popular with the students and faculty. James Crouch was born March 22, 1876, at Belle Prairie, Ills. Being in his fiftieth year at the time of his death.



Lou Graslie -- After his service in the US Army, Lou graduated from Black Hills State University in 1952, he served in Belle Fourche school system first as a teacher and coach, and later as administrator (principal and superintendent). He was named to Black Hills University's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986.

He coached basketball at Belle Fourche High School from 1956 to 1967. His Broncs won the State A championship in 1957 with a 27-0 season record. He coached six of the eleven Belle Fourche state tournament basketball teams. His cagers won five Black Hills Conference titles.

75 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
December 6, 1951

Tickets for Lions Boxing Card on Sale Downtown

Tickets for the Lions-sponsored 30-round boxing card in the Belle Fourche high school auditorium next Wednesday were on sale today in four Belle Fourche business houses. Pairing Hobart Lonchill of Rapid City against Lloyd Borud of Deadwood and Billy Jones of Deadwood against Harry Oswald of the Rapid City Air Base in the two main events, the card also will bring eight Belle boxers into action, several of them for their first ring appearances. Tickets for the card, which will start at 8 p.m. sharp, are on sale at Stockmen's recreation and the Western, Carter and Becker drug stores. Tickets also will be sold at the ringside Wednesday. Francis Kiholm, a member of the Lions club boxing committee announced this week that Lou Nordbye, Rapid City chief of police, and a teacher in the Rapid City schools who was Golder Gloves champion at both Omaha and Sioux City will be judges for the local card. Meanwhile, Coach Maurice Cavin held his last regular workout last night and pronounced the probably nine local fighters who will appear Wednesday "ready to go."

Harold Riley, 152-pound south-paw from Belle Fourche, has been added to the club roster and probably will be matched against an Air Base fighter on the coming card. Riley won his only previous ring battle handily here last year and is in good condition. Other local fighters that have been paired for the card are Denny Simmons, 75-pounder; Vincent Burke, 85; Robert Richards, 96; Philip Rosales, 96; George Cruz, 109; Louie Martinez, 110 and Mike Perez, 138. Their opponents will be young fighters from Rapid City and Deadwood.

Pollution Studies Indicate Primary Sewage Treatment Necessary in Belle Fourche

Primary treatment of Belle Fourche sewage, necessitating the construction of a plant for that purpose, probably will be recommended following completion of stream pollution date on the Belle Fourche river. That was the forecast made here Tuesday night by R. J. Stopf, chief of the sewage division of the State Board of Health at Pierre, who commented unofficially on the local situation "because the collected data is still indeterminate, especially as to the degree of treatment needed." Speaking to the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce, Stopf said preliminary studies indicated that need of at least primary treatment which would "knock out approximately 35 percent of the bug count and 50 percent of the organic solids. Further studies, particularly during periods of low stream flow may demonstrate the need for secondary treatment and possibly chlorination," he said, adding upon questioning, that the more uniform stream flow obtained through the construction of Keyhole dam would reduce the pollution and lessen the need for treatment. Stopf would make only a rough estimate on the possible cost of the treatment plant, using towns of comparable size in eastern South Dakota for comparison.

He said that full treatment plants in city of around 3.000 population are costing anywhere from $175,000 to $225,000. In Belle Fourche he said, additional money would have to be expended to improve the collection system and or river crossings. His comments on the local situation followed a discussion of the nationwide stream pollution studies being conducted under the U.S. Public Health Service. The entire work is keyed to "reasonable use of the water he said, expressing disappointment that the proposal to charge sewer rentals had been defeated at a recent election here because "sewers should be treated as any other utility and paid for on that basis." South Dakota's biggest pollution problems are along the Big Sioux and James rivers, he pointed out.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
December 3, 1976.

Black Hills Clay Gets FPC Approval The Black Hills Clay Products Company plant in Belle Fourche will have sufficient natural gas to operate thru the current season, and the situation looks favorable for a continued adequate supply. That was indicated yesterday by Gene Cheever, manager of the Dasco Company, parent organization of Black Hills Clay and the Hebron Brick Company at Hebron, N. D. Cheever was contacted at the company office at Hebron Thursday. He said the company had received official word from the Federal Power Commission Monday indicating that Black Hills Clay Products Company would have sufficient natural gas to operate thru the 1976-77 supply season (July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977) Cheever said conditions also look good for a ruling for continued supply in the future. Earlier this year the company feared it would have to close its Belle Fourche operation because Montana-Dakota Utilities Company had ruled that it would be unable to supply industries with a class four priority.

Following lengthy discussions on the matter, MDU agreed to change the Black Hills plant from priority four to priority two, which would assure an adequate supply of gas. The decision was subject to approval by the FPC. "We were able to establish, among other things," said Cheever, "that colors are critical in the manufacture of brick and other energy sources simply could not produce the colors to match those which the company has been turning out thru the years." Cheever said the Belle Fourche plant will continue to operate as usual thru the months ahead. The Belle Fourche plant currently employes 25 persons.

' You See Better Way To Do Things,' Says Graslie "When you're talking education day and night for five weeks, you learn a lot and begin to see better ways of doing things," is the way Belle Fourche High School Principal Lou Graslie sums up the impact of his tour of U. S. schools in Germany. Graslie was one of two school administrators selected by the North Central Association to evaluate Department of Defense secondary schools in Germany in October and November. Graslie and Roy Shepard, superintendent in Mattoon Ill., evaluated seven schools in five weeks in a rigorous schedule that usually meant the team traveled at night to get from one location to another, wrote reports until early morning, and then began another three-day school visitation without pause. Schools ranged in size from a high school with 1800 students in Kaiserslautern to a 7-12 grade school in Baumholder with 715 students.

Other schools were in Bad Creuznech, Bitburg, Zweibrucken, and Wiesbaden. They serve children of the thousands of U. S. military personnel in Germany as well as some civilian families in business or diplomatic posts. Sometimes the schools were fashioned out of old barracks, but there were also new schools; and in most cases Graslie felt the curriculum was comparable to those in stateside schools, although there appeared to be "one area they haven't succeeded in, that's in music education. Some schools had no high school chorus and the school bands were below par, possibly because as students arrive at the upper grades, the family is transferred home."

As for his personal benefit from the tour, Graslie says, "I learned a lot about various approaches and methods of teaching, and incorporating new methods in the classrooms." He has a stack of material regarding various curricular programs, and will be busy writing reports for the next three weeks.

Free time was limited to weekends, but Graslie managed to take a side trip to Paris and he also visited Trier, a city on the Mosel River, oldest settlement in Germany with ancient Roman ruins. It was a busy and exhausting trip, "like being in the army. You're glad you did it once, but you wouldn't do it again."


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Kling Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	100	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	605	444.00	$2,687.53
	112	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	544	471.00	$2,563.16
	26	Black-Str Pc	449	537.50	$2,412.54
	102	Black-Hfr Pc	563	423.00	$2,382.90
	79	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	491	435.00	$2,134.25
	33	Red-Hfr Pc	483	430.00	$2,075.07
	12	Bwf-Hfr Pc	580	386.00	$2,237.19
Muleshoe Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	101	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	591	444.50	$2,629.15
	40	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	523	475.00	$2,483.06
	68	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	498	493.00	$2,454.85
Ginger Harrington, Ekalaka MT	62	Black-Str Pc	600	438.00	$2,625.88
	19	Black-Str Pc	485	505.00	$2,449.25
Cody Acosta, Bison SD	12	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	450	534.00	$2,405.22
Tj Strub, Ekalaka MT	20	Black-Str Pc	596	430.00	$2,560.65
Waite Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	38	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	665	390.00	$2,593.50
	7	Herf-Str Pc	559	405.00	$2,265.10
	7	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	630	335.00	$2,110.50
Michael Gauthier, Rozet WY	19	Black-Str Pc	607	433.00	$2,626.48
Dalton Stearns, Edgemont SD	27	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	624	438.00	$2,732.63
	17	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	485	515.00	$2,497.75
	15	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	505	409.00	$2,065.45
Turkey Track Livestock, Ekalaka MT	83	Red-Str Pc	461	488.00	$2,251.56
	29	Red-Str Pc	389	515.00	$2,001.39
	73	Red-Hfr Pc	446	455.00	$2,027.86
	26	Red-Hfr Pc	368	440.00	$1,617.00
Ryan Larson, Belle Fourche SD	65	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	564	458.00	$2,584.52
	22	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	449	520.00	$2,334.09
	55	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	552	397.00	$2,191.44
	18	Black-Hfr Pc	433	420.00	$1,818.83
Padden Land & Cattle, Camp Crook SD	28	Black-Hfr Pc	514	431.00	$2,215.03
Arthur Hauber, Hulett WY	17	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	623	420.00	$2,615.11
	14	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	625	407.00	$2,543.75
	26	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	527	395.00	$2,079.82
Ryan Melin, Ashland MT	10	Black-Str Pc	554	449.00	$2,485.21
	8	Black-Hfr Pc	499	412.50	$2,059.92
Otto Schlosser, Hulett WY	40	Black-Hfr Pc	519	435.00	$2,259.28
	6	Black-Hfr Pc	469	420.00	$1,970.50
Gilbert Rittberger, Newell SD	10	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	695	378.50	$2,628.68
	12	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	577	427.00	$2,464.14
Greg & Susan Herden, Circle MT	18	Red-Str	604	418.00	$2,526.57
	10	Red-Hfr	556	405.00	$2,249.77
Hagen Ranch, Ashland MT	12	Black-Str	385	560.00	$2,158.33
	5	Black-Str	293	570.00	$1,670.10
	8	Black-Str	549	407.50	$2,236.15
	10	Black-Hfr	446	435.00	$1,937.92
Duane Talcott, Hammond MT	32	Black-Hfr Pc	523	418.00	$2,186.00
	6	Black-Hfr Pc	443	427.50	$1,895.25
Thomas Ranch, Alzada MT	24	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	553	455.00	$2,517.66
Dwayne Anderson, Gillette WY	15	Red-Str Pc	684	377.00	$2,579.93
Bs Ranch, Ekalaka MT	13	Black-Str Pc	415	547.00	$2,272.15

MONDAY ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SALE - STOCK COW & BRED HFR SPECIAL

NOVEMBER 23, 2026

WUPS @8AM MT, & BREDS @11 AM MT

COMPLETE DISPERSION

JOE ONDRIEZEK -WY
50 BLK 3-10 YO BRED COWS
BRED BLK ANG/HEREF,
CLV 4-1 FOR 60 DAYS

SAMUEL MILLER -WY
24 BLK MXD AGED BRED COWS
BRED BLK,CLV 3-15 FOR 50 DAYS

PAUL KRUSE -SD
16 BLK 3-SOLID BRED COWS
BRED BLK ANG, CLV 3-25

AGE DISPERSION

MERLE & LAUREN CLARK -WY
80 BLK 4-8 YO BRED COWS
BRED TO OHLDE & SINCLAIR
BLK ANG,CLV 4-15 FOR 60
DAYS,REPRO SHOTS,POURED

BRED HEIFERS

ROGER LOTHSPEICH -MT
110 BWF F1 BRED HFRS
AI BRED 1 DAY TO BLK ANG
EB PENDLETON 5313 TO CLV
3-10,1100#,ELSHERE, CARMICHAEL,
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BROKE,GREAT DISPOSITION

PAUL & JUDY HINKHOUSE-SD
100 BLK/RED BRED HFRS
BRED LBW BLK ANG,CLV 3-1 FOR
21 DAYS,REPRO SHOTS,POURED

GRAHAM LIVESTOCK -WY
80 BLK BRED HFRS
BRED SINCLAIR, GRANDVIEW
ANG,&LBW BULLS,CLV 3-15
FOR 60 DAYS,ULTRASOUND 3
CYCLES,REPRO SHOTS,POURED

FETTIG RANCH -ND
58 BLK/BWF BRED HFRS
BRED BLK,13 CLV 2-15 FOR 21
DAYS,45 CLV 3-15 FOR 21 DAYS

DARLA DUNNING-MT
50 BLK BRED HFRS
BRED LBW BULLS,CLV 3-10 FOR 45
DAYS,HR, CAKE BROKE,GENTLE,
REPRO SHOTS,POURED

TRAVIS HURST -`SD
40 BLK BRED HFRS
BRED BLK ANG,CLV 4-20 FOR 45
DAYS, REPRO SHOTS,POURED

MICHELLE SMITH-WY
38 BLK/HEREF BRED HFRS
BRED BLK/HEREF, CLV MARCH-MAY

IRWIN LIVESTOCK CO -WY
33 HEREF BRED HFRS
BRED RED/HEREF LBW
FEDDES BULLS,CLV 4-6 FOR 50
DAYS,REPRO SHOTS,POURED

SEAN WOLENETZ -MT
27 BLK BRED HFRS
12HD AI BRED CLV 3-1,15HD
BULL BRED CLV 3-10 TO 5-1,BRED
LBW BULLS,CAKE BROKE

TOM & LEEANNE SEWELL -WY
25 BLK BRED HFRS
BRED TO KAMMERER LBW
BULLS, CLV 3-20 FOR 35
DAYS,HR,REPRO SHOTS

RILEY WILLIAMS -MT
10 BLK BRED HFRS
AI BRED TO ENDEAVOR,CLEANED
UP W/ LBW BULLS,CLV
4-10 FOR 30 DAYS

DIAMOND 7 BAR RANCH -WY
8 BLK BRED HFRS
BRED BLK LBW BLAIR BROS
BULLS, CLV 3-1 FOR 60 DAYS

SUSAN MCKEE-SD
5 BLK BRED HFRS
BRED GRANDVIEW LBW BLK
ANG,CLV 2-15 FOR 5 DAYS,REPRO
SHOTS,CAKE BROKE,GENTLE

BRED COWS

FETTIG RANCH -ND
165 BLK/BWF & RED/RWF
3-6 YO BRED COWS
110 BLK/BWF & 55 RED/RWF,BRED
BLK,CLV 4-1 FOR 55 DAYS

MCINERNEY RANCH -MT
100 BLK ST BRED COWS
BRED BLK,CLV 3-15 FOR
45 DAYS,POURED

TOM GIACOMETTO -MT
100 RED MXD AGE BRED COWS
BRED RAMBER&DOLL CHAR,CLV
3-15 FOR 60 DAYS

TIM BERNAUD -SD
50 BLK 3YO-BROKEN BRED COWS
CLV 3-10 FOR 60 DAYS,REPRO
SHOTS,POURED

TRAVIS HURST -SD
40 BLK ST BRED COW
BRED BLK ANG,CLV 4-20 FOR 45
DAYS, REPRO SHOTS,POURED

ZACK ELMORE -MT
30 BLK ST BRED COWS
BRED BLK ANG,10HD CLV 3-1 FOR
60 DAYS,20HD CLV 4-10 FOR 60
DAYS,REPRO SHOTS,WORMED

RONDA CORDELL -SD
30 BLK MXD AGE BRED COWS
BRED BLK LIMMX,CLV 5-1
FOR 30 DAYS,HR,POURED

TED KAUTZMAN-MT
30 BLK SOLID-ST BRED COWS
BRED BLK OPEN 8 ANG,
CLV 4-20 FOR 50 DAYS

LYNN & JOSH NIXON -MT
20 BLK ST BRED COWS
BRED BLK, CLV 4-1 FOR 50 DAYS

PICKREL LAND & CATTLE -WY
20 BLK 3-4 YO BRED COWS
BRED RED ANG, CLV
4-25 FOR 60 DAYS

MICHELLE SMITH -WY
19 BLK/HEREF MXD
AGE BRED COWS
BRED BLK BLAIR ANG,CLV MAY
HEPP RANCH
15 BLK 5-6 YO BRED COWS
BRED BLK,CLV 4-1 FOR 45 DAYS

LANTIS RANCH -SD
13 BLK 6 YO BRED COWS
BRED ANG,CLV 4-1 FOR 45 DAYS

BILL WILHELM -WY
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BRED HEREF,CLV 3-1 FOR 45
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UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

November 23, 2026 ..... MONDAY ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SALE- COW & BRED HFR SPECIAL
December 3, 2026 ..... CALF SPECIAL FEATURING WEANED CALVES – SELLING ALL CLASSES
December 10, 2026 ..... CALF SPECIAL FEATURING WEANED CALVES – SELLING ALL CLASSES
December 17, 2026 ..... CHRISTMAS CLASSIC STOCK COW AND BRED HEIFER SPECIAL – SELLING ALL CLASSES INCLUDING CALVES

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Fact brief: Has the president ever pardoned a turkey from SD? Yes!

Emilh Decock
emily.decock@sdnewswatch.org

In 2018, President Donald Trump pardoned turkeys that were raised in South Dakota. It was the first time turkeys from the Rushmore State were given a presidential pardon during the Thanksgiving tradition.

The turkeys, named Peas and Carrots, were raised at the Riverside Hutterite Colony near Huron.

"Peas and Carrots were raised by a wonderful farmer from Riverside Hutterville Colony, and this is something that he's very proud of, Ruben Waldner," Trump said at the ceremony.

Waldner is the Riverside turkey barn boss.

The South Dakota governor doesn't pardon a turkey, but the ceremony is performed in other parts of the state. A turkey has been pardoned in Rapid City since 2021, a tradition that started with former Mayor Steve Allender. Mayor Jason Salamun has continued the tradition for the past three years.

This year's presidential turkeys are coming from Deans Gap Farm in Pendleton County, West Virginia.







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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & SECOND READING OF BUTTE COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-01: An Ordinance Imposing a Two-Year Moratorium on Establishing Data Centers in Butte County

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of December, at 9:35 a.m. the Board of Butte County Commissioners will meet in the Council Chambers at the Butte County City Hall which is located at 511 6th Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717 for a public hearing and second reading of the ordinance.

Dated at Belle Fourche, South Dakota, this 10th day of November, 2026

Board of Butte County Commission
Chad Erk, Chairman

ATTEST: Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

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Belle Fourche Beacon 'Happenings' and News Bytes Calendar

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

Belle Fourche Writers

Belle Fourche Writers June meeting schedule: The November meeting schedule is ***Saturday, November 21 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 of you have any questions, comments, or concerns! My email is listed below as well as the Rec Center front desk number collin@bellefourche.org 605-892-2467

Classes

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

Ginger Festival offers gingerbread house competition
The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold its third annual Ginger Festival on Saturday, December 5th. Included in the festivities will be a gingerbread house contest.
Assembled entries should be at the museum by 2:30 p.m. and judging will begin at 3 p.m. The winner will be announced at 3:30 p.m.
Every visible part of the entry must be edible, except the baseboard. Non-edible decorations can be used to decorate the base only. The base must be covered, and it may be no larger than 24" x 24" and the entry no taller than 24". Entries must have the contestant's name on the base.
Original entries are encouraged but purchased kits that are decorated by the contestant are accepted, too.
Participants must fill out an entry form, and the houses must be for display only and will not be eaten. The Tri-State may photograph entries and share these photos.
The winning contestant will receive a $50 gift certificate to the Tri-State Museum gift shop. For more information call 605-723-1200.
The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 5th Avenue in Belle Fourche

Third Annual Ginger Festival is set for Saturday, December 5 at the Tri-State.
The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will hold its third annual Ginger Festival on Saturday, December 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. The gallery will be decorated with Christmas trees, a "fireplace," plus the ginger exhibit and a Christmas photo op background.
The historic gingerbread village will be in a fresh new placement, and kids who successfully finish its scavenger hunt will receive a candy cane.
There will also be a visit from Santa, crafts for kids, a special drawing for the books, "Santa Bruce," and "Winter Walk," refreshments and special goodie bags for kids with candy and fruit.
Adults can get in on the fun by entering a gingerbread house in our competition. Winner receives a $50 gift certificate to our Gift Shop. For more information about the gingerbread house competition, call 605-723-1200 or visit the Tri-State at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

Tri-State Museum gains significant 9-11 artifacts for its collections.
Following the recent nationwide commemoration of the 9-11 tragedy, the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche was given several artifacts by a former NYPD detective who was present during the attacks and participated in the recovery efforts at Ground Zero. He and his family now live in Belle Fourche.
One is a flag that was raised at 9-11 ground zero on June 3, 2026, at 7 a.m. and remained there for 12 hours. The flag is in a case made by Terry Batterman of Belle Fourche and is made of purple heart wood, found only in Brazil and Central America.
Other donations include a DEA (Detective Endowment Association) Challenge coin which depicts NYPD detectives raising the American flag at Ground Zero to commemorate the 25th anniversary; a DEA card, and a patch, to symbolize the unity of America experienced in the days following September 11, 2001.
In addition to all this, the detective commissioned a piece of chainsaw art from Jarrett and Jordan Dahl of Dahl Chainsaw Art. It was completely carved with chainsaws and made from a piece of elm tree and depicts the Twin Towers.
The several donations and the Twin Towers carving are now on exhibit at the military exhibit within the Tri-State, located at 415 5th Avenue in Belle Fourche. The museum is open 9-5, Tuesday through Saturday and there is no admission charge to enter.

Museum opens mini exhibit on postage stamps
The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will open a new mini exhibit entitled "History of Postage Stamps."
The exhibit will include storyboards and photos, a free take-home workbook and a book to read and a touchscreen quiz. A stamp enthusiast's stamp collection will also be on display and a basket of loose stamps will be available for those who might want to pick one out for themselves.

The Tri-State Museum created some new exhibits and refreshed some older ones.
The changes occur in the mercantile and a new "transportation" exhibit in the center of the museum. In the mercantile, the case that has exhibited dolls features a new collection of 12 dolls from the museum's extensive Millicent Henderson collection. These new dolls are from the 1940s-1980s and include a Madame Alexander doll, a Romanian doll and a distinctive burlap doll of Central American origin. Also, in the mercantile is a mini "haberdashery," filled with vintage men's clothing and toiletries. "We've had a number of exhibits about women's and children's apparel, but nothing that focused on men," said Collections Archivist Jada Udager. "We thought this was a chance to feature artifacts we've not featured before."
Across the floor from mercantile is the museum's collection of salt and pepper shakers. The museum has so many of these that the entire four-shelf case could be completely refreshed. Some of new novel shakers include a lock and key, loaves of bread – and a little green alien in a spaceship.
A new exhibit in the museum's mid-section is "Transportation: From Stagecoaches to Trains to Cars." This exhibit includes images plus artifacts such as spokes for wagon wheels, a lady's travel case, a miniature car and a vintage model stagecoach crossing a "path" with grass on either side of the roadway. There is also a brick roadway made of the few surviving bricks from Belle Fourche's brick factory.
This exhibit also includes a basket with vintage postcards from places across the U.S. and abroad, which can be examined by visitors.
There is no admission charge to visit the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center, located at 415 Fifth Ave.in B. Fourche. For more information, call 605-723-1200 or visit the website at www.thetristatemuseum.com
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Area Church Schedules

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Kenny Riley, pastor
Sunday: 1 p.m.
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Sunday Schedule:
Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting
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9am Sunday School
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Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am
Morning Worship - 10:30am
Wednesday: Salt and Light Youth -
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By John Newby

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

Transformation Requires Elimination, Even Death

In 1960, Greenville, South Carolina built a four-lane highway bridge directly over the waterfall that gave the town its start. For more than forty years, nobody downtown could really see the falls. Folks called for that bridge to come down almost from the day it opened, and for decades they were brushed aside. Planning studies in the 1980s recommended removing it, yet it stood for nearly twenty more years while plenty of people defended it as a perfectly good bridge.

They were right. It was a perfectly good bridge. It was also standing squarely in the way of Greenville's future.

In 2002 the city finally tore it down. Two years later, a $13.5 million park opened around the freed falls, and that park has since influenced nearly $600 million in nearby hotels, housing, offices and shops. Greenville did not transform by adding one more thing. It transformed by removing the thing nobody had the courage to remove.

I wrote about this idea a few years back, and I believe it even more today. Every community wants the ribbon cutting. Very few want the demolition that comes first. Transformation requires elimination, and sometimes something must die so something better can live. Here is my updated list of what your community may need to bury.

Short term thinking. The communities winning today have a long-term vision, and every short-term decision feeds it. When the vision is clear, daily habits line up behind it. When it is missing, every budget cycle and election season pulls the town in a new direction.

Thinking small. Too many towns have lost so often they set goals designed never to fail. Consider Paducah, Kentucky. Around 2000, its Lowertown neighborhood was known for drug dealers and slumlords. A local artist watched a drug deal outside his home and imagined something bold: recruit artists from across the country to buy and restore the old houses. With city backing, a $40,000 startup commitment and a locally owned bank willing to lend on an untested idea, Lowertown became a home to more than 70 artists within a few years. That is what a big idea in a small place looks like.

Excuses. Randy Pausch said, "It's not about the cards you're dealt, but how you play the hand." Grants and state programs help, but successful communities stop waiting for someone else to rescue them. They own their wins, their losses and their next move. Excuses are easy, real work and vision require hard work and effort.

A fixed mindset. Some places believe their future was decided the day the factory closed or the new highway passed them by. That belief does more damage than any bypass ever could.

Changing it takes education, new voices at the table, and a willingness to learn from towns that faced the same odds and won.

The silver bullet. No single project saves a downtown. The national Main Street network shows what steady work produces.

In 2023 alone, its programs reported $5.68 billion reinvested locally, 6,630 net new businesses and 35,162 net new jobs. That is communities making small improvements week after week. Still, every so often a town needs its own Greenville moment, a bold revolution that jolts everything forward.

Perfectionism. Change is messy and sometimes downright ugly. Waiting for the perfect plan is just a polite way of doing nothing. Greenville argued about its bridge for decades. Had leaders waited for unanimous agreement, the falls would still be hidden. Move, learn and correct along the way.

Toxic people. This one is the hardest and the most important. I am not talking about honest critics. A good critic who asks hard questions makes projects and initiatives much stronger. I am talking about the toxic folks who start rumors, drag others into feuds and seem to have a problem for every solution. Try to bring them along. If they refuse to come, stop handing them the microphone. Spend your real energy on the builders, the doers and the people that are willing to pick up a hammer and get to work.

Here is what I ask of you this week. Sit down with two or three people who care about your town and answer one question: what is our bridge? What old habit, building, rule or attitude is blocking the view of what we could become? Write it down and take it to your next city council or county commission meeting.

Yes, transformation is very hard work. That said, it is also some of the best work a community will ever be engaged in. I have used this quote countless times over the years because it is so true in rural America today. General Shinseki said, ***"If you don't like change, you will like irrelevance even less."*** That is where we are, we change or we become irrelevant.

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden No-



Central Meade County turned white on Saturday morning. However, it was just enough to cover the ground. We received a minimal amount of moisture and temperatures dipped into the low twenties over the weekend.

Bill Meirose had a successful surgery in Sioux Falls last week and was released on Wednesday. He has had made a nice recovery and was able to lead the Sunday School service on Sunday. Beau Bendigo provided the main service at the church in Union Center. A pot luck dinner was held after church.

Sandy Rhoden was able to join Sylvia Rhoden in taking down fall décor at the church and do preliminaries for Christmas décor.

They were setting up in preparation for the nativity scene in the church that is about half life size. It is a work of hard and takes time and strength to set up. We are honored to have it provided to our church during the Christmas season by Chris Cammack. Gary and Amy will be loading it up with help this week.

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is here and the Christmas holiday season begins this Friday. We who live in South Dakota have so much to be thankful for.

Enjoy this Thanksgiving holiday with your family or friends. I am thankful that we live in a free country and that we live in a wonderful community of people who care about each other. We can't see into the future with great accuracy, but I do believe in another decade or two we will look back at this time and dream of these good old days. Happy Thanksgiving! May you all be richly blessed.



Capitol News November 22, 2026
Karen Odell

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, because Capitol and Tie Creek got their first good snow of the fall, this week.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell had an archery deer hunter visit this week. He came on Wednesday and was happy to have gotten a deer. He left for home on Saturday. Alvin and Marlee are taking care of the weaned calves in the corrals at their place. They are done shipping.

Marlee's injured foot has improved. Ryan and Tawni Cordell went to Sioux Falls to watch the Harding County girls' volleyball team play in the state tournament. On Sunday, Alvin and Marlee went in to Camp Crook for the Methodist Church Service. David Douglas conducted the service, and his wife played the piano.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson got home from their trip to Alabama, on Tuesday. They had also made a trip to Nashville, Tennessee. They had been lucky enough to get tickets to the Alabama-Vanderbilt college football game in Nashville, and Lynn's cousin had made all the arrangements, so it was a great trip and a good game, too. Lynn made a trip to the Hills, on Thursday, to get groceries for Thanksgiving.

This weekend, Lynn went to the 4-H Master Chef Competition at the Camp Crook Community Center. It was lots of fun and resulted in some wonderful, delicious food for those who attended.

The menu was chicken, and each competitor had to prepare a dish made with chicken. On Sunday, Bruce and Lynn went to church at the Little Missouri Church.

Julia Davis had a regular week of work at the courthouse in Buffalo. Doug had a couple of meetings in Belle Fourche on Tuesday. On Friday, Doug helped out, at Darwin Latham's, where they were preg-testing. Then they got about three inches of snow on the weekend, and the temperature dropped, keeping the snow on Sunday.

Dawn and Dorothy Padden made a trip to Bowman on Tuesday. Then, Bryce, Dawn, BJ and Michelle went to Sioux Falls for the South Dakota state girls' volleyball tournament.

Harding County's team had earned a trip to the state tournament, and lots of Harding County people made the trip again, to the farthest point across the state to watch the games. Dorothy Padden could watch the games at home, and the broadcasting and camera work was great, so she enjoyed it all at home, and got to see three great-granddaughters play.

Tommy Melum had competed in the FFA competitions in Bozeman, and will get to go on to the state competition. On Thursday, Rachel and Tommy went to Ekalaka for the community choir practice. The choir will present a Christmas concert again, this year, in December. Ernie, Rachel and Tommy went to Baker for church on Sunday, and they visited with Junior and Shirley Melum in Baker, too.

Karen Odell and Hywel had an adventure, one day this week. Karen had gone to the bank, and then the drive-through, to get some supper, but when she got home, the hours door to the garage had been opened.

Karen searched the house and basement and yard, and then went out and yelled for Hywel, but she could not see him anywhere. She got in the car with the windows down, and drove around streets yelling for him.

A woman came out to tell her that he had gone west, so Karen turned around and went yelling down another street. A van with a family came up beside her to say they had seen him at the furniture store. Karen had no idea where the furniture store was, but followed their directions, and went up some alleys.

She found the furniture store on one of the four-lane main streets, and asked some people there, but they had not seen him. The family came up beside her in their car. Then as she began to drive away, a man called, and she turned the car around to see that a man had Hywel by the collar, and Karen was so thankful that Hywel was not on that street of traffic. She was very grateful those two families, and the lady that had helped her find him. Hywel got in when she opened the door of the car, and they went home.

He is safer with the coyotes, mountain lions, skunks, coons and even the occasional bear that he might see at the ranch, than in that traffic. Karen watched the Harding County girls' play volleyball on youtube. She went to church at Marietta, Georgia on the internet, and Cody, Carson and Kenna Odell stopped by for visits during the week. Carson is getting in shape for wrestling, and that starts next week.

Happy Thanksgiving to both west-river and east-river.

An experienced person is just one who has made a lot of mistakes and survived them.

PRESSED BETWEEN THE PAGES #61

by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel



Stuff About Stuffing

It was 3:00 AM. Thanksgiving morning. Mom's internal alarm clock had her up, into her dress and apron, and down to the kitchen. She added cobs and wood to the hot embers in the cook stove and began preparing the feast for her family.

By the time the rest of us were out of bed, the enticing aroma of roasting turkey and savory stuffing was wafting up the stairs. The turkey baked to mouth-watering tenderness in a huge black porcelain roaster with a red cover.

Our mother's stuffing of dried bread, moistened with butter, eggs and milk and seasoned with onions, sage, poultry seasoning and thyme, baked inside the turkey.

Her first stuffing recipe also had raisins in it. It was likely passed down from her mother. Dad loved raisins, so he was a fan. Dorothy and Darlene liked it, too. My intolerant taste buds would not accept sweet raisins in savory stuffing.

In later years, Mom tried Deloris' stuffing recipe with celery and herb seasonings. No raisins. It became the favorite of everyone but Delmer, who just plain didn't, still doesn't, like stuffing.

Dorothy's family loves a sausage stuffing. She packs some in the turkey and the rest in a casserole dish. According to my research, the stuff in the casserole is not stuffing. It is officially dubbed dressing.

As is often the case with traditional foods, the history of stuffing is full of delectable tidbits. In ancient times, stuffing served as a survival tool. It helped stretch expensive meat to feed more people. The stuffing, made of stale bread and grains, absorbed fats and juices that would otherwise drip into the fire below.

Cooks in Europe in the 1500s may have tucked the filling under the breast skin or wrapped a deboned bird around the seasoned crumb mix.

Settlers brought stuffing traditions to America, adding local ingredients like native corn. Cornbread stuffing, anyone? New Englanders added oysters. Across the nation, innovative cooks stirred wild rice and chestnuts into their stuffing.

There is no evidence that roast turkey and stuffing were on the menu at the first Plymouth County feast in 1621, but both foods later became an integral part of holiday meals by the 19th century.

In 1972, home economist Ruth Siems invented a quickly prepared bread stuffing that comes in a box. No cutting, chopping or packing into turkey tummies; just heat butter and water, add seasoned bread crumbs and stir. Stove Top Stuffing for your convenience!

I hope many precious Thanksgiving memories are stuffed between the pages of your mind. Pass the recipes and the memories on to your dear ones right along with your love and thankfulness.

Grandpa Jones from the variety television show, "Hee Haw," left us with a Thanksgiving Blessing to make us grin: ***"May your stuffing be tasty. May your turkey be plump. May your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump. May your yams be delicious. And your pies take the prize. And may your Thanksgiving dinner stay off your thighs!"***

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Thanksgiving Misgivings

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There are various theories about the original Thanksgiving that purportedly took place 1621. Some historians have speculated that turkeys were rare in New England at the time and if not rare, hard to hunt with the weapons available.

Potatoes had not been brought to the new world. Some possible foods could have been corn, beans, pumpkin, and perhaps berries. There may have been deer meat, and maybe fowl. According to a letter from Edward Winslow written on 11 December 1621, food available would have likely included seafood, such as lobster, fish, eels, mussels and oysters.

The 'First Thanksgiving' seems more myth than fact. Most of the artistic renderings present unlikely details. If there was a first Thanksgiving with local Native people in attendance as guests, it may have lasted for more than one day. Historians are unsure if the settlers invited the Native Americans or about the exact purpose of the gathering, if in fact there actually was one.

Don't get me wrong. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday.

Thanksgiving offers a pleasant seasonal intercession during the familiar autumnal commercial race from Halloween to Christmas.

Thanksgiving is inclusive of all people in American regardless of religion, ethnicity, or political ideology, a pleasing distinction for an American holiday.

Based on meaningful ideals, Thanksgiving is about celebrating American history and most important, it's about gratitude. For these reasons, I am grateful for Thanksgiving.

I am grateful also for pleasant memories of Thanksgiving past. I am grateful and proud to be an American.

As a child our family would travel from east river, farther east to where my maternal grandparents, Lester and Edith Harrison lived in St. Paul, Minnesota. I can remember only one year when in-climate weather prevented us from attending

Good food and family make lasting memories. My grandparents lived in a small, two-story frame house on Pinehurst Avenue within walking distance of the bustling and upscale Highland Park shopping center in St. Paul.

We were always welcomed with unconditional hugs in the foyer of their tidy home. The aroma of cooking and an indistinct scent of moth balls meant food, belonging, and order. Grandma Edith was a fastidious homemaker with a strong sense of Victorian propriety. She had come west to Minnesota from her home in Waterbury, Connecticut to marry Lestor in 1928. She brought with her many New England traditions.

Our family Thanksgiving celebration included four of us cousins, my uncle Craig, Aunt Jackie, my parents, and grandparents.

Even in the kitchen, Grandma Edith wore a tailored wool skirt, a stylish blouse, stockings, modest high heels, and jewelry. Her hair was professionally coiffed, but never artificially colored.

We always took care to dress well for Thanksgiving. My cousin Laurie and I were the same age. We wore new dresses and patent leather to Thanksgiving during our early years.

Grandma Edith had a large 1930s cooking appliance with two ovens. It had room for all the Thanksgiving dishes. The turkey, always ordered fresh each year from the local neighborhood grocery, was stuffed with a 'special' sage and chestnut dressing recipe.

My grandmother Edith would remind us of each ingredient, but never actually never shared the recipe, perhaps because no one thought to ask for it. Each year, the turkey was always beautifully brown, hot and delicious, the food was always hot, fresh and homemade. Grandma Edith's Thanksgivings were always perfect.

My grandfather, Lester sporting a brown or blue bowtie, would carve the bird carefully into thin slices. Each person was served individually on the beautiful floral red and gold rimmed antique China plate. There were mashed potatoes, a curved, splendid gravy boat with a silver ladle, vibrant cranberry relish, sweet potatoes with brown sugar, and greens. For dessert: beautiful homemade pumpkin, mince-meat pies with fresh whipped crème.

Other than a small celebratory glass of sherry there was no alcohol. Laurie and I were offered our first sips of Cold Duck at the Thanksgiving table in our early teens.

After dinner, the adults would load up the kids for an outing to Como Park. By this time, it was late afternoon, and twilight was settling over the city. Como Park is a large expanse of urban park in St. Paul that encompasses a small lake, a zoo, and a domed conservatory for tropical plants and other flora.

The Zoo at Como Park, is free and open year-round. We would always visit the Polar bears, in their 'natural' outdoor habitat where visitors could observe the bears swimming underwater from an indoor observation window. Outside, Black Bears, Kodiak and Grizzley, Timber Wolves, and even Tigers roamed in their separate enclosures. In other buildings, one could observe seals, gorillas, camels, and various indigenous and non-indigenous species.

After walking around in the cold, it was wonderful to enter warm Como Conservatory where tropical plants and flowers were on display in a large dome shaped building. The conservatory had a magnificent sunken garden with displays of rare orchids and magnificent seasonal blossoming flowers.

Sometimes, we would travel to downtown Minneapolis where the Daytons department store window displays were revealed on Thanksgiving Day, but I always preferred Como Park.

When we were older, Laurie and I were permitted to walk around the neighborhood. The stores were not open on Thanksgiving afternoon, the city traffic was minimal, and it was fun to have such grownup freedom.

Following these outings, we would all reconvene at the house on Pinehurst Avenue where Lester and Edith had washed the dishes and prepared a meal of sandwiches and salads. My grandmother preferred to be alone in the kitchen. There was leftover turkey of course, and various meat cold cuts from Cecils, the local delicatessen, fresh ryebread and horseradish and pickles as well as her perfect icebox cookies.

Although Lester passed away at the age of 78, Grandma Edith served Thanksgiving dinner well into her 80s.

I believe my personal description of Thanksgivings past are as accurate as possible. Each year, I consult with my brother and two cousins to compare their memories with mine. The four of us continue to share similar points of view, although we are all now in our 60s.

Thanksgiving remains a treasured holiday to me. On a personal level, Grandma Edith's Thanksgiving was perfect and can never be duplicated. As a nation, Americans also appear to have a collective idealized image of the perfect Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a very profound American holiday. I take it very seriously. However, my memories of childhood Thanksgiving are perfect. My memories instill in me a longing for the past and ultimately sad acceptance that the past was maybe not as perfect as I remember it to be.

"Thanksgiving Misgivings" means appreciation and acceptance. Grandma Edith's Thanksgiving remains a hard act to follow. So too is the mythology of one's national roots.

Meg English's articles are also available on Substack Meg English Substack



Norman Rockwell's painting of a group of people gathered around a table for a holiday meal has become an iconic representation for the Thanksgiving holiday. The painting was created in November, 1942 and published in the March 6, 1943, issue of ***The Saturday Evening Post.*** Where is the rest of the food? Why is there so much white? *(courtesy photo)*



"The Pageant of a Nation" an 1899 painting by **Jean Leon Gerome Ferris** depicting the first Thanksgiving dinner. Really? *(courtesy photo)*

Matching Winter Forage Supply to Herd Needs

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Most operations feed hay based on convenience rather than cow requirements. Feeding the same hay to all cattle throughout the winter may be simple and efficient, but it often leads to overspending, or underfeeding. From a nutritional standpoint, this strategy is rarely effective.

Why Hay Quality Matters More Than Quantity

Feeding more low-quality hay is not the same as feeding better hay. While grass, grass–alfalfa mixes, and straight alfalfa hay differ in nutrient profile, forage quality and energy density ultimately drive intake and animal performance. Mature, weathered, or poorly stored hay and forage may fill the rumen, but often fail to provide enough useable energy. Even when a hay test appears "adequate" on paper, intake and animal performance may still be limited, especially for cattle with elevated nutrient demands. Cattle with elevated nutrient requirements require energy density, not just additional pounds of forage.

Understanding Forage Tests: CP and TDN Basics

One of the most effective ways to stretch winter feed is to prioritize forage quality based on livestock nutritional needs. Doing so requires knowing the nutritive value of stored forages. Crude protein (CP) determines whether supplementation is needed and general ranges for grass hay include as follows:

Low-quality hay: < 8% CP

Moderate-quality hay: ~9-11% CP

High-quality hay: > 12% CP

Feeding hay that merely gets cattle through the winter often comes at the expense of body condition, reproduction, and overall herd performance. When CP is inadequate, rumen microbes cannot efficiently digest fiber, reducing the amount of useable energy cattle can extract from the forage. Once protein needs are met, energy determines whether body condition and performance are maintained. Total digestible nutrients (TDN) is the most common energy measure, and general ranges for grass hay TDN include:

Low-quality hay: < 52% TDN

Moderate-quality hay: ~54-58% TDN

High-quality hay: > 60% TDN

Energy declines rapidly as forage matures. As a result, late-cut grass hay may have adequate CP but insufficient energy for higher-demand cattle. In these situations, cows may appear full yet still lose body condition.

Matching Hay Quality to Cow Nutrient Requirements

Often, the challenge isn't a lack of good quality hay, it's knowing when cows need it. Nutrient requirements of a mature beef cow change throughout the year, and winter-feeding decisions should reflect those changes. Early to mid-gestation mature beef cows have the lowest protein and energy needs of any stage of cow production and can utilize lower-quality grass hay. Late gestation (final ~60 days) brings rapid fetal growth, increasing energy and protein needs. This is when hay quality matters more. Early to peak lactation (~60 to 90 days post calving) is the period of highest annual nutrient demand and should be matched with the best quality forage available. Yearling replacement heifers and first-calf heifers also require higher energy and protein levels than mature cows. Not meeting these nutrient requirements during the various stages of production leads to lost performance. It is also important to recognize that cold weather further increases nutrient needs. During extreme winter conditions, cows expend more energy maintaining body temperature, which raises their overall energy requirement and can worsen body-condition loss if forage quality is insufficient.

Cost Implications of Mismatching Hay Quality to Nutrient Needs

With hay and supplement costs accounting for roughly 60 to 80% of total operating costs in for beef producers, mismatching winter forage quality to cow needs can be an expensive mistake. It is generally more cost effective to supplement alongside poor-quality hay than misfeed high-quality hay. For instance, the nutrient requirements of a mature, dry cow in early gestation can be met with grass hay testing around 10% CP, while premium alfalfa hay should be reserved for late-gestation or early-lactation cows with higher nutrient demands. Matching hay quality to livestock needs stretches winter feed and reduces unnecessary supplementation costs.

Conclusion

To reduce winter supplementation costs, test your hay and identify which cattle require higher-quality feed. Adjusting supplementation before calving is particularly important to support cow body condition, maintain milk production, and help calves get the best possible start. Finally, monitoring cow body condition throughout winter provides a simple way to track whether your feeding program is successfully working.



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Belle Fourche Beacon 'Happenings' and News Bytes Calendar

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

Belle Fourche Writers

Belle Fourche Writers June meeting schedule: The November meeting schedule is ***Saturday, November 21 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 of you have any questions, comments, or concerns! My email is listed below as well as the Rec Center front desk number collin@bellefourche.org 605-892-2467

Classes

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

Silver Splash - This class is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 - 12:15 pm.

Silver Splash is part of our Silver Sneakers program. It involves a series of low-impact workouts with specially designed Boogie Boards. This class is great for core strengthening and for cardiovascular health.

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

Tri-State Museum

Tri-State Museum holds November Family Fun Day entitled "History of Birthstones"

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a Sunday, November 15 Family Fun Day from 2-4 p.m. entitled "The History of Birthstones."

The event will include a video about the ancient history of birthstones, which originated from both religious and cultural sources. There will also be a craft to paint a small keepsake box and decorate it with stones of a person's birthstone color. A drawing will be held for the book, "Your Birthstone Book," and there will be free take-home workbooks for all. Refreshments will be served.

Admission is $2 per person or free with membership. Reservations are helpful: call 605-723-1200.

Tri-State Museum holds class on "Thanksgiving Pumpkin Painting" on November 21.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a class for kids on Saturday, November 21. There will be class for kids in Pre-K- to 3rd grade from 10 a.m. to noon and a class for kids in 4th grade and up from 1 to 3 p.m. Class admission is $2 per child.

Kids who attend will see a special video on pumpkin patches, learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin and then paint small pumpkins which will be suitable for Thanksgiving table décor.

Morning classes for younger kids will include a gathering circle and songs. Students in both classes will receive take home workbooks.

Snacks will be provided at both classes – including pumpkin cookies. 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 gains significant 9-11 artifacts for its collections.

Following the recent nationwide commemoration of the 9-11 tragedy, the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche was given several artifacts by a former NYPD detective who was present during the attacks and participated in the recovery efforts at Ground Zero. He and his family now live in Belle Fourche.

One is a flag that was raised at 9-11 ground zero on June 3, 2026, at 7 a.m. and remained there for 12 hours. The flag is in a case made by Terry Batterman of Belle Fourche and is made of purple heart wood, found only in Brazil and Central America.

Other donations include a DEA (Detective Endowment Association) Challenge coin which depicts NYPD detectives raising the American flag at Ground Zero to commemorate the 25th anniversary; a DEA card, and a patch, to symbolize the unity of America experienced in the days following September 11, 2001.

In addition to all this, the detective commissioned a piece of chainsaw art from Jarrett and Jordan Dahl of Dahl Chainsaw Art. It was completely carved with chainsaws and made from a piece of elm tree and depicts the Twin Towers.

The several donations and the Twin Towers carving are now on exhibit at the military exhibit within the Tri-State, located at 415 5th Avenue in Belle Fourche. The museum is open 9-5, Tuesday through Saturday and there is no admission charge to enter.

Museum opens mini exhibit on postage stamps

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

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

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

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

Across the floor from mercantile is the museum's collection of salt and pepper shakers. The museum has so many of these that the entire four-shelf case could be completely refreshed. Some of new novel shakers include a lock and key, loaves of bread – and a little green alien in a spaceship.

A new exhibit in the museum's mid-section is "Transportation: From Stagecoaches to Trains to Cars." This exhibit includes images plus artifacts such as spokes for wagon wheels, a lady's travel case, a miniature car and a vintage model stagecoach crossing a "path" with grass on either side of the roadway. There is also a brick roadway made of the few surviving bricks from Belle Fourche's brick factory.

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

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



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Sell the Feeder Calf, or Create a Yearling?



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Feeder calf sale numbers are ramping up across South Dakota. Fall brings many weaning and selling time decisions. These decisions include options to sell calves at weaning, wean them and hold them for 45 days, background until spring, or retain ownership until the calf reaches yearling or fed cattle weights.

Evaluate these decisions from a business perspective, given the current feed costs and feeder cattle market. Selling or feeding because that is 'what we always do' is not an economically sustainable situation.

Things to Consider

Feed inventories and requirements are one of the first considerations. The SDSU Extension Forage Inventory and Demand Calculator can help determine how many tons of feed are needed to maintain the cattle herd.

Another consideration is the drought situation. Cattle-on-feed inventories show many lightweight calves going to feed.

The supply and demand issue is something producers need to consider. The November Feeder Cattle futures contract for calves is steady, with upward tendencies, and remains throughout Spring 2023. At the time of this article, the March contract is trading near $180/cwt, and the May contract is near $188/cwt.

The October 17 Feeder Calf report listed 474-pound Medium-Large 1 Steers sold for an average price of $234.28/cwt, calculating an $1110 value per steer.

Once the feed availability evaluation and the feeder calf's potential income are determined, the cost of gain needs to be calculated. The calculation of these costs further aids the decision-making process.

Determine your ration to make these decisions. Using actual cost-of-gain numbers is essential in the decision-making process. For illustration purposes, consider a ration that results in an average daily gain of 2 pounds on 500-pound steers, with a cost of gain of $0.90 per pound.

Examples

Feed Until March

500-pound steers with a cost of gain of $0.90 per pound.

Time = 150 days

2 lbs. per day gain = 300 lbs.

300 lbs. × $0.90 = $270 feed costs

$1,110 steer + $270 feed = $1380 breakeven

800-pound steer × $182.00/cwt = $1456 income

$1456 income - $1380 inputs = $76 profit

Feed Until May

500-pound steers,with a cost of gain of $0.90 per pound.

Time = 210 days

2 lbs. per day gain = 420 lbs.

420 lbs. × $0.90 = $378 feed costs

$1110 steer + $420 feed = $1488 breakeven price

920-pound steer × $180.00/cwt = $1656

$1656 income - $1488 inputs = $168 profit

Now the producers must evaluate the best return on investment.

Return on Investment

Animal	Expected Value of calf when sold	Cost of Production
November 500-pound steer	$1,110*	Cow Costs Approx. $600-700
March 800-pound steer	$1,456**	$1,380
May 920-pound steer	$1,656**	$1,488

* Based on October average calf prices

** Estimated amount based on current CME prices

Factors affecting the estimates and decisions include grain and forage prices, seasonal trends, and livestock market changes. Consider the following changes to our examples:

If the March Feeder Cattle price drops to $170/cwt, the final price for the steer becomes $1,360.

If the cost of gain increases to $1.50 per pound, feeding until May increases the feed costs to $630 and the breakeven price to $1,720.

Price protection tools, like Put Options and Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) insurance, can help producers protect themselves from declines in the feeder cattle market.

Feed price protection can be accomplished by making the feed purchase, forward purchase contracts, or using Call Options for some grain products.

The bottom line is that the producer needs to evaluate their current situation. Then, given the price of calves, feed, and the futures market, producers can make economically sustainable decisions for their operations.

Author's Note: The prices in this article are for demonstration purposes. They are not an expectation of what the producer will receive at the sale barn, nor an accurate reflection of the producer's actual production costs. Further, these prices will change with the market and operation.



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Two options exist, online or in-person courses, for certifying or recertifying your Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certification. All in-person certification courses must be taught by certified BQA trainers. In-person certification trainings typically have a registration fee, whereas the online course is always free and available any time.

In-Person Trainings

Upcoming Extension-hosted in-person certification trainings are typically advertised on the SDSU Extension events calendar. Individuals looking for in-person BQA certification courses in their area can also directly contact one of the Certified South Dakota BQA Trainers. Cattlemen or companies wanting to host an in-person certification course are encouraged to organize a group and contact a trainer or the State BQA Coordinator.

Producers may attend in-person BQA certification trainings in surrounding states, and producers from any state may certify at a South Dakota training. If a trainer has questions, tell them to contact a Certified South Dakota BQA Trainer.

Contact a Trainer

Certified South Dakota BQA Trainers

The primary role of certified South Dakota BQA Trainers is to conduct in-person BQA certification courses. They can also assist producers with writing standard operating procedures (SOPs), employee training resources or providing example templates for required BQA records.

South Dakota BQA Trainers may assist producers with completing voluntary, on-farm assessments (BQA Feedyard Assessment, Stocker Assessment or Cow-Calf Assessment). Use the button below to find a certified South Dakota BQA Trainer in your area to learn more.

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Cow Share Agreements

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Getting started in the cattle business can be tricky for beginning cattlemen due to the amount of capital investment needed upfront. They likely cannot borrow enough money to buy everything that is needed to run an operation, as the four-legged stool of cattle production includes cattle, feed, equipment and labor. Many times, labor is the main asset that beginning cattle producers can bring to the table. This labor can be very valuable to a cattle owner looking for assistance in the operation or if they are looking to exit the cattle business within the next few years. Some ways this transition can take place is with cow share or cow rental agreements. It takes the right owner and operator to make a cow share agreement work and there are no two agreements that look exactly the same due to different contributions from each party. The main thing to keep in mind when setting up an agreement is that based on market conditions, they are not always profitable for either party. However, you will not know until you put the pencil to paper.

Share Lease

The SDSU Extension Share Lease Calculator can be found by clicking on Agriculture drop down in the main menu of the SDSU Extension website and clicking on Ag Business. On the Ag Business tab, scroll down to see all decision aid tools that are listed in alphabetical order. This tool is an excel download that allows a producer to enter herd information, cash and in-direct expenses, profit analysis and ownership percentages to determine total expenses with owner and operator shares, return on assets, operating margin and equitable percentage.

Variables to Consider

Here are some variables that should be considered when completing the form.*

Number of cows and bulls
Replacement cattle
Value and quality of cattle
Feed/pasture/crop residue per cow
Machinery/utilities
Labor & management from each party
Veterinary
Breeding
Injuries/disease/death loss/act of god agreement
Insurance: lightening, drowning, theft
Proof of ownership
Transportation
Repair and maintenance
How shares will be divided (calf value or number of calves)

*Adapted from SDSU Extension Share Lease Calculator and SD Center for Farm and Ranch Management program.

We often rely on "rules of thumb" as mental shortcuts to guide business decisions. Sometimes these guidelines work well enough, but they can also lead to losses especially if the conditions change. Share leases are a great example. An old rule of thumb for cow share leases has been a 70:30 split, with the operator retaining 70% of expenses and income. However, due to dramatically higher pasture costs as well as increased labor expenses, it is not uncommon at all for equitable splits to approach 80:20. In addition, agreements should have a start and end date (usually Oct. to Oct or near weaning time), as well as a separate agreement to account for calf backgrounding or heifer development enterprises. More information on share leases and sample worksheets are available at Ag Lease 101.

Cash Leasing Beef Cows

If a young producer has some cattle but is looking to increasing cow numbers to best utilize available feed, renting cows might be an option. Cash rental rates are determined similar to share agreements by determining value of contributions and return on investment. The net return to livestock (estimated production returns minus expenses) is the most a livestock operator could afford to pay in rent. The operator would get to keep 100% of calf sales and all cull cow receipts from the leased cows would go back to the owner. With this example, fixed costs would be spread across more cattle and will hopefully help the young producer be more profitable. In addition USDA ERS reports annual hours per cow decreases by 50% when increasing cow numbers from 20 to 60 head. Therefore, determining the optimum number of cows needed to maximize efficiency per hour of labor is a valuable endeavor for new producers to consider.

All agreements should be in writing and agreed up by both parties. Also, be sure all expenses are covered and emergency/natural disaster situations are discussed. It also may be a good idea to have a lawyer or financial advisor review the agreements before parties sign the document to make sure nothing is missing. Agreements should be reviewed on an annual basis.



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Be Filled to All Fullness

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NEWELL-Wise words from Baptist Pastor Fred MacDonald to a sizable crowd gathered at the annual Newell Community Thanksgiving Dinner came from Ephesians 3 with the apostle Paul telling the Ephesians to be filled to all fullness.

Pastor MacDonald began by explaining three things Paul teaches about prayer. He said that the order that Paul points out is very important. Sometimes, he said, we think something is not quite right, but really don't know what to do about it. But, he said, Paul has shown us a pattern of sorts to use.

First of all, be strengthened from the inside out. Many times, we like to hide things deep inside, MacDonald said, and we don't know what to pray or how to pray for someone. So, we should ask God to do something deep in their heart, start from the inside.

The second thing we can do is to pray they would understand how much God loves them. We need to have a "God-Wow!" moment. Sometimes, MacDonald said, we tend to forget just how much God cares about each of us.

Thirdly, be "filled to all fullness." In other words, be more like Jesus. In everything we do, where ever we go, we can be more like Jesus.

Pastor MacDonald concluded by encouraging everyone to pray for their pastor and for each other.

Before the short sermon, though, Pastor Lance Putnam from Newell Christian Fellowship prayed and invited the crowd to enjoy the potluck meal. The turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, and dressing were cooked and served by a crew of Newell folks. The meal was organized by Betty Bruner, but most of the hard work was done by Dawn Olson, Sandy Demary, Rhonda Miller, and Grant Miller. The tables were spread with a variety of potluck foods from salads to hot dishes. There were also tables loaded with desserts, of course!

As the meal came to a close, the crowd was entertained by a group of young people with enthusiasm that spilled over to the adults. The Awana club from Newell Christian Fellowship showed an unashamed zeal to live like Jesus!

Awanas meet every Wednesday evening at the church. They earn badges and learn about Jesus by hearing stories and memorizing scripture. Awanas is open to any church or fellowship, according to Pastor Putnam.

Jason Blanchett sang and inspired the crowd to remember how good God is and to be thankful for every moment.

Sabrina Harmon thanked all those who helped to make the evening memorable. Those she listed included WIT (Whatever It Takes Coalition), Dakota Life Center, Newell Baptist, Newell Christian Fellowship, YAM (Young Adult Ministry) who helped set up tables, and all those who cooked and served.

The evening ended with prayer from Pastor Terri Blanchett from Dakota Life Christian Center.



Once a year, people from the Newell area gather for fellowship and to begin the Thanksgiving season. Over 120 people gathered at the Newell Community Hall this year to enjoy good food and good fellowship. *Brunner photo*



The Awanas from Newell Christian Fellowship sang "I'm in God's Army" with gusto. *Brunner photo*

November is Adoption Month

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There are children throughout South Dakota that need a safe, permanent home. The month of November focuses on bringing a child into a new family. Known as National Adoption Month, November began as Adoption Week in Massachusetts in 1976 and National Adoption Week in 1984. Then it was fully expanded to National Adoption Month in 1998.

The campaign raises awareness about adoption, highlights older youth in foster care looking for permanent families, and recognizes adoptive families, birth families, and child welfare professionals.

Local organizations, including South Dakota Kids Belong and licensed adoption agencies across the state share stories of waiting youth and resources for prospective adoptive and birth families. Local agencies include church affiliations and government entities such as the Department of Social Services.

Adoption rates drop significantly after the age of eight and fall even further in the teenage years. Toddlers can sometimes have a tough initial adjustment because they feel the loss of familiar people and routine. They lack the developmental maturity to understand the changes life brings with a new family.

The most spirited times for parents are those adopting infants. There is a high demand and longer wait times for prospective parents. Early care is intensive and many times the infants can come with fewer documented behavior records.

Adopting a newborn or infant through private domestic adoption often involves longer wait times and high competition.

The child must live in the home for at least six months before the court finalizes the adoption. Unless the birth parents have been terminated by the court, birth parents must consent to the adoption.

There are several basic eligibility requirements set down in order to adopt any age child.

1. You must be at least 21 years old for foster care adoption and generally 10 years older than the child you want to adopt.
2. Single adults and married couples can apply. Married applicants need to have their spouse's consent.
3. State residency rules apply when filing and completing the process.
4. Background checks and a home study must be completed, too.

The process takes time and often there is a shortage of personnel to cover the adoption procedure.

There is an ongoing need for parents willing to adopt siblings, older children, and young people with complex medical and behavioral needs. Many children and teens in foster care throughout South Dakota are waiting for someone to bring them into their homes. DSS and private agencies work to find safe, loving, stable, and permanent homes.

Through the "I Belong Project," kids have an opportunity to share their personalities, interests, dreams, and hopes for the future in their own voices. Check the website at amkidsbelong.org. For information on adoption through the state see dss.sd.gov. Catholic Social Services and Lutheran Social Services also are resource for foster care and adoptions.

As the holidays come into focus, many young children are looking for a home that brings permanence and safety. It may take time, but the wait is worth every moment both for the child and new parents.

Grand River Roundup



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It was nice and warm on Monday so I washed five loads of laundry and hung them on the clothesline to dry. It was a really nice day. Reub and I went to our grandson Dathan Olson's basketball game in Scranton that afternoon where Scranton/Hettinger was playing Harding County.

With this warm weather, Amanda spent all day on Tuesday raking up the leaves in the yard and hauling them down to the dump before the wind came up on Wednesday. Reub and I went in to Buffalo that evening to watch the Scranton/Hettinger girls teams play against Harding County at the old gym.

It was 46 degrees when we got up Wednesday morning but it sure cooled off and went down to a high of 42 degrees. Reub and I went to Hettinger that morning and got our oil changed in the black pickup at Hettinger Motors. We stopped in Reeder on the way home that afternoon to have coffee and visit with the Prairie Pioneers.

DJ Martian came on Thursday morning to visit Taz and he is such a nice young man. It took me a long time, but I finally got two pumpkin pies made that morning. One of them is for the pie social on Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving at our church and the other one is for Thanksgiving. I guess I'll have to make a few more pies pretty soon. Keith Kvanvig went up to visit his brother Kenny Kvanvig at the Benedictine nursing home in Dickinson that day and he took Kenny some clothes and other stuff he needed. Amanda took the three oldest kids with her to the state volleyball tournament in Sioux Falls that started on Thursday through Saturday and Missy kept the twins at her house.

Taz took the twins up to stay with Starla Jenson on Friday while Taz and Jace Jenson were gone. Taz brought the twins home that evening after he and Jace got home. It started to snow late that afternoon and the ground was covered with snow Saturday morning.

I got a call Saturday morning from 707-281-3426, supposedly from Publishers Clearing House, from a guy named James Bernard telling me that they were going to bring me $8.5 million dollars, $750,000 dollars in cash and a 2026 Chevy Tahoe. I was supposed to go to town to get a gift card from the Dollar Store that day and give them the information off of it before they brought all that stuff later in the day. I've been through that scam before, so I hung up on him and blocked his phone number so if you ever get a call from Publishers Clearing House, hang up quickly.

I talked to my nephew Gary Chilcote on Saturday to see how his brother Jeffery Daren Chilcote was doing after he had been hospitalized following a heart attack. It doesn't sound very good for Jeff, but Gary is going to keep me informed on how my nephew Jeff is doing.

There are more deaths to report: Neal Englehart, age 66, passed away November 12th, at his home near Usta, SD. Service of Remembrance for Neal was Saturday, November 21, at the American Lutheran Church in Bison with burial at the Bison Cemetery.

My longtime friend Doug Jerde, age 81, left this world a better place than he found it by creating community, family, belonging, and connection wherever he went. He passed away on November 4 after a brief illness surrounded by his family. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, November 28 from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Bison School gymnasium in Bison and that is where Doug and Bonnie Jerde's son Micah's funeral was held. Doug and I both went to high school in Bison and he was a year ahead of me.

Amanda and the three oldest kids came home Saturday night after spending three days in Sioux Falls watching the Harding County Volleyball girls compete in the state contest. The Harding County girls placed sixth in the state and they really fought hard and we are all so proud of them. Congrats to Kamry Padden for being selected to the State All-Tournament Team!

It was only 26 degrees when we got up Sunday morning and it only got up to a high of 28 degrees that day. When we went to church that morning it was fun to see Rosie Hotchkiss' parents who are here from Scotland visiting Rosie and her family. I never asked if they would be here at Thanksgiving but I hope they will still be here for that. There will be the Community Hymn Sing next Sunday, November 29 at Holland Center Church at 6:00 that evening. Hope to see you there!

Pastor Henry Mohagen put this in the church bulletin on Sunday: Psalm 106:1 "Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever."

With Thanksgiving here, I'll leave you with this: An industrious turkey farmer was always experimenting with breeding to perfect a better turkey. His family was fond of the leg portion for dinner and there were never enough legs for everyone. After many frustrating attempts, the farmer was relating the results of his efforts to his friends at the general store get together.

"Well I finally did it! I bred a turkey that has 6 legs!" They all asked the farmer how it tasted.

"I don't know" said the farmer. "I never could catch the darn thing!"

Then and Now *in Newell*

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

November 9, 1916

Mr. M. McGee came down from Lead yesterday to meet with the Town Board relative to the granting a franchise for light and power. Such ordinance granting a franchise will be contemplated at the next regular meeting.

A carload of John Deere wagons and buggies arrived at the Newell Hardware Company this week.

The election Tuesday found a greater number of the county candidates in Newell. E. E. Rogers was an arrival from Kansas Tuesday. He came up to settle some business affairs and cast his ballot in the election. President Wilson cast his ballot shortly after 9:00 AM. He motored from Shadow Lawn with Mrs. Wilson; they were the 15th and 16th ballots cast in the old fire engine house. He will receive the returns by telephone.

November 18, 1926

Golden Rule Sunday this year comes on December 5th. It is a day set aside for to remind ourselves of the Golden Rule in human affairs and also special contribution to the Near-East Relief. The occasion will be much the same line as last year, a musical and speaking program in the schoolhouse in the evening and it is hoped the community will take an interest in the occasion, the needs appear to be greater this year than for some time.

In observance of Armistice Day, Mr. A. B. Clark spoke to the Vale student body on Thursday morning. His very interesting description of his experiences in France was made more vivid by several picture Post Cards. The school has started a Museum and Mr. Kyle has contributed quite a number of interesting articles from foreign countries. A few of the pupils have also made contributions and more are expected to in the near future.

Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Holt arrived last week from Midwest, Wyoming, to again take up their abode in Newell. Mr. Holt is at present employed as a mechanic in The Booster Garage. Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Erickson arrived last week from Denver for a visit in their old hometown. Their friends are hoping they many conclude to extend their sojourn here indefinetly.

November 19, 1936

In Justice Court at Belle Fourche Tuesday, John Dusing of Vale pleaded guilty to assaulting businessman Guy Kenaston of Newell. Dusing was fined $5.00 and costs.

The Eight grade boys put the flags up along the street on Armistice Day, creating an avenue of flags, and then took them down again in the evening.

A number of the Horse Creek neighborhood ladies quilted a quilt at the home of Mrs. Emil Milberg last Thursday and Friday. Mrs. Hannah Wilson, Mrs. Charles Wilson and Mrs. Doyce Potter were also present. A few ladies were overnight guests there Thursday night.

H. J. Christian has started work on another double apartment house, on his lots facing south on Second Street. It is to be similar to the two houses built this summer. Mr. Christian says he will probably build a couple more such buildings in the spring.

November 14, 1946

The war on coyotes in this area being waged by hunters using airplanes is going badly for the coyotes. Hunting in the north country last week, Ray Kolb and Hunter Wolff got a pack of 6 coyotes at one time, plus 5 more making a total of 13 for the day, this swelled their score to 53 for 5 days of hunting. The team of Jimmy Haggart, Albert Blackburn and Wayne Caplin have also been doing some serious hunting, but no report yet on their total number.

As the Jr. Red Cross enrollment nears its close, only a few schools in Butte County have not reported. Eleven additional schools have enrolled in the work. The schools mailing in their enrollment fees include, O'Bryan, Horse Creek, Loup, Barker, Heston, Karinen, Fruitdale, Cottonwood, Nisland High School and grades, and Vale grades 6,7, & 8th. The Loup, Barker, Heston, Nisland and Vale have contributed toward the Serra Fund and National Children's Fund.

Santa Claus will be in Newell this year with a free show and also free treats for the kids on Saturday December 14, according to the December meeting of the Community Club held at the Stockmen's Café Tuesday evening. Although it was pointed out that the candies are in short supply this year, the club voted to approve such date and provide whatever treats might be possible and obtained in addition to the free movie. The event is co-sponsored by both Jr. Chamber of Commerce and Community Club.

November 22, 1956

Barbers of Butte County contributed $85.50 to the South Dakota Society for Crippled Children during their Annual Barber's Charity Day, October 4th, it was announced the past week by County Director Mrs. Bertha Baird. Co-operating to turn proceeds of the day over to the fund in Newell, were Cliff Stromer and Joe Wehner, our local barbers.

Woman Marine PFC Nancy "JoAnn" Fardig, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Falk and Newell High School graduate, has recently completed a 3-week intense training course, October 22nd in defense against Atomic Chemical & Biological Warfare at the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana, C A.

Mrs. Leroy Pawlowski & children, Mrs. Art Ollila and children, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Deschamps and children, Mrs. Frank Wendt & Gary, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Jacobsen & Merle and Harlan Jacobsen were Belle Fourche callers Saturday where the school children received free health shots.

At the recent Butte Electric Coop meeting, members adopted the Capital Credit Payment change, which now permits the directors to distribute Capital Credits promptly to members permanently discontinuing service and also to distribute portions of such accumulated funds to members receiving service when the association is in position to do so.

December 1, 1966

A flying saucer may have lit in a field 3 miles south of Newell Monday night, local couple, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Falk of Newell were returning from Belle Fourche, report they first sighted an object with flashing lights from near Orman Dam Reservoir. It appeared to be traveling from south to north, although apparently hovering at times. It then disappeared, but when they came over the Owl Creek Hill and neared the Glendon Swanson farm, they sighted it again, neither hovering or resting about 100 yards west of Highway 79 and 300 yards south of highway 212. The flashing lights appeared to be rotating and were white, red, blue and green. Another vehicle also had stopped along highway 79. The object, like other "flying saucers" sightings reported in other parts of the county. Until the occupant or occupants of the other vehicle makes a report, it remains a "UFO". A cursory examination of the area Tuesday revealed no traces of the mysterious object.

High School Senior Jr. Miss candidates are: Patsie Berndt, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mike Berndt; Pam Dahlberg daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Dahlberg; Pam Vasknetz daughter of Mr.& Mrs. Herb Vasknetz; Becky Farber daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Farber; Linda Fields daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harley Fields; Lois Twombley daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M. W, Twombley and Judy Winkler daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Winkler. The pageant, December 11 at 8:00 PM, sponsoring organizations are the Jaycees and Jr. Jaycees. The winner will enter the State Jr. Miss Pageant at Sturgis in January and receive a substantial cash prize to be applied toward her wardrobe for the State Pageant.

Manuel Ruff, 53 of Nisland received extensive injuries last Monday afternoon in a cement mixer mishap. Ruff was injured while cleaning out a big cement mixer at the Boom Silo & Equipment Company just east of town and suffered compound fractures of the right leg and severe lacerations. According to reports, he had entered the mixer when it was accidentally switched on, and was tossed around inside for a brief time until rescued. He was transported to St. John's Hospital in Rapid City and with last reports, he is making satisfactory recovery.

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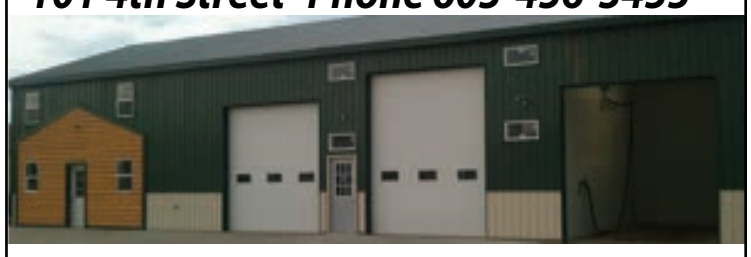

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The Awanas continued with "Everywhere I Look" with enthusiasm. *Brunner photo*



Guest speaker, Pastor Fred MacDonald from the Newell Baptist Church, inspired those who gathered at the Community Event. *Brunner photo*



The evening began with a delicious meal of turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and sweet potatoes with delicious potluck additions. *Brunner photo*



Jason Blanchett's song encouraged the crowd to remember to see good in everything. *Brunner photo*



Chuck Bruner, left, and Grant Miller served the turkey to a hungry crowd. Over 120 people were served at this year's Thanksgiving Community Dinner on Sunday. *Brunner photo*

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