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## District Prepares for Opening of Schools Next Week

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BELLE FOURCHE - Face-to-face learning within the Belle Fourche School District is still on track to begin on August 31st with half the students attending on Monday and Wednesday and the other half on Tuesday and Thursday.

The Belle Fourche School Board heard an update on the plans from school administrators at their regular meeting on August 10th at the Belle Fourche Middle School cafeteria.

"Students will be split into Purple and White groups for the first week of school," said BFHS Principal Matthew Raba. "We should have that list out by the middle of next week (August 19th)."

Raba said the Purple and White grouping will likely follow an A-L and M-Z last name designation. However, he said, in the 11th grade they are a "little A-through-L heavy." In those cases Raba says he's gone through the list and if the student was the only family member in the school system they were moved to the M-Z list. That way parents would not need to make as many trips to drop students off during the first week.

Raba says the first week will be devoted to acclimating students to the COVID-related processes and procedures such as social distancing, sanitizing, passing between classes and lunch. In addition the students will be trained on the school's learning management system which would be used in the event that a student is home ill, in quarantine, or the district is shut down. After the first week (following Labor Day) students will be combined as usual.

Enrollment on the high school level is actually up this fall to 438 students, 30 more than last fall and 58 more than in 2018. After registration Raba says that 47 students have opted for online learning. Those students must remain as online students

## Masks & Social Distancing Not A Part of 80th Rally



Stone House Saloon is a popular stop off and gathering place for bikers attending the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally as hundreds parked their bikes on the open field 8 miles west of Belle on the north side of Hwy 34. (Inset) They partook of Besler's beef and cool refreshments under the shade cover of the venue. Even the one horsepower parking attendant found the shade and water a treat. Long time BF Rally observers noted that they believed that the 80th had more bikes on all roads in and out of Belle Fourche than previous years. Official rally attendance figures won't be released for another 2 weeks. - Beacon photos

for the duration of the semester and would be able to choose to return to face-to-face learning mid-year.

Professional development days for teachers has begun and the district has completed its summer Kick Start program, kindergarten screening, new staff induction, summer JAM and middle school registration.

Twenty-five students were in the building at South Park Elementary for the summer Kick Start program and Principal Julie Hatling says the students were "very good about practicing social distancing and were glad to be back with teachers."

Middle School enrollment is at 407 students according to Principal Kevin Smidt. He said he was pleased with how the new summer Kick Start

program went with 39 students on average attending, more than he expected.

"I think the kids for the most part were very excited about being there, they want to be in school," Smidt said. "I heard from several teachers who saw a positive reaction from students who seemed to want that close proximity to a teacher again."

For parents dropping off middle school students, grade 5 is urged to drop off at the 5th grade entrance, 6th grade at the front entrance and 7-8th grade should come in through the gymnasium. An extra 2-minutes will be allowed between classes to facilitate the one-way traffic flow through the hallways.

Superintendent Dr. Steve Willard said there will be no

mandatory mask policy in the BF district. However students will need to have a mask with them in case they are needed in situations where physical distancing is not possible. Willard reported on guidelines from the

State Department of Health and the Governor's Office regarding COVID guidelines. He said there was no benchmark number in terms of how many positive cases it would take to

**SCHOOL OPENING A6**

## Fall Sports Fan Attendance Plan Outlined

Also, search is on for new homecoming opponent

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BELLE FOURCHE - Fan attendance at Belle Fourche High School football and volleyball games this fall will be limited in an effort to better manage the potential spread of COVID-19.

According to Activities Director Adam Nowowiejski there is to be a limit of 200 fans at home volleyball games in the school gymnasium and 246 fans at Lou Graslie Field for home football games.

Deciding who can attend

has been a challenge but area athletic directors have come up with a plan that the BF School District will try this fall.

"It's a plan that is very similar to what the NCAA does," Nowowiejski said. "Essentially it's all high school students that present a valid student ID are allowed to get in at the beginning. All district staff members would be allowed to get in with a valid ID."

Then, Nowowiejski said, all students who are on the football roster, 9th through 12th grade, would be allowed four passes. Each player would then need to provide that list to Nowowiejski 24 hours prior to the game so that ticket takers would have the

pass list available at game time.

"Visiting teams would be treated the same way," he said. "Each of their players would need to provide me with that list of four people, if it's four people, 24 hours before game time."

If a middle school student, or a high school student shows up at the game without an ID, they are not allowed in. If your name is not on the list, you are not allowed in.

"It's difficult to manage this as it is," Nowowiejski said. "But if it's right there in black and white, we feel it will be a lot easier to manage."

Parents of student-athletes should note that most Black Hills Conference schools, as well as other area schools, will be instituting similar policies. So if you wish to follow your son or daughter to away games it will be important to know the policies of the away schools in advance, Nowowiejski said.

If you cannot come to the game, the games will be live streamed. See the district website and/or Facebook page for details.

Two schools in the conference have decided to cancel all fall sports; Pine Ridge and Todd County. This presents a special situation for the homecoming football game since Pine Ridge was to be the homecoming game on September 25th.

"We are working with area schools to try to get both dates filled," Nowowiejski said. "But if we can't we'll have to move our homecoming game to October 9th against Spearfish."

## If a Student Tests COVID Positive

BELLE FOURCHE - In response to a question from Board Member Nita Justice at the last regular Belle Fourche School Board Meeting, Dr. Steven Willard, District Superintendent, outlined the procedure if a student should test positive for COVID-19 during the upcoming school year.

"Let's say a second grader feels ill," Willard said. "The child is taken to a separate place that the principals are setting up in the building. They have their temperature taken and will be asked the protocol questions."

If two or three of the questions would indicate the possibility of COVID, the student's parents are asked to come and get their child and take them home.

"We find out the next day, let's say, they tested positive," Willard continued. "That information is told to me. I call the Department of Health (DOH) and say that we have a second grader

that's tested (positive)."

At that point Willard says, the DOH is going to want to know who are the children in that classroom. They will contact trace to see who else that child may have been in close contact with.

"We will then call the parents to let them know at that point," Willard said. "We would then have to look at cleaning and quarantining the room for at least two days to let the virus die."

Board member Scott Reder asked if during a random COVID test they would be able to determine if a student or staff member was a-symptomatic or had the antibodies. Willard said this particular test would not indicate that, a blood test would be needed to differentiate the history of the virus within an individual.

"No one has every answer for every situation right now," he said. "What I can tell you is we'll be using common sense and communication."

## Neff New Highmark Branch Manager

Highmark is pleased to welcome Dallerie Neff as the new Market Manager for its Belle Fourche branch.

Dallerie joined the Highmark Credit Union team July 20.

Originally from Belle Fourche, Dallerie began her banking career with Wells Fargo in 2002. Since that time she has worked to develop a team that puts the member first and is willing to go above and beyond to support and provide financial advice to them.

She is actively involved in the Belle Fourche community with several organizations that support individuals and businesses in the surrounding area. Dallerie and her husband raised 3 children (2 sons and 1 daughter) and are now enjoying 6 grandchildren.



**Dallerie Neff**

Dallerie is looking forward to providing her knowledge and expertise in creating long term financial relationships with Highmark Credit Union members.

## Pancake Supper Raises \$640 BFVFD



Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills recently served a free pancake supper with free will donations given to the Belle Fourche Fire Department. \$640 was raised at the event. Mark and Deb Leverington made homemade buttermilk pancakes and they were pleased with so many from the community coming to support the Fire Dept. Pictured accepting the check from Deb Leverington, are Aaron Trammer (Fire Chief), and Andy Anderson (Assist. Fire Chief) Buttermilk Pancakes will be on the menu again in mid-September. Stay tuned to the Beacon and Leverington's Facebook page for the date and time. - Courtesy photo

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## Obituaries

### Richard Meyer 85

Richard Meyer, age 85 of Sturgis, died Monday, August 10, 2020 at Monument Health Sturgis Care Center.

A memorial service was held Monday, August 17, 2020 at Foothills Community Church in Sturgis, with Pastor Jeff Neikirk officiating. There will be no visitation. Inurnment took place in Black Hills National Cemetery, with Military Honors.

Funeral arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may view a video tribute and the funeral will be live-streamed on Dick's obituary page located at the funeral home's website: [www.funeral-homeofthenorthernhills.com](http://www.funeral-homeofthenorthernhills.com)

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Humane Society of the Black Hills.

Richard Meyer was born May 5, 1935 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was the son of Jacob and Emma (Wiedeman) Meyer. Dick was raised in Belle Fourche. After his high school graduation he entered the U.S. Navy, where he served four years. Following his honorable discharge, he attended Black Hills Teacher's College, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree. While in college he worked on the Belle Fourche Police Department and following his college graduation he began working as a Special Agent with the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) and retired in 1980. Dick was a graduate of the FBI National Academy and numerous Law Enforcement schools during his career. Following his retirement, Dick went into the livestock business with his step-father, Russ Kinghorn, retiring in 2016. He always felt fortunate to have had interesting



occupations throughout his life, and great people to work with, and living in South Dakota. He was also thankful to God for bringing Linda into his life. They were married in 2001 and they shared many great memories.

Over the years he served on various boards and commissions, including the SD State Police Civil Service Board, SD State Brand Board, Judicial Qualification Commission, SD Game Fish and Parks Commission, and the Crazy Horse Foundation Commission.

In 2014, Dick sold the ranch and shortly afterwards he was diagnosed with Parkinson's. One of the things he will always be remembered for is his witty sense of humor. At heart Dick was a big kid and his personality had the ability to make anyone laugh, and even draw out the humor of some. Whether someone was a criminal or not, Dick treated everyone with kindness. He once commented in writing, "It has been a real exciting life, I regret nothing, and I feel my decisions and actions have been guided by God." He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Dick is survived by his wife, Linda of Sturgis; daughter, Lorri (Scott) Skinner of Sturgis; son, James (Deedra) Meyer of Burnet TX; step-children, Jason (Cassie) Pelletier of Gorham, Maine, Kristina Pelletier of Spearfish, Megan Pelletier of Biddeford Maine; several grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Jacob Meyer, his mother and step-father, Emma and Russell Kinghorn; and brothers, William Meyer and R.J. Kinghorn, and an infant brother, George.

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### Ruby Jean Peterson 81

Ruby Jean Peterson, 81, of Belle Fourche passed away June 26, 2020 in her Texas home in Rockwall, TX.

Memorial service will be held at the United Methodist Church of Belle Fourche Saturday August 22, 2020 at 2pm.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Peterson of Belle Fourche; her son Greg Peterson of Rockwall, TX; grandchildren, Tony Barnes, Josh Barnes, Jenifer Barnes all of Omaha, NE and



April Ault of Belle Fourche; and 5 great-grandchildren, Logan and Owen Dennis (April), Christopher (Jenifer), Abigail and Jacob (Tony).

She is preceded in death by her daughter Laura Barnes, both her parents and nine of ten siblings as far as we know.

Memorials and condolences may be sent to the United Methodist Church or to April's address at 302 Custer Street.

### Judy Shaykett Celebration of Life

Judy Shaykett, age 73 of Newell, died Thursday, August 6, 2020 at Monument Health in Rapid City.

Judy's life will be celebrated 10:30am Thursday, August 20, 2020 at the Nisland Independent Community Church.

Visitation will be held 4 to 6pm Wednesday, August 19th at Leverington Funeral Home of the



Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

The funeral will be live-streamed online on Judy's obituary page of the funeral home's website: [LeveringtonFH.com](http://LeveringtonFH.com)

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### Pastor's Perspective

#### Real Meaning Behind the Readings

Much of the Bible can be rather depressing if we only briefly read through it and not look for the real meaning behind the readings.

From Genesis 32:22-31 we learned Jacob sent his family away in the middle of the night because his brother Esau is coming with the intend of killing him, he was attacked by a strange man, and his hip is put out of joint.

Paul writes to the Romans (9:15) of his great sorrow and the unceasing anguish in his heart. He is dispirited because so many of the Jews, God's chosen people are turning their backs on Jesus.

In the Gospel lesson from Matthew 14:13-21 Jesus has learned that John the Baptist has been killed, and he goes to mourn in solitude. But a crowd follows him. Some come out of grief. Others out of desperation. Desperation so great they end up in the desert without food. They had made no preparations but acted on instinct alone. Many are sick and others are just heart sick. This is not just a hungry crowd, but also a dispirited one.

It all reminds me of our current situation with the Covid 19. Many have lost their jobs, many are dispirited, and many have lost their lives. We are sick of the whole thing. Please, oh please. No more masks, no more social distancing.

Upon reading the lesson again I realized they are not depressing. They are joyful, full of mercy, faith, and hope.

*This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Fay Hersey, St. James Episcopal Church*



Jacob's fight represents the internal struggle many of us go through before we accept God as our Savior. Jacob had been a scoundrel before he turned to God. Upon accepting Jesus, he received God's saving mercy. He entered the promise land and received a new name.

From Paul we learn of the spiritual privileges of God's chosen people. The spiritual privileges include the adoption as children of God, the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the worship, and the

promise of the coming Messiah.

Jesus had compassion on his followers. He healed their sick. He fed the five thousand. And he met their spiritual needs. He also taught the disciples what he expected of them. The food symbolized to the disciples, and to us, instead of expecting the people to find their own food, they are to be fed. Not only real food but spiritual food. They are to be shown mercy, kindness, and compassion.

When Jesus looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd, it wasn't just about feeding the people. It was to show the disciples when they have needs, they should go to God to refuel. After all it was with God's help Jesus provided enough for all to eat. Go to God to refuel. When we feel like we have given all we have to give and have hit rock bottom we too can go to our own personal gas station God and refuel.

Amen.

### Devotion by Rev. Don McKillop, Trinity Lutheran Church

*John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29*

*Our first impressions of people sometimes are not very accurate. The more we get to know someone, the more our impression of that person changes. It is better to get to know a person before we make any judgements as to their character.*

*John the Batizer was one who had a very accurate understanding as to who Jesus was when he saw him. John was waiting for the coming of the Lord. When he first saw Jesus he knew exactly who he was. John pointed to Jesus and said, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. How did he know? The Holy Spirit told John about Jesus' true identity. He knew that Jesus would later die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. He knew that whoever repented their sins, and believed in Jesus would have forgiveness and eternal life in heaven.*

*John also knew about his own purpose for living. He was born to point to Jesus and say, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away th sin of the world."*

*Have you ever wondered about what your purpose in life is? What were you born to be? While we might not know some things about our own life, one thing is for sure. God wants everyone to believe in Jesus and be saved. The Bible says that God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. And the good news is that Jesus by his death on the cross opened the gates of heaven so that all who will enter, can enter. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."*



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**Sheila Hodge Appointed to Chamber Board**

Sheila Hodge has been appointed to the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

She will complete the term of Chamber Co-Vice President Debra Elliott who resigned. "I believe in Belle Fourche and I'm optimistic about business here," Hodge commented.

"All businesses in Belle share a common purpose. We want to grow and prosper, and I want to work to get our business committees and organizations working together again."

"Finishing out the remainder of Deb's term will give me a few months to make sure I can balance working on the board with owning and operating a business."

"I look forward to the challenges," concluded Hodge.

Entire board with Hodge now consists of President, Matt Moore, CBH Co-op Feed & Ag Services; Vice President, Traci Nowowiejski, Nowowiejski Real Estate;



Sheila Hodge, Pete's Clothing & Hodge Bootery, is the newly appointed member of the Board of Directors of the Belle Chamber of Commerce.

Secretary, Mona Heimbaugh, Sand Creek Printing; Mark Reese, Reese Property Management; Daphne Johnson, Designs By Daphne Gallery; Andy Bear, Belle Fourche Country Club; Gloriann Ruby, Dakota Home & Ranch Real Estate, LLC;

Cindy Giacometto, Waddell & Reed Financial Advisors; Hollie Stalder, Director, Belle Fourche Economic Development Corporation; James Ager, Councilman, City of Belle Fourche. Deb Elliott declined to make any comment about her resignation.



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**Catherine Thybo DAR Chapter Notes Vote Date**



The Catherine Thybo Chapter, Belle Fourche, South Dakota acknowledged the one hundredth anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment which gave women the right to vote. The date the amendment was signed into law was August 26, 1920.

On Saturday, July 18, 2020, some of the Chapter members gathered for pictures. Some of the members dressed in period costumes with sashes and others wore present day dress. The message was "Passing the right to vote over the last century and into the future." The Butte County Courthouse, built in 1911, and which is on the

National Register of Historic Places, was the background for the pictures.

The question of enfranchising women had a lengthy struggle in this area. In 1872, while the Dakota Territorial Legislature was in session it was defeated by one vote and again in 1885, the bill promoting woman suffrage passed both houses of the Territorial Legislature but was vetoed by the governor. The neighboring state of Wyoming was the first state to give women the right to vote in 1890 but South Dakota ratified the woman suffrage amendment only after it received the congressional amendment in 1919.

**Della Ryken Retires from FIB**

BELLE FOURCHE, South Dakota— August 13, 2020—

First Interstate wishes to thank Ardella (Della) Ryken for her 12 years of service and wish her well during retirement.

She is looking forward to spending time with her kids and grandkids, going for walks with her dogs, and tackling some projects at home. "We'll miss her energy and we wish her the best" says Belle Fourche Bank President Mike Tyndall.

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tributions, and donating \$10 per hour for volunteer efforts made at qualifying organizations. To learn more, please visit www.firstinterstate.com.

**Downtown Bed Races Postponed**



The Bed Races that were to be a part of Downtown Business District activities this weekend has been postponed. Organizers are proposing rescheduling at a later date. The Chamber of Commerce organized the historic event in the past. The pajama clad group pictured was the Traditions Team from 1982. They were mentioned as "an also ran" in the contest.-Courtesy Photo

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**FIB "Stuff the Bus" 2020 Dropoff Plans**

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With the Covid-19 restrictions on bank lobby public access, they are asking businesses that wish to be involved to be named as a drop off location.

First Interstate Bank will have a table set up in outer lobby entrance way for donations too.

On September 9th bank employees will go and pick up donations and items from the different businesses and stuff



backpacks for the kids.

With the pandemic the need is greater than previous years. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to write

a check should please make it payable to Belle Fourche Schools.

Cowboys Too!, Office Emporium, and Belle Flower Design & Decor are designated "Drop off" stores. Other businesses wishing to participate as a "drop off" point can contact First Interstate Bank at 605-892-2041

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## Corn Will Be A Cooking!

The Downtown Business District corn cooking contest is taking shape!

State Street still has room for a few last minute entries.

Local Celebrity Chef and gardening expert, Gabby Bush has just entered the competition. He will be assisted by number one chef's helper, Luke Warmwater (aka: Mike Bennett)

Reports are Gabby's confidence is running high and a trophy shelf is currently being built to display the First Annual People's Choice traveling trophy.

Thus far he faces 7 other contenders: Mona Heimbaugh Chamber of Commerce/ Mona Mias; Laura Bennett and Cindi Rankin from Belle Silver Lining; Paul Johnson

for Daphne's Gallery; Stephen Hodge from Pete's Clothing & Hodge Bootery Family; Hilary and Hunter Buchholz, Anderson Photography; and Ree Reich, Reich Charlois are also bringing their culinary expertise to the tasting table.

Still time to Enter! You will be receiving 50 free ears of corn and preparing for 150 tasters who will be casting their ballots. The public is invited to sample, be the judge and pick the best. Tasting is from 3 to 5 pm on State Street/

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Ethan Jensen moves the ball toward goal against Rapid City (Left); Brayden Carbajal watches and waits for the ball to come down (Center); and Tristin Hendricks defending (Right). The Broncos are 1-1 as they defeated Hot Springs 13-0 Friday at their Mueller Center, and then lost to Rapid City Central 8-0 at home Saturday. The Broncos host Groton Area, Aug. 21 and Sioux Falls Christian Aug. 22 -Courtesy Photos

## 4-H: Try It, You May Love It!

Layla Hockenbary  
Special to the Beacon

Hi, my name is Layla Hockenbary and I am part of the Center of the Nation 4-H club. I have been in 4-H for 10 years now and it has taught me a lot of things. It has taught me how to be a leader and keep trying when things do not work out. With 4-H you get the chance to have so many opportunities. For me just last year, with the help of the Redwater Youth Leadership Club, I was able to go to Washington D.C. and learn so many things about our country. It was an amazing experience.

Without 4-H I wouldn't have gotten that opportunity. Being a youth and having 4-H you get to learn things about yourself that you might have never known about. Having this in my life I had the chance to meet lots of new people and then reconnect with them later.

Competing in 4-H helps you then compete in school and sports activities. You also get to become really good and comfortable with speaking in front of a big group, this has helped me get out of my shell. I say every youth should try out 4-H and see if they like it. Who knows you might love it.



Cole & Layla Hockenbary at 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus. -Courtesy Photo

Cole Hockenbary  
Special to the Beacon

Hello, my name is Cole Hockenbary. I am part of the Center of the Nation 4-H club. I have been in 4-H for 9 years now. Being in 4-H has taught me many things. It has taught me how to speak to large groups. It has taught me how to be individually creative. It has taught me how to be a leader and a listener. I have learned how to handle livestock and care for them. I have learned how to operate at a higher level than I would usually. Being in 4-H has led to me meeting new and interesting people. I have gained

friends through 4-H that I still talk to. I have gained knowledge that I likely would not have if I was not in 4-H. It has taught me many things that I am grateful for. I can confidently say that I would not be where I am without being in 4-H. Last year I was fortunate enough to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus trip to Washington D.C thanks to the Redwater Youth Leadership Club. It was a very exciting experience and I highly recommend that kids join 4-H so that they can also get opportunities like this. I can guarantee that you will enjoy your experience in 4-H.

## Bronc XC Teams To Build on Last Year's Success

Chris Riley  
news@bellefourchebeacon.com

The Belle Fourche cross country teams hope to build on a very successful 2019 campaign with an outstanding group of returning runners and plenty of promising prospects.

Several runners put together a summer of hard work at weekday group workouts after losing most of last spring's track season. That work should pay dividends very soon as the Broncs look to open their season at the Newcastle Invite on August 28th.

The girls' will be led by a trio of freshmen: Allison Hayes,

Anika Main, and Ava Allen. Hayes, All-Conference last season & 23rd at state, and Allen (22nd at state) were both able to earn medalist honors at the Class A state meet a year ago by virtue of Top-25 individual finishes. Sophomore Alanah Pomrenke returns after a solid summer of running, looking to improve on her 24th-place region meet finish a year ago. Senior Jasmyn Jensen and freshman Brenna Leitner have joined the squad this year and will add much-needed depth at the high school level.

Lost to graduation on the girls' side are four-time letterwinner Megan Keegan and



Senior Isaac McKenney at last season's Sturgis Invite (Brittany Clarkson Photo)

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Harley Fischer (52nd at state). Sophomore Ayseluna Hockenbary will unfortunately miss the season to due injury but we are hopeful for her future return.

Custer & Hill City have accounted for the last five Class A team titles and will once again lead the way in the Black Hills Conference and Region 5A.

The Broncs should be a serious contender for the third and final state qualifying slot at the region meet.

The boys' team brings back a load of talent and experience. Senior Isaac McKenney will return with veteran leadership. Junior Cole Hockenbary is a two-time state meet qualifier (101st last year). Sophomores Sawyer Clarkson (defending Class A boys' state champion), Devin Nowowiejski (79th at state), Nic Lambert (97th at state), and Dustin Kolb will be joined by promising sophomore Jadon Jensen who should vie for a varsity spot in his first year on the team. The freshman pair of Aiden Voyles and Harley Rivera are both expected to push for a varsity spot this season as well. Eighth-graders Darian Pesicka, Zach Tonsager, and Harvey Walding also logged solid miles this summer and could see some high school meet experience later in the year.

The lone boy to graduate off of last year's squad was state qualifier and team leader Ethan Jones.

Last year's boys snapped a 37-year state meet drought and expect to return and improve upon their 10th place team finish. If the group we have

can stay mostly healthy and progress as I expect they should be in position to battle for a spot on the podium to bring some hardware home at the state meet (October 24th at Hart Ranch in Rapid City).

St. Thomas More, Custer, Rapid City Christian, and Belle Fourche should all be strong region contenders while Spearfish and Sturgis will add to the mix for the conference crown.

In addition to our high school prospects, we have a fantastic group of hard-working middle school runners. I expect them to be competitive at every meet we attend. Last year's boys' middle school team turned some heads by placing seven athletes in the Top 20 at the Black Hills

Conference middle school meet and I would expect more of the same this year.

Due to COVID-19 concerns our home meet will be split into two dates this year. The high school meet will be held on September 10th while the middle school meet will be run on September 15th, both at the Belle Fourche Country Club. Hot Springs hosts the Black Hills Conference meet on October 8th while Lead-Deadwood hosts the Region 5A meet (Tomahawk Golf Course) on Oct. 15th where we will try to qualify as many runners to state as possible. They are looking forward to a great season and appreciate all of the community support!



Freshman Allison Hayes (left) & Ava Allen compete at the 2019 State Meet (Jamie Hockenbary Photo)

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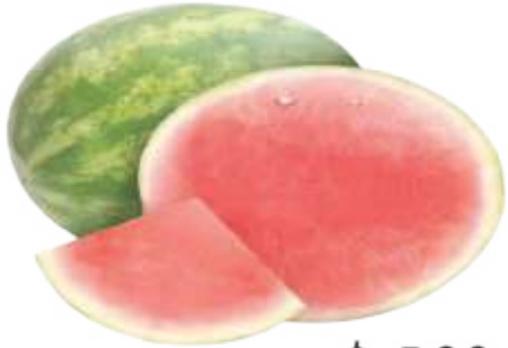
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shut a school down. Willard said the Governor is committed to keeping schools open and will let each district decide what that number might be.  
If students or staff begin to test positive there is a procedure in place. "If something comes up it's reported to the superintendent, and I will contact the Department of Health to get instructions on what to do then," Willard said. "The Governor wants face-to-face instruction as much as possible. To the best we can, we need to try to keep

buildings open, within reason." Willard says he is working with other superintendents to try to get the state to hold the districts harmless in terms of enrollment this year. Funding formulas are based on student enrollments and with attendance at times in flux, schools are pushing for some leeway on the numbers. From K-12 in the Belle Fourche District there will be 130 virtual students which are counted in normal funding equations, since the district is delivering curriculum content. There are however, 11 new home school exempt students

identified for 2020-2021. "No one has all the answers right now," Willard said. "We just got to do the best we can to get school going. Once we get the children here and the principals have the chance to get in their routines, we're going to be able to roll for a while." At a special school board meeting late last month the School Board did give the Superintendent's office the temporary authority to make COVID related decisions necessary to facilitate any changing conditions that ensure the safety and well-being of staff and students.



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**Anything Left in the Barrel?**

By: Doug Cole

Brian Curtis had to look down from Heaven Saturday night with a smile from ear to ear as friends, family, and rodeo fans turned out at the 1st Annual Brian Curtis Memorial Bull Riding. A great cause and a tremendous response to honor the cowboy of the lime green chaps.



The 2nd Annual Corny Joke will continue till the end of the month.

Additional submissions can be emailed to news@bellefourchebeacon.com.

The contest will again award prizes to the three best corny jokes received. \$100-1st Place; and \$50 Honorable Mention prizes. A few more to ponder and groan:

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A: A can't opener.

Q: Why should you save your pennies?  
A: It makes good cents.

Q: How much did the pirate pay for his peg and hook?  
A: An arm and a leg.

I used to work for an origami company until it folded.

"What are these pennies doing in my soup?" the restaurant patron demanded, motioning for the waiter to come over to his table. The waiter walked over and

whispered, "You said you would stop eating here if there wasn't some change in the food."

A duck walks into a drugstore and asks for a tube of ChapStick. The cashier says to the duck, "That'll be \$1.49." The duck replies, "Put it on my bill."

Did you hear that NASA has launched several cows into orbit? It was the herd shot around the world.

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What do you call a rabbit that has fleas? A Bugs Bunny.

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whispered, "You said you would stop eating here if there wasn't some change in the food."



Bayzen Curtis, 6 years old, son of the late Brian Curtis, rides a Black Gold bull at the 1st Annual Brian Curtis Memorial Bull Riding. John Skogburg photo

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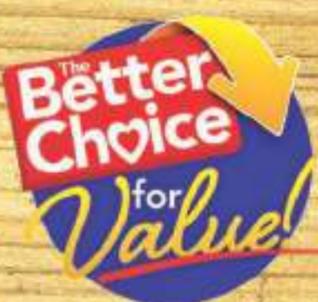
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#### Marketing Savvy in a Digital World



**John Newby**

Albert Einstein once said, "The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking." In a recent "Think with Google" release, the following information was revealed. It reported travel related searches for the words 'today' and 'tonight' on mobile devices had increased by 150% in the past two years. Additionally, the piece reported 60% of U.S. travelers would also consider taking an impulse trip based on great hotel or flight deals (pre-Covid-19). It also revealed 57% of U.S. travelers feel destination brands should tailor their information based on personal preferences or past behaviors. Lastly, approximately one third of travelers across the country are interested in using digital assistants to not only research, but book their travel.

Those are powerful trends and insights for communities with the aptitude to utilize the power and shear strength of the digital world. For those unwilling to adapt, it will be an albatross that communities are stuck with as they continue doing things the same way they have for the past few years.

While print products were once the single most used

source to reach potential travelers, it is now clear digital is fast becoming a major force in luring visitors to your community. How does your community do in the digital arena? In addition to strategic regional print buys, do your local marketing discussions center around and include the very basic digital words such as Social Media, SMS/MMS Texting, Gaming, SEO, GeoMarketing, Mobile-Friendly, QR codes, Beacons, Loading Speeds, Web-Friendly and the list goes on.

Now, bear in mind, the above are just the most basic strategies utilizing the rapidly changing technology that will itself become a thing of the past in the near future. If your community is really forward thinking and contemplating strategies two to four years down the road, you are then discussing how to utilize Augmented Reality, Artificial Intelligence and the Internet-of-Things. While marketing one's community is essential, the rapidly approaching processes of marketing your community is changing and on steroids or changed-squared if you will.

When it comes to marketing transformation, we are in the perfect storm of technological change. Yes, the shear power of the overall reach of traditional media is still undeniably king at spreading your message. But when you couple the strengths of the traditional marketing methods along with the expo-

mental disruption of the new digital marketing media tools, you have a combination that can propel your community to new heights.

Make no mistake, a new marketing strategy isn't just creating a new Facebook page and being big on social media. Yes, those can help, no doubt, but don't make the fatal mistake of thinking that is the basis of your marketing campaign. The true cost to enter the new marketing arena isn't any less than before. In fact, it is much more costly if you are to make a worthwhile impact. The single price of print products has declined overall. The cost of really playing in the digital arena and reaching the same equivalent number of your target audience is every bit as high due to the massive fragmentation of the digital audience over so many digital options.

As always, communities need to strike a healthy balance between various forms of marketing to most effectively convey their message to their target market. Knowing your target audience is very critical; you will be wasting money if you don't know that simple, yet vital piece of data. Do you want baby boomers with excess dollars to visit your market? You are then looking at combination print/digital campaign. Do you want Millennial's and Gen-X's to visit your market? You are then certainly leaning more into the digital world. The larger the target markets, the higher the cost of effective marketing. That is why understanding and identifying your market is critical.

The beauty of gaining this digital marketing knowledge in the marketing arena is that it can go a long way toward leveling the playing field between large, medium and small communities. Even the smallest of communities with a powerful strategic marketing campaign can compete with larger communities in a new world of rapid change and transformation.

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Next Sale - August 21st - Weigh Up Special - 10 AM
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Weigh Up Cows

Table listing cow sales with columns for seller, animal type, and price. Includes entries like Besler, Scott, Reva SD and Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT.

Weigh Up Bulls

Table listing bull sales with columns for seller, animal type, and price. Includes entries like Bird, Jim, Volborg MT and Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT.

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September 11th - Yearling & Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
September 18th - Yearling & Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
September 25th - Yearling & Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
October 2nd - Spring Calf & Yearling Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Friday, October 9th - Spring Calf & Yearling Special
1st Saturday Sale, October 10th - Weigh Up Special
1st Wednesday Sale, October 14th - Spring Calf Special
Friday, October 16th - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, October 17th - Weigh Up Special
Wednesday, October 21st - Spring Calf Special
Friday, October 23rd - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, October 24th - Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special
Wednesday, October 28th - Spring Calf Special
Friday, October 30th - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, October 31st - Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special
Wednesday Sale, November 4th - Spring Calf Special
Friday, November 6th - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 7th - Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special
Friday, November 13th - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 14th - Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special
Friday, November 20th - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 21st - Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special
Saturday, November 28th - Annual Thanksgiving Bred Heifer & Stock Cow Special
Friday, December 4th - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, December 5th - Weigh Up Special
Friday, December 11th - Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Friday, December 18th - Last 2020 Sale - Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

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Next Sale - August 20th - Feeder Lamb Special - Expecting 2000 HD
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New Crop Lambs

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Slaughter Ewes

Table listing slaughter ewe sales with columns for seller, animal type, and price. Includes entries like Ginsbach, Todd Or Gail, Newell SD and Humes, Jeremy, Moorcroft WY.

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August 20, 2020

1:00 PM

Feeder Lamb Special

Upcoming Sheep Sale 2020

- Aug 27th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
Sept 3rd - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
Sept 10th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
Sept 17th - 39Th Annual Replacement Ewe, Ewe Lamb & Feeder Lamb Special - 10AM Start
Sept 24th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
Oct 1st - Special Replacement Ewes & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
Oct 8th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
Oct 15th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
Oct 22nd - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
Oct 29th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
Nov 5th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
Nov 12th - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
Nov 19th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
Nov 26th - No Sale
Dec 3rd - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
Dec 10th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
Dec 17th - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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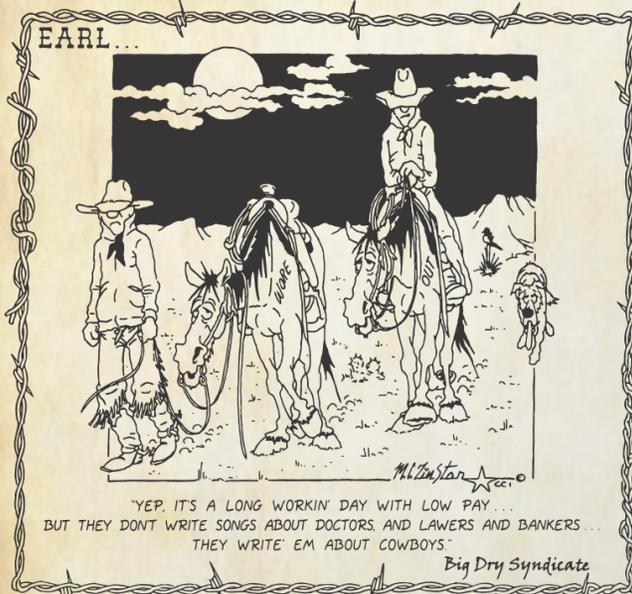
**2020 PRCA World Standings**

(Leader plus South Dakota Contestants in the top 50 as of 8/14/20)

Bareback		Tie-Down Roping	
1. Tim O'Connell	\$105,531.29	1. Shad Mayfield	\$151,364.18
3. Jamie Howlett		47. Trey Young	\$13,173.98
Rapid City, SD	\$63,256.10	Dupree, SD	
25. Shane O'Connell		Steer Roping	
Rapid City, SD	\$19,363.91	1. Scott Snedecor	\$42,450.87
		14. Jess Tierney	\$21,309.31
		Hermosa, SD	
		19. Ora Taton	\$14,019.14
		Rapid City, SD	
		48. Brian Garr	\$3,255.82
		Belle Fourche, SD	
		50. J.R. Olson	\$2,734.00
		Whitewood, SD	
Steer Wrestling		Barrel Racing	
1. Matt Reeves	\$85,212.99	7. Jessica Routier	\$41,491.27
6. Jace Melvin		15. Lisa Lockhart	\$32,752.72
Ft. Pierre, SD	\$40,491.09	Buffalo, SD	
22. Eli Lord		Bull Riding	
Sturgis, SD	\$24,580.59	(No SD riders in top 50)	
33. Taz Olson		1. B. Campbell	\$82,804.34
Prairie City, SD	\$17,167.14		
Team Roping Headers		All-Around	
1. Luke Brown	\$80,999.04	(No SD athletes in top 9)	
24. Jr. Dees		1. Tuf Cooper	\$81,145.38
Aurora, SD	\$24,190.04	Decatur, TX	
Team Roping Heelers			
1. Jade Corkill	\$67,285.10		
8. Levi Lord			
Sturgis, SD	\$42,871.11		
Saddle Bronc			
1. Wyatt Casper	\$143,643.36		
5. Shorty Garrett			
Eagle Butte, SD	\$60,967.88		
6. Cole Elshere			
Faith, SD	\$53,360.91		
22. Taygen Schuelke			
Newell, SD	\$23,745.83		
31. Lane Schuelke			
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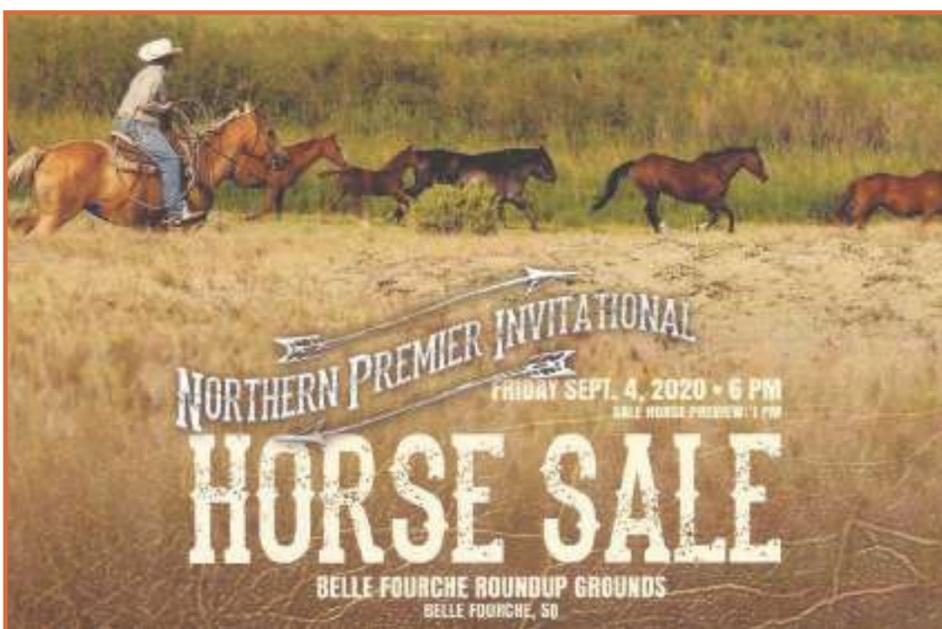
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Editor's note: The Good Stuff is a collection of short stories and poems sent in by listeners and curated by award-winning South Dakota broadcaster Jim Thompson



This is a nice little story of hope.

**The Dragonfly**  
Anonymous

Once, in a little pond, in the muddy water under the lily pads, there lived a little water beetle in a community of water beetles. They lived a simple and comfortable life in the pond with few disturbances and interruptions.

Once in a while, sadness would come to the community when one of their fellow beetles would climb the stem of a lily pad and would never be seen again. They knew when this happened; their friend was dead, gone forever.

Then, one day, one little water beetle felt an irresistible urge to climb up that stem. However, he was determined that he would not leave forever. He would come back and tell his friends what he had found at the top.

When he reached the top and climbed out of the water onto the surface of the lily pad, he was so tired, and the sun felt so warm, that he decided he must take a nap. As he slept, his body changed and when he woke up, he had turned into a beautiful blue-tailed dragonfly with broad wings and a slender body designed for flying.

So, fly he did! And, as he soared he saw the beauty of a whole new world and a far superior way of life to what he had never known existed.

Then he remembered his beetle friends and how they were thinking by now he was dead. He wanted to go back to tell them, and explain to them that he was now more alive than he had ever been before. His life had been fulfilled rather than ended.

But, his new body would not go down into the water. He could not get back to tell his friends the good news. Then he understood that their time would come, when they, too, would know what he now knew. So, he raised his wings and flew off into his joyous new life!

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## COVID-19 Concerns Close Newell Bar

BETTY BRUNER

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NEWELL- Concerns with an exposure to COVID-19 by Newell bartender, Betty O'Dea, caused the Newell Commissioners to make the decision to shut the doors on the Newell Bar temporarily for the week of August 7 - 14. Mayor Ken Wetz had consulted with Commissioner Chad Erk on Saturday, August 8, concerning the assessment of the situation and whether the bar should be closed. Together they decided to close the bar for the weekend and reassess the situation during the commission meeting scheduled for Monday.

"We have an issue, there are three weeks before Labor Day, the biggest day of the year," he said.

Commissioner Allen Youngberg voiced his desire for diligence in keeping the package liquor side of the bar open. Although the other commissioners were in agreement, because the part-time workers on the Off-Sale store had also been exposed to COVID-19, it was decided to keep both closed for the week.

Erk voiced his consideration of not wanting to jeopardize the use of the bar for Labor Day festivities.

Jessica Brown was on speakerphone explaining what her thoughts were pertinent to the bar predicament. Deep cleaning was initiated and the bar was ready to reopen Friday, August 14.

Anyone who had contact in the bar from August 1 to August 7 would be clear by August 21.

Mayor Wetz spoke with Butte County Sheriff Deputy Eric Richardson about the four-way stop sign at the intersection of Dartmouth Ave. and 8th Street. There is an ongoing problem with running the stop sign and he would like to know what could be done.

"I would like to see more emphasis put on that," he said.

Deputy Richardson said that he would carry the concerns to the sheriff and other deputies and efforts would be made to do something about the situation. Foreman Larry Parker informed the commissioners about several items that had been handled by the Public Works, including placing two sewer taps and a water tap, repairing irrigation lines, and street issues.

The sewer at the trailer court has complications, according to Parker. A new sewer system was installed earlier and

COMMISSION B4



WAKING UP THE R n R - (Above left) Kathleen Gleason, left, and Teresa Larive are on hand to greet campers at R n R Ranch Campground. Owner Kathleen Gleason is there for just a couple of weeks each year.. (Above right) A few of the campers at the R n R Ranch Campground. - Bruner photos

## Bringing New Life to the RnR Ranch Campground

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NEWELL - There's a special place at the south edge of Newell, SD that many people just drive by and don't always see, but it holds a special place for many campers and workers in the area. R n R Ranch Campground has seen feast and famine over the years, but is on the upswing now as they prepare for an impressive future. The owner of the campground, Kathleen Gleason from upstate New York, is enthusiastic in her ideas of what the campground can become. Managers, Justin and Teresa Larive, echo her propositions enthusiastically and are ready to jump in to put muscle to her recommendations.

Gleason's husband had ventured out to R n R Ranch Campground in 1996 during the Sturgis Rally and fell in love with the area. He wanted to own property and live in western South Dakota. His dream came true when they purchased the R n R and made it into a campground with water and electricity.

The campground has seen ups and downs over the years. The first few years were hard, but the campground had a small following. Then campground was closed for several years and left to sit without any campers.

Eventually, Kathleen connected with Justin and Teresa, caught their vision of what the campground could be, and set out to make the R n R Ranch Campground

someplace to stop and enjoy. There have been many changes made in the last few years including updating the cabins and putting in a shower room.

Most recently, a storm with high winds, rain, and hail went through the Newell area leaving behind damage to buildings and trees. The campground lost the two-story barn that housed the bar, dance floor, and many memories. Some of the "innards" of the barn are left. Mysteriously the steps, part of the second floor, a bench that still sits on the second floor, and the long bar with local brands seared into the wood remain. Most of the building is in a heap, waiting for cleanup.

Plans are still in working mode, Gleason

R n R B5

## School Will Begin, but . . .

COLLEEN BRUNNER

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NEWELL - The WRCTC marquee in front of the school is flashing the words, "Welcome back students and staff." Which means that on August 19 school will begin, along with a whole host of safeguards put in place by the school board as they follow the recommendations of the CDC and the South Dakota Department of Health. A great deal of discussion took place during the regular school board meeting on August 10 on a wide variety of topics, but all came back to the school's response to Covid 19 and the limitations it might place on activities.

Just prior to getting down and dirty into the virus issues, the board went into executive session to interview two candidates to replace Darren Alexander on the board. The successful candidate was Chad Lawson who

took his seat and immediately went to work.

Coaching duties have finally been designated with Steve Schoenfish continuing to serve as activities director, head girls' basketball Scott Wince, head volleyball Tysha McDonald, head track Kyle Sanderson, head cross country Kyle Sanderson, and head football, Tyrell Bonnet. There still is no head boys' basketball coach.

Head custodian/transportation supervisor Jeremiah Weeldreyer said that all buses are ready, the school buildings are ready, although they still have some painting and plexiglass to finish in offices, the cafeteria and concession stands. They have placed hand sanitizers all around as well as touchless faucets.

"We'll have changes in serving processes," said lunch supervisor Vicki Gifford. "We have a good plan on keeping

kids safe. We start building and cleaning tomorrow (Tuesday, August 11)." Tech supervisor Cara Muckridge said she had finished re-imaging all the school's laptops.

Schoenfish reported that in his role as the school principal he had been attending meetings and webinars via Zoom trying

to figure out ways to make things as safe as possible.

"How we'll run recesses so classes don't intermingle hasn't been completely figured out yet," he said. "But we are going to keep each class isolated along with their equipment. For

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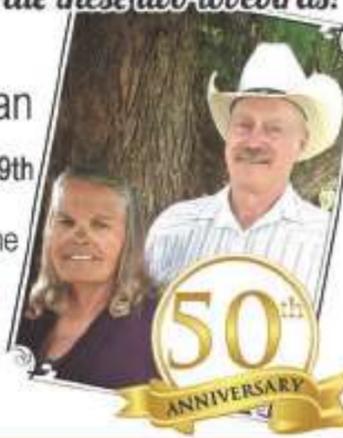
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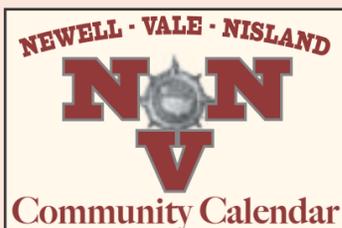


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Church. Film begins at dusk, approximately 8:30.

**Aug. 21:** No school-in-service, HSFB at Faith at 7 p.m.

**Aug. 22:** Private family graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Hope Cemetery in Newell.

**Aug. 25:** HSVB at home with Lead. JV and V, begins at 5 p.m.

**Aug. 28:** No school-in-service, HSFB at Lemmon/McIntosh, 7 p.m., Cross Country at Douglas, 9 a.m., HSVB at Custer Tournament (28 & 29)-3 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday. FOR ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE-MAY BE LAST-MINUTE CANCELLATIONS.

**Aug. 31-Sept. 4** Homecoming week: Coronation 7 p.m. on Monday, Football on Friday. Other activities to be determined.

**Aug. 31:** MSVB away at Harding County, 5:30 p.m., MSFB away at Harding County, 6 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 4 - Monday, Sept. 7:** Labor Day festivities in Newell-more info at newell-communityclub.com

**Friday, Sept. 4 - Colt Futurity, Bronc Match, Buddy Barrel Race.**

**Saturday, Sept. 5 - 5k Fun Run/Walk/Bike** (with virtual entry available), quilt show, rodeo queen pageant interviews & modeling, ranch rodeo, museum open, Fireman's BBQ at the fire hall, Cowboys for Christ Inspiration Service, Newell Bar Street Dance.

**Sunday, Sept. 6 - Car show, Coy Price Memorial Roping, quilt show, mud volleyball, tractor pull, youth street dance, cornhole tournament.**

**Monday, Sept. 7 - Rodeo slack, Labor Day parade featuring 50 riders-50 states, bake sale, kid's game & bingo in the South Park, Queen Coronation, Labor Day Rodeo, quilt show.**

**Newell Service Center:** Looking for mechanic/tire technician. Experience is preferred and wage is based on experience. One of the Newell Bar staff has tested positive for COVID-19. They have contacted the SD Dept of Health and the Monument Health COVID-19 triage line about our next course of action. The bar and liquor store has been and is continuing to receive a deep clean. The staff is still in quarantine until the state deems her able to go back to her normal routine as she will then no longer be infectious. Because of the quarantine we do not have the staff to open the bar & liquor store until Friday August 14th. As with anything else...berating or disparaging staff about situations out of their control will not be tolerated.

**Owl Creek Hill** West of the 212-79 junction South of Newell will soon be impassable for any vehicle over 11 feet wide. Martin Construction out of North Dakota is creating two bypass roads over the creek for traffic to use while the bridge is being worked on by the SD DOT. The bypass roads are being constructed with large concrete culverts which will bypass the main water flow under the bridge and will not be capable of handling the wider loads. Beware and check before you try to take something over Highway 212 toward Belle Fourche.

**Aug. 19:** First Day of School

**Aug. 21:** Free movie night at the fire hall in Nisland. Joseph, King of Dreams animated film will be shown free of charge with the movie projected on the fire hall doors. Bring your lawn chair/blanket/bug spray and enjoy this free movie, hosted by the Nisland/Arpan Fire Dept and sponsored by the Nisland Independent Community Church. There will also be Free popcorn and bottled water supplied by the Vale Community Country

From B3  
**COMMISSION**

a problem occurred where the new system was tied into the city sewer system.

"The City line is still good, it's where it is tied into," said Parker.

There was no solution arrived at during the meeting.

An irrigation line had broken and caused a loss of irrigation water for four blocks for three days on a north section of Newell. The line was located at the leach field located by the Newell High School football field. Parker followed a four-inch transite line from the bus barn across to the football field

to find the break. The break was repaired and irrigation water restored.

There was also a break at the North Park as the city crew was replacing curb stops and hit an irrigation line. Everything is fixed and online according to Parker.

Mayor Wetz mentioned that there was still old straw at the Ram Sale Barn that needed to be removed before the Annual Ram Show and Sale. Parker said that as long as the straw was taken outside the barns, the city crew would load and dispose of it. Commissioner Erk will oversee the project and have the barns ready.

Parker asked the commission if 10 Porta Potties were enough for the Labor Day festivities. He said that three would be portable and he could move them wherever needed.

Bingo tables would be set up in the South Park. Parker wondered if the Youth Street Dance to be held on Saturday, September 5, could be held in the park rather than on Third Street by the old city hall. The commissioners said that it could be a possibility, but it would be the decision of the Newell Community Club or the persons in charge of the dance. It is not a City event.

Parker was given the assign-

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**SCHOOL**

pre-school, we're not going to actually corral them, but there will be roped off areas. Each grade will have specific areas to meet with parents and teachers so we can get the kids scheduled that first day."

He said that temperatures would be monitored and recorded and that they would be going day by day with the process.

"Teachers will be making the calls on the kids," said the principal. "Also, we (may) be making last minute decisions on whether fans can attend games and even if we'll attend games." He said the roster of games had changed for volleyball due to the loss of games with Cheyenne-Eagle Butte and Takini. "We'll be two games short if we can't fill them. We're going to have to look and see if we're comfortable sending our kids to tournaments."

Schoenfish also spoke about recording the livestream of teachers giving instructions so that they have protection in what and how they are instructing the students.

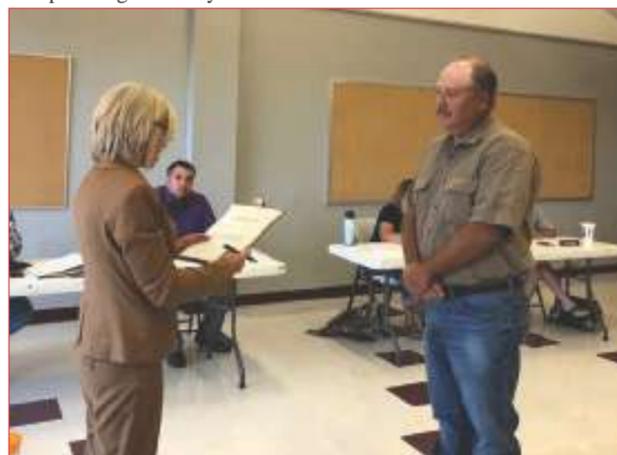
One other thing that was virus-related that the board had to make a big decision regarding was the installation of a filtration system that will help to decrease the virus before it can even go through the airflow. "It will help with strep, and other viruses, as well," said Superintendent Andrew Fergen. "It kills the virus before it even come out into the airstream," he said. The price-tag for the system

came in two bids, one from Tessier's for \$94,529 and one from Temteck for \$71,877. The board approved the Temteck bid and the company is the same one that works on the boiler system. They also approved bids from M & D Oil for a \$.07 markup over cost for gas/diesel and a bid from Enning Propane for \$.95/gallon for propane. They approved a bid from Dean's Foods, the only bid submitted, for milk at \$.22.

Schoenfish said he had ordered new water bottles for each athlete, to the tune of \$300, and said students would not have to wear masks on buses to games, but that there would be seating arrangements that they would have to adhere to, that if the students needed food on a trip it would be delivered, that there would be hand sanitizer for all including officials.

"We plan to open facilities to all fans," said Schoenfish. "We will deal with each situation as it arises. We might have to make a decision at 3 o'clock for a 5 o'clock game. Parents (guardians) may make the decision to transport their own child to and from games, but it will be only the parent, not a sibling or friend." Coaches will take temperatures at every event.

Board member Miles Burtzloff asked if it would only coaches who would decide an athlete could not play and Schoenfish promised it would be a group decision, not an individual.



School business manager Sophie Burditt administers the oath of office to Chad Lawson who has taken the spot of Darren Alexander on the board who did not run again. Lawson and one other person had sent letters of interest to the board and he was chosen from the two candidates after being interviewed. - Brunner photo

ment of pressure washing and painting the City Hall as soon as possible.

The commission decided not to give Candy Flanagan and Stormie Orr more hours and the opportunity to receive SD

Retirement. Erk said that he felt the problem could be fixed with some scheduling.

The next Newell City Commissioners meeting will be September 14 at 6 p.m. at the Newell City Hall.

**Then and Now in Newell**

from the Newell Museum

**"Looking Forward to our Past" by Linda Velder**

**August 18, 1910**

The switchboard and telephone outfit for the Belle Fourche & Northern Telephone Company has arrived and will be installed shortly.

Messrs. J.F. Stubbs, N.N. Lund and Pete Olson, from Jasper Minnesota arrive here Wednesday. They filed last spring about 14 miles east of town and will put up their shacks and make immediate residence. Last spring about a dozen Jasper people filed in the same vicinity and will form a Jasper Colony.

John Rooney, of St. Onge, was in Newell last Saturday. He informed us that the country looks considerably different since he was here last 3 years ago. Mr. Rooney was then employed in freighting hay from Horse Creek, near where Vale is now to Deadwood.

**August 19, 1920**

Any High School student wishing to make up extra credits or classes they failed in, call at the school building Friday or Monday from 4 to 7 PM. Contact M.M. Bates for details.

Have you seen one of the Black Hills folders put out by the State Department of Immigration? This is the best piece of work along these lines we have seen in many a day. Only a few copies were sent to the local Community Clubs for distribution, but extra copies will be mailed by request by addressing the Commission in Pierre.

While combing her hair one afternoon, Mrs. Gammons noticed a large bull snake coiled upon the cabinet near her. Her

husband came to the rescue and killed the snake. They are under the impression it had been in the house for a year or two.

**August 21, 1930**

Cucumbers are being delivered to the Newell salting station in large quantities. Before the recent rain, H.R. Bower delivered \$51 worth in a single day, which so far is the record here, according to our information. Mr. Bower has 6½ acres in pickles and has a crew of Mexicans busy picking all the time. As soon as the weather settles, Mr. Bower looks for a big increase in the cuke field.

Mr. & Mrs. Simons and son George Phillips, returned to Newell Sunday evening from their vacation trip spent in New Concord, Ohio. Mr. & Mrs. Simons experienced considerable difficulty on account of the rain in negotiating the stretch between Sulphur and Newell. They left Sulphur Saturday morning and were stuck in the gumbo all that day and night finally leaving their car to come in Sunday night with others who were traveling in lighter cars. Mack says there were at least 18 cars stuck between Sulphur and the end of the gravel.

W. F. Laumer, was in Newell Friday from his ranch on Willow Creek and informs us that the watering place which he recently leased to the Northwestern Railroad for use to the stockmen trailing livestock, lies just east of Willow Creek on the north side of the Highway 212. As soon as possible Mr. Laumer intends to properly mark the place for the convenience of

stockmen.

**August 22, 1940**

Butte County Highway Superintendent Vic Matter was a business caller in Newell on Wednesday checking over needed road improvements with County Commissioner C.E. Livingston.

Mrs. Joe Nelson, Mrs. Joe Lyons and Mrs. M.A. Doody were hostesses Tuesday at a kitchen shower at the E.E. Smeenk home honoring Mrs. Bill Smeenk. About 20 ladies were present and Mrs. Smeenk received many useful gifts for her kitchen. They were presented to her in a small sheep wagon pulled by Verna Lyons and Elmer Eichler and driven by Nina Eichler. The hostesses served a delicious lunch.

Seven carloads of wool roughly 200,000 pounds were loaded out of Newell this week for shipment, after conclusion here last week and this week of the first wool sales of the year which brought from 30-31 cents, representing the clips of 95 growers. Largest clip to be loaded was reported interested in buying a million or more pounds of the total stored at the Hafner Wool Warehouse.

**August 24, 1950**

Kindergarten Classes will begin September 5 at 1:00 PM at the City Hall with Mrs. R.D. Long in charge. Children who will be 5 years old by January 1 are eligible to attend. The term will be for 12 weeks Monday through Friday from 1- 3:15 PM. Mrs. Long will be at the kindergarten room afternoon



This 1940's (?) photo shows harvesting sugar beets in the valley using "field labor." Later this would be done by machine.

August 30 for registration. A fee of \$5 will be charged for the term which will end December 1 and no classes the week of Thanksgiving.

U&I Sugar Company is concerned about the upcoming harvest as to whether it will be machine or field labor. Machines are getting hard to get and the present supply will be exhausted before best harvest is here, therefore growers who do not own machines should contact their dealers immediately to be assured of delivery before the shortage is here. Under present conditions, growers will have to harvest by field labor however; the labor shortage problems can be whipped with machines.

Walt Milberg's Autumn Penny and Autumn Lad placed 5 times in 6 starts at the horse races at the Faith Rodeo last Friday and Saturday, with each horse running once daily and the former running "out of the money" one event. Penny won 1st in a special 2-year old event and 3rd in another race, while Lad had a 2nd and 2 3rds to his

event. Roger Miles, Milberg's jockey, returned home from the Deadwood hospital after spending 22 days there receiving treatment for injuries received at a previous race.

**August 25, 1960**

Lee Engle, Newell Contractor, has been awarded the contract for rebuilding, primarily enlargement of the city-owned reservoir a mile west of town. It was announced by the City Commission following a special meeting Monday evening. On the project, the commission decided to furnish water for dirt work, same to be applied under direction of City Commissioner Don Hafner and Foreman Lyman Bruce.

The high wind Monday afternoon, which fanned forest fires in the Black Hills, appeared to have reached a peak at the Bill Burke 2U Ranch, at Redig where it demolished a 300' open shed. Mrs. Burke was home alone at the time of the damage and reported the wind ripped through and toppled the center of the building.

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The Opinions of Robert Dennis; Self employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, and picker. rdennis@gwtc.net

#### The Grass is Always Greener

One spring we got a bunch of yearlin's in for the season's grazing. The cattle were mixed, steers and heifers. We had the heifers spayed so we didn't have to worry about bulls. At least on the north half of the ranch. On the south half we had all heifers that ran with bulls.

In the mixed lot of yearlings on the north half, there was one that was left a bull. I didn't notice this at first. Never even gave it a thought. That is until the day I was in a bad mood and happened to be counting yearlings thru' a gate. This little, black, scrub bull (and it was real easy to see he was a bull) come trottin' thru' the gate, just as pleased as punch with himself as he had quite a few females for companions. Of course most of them could only provide companionship. But there was the small matter of a few cows that I had running with these yearlings to act as leaders. They belonged to me and I didn't want them bred to a little, scrubby black bull!

I was ridin' Woody (the best cowhorse I've ever been fortunate enough to ride) so it was

just a matter of hollerin' at Chance, who was watchin' a gate afoot, to swing another gate, and we had him sorted off in a different pen.

We got the cattle counted out and turned into a different pasture and then proceeded to rope and stretch this little, black, scrub out and change his patterns more toward growing instead of chasin' heifers and breedin' my cows.

It was hot and we used one of these new fangled banders, so as to not have him bleed. I have a neighbor who has one and he swears by it, so we decided to give 'er a try. When we let him up from his operation, it was pretty easy to see that the little, banded bull was not impressed with his new fate. He jumped up and went to hookin' at poor ol' Woodrow instead of headin' out the gate! Woody and me made a few laps around this good sized corral and then just headed out the gate, with ex-bull in hot pursuit! Had to go quite a ways before ex-bull decided



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**R n R**  
 pointed out. The first thing on the agenda is to finish cleaning up and see what things look like.

There are thoughts to build the bar to the south, but that will wait until spring. Presently, the bar is in a small building housing the coolers and a couple of tables made from large used wooden wire spools. It's cozy and serviceable. Picnic tables can be used outside for those who wish to watch the breathtaking sunsets of Butte County.

The campground has 40 acres altogether, but uses just half that. "We want to keep it that size," said Gleason. It's big enough to handle with 22 full hookup campsites, eight with

just electricity, and five dry cabins. The five cabins have a queen or double size bed, air conditioners, and electricity.

Presently, the campground is home to several RVs that belong to workers from the Wind Farm east of Newell. There were several return bikers there for the Rally, too.

Gleason said that she had received several notices from folks who wanted to return again to the campground during Rally Week, but were from Canada and couldn't cross the border. Larive and Gleason were not sure if the campground would even be open this summer with COVID-19 rearing its head and had to wait until March when the governor gave permission to be open.

R n R Ranch Campground is the place to gather during the

Newell Labor Day celebration weekend. Horse owners come with their RVs and horses, set up panels for the animals, and enjoy the weekend with family and friends. It's not just for bikers, Gleason pointed out.

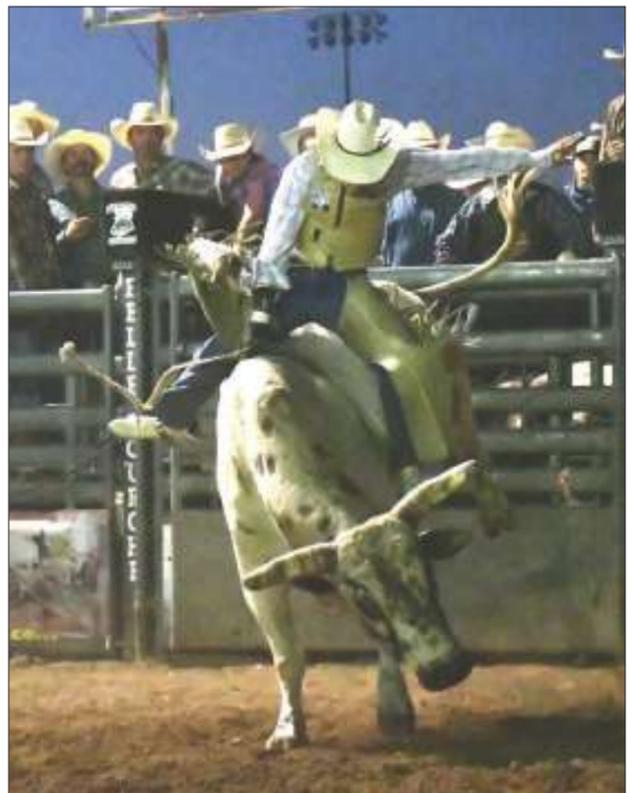
There's a hot shower house, flush toilets, and an RV dump-site within walking distance of the campsites. City water is available at most of the sites. If you want to be away from the crowd, enjoy meeting a few of the grassroots crowd, see fantastic sunrises and incredible sunsets, and revel in life, then contact the great people at R n R Ranch Campground! Check out their website [www.rnr-ranchcampground.com](http://www.rnr-ranchcampground.com) or call Teresa at 605-892-5800. The campground is open Memorial Day through hunting season in November.

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When patrons would pay for their drinks, their money was held in place with a rock. These took on special meaning as names and sayings were written on them. They were collected and awaited patrons for the next year. - Bruner Photo

## Brian Curtis Memorial Bull Riding



Photos by John Skogberg



(Clockwise from top left) Tanner Bothwell, Sturgis, the bull riding winner with a score of 89. The retired bull riders (or Legends) division was won by former NFR contestant Brett Stall from Minnesota with a score of 88 pts. Mark Garrett attempted a ride after not riding a bull for about 30 years. He did not have a qualified ride. A 2020 BH Roundup rodeo program photo of Brian Curtis was auctioned off. The Brian Curtis Memorial event was held to benefit children's educational funds.



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to go with the rest of the cattle and leave us alone.

Fast forward about three weeks and Chance is ridin' a young horse and checkin' on this same bunch of yearlin's. It'd been droughty here that summer and when Chance rides up to this good sized waterhole, that is gettin low on water, he sees that the whole bunch of yearlin's are usin' it for a wading pool.

When he approaches, the cattle start to leave the water. All but one, who just stands there in water deep enough to almost cover his back. Chance thinks there must be something wrong with this critter, as it isn't normal for a yearlin' to let his/her buddies just walk off and leave said critter. When Chance rides up pretty close, this critter comes chargin' out of the water like he was a hippo late for the feed trough, headed for the kid and the colt.

As Chance told it to me, "Ol' Preacher sucked back and went to the left and I thought he was going to try and use this as an excuse to try and buck me off, but all he did was whirl and let fly with both hindfeet and caught ex-bull right in the ribs! He left us alone after that! Ol' ex-bull must have been standing in the water to keep the flies off from his bag, cuz it ain't fell off yet."

At about this same time we started to have a few of these yearling try testing the fences and perhaps see if the grass really was greener on the other side. When I took the cattle in, the agreement was on these cattle, that I wouldn't stand for no breechy stock. The owner of the cattle didn't want to sell any unless they were in a lot load, so I told him that if anything got to crawlin' thru' fences I was either gonna' sell them or train on them. He told me not to sell any. I figured that meant he wanted me to train on 'em!

My grandfather, whenever he had a breechy cow, would get him a fair sized club, that a man could still swing ahorseback, and then go to tryin' to use the critter for the ball and practice his polo swing. By the time Grampa had his swing perfected, the critter was so tired that it could hardly walk. Dad said that after that, a breechy critter wasn't very prone to be very breechy. "Make the right thing easy and the wrong thing difficult" sort of philosophy I guess.

I have done about the same thing, but with a slightly different twist. I would practice swinging my rope and see how fast I could make the pulled down loop of the hondo travel through the air, before it came in contact with the hips and/or back of a breechy critter. Seemed to work about like Grampa's deal, and I very seldom got to practice on the same critter twice.

I told this to Chance and told him to come up with some exercise that he would enjoy and that would make a breechy critter sore, tired and maybe decide that the grass WASN'T greener on the other side of the fence!

Chance decided that tripping would be fun! No, not him or the horse he was ridin', but to trip the breechy critter. I wasn't home at the time.

Chance grew up dallying whenever he roped something, but had always wanted to try tripping, where you rope a cow

critter and drop your slack on the off side and then see if you can out run it on the near side. Kind'a like a race to see who gets to the tight end of the rope first!

When done right, the horse and rider win the race and the cow critter is left in a heap on the ground wondering at how it changed directions at such a rapid rate of speed. If done properly, the critter isn't physically harmed, but it has a whole new perspective on cowboys with a horse and rope!

As Chance told me when I got back home, "I went out on Kid (read: big, stout, fairly well broke, horse) to check cattle while you were gone. There were two yearlings out and I JUST HAPPENED to have an old chain link along and a fairly short rope with a knot tied in the end, so I decided to train on these fence crawlers."

"The biggest one was the gentlest so I got her back into our pasture and stuck a loop on her, throw'd my trip and rode on by. It was beautiful! Worked so good, that I did it two more times before she would lay there and let me get my rope back off."

"Then I went and got the other yearlin' out. He was a little wilder and me and Kid had to work a little harder to get him back into our pasture, but when we did I got him roped and we rode on by. Man, it was beautiful! I tripped him three times, but he wouldn't stay down. When I tripped him the fourth time he got up and headed straight for me and Kid! It was then I realized that he was Ex-bull!

"As he came at us, Kid ducked out of his way and Ex-bull got his front feet across the rope and we tripped him pretty hard again! We did that about six or seven times and by then he was gettin' smart. Ol' Ex-bull wouldn't even pick his front feet off from the ground. Just kind'a shuffled along like you do, when you walk!"

"I finally got him laid down long enough to tie two feet together. I tied him kind'a loose and got back on Kid and Ex-bull struggled and got free. Here he came and away we went! Every time I'd get him lead off, I'd circle back to get my piggin' string and here he'd come again! I'll bet we circled that pasture for a good half an hour before he left us alone, long enough to get off from Kid and get my piggin' string back!"

The next day Chance rode a big, stout, red roan colt named Termite, out to check on this same bunch of cattle. He said, "I was about through the bunch, when out of the corner of my eye I see this little black yearlin' headed for me and ol' Termite. It was Ex-bull! I tried to peddle Termite out of the way, but it was no use! Ex-bull hooked Termite in the flank and man, that horse can fire! I dang near pulled my rope strap and a saddle string off, gettin' him rode!"

So when the first bunch of yearlin's was shipped that fall, ol' Exbull was on the first load. Even if he didn't quite match up in size with the rest of them! Oh, and Termite? He's gettin' to where he really watches a cow! Oh, and Chance? He ain't been trippin' very many critters since. All though there was that one that got into the waterhole on him and he lost his rope and had to use a boat to get the critter back out. But that's a story for another day!



**KAREN ODELL**  
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Erma Albert has been staying close to home this week. Dick made a trip to town for a haircut and to get supplies. Dick went to church on Sunday at the Catholic Church. Then he had lunch at Saloon Number Three with the Erks, Adams's and Father Bryan.

Doug Davis went to the Sturgis Rally on Monday to help his friend, Freddie Robbins compete in the motorcycle racing. This is the tenth year that Doug has helped Freddie with the racing. Freddie, from North Carolina, in return comes to help Doug at other times of the year. Doug and Julia went to Belle Fourche on Friday, to babysit with Keaton and Kellan, while Jake and Callie went to the 'Dueling Piano' concert at the Community Hall. The concert was great and lots of fun, and a fundraiser for the community.

Junior and Shirley Melum are still staying at home. They get some good shows with lots of information on TV, and keep busy.

Dorothy Padden had a full week. On Tuesday, she went with Bryce and Dawn to Kelly and Spring's for a birthday party for Kadi. Dorothy spent three

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days at the Harding County Fair in Camp Crook. She and the grand kids had some entries for the fair building, and the kids brought livestock for their 4-H projects. Dorothy got to see them show their animals, and later she watched the livestock sale. She was there on Saturday and came back on Sunday for the parade, exhibits, and the street games in the evening. It was a full week.

Alvin and Ryan Cordell went to the Yates place on Thursday. There is a problem with porcupines, and the yearlings there, find them intriguing so that they get a little too close. The two used pliers to remove lots of quills from the cattle. Wade, Ashley Pearson, and their kids spent the week at the ranch, and stayed for the fair activities. Alvin went to the Old Timers' Picnic on Friday. Then he, and Marlee went to the Matched Bronc Ride at the arena. Alvin's niece, Jay and Sheila Johnstone, from Whitefish, MT visited over the weekend. Their daughter, Seri and Richard, came from Minneapolis to meet them, and stay at the ranch for the weekend.

Charlie Odell inspected cattle for Billy Roadifer on Tuesday. He spent much of the week building new corrals. Karen is still enjoying the swimming pool on hot afternoons. She made Welsh cakes on Wednesday, and is still clearing the tree patch. On Thursday, they both went to the Lynn Martinez funeral at the Community Center in Camp Crook. A lone rider led the procession to the west, and up the hill to the cemetery. Charlie and Karen stopped to get lunch at the Over

The Edge to bring home with them. Charlie, Karen and Gene Odell went to Camp Crook for the Old Timers' Picnic on Friday at noon. It seemed there might not be a large crowd this year, with the danger from the Corona virus, but the building was soon filled, and everyone stayed for quite some time to visit and enjoy seeing neighbors from far across two counties. They got to enjoy hearing some great old songs that they knew by heart, but had not heard for some time, and after the picnic, there was a cake walk for young and old. On Saturday, Charlie and Karen went in to Camp Crook for the barbecue. They had buffalo burgers, and then went to the fairgrounds for the livestock sale. They went to the exhibit hall to see the exhibits. On Sunday morning, they went back to the fair, and Karen entered the horseshoe tournament. It was quite warm, but not as hot as most days this week, and everyone had a good time; even though some hadn't touched a horseshoe since last year. Karen hopes to be able to get out of bed in the morning. B C Struble did a good job of organizing, since Ray Anderson retired from the job. Ray had been organizer for many, many years, and we thank him for his dedication. The matched bronc ride went well, and is going to be on the RODEO channel on TV. The sheep dogs had a good day for working sheep. There was a style show of 4-H sewing during the barbecue. The livestock buyers were great to the kids. The watermelon was delicious. The parade was sweet and not too long, and it was a great weekend.

**Grand River Roundup**

**BETTY OLSON**  
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It was hot all week, but we did get some rain. Casey and Missy left Sunday morning to visit Bryce and Braxton at Torrington, Wyoming, before Bryce starts teaching school again. They left for Chadron, Nebraska, Tuesday morning to do some maintenance work on their house down there and they came home late that evening.

Taz went up to help Jace Jensen work calves Monday morning and Reub and I went to Reeder to get more weed spray. Reub spends a lot of time spraying those nasty weeds and there are getting to be less of them around here. He sprayed weeds all day on Tuesday while I spent most of the day taking census training on the phone. Taz went up to our Horse Creek pasture that afternoon and brought the bull home that they couldn't find last week.

Ron Palczewski called me last week to give me a report on how the North Dakota Great Western Cattle Trail Association is doing planting the GWCTA posts. They have them set from the South Dakota border up to Belfield and plan to set more north of there soon.

Ethan Andress called Casey from the vet clinic Wednesday morning with some wonderful news. Roger didn't have rabies, but was dying of coon hound paralysis so none of us have to get the very expensive rabies shots. Our prayers were answered, thank God! The other good news on Wednesday was that Kylee and Nathan Stadheim had a baby boy and named him Dace Oval Stadheim! His older sisters just love the little man and they'll keep a good eye on him.

Casey and Taz went to our east place Wednesday morning to pick up the panels they put up to work calves. Casey had to make a trip to Reva to get



supplies that afternoon and Taz and a couple rodeo buddies left around noon for rodeos in Circle and Baker, Montana. Casey and Taz set the panels up at our Horse Creek pasture Thursday afternoon so they could vaccinate the calves up there on Friday.

I spent most of the day taking the final two tests to become a census taker and I am now an official census taker!

A lot of nasty wind hit here about 2:00 Friday morning. There were a few hailstones and a much needed rain that left almost a half inch in the rain gauge. I left here at 9:00 that morning to begin taking the census after they sent me the case list of the addresses I had to cover. This part of the census is called the Non Response Follow Up and just covers the places that didn't return the census information that was sent in the mail. A lot of the places are vacant buildings that no longer have anyone living in them, but we interview everyone who lives at addresses that didn't get the census cards filled out. The census bureau gave me a Smart Phone to take the census with and that has been an adventure, because I'm apparently not smart enough to run a Smart Phone, although I'm finally starting to get it figured out.

RonE and Jace Jensen, Bill and Cassie Holt, and Doug and Clint Doll helped Casey and Taz work the calves on Friday at the Horse Creek pasture and Missy took lunch up to feed the crew. Everything worked well because these guys have done this for so long that they work together like a well-oiled machine.

The guys worked the calves here Saturday morning and RonE and Jace Jensen, and Bill and Molly Holt were here to help. Amanda went down to Rapid City to see her cousin Katie (Ginsbach) Gardner and Missy cooked for the crew

again. I spent all day Saturday taking the census for the second time and it was an enjoyable day. I drove 144 miles over mostly gravel roads through Harding and Perkins County and got to interview a lot of friends and neighbors.

We lost another old neighbor this week. Marie Lucille (Coffield) Packard, 87, passed away peacefully at home from COPD. Her funeral was at the Gillette Memorial Chapel in Gillette, Wyoming. She was born December 12, 1933 in Reeder to Hubert and Lucille (Larson) Coffield and grew up on the family ranch north of Reva where she attended elementary school. Her nephew Scott Besler lives on the home place now.

Everyone here, with the exception of Reub and I, went to the Harding County Fair rodeo in Camp Crook on Sunday. Trig won the steer wrestling so I wish we had gone to watch the rodeo.

With all the crazy things going on in this country right now, I just read a good book that I suggest everyone read. It's "America's Expiration Date" by journalist Cal Thomas. He explains the fall of empires and superpowers as he examines the future of the United States and he asks the question "Will history repeat itself and America fail?" It's a scary thought and it makes you wonder what the future of our country being run by elected politicians that only want to get rid of police and don't seem to have any interest in keeping us safe from rioters and looters.

I don't remember who sent me this, but it certainly explains what some our elected officials:

Ineptocracy (in-ep-toc'-ra-cy) — a system of government where the least capable to lead are elected by the least capable of producing, and where the members of society least likely to sustain themselves or succeed are rewarded with goods and services paid for by the confiscated wealth of a diminishing number of producers.



Elijah Branning, SD Youth Hunting Adventures mentee is holding the tail feathers and beard of the Spring turkey he harvested. On the left is Butte County Sheriff Fred Lamphere, and hunting mentor Aaron Chapman. Lamphere preserved the tail of Elijah's first Turkey that he harvested with the help of Aaron this spring. *Courtesy Photo*

### 5th Annual Camp Crook Bronc Match



2020 Bronc Match Champion Shorty Garrett on his short go winning ride



Auctioneer runs the calcutta from the crows nest as Announcer Lane Foster looks on.



Fuzzy made a trip to the Bronc Match as three of his friends pose for the photo.



Bronc Riders prepare for their rides adjacent the bucking chutes.



Bronc Match fans turned out in large number in the largest city in South Dakota west of the Little Missouri River for the 5th Annual Camp Crook Roping club event.

### Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Compass direction
  - 4 Backward headboard and bedding
  - 12 Sound perceived on
  - 13 Bowling alley equipment
  - 15 Slogger's shot
  - 16 Kilt or skirt
  - 17 Faith
  - 18 Newspaper
  - 20 Wisp of smoke
  - 22 Fish
  - 25 Mistle
  - 28 Seven color
  - 31 Bath (Scott)
  - 33 Pool end
  - 34 Land machine
  - 35 March
  - 36 Pounds (abbr.)
  - 37 Mountain
- Down**
- 1 Boudier
  - 2 Dated
  - 3 Wrong
  - 4 Verbally
- Circle**
- 35 Great river
  - 36 Spring symbol
  - 40 Ducklake
  - 42 Gob
  - 44 Water level
  - 45 Irish writing
  - 50 Actor
  - 52 Indian red powder
  - 55 Wood panel
  - 56 Severe
  - 57 Geological structure
  - 58 Medieval money
  - 59 District (pre)
  - 60 Grandson of Eve
  - 61 Political party
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**
- SATGAACHIGRO  
L NOS BRAIAN  
ANGUS BBSJNO  
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ALT SAFP NICHE  
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AAA PTA BRABAT  
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DFI YAH YASHT


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### ENIGMA

ENIGMA cryptograms are created from questions and answers from puzzles. Each letter stands for another letter. Use Q = 0.

"KJOOJQZM OQZN PQE JKKQEHOCJHI  
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CPHFZQQZ." MSMOZ FEHT

HEAVY CUS SD. LITHN "If all we know about each said of the other, there would not be too many of the work." Blaise Pascal

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Monte Snook.....	125.....	Str Clvs.....	475#.....	7874A
.....	110.....	Str Clvs.....	550#.....	7874B
.....	105.....	Str Clvs.....	570#.....	7883
Bar H Ranch.....	105.....	Str Clvs.....	520#.....	7877
.....	192.....	Str Clvs.....	585#.....	7878
Karlton Knudson.....	90.....	Str Clvs.....	570#.....	7884
Burdick Ranch.....	200.....	Str Clvs.....	575#.....	7885
4W Ranch.....	120.....	Hfr Clvs.....	515#.....	7886B
.....	210.....	Str Clvs.....	580#.....	7886A
Clark Blake.....	97.....	Str Clvs.....	600#.....	7920
Chuck & Mary Crago.....	90.....	Str Clvs.....	610#.....	7921
Laird Ranch LLC.....	93.....	Str Clvs.....	600#.....	7922
Albert & Lynn Paul.....	160.....	Str Clvs.....	620#.....	7923
Todd Meccage.....	94.....	Str Clvs.....	640#.....	7924
Sandstone Creek Ranch Inc.....	90.....	Str Clvs.....	640#.....	7925
Elisbury Ranch LLC.....	184.....	Str Clvs.....	650#.....	7926
Cathey Ranch.....	190.....	Str Clvs.....	590#.....	7872A
.....	105.....	Hfr Clvs.....	530#.....	7872B

**Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special & Loose Horse Sale**

**Thursday August 20, 2020**

Sales Times

Weigh Ups- 10:00 AM

Feeder Cattle W/ Loose Horse Sale

To Follow Cattle Sale- 12:00 PM

**FEEDER CATTLE**

**Bar H Ranch-SD**

65 blk/charx str

850-875# HR

**Brandon Ackerman-WY**

140 blk mxd fall clvs

750-850# BV, PC, NI, weaned

**Cathey Ranch-MT**

45 blk hfrs

850-900# HR, NI, tested open

**Dan Zimmerschied-WY**

40 blk open hfrs

700# NI

**Dan Zimmerschied-WY**

100 blk str

750-800# NI

**Forestgreen Ranch-MT**

50 blk spayed hfrs

750-800#

**Forestgreen Ranch-MT**

75 blk str

900-1000# NI

**Jerry Gollhofer-SD**

52 blk/few red open hfrs

700#

**Jim Maupin-MT**

55 blk/bwf mxd yrngs

700-800# HR, DF, hfrs spayed

**Leroy Schallenberger-MT**

250 blk str

800-900# HR, NI

**Robinson Ranch-WY**

175 mostly blk mxd yrngs

800-900# hfrs open

**Sheridan Burgess-WY**

35 tested open hfrs

950#

**Six Ess Ranch-MT**

50 blk spayed hfrs

875# HR

**WY Consignment-WY**

30 blk str

850#

**PAIRS**

**Hani Shafai-SD**

13 blk pairs w/blk clvs at side

running age cows

**UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE**

August 27, 2020.....	WEIGH UPS & ALL CLASSES SPECIAL
	Start Times:   Weigh Ups - 9:00 AM
	All Classes - 12:00 PM
September 3, 2020.....	WEIGH UP & FEEDER SPECIAL & ANNIVERSARY SALE BBO
	Start Times:   Feeder Cattle w/ Weigh Ups to Follow - 8:00 AM
September 10, 2020.....	WEIGH UP & FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL
	Start Times:   Weigh Ups - 9:00 AM
	Feeder Cattle - 12:00 PM
September 17, 2020.....	WEIGH UP & ALL CLASSES SPECIAL & LOOSE HORSE SALE
	Start Times:   Weigh Ups - 9:00 AM
	All Classes w/ Loose Horse Sale to Follow
	Cattle Sale - 12:00 PM
September 18, 2020.....	CATALOG HORSE SALE
	Start Time: 1:00 PM
September 24, 2020.....	WEIGH UP & FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL
	Start Times:   Weigh Ups - 9:00 AM   Feeder Cattle - 12:00 PM
October 1, 2020.....	WEIGH UP & FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL
	Start Times:   Weigh Ups - 8:00 AM   Feeder Cattle - 11:00 AM
October 8, 2020.....	FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL
	Start Time: 9:00 AM
October 9, 2020.....	WEIGH UP SPECIAL
	Start Time: 9:00 AM
October 15, 2020.....	FEEDER CATTLE & RED ANGUS SPECIAL
	Start Time: 8:00 AM
October 16, 2020.....	WEIGH UP SPECIAL
	Start Time: 9:00 AM
October 22, 2020.....	FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL
	Start Time: 8:00 AM
October 23, 2020.....	WEIGH UP & BRED COW SPECIAL
	Start Times:   Weigh Ups - 9:00 AM   Bred Stock - 12:00 PM
October 29, 2020.....	FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL
	Start Time: 8:00 AM
October 30, 2020.....	WEIGH UP & BRED COW SPECIAL
	Start Times:   Weigh Ups - 9:00 AM   Bred Stock - 12:00 PM

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**News from the Block 8-13-20**  
No sale here at Belle Fourche Livestock on August the 13th on account of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, we hope you all were able to enjoy time with family before things pick up this fall. Our sales will start up again on August 20th, with a big feeder cattle special. We also have several lots of cattle selling this week on August 19th at the Superior Big Horn Classic. As always, please don't hesitate to give any one of our fieldmen a call, they are in the country each and every day looking at cattle and would love to help you with your marketing needs. Thank you for marketing with Belle Fourche Livestock.  
Baxter Anders

**Results from Superior Video**  
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**July 27-31, 2020**  
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